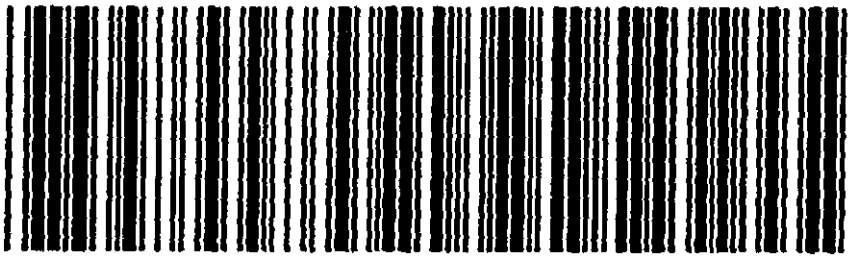
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Lae Base Sub Area General Staff Branch

October 1944



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Unit HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA ..... *Date and Time.—From* 1 Oct 44 *To* 31 Oct 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	1		Weekly Fd State as at 0600 hrs 30 Sep.	Vol IV Appx 1.
			Aust Army Education Service weekly report	Vol IV Appx 2
			Weekly Pro Report, week ending 29 Sep	Vol IV Appx 3
			Amenities weekly report, week ending 29 Sep 44.	Vol IV Appx 4
			Weekly Dental Report, week ending 30 Sep 44.	Vol IV Appx 5
			Chap E.V. MARKS (P.D.) reported for duty this HQ 28 Sep.	
			Capt G.M. CURIT, Amenities Officer reported for duty 29 Sep	
			LT-COL. W. a. MORRIS reported for duty as A/AA&QMG in the absence of Lt-Col. K. A. HALL on leave.	
	3		Notes from "G" Branch Conference HQ First Aust Army	Vol IV Appx 6
	4		LAE Base Sub Area Location Statement No. 18 as at 2359 hrs 30 Sep.	Vol IV Appx 7
			Notes on Commander's Conference.	Vol IV Appx 8
			Notes for "Q" Branch Conference HQ First Aust Army	Vol IV Appx 9

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Unit HQ LAD BASE SIE AREA Date and Time.—From 1 Oct 44 To 31 Oct 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	4		Weekly Dental Report.	Appx Vol IV Appx 8B
	5		From 1800 hrs following come under Comd RAA First Aust Army for all purposes :-	
			2/11 Aust Fd Regt 2/11 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	
			2/70 Aust LAD 2 Aust Mtn Bty.	
			U Aust Hy Bty.	
	5		Notes from "G" Branch Conference held First Aust Army	Vol IV Appx 9
			Consolidated Sick Return for week ending 30 Sep.	Vol IV Appx 10
	6		Notes Commander's Conference	Vol IV Appx 11
			Notes "G" Conference First Aust Army	Vol IV Appx 12
	7		Notes of "G" Conference First Aust Army	Vol IV Appx 13
			Notes of Commander's Conference	Vol IV Appx 14
			Weekly Fd Return of Officers and ORs.	Vol IV Appx 15
			Weekly Dental Report, Week ending 7 Oct	Vol IV Appx 16

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Unit HQ LAF BASE SUB AREA Date and Time.—From 1 Oct 44 To 31 Oct 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	7		Army Education Service Weekly Report, week ending 5 Oct	Vol IV Appx 17
			Amenities Report week ending 6 Oct	Vol IV Appx 18
			DAPM Weekly Report week ending 6 Oct	Vol IV Appx 19
			Weekly Field State as at 0600 hrs 6 Oct 44	Vol IV Appx 20
	8		HQ LAF Base Sub Area Chapel was officially opened by Lt-Gen.	
			W.A.M. SCHMIDT, GOC First Aust Army.	
			S&T Weekly Report	Vol IV Appx 21
			Weekly Dock Operating Report	Vol IV Appx 22
			Weekly Dental State as at 7 Oct 44	Vol IV Appx 22A
	9		Minutes of Commander's Conference	Vol IV Appx 23
			Notes from "A" Conference First Aust Army	Vol IV Appx 24
	10		Minutes of Commander's Conference	Vol IV Appx 25
	11		Minutes of Commander's Conference	Vol IV Appx 26
			Consolidated Sick Return week ending 11 Oct 44	Vol IV Appx 27

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Unit HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA ..... Date and Time.—From 1 Oct 44 To 31 Oct 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	12		Notes "Q" Conference First Aust Army	Vol IV Appx 28
			Minutes Commander's Conference	Vol IV Appx 29
			Hygiene and Anti Mosquito training	Vol IV Appx 30
			First Aust Army advise area at LAE has been appointed a place	
			of detention by Order in Council	Vol IV Appx 31
	13		Notes "Q" Conference First Aust Army	Vol IV Appx 32
			Minutes Commander's Conference	Vol IV Appx 33
	14		Weekly Field Return Officers and ORs	Vol IV Appx 34
			Minutes Commander's Conference	Vol IV Appx 35
		0600	Weekly Field State	Vol IV Appx 35A
	16		Minutes Commander's Conference	Vol IV Appx 36
			Amendment to LAE Base Sub Area Location Statement No. 10	Vol IV Appx 37
	17		Minutes Commander's Conference	Vol IV Appx 38

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Unit NK LAE BASE SUB AREA Date and Time.—From 1 Oct 44 To 31 Oct 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	18		LAE Base Sub Area Adm Instn No. 14	Vol IV Appx 39
			Minutes of Commander's Conference	Vol IV Appx 40
			Consolidated Sick Return week ending 14 Oct 44.	Vol IV Appx 41
			Weekly Dental Report week ending 17 Oct 44.	Vol IV Appx 42
			Weekly Provost Report week ending 13 Oct 44.	Vol IV Appx 43
			Amenities Weekly Report week ending 13 Oct 44.	Vol IV Appx 44.
			Army Education Service weekly report for 13 Oct 44.	Vol IV Appx 45.
	19		Minutes Commander's Conference	Vol IV Appx 46.
	20		Minutes Commander's Conference	Vol IV Appx 47
	21		Minutes Commander's Conference	Vol IV Appx 48
		0600	Weekly Field State	Vol IV Appx 49
	22		Weekly Docks Operating Report	Vol IV Appx 50
			Minutes Commander's Conference	Vol IV Appx 51

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Unit HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA Date and Time.—From 1 Oct 44 To 31 Oct 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	23		Minutes Commander's Conference	Vol IV Appx 52
			Weekly Dental Report	Vol IV Appx 53
			Weekly Education Report week ending 19 Oct	Vol IV Appx 54
			Weekly Amenities Report week ending 20 Oct	Vol IV Appx 55
			Weekly Provost Report week ending 21 Oct	Vol IV Appx 56
			NX20002 Capt W. B. PRIOR, DAPM, NX 201163 Capt B.L.D. BERTIN-	
			SHAW, MO. report for duty.	
	25		Minutes Commander's Conference	Vol IV Appx 57
			Consolidated Sick Return week ending 21 Oct 44.	Vol IV Appx 57A
			11 CRE Wks, ADMS First Aust Army, ADMS, DAAG, 2 Offrs made	
			recce of SALAMAUA to select suitable site for AAMS and AAWS	
			Rest Home.	
	26		Minutes Commander's Conference.	Vol IV Appx 58

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Unit ... LAE BASE SUB AREA ... Date and Time.—From 1 Oct 44 ... To 31 Oct 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	27		Minutes Commanders Conference	Vol IV Appx 59
			Gas equipment Ord being examined, opportunity for Unit Gas Offr to enhance knowledge.	Vol IV Appx 60
	28		Locust on Statement as at 2359 hrs 26 Oct	Vol IV Appx 61
			Minutes Commanders Conference	Vol IV Appx 62
		0600	Weekly Field State	Vol IV Appx 63
			Weekly Fd Return of Offrs and ORs.	Vol IV Appx 64
	29		Weekly Dental Report as at 28 Oct 44	Vol IV Appx 65
			Weekly Legal Report week ending 27 Oct	Vol IV Appx 66
			Aust Army Education Report week ending 26 Oct	Vol IV Appx 67
			Acenittes Report week ending 27 Oct	Vol IV Appx 68
			DAPM Weekly Report week ending 27 Oct	Vol IV Appx 69
			Consolidated Sick Return week ending 27 Oct	Vol IV Appx 70
			Weekly Report of Docks Operating	Vol IV Appx 71

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Unit HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA Date and Time.—From 1 Oct 44 To 31 Oct 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	30		VX62718 Lt-Col. O. W. RENWICK reported this HQ for duty as A&QMG	
			Minutes Commander's Conference	Vol IV Appx 72
	31		Minutes Commander's Conference	Vol IV Appx 73
			E H Lane Capt I O. Hq Lae Base Sub Area (AIF)	

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Stats Sec "A" Branch,
H.Q. LAE BASE SUB AREA (AIF)

30 SEP 44.

WEEKLY FIELD STATE as at 0600 hours, 30 Sep 44.

POSTED STRENGTH		616	9245
ATTACHED ALLOWED AND NOT ALLOWED BY WE		114	1523
TOTAL TROOPS UNDER COMMAND		730	10768
UNITS UNDER COMMAND	169		
UNITS MARCHED IN	8		
UNITS MARCHED OUT	2		
	INCREASE IN OFFRS		39
	INCREASE IN O/Rs		457
STAGING UNITS	6		
POSTED STRENGTH	14	186	

MAJOR
(L. J. SWEENEY)
DAAG LAE BASE SUB AREA.

DIST: "G" BRANCH 1
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ARMY EDUCATION SERVICE....WEEKLY REPORT.

Week ending 28th Sept;

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FRIDAY 22.	1230	18 Fd Amb	Geopolitics	55
	1430	8 Slvge	PW Reconstr	25
	1730	126 ACT	Housing	150
	1730	9 Comm Cp RAAF	Housing	100
	1800	2/7 Adv H'sp	Geopolitics	160
	1800	8 Fd Bkery	France-future	20
SATURDAY 23	1800	25 Mal Ctl	China's War	45
SUNDAY 24	1600	126 Bde H'sp	France & Invasion	100
	1800	53 DCRE	Geopolitics	45
MONDAY 25	1100	5 A/A Ops		
		EHQ 31 Hvy A/A	France & Invasion	35
	1300	U Hvy Bty	China's War	60
	1800	Lae Area H'sp	France & Invasion	120
	1815	20 Fd Coy	Russia in Europe	100
	1800	ANCAU	Geopolitics	65
TUESDAY 26	1000	tr Tpr	China's War	20
	1215	11 RSU	Geopolitics	100
	1800	19 LofC Sigs	France & Invasion	100
EDNESDAY 27	0945	2 Fd Svy Coy	Geopolitics	35
	1000	31 Hvy A/A 2	China's War	45
	1200	2/1 Rly Const	Geopolitics	45
	1300	61 H'less Gp	France & Invasion	80
	1415	CRE Frats NC	Aust; Trade Unions	25
		1 Aust CRE Frst		
	1245	31 Hvy A/A 21	China's War	45
	1730	Lae Sigs	France & Invasion	40
	1730	Canteen	---	
	1800	151 ACT	Russia & Europe	150
	1800	NC A. .	PW Reconstr--Afric	80
THURSDAY 28	0900	Adv Bse PC	Geopolitics	50
	0930	Hg Provost	China's War	65
	1230	U Hvy Bty	Russia in Europe	60
	1800	2/3 Frstry	Geopolitics	120
	1800	NC Provost	Debate.	65

31 talks Approx attendance 2205

FILMS:

FRIDAY 22	1800	ANCAU Compound	4000
SATURDAY 23	1400	2/7 ACH	100
	1800	District Services	50
SUNDAY 24	1300	BSD	300
MONDAY 25	1800	2/7 Adv H'p	300
TUESDAY 26	1400	2/7 LAGH	100
	1800	20 Fd Coy	250
WEDNESDAY 27	1800	AACS	200
THURSDAY 28	1800	11 RSU	300

9 screenings Appox attendance 5800

MUSIC:

FRIDAY 22	1215	11 RSU	75
SATURDAY 23	2 HAC		100
		Lae Music Club.	65
SUNDAY 24		42 Landing Craft	100
MONDAY 25		31 Hvy A/A 2	45
TUESDAY 26		11 RSU	50
		AACS	60

MUSIC continued

WEDNESDAY	27	11 RSU	70
		19 Lod C sigs	100
THURSDAY	28	11 RSU	70
		151 AGT	100

11 recitals for apprx attendance 835

GENERAL.

There are no aspects of the various activities which warrants specific comment. Most activities are in the developmental stage.

Lieut;
a/D.A.A. Educ; Service.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Hq LAE BASE SUB AREA

1 Oct 44

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Hq LAE BASE SUB AREA
Copy to : WAR DIARY

WEEKLY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 29 SEPT 44

I have to report the following activities of Provost in the Lae area for the week ending 29 Sept 44.

Sat 23 Sept

2. Three Japanese PoW marched in to N.G.F. Provost Coy's Compound pending on movement to the mainland.

Sun 24 Sept

3. Routine duties.

Mon 25 Sept

4. Routine duties.

Tues 26 Sept

5. Four MPs provided escort for COC to Madang.

6. One SUB, Pte Riley of 27 Aust Inf Bn, was taken over for on movement under escort to detention barracks on the mainland. Prisoner and escort subsequently marched out on 29 Sept 44.

Wed 27 Sept 4

7. Routine duties.

Thurs 28 Sept 44

8. An accident between an American and an Australian truck occurred on the Busu Rd opposite 35 Aust Works Coy. No injuries were sustained by personnel involved.

Fri 29 Sept 44

9. Four motorists were provided to escort G.O.C., Lt-Gen Savige, to 6 Aust Inf Bde. for a review of troops. A total of eight other MPs were distributed at various points to control and park traffic in the Bde area.

10. Two gambling games were raided at Malahang Picture site. Two men were arrested and are being charged.

GENERAL

11. Attached is copy of N.G.F. Provost Coy's weekly traffic report.

W.K. Osborne
.....Capt
A/D.A.P.M. LAE BASE SUB AREA

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A.A.Amenities Service,
LAN Base Sub-Area,
29/9/44.

AMENITIES REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 29 SEPT 44

HQ LAN Base Sub-Area.

1. During week ending Friday 29 Sept contact was made with the following units :-

HQ NGF, HQ LAN Base Sub-Area,
ANGAU Marine Section (LANU)
2 Aust Marine Feed Supply Platoon
2/7 A.G.H, 2/8 A.G.H.
20 Fd Coy, I Aust CRE, 58 Corps Fd Park
3I Hvy A/A Bty, 'U' Hvy Bty
HQ 6 Bde, 2/8 Commando Sqn
I9 L of C Sigs, 'B' Corps Sigs, Fortress Sigs
29 Aust Line Section, N.G.A.W.W.Coy
I29 A.G.T.Coy, I2 Aust Small Ships Coy
8 Army Troops, 22 Works Coy
8 Movement Control, I Aust Port Maintce
II Mob L & D Unit, 5 Aust Fd Bakery
II D.R.Section, D.F.O, I03 F.A.D.
N.G.Details Depot, 28 Mal Cont Unit
Base Post Office, I2 Air Liaisnen Section
I Aust Armd Div Concert Party, LAN Boxing Committee

Visits were paid to 43 Aust Landing Craft Coy, RAN, 22 Works Coy, 2/7 A.G.H, American IO AAA Grp (Madsab), N.G.Air Warning Wireless Coy, 2/I Forest Survey Coy, I Aust Armd Div Concert Party.

2. CINEMA

Units 75, 76, 82 & 86 have been warned for forward movement - 86 is expected to move during week-end. All personnel and vehicles ready to move at a few hours notice.
Films of a good standard were shown during week - 'Show Business' and 'Boom Town'.
Both shows well received.

3. ENTERTAINMENT

Boxing Contests scheduled at Bde Area on 30 Sept. It is anticipated that boxing will boom in the area as most units have shown great interest in this form of sport and entertainment.
I Aust Armd Div Concert Party have given several concerts, and, where conditions were favourable, gave good shows. 4 KVA Lighting Plant loaned by LAN Base to Concert Party is not sufficiently strong to supply current needed. Representations have been made for the securing of a I5 to 25 KVA Plant.

4. SPORT

Australian Rules Football Competition in closing stages - 3 more matches will conclude the minor rounds, after which finals will be played.
Rugby and Cricket matches of a challenge nature being played. With provision of two more grounds competition will be commenced.
Limited amount of tennis and other games being played. Further tennis courts are being prepared in the area.

5. CONSTRUCTION

Malahang Beach Works in progress. O.R's and AAMWS dressing sheds completed, and work of building further dressing sheds for Officers and Sisters well in hand.
Area at LAE Base HQ being prepared for tennis courts. Bulldozer has been run over ground and it is anticipated that court building will commence next week.
Other works recommended have been submitted and referred to Engineers by 'Q' Branch.

6. SUPPLY OF MATERIAL

As reported in last report, supply of goods held up owing to fire on ship carrying supplies. Latest reports would indicate that at least some of the goods may be salvaged and forwarded.
At present no sporting gear is available for distribution.

.....Capt.
Actg. Amenities Officer,
LAE Base Sub-Area.

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HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA

5 Oct 44.

NOTES FROM "Q" BRANCH CONFERENCE HQ FIRST AUST ARMY 5 OCT 44.

1. LAE Base Sub Area will have responsibility of maintenance TALASEA - HOSKINS area. For this purpose 2 000 ton ships will be made available - arrival of first ship this area estimated in one months time.

2. Air priorities ex New Guinea to mainland and other areas will be determined by G(SD) in case of General Staff Officers and "Q" services and by "Q" in case of "A" and "Q" services and units. Applications to be made to respective branches FIRST AUST ARMY. A detailed instruction will issue within the course of a few days for information of all concerned.

3. Details Depot to be put in first class order on highest priority.

4. "A" Branch FIRST AUST ARMY dealing with provision of further AEAF units, offrs and personnel for this area.

5. RD FORCE Standing Orders will be adopted by FIRST AUST ARMY. Suggestions for amendments to reach appropriate branch FIRST AUST ARMY by 15 Oct and further suggestions for revision by the 15th of each succeeding month.

6. DA & QMG will hold Staff Conference at FIRST AUST ARMY each Saturday morning at 0830 hrs. Comd LAE Base Sub Area is requested to attend.

7. Advice received from LHQ that balance 13 Bde Gp proceeding to location direct from mainland. Further detailed instructions will issue from FIRST AUST ARMY to LAE Base Sub Area regarding vehicles, supplies and stores to be forwarded from this area and details of shipping allocated for that purpose.

8. Review is to be made of all Engr equipment and Mech equipment repair facilities in this area. Comd LAE Base Sub Area to submit his recommendations at Saturday mornings conference. Details of Targets Bulletin will issue from FIRST AUST ARMY to LAE Base Sub Area together with details of responsibility to-day.

Major

(IAN R. DUFFY)

DADOS LAE BASE SUB AREA.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

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SUBJECT:- LAE BASE SUB AREA LOCATION STATEMENT
as at 2359 hrs 30 SEP, 44.

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA

4 OCT, 44.

G 4532

1. Herewith LAE BASE SUB AREA Location Statement No 18 as at 2359 hrs 30 SEP, 44.

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

3. Please acknowledge receipt on form provided below.

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

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AREA COMD FINSCHHAFEN	8	CANTEENS	26
TOWN MAJOR LAE	9	HQ 8 Aust Sal Depot	27
ANGAU North Regional	10	NG Details Depot	28
ANGAU District Officer HUON	11	HQ 5 AIR FORCE	29
8 Aust Mvt Control Gp	12	G	30
5 AUST DIV	13	AA & QMG	31
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SUBJECT:- LAE BASE SUB AREA LOCATION STATEMENT NO 18 as at 2359 hrs 30 SEP, 44.

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(Signature, Rank, Appt)

.....Date.

LAE BASE SUB AREA LOCATION STATEMENT NO 18
as at 2359 hrs 30 SEP. 44.

REF MAPS:- Except where otherwise stated, reference maps refer to current 1 inch to 1 mile or 1/25000 series.

Serial No	Arm or Service	Unit	Ref Map	Location	Remarks
		HEADQUARTERS.			
A.					
1.		EQ LAE BASE SUB AREA	LAE	708405	
2		AREA COMD WAU (TYPE B)	WAU	W382718	
3		AREA COMD FINSCHHAFEN	SATELBERG	624653	
4		TOWN MAJOR, LABU	NADZAB	LABU LAGOON	
5.		ANGAU - HQ NORTHERN REGION	LAE	702408	
6		ANGAU - HQ ISLAND REGION	LANGEMAK BAY	613582	
7		ANGAU - DISTRICT OFFICER - HUON	LAE	710437	
8		DET ANGAU	NADZAB	427545	
9		ANGAU - DISTRICT OFFICER-MOROBE	WAU	W376709	
10		DET ANGAU		SALAMAUA	
11		ANGAU - ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER - FINSCHHAFEN	LANGEMAK BAY	613582	
12.		6 AUST MOVT CONTROL GP(TYPE E) (AIF) (LESS DETS)	LAE	695393	
13		DET 6 AUST MOVT CONTROL GP	NADZAB	409546	
14.		DET 6 AUST MOVT CONTROL GP	SATELBERG	616639	
15		DET 6 AUST MOVT CONTROL GP(AIR)	LANGEMAK BAY	639511	
16		A.T.C. (FREIGHT)	LAE	687391	
17		A.T.C. (PERSONNEL)	LAE	687391	
18		GHQ REGULATING OFFICER	LAE	695393	
19		MFO	LAE	702405	
20		ESO	LAE	692891	
21		DET PUBLIC RELATIONS	LAE	697409	
22		5 AUST MOB DET FLT	LAE	703398	
23		35 AUST COMD A L SEC		NADZAB	
24		45 AUST COMD A L SEC		NADZAB	
25		DET HG ADV 2 ECH	LAE	709437	
26		MIL HIST SEC FD TEAM 5 DIV	LAE	677433	ATT 6 DIV
		ARTILLERY			
B.					
1		8/11 AUST FD REGT	CAMP DIDDY	355618	
2		REAR PARTY 106 TK A REGT	CAMP DIDDY	355618	
3		U HY BTY	LAE	697394	
4		81 AUST HY AA BTY (STATIC)(HE)	LAE	703398	
5		472 HAA TP	LAE	718418	
6		473 HAA TP	LAE	678416	
7		5 AUST AA OPS ROOM	LAE	703398	
8		6 AUST RADAR DET (TYPE A)(AIF)	LAE	697394	
9		9 AUST RADAR DET (TYPE A)	LAE	697394	

SERIAL NO	ARM OR SERVICE	UNIT	REF MAP	LOCATION	REMARKS
		ENGINEERS			
1		REAR PARTY 5 CRE (WKS)	LAE	701463	
2		53 AUST DCRE (WKS)	LAE	703464	
3		9 AUST FD COY	LAE	712430	
4		10 AUST FD COY	LAE	712430	
5		12 AUST FD COY (AIF)	MUNIM	684484	6 BDE UNIT
6		DET 13 AUST FD COY	LAE	683425	13 BDE UNIT
7		20 AUST FD COY (LESS DET)	LAE	676441	
8		DET 20 AUST FD COY	NADZAB	644372	
9		8 AUST ARMY TPS	LAE	708412	
10		REAR PARTY 55 CORPS FD PK COY	SATELBERG	615647	
11		58 AUST CORPS FD PK COY	LAE	706443	
12		REAR PARTY 2/1 AUST RY CONSTR COY(LESS ONE PL & DET)	LAE	698478	
13		DET 7 BOMB DISPOSAL PL	LAE	704449	
14		HQ 1 AUST WATER TPT GP (AIF)	LAE	665390	
15		12 AUST SMALL SHIP COY LESS DETS)	NADZAB	643372	
16		DET 12 AUST SMALL SHIP COY	LAE	695391	
17		DET 12 AUST SMALL SHIP COY	SATELBERG	616639	
18		43 AUST LANDING CRAFT COY (AIF) (LESS DETS)	MARKHAM ¼"	(L)R 6437	
19		DET 43 AUST LANDING CRAFT COY	LANGEMAK BAY	625585	
20		DET 43 AUST LANDING CRAFT COY	LAE	666391	
21		HQ 55 AUST PORT CRAFT COY (LESS DETS)	NADZAB	644373	ABSORBED No 1 PL 55 PORT CRAFT COY
22		DET 55 AUST PORT CRAFT COY	LAE	695391	
23		HQ 3 AUST DOCKS GP	LAE	695393	
24		2/2 AUST DOCKS OP COY (TYPE C)	LAE	711391	
25		DET 7 AUST DOCKS OP COY	LANGEMAK BAY	624581	
26		2/31 AUST DOCKS OP COY	LAE	707445	
27		5 & 6 PLS 1 AUST PORT MAINT COY	LAE	699393	
28		DET 2 AUST FD SVY COY (LESS DET)	LAE	693413	
29		1 AUST CRE NG FORESTS	LAE	698407	
30		1 AUST FOREST SVY COY	HEATHS	545550	
31		2 AUST FOREST SVY COY	HEATHS	545550	
32		2/1 AUST CRE FORESTRY GP (AIF)	LAE	699408	
33		2/2 AUST FORESTRY COY (LESS DETS)	LAE	712432	
34		DET 2/2 AUST FORESTRY COY	LAE	643380	
35		2/3 AUST FORESTRY COY	LAE	699464	

SERIAL NO	ARM OR SERVICE	UNIT	REF MAP	LOCATION	REMARKS
		SIGNALS			
1		B AUST CORPS SIGS	LAE	686434	
2		4 AUST LINE SEC	LAE	686434	
3		5 AUST LINE SEC	LAE	686434	
4		2 AUST TECH MAINT SEC	LAE	686434	
5		DET 2 AUST LINE MAINT SEC	LAE	686434	
6		DET 2 AUST LINE MAINT SEC	NADZAB	425546	
7		5 AUST OP SEC	LAE	686434	
8		6 AUST OP SEC	LAE	686434	
9		1 AUST DR SEC	LAE	686434	
10		10 AUST DR SEC	LAE	686434	
11		5 AUST WT SEC	LAE	686434	
12		4 AUST CIPHER SEC	LAE	686434	
13		HQ NG L OF SIGS	LAE	705410	
14		19 AUST L OF C SIGS	LAE	712418	
15		HQ 1 COY 19 AUST L OF C SIGS	LAE	712418	
16		HQ 2 COY 19 AUST L OF C SIGS	LAE	712418	
17		20 AUST LINE SEC (LESS DET)	LAE	712418	
18		DET 20 AUST LINE SEC	WAU	WAU	
19		29 AUST LINE SEC	LAE	712418	
20		29 AUST LINE SEC	LAE	712418	
21		3 AUST JUNGLE TRUNK LINE MAINT SEC	AGAMA - LAE CARRIER ROUTE		
22		5 AUST CARRIER MAINT SEC (LESSDET)	LAE	672411	
23		DET 5 AUST CARRIER MAINT SEC	SALAMAUA	(L)x 3527	
24		6 AUST TECH MAINT SEC (LESS DET)	LAE	712418	
25		17 AUST TECH MAINT SEC	LAE	712418	
26		11 AUST DR SEC	LAE	712418	
27		DET 19 AUST DR SEC	LAE	712418	
28		DET 19 AUST OP SEC	NADZAB	425546	
29		DET 19 AUST OP SEC	LAE	712418	
30		34 AUST OP SEC (LESS DET)	LAE	712418	
31		DET 64 AUST OP SEC	WAU	W374713	
32		11 AUST TELE OP SEC	LAE	712418	
33		37 AUST PHONE S/BOARD OP SEC	LAE	712418	
34		33 AUST PHONE S/BOARD OP SEC	LAE	712418	
35		DET 4 AUST WT SEC (HY)	LAE	712418	
36		18 WIRELESS SEC (HY)	LAE	712418	
37		23 AUST WIRELESS SEC (HY)(LESSDDET)	LAE	712418	
38		33 AUST WT SEC (HY)	LAE	712418	
39		34 AUST WT SEC (HY)	LAE	712418	
40		81 AUST WIRELESS SEC (LT)	LAE	712418	
41		9 AUST CIPHER SEC (LESS DET)	LAE	712418	
42		48 AUST CIPHER SEC	LAE	704407	STAGING 5 DIV
43		1 AUST PIGEON SEC (LESS DETS)	LAE	712418	
44		4 AUST PIGEON LOFT	LAE	712418	
45		13 AUST PIGEON LOFT	LAE	712418	
46		14 AUST PIGEON LOFT	LAE	712418	
47		9 AUST PIGEON SEC (TYPE A)	LAE	712418	
48		16 AUST PIGEON LOFT	LAE	712418	
49		21 AUST PIGEON LOFT	LAE	712418	
50		DET 53 AUST WT SEC (TYPE B)	LAE	712418	
51		62 AUST WT SEC (TYPE C)(LESS DET)	LAE	708416	
52		NG A W W COY (AIF)	NADZAB	425545	
53		1 AUST FRT SIG SEC (LESS DET)	LAE	703397	
54		2 AUST SIG EQPT SEC	LAE	670464	
55		3 AUST SIG EQPT SEC	LAE	670464	
56		1 AUST WATER TPT GP SIG SEC	LAE	655389	
57		6 AUST INF BDE SIG SEC	LAE	677433	
58		DET 13 AUST INF BDE SIG SEC	LAE	683425	
59		2/11 AUST FD REGT SIG SEC	CAMP DIDDY	355618	

Serial No.	Arm or Service	Unit	Ref Map	Location	Remarks
		INFANTRY			
1.	1.	6 AUST INF BDE	LAE	677433	
	2	Adv Party 13 AUST INF BDE	LAE	683425	
	3	DET 11 AUST INF BN	LAE	683425	15 Aust Inf Bde
	4	14/52 AUST INF BN	LAE	678444	6 " " "
	5	DET 16 AUST INF BN	LAE	683425	15 " " "
	6	19 AUST INF BN	LAE	681457	6 " " "
	7	DET 23 AUST INF BN	LAE	683425	15 " " "
	8	30 AUST INF BN	LAE	675447	6 " " "
	9	18 Pl E Coy 2/1 GD REGT	LAE	[illegible] 455	6 " " "
	10	ONE BL P.I.B.	GUSAP		
	11	1 NG INF BN	NADZAB	463623	
		INTELLIGENCE			
2	1.	DP AUST FD SECURITY SEC (LESS DET)	LAE	703405	
	2	DET 1 AUST FD CENSORSHIP COY	LAE	704404	
	3	HELO	LAE	701409	
		AASC			
3	1.	126 AUST GEN TPT COY	LAE	716451	
	2	129 AUST GEN TPT COY (FIVE PLS) (LESS DET)	LAE	716431	
	3	133 AUST GEN TPT COY (THREE PLS)	NADZAB	LABU LAGOON	
	4	ONE PL 133 AUST GEN TPT COY	LAE	716431	
	5	151 AUST GEN TPT COY (FIVE PLS) (AIF)	LAE	722442	
	6	ONE PL 151 AUST GEN TPT COY	NADZAB	LABU LAGOON	
	7	DUKW PL 151 AUST GEN TPT COY	LAE	711391	
	8	C PL 158 AUST GEN TPT COY (AIF) AND ONE SEC WKSHOP PL	MUNIM	683482	6 BDE UNIT.
	9	DET 52 AUST TPT PL	LAE	683425	15 BDE UNIT.
	10	TTO PLS 2 AUST MAC	LAE	717428	
	11	HQ 3 AUST BIPOD (AIF)	LAE	701405	
	12	52 AUST BIPOD PL (AIF)	LAE	701405	
	13	55 AUST BIPOD PL (AIF)	LAE	712450	
	14	4 AUST FD BAKING COY	LAE	713422	
	15	5 AUST FD BAKING PL	LAE	704403	
	16	ONE SEC 6 AUST FD BAKING PL	LAE	704407	STAGING
	18	8 AUST FD BAKING PL	LAE	704403	
	19	9 AUST FD BAKING PL (LESS DET)	LAE	713422	
	20	DET 9 AUST FD BAKING PL	NADZAB	425549	
	21	5 AUST FD BUTCHERING PL (LESS DET)	LAE	723412	
	22	DET 3 AUST FARM COY	CAMP DIDDY	545600	
	23	6 AUST FARM COY	CAMP DIDDY	553596	
	24	5 AUST BASE SUPPLY DEPOT	LAE	714424	
	25	39 AUST SUP DEPOT COY	LAE	705411	
	26	14 AUST SUP DEPOT PL	LAE	681425	6 BDE UNIT
	27	15 AUST SUP DEPOT PL	LAE	681425	6 BDE UNIT
	28	42 AUST SUP DEPOT PL	LAE	711418	
	29	43 AUST SUP DEPOT PL	LAE	714423	
	30	44 AUST SUP DEPOT PL	LAE	714424	
	31	45 AUST SUP DEPOT PL	LAE	714424	
	32	55 AUST SUP DEPOT PL	LAE	704407	STAGING
	33	2/162 AUST SUP DEPOT PL	LAE	702405	
	34	2/163 AUST SUP DEPOT PL	NADZAB	424553	
	35	2/245 AUST SUP DEPOT PL (LESS DET)	NADZAB	LABU LAGOON	
	36	DET 2/245 AUST SUP DEPOT PL	WAU	358724	
	37	DET 250 AUST SUP DEPOT PL	LAE	683425	15 BDE UNIT
	38	DET 251 AUST SUP DEPOT PL	LAE	683425	15 BDE UNIT
	39	2 AUST MARINE FOOD SUP PL (LESS DET)	SALAMAUA	365207	
	40	DET 2 AUST MARINE FOOD SUP PL	SALAMAUA	707107	

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			MEDICAL			
H	1.		2/7 AUST GEN HOSPITAL (1200 beds)	MUNIM	700472	
	2		2/8 AUST GEN HOSPITAL (200 BEDS)	MUNIM	700475	
	3		112 AUST CON DEPOT	LAE	671447	
	4		106 AUST CCS (AIF)	LAE	671447	
	5		NCM DEPOT MED & VET STORES	LAE	705407	
	6		DET 2 AUST FD AMB	LAE	683425	13 BDE UNIT
	7		6 AUST FD AMB	LAE	674452	)
	8		LT SEC 6 AUST FD AMB	WAIME	251639	) 6 BDE UNIT
	9		8 AUST FD AMB	MUNIM	700475	
	10		DET 8 AUST FD AMB (BUSU MED POST)	LAE	715423	
	11		REAR PARTY 9 AUST FD AMB	WAU	W382718	
	12		18 AUST FD AMB (LESS B COY)	LAE	671455	BUTIBUM M.S.P.
	13		DET 18 AUST FD AMB	SATELBERG	648505	
	14		16 AUST MALARIL CONTROL UNIT	MUNIM	700475	
	15		22 AUST MALARIL CONTROL UNIT	LAE	705472	
	16		26 AUST MALARIA CONTROL UNIT	MUNIM	683478	
	17		28 AUST MALARIL CONTROL UNIT	LAE	714421	
	18		REAR PARTY 1 AUST HOSPITAL LAUNDRY UNIT (TYPE A)	LAE	705396	
	19		6 AUST HOSPITAL LAUNDRY (TYPE A)	MUNIM	705472	ATT 2/7 AGH
	20		REAR PARTY 23 AUST HOSPITAL LAUNDRY UNIT (TYPE A)	LAE	706395	
	21.		24 AUST HOSPITAL LAUNDRY (TYPE A)	LAE	671447	ATT 106 CCS
	22		31 AUST HOSPITAL LAUNDRY (TYPE B)	MUNIM	700475	ATT 2/8 AGH
	23		105 MOB BATH UNIT	LAE	709416	
			DENTAL			
J	1.		DET LHQ SUB DEPOT DENTAL STORES (LESS DET)	LAE	708405	
	2		HQ & B SEC 54 AUST DENTAL UNIT	LAE	716431	Att 126 AGT Coy
	3		DET HQ 54 AUST DENTAL UNIT	MADZAB	LABW	Att 1 Aust Water craft Wkshop
	4		A SEC 54 AUST DENTAL UNIT	LAE	699409	
	5		C SEC 54 AUST DENTAL UNIT	LAE	676431	ATT 8 INF BN
	6		D SEC 54 AUST DENTAL UNIT	LAE	700405	ATT 2/162 ASD PL
	7		E SEC 54 AUST DENTAL UNIT	LAE	670464	ATT 43 FOD
	8		F SEC 54 AUST DENTAL UNIT	LAE	712418	ATT 19 L OF C SIGS

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		ORDNANCE			
E.					
1		4Z AUST F O D	LAE	670464	
2		DET HQ 4 AACD	LAE	670464	)
3		DET HQ 10 AAOD	LAE	670464	) FORMS
4		DET 14 AUST ORD STORE COY	LAE	670464	)
5		15 AUST ORD STORE COY	LAE	670464	) 43
6		DET 18 AUST ORD STORE COY	LAE	670464	)
7		DET 7 AUST ORD PROVISION SEC	LAE	670464	) F O D
8		DET 8 AUST ORD PROVISION SEC	LAE	670464	)
9		108 AUST BDE ORD FD PK	LAE	686425	13 BDE UNIT
10		126 AUST DET ORD FD PK	LAE	715424	
11		128 AUST BDE ORD FD PK	LAE	714420	ATT LAE AREA WKSP
12		13? AUST BDE ORD FD PK (AIF)	LAE	707461	6 BDE UNIT
13		106 ORD TEC PK SEC	LAE	670464	
14		11 AUST MOB LDY & FWD DECK UNIT	LAE	703402	
15		DET 26 AUST LT LAUNDRY	LAE	670464	ATT 43 F O D
16		82 AUST F A D	WAU	W362725	
17		DET HQ 8 A A D	WAU	W362725	) FORMS
18		DET 17 AUST ORD ADM COY	WAU	W362725	) 82
19		DET 16 AUST ORD ADM COY	WAU	W362725	) F A D
20		105 AUST F A D	LAE	681480	
21		DET HQ 10 A A D	LAE	681480	) FORMS
22		2/1 AUST ORD ADM COY	LAE	681480	) 105
23		DET 4 AUST ORD ADM COY	LAE	681480	) F A D
24		DET 10 AUST ORD ADM COY	LAE	681480	)
25		7 AUST MOB ADM REPAIR SHOP	LAE	681480	
26		8 SEC OFFICERS SHOP	LAE	702406	
		A E M E			
L.					
1		2/7 AUST ADV WKSP	LAE	675460	
2		5 AUST MT WKSP (AIF) (LESS 4 & 5 SECS)	LAE	714420	4 & 5 SECS NOT RAISED
3		126 AUST BDE WKSP (TYPE A)	LAE	715424	
4		DET 126 AUST BDE WKSP	LAE	686425	13 BDE UNIT
5		2/13? AUST BDE WKSP	LAE	707461	6 BDE UNIT
6		1 AUST WATERCRAFT WKSP (TYPE C)	NADZAB	LABU	
7		3 AUST LANDING CRAFT WKSP SEC	MARCHAM 2m	(L)R64437	
8		1 AUST MTCL EQPT WKSP	LAE	675460	
9		2/?0 AUST LAD	CAMP PIDY	685610	ATT 2/11 FD WKSP
10		257 AUST LAD (TYPE A) (LESS DET)	LAE	670464	ATT 43 FCD
11		DET 257 AUST LAD	WAU	WAU	
12		244 AUST LAD (TYPE A) (AIF)	LAE	686434	ATT 5 CORPS SIGS
13		247 AUST LAD (TYPE A) (AIF)	NADZAB	423648	
14		269 AUST LAD (TYPE J) (AIF)	LAE	676435	6 BDE UNIT
15		DET 270 AUST LAD	LAE	686425	13 BDE UNIT
16		296 AUST LAD (TYPE A) (AIF)	LAE	699412	
17		296 AUST LAD (TYPE A)	LAE	712418	ATT 19 L OF C SIGS
18		299 AUST LAD (TYPE A)	LAE	675460	
19		317 AUST LAD (TYPE A) (AIF)	LAE	706423	ATT 58 CORPS TP YS
20		335 AUST LAD (TYPE A) (AIF)	LAE	717428	ATT 2 AUST MAC
21		342 AUST LAD	LAE	696478	ATT 2/1 AT COASTR COY
22		LAE AREA WKSP (AIF)	LAE	714420	

SERIAL NO	ARM OR SERVICE	UNIT	REF MAP	LOCATION	REMARKS
		PAY			
1		DISTRICT ACCOUNTS OFFICE (NG)	LAE	710415	
2		2 AUST CORPS CASH OFFICE (AIF)	LAE	701409	
3		7C AUST DEPOT CASH OFFICE(TYPE C)	LAE	707409	
4		61 AUST DEPOT CASH OFFICE(TYPE A)	WAU	W374716	
5		84 AUST DEPOT CASH OFFICE(TYPE C)	LAE	710415	
6		96 AUST DEPOT CASH OFFICE(TYPE C)	LUNIM	705472	ATT 2/7 AGH
		POSTAL			
M.					
1		7 AUST BASE POSTAL UNIT (AIF) (LESS DETS)	LAE	704405	
2		DET 7 AUST BASE POSTAL UNIT	SATELBERG	615644	
3		DET 7 AUST BASE POSTAL UNIT	WAU	WAU	
4		DET 7 AUST BASE POSTAL UNIT	NADZAB	LABU	
5		APO 959	LAE	713429	
6		DET 11 AUST DIV POSTAL UNIT(AIF)	LAE	677433	6 BDE UNIT
		PROVOST			
C.					
1		NG FORCE PRO COY (LESS DET)	LAE	687434	
2		DET NG FORCE PRO COY	NADZAB	LABU	ATT TOWN MAJ LABU
3		15 AUST DETENTION BARRACKS (TYPE A) (AIF)	LAE	692492	
		PRINT			
P.					
1		9 AUST L OF C STATIONERY DEPOT (TYPE B)(LESS DET) & PUBLICATIONS SEC	LAE	702406	
2		NG PRINTING & PRESS UNIT	LAE	702406	
		GRAVES			
G.					
1		7 AUST WAR GRAVES UNIT	LAE	682407	
2		DET 18 AUST WAR GRAVES UNIT	LANGEMAK BAY	512593	
3		10 AUST WAR GRAVES UNIT (TS)(AIF)	LAE	682407	
4		WAR GRAVES MAINT DETAILS NG	LAE	682407	
		CANTEENS			
H.					
1		HQ NG FORCE SEC AA CANTEENS SERVICE	LAE	714426	
2		DET AACS	NADZAB	425548	
3		DET AACS	WAU	W374722	
4		AERATED WATER FACTORY	LAE	704399	

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		AMENITIES			
S.					
1		DET AUST ARMY AMENITIES SERVICE	LAE	701405	
2		75 AUST MOB CINEMA UNIT	LAE	701405	
3		76 AUST MOB CINEMA UNIT	LAE	701405	
4		82 AUST MOB CINEMA UNIT	LAE	701405	
5		83 AUST MOB CINEMA UNIT	LAE	701405	
6		86 AUST MOB CINEMA UNIT	LAE	701405	
7		1 AUST ARMD DIV CONCERT PARTY	LAE	716425	
8		REAR PARTY TAS L OF C CONCERT PARTY	MUNIM	697497	
		LABOUR			
T.					
1		22 AUST WORKS COY	LAE	709415	
2		33 AUST WORKS COY	LAE	707409	
		MISCELLANEOUS			
U.					
1		HQ 8 AUST SAL DEPOT	LAE	670463	
2		2 AUST CORPS SAL UNIT	LAE	670463	
3		39 AUST L OF C SAL SEC (LESS DET)	LAE	670463	
4		NG DETAILS DEPOT (LESS DETS)	LAE	704407	
5		DET 4 SEC AUST ZIT STORE	LAE	702404	
6		RED CROSS BULK STORE	LAE	709414	
7		NGF SCHOOL OF SIGS	MADZAB	422563	
8		NGF TRAINING SCHOOL	HEATHS	YALU	

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HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

NOTES ON COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 4 OCT 44.

PRESENT:- (13) Comd, GSO II, I.O., DCRE, CO 19 L of C Sigs, AQ, DAAG, DMS, DAPM, D.O. ANGAU, DAQMG, S.C. "Q", ADST(Maj HQMD) ADOS, CEME, Camp Comdt.

Verbal No.	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1.	I.O.	Reporting as Area Loan Officer: Loan [illegible] units in area only fair, from pers on HQ Staff very poor. Requests Heads of all Branches and Services to bring the loan before members of respective staffs.	
2	GII	1 NGIB now connected with telephone. Phone No. MERCY 11 - through ELGIN Switch.	
3	DAQG	LAE Base Sub Area Chapel will be dedicated at 0815 hrs Sunday, 8 Oct.	Area surrounding chapel to be cleared up. Camp to liaise with DAAG on work involved.
4.		Phone call to HQ Duty Officer at 2215 hrs (callers name indistinguishable) reporting serious accident 18 Docks pers. Duty Officer made appropriate arrangements with MAC and 2/7 AGH for medical attention to patients. MAC unable to locate accident or pers. Investigation proceeding.	
5.	DAPM	High grass at junction of access rd to Officers' Shop and BUTIBUM Rd considered a danger to traffic as view is blocked.	
6	ADMS	Report on sporting injuries (admissions to hospital) for week ended 2 Oct numbered 20. incl 7 knees, 4 fractures, 1 dislocation 1 thigh injury.	(i) Draw attention to fractures in RO (ii) Improve Ground
7.	DA&QMG	Report on DA&QMG conference First Aust Army. Minutes have already been circulated within HQ.	
8.	SC"Q"	Church bell ex SALAMAU now in LAE. Chapel structure not adequate to hold weight, of bell. WO WOODMAN making arrangements for erection.	Elaborate Set-up NOT required. DAAG to discuss with Comd.
9.		vehs ex WAU, 3 Oct. 18 rations 7 ammn.	

Serial No.	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
10	[illegible]	All vehs in veh pk had been inspected prior to arrival latest shipment, the vehs of which arrived less G4's. Inspection proceeding - 70 complete, remainder will be available for issue at approx 30 per day. Vehs class II have been declared suitable for issue to units.	Get G.4's by air where necessary.
11	DAQMG	Survey of vehs in NG revealed - Required 18000 Available 5000. Steps being taken to adjust.	
12	AA&QMG	New priority list for engr vhs will be issued Friday, 6 Oct. Applications for priorities to be handed to "Q" Branch NOT later than 1600 hrs Thursday 5 Oct.	
13		Gravel now available from gravel pits for unit purposes, and chinamen may be used.	All offrs check and report instances of unit pers riding on vehs loaded with gravel. Watch for economic use of unit pers.
14	DO ANGAU	Capt SHAND received another posting. Capt WHITE would represent ANGAU at future conferences.	

[signature] Maj
(H.D. FERGUSON)
: GSO II/AE BASE SUB AREA
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HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA (AIF)

4 Oct 44.

MSGE FROM "Q" BRANCH CONFERENCE HQ FIRST AUST ARMY 4 OCT 44.

1. Further clarification of 13 Bde position was announced as follows :-

(a) Commitments this HQ to 13 Bde Gp will be some Jeeps and tippers for one Pl Coy.

(b) Jungle Green to equip Bde will be forwarded to 45 Aust FSD by direction from Lordflower.

(c) Tentage will be forwarded direct to NEW BRITAIN from mainland.

2. Tentage position for LAE area - 1500 tents being brought forward as an urgency for issue in this area and for unit maintenance.

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WEEKLY DENTAL REPORT

Week ending 30 Sept.'44

1. Sections Operating - 7 (70ffrs)

2. Administration - "C" Section has been temporarily disbanded owing to NX127538 Capt. Everingham being absent on Comp. Leave.

3. Work Performed during Week -

No. of Men Treated	116
" " " Extractions	62
" " " Fillings	263
" " " Dentures	41
Men made Dentally Fit	132

J.C. Rice, Major
O.C. 54 Aust. Dental Unit

Section has not been disbanded: Personnel temp. attached to another Sec pending return of Officer

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HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA (AMF)

5 Oct 44.

NOTES FROM "Q" BRANCH CONFERENCE HELD FIRST AUST ARMY 5 OCT.

1. [redacted] - Request was made for complete returns of [redacted] in LAE Base Sub Area. These returns will be submitted to-day by "Q" Branch to FIRST AUST ARMY.

2. Target Figures for formations and units under command including definition of LAE Base Sub Area responsibilities have not yet issued.

3. DAQMG this HQ raised position of Diamond T Wreckers and pointed out necessity of maintaining at least 5 in this area for essential duties inclusive of responsibility of MAF Road. It was promised that this position would be investigated and advice forwarded to this HQ.

4. [redacted] - It was indicated that a decision from GS Ops would be obtained regarding establishment of Prisoners of War to be staged in this area which would include arrangements for hospitalisation. Details would be forwarded to LAE Base Sub Area of requirements.

5. [redacted] - Position was discussed regarding an issue of 2 Fld Coy [redacted] now engaged on road maintenance this area. It was pointed out that this would have result in all road maintenance ceasing in this area. Decision was promised at DA & QMG's conference Saturday morning next.

6. [redacted] - It was indicated that application was being made to have [redacted] area Comds given equivalent powers of Divisional Comd regarding Wpns Offs. Further communication in this regard would be submitted to Base.

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PART I

UNIT	TOTAL EST STRENGTH	TOTAL NEW CASES				
		DYSENTERY	DIARRHOEA	URTI	PUO	SKIN DISEASES
Hq LAE Base Sub Area	350	-	-	2	1	8
HQ Details Depot LAE	792	-	9	15	3	65
20 Aust Fd Coy	210	-	-	1	-	1
126 Aust Bde Wshops AEME	130	-	7	20	1	6
8 Aust Fd Baking Coy	11	-	-	-	-	-
LABU Medical Post	800	1	1	8	2	18
Det 2 Aust Fd Survey Coy	27	-	-	-	-	10
3 Aust Landing Craft Wshops	20	-	-	-	-	-
HQ Adv 2 Sch	69	-	1	-	-	5
2/2 Aust Forestry Coy	80	-	-	-	-	-
18 Aust Fd Amb	126	-	1	1	-	4
8 Aust Movt Cont Cp	95	-	-	-	-	-
19 Aust L of C Sigs	700	-	5	23	6	50
1 Aust Fortress Sig Sec	60	-	-	-	-	3
Hq 5 Aust Base Sup Depot	150	-	-	1	-	1
8 Aust Army Troops Coy	257	-	-	9	-	5
2 Aust M.A.C.	160	-	-	8	-	1
2/7 Aust Gen Hosp	461	1	-	1	2	3
103 Aust F.A.D.	170	-	-	-	-	2
2/8 Aust Gen Hosp	165	-	1	1	-	7
333 Aust L.A.D.	13	-	-	-	-	-
4 Aust Fd Regt	650	-	5	2	-	25
2/2 Aust Docks Op Coy	274	-	-	-	1	-
2/3 Aust Forestry Coy	174	-	-	-	-	21
RAF School of Sigs	128	-	-	3	2	1
5 Aust AA Ops Room	23	-	-	-	-	2
129 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	407	-	2	-	-	3
8 Aust Fd Baking Pl	47	-	-	-	-	1
11 Aust Mobile Laundry	78	-	-	-	1	2
55 Aust BIPOD	26	-	-	-	-	-
52 Aust BIPOD	10	-	-	-	-	-
HQ 3 Aust BIPOD	11	-	-	-	-	-
38 Aust Works Coy	386	-	-	8	1	14
6 Aust Hosp Laundry	52	-	-	-	-	-
112 Aust Gen Depot	146	-	-	3	-	15
151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	390	-	1	9	1	6
HQ Provost Coy	85	-	-	-	-	-
2/7 Aust Adv Wshops	330	-	-	1	2	25
"B" Sec 63 ADU	6	-	-	-	-	-
22 Aust Works Coy	360	-	-	2	1	6
HQ 39 Aust Sup Dep Pl	15	-	-	-	-	-
2/162 Aust Sup Dep Pl	43	-	3	-	1	2
2/163 Aust Sup Dep Pl	48	1	-	-	-	-
9 Aust L of C Stationery	38	-	-	-	-	-
31 Aust Hvy AA Bty	222	-	-	4	1	-
6 Aust Pann Coy	32	-	-	-	-	-
25 ANCU	27	-	-	-	-	-
HQ Press Unit	80	-	-	-	-	-
28 ANCU	16	-	-	-	-	-
22 ANCU	14	1	-	-	-	-
District Accounts Office	47	-	-	-	-	3
Det 126 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	162	-	2	3	2	3
2 Aust Forest Survey Coy	45	-	-	-	1	5
Total Lae Base Units	9198	6	38	117	29	323
Total 6 Aust Inf Bde	3081	-	15	58	4	72
TOTALS	12279	6	53	175	33	395

PART II

Number of cases evacuated beyond RAP on :-

(a)	Dysentery	2
(b)	Diarrhoea	13
(c)	NEUR	5
	TOTAL	20

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HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA.

NOTES ON COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 6 OCT 44

Present:- (14) GII, I.C., DCRE, CO 19 L of C Sigs, AQ, DAAG, ADMS DAPM, DO ANGAU, Staff Capt "Q" (Lt CRANITCH), ADST ADOS, CAMP, LEGAL OFFR.

Time of Commencement: 0730 hrs. Conference terminated at: 0801 hrs.

Serial No.	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1.	GII	Reported that as from 1800 hrs 5 Oct, following Units come under Comd RAA First Aust Army for all purposes - 2/11 Fd Regt 2/11 Fd Regt Sig Sec 2/70 L.A.D. 2 Aust Mountain Bty U Aust Hy Bty.	
2.	DAAG	112 Con Depot to be reorganised and reduced to (500 beds). A reduction from 22 Offr 159 ORs to 16 Offr 94 OR. and from surplus personnel raise 115 Con Depot, (250 beds), 6 Offrs 49 ORs.	
3.	LEGAL OFFR.	No Courts Martial held for week ending 5 Oct. Five Courts Martial to be held today. Stated that personnel from Legal Staff First Aust Army would be available for the use of Courts Martial as had been done in the past by NGF.	
4.	"Q" BRANCH	Staff Capt "Q" read notes from "Q" Conference, First Aust Army 5 Oct. These have been circulated to Branches concerned. SS SCHWARTENHONDT is at present loading. ETD late this afternoon.	
5.	CAMP	Road to Chapel would be completed for the opening on Sunday.	
6.	DCRE	Native labour reduced 30%. Could reconsideration be given to the allotment of natives for Engineers.	AQ stated he was taking the matter up with DADNL and HQ ANGAU Northern Region. 3-400 natives are expected to come to this area when the WAU Rd is closed A Conference had been called with DADNL and Northern Region ANGAU for 7 Oct 44.

Serial No.	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd.
7.	S&T	Owing to drain on the limited resources of AGT Coy some restriction be made on the use of MT cor the carrying of native labour from the compound to working areas.	AQ asked heads of Branches and Services using native labour to investigate possibility of Units using Unit Transport for transport of natives to working area.

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(H. D. FERGUSON)
GSO II L/E BASE SUB AREA

Time of Signature 11.00 hrs 6. Oct 44.

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HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA (AIF)

6 Oct 44.

NOTES FROM "Q" BRANCH CONFERENCE HELD FIRST AUST ARMY 6 OCT 44.

1. SHIPPING :- "ORMISTON" has been listed to move FIRST AUST ARMY - no further details as yet.

2. TENTAGE :- Tentage for 13 Aust Inf Bde going direct to NEW BRITAIN from Aust (authority LANDORS Q1088). If adv party or det leave for NEW BRITAIN soon, it will be necessary for them to be provided with tentage from here. "J STERLING NORTON" is carrying 1200 tents to LAE - ETA End Oct.

3. VEHICLES :- 69 Jeeps and 93 trailers for 13 Bde are being shipped direct to NEW BRITAIN from Aust. "Q" Branch required to provide an additional 70 Jeeps and Tippers sufficient for 1 Fd Coy - (9-10).

4. TARPAULINS :- Census of Tarpaulins is to be taken. Will be promulgated through FIRST AUST ARMY HQs.

5. NATIVE LABOUR :- At AA & QMG's instruction, mention made at conference asking FIRST AUST ARMY to signal Area Comd MADANG to give priority for transporting of natives from there to LAE on small craft.

(IAN R. DUFFY) Major
DAQMG LAE BASE SUB AREA.

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HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA (AIF)

7 Oct 44.

NOTES FROM "Q" BRANCH CONFERENCE HQ FIRST AUST ARMY 7 OCT 44.

1. VEHICLE ISSUE - It was advised that a staff instruction would issue by which Ordnance would assume greater responsibility regarding issue of vehicles in this area. This would contain instructions in addition to GROs on the subject and would be applicable to NEW GUINEA only.

2. NATIVE LABOUR - It was pointed out that "Q" FIRST AUST ARMY have been advised that 500 natives from this area to move to BOUGAINVILLE have already been earmarked. DAQMG this HQ knew of no such arrangement and pointed out that it was possible natives being held in MADANG for return to this area were now being used in other areas and possibly this was how the confusion might have arisen. LAE Base Sub Area were advised to obtain clarification through ANGAU.

3. ENGR LABOUR & MECH EQPT - Long discussion reference details of above items was held and it was indicated that after move of 58 Corps Fd Pk Coy from this area that -

(a) A Wksp and Pk Coy
(b) A Mech Eqpt Pl
(c) Mech Eqpt Spare Parts Sec,

would be given highest priority of movement to this area which would relieve pressure on Engr units and would fulfil some of LAE Base Sub Area's recommendations. A further survey of Mech Eqpt was being made by FIRST AUST ARMY and details would issue to this HQ.

4. NATIVE LABOUR TO FIRST AUST ARMY - DAQMG pointed out reason why natives were short and FIRST AUST ARMY agreed to send representative to pick up each morning. Owing to transport shortage it was requested that this HQ provide transport. (This answers Base Comd's query of 6 Oct 44).

5. EQUIPMENT FOR AAMPS - DAQMG this HQ was requested to obtain details of shortages of clothing and necessaries for AAMPS and report through staff channels.

6. HELMETS STEEL - Consideration would be given to withdrawal of all helmets steel from troops in this area and return to FMD.

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Major

(JAMES R. DUFFY)
DAQMG LAE BASE SUB AREA.

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HQ LAE [illegible] SUB AREA (AIF)

7 Oct 44.

NOTES FROM "Q" BRANCH CONFERENCE HQ FIRST ARMY 7 OCT 44.

1. VEHICLE ISSUE - It was advised that a staff instruction would issue by which Ordnance would assume greater responsibility regarding issue of vehicles in this area. This would contain instructions in addition to GHQs on the subject and would be applicable to NEW GUINEA only.

2. NATIVE LABOUR - It was pointed out that "Q" FIRST ARMY have been advised that 500 natives from this area to move to BOUGAINVILLE have already been earmarked. DA&Q this HQ know of no such arrangement and pointed out that it was possible natives being held in MADANG for return to this area were now being used in other areas and possibly this was how the confusion might have arisen. LAE Base Sub Area were advised to obtain clarification through AMAU.

3. MOTOR LABOUR & MECH EQPT - Long discussion reference details of above items was held and it was indicated that after move of 33 Corps Fd Fk Coy from this area that -

(a) A Wksp and Pk Coy
(b) A Mech Eqpt Pl
(c) Mech Eqpt Spare Parts Sec,

would be given highest priority of movement to this area which would relieve pressure on Engr units and would fulfil some of LAE Base Sub Area's reconnaissance. A further survey of Mech Eqpt was being made by FIRST ARMY and details would issue to this HQ.

4. NATIVE LABOUR TO FIRST ARMY AREA - DA&Q pointed out reason why natives were sent and First Army Area agreed to send representative to pick up each morning. Owing to transport shortage it was requested that this HQ provide transport. (This answers Base Comd's query of 6 Oct 44).

5. EQUIPMENT FOR AAITC - DA&Q this HQ was requested to obtain details of shortages of clothing and necessaries for AAITC and report through staff channels.

6. [illegible] - Consideration would be given to withdrawal of all bakelite steel from troops in this area and return to POL.

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DA&Q LAE BASE SUB AREA.

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HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA.

NOTES ON COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 7 OCT 44.

Present:- (19) Comd, GII, I.O., DCRE, SOI'NG L of C Sigs, CO 19 A ast L of C Sigs, A Q, DAAG, ADMS, DAD Hyg, DAPM, DO AIRAU DAQMG, Staff Cap to "Q" (Capts WYATT and JESSEN) ADST, ADOS, CRME, CA MP.

Time of Commencement: 0730 hrs. Conference terminated at 0756 hrs.

Serial No.	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1	DAAG	.9 L of C Stationery Depot will be reorganised from Type B to Type A, from 3 Offrs 38 ORs to 4 Offrs 27 ORs. Opening of LAE Base Chapel at 0815 hrs 8 Oct 44, by GOC First Aust Army. Officers to be seated by 0810 hrs. Camp will make arrangements for ORs.	
2	DAPM	Capt W.B. PRIOR will arrive shortly as DAPM this HQ.	
3	DAD Hyg	105 Mob Bath Unit is now established at the old 37 Works Coy site, and hot showers will be available for units and sporting activities shortly.	
4	DAQ MG	Notes from "Q" Conference First Aust Army 6 Oct were read. These have been circulated to Branches concerned. 100 natives have been despatched from WAU for LAE. Further 50 due to arrive on 8 Oct. Total natives that will be released from WAU after 8 Oct will be 500. On completion of evacuation 100 natives will leave WAU with last convoy, but other arrangements will need to be made for move of balance.	
		On 25/26 Sept there was a "shut out" of all mail which meant a carry over of 4 days. This carry over has now been despatched, and mails are being despatched daily. Postal services have been established at BOUGAINVILLE.	Comd stated that sorting at Base PO left a lot to be desired, as unit mail was going to the wrong unit post office. Comd was investigating the matter.
		An additional staff car was being released for this HQ, making a total of three.	
5	AQ	Programme of Native building gangs. 2 gangs NGDD, 1 gang Hospital, 1 gang sigs, 1 gang US Army, 1 gang Forestry Unit. Allocation of native labour would be made at 0800 hrs today. Small bodies of natives working in Units would be	

Serial No.	Report by	Report	Decision of Comd
		withdrawn, and all native labourers formed into gangs of 40. Some units may temporarily be without native labour for cleaning up purposes, but in turn would have the use of a gang of 40. Eventually, this will mean more efficient and effective control of native labour. The 100 natives employed by First Aust Army will also be incorporated in gangs. A routine orders will be issued next week instructing that all administrative matters dealing with units under command will be through the Heads of Services. Heads of Services will be commanders of their Service units. Heads of Services will be responsible to the Comd. Some Services may be unable, owing to shortage of staff, to command the units and they will continue in the present way. Heads of Services who are unable to implement the above will advise AQ stating reasons for same. If Services have insufficient staff it is likely that additional personnel may be made available by First Aust Army. Camp will be in the same category as the Services.	
6	SOI NG L of C Sigs.	Explained the present signal set-up, and the methods which were being adopted to improve the service. Delays at the Switchboard will be considerably reduced with a maximum delay of 16 seconds.	

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GII LAE BASE SUB AREA

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W. LAC 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 7 / 10 /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 Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.P.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 Dealers				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Shrodsers			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Stat. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen Cn	1	1	—	Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd'rs. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				ASCY Clerks	2	2	—
Electricians				Cooks	9	13	(4)	Woodturners				AAMC "	4	3	—
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								AANC "	1	1	—
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Mod.)								PBOV "	2	2	—
Fitters	—	1	(1)	Driver-Operator								AAPC "	1	1	—
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								AASC "	15	9	6
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								AACC "	7	7	—
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								AEME "	5	3	2
Fitters (Instrument)			-	Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				AAPS "	3	3	—
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				AAAS "	2	1	1
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	53	55	(1)	NON-SPEC			
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Batmen	21	21	—
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Cane Lady	11	11	—
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				Dvr. M.T.	41	40	1
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Conveyors				Orderlies	23	23	—
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Motor Dvr	2	2	—
Mechanics, Typewriter	1	1	—	Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				CSM WO11	1	1	—
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders	—	1	(1)	ATTACHED RAF WC			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				CQMS S/Sgt	1	2	(1)
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood	—	1	(1)	Drivers, M.T.	—	3	(3)	Sgt Instr	12	10	2
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	5	5	—	Lab & Dr	2	2	—
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpts. Plant				Storemen	2	2	—
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AA Postal	1	1	—
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				AAOC Sae WO1	2	2	—
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Hvy Duty	2	2	—
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates	Increment A112/25/35						
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers	Details on back page				27	10	17
CARRIED FORWARD	3	4	(1)	CARRIED FORWARD	12	18	(5)	CARRIED FORWARD	48	60	(12)	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	242	223 *	19 *

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.

7 Oct 44
Date of Despatch

(Ian Calvert) Capt
Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7/10/194 4 HQ LAE BSA (Unit)

W.E. 1V 8C 2 OFFRS 48 242 O.R's + OFFRS - O.R's - ATT. BY W.E.

AS AMENDED BY HQ NGF SS/G/3254 of 17 JAN 44

& A112/25/36 & LHQ SS 3362 of 15 AUG 44

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.				
W.E. Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
2	-	1	3	W.Os. Class I.					
10	-	-	10	W.Os. Class II.					
1	-	1	2	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
7	3	-	4	Staff Sergeants					
23	2	-	21	Sergeants					
27	-	1	28	Corporals					
160	15	-	145	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
242	22	3	223	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.					

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	AIF		R. C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
	Ft.	Sp.	Range 18 Years.	18 Years and over.							
A	144	33	30	35				[redacted]	[redacted]		242
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
5	AASC		
2	4 Amb ASD		
1	HQ AIGAU		
1	HQ 6 Base ASD		
1	4 Sig Depot Pl		
1	Det AIGAU Workshops		
25	AASC		
1	2/3 Fd Amb		
1	ADDS NGF		
2	2/2 Fd Coy		
1	1st/2 Amb Det RA		
41			

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.
5	Town Major + LABs		
1	A/Cmdt Mad		
1	58 Corps Fd Park		
7			

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).

[illegible]

			Present position :	Civil Post
1	Wt	QMSGOO [illegible]	Ret/Asst Camp Comdt	Wtl Clerk

1	S/Sgt	Hygiene Inspector
1	S/Sgt	[illegible]
1	Sgt	[illegible] (Filling position of S/Sgt)
1	Sgt	Clerk
1	Cpl	Clerk
2	Cpl	[illegible] Cooks
1	TG1	Fitter
1	2G11	Wood Machinist
2	2G11	[illegible] Cooks
1	TG111	Despatch Rider
3	2G111	Dvr. M.T.

[illegible]

1	S/Sgt	Clerk
1	S/Sgt	[illegible]
1	S/Sgt	[illegible]
1	S/Sgt	[illegible]
2	Sgt	Hygiene Inspectors
1	Sgt	[illegible]
1	Sgt	[illegible] Cook
1	Cpl	[illegible]
1	Cpl	[illegible]
1	TG111	[illegible] Clerks
1	2G111	Clerk
1	1G111	[illegible] Clerk
1	TG111	[illegible] Clerk
1	Pte	Driver M.T.

[illegible] - [illegible] (Pos Service)

1	Sgt	Driver M.T.
1	TG111	Dvr. Mech.
15	Ptes	Drivers M.T.

[illegible] OF [illegible]
([illegible]/AS/DS & [illegible])

	[illegible]	Posted	Deficient
Sgt	1	-	1
Cpl	1	1	-
TG11 Cook	1	1	-
2G11 Driver Mech.	2	1	1
Drivers M.T.	22	7	15
	27	10	17

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7 / 10 / 1944 HQ LAF BSA (Unit)

W.E. 17/8C/2. OFFRS. 46 O.R's. 262 + OFFRS. - O.R's - ATT. BY W.E.

AS AMENDED BY HQ NCF 21/0/6554 of 17 JAN 44
AND A112/25/36 GRO 5/6566 of 18 AUG 44

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.				
NE	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	-	-	-	1	BRIG. *					
3	-	2	-	3	Lieut.-Colonels					
16	-	7	-	9	Majors					
17	-	7	-	10	Captains					
6	-	-	1	7	Lieutenants					
					Quarter-masters					
3	-	-	-	3	A.A.N.S. and A.A.W.S. Offrs. CHAPLAINS Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
48	-	16	1	33						

	DETAIL.		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	N.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part B(1) & B(2).	A.		32	1								33
	B.(1)											
	B.(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.
NX 12425	Major	DUFFY T.B.	2/7 AGH	30-9-44	Off SYS list
VX 5128	Lieut	BAIRD A.F.	14/32 Anst L.Bn	2-10-44	Reposting
VX 69668	Lieut	ABONSON D.	A.A.P.S.	4-10-44	Reposting
VX117058	Lieut	LESSON R.StC	A.A.P.S.	4-10-44	Reposting

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX143778	Lieut	SHIFT H.L.	2/7 A.G.H.	4-10-44	Placed SYS list
NX147889	Capt	GILCHRIST H.	5 A BSA	26-9-44	Reposted by HQ NCF
NX114181	Capt	RICKARDS A.E.	Rear Echelon 1 Aust Army	6-10-44	Off attachment (RETOS
VX117058	Lieut	LESSON R.StC	HQ LAF BSA	4-10-44	" "(Posted this H
VX 69668	Lieut	ABONSON D.	" " "	4-10-44	" " " "

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 7 / 10 / 44. (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.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
LT-COL	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	YES		
LT-COL	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
LT-COL	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
LT-COL	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	NO	LEAVE	
MAJOR	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	YES		
MAJOR	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
MAJOR	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
MAJOR	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
MAJOR	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
MAJOR	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
MAJOR	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
MAJOR	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
MAJOR	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	NO	Det. to 12 G.P.	6 AUG
CAPT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	YES		
CAPT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
CAPT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	YES	LEAVE	
CAPT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	YES		
CAPT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
CAPT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
CAPT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
CAPT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
CAPT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
CAPT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
LIEUT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	NO	LEAVE	
LIEUT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	NO	LEAVE	
LIEUT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	NO	LEAVE	
LIEUT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	YES		
LIEUT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
LIEUT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
LIEUT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
CHAPLAIN	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		"		
CHAPLAIN	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		"		
CHAPLAIN	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		"		

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.
LT-COL	[illegible]	MORRIS H.A.	[illegible]	23-8-44	
LT-COL	[illegible]	CLOIREC A.J.	Moresby BSA	30-8-44	
MAJOR	[illegible]	READ J.C.	5 BSD	17-7-44	
CAPT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
CAPT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
CAPT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
LIEUT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
LIEUT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	QX 47862
LIEUT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
LIEUT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
LIEUT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
LIEUT	[illegible]	[illegible]	5 Aust AOD	Att 43 FSD 26-8-44	

7 Oct 44
Date of Despatch

(L.Calvert) Capt
Camp Comdt.
Signature of Commander

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H.Q. 54 Aust. Dental Unit
A.I.F. H.Q. LAE B.S.A.
10 Oct. 44

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WEEKLY DENTAL REPORT Week Ending 7 Oct. 44

1. Sections Operating - 7 (7 Offrs.)

2. "C" section continues to remain inoperative; Capt. Everingham absent on Comp. Leave.

3. Work Performed During Week: - No. of men treated - 431
" " " extractions 91
" " " fillings 269
" " " dentures 64
Men made Dentally Fit 253

2 OCT 1944

Major
O.C. 54 Aust. Dental Unit.

C. Medical Adjt.

AUST ARMY EDUCATION SERVICE. WEEKLY REPORT

WEEK ENDING : 8 Oct 44

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FRIDAY 29 Sept	1230	18 Fd Amb	Lecture		55
	1730	126 AGT	"		150
	1800	2/7 Adv Workshops	"		150
	1800	DID	"		40
	1800				
SATURDAY 30		25 Mal Control	"		50
SUNDAY 31		126 Bde Workshop	"		100
MONDAY 2 Oct	1100	HHQ 31 Hvy A/A	"		20
	1815	20 Fd Coy	"		60
	1900	Lae Area W/shops	"		180
TUESDAY 3	1000	Wtr Transport	"		20
	1215	11 RSU	"		100
	1800	19 L of C Sigs	"		100
	1800	296 LAD			
WEDNESDAY 4	0945	2 Fd Coy Svy	"		15
	1200	2/1 Rly Const	"		60
	1245	31 Hvy A/A (1)	"		60
	1415	2/1 CRE Fretry	"		25
	1730	Lae Area Sigs	"		70
	1730	AACS	"		100
THURSDAY 5	0900	Adv Base PO	"		80
	1800	2/3 Fretry	"		100
20 Talks		Approx attendance			1525

FILMS.

FRIDAY 29	Angau Compound		4000
SATURDAY 30	2/7 AGH		100
MONDAY 31	2/3 Fretry		100
TUESDAY 3	2/7 AGH		100
	20 Fd Coy		100
WEDNESDAY 4	[illegible]	151 AGT	250
THURSDAY 5	1800	11 RSU	150

7 Screenings Approx attendance 4800

MUSIC

FRIDAY	29	11 RSU	50
SATURDAY	30	Lae Music Club	75
Monday	2	31 Hvy A/A (1)	35
TUESDAY	3	11RSU	50
[illegible]			
THURSDAY	5	31 Hvy A.A (2)	50

5 Recitals for approx. attendance - 2600

Lieut
A/DAD Education
Lae Base Sub Area.

A.A.Amenities Service,
LAA Base Sub-Area,
6/10/44.

AMENITIES REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 6 OCT 44

HQ LAA Base Sub-Area.

1. Capt CUPIT commenced duties as Amenities Officer, LAA Base Sub-Area, on 1 October 44.
During week ending Friday 6 Oct contact was made with the following units :-
Issues of sporting material were made to:-
HQ 2 Aust Corps, HQ LAA Base Sub-Area
2/7 A.G.H, 2/8 A.G.H, 18 Fd Ambulance
131 A.G.T.Coy, 133 A.G.T.Coy, 151 A.G.T.Coy
31 Hvy A/A Bty, 5 A/A Ops Room
1 Aust Fortress Sigs, 'B' Corps Sigs, 4 Cipher Sect.
43 Supply Depot Pltn, Fd Supply Depot
4 Fd Baking Coy, 5 Fd Baking Coy
ANGAU Mt Hagen
22 Aust Works Coy, 333 Aust L.A.D.
7 Inf Btn, 36 Inf Btn, 2/8 Commando Sqn
N.G.Adv 2 Echelon, NGF Training School
HQ 3 Aust Dock Grp, N.G.Details Depot
8 Movement Control Grp, 8 Sect Offrs' Shop
RAA 3 Aust Div, 43 F.O.D.
II Mob L & D Unit, 19 War Graves Unit
Australian Red Cross Society.

Visits were made to 53 DCRE, 2/7 A.G.H, 2/8 A.G.H, ANGAU Hq, 43 F.O.D, 112 Conv Depot, 18 Fd Ambulance and 2/2 Docks Op Coy.
Contact was made with American Special Services and 1 Aust Army Amenities, and Malahang Beach work, which is progressing satisfactorily, has been inspected.

2. CINEMA

Cinema programmes shown during the week were well received by troops.
Mobile Cinema No.86 left for MADANG on Sunday, 1st Oct, and was replaced on circuit by Cinema No.82, which has recently been in workshops for overhaul.
Mobile Cinema No.83 arrived from BUNA but is not yet ready for circuiting.
(Attached find details of showings)

3. ENTERTAINMENT

(a) The 1 Aust Armd Div Concert Party, after experiencing trouble due to insufficient power, are still on circuit, and are being well received. It is anticipated that the party will leave this area during the first week in November. Itinerary has been drawn up to 28 October.

(b) The Tasmanian L of C Concert Party is due to arrive in this area at the end of October.

4. SPORT

(a) The Rugby League Football Competition will conclude its season on Sunday, 8 Oct when the grand final will be played at II2 Conv Depot between teams representing II Aust Laundry and 58 Fd Park. The Australian Rules Competition is nearing semi-final stage.

(b) Due to the shortage of sporting equipment, sport in this area may be temporarily curtailed. This matter has been taken up with D.A.D. Amenities, Ist Aust Army, who has gone to the mainland with the object of expediting supplies.

5. CONSTRUCTION

Plans have been drawn up, and efforts are being made to get the following projects under way -

(a) 2/7 A.G.H. Sports Area
(b) II2 Conv Depot (Bulldozer 2 days)
(c) Tennis Courts HQ LAE Base Sub-Area
(d) Improvements to Bathing Area at Malahang Beach. (Almost complete)

Regarding the latter it has been ascertained that the work required has been handed over to 22 Aust Works Coy, who have been requested to expedite. The Engineers advise that at present there is no mechanical equipment available, as a result, commencement of construction has been delayed on (a), (b) and (c)

6 TRANSPORT

A 26 seater bus has been transferred from Moresby Amenities to Amenities, LAE Base Sub-Area. This bus is a donation to Amenities Service, and will be used under Amenities Officer's direction for conveying swimming parties, sports teams, picnic parties etc. 2/7 A.G.H. has made application for the use of this bus for Sisters and AAMWS three days weekly.

.....Capt,
Amenities Officer,
LAE Base Sub-Area.

CINEMA CIRCUITS WEEK ENDING 4TH OCTOBER 44

Day	Date	'SHOW BUSINESS'	'REMEMBER THE NIGHT'	'AND THE ANGELS SING' (Cinema No.85)	'BOOM TOWN' (Cinema No.82)
Thursday	28/9/44	HQ LAE Base (Cinema 76)	II2 Conv Depot (Cinema 75)	----------	HQ 6 Bde
Friday	29/9/44	Malaheng (Cinema 75)	HQ NGF (Cinema 76)	2 Aust Fd Regt (Wadzab)	LAEU
Saturday	30/9/44	Angau (Cinema 75)	2/7 A.G.H. (Cinema 76)	RAA 3 Aust Div (Wadzab)	HQ 3 Aust Div
Sunday	1/10/44	II2 Conv Dept (Cinema 75)	----------	2/8 Commando Sqn	----------
Monday	2/10/44	----------	HQ LAE Base (Cinema 76)	HQ 6 Bde	WADZAB (LAE Base Amenities Site)
Tuesday	3/10/44	HQ Ist Aust Army (Cinema 76)	Malaheng (Cinema 75)	HQ 3 Aust Div	RAA 3 Aust Div (Wadzab)
Wednesday	4/10/44	2/7 A.G.H. (Cinema 76)	IQ3 Aust F.A.D. (Cinema 75)	LAEU	----------

Note:-

(a) Mobile Cinemas No 82 and 85 are attached to 3 Aust Div for duty, and their circuit includes two shows at LAEU and one show at WADZAB for LAE Base Amenities.

(b) Cinema No 76 (Double-header type) is confined to sites located at HQ Ist Army, HQ LAE Base Sub-Area, and 2/7 A.G.H.

(c) Cinema No.83 has arrived from BUNA, and is being overhauled.

(d) Warning Orders for movement have been received for Mobile Cinemas 75, 76 & 82. This will leave Cinemas 83 and 85 to service LAE area.

.....Capt
Amenities Officer
[illegible] Sub-Area

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA

11 Oct 44

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA
Copy to WAR DIARY

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WEEKLY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED 6 OCT 44

I have to report the following activities of Provost in the Lae area for week ended 6 Oct 44.

Sat 30 Sept

2. A patrol was sent to Nadzab in an endeavour to locate two escapees from 16 Aust Det Barracks. The prisoners were believed to Have gone to that area.

3. Additional point duties were established on the Butibum Rd and at N.G. FORCE H. to facilitate flow of traffic at opening of new church.

Sun 1 Oct

4. Routine duties.

Mon 2 Oct

5. Routine duties.

Tues 3 Oct

6. A.P.M. 2 AUST CORPS paid a visit to N.G.F Provost Coy.

Wed 4 Oct

7. Patrols checked un-authorised use of transport at Concert at Lae Base Theatre and at No 10 American Theatre. Five units were found to be using MT without permission. Report has been submitted.

8. Patrols also visited American Red Cross where a small number of Aust rolism soldiers were present all of whom were well behaved.

Thurs 5 Oct

9. Patrols attended Lae Base Theatre to check unauthorised use of MT. A report has been submitted.

10. A.P.M. 2 Aust Corps carried out an inspection of N.G.F. Provost Coy.

Fri 6 Oct

11. Two personnel were provided as m/c escort for GOC on visit to 43 F.O.D.

GENERAL

12. Copy of N.G.F. Provost Coy's weekly traffic report attached.

H L Osborne
.....Capt
A/D.A.P.M. LAE BASE SUB AREA

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

SECRET.

Stats Sec "A" Branch,
H.Q. LAE BASE SUB AREA (AIF)

7 OCT 44.

WEEKLY FIELD STATE as at 0600 hours, 7 Oct 44.

POSTED STRENGTH		592	9169
ATTACHED ALLOWED AND NOT ALLOWED BY WE		97	1462
TOTAL TROOPS UNDER COMMAND		689	10631
UNITS UNDER COMMAND	167		
UNITS MARCHED IN	2		
UNITS MARCHED OUT	4		
DECREASE IN OFFRS			41
DECREASE IN O/Rs			137

STAGING UNITS
Adv H.Q. 13 Aust Bde &
6 other units.

POSTED STRENGTH	44	461

Lt-COL.
(A.A. NORRIS)
A/AA & QMG LAE BASE SUB AREA

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S & T SERVICES
LAE BASE SUB AREA
8 Oct 44

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Subject: WEEKLY REPORT - S & T LAE
for week ended 1700 hrs 7 Oct 44

DEST
FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
copy to HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA (for info) ✓

It is desired to report for the period abovementioned as follows:

A SUPPLIES

(1) BAKERIES - Production

(a) 8 AUST FD BAKING PL - LAE	52500	lb
(b) 9 AUST FD BAKING PL - LAE	31504	"
(c) 9 AUST FD BAKING PL - MADEAB	20160	"
Total	104164	"

(2) BUTCHERY

5 AUST FD BUTCHERING PL

Killings	NIL	Sheep on hand	NIL

(3) 2 AUST MARINE FOOD SUPPLY PL

Weekly Catch 570 lb

(4) PERISH COMMODITIES

Issues for week ended 1700 hrs 7 Oct 44:

Meat Fresh	9
Butter	1

Estimated days holdings in cold storage:

Meat Fresh	2
Butter	9

Expected issues for the coming week:

Meat Fresh	1
Butter	1

(5) As stocks of tripe are sufficient to allow a small general issue 4 ozs per man will be issued during the week.

(6) VEGETABLES

17000 lb fresh vegetables received from NAU.

(7) SHIPPING IN

Fr MADEAD	per "OSIRIS"	Cased Rations	12	tons
		Not taken on charge		
" NUMA	per "BANU"	Cased Rations	519	"
		Not taken on charge		
" NUMA	per "SHARAN KHAN"	Cased Rations	378	"
		Not taken on charge		

(8) SHIPMENTS OUT

To MADANG by MT — Canned Rations, Hdy Stores 104 tons

" FORMOSA — " " " " 292 "
Hospital Supplies

(9) SHIPMENTS EXPECTED

'GORDON','JAMES OLIVER'.

(10) BATTLE CASUALTIES - LAE - SALAMAUA - MADANG - LAES

AMF	MALE	2204
	FEMALE	220
RAAF	MALE	1685
	FEMALE	15
RAN		44
NATIVES		10621

(Incl 1909 Rehabilitation Natives)

B TRANSPORT

(1) Demands on MT for loading and discharge of shipping are still extremely heavy with no prospect of immediate relief.

(2) At this date the ships 'FRANCIS MENELL' and 'CAPE VICTORY' are forward loading and 'SEAMAN KNAPP' is discharging approx 6000 tons of Aust cargo from five hatches.

(3) In fact the position will become acute due to the relief from tasks of 193 AUST GEN TPT COY vehicles which are now in process of loading into the 'FRANCIS MENELL'.

(4) The vehicle availability in the LAE area now consists of 128 x 3-ton vehicles.

(5) Allowing for a daily reduction for workshops and maintenance of 10% of strength, availability stands at 116 load carriers including 6 x 7-ton semitrailers.

(6) From this availability the following daily tasks are covered.

SUPPLY MAINTENANCE
RSD clearing transit, replenishments DIDs;
bread, meat and fresh commodity deliveries. 21 x 3-ton

ORDNANCE
A3 ROD and 109 RAD depot duties 8 x 3-ton

ANGAU
Sawmill, Timber, Construction etc 4 x 3-ton

RAE
Timber and Construction 6 x 3-ton

RAEE
Construction and Gravel 5 x 3-ton

22 WORKS COY
Movement construction, material 2 x 3-ton

LAE AIRSTRIP
Clearance planes 2 x 3-ton

PERSONNEL
Work parties, natives, deaths pers etc 23 x 3-ton

TOTAL 91 x 3-ton

Of the 39 x 3-ton vehicles engaged on personnel moves 18 x 3-ton are used for general duties during the period between shifts.
The balance of 15 x 3-ton are continuously engaged in the movement of personnel on a staggered time schedule covering a period of six hours each day.

(7) The abovementioned list of allocations have been reduced to a workable minimum and it is possible that efficiency has been impaired in some instances.

(8) Constant demands for vehicles for construction, gravelling, timber, movement etc must necessarily be refused.

(9) 129 AUST GEN TPT COY (AIF) were brought up to WE in tank vehicles and a total of 143 vehs were shipped on "HENRY GANTT".

(10) 193 AUST GEN TPT COY (AIF) are also complete with the exception of 1 x 3-ton trunk store binned and 1 x 15-cwt 4 x 4 GS.
Loading of these vehicles into the "FRANCIS MEWELL" is proceeding.

(11) WAU - LAE clearance is proceeding with an average clearance of 25 x 3-ton loads on alternate days. Mechanical trouble is grounding approx 8 x 3-ton daily but additional vehicles cannot be spared from this area.
Approximately 170 loads remain to be moved.

(12) DUKWS worked on discharge of shipping and forward loading, and carried 525 tons.

(13) Analysis of work performed by GT days under cond is as follows:

Vehicle Tkms	Total Mileage	Total MT Tons
772	42473	7045

Previous week:

1127	52854	7636

6 POL

(1) STOCK HOLDINGS - LAE ONLY

Petrol MT	660 968	gls
Range Fuel	1 648	"
Distillate	175 912	"
Diesel Fuel	19 756	"
Kero Lighting	15 912	"
Kero Power	17 628	"

(2) CONSUMPTION

Consumption figures include issues to units moving forward and are large in consequence.

(3) ESTIMATES

Estimates are unaltered. It is anticipated that heavy issues of the past fortnight will lessen considerably as units move.

(4) SHIPMENTS

(a) "AK 96" - MT Petrol 12892 gls to MADANG.

(b) "ORMISTON" - 516 empty heavy drums to AUST.

(c) Units moving, including "D" Gp and "F" Force.

(d) No advice has been received as to availability of shipping space for MADANG.

(5) DRAWINGS FR USASOS BASE 'E'

The following stocks were drawn from USASOS BASE 'E' during the week:

Petrol MT	60 640	gls
Distillate	1 920	"

Drawings were limited to available transport and pending arrival of drum stocks by ship for USASOS.

(6) RIPOD OPERATIONS

	Gls	Lb
Quantity POL Issued	171 571	1 909
" POL Received	62 248	-
TOTAL	233 819	1 909

(7) GENERAL

(a) Investigations into possibility of using USA Rubber Tanks for bulk AMF issue were completed and findings communicated to FIRST AUST ARMY.

(b) Range Fuel holdings are extremely low. USASOS expects shipment to arrive within next four days and have agreed to pass AMF approx 44 000 gls direct from ship.

(c) Review of POL tanks for LAE BASE SUB AREA was made in light of RIPOD strength and recommendation made to FIRST AUST ARMY that 52 AUST RIPOD PL be retained or replaced. It is considered that two RIPOD pls will be required to adequately cope with tanks.

D AIR MAINTENANCE

(1) Approx 91203 lb gross weight of rations were despatched by air during the week. Total missions - 7.

(2) Four dropping missions at AIYURA(2) and AMBERBAKO (2) by 6 47 A/C were carried out from which 100% recovery was effected.
Three 6 47 A/C loads were landed during the week at DUMPU, KEROBAGI and MT HAGEN.

(3) An attempt was made on 1 Oct 44 to drop supplies to NEW BRITAIN but adverse weather conditions prevented the dropping.

(4) Parachutes personnel have been received from 49 AUST FUD and are being folded by RAAF.

(5) Bags sopas required for dropping of supplies received.

E 6 AUST FARM COY (AIF)

(1) A total of 65 acres have been cross-ploughed.

(2) The area is being sub-divided into 5 acre blocks for convenient irrigation layout.

F 2 AUST MARINE FOOD SUPPLY PL

(1) Weekly catch of 570 lb was obtained from MOROBE grounds.

(2) Bunts in two hauling nets are being replaced.

(3) Two traps have been completed.

G 2 AUST MAC (AIF)

(1) Mileages covered by unit ambulances for the week: 5842

Patients carried Stretcher 77
Sitting 1075

(2) Ten ambulances completely recovered with canvas and refitted with new interiors. Five yet to be completed.

H INSTALLATIONS

(1) [redacted] - LAE

(a) Perimeter fence is being maintenanced and down piping of transit shed replaced.

(b) Painting of roofs of stores progressing.

(c) Drainage progressing.

(2) [redacted] - [redacted]

Drainage has been completed.

(3) 5 AUST FD BUTCHERING PL

(a) Water supply for slaughterhouse improved by substitution of 2" piping for 1" piping.

(b) Harrowing of grazing paddocks completed. Two paddocks ready for superphosphate.

(4) [redacted] - MADANG

(a) Draining and gravelling of roads in progress by AASC personnel and attached native labour.

(b) Gravelling large store shed completed.

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(1) 55 AUST SUP DEPOT PL attached [redacted] MADANG pending embarkation.

(2) Personnel Nos 6 FD BAKERY PL report daily [redacted] DED for duty pending embarkation.

2 GENERAL

(1) Lt SCHEDLIN marched out to FIRST AUST ARMY AASC SCHOOL No 2 SUPPLY COURSE.

(2) Capt THORNTON posted to 3 AUST BDE.

(3) Lt FISHER posted to 45 AUST SUP DEPOT FL.

(4) Capt WHARTON marched out on Res Leave.

(5) Lt KEMP Adm Staff 2/16th AUST SUP DEPOT FL.

(6) Lt GILL transferred from 152 AUST GEN TPT COY to 153 AUST GEN TPT COY (AIF).

(7) Lt LOTHIAN directed to march out to R of O.(DHQ 132458)

(8) [redacted] sighted and arrangements made to implement as regards S & T Services.

(9) Lt HUNTER transferred from 129 AUST GEN TPT COY (AIF) to 114 AUST GEN TPT COY.

(10) Maj ELDER transferred to HQ 1 AUST BDE.

(11) Lt GRAHAME transferred to HQ.

(12) Vehicles of 129 AUST GEN TPT COY (AIF) and 45 AUST SUP DEPOT FL and vehicle escorts embussed and sailed.

(13) Lt SYMNOT posted 2/6 AUST SUP DEPOT FL and to move on completion of duty at FINSCHHAFEN.

(14) Lt BARR transferred to 129 AUST GEN TPT COY (AIF) from 152 AUST GEN TPT COY.

(15) Lt TELFORD att 5 AUST BDE (AIF) posted HQ Staff AASC 3 AUST DIV.

Lt Col
AUST LAE BASE SUB-AREA

RATIONS

AREA	TYPE	TARGET DAYS	TARGET STRENGTH	ACTUAL STRENGTH	HOLDINGS DAYS ON TARGET S	HOLDINGS DAYS ON ACTUAL S
LAE incl BSD-DID ANGAU S&S	E	60	27 000	19 040	88	124
	N	56	15 000	8 415	56	99
NADZAB	E	30	4 000	4 322	8	7
	N	30	1 000	1 795	16	8
LAEU	E	30	1 000	1 006	42	41
	N	30	1 000	611	14	22
WAU incl FSD, DIV DIDs	E	180	30	108	155	43
	N	180	300	600	44	22

P O L (in days based on target figures) As at. 7 Oct. 44.

GRADE	LAE T	LAE H	NADZAB T	NADZAB H	LAEU T	LAEU H	WAU T	WAU H	MADANG T	MADANG H
Petrol MT	66	35	10	6	7	25	15	15	30	-
Range Fuel	66	5	10	-	7	28	15	15	30	-
Dastillate	66	77	10	22	7	51	15	15	30	-
Lighting K	66	20	10	6	7	7	15	15	30	-
Power Kero	66	56	10	28	7	21	15	15	30	-

REMARKS

FREEZER HOLDINGS. DAYS BASED. 27000.

SUMMARY OF RATION STRENGTHS

LIVE STOCK HELD : NIL

AREA	MALE	FEMALE	RAAF	RAN	WSC RAAF FEMALE	TOTAL EUROPEAN	NATIVE	BEEF CARC	MUTT CARC	BEEF B/L	BUTT -ER	EGGS	REMARKS
LAE (incl SALAMAUA	18 258	220	518	44	-	19 040	8 415						
NADZAB	3 140	-	1 167	-	15	4 322	1 795						
LAEU	1 006	-	-	-	-	1 006	611						
WAU	108	-	-	-	-	108	600						
TOTALS	22 512	220	1 685	44	15	24 476	11 421	-	-	2	3	-	

LAE DOCKS.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DOCKS OPERATIONS
OF AUST DOCKS OPERATING COY. MAE.

8 Oct 44.

Port.	Ships Handled.	Tonnage Handled.	Type & No of Coys.	Strength at 8.10.44.	Remarks.
LAE.	8 Large type. 9 Small Cft.	Nons. 10090.T.	"C"Type. 2/2 Aust Docks Op.Coy.MAE. WE. 7 x 273 Att.WE. 15.	Unit. 6 x 268 Att.WE. 11 Att.Mx.Ix 35.	Sailing of H L GATTY was delayed by failure of DSD to forward rations when called.
		2410.	"D"Type 2/31 Aust Docks Op.Coy.MAE. WE. 4 x 104. Att.WE. 4.	Unit. 4 x 98 Att.WE. 3.	

Summary of ships handled.

Ship.	Load.	Discharg.	Total.
JOHN BARRAL.		120	120
SMALL CRAFT.		1458	1458
H L GATTY.	6778		6778
SMARTENTOWN.	1287		1287
SEAFORD MISSAL.	128		128
ORMISTON.	615	138	753
CAPE VICTORY.	1628		1628
BIRCH GROVE PARK.	7	50	57
AK 96	85	99	184
AS 56	1	3	4
AS 55		1	1
AS 60	1		1
AS 55		4	4
AS 11	33	36	69
AS 30		15	15
AS 7		10	10
AS 56		2	2
	10563.	1937	12500

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WEEKLY DENTAL STATE

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Returns of Dental Units & Sections Lae Area. (To be submitted in duplicate)

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Army Form I 5028
Adapted
Revised Nov., 1943

Week ending Saturday 7.10.1944

From D.D.D.S. First Aust Army Aust. Dental Unit or Section. Location First Aust Army. To ~~A.D.D.S.~~ HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA.

DENTAL OPERATIONS PERFORMED DURING THE WEEK

NUMBER OF

	Members Inoculated and Vaccinated.	Attendances for Treatment.	Urgent Cases preventing sick Parades.	Teeth Extracted.	Fillings and Restorations: Synthetic Porcelain.	Amalgam.	Cement.	Inlays.	Root.	Dressings.	X-Ray: Cases.	Films.	Irrigations and Surgical Dressings.	Scaling and Cleaning Cases Completed.	Gingivitis Cases: Treatment Commenced.	Still under Treatment.	Treatment Completed.	Vincents Infection: New Cases.	Recurrent Cases.	Under Treatment.	Treatment Completed.	Members Supplied with New Dentures.	Dentures: FITTED: Full Upper.	Full Lower.	Partial Upper.	Partial Lower.	Remodelled.	Relined.	Repaired.	Fractures and Injuries to Jaws*: Cases Under Treatment.	Appliances Fitted.	Cases Evacuated.	Members whose Treatment has been completed.
54 ADU	349	431	95	91	32	126	97	14	·	38	·	·	4	55	·	·	1	·	·	·	·	47	12	6	26	10	9	·	41	·	·	·	153
2/7 + 2/5 AGH	72	94	·	4	5	34	25	8	·	2	17	11	·	24	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	2	5	2	5	2	5	·	7	·	·	·	14
112 Aust Con Depot	5	40	·	1	1	25	5	·	·	9	·	·	·	13	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	1	·	·	1	·	·	·	1	·	·	·	13
Totals	426	565	95	96	38	185	127	22	·	49	17	17	4	92	·	·	1	·	·	·	·	50	17	8	32	12	14	·	49	·	·	·	180

Dental Statistics of Units Attending for Treatment.

Total Strength of Units being treated.	Number Dentally Fit.	Number Dentally Unfit.	UNFIT REQUIRE— Extractions.	Fillings.	S. & C.	Dentures.	Repairs to Dentures.

Artificial Teeth Return.

	On Hand / /19	Used During Week.	Received During Week.	Balance on Hand / /19
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OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL OF UNIT OR SECTION.

OFFICERS' NAMES	Number of Days on Duty
[illegible]	
AQ	

PERSONNEL	Number	Number of Days on Duty
W.O.II (Senior Dental Mech.)		
S/Sgt. Dental Mechanic		
Cpl. Dental Mechanic		
S/Sgt. Clerk		
Cpl. Dental, Clerk Orderly		
Pte. (Group III) Dental Clerk Orderly		
Pte. Batman		
A.A.S.C. Attached Div. M.T.		

Note: Remarks and additional information should be written on back of form.

*In the case of Jaw Fractures and Injuries, Army Number, Rank, Name and Unit of patient to be stated on back of form and if evacuated to another Medical Unit, the date and destination should be stated.

Signed [illegible] COLONEL
Dental Officer in Charge

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES — SECRET No. 5.

HEADQUARTERS LAE BASE SUB AREA

NOTES ON COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 9 OCT 44.

Present:- Comd
GII, L.O., DCRE, SO III NG L of C Sigs (Lt SWALLOW), AQ, DAAG, ADMS, DAPM, DO ANGAU, DAQMG, AQLO, ADST (Maj REID) ADOS, AEME, AMENITIES OFFR, CAMP.

Time of Commencement: 0732 hrs.

Serial No.	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd.
1	Sigs	MORESBY line out since 1400 hrs 8 Oct. No anticipated time of repair.	
2	DAAG	Capt W.I. GENTLES reported in from Second Aust Army as AQLO.	
3	AMENITIES	Bus transferred from Amenities MORESBY to LAE and will be used for sporting parties. Work on beaches progressing favourably. US have promised tables and seats for the beach and necessary requisition has been put in to engineers. Owing to lack of mechanical equipment work on tennis courts, sports ovals etc. has been delayed.	
4	DAQMG	Capt GENTLES, AQLO, will be dealing with Q Movements. Shipping. TAROONA ETA 10 Oct 44 GORGON ETA 15 Oct 44 ACONCAGUA ETA 9 Oct 44 STANFORD NEWELL ETD 10 Oct 44 Some damage was caused by the heavy seas at MILFORD HAVEN, and barge traffic today will be disrupted. MALAHANG unaffected, and will be used by Barges. DAQMG read minutes from Q Conference First Aust Army for 7 Oct. These minutes have been circulated to those concerned.	
5	DCRE	Work on incinerators at NGDD completed and expected to be in operation today.	
6	AQ	Allocation of native labour. Natives have been withdrawn from certain units, and formed into two clearing gangs, each of 65 natives. One gang for clearing hospital areas, one gang First Aust Army area. On completion of hospital area gang will move to BSD, then this HQ. Heads of Branches and Services will advise "Q" of any other areas which need the use of the clearing gangs. 700 natives from MADANG have been placed on priority list for LAE. Sig Poles. NG L of C Sigs asked to investigate the suitability of ANGAU Cutting poles at its BUSU Camp. If this be not suitable Sigs to state where they require the poles cut, and Sigs will arrange for the removal of the poles. If cutting is required at LABU, native labour from LABU Compound will be used. It is hoped in future that all native gangs will	

Memo. No.	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
		adequately controlled by the use of ANGAU Supervisors. Sigs also asked to investigate question of 35 natives which previously were used on the American Sig line now taken over by NG L of C Sigs, as US wish to retain these 35 natives. NG L of C Sigs to take matter up with US Sigs.	

Maj
(H.D. FERGUSON)
G II L/E BASE SUB AREA

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HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA AIF

9 Oct 44.

NOTES FROM "Q" BRANCH CONFERENCE HELD HQ FIRST AUST ARMY 9 OCT 44.

1. SURPLUS RATIONS TO RAAF - 900 balance rations to-day being flown to RAAF at KIRIWINA and WOODLARK. Supply to RAAF is USASOS responsibility but appears to have fallen down in some respect.

2. TARGET FIGURES - Target Figures for Ord and S & T issue to-day.

3. VEHICLES FOR 15 BDE - AEME Wksp requested to turn out 70 jeeps as early as possible for issue to 15 Bde.

4. TENTAGE FOR 4 AUST BASE SUB AREA - FIRST AUST ARMY advise that tentage for 4 Aust Base Sub Area was proceeding direct from mainland and could not be supplied from here owing to low state of tentage stocks.

5. POSTAL COMPLAINT - Comd LAE Base Sub Area's complaint conveyed to "Q" FIRST AUST ARMY. DAD Posts advised that he would clear it up to-day.

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(IAN R. DUFFY)

DAQMG LAE BASE SUB AREA.

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HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 10 OCT 44.

Present:- Comd
GII, I.O., DCRE, Maj LOVETT CSO Staff First Aust Army, AQ, DAAG, ADMS, DAD Hyg, DAPM, DO ANGAU, DAQMG, ADST (Maj REID), ADOS, AEME.

Time of Commencement: 0730 hrs Conference terminated at 0814 hrs.

Serial No.	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd.
1	G II	Main HQ 3 Aust Div closed LAE 061200, opened TOROKINA same time. Rear HQ 3 Aust Div remain LAE.	
2	Sigs	Maj LOVETT explained wireless set up for First Aust Army.	
3	DAAG	Weekly Field State as at 0600 hrs 7 Oct 44. Under Comd 592 Offrs 9169 ORs Authorised attachments - 97 Offrs 1462 ORs Total 689 Offrs 10631 ORs. Units under Comd. 167 Units marched in 2 Units marched out 4 Decrease 41 Offrs 137 ORs. Staging Units 44 Offrs 461 ORs. Drew attention to the necessity of units being conversant with GROs in the matter of write-offs as difficulty and unnecessary time was spent with write-offs being received that did not conform to GROs.	
4	DAPM	Advised that the C in C will arrive LAE 11 Oct 44.	
5	ADMS	DREG. evacuation post closed. Beds occupied at 2/7 AGH 610. Beds occupied at 112 Con Depot 82, for week ending 6 Oct. 266 admissions from local units were made to 2/7 AGH, which is a daily percentage of .16, including 16 malaria, 15 dengue, 25 dysentery. Scrub Typhus 1. Sample of blood from patient suffering from Dengue had been forwarded to medical authorities USA for experiments in the production of a serum. DAD Hyg pointed out that the reason for 4 cases of Dengue from the provost lines was caused by the jungle not being cut back a sufficient distance and also by the poor precautions being taken by 7 TMO, RAAF.	DAD Hyg to take the matter of malarial control up with 7 TMO.

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6	DAQMG	Read notes of "Q" conference at First Aust Army. These have been circulated to those concerned. The matter of wrong sorting at Base Post Office was taken up by DAQMG with D/D Post First Aust Army who has adjusted the fault at Base Post Office.	
7	DCRE	US Army has loaned 5 graders to DCRE which are now working on the Circuit Road.	
8	ADMS	Owing to heavy seas over the weekend, the mens kitches and mess at Watercraft Wkshops have been undercut, and it will be necessary for new kitchens and mess to be built. A/CO. Capt Marchant, 1 Aust Watercraft Wkshop has been re-posted.	
9	AQ	Proposed to implement, with the exception of engineers, instructions whereby Heads of Branches and Services deal direct with Units as outlined at the Conference, 7 Oct 44. ADMS, ADST, ADOS to implement as from 1200 hrs 10 Oct 44. Other services, if unable to handle the above to advise AQ forthwith.	
10	ADOS	There appears to be no coordination in the unloading of vehicles from shipping at port as frequently Ordnance vehicles were sent to units and vice versa.	Units concerned to keep a watch on vehicles being operated. AQ to take up matter with DAPM as to advisability of placing a check post on MILFORD HAVEN Rd to overcome unauthorised driving off of vehicles.
		DAPM stated that provost supervising unloading, handed damaged cases or packages to the docks checker or Ordnance personnel.	Ordnance to check with wharf checker or provost personnel damaged or pilfered cargo on the wharf with packing list.
11	COMD	Believed much unauthorised army equipment was being forwarded through MFO. Suggested that a check be made of MFO packages and MFO insist that the GRO stating that items in packages should be furnished by all consignors. be complied with.	

(H.D.FERGUSON)
GII L/E BASE SUB...

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7	D.C.R.E.	U.S. Army has loaned 5 graders to D.C.R.E. which are now working on the Circuit Road.	
8	A.E.M.E.	Owing to heavy seas over the weekend, the mens kitches and mess at Watercraft Wkshops have been undercut, and it will be necessary for new kitchens and mess to be built. A/C.O. Capt Marchant, 1 Aust Watercraft Wkshop has been re-posted.	
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10	A.D.O.S.	There appears to be no coordination in the unloading of vehicles from shipping at port as frequently Ordnance vehicles were sent to units and vice versa.	Units concerned to keep a watch on vehicles being operated A.Q. to take up matter with D.A.P.M. as to advisability of placing a check post on MILFORD HAVEN Rd to overcome unauthorised driving off of vehicles.
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MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 11 OCT 44.

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DC ANGAU, DAQMG, ADST (Major REID), ADOS, CRME, [illegible]

Time of Commencement: 0732 hrs. Conference terminated at 0830 hrs

Serial No.	Report by	Report
1	G II	One 3.7" gun will be proofed at H1 site 1000 hrs this morning. Approx 6 rounds to be fired.
2	Sigs	No. 3 Coy 19 L of C Sigs is responsible for establishing and maintaining base communications AITAPE area. The sig set up is likely to be poor as no advice has been received regarding movement of Sig personnel and equipment from Australia required to maintain base communications AITAPE Area. It may be necessary to withdraw sig personnel from LAE area as a temporary measure in which case equipment will be required from Ordnance. Request that if required ADOS give it priority. HQ NG L of C Sigs will take over LAE - FINSCHHAFEN line at 0830 hrs 13 Oct 44. For the maintenance of the stations 3 natives per station will be required, a total of 15 natives. Requested that these be made available to 19 L of C Sigs within three days. The 35 natives which were attached to US Line maintenance personnel were not handed over to 19 L of C Sigs, and will be retained by US Army. Three barges have been transferred to 19 L of C Sigs from US Sigs for the maintenance of the line. These barges will not be used for rationing. Requested that LAE Base Sub Area arrange for the supply of rations. AQ requested Sigs to name two points at which rations may be landed, distribution to stations will then be made by Sigs.
3	DAAG	First Aust Army will advise later the anticipated number of Jap PWs which can be expected in this area. Recovered Indian PWs. Matter of interrogation of these has been taken up with "A" Branch First Aust Army and is being discussed with GSI, First Aust Army.
4	ADMS	18 medical kits required by Sigs are now available and may be collected from NG Force Depot of Med and Vet Stores.
5	DAQMG	Read the report of postal activities during the past week. Owing to operational needs one 200 cub ft. refrigerator is to be withdrawn from 52 Aust Corps Fd Pk.

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6	DCRE	An inspection will be made of the W.W Road with a view to the possibility of withdrawing a platoon of the 9 Field Coy and releasing 200 natives.	
7	AQ	Heads of Branches and Services will submit to the AQ by 1530 hrs today a list showing all daily, weekly, monthly and yearly returns required from units. This list will be promulgated in routine orders.	
8	CAMP	No boot polish is available from Canteens Services. AQ suggested that Comforts Fund be approached with a view to a general issue of boot polish to Units.	
9	COMD	Inquired what progress had been made with the erection of additional hot showers in the officers lines. Camp stated that 22 Works Coy, under the direction of 53 DCRE were commencing the work.	

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MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 11 OCT 44. 26

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PART I

TOTAL NEW CASES

UNIT	Total New Cases	DYSENTERY: BACILLARY	DYSENTERY: AMOEBIC	DIARRHOEA	VDTX	PUO	SKIN DISEASES
HQ LAS Base Sub Area	303	-	2	1	5	4	
5 Aust Mil Bakery Pl	15	-	-	-	-	-	
9 Aust Mil Bakery Pl	16	-	-	-	1	-	
196 Aust Bde Pkup AMES	23	-	-	3	1	-	
2/8 Aust Gen Hosp	143	-	-	2	-	-	
129 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	57	-	-	-	-	-	
1 Aust Forest Survey Coy	45	-	-	-	-	-	
2 Aust Forest Survey Coy	35	-	2	1	-	-	
4 Aust Fd Regt	69	-	-	-	2	2	
[redacted] School of Sigs	122	-	-	3	2	-	
[redacted] Aust PAD	129	-	5	1	4	-	
2/7 Aust Gen Hosp	155	1	-	2	5	5	
HQ 5 Aust ESTOD	11	-	-	-	2	-	
82 Aust ESTOD	10	-	-	-	-	-	
85 Aust ESTOD	27	-	-	-	-	-	
38 Aust Wks Coy	72	-	1	7	-	-	
Details Depot, LAS	152	2	13	9	2	6	
9 Aust L of C Stat Dep	35	-	-	-	-	-	
10 Press Unit	75	-	-	1	-	-	
11 Aust Mob Laundry	72	-	-	2	-	-	
HQP Provost Coy	62	-	-	-	-	-	
112 Aust Gen Depot	62	-	1	-	-	-	
151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	366	-	-	6	-	23	
6 Aust Fuel Coy	54	-	-	-	-	-	
19 Aust L of C Sigs	698	-	5	19	1	45	
22 Aust Wks Coy	359	-	-	-	-	7	
21 Aust Fy AA	82	-	1	6	5	-	
133 Aust LAD	14	-	-	-	-	-	
43 Aust Landing Craft Coy	53	-	-	-	-	-	
8 Aust Army Tps Coy RAE	268	-	20	15	1	6	
2/7 Aust AGH Pkup AMES	358	-	-	-	-	-	
2 Aust EAC	152	-	-	3	-	8	
8 Aust HQ Gp	36	-	-	-	-	-	
126 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	136	-	-	4	3	1	
1 Aust Fortress Sig Sec	60	-	-	-	-	-	
25 AEWU	27	-	-	-	-	-	
HQ 1 Aust Water Tpt Gp	20	-	2	-	-	-	
2/3 Aust Sup Dep Pl AEC	30	-	-	-	-	-	
2/2 Aust Sup Dep Pl AEC	32	-	-	-	-	-	
2/2 Aust Sup Dep Pl AEC	22	-	-	-	4	-	
39 Aust Sup Dep Coy	22	-	-	-	-	-	
5 Aust FA Ammunitioning Pl	20	-	-	-	-	-	
22 AMES	44	-	-	-	-	-	
18 Aust Fd Amb	45	-	1	2	-	-	
23 AMCU	26	-	-	-	-	-	
1 Aust T/Draft Pkup AMES	129	-	-	-	-	-	
6 Aust Base Laundry	58	-	-	-	-	-	
8 Aust Fd Bakery Pl	52	-	-	-	-	-	
2/3 Aust Forestry Coy RAE	27	-	1	-	-	-	
3 Aust ESD	166	-	-	-	-	-	
7 Aust Base Postal Unit	110	-	-	-	-	-	
2/2 Aust Forestry Coy RAE	62	-	1	-	-	-	
20 AGH & Sub	76	-	-	-	-	-	
LASC Medical Post	202	-	2	3	1	1	
6 Aust Inf Bde Gp	2356	-	62	30	1	38	
1 Aust Fd Coy	25	-	-	2	-	-	
13 Aust FOD	350	1	3	13	3	17	
2/2 Aust Basha Gp Coy RAE	85	-	-	-	-	-	
- Sep 43 Aust Dental	6	-	-	-	-	-	
	15736	4	141	157	54	369	

Number of cases evacuated beyond RAP of :

(a)	Dysentery	6
(b)	Diarrhoea	21
(c)	UOFI	5

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HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA (AIF)

12 Oct 44.

NOTES FROM "Q" BRANCH CONFERENCE FIRST AUST ARMY 12 OCT 44.

1. DUMPU EVACUATION VEHICLES & STORES - LAE Base Sub Area requires to have figure and FIRST ARMY will give directions as to what stores to be evacuated or otherwise.

2. MAIL TO AUST - DADPS FIRST AUST ARMY to visit NADZAB to-day to arrange suitable details for mail service to and from AUST.

3. PAINT - Advice received at FIRST AUST ARMY from LHQ is that paint is on short supply and no further stocks can be expected this area for at least 3 months.

4. PERSONNEL AT ANUMBERS - FIRST AUST ARMY would arrange [illegible] for ANUMBERS plane at weekly or fortnightly intervals to carry medical maintenance stores and to pick up outgoing mail.

5. TARGET FIGURES - LAE Base Sub Area to work on basis of holding 30 days at LAE for maintenance reserve Native Battalions NADZAB area and 30 days maintenance reserve Army AASC stores there not inflected on Target Figures issued.

6. JACKHUNT SKY - It was indicated that in view of INT regarding [illegible] this project would now possibly become operational instead of administrative. Further instructions would issue at an early date.

Major

(IAN R. DUFFY)
DADOS LAE BASE SUB AREA.

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HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA.

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 12 OCT 44.

Present:- Comd
GII, I.O.,DCRE (Capt Vaughan) SIGS (Capt CLADHAM), AQ, DAAG, ADMS, DAPM, DO ANGAU, DAQMG, ADST, ADOS, CEME, Camp, Dental Officer.

Time of Commencement: 0731 hrs Conference terminated at 0752 hrs.

Serial No.	Report by	Report.	Decision by Comd.
1	G II	Moresby Base Sub Area closed at 102359I and Area Comd MORESBY opened same time.	
2	Sigs	Capt CLADHAM explained the system of high speed telegraph and submarine cable between New Guinea and Australia.	
3	DAAG	Matter of boot polish referred to in conference of 11 Oct 44. Stated ACF were unable to make a distribution to all units under command but small allocation of one tin between two men would be made to this HQ.	
4	DAQMG	Discussed matters arising from First Aust Army "Q" Conference. These have been passed to services concerned.	
5	DCRE	300 cub ft regrigerator at 58 Corps Fd Pk will be packed by this afternoon (ref Conference Minutes 11 Oct 44). An effort was made to float the floating dock yesterday, but the tide was not sufficiently high. It is expected that it will be afloat by 20 Oct 44.	
6	ADOS	Reported that indents submitted by Engineer Sig Sec 3 Aust Div and Engineer Sig Sec 5 Aust Div (new units being raised from personnel of NGAWW Coy) incorrectly made out. Requested Sigs representative to take the matter up with the appropriate sig officer to ensure that these units are instructed in the correct way to requisition for their WET entitlements.	
7	CEME	Expect 126 Bde Wkshop will be moving from area in approx 10 days. Arrangements have been made for all work to be taken over by LAE Area Wkshops.	
8	AQ	Sig personnel LAE-FINSCHHAFEN LINE. First flight of barges carrying one weeks rations scheduled to leave LAE 12 Oct. Further flights will be made by Sig Barges which will enable a further 23 days rations to be carried, thereby giving a balanced ration for 30 days. ANNANBERG. Maintenance of PIB in this area as long as aircraft are available is comparatively easy. Complaints have been received about difficulty of getting mail from ANNANBERG. Suggested that the possibilityof sending an L5 to ANNANBERG each fortnight carrying medical stores and canteen supplieswhich could carry out mail. DUMPU. 2000 rations, 8000 unexpendable stores,	

Serial	Report by	Report.	Decision by Comd.

5000 PoW may be removed and still will have 50 days rations. Also 9 MT which PIE has offered to strip ready for transport by air. DAQMG stated that previous endeavours by NGF had been made to transport these by air. but aircraft could not be made available. Clearing of DUMPU was NGF responsibility.
Adm Instns from First Aust Army showing target reserves is in the process of being circulated to those concerned.
Canteens and Engineers will receive relevant extracts from same. LAE Base commitments are MADANG, HOSKINGS PENINSULA Area and BUNA. Canteens have arranged for the supply of canteen goods from US PX at BUNA and FINSCHHAFEN. Heads of Services will submit monthly figures of maintenance in connection with outlying districts so that shipping etc. may be arranged.
Mobile Laundry. As from 14 Oct, Mob Laundry and Decn Unit will cease washing all clothes. The only washing done will be blankets. A clean issue of blankets will be made to units. Laundry will hold 500 to 1000 clean blankets. Laundry will continue to wash greasy dungarees.

Maj
(H. D. FERGUSON)
GS LAE BASE SUB AREA.

Time of Signature [illegible] hrs 12 Oct 44.

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Subject: HYGIENE AND ANTI-MOSQUITO TRAINING.

Headquarters,
LAE Base Sub Area
G.4638.

1. LAE Base Sub Area Hygiene School is now reopened and facilities are available to conduct the following courses :-

(a) General Hygiene and Sanitation Course.

Object: To train NCOs in supervision and methods of training for (i) hygiene duty men; (ii) Water duty men; (iii) Mosquito squad personnel.
Duration approximately 3 weeks.

(b) Hygiene Duties Course.

Object: To train hygiene duty personnel.
Duration 5 days.

(c) Water Duty Course.

Object: To train water duty personnel.
Duration 4 days.

(d) Unit Mosquito Squad Course.

Object: To train mosquito squad personnel.
Duration approximately 7 days.

2. So that the training liability may be assessed for each of the above courses, units will complete the attached proforma and return same to this HQ by 21 Oct 44.

Maj
(H.D.FERGUSON)
GS LAE BASE SUB AREA

12 Oct 44.

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31 Aust Ay AA Bty (4)
8 Aust Army Tps
20 Aust Fd Coy
54 Aust Dental Unit
78 Aust Depot Cash Office
79 Aust Depot Cash Office
81 Aust Depot Cash Office
96 Aust Depot Cash Office
7 Aust Base Postal Unit.
16 Aust Detention Barracks
NG Printing and Press Unit
8 Aust Sal Depot (4)
2 & 4 Sec Aust Kit Stores.
ADST (20)
ADMS (20)
ADOS (15)
CEME (15)
Camp.

VACANCIES REQUIRED AT LAE BASE SUB AREA HYGIENE SCHOOL COURSES.

(Ref LAE Base Sub Area G.4636 of 12 Oct 44)

Unit.....

Serial	Course	Vacancies	Remarks
1	General Hygiene and Sanitation.		
2	Hygiene		
3	Water Duty		
4	Unit Mosquito Squad		
5	Any other Hygiene Course required		

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Headquarters,
FIRST AUST ARMY
A111/7/13
18 Oct 44.

Subject - 16 AUST DETENTION BARRACKS

LAE BASE SUB AREA

Copy to: AUST AREA COMD MORESBY

Reference NGF memo A111/7/18 of 18 Sep 44.

LHQ has advised that the area at LAE has been appointed a place of detention by Order in Council signed on 4 Oct 44.

2. The area in question was defined in the survey description enclosed with LAE BASE SUB AREA message A82/3/3666 of 26 Aug.

(SGD) ? ? ? Major
for Brig.
DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY.

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HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA (AMF)

13 Oct 44.

NOTES FROM "Q" BRANCH CONFERENCE FIRST AUST ARMY 13 OCT 44.

1. FARM COY WAU - It was indicated that at least one pl Farm Coy WAU would possibly be required to remain until KRAP Farm came into production. Final decision would be made after GOC First Aust Army had returned from inspection of WAU area next week.

2. GUINEA GOLD - It was indicated that distribution policy of Guinea Gold which had been a "Q" matter was now being taken over by "A".

3. MFO - Sight check was being arranged at an early date of items in MFO Office.

4. POSTAL - Situation regarding inward and outward mails in this area now in hand owing to fresh arrangements completed with Movt Control and air transport.

5. GOC FIRST ARMY - VISIT TO WAU - It was indicated that GOC, 4 STAFF and 4 CAR would be visiting WAU 15 Oct and would stay 2 nights. Chief Engr making arrangements for transport, LAE Base to make arrangements for accommodation at AMSAU WAU.

Maj.

Major
(IAN R. DUFFY)
DAQMG LAE BASE SUB AREA.

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No. 9.

HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA.

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 13 OCT 44.

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Present:- Comd
GII, I.O., DCRE (Capt Vaughan), SCIII NG L of C Sigs, AA, DDS, DADS, DAPM, DO ANGAU, DA&MG, ADST, ADOS, CEME, Legal Offr, Camp.

Time of Commencement: 0732 hrs Conference terminated at 0900 hrs

Subject No.	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd.
1	GII	RAA First Aust Army would proof one 25 pdr gun from the mouth of the BUSU this morning, firing up to 20 rounds. To overcome the inefficient franking of mail at NGDD, Field Security personnel had been instructed to deliver three lectures weekly to franking officers at NGDD. 12 Small Ships Coy, 43 Landing Craft Coy, 55 Port Craft Coy and 4 Aust Sea Ambulance (Small Ships) under advanced HQ 3 Aust Water Transport Group. Under command Base Sub Area or Area Comd in which located for local adm.	
2	Sigs	16 AOP RAAF can now be contacted through S Comm Gp RAAF Switchboard, extension 12 of Lae Base 106. Sig Comm between 7 TMO and LAE Strip was unsatisfactory and suggested that the TMO be located nearer the strip. DA&MG suggested that the difficulty could be overcome if TMO established a small detachment or a representative at the strip.	
3	DA&G	Four majors and one captain from UK will be visiting New Guinea 15-31 Oct. They will be fostered by First Aust Army. 16 Oct they will visit installations in LAE. This HQ will supply a conductor. AMS First Aust Army advised that vacancy exists for Staff Officer (Capt) Native Labour with 3 Aust Div. Heads of Branches and Services knowing of a suitable officer wishing to transfer to advise DAAG. Authority has been given for the raising of a leave draft on a 10% basis.	
4	ADMS	Comparative Malarial rates in NG and Aust. New Guinea 50 cases per week Australia 2000 cases for the four weeks ending 8 Sept 44. These figures illustrate the necessity for strict malarial control measures being taken.	
5	DA&MG	DUMPU Evacuation Vehicles and Stores. LAE Base Sub Area required to make report and FIRST ARMY will give directions as to what stores to be evacuated or otherwise. MAIL TO AUST - DADPS First Aust Army to visit NADSAB today to arrange suitable details for mail service to and from AUST.	

Report by	Report	Decision by
	[illegible] -- Advice received at First Aust Army from LAE that paint is on short supply and further blocks can be supplied in this area for at least 2 months.	
	PUB ARMY AT HOLLANDIA - First Aust Army would arrange details for suitable plane at weekly or fortnightly intervals to carry medical maintenance stores and to pick up outgoing mail.	
	TARGET FIGURES. LAE Base Sub Area to work on basis of holding 30 days at LAE for maintenance reserve Native Rations MADANG Area and 30 days maintenance reserve sundry AASC stores where not indicated on Target Figures issued	
	JACQUINOT BAY - It was indicated that in view of Int regarding enemy tps this project would now possibly become operational instead of administrative Further instructions would be issued at an early date.	
	SHIPPING INFORMATION.	
	GORGON ETA 14 Oct 44. JAMES OLIVER ETA 22 Oct 44. J STIRLING NORTON ETA 20 Oct 44. ANNUI ETA 15 Oct 44. ORMISTON ETA 14 Oct 44.	
ADOS	Owing to ammunition coming into Ammunition Depot from outlying districts, it is necessary for 2 additional sheds to be built. FAD can supply labour, but timber is not available.	
	The bridge being constructed near gravel pit gives access to ammunition depot.	AQ to go into the matter
ADST	The future of WAU farm is being reconsidered by First Aust Army. ADST has made representation for the retention of the farm and desires personnel to remain at WAU until further notice. GOC First Aust Army will visit WAU on 15 Oct and will decide if the farm and WAU Road will be kept open. Present production of the one platoon is 12-15000 lbs of produce per week. This can be increased to 25,000 lbs per week without additional personnel.	
DCRE	A further attemp will be made to float floating dock this evening. RE sheds utilised by Engineers building floating dock will be handed over to ANGAU Marine Section.	
	ORs Club. Misunderstanding had occurred in the work at ORs Club concerning instructions for removal of buildings from Mad & Wew area. Instead of ceasing work on only those buildings, work ceased on the whole. Engineer Officer and Staff Capt "Q" will make an inspection this morning.	Instructed Engineers to complete Club with least delay.

Para No	Report by	Report.	Decision & Comd
9	COMD	Incinerators and destrictors were discussed with Hygiene Officer with a view to developing a plan and a satisfactory set up. It is considered that two large central destrictors should be designed and located one at Details Depot and one at 2/7 AGH, as incinerators at present being used were not big enough and unsatisfactory in use.	
10	AQ	15 natives required for Sig line LAE - FINSCHHAFEN will be drawn from this area. Maj VERTIGAN, ANGAU, had been asked for 3600 natives and had been able to supply only 2500. It will be necessary, owing to the decrease in European labour in this area that native labour replace Europeans as they march out. DO ANGAU stated that all available labour had been taken from this area, and of those being paid off a reasonable proportion must return to their villages to develop native gardens etc. It is considered that when the natives arrive from MADANG that the position will not be greatly improved as they will only counter balance natives who are being paid off.	
11	CRME	Requested that buildings on the 126 Bde Wkshops site be retained so that Bde Wkshops staging through the area could be employed.	

(H.D. FERGUSON)
GS LofC BaSE SUB AREA

Time of Signature ..... hrs 13 Oct 44.

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HQ 1st Base Sub Area _____ Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 14/20/194. (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.
[illegible]							

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lt-Col	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Major	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	

15 Oct [illegible]

Date of Despatch.

(L. Calvert) Capt

Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

41 /_____ (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 14/10/1944 HQ LAB BSA (Unit)

W.E. 1V 8C / 2 OFFRS. 43 O.R's 242 + OFFRS. - O.R's - ATT. BY W.E.

AS AMENDED BY HQ MacFA S/1/0/3/2 DATED 27 JAN 43

AMD A113/25/32

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	-	-	1	BdIGe					
5	2	-	3	Lieut.-Colonels					
16	7	-	9	Majors					
17	7	-	10	Captains					
6	-	1	7	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
3	-	-	3	A.A.N.S. and ~~A.A.W.A.C.~~ Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
48	16	1	33						

	DETAIL.		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.I.M.W.S.	C.IVIL.	N.A.I.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	A.		32	1								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; 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.
AX105178	T/Capt	GRIMES H.L.	HQ 2 AUST ARMY	6-10-44	Reposting to HQ LAB BS
VX117059	Lieut	SHIFT H.L.	2/7 A.G.H.	12-10-44	ATU - Off "X" List

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX104426	Lieut	DAWSON P.D.	PSL-Aust HQ Coy	12-9-44	Posting (Ex Leave)
QX 47662	Lieut	CRONISCH L.T.J.	1/9 A.G.H. Coy	11-10-44	R.T.U. Off Attchd
QX 35769	Capt	KING W.J.	2/7 Aust G.H.	13-10-44	Placed on 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 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 14/ 10 /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 Asstn.				G.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				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Prediction Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Asemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen Cpl	1	1	—	Bakers				Telescope Identfn. 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] Clerks	4	3	(1)
Electricians				Cooks	5	12	(7)	Woodturners				[illegible] B	4	4	—
Electricians (M.T.)				Dental Mechanics								[illegible] BDC	2	—	2
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Mod.)								[illegible] PMV	—	—	—
Fitters	—	1	(1)	Driver-Operator								[illegible] B	1	1	—
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								[illegible] B	15	11	4
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								[illegible] DC	7	7	—
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								[illegible]	—	—	—
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				[illegible] NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				[illegible]	2	2	—
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Batmen				[illegible] B	2	1	1
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	54	51	(3)	[illegible]			
Grinder, Precision				Hitto Operator				Clerks, Supply				[illegible] Batman	11	10	1
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				[illegible] General Duties	11	10	(1)
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				[illegible] WD Mate	11	10	1
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concreters				[illegible] Orderlies	2	1	1
Mechanics, Radio				Linemen				Cooks				[illegible] Sgt Duty	1	1	—
Mechanics, Typewriter	1	1	—	Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies	—	1	(1)	[illegible] Cpl	1	1	—
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				[illegible] ATTACHED R.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				[illegible] B/C	1	—	(1)
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood	—	1	(1)	Drivers, M.T.	—	3	(3)	[illegible] Sig Sec	11	10	1
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	3	3	—	[illegible] MOTOR	—	—	—
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				[illegible] SIGNALS	3	3	—
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				[illegible] Postal	1	1	—
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				[illegible] DRIVER	—	—	(1)
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				[illegible] Sgt Duty	—	—	—
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates	INCREMENT AUG/SEP 45						
Surveyors				Observation Post Asstn.				Gun Layers	(DETAILS — BACK PAGE)				47	30	17
CARRIED FORWARD	3	4	(1)	CARRIED FORWARD	12	16	(6)	CARRIED FORWARD	48	61	(13)	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.	242	226	16

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 red in the blank spaces on this page.

16 Oct 44 — *Date of Despatch*

(L.Calvert) Capt Camp Cmdt — *Signature of Commander*

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SURPLUS TO WE

						Present Duties	Qual. Post
1	WO1	QX66000	WILSON	B.J.	A1 : A5	A/Asst Camp Comdt	WO1 Clerk

1	WO1	AADC Bde WO1
1	S/Sgt	Hygienic Inspector
1	S/Sgt	C.A.A.C.C.
1	Sgt	Clerk
1	Sgt	A.A.A.C.C. (Filling position as S/Sgt)
1	Cpl	Clerk
1	Cpl	Arty Clerk
1	Cpl	General Duty
1	Cpl	A.A.A.C.C. Cooks
1	TG1	Fitter
1	TG11	Wood Machinist
1	TG111	Despatch Rider
2	TG111	Dvr. M.T.
3	TG11	AACC Cooks
20		

DEFICIENCY TO WE

1	S/Sgt	Clerk
1	S/Sgt	A.A.A.C.C.
3	Sgt	Hyg. Inspectors
1	Sgt	A.A.A.C.C.
1	Sgt	A.A.A.C.C. Cook
1	Cpl	A.A.A.C.C.
1	Cpl	A.A.A.C.C.
4	TG111	Clerks A.A.A.C.C.
1	TG111	A.A.A.C.C.
1	TG111	A.A.A.C.C.
4	Ptes	Gen. Duty
19		

DEFICIENCY SPECIALISTS WE

1	Sgt	Dvr M.T.
1	TG111	Dvr Mech
15	Ptes	Dvr M.T.
17		

DETAILS OF SPECIAL INCREMENT
(AIR/20/58 & LHQ SM 2562)

	WE	POSTED	DEFICIENT
Sgt	1	-	1
Cpl	1	1	-
TG11 Cook	1	1	-
TG111 Dvr. Mech	2	1	1
Drivers M.T.	22	7	15
	27	10	17

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

41 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 14/10/194 4 HQ LAE BSA (Unit)

W.E. 1V / 86 / 2 . OFFRS. 48 O.R's. 242 + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E.

AS AMENDED BY HQ NGF SM/G/6554 of 17 JAN 44

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

AND A112/25/86 LHC SM 8062 of 18 AUG 44

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
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	-	2	4	W.Os. Class I.					
10	-	-	10	W.Os. Class II.					
1	-	1	2	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
7	1	-	6	Staff Sergeants					
25	4	-	21	Sergeants					
37	-	3	40	Corporals					
160	17	-	143	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*	22	6	226 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	*				*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for completion 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., 26 U.K. Forces, 16 N.Z. Forces.

Details	A AIF	A Dep.	A C.M.P. Cadre(1) and Others	B C.M.P. Others and Offr.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A	126	31	40	29				[redacted]	[redacted]		226
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
5	A.A.S.C.		
2	4 Aust ROD		
1	HQ ANGAU		
1	4 Aust Sup Coy Pl		
1	Lae Area w/Ships		
21	A.A.S.C.		
1	100 Aust Fd Bde		
1	ADOS NGF		
2	[illegible] Coy		
1	14/58 A Inf Bn		
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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.
5	TOM Major [illegible]		
1	Area Command [illegible]		
1	5B Corps Fd Park		
7			

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).

DETAILS OF PART "B"

	WO1	WO11	S/SGT	SGT	CPL	SPEC	NON-SPEC	TOTAL
Ammunition Examiner	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Draughtsman	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Fitters	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Mech.Typewriter	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Cooks	-	-	-	-	3	10	-	13
Machinists Wood	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Clerks	1	-	1	6	9	15	-	32
Despatch Rider	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Drivers.L.T.	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
Driver Mechs	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	5
Arty Clerks	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3
AAMC Clerks	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	4
AADC Clerks	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
PMOV Clerk	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
AAPC Clerk	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
AASC Clerks	-	1	2	3	4	1	-	11
AACC Clerks	-	1	-	1	1	4	-	7
AEME Clerks	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	3
AAES Clerks	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	3
AAAS Clerks	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2
Batmen	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	10
General Duty	-	-	-	-	7	-	5	12
Drivers L.T.	-	-	4	1	3	-	35	43
Orderlies	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	5
Water Duties	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
CSM WO11	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Ck.M.S. S/Sgt	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Hygiene Insp.	-	8	1	6	-	-	-	15
Medical Orderlies	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
Storeman	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
AA Postal	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
AAOC Bde WO1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Hygiene Duty	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	7
Spec.Increment(All/15/30)	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	13
TOTALS :-	4	10	6	21	40	47	96	234

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HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 14 OCT 44.

Present:- Comd
GII, I.O., DCRE, NG L OF C SIGS (CAPT VOLK), AQ, DAAG, ADMS, DAD HYG., DO ANGAU, DAQMG, ADST, ADOS, CAMP, CEME.

Time of Commencement: 0732 hrs Conference terminated at 0758 hrs.

Serial No.	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd.
1	Sigs	A jeep had been issued to NG L of C Sigs without a windscreen or hood.	Sigs to advise "Q" where jeep was obtained.
2	DAAG	US Officers arriving this area are to be treated as a training team. Capt HESSER will be conducting officer for their visit to LAE Base Installations. GII Trg First Aust Army will advise what particular installations they are interested in. Vacancy exists for Adjutant at LHQ Tactical School, preferably an officer in the upper age group.	
3	DAD HYG	Units have been instructed to nominate number of vacancies required for Hygiene School which will commence soon.	
4	DAQMG	C.-in-C. has intimated that the WAU farm will be kept open until the ERAP farm commences to produce. GOC First Aust Army and three senior officers are proceeding to WAU on Sunday and will probably stay 3 days. GUINEA GOLD First Aust Army have instructed that policy etc. of Guinea Gold is to be taken over by "A" Branch. Outgoing mail position is now working on a more satisfactory basis. Previously mail for the early morning plane had to be delivered at the strip by 1600 hrs the previous day. Mail will now be accepted up to midnight. 38 Works Coy may be expected to move from the area on 16 or 17 Oct, which depletes our floating labour resources considerably. Staff Capt "Q" (Capt KING) has marched into hospital and will probably be evacuated to the mainland.	
5	S&T	19 loads of gravel were delivered to NGDD yesterday.	
6	DCRE	Reported that on his inspection of the WAU LABU Road he found that with smaller convoys the road was standing up to the traffic much better. Recommended that the platoon of 9 Fd Coy be withdrawn and the road maintained with native labour only. Estimated that 300 natives would be able to handle the maintenance. DAQMG asked if the det 8 Army Tps (45 personnel) could be withdrawn from the Corps Fd Pk and used in their role of tradesmen in the building of ORs Club.	

Serial No.	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd.
		DCRE stated that only Engineer personnel could handle the stores position at 58 Corps Fd Pk.	

Maj
(H.D. FERGUSON)
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Stats Sec "A" Branch,
H.Q. LAE BASE SUB AREA (AIF)

14 OCT 44.

WEEKLY FIELD STATE as at 0600 hours, 14 Oct44.

POSTED STRENGTH		573	8558
ATTACHED ALLOWED AND NOT ALLOWED BY WE		91	1370
TOTAL TROOPS UNDER COMMAND		664	9928
UNITS UNDER COMMAND	167		
UNITS MARCHED IN	4		
UNITS MARCHED OUT	4		
DECREASE IN OFFRS			25
DECREASE IN O/Rs			703

STAGING UNITS
Adv H.Q. 13 Aust Bde
& 7 other units

POSTED STRENGTH	31	498

(N.A. NORRIS) LT COL
A/AA & QMG LAE BASE SUB AREA

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HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA.

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MINUTES OF COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE, 16 OCTOBER, 1944.

Present: Comd
GII, I.O., DGMS, SOMEI NG L OF C SIGS, AQ, DAAG, ADMS, DAPM, DO ANGAU, AMENITIES OFFR, DA.QMG, ADST, ADOS, CEME, CMP.

Time of Commencement 0730 hrs. Conference terminated at 0800 hrs

Serial No.	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd.
1	DAAG	Word had been received from First Army that ORs of AANWS would conform to GRO [illegible]. This includes restrictions on their presence in Officers' Messes.	
2	AMENITIES	Y5 Mobile Cinema Unit has been replaced by 83 Mobile Cinema Unit ex BUNA. This will enable pictures to continue as in the past. Sporting material supply exhausted but as some First Army material has arrived it is hoped that an allotment will be made to L/E Base. 1 - 25KVA has been obtained for the use of Concert Parties. This overcomes the difficulties regarding the staging of concerts.	
3	DA.QMG	Corps Field Pk has large stocks of paint and hardwood for vehicles and Ordnance should indent direct to Engineers for their requirements. Recommendations made to First Army for two BIPCD pls in this area instead of a BIPCD HQ and one pl has been recommended by First Army to LHQ.	
4	DCRE	Asked that demands from Ordnance for paint be made in bulk, and that Ordnance make its own arrangements regarding the cutting of timber supplied by Engineers. BUBU water point and pipe line now completed. The attendance of a Staff Capt "Q" at the weekly Engineers conference has proved to be helpful to Engineers. It is requested that a "Q" representative attend the weekly Engineer conference.	
5	S&T	85 loads of gravel were delivered to Details Depot during period 14 and 15 Oct.	
6	AQ	Instructed that a check of ships cargo coming into depots be made and insist on the drivers of vehicles checking their load at the wharf and having it rechecked on arrival at delivery point. This applies to Engrs, S & T, Ord, AEME. Application has been made for Catering Supervisor (Lieutenant) to fill vacancy in WE this HQ.	
7	COMD	Stated that his staff was not informed of figures of the holdings in Engineers Stores and ADOS. ADOS and DCRE explained that these figures	

Report by	Report.	Decision by Comd.
	were rendered direct by Depots to First Aust Army. ADOS stated that this was the only Sub Area in New Guinea where ADOS was not responsible for stocks held in Depots, and that the stocking and issuing was handled by DDOS First Army. AQ stated that unless the Staff was informed of the stocks held, the Comd could not discharge his responsibilities of custody of these stores.	Will take matter up regarding Ordnance and Engineer Stores with First Army.

(H.D. FERGUSON) Maj
GS I&E BASE SUB AREA

Time of Signature .....hrs 16 Oct 44.

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SUBJECT:- AMENDMENT TO LAE BASE SUB AREA LOCATION STATEMENT NO. 18

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA

G4691

Attached as appendix "A" is an amendment to Lae Base Sub Area Location Statement No. 18 of 30 Sep 44, setting out changes in location to 2359 hrs 15 Oct 44.

Please acknowledge on form attached.

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

17 Oct 44

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As per G4532 of 4 Oct 44.

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SUBJECT:- AMENDMENT TO LAE BASE SUB AREA LOCATION STATEMENT NO. 18.

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APPENDIX "A" TO LAE BASE
SUB AREA G4691 of 16 Oct 44

AMENDMENT TO LAE BASE SUB AREA LOCATION STATEMENT No. 18 of 30 Sep 44 - COMPILED AS AT 2359 hrs 15 OCT 44.

DELETE the following Serials :-

B 1, 2, 3,

C 1

D 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 54, 59.

G 3, 31.

H 4, 21.

L 9, 11, 18.

S 2, 6,

INSERT the following Serials :-

C	14A	CRE 3 AUST WATER TPT GP (AIF)	LAE	665390
D	19A	DET 28 AUST LINE SEC	LAE NADZAB	LINE ROUTE
	19B	DET 28 AUST LINE SEC	LAE BUTALA	CARRIER ROUTE
	26A	DET 11 AUST DR SEC	NADZAB	LABU
	26B	DET 18 AUST DR SEC	LAE	712418
	52A	22 AUST TELE OP SEC	LAE	712418
	44A	5 AUST PIGEON LOFT	LAE	712418
G	7A	WKSP PL 151 AUST GEN TPT COY		WAU
	22A	DET 3 AUST FARM COY	WAU	W387709
J	1A	HQ 54 AUST DENTAL UNIT	LAE	708405
C	4	DET 10 AUST L OF C PRO COY	LAE	687434 STAGING
U	2A	3 AUST CORPS SAL UNIT	LAE	670463

AMEND the following Serials to read :-

A	17	LAE 687389
C	4	REAR PARTY 10 AUST FD COY
	11	59 AUST CORPS FD PK (LESS DET)
	12	DET 2/1 RY CONSTR COY (M E) (LESS ONE PL & DET) LAE 717423
	21	IN "REMARKS" - ABSORBED No. 1 PL 51 PORT CRAFT COY
	53	2/2 AUST FORESTRY COY (LESS ONE PL & DET)

AMEND the following Serials to read :-

D	1	B AUST CORPS SIGS (LESS ADM DET & No. 1 COY)
	12	4 AUST CIPHER SEC (LESS DET)
	19	28 AUST LINE SEC (LESS DETS)
	26	11 AUST DR SEC (LESS DET)
	36	18 AUST WIRELESS SEC (HY) (LESS DET)
	40	81 AUST WIRELESS SEC (LT) (LESS DET)
E	8	REAR HQ 36 AUST INF BN
G	1	126 AUST GEN TPT COY (LESS DET)
	2	REAR PARTY 129 AUST GEN TPT COY
	4	REAR PARTY 133 AUST GEN TPT COY
	7	LAE 722442
	8	C PL (LESS DET) & ONE WKSP PL 158 AUST GEN TPT COY
	26	14 AUST SUP DEPOT PL (LESS A SEC)
H	1	2/7 AUST GEN HOSP (1200 BEDS) (LESS DET)
	7	6 AUST FD AMB (LESS A COY)
	9	8 AUST FD AMB (LESS DET)
	11	LAE 705472
	17	28 A M C U (LESS DET)
J	2	B SEC 54 AUST DENTAL UNIT
L	10	237 AUST LAD (TYPE A)
M	4	LAE 710415
N	3	WAU W574716

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HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA.

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 17 OCTOBER, 1944

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Present: Comd
GII, I.O., DCRE, SOIII NG L OF C SIGS, AQ, DAAG, ADMS, DAPM, DO ANGAU, DAQMG, ADST, ADOS, CEME, CAMP.

Time of Commencement: 0736 hrs. Conference terminated at 0805 hrs.

Minute No.	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd.
1	G II	Advised 594 EBS (US) under Comd 5 Div, for unloading ships.	
2	SIGS	Poles required for replacing of Sig lines will be approx 550. It is considered that red mangrove poles are the most suitable as they have a life of from 12 to 15 months. It is understood that there are some red mangrove poles already cut by the Americans at LAEU and these are available. AQ asked if the poles could be cut at YALU, if suitable. Sigs to inspect these poles. Break down on LAE - NADZAB line on 16 Oct owing to a tree falling across the line and bringing down 20 poles.	
3	DAAG	Reported two war correspondents were quartered this HQ 16 Oct 44. Expects advice today as to their duties. DAPM was withdrawing 2 provost from ZENAG and 2 of the 4 from LAEU to overcome the need for additional provost in LAE Area.	
4	ADMS	Patients 2/7 AGH 638 112 Con Depot 65 Admissions: 11 Malaria, 9 Dengue 41 Dysentry, 27 Skin. 2/2 Docks Operating Coy had 5 cases of malaria during the past week. AQ asked for particulars over two previous weeks for the malaria rate 2/2 Docks Operating Coy. DAAG stated information was being obtained. Reorganisation 112 Con Depot from 1000 to 500 bed was almost completed. 115 Con Depot was not complete owing to no advice being received of officer postings. Rest Home. Staff of Sisters' Rest Home were now with 2/7 AGH and had all their equipment. Stated it would be a great help is the Rest Home could be established.	Asked that the matter be discussed.
5	DAQMG	Removal of vehicles from DUMPU has been authorised by First Army and when vehicles are cut into suitable loads, aircraft will be made available. AEME to arrange to have vehicles cut for transport. 2 Aust Corps are likely to be in the area for a further 6 weeks and may require Scale "A" accommodation.	No further building will be done. 2 Aust Corps will be fitted into existing camps.

Serial No.	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd.
6	ADOS	43 FCD Sergeants' Mess was now completed with the exception of sac sac roof. ADOS stated that 8 Army Tps were having difficulty in preparing stock taking returns to account for their surplus and deficiencies against WE entitlement. 45 running vehicles were at FINSCHHAFEN and First Army has agreed that they may be moved to LAE. AQ asked "Q" to take the matter up.	Would be many weeks before sac sac could be made available. Suggested mess be roofed with galvanised iron.
7	COMD		S&T to investigate need of Farm Coy in regard to US jeep chassis for the mounting of engines for pumping and to arrange for these to be supplied to Farm Coy.
8	S&T	10 loads of gravel were delivered to NGDD 16 Oct 44.	
9	DCRE	Additional 20 men from 8 Army Tps will be put on the construction of ORs Club tomorrow. This was made possible by the withdrawal of the one platoon 9 Fd Coy from WAU Road. It is estimated it will be two or three weeks before the Club is completed.	
10	CAMP	Camp with Amenities Offr inspected the MALAHANG Beach Area. Dressing sheds were now completed, the only thing requiring attention being the roof on sisters' dressing shed. It was not possible for beach area to be kept clean by the caretaker. DO ANGAU asked that native labour be not used for beach clearing. Beach area was out of bounds to US Negros but they got into the area by Dukws. DAPM is taking matter up with US Provost Marshal.	Engineers to look into matter of roofing with galvanised iron. AA Bty will be instructed to supply working party for keeping beach clean.

(H.D. FERGUSON)
GS I&E Base Sub-Area.

Time of Signature .... hrs 17 Oct 44.

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HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA (ADM)

18 Oct 44.

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LAE BASE SUB AREA ADM INSTN NO. 4.

(Ref First Aust Army Adm Instn No. 1 of 8 Oct)

1. All previous instns regarding reserve holdings are cancelled.

2. Reserves will be held by services in accordance with Appx attached.

3. In addition 30 days working stocks will be held at LAE for all areas of responsibility.

4. Estimated strengths as at 31 Dec 44 are :-

	Fd Tps	Base Tps	Total
(a) MILNE BAY	-	400	400
(b) BUNA	-	300	300
(c) LAE	4000	9000	13000
(d) MADANG	4000	1000	5000
(S & T are responsible for supply of RAAF rations & POL est. 3000 Total for S & T 8000)			
(e) TALASEA HOSKINS	1000		1000

5. After consideration of stock of reserves "Q" Branch this HQ will be informed of estimated monthly tonnage required together with dead weight and cubic measurements so that application for shipping can be made well in advance. It is requested that the return reach this HQ before 21 Oct and thereafter by the 15th of each month.

6. (a) Services will submit list of returns required from other areas to ensure maintenance is carried out smoothly. On receipt of list of returns LAE Base Sub Area will request First Aust Army to arrange for submission direct.

(b) Services may communicate on technical matters direct with 36 Aust Inf Bn TALASEA HOSKINS repeating sigs and letters to HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde and 5 Aust Div for infm.

Lt-Col.
(N. A. NORRIS)
A/AA & QMG LAE BASE SUB AREA.

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SCALE OF MAINTENANCE RESERVES

Serial	SWPA rations, Expense Stores, Hospital Sups Anti-MALARIAL stores (Scale Malarious areas)	Sundry AASS Stores	Native Rations	POL	Canteen Stores
1. MILNE BAY	To be maintained by USASOS	Rtn Strength plus 30 days To be maintained by/reserve LAE Base Sub Area	60 days for 10,000 to be maintained by USASOS	To be maintained by USASOS	To be maintained by USASOS
2. BUNA	To be maintained by LAE Base Sub Area	Rtn Strength plus 30 days To be maintained by/reserve LAE Base Sub Area	To be maintained by USASOS	To be maintained by USASOS	To be maintained by LAE Base S Area
3. LAE	(a) 60 days for 13,000 plus (b) 30 days for 8,000 at MADANG(incl RAAF) plus (c) 30 days for 1,000 at TALASEA HOSKINS	(a) Canned Meat 3000 tins (b) Chocolate 200x½ lbs (c) A3's 3000 (d) Mite lot 400 gl (e) Tobacco 500 rtn (f) Op Rotn 10,000	60 days for 10,500 (Note Natives at FINSCHHAFEN will be maintained by USASOS Plus 30 days	(a) 60 days for 13,000 plus (b) 30 days for 8,000 at MADANG for 1000 at TALASEA HOSKINS	(a) 60 days for 13,000 plus (b) 30 days for 5,000 at MADANG
4. MADANG	30 days for 8,000 (incl RAAF) To be maintained by LAE Base Sub Area	(a) Canned Meat 4000 tins (b) Chocolate 200x½ lbs (c) A3's 500 (d) Mite lot. 200 gls (e) Tobacco 500 rtns (f) Op Retn 1000 To be maintained by LAE Base Sub Area	60 days for 10,000 To be maintained by LAE Base Sub Area	30 days for 8,000(incl: One Regt Tanks less 2 sqns - (distillate) To be maintained by LAE Base Sub Area	30 days for 5,000 (To be maintained by LAE Base Sub Area)
5. TALASEA HOSKINS	30 days for 1,000 (to be maintained by LAE Base Sub Area	(a) Canned Meat 15,000 tins (b) Chocolate 200x½ lbs (c) A3's 1,000 (d) Mite lot. 50 gals (e) Tobacco 200 rtns (f) Op Rtns 5,000 To be maintained by LAE Base Sub Area	30 days for 1,000 (To be maintained by LAE Base Sub Area)	30 days for 1,000 (To be maintained by LAE Base Sub Area) Det Coy B 591 ESB Regt 30 days reserve for 8 LCM's	30 days for 1,000 (To be maintained by LAE Base Sub Area)

Medical Stores	Ammunition Base Tps	 Fd Tps	Ordnance Stores No 1, 2 and 3 Sub Depot Items	Engineer Stores
To be maintained by USASOS	60 (Q) To be held at LAE	60 (Q)	To be maintained by LAE Base Sub Area	To be maintained by LAE Base Sub Area
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To be maintained by LAE Base Sub Area	60 (Q) Incl - one Tk Regt less 2 sqns To be maintained by LAE Base Sub Area	60 (Q)	30 days for 5,000 To be maintained by LAE Base Sub Area	¼ CRE Dump of 1,000 tons - 250 tons (M) To be maintained by LAE Base Sub Area
30 days for 1,000 to be maintained by LAE Base Sub Area		15 (I) 60 (M)	30 days for 1,000 To be maintained by LAE Base Sub Area	1/5 CRE Dump of 1,000 tons - 200 tons (M) To be maintained by LAE Base Sub Area

Note: Q - Quiet rate
M - Moderate rate
I - Intense Rate

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE 18 OCTOBER, 1944.

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Present: Comd
GII, I.O., DCRE, AQ, DAAG, ADMS, DAPM, DO ANGAU, DAQMG, ADST, ADOS, CEME, EDUCATION OFFR, CAMP.

TI[illegible] Commencement 0731 hrs Conference terminated at 0[illegible]

[illegible]	Report	Decision [illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	First Army advised that 127 Fy AA Bn will move to JACQUINOT BAY. As 21 AA Bty will be taken from its operational role, it is anticipated that working parties will be available as from Friday, 20 Oct 44.	
2 DAPM	Ref Conference Minutes 17 Oct 44 para 10. DAPM has discussed matter of negros going into beach area with US Provost Marshal and beach will be patrolled by a launch of US pers.	
3 DO ANGAU	Restricted areas of Native Labour Compound, LFC, and Native Hospital had been used by picnic parties on Sundays. As this is the only strip of beach available for native bathing, it was asked that again attention be drawn to all ranks that these areas are out of bounds to all ranks.	Routine Order to be prepared.
EDUCATION	Initial performance of LAE Concert Orchestra will be given at the MALAHANG Gun Site 19 Oct 44. From this orchestra it is proposed to form a Military Band.	
5 DAQMG	Copy of LHQ SM had been received stating that 4 Bde Gp would [illegible] leaving Australia. 4 Bde eqpt now at MADANG would be available for the use of outfitting other units. Units returning Aust will take all equipment unless otherwise directed by First [illegible] Army. Evacuation of WAU. Instructions will be issued today regarding the imprest articles. These will be locked and stored by Area Comd and handed over to ANGAU WAU. Authority has been given for Comd LAE Base Sub Area to write off up to £50.	
6 ADOS	With a view to obtaining better standing for vehicles, inspection will be made this afternoon of a new site for the Ordnance Vehicle Park.	
7 SAT	24 loads of gravel were delivered to Details Depot 17 Oct 44. Ref Conference 17 Oct 44, para 7. 4 chassis and 4 pumps have been obtained for Fram Coy and pumps are being mounted on chassis by AEME. It is expected that one will be completed today and another on Saturday. Owing to 52 BIPOD Pl moving it will be necessary that other arrangements be made for the messing of small units located in the CHARING CROSS Area.	AQ to investigate possibilities of these units messing at GHQ.

Serial No.	Reports	Report	Decision of Comd.
8	DCRE	Ref Conference 17 Oct 44 para 10. Inspection was made of Sisters dressing shed at MALA-HANG Beach and it will be possible to roof with galvanised iron. Floating Dock has been successfully launched. It is expected that 11 CRE (Wks) will arrive within the next two days, and they will take over cmd of Engineers from 53 DCRE. Quantities of steel and equipment etc. used in building the Floating dock were imprest from the gold mines WAU. DAQMG asked that copies showing the details of the impressment which had been forwarded through technical channels be given to "Q".	
9	AQ	Reported an inspection was made of the hospital and would have a conference this morning with Engineers and Hygiene concerning [illegible].	
10	CAMP	Reported that he had made requisition for flooring for sergeants sleeping huts as during heavy rains they swamped. DAQMG stated that now the timber supply had greatly improved he would make the timber available.	Will make an inspection of the huts.

[signature]
Lt. Maj
(H.D. FERGUSON)
GS LAE BASE SUB AREA

Time of Signature ..... hrs 18 Oct 44.

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CONSOLIDATED SICK RETURN LAE BASE SUB AREA WEEK ENDING 14 OCT 44

CONFIDENTIAL

PART 2

HQ LAE Base Sub Area
Ref : BM/720/2631
Oct 44

TOTAL NEW CASES 41

UNIT	Total Est Str	DYSENTERY	DIARRHOEA	URTI	PUO	SCRUB DISEASES
HQ LAE Base Sub Area	278	-	-	3	1	5
District Finance Office	52	-	-	-	-	1
103 FAD	250	-	1	1	2	1
6 Aust Hosp Laundry	51	-	-	-	-	-
5 AA Ops Room	23	-	-	-	1	-
6 Aust Inf Bde Gp	2191	1	9	24	9	29
20 Aust Fd Coy	206	-	1	-	-	1
16 Aust Detention Bks	74	-	1	-	2	5
151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	370	-	-	1	1	6
Det 2 Aust Fd Svy Coy	35	-	-	-	-	10
5 Aust BSD	160		1			3
2/7 Aust Gen Hosp	490	3	-	7	1	15
LABU Medical Post	500	-	-	2	-	20
4 Aust Fd Baking Coy	11	-	-	-	-	-
5 Aust Fd Baking Pl	28	-	-	-	-	1
9 Aust Fd Baking Pl	14	-	-	-	-	-
1 Aust Forest Svy Coy	43	-	-	-	-	-
2/8 Aust Gen Hosp	154	-	-	-	-	-
2/3 Aust Forestry Coy	171	-	-	-	-	10
NGF School of Signals	113	-	-	1	2	1
2 Aust Forestry Svy Coy	45	-	-	-	1	2
43 Aust Landing Craft Coy	340	-	[illegible]	11	-	13
43 Aust FOD	550	-	1	6	5	10
Det 126 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	193	-	1	2	-	4
HQ 7 Aust Base Postal Unit	95	-	-	-	-	-
52 Aust BIFOD	10	-	-	-	1	-
55 Aust BIFOD	27	-	-	-	-	-
HQ 3 Aust BIFOD	12	-	-	-	-	-
2/2 Aust Docks Op Coy RAE	285	-	-	-	2	-
38 Aust Wks Coy	387	-	1	8	1	11
HQ Adv 2 Echn	74	-	-	-	-	2
8 Aust Fd Baking Pl	47	-	-	-	-	1
HQ 39 Aust Sup Dep Coy	15	-	-	-	-	-
2/162 Aust Sup Dep Pl	32	-	-	-	-	-
2/163 Aust Sup Dep Pl	24	-	-	-	-	-
2/245 Aust Sup Dep Pl	23	-	-	-	-	-
22 Aust Wks Coy	345	-	-	-	[illegible]	3
31 Aust Fy AA Bty	214	-	1	6	3	3
HQ Details Depot	784	-	4	8	3	66
63 AMU "E" Sec	6	-	-	-	-	-
2 Aust HAC	141	-	-	16	2	10
NGF Pro Coy	92	-	-	-	-	-
HQ Press Unit	75	-	-	-	-	1
2/7 Aust Adv Wksps	360	-	1	-	2	16
8 Aust Army Tps	250	-	-	10	-	40
126 Aust Bde Fd Pk	28	-	-	2	-	6
1 Aust Fort Sig Sect	50	-	-	-	-	1
112 Aust Gen Depot	156	-	1	-	-	15
25 AMDU	27	-	-	-	-	-
AACS	126	-	1	2	-	1
18 Aust Fd Amb	126	-	-	1	-	3
28 AMDU	10	-	-	-	-	1
District Accounts Office	50	-	-	-	-	-
22 AMDU	17	-	-	-	-	-
5 Aust Fd Butchering Pl	21	-	-	-	-	1
8 Aust MC Gp	100	-	1	-	-	2
29 Aust L of C Sigs	650	-	2	17	-	40
21 ML & D Unit	74	-	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	10,945	5	27	128	40	347

CONSOLIDATED SICK RETURN - W/E 14 OCT 44

PART II

Number of cases evacuated beyond RAP of :

(a) Dysentery	4
(b) Diarrhoea	7
(c) URTI	4
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WEEKLY DENTAL REPORT. Week ending 14 Oct 44.

(a) Sections Operating - 7 (7 Officers).

(b) Work performed during week:-

No. of men treated	-	436
" " " extractions	-	46
" " " fillings	-	276
" " " dentures	-	46
Men made Dentally Fit	-	133

(Sgd) L. SKUES Major.
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19 OCT 1944

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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WEEKLY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 15 OCT 44

I have to report the following activities of Provost in the Lae area for the week ending 15 Oct 44.

Sat 7 Oct

2. 2 Pte were evacuated from 2/7 A.G.H. to N.G.F. Provost Coy.

Sun 8 Oct

3. M/c escort of six WOs provided for GOC First Aust Army to Lae Base Chapel.

Mon 9 Oct

4. 14 Cpls of 10 L of C Provost Coy marched in to N.G.F. Provost Coy and attached for rations.

5. Patrols visited Lae Base Theatre, No 10 American Theatre and American Red Cross. Favourable reports have been received on the behaviour of troops at these places of entertainment.

Tues 10 Oct

6. Routine duties.

Wed 11 Oct

7. Australian MPs arrested an American soldier who was in possession of 5 bottles of Australian beer. The soldier was handed over to the American Military Police. The beer, which was confiscated, is being held as evidence in the event of further action being taken by American authorities.

8. Escort of 1 Sgt and 11 Cpls provided for escort and special traffic control duties for C-in-C.

9. 1 offr and 20 OR of 3 Aust Div Provost Coy marched out from N.G.F. Provost Coy for an movement.

Thurs 12 Oct

10. Routine duties.

Fri 13 Oct

11. "B" Corps Sigs reported the loss of a S & W Pistol No 721152 on charge to Lieut Mills J.E. Lieut Mills handed the pistol to the cloakroom attendant at Base "E" Officers' Club and obtained a receipt. On his leaving the club the pistol was found to be missing. It was returned the following day by an officer who had taken it in error and was handed over to the Provost investigator.

GENERAL

12. The general standard of road discipline in the area has decreased considerably. MPs report that drivers are not giving clear hand signals on approaching intersections, nor are they dimming headlights at night. An accident was caused by the latter offence on 11 Oct as a result of which a 3 ton truck overturned on the Butibum Rd. A total of 45 traffic offences have been reported for the week.

13. Many units are still using transport to attend cinemas without the necessary authority. Reports have already been submitted.

14. Copy of N.G.F. Provost SGT's weekly traffic report attached for

W.E. Osborne Capt A.P.M.

A.A.Amenities Service,
LAE Base Sub-Area,
13/10/44.

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AMENITIES REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 13 OCT 44

HQ LAE Base Sub-Area.

1. During past week issues of sporting material were made to the following units :-

HQ LAE Base Sub-Area,
HQ Northern Region, ANGAU, ANGAU Compound
112 Conv Depot
19 L of C Sigs, 1 Aust Fortress Sigs
34 Hvy Wireless Section
22 Works Coy, 8 Aust Army Troops
129 A.G.T.Coy, 55 Port Craft Coy, 43 Land Craft Coy
1 Aust Watercraft W/Shops, 55 Aust BIPOD
Adv 2 Echelon, Adv Base Post Office
2/8 Commando Squn, N.G.Details Depot, 39 A.S.D.
43 F.O.D, 126 Bde Ordnance Fd Park
31 Hvy A/A Bty, HQ 8 Aust Salvage
105 Aust Mob Bath Unit, 7TMO (RAAF)

Visits were made to Base Postal, 112 Conv Depot, 2/8 A.G.H, 2/7 A.G.H, 22 Works Coy, 3 Aust Div Amenities, 1 Aust Army Amenities and U.S.Special Services.

2. CINEMA

(a) Cinema programmes shown during the week were well received by troops.
Mobile Cinema No.75 has left this area and has been replaced by Mobile Cinema No.83.
Attached find details of showings for week.

3. ENTERTAINMENT

(a) 1 Aust Armd Div Concert Party showed throughout Nadzab area and was well received.

(b) The Tasmanian L of C Concert Party is due to arrive in this area at the end of the month.

4. SPORT

(a) The Rugby League final was played on 112 Conv Depot on Sunday 8 Oct, 58 Fd Park defeating 11 Aust Laundry.
(b) Australian Rules Football Committee held a meeting at Amenities Office on 12 Oct, and decided to play semi-finals on Oct 22 on 22 Works Coy Oval.
(c) A Boxing Meeting was held at Amenities Office on Oct 9. A committee was formed with Lieut WOODS, 2/1 Forestry, as chairman. It was decided to run a novice night on 21 Oct, and to start elimination rounds for LAE Championships on 4 Nov.

5. CONSTRUCTION

Completion of Beach Dressing Sheds have been delayed owing to urgent work at 2/7 A.G.H. American Services have authorised supply of timber for seats and tables for Beach work. Arrangements are being made with 22 Aust Works Coy to construct these.

6 SPORTING EQUIPMENT

Until further supplies of equipment arrive, sport in this area has been temporarily curtailed.

E G McCuaig
.....Capt.
Amenities Officer,
LAE Base Sub-Area.

CINEMA CIRCUITS WEEK ENDING 11TH OCTOBER 44

Day	Date	'ONCE UPON A TIME'	'SUNNY'	'SHOW BUSINESS' (Cinema No.85)	'REMEMBER THE NIGHT' (Cinema No 82)
Thursday	5/10/44	HQ LAE Base (Cinema 76)	112 Conv Depot (Cinema 75)	----------	HQ 6 Bde
Friday	6/10/44	Malahang (Cinema 75)	HQ 1ST AUST ARMY (Cinema 76)	2 Aust Fd Regt (Nadzab)	LAE
Saturday	7/10/44	Angau (Cinema 75)	2/7 A.G.H. (Cinema 76)	RAA 3 Aust Div (Nadzab)	HQ 3 Aust Div
Sunday	8/10/44	112 Conv Depot (Cinema 75)	----------	2/8 Commando Sqn	----------
Monday	9/10/44	----------	HQ LAE Base (Cinema 76)	HQ 6 Bde	NADZAB
Tuesday	10/10/44	HQ 1st Aust Army (Cinema 76)	Malahang (Cinema 75)	HQ 3 Aust Div	RAA 3 Aust Div (Nadzab)
Wednesday	11/10/44	2/7 A.G.H. (Cinema 76)	103 Aust F.A.D. (Cinema 83)	LAE	----------

Note :-

(a) Mobile Cinema No 75 moved out Wednesday 11 Oct for No_4 Base Sub-Area. This cinema was replaced by No.82 for Wednesday night only.

(b) Circuit of 75 Mobile Cinema now taken over by No.83 Mobile Cinema.

E G McInst
.....Capt.
Amenities Officer.

AUST ARMY EDUCATION SERVICE. WEEKLY REPORT.

WEEK ENDING : 13 Oct 44

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LECTURES

SATURDAY	7 Oct.	1800	25 Mal Control	25
		1800	2 HAC	100
SUNDAY	8 Oct.	1800	DORE	50
MONDAY	9 Oct.	1800	ANGAU	50
		1800	Lae Area W/Shops	175
WEDNESDAY	10 Oct.	0945	2 Fd Svy	20
		1200	M/1 Rly Const	60
		1245	31 HVy A.A. (1)	60
		1415	ORE MC Frsty	25
		1730	Lae Area Sigs	75
Thursday	11 Oct.	1800	151 A.G.T.	150
FRIDAY	12 Oct	1800	126 A.G.T.	100
		1800	2/7 W'shops	150
13 Talks		Approx Attendance		1040

MUSIC

SATURDAY 7 Oct. Lae Music Club. Attendance 75.

FILMS

SATURDAY	7 Oct.	2/7 A. G. H.	75
		Base Post Office	100
SUNDAY	8	ANGAU	50
MONDAY	9	103 FDD	200
		2/7 Works	200
TUESDAY	10	2/7 A.G.H.	50
		19 L of C Sigs	250
WEDNESDAY	11	Canteens	150
Thursday	12	Lae Works	250
FRIDAY	13	ANGAU	3000
10 screenings.		Approx Attendance	4325

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HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA.

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 19 OCTOBER, 1944.

Present: Comd
GII, I.O., DCRE, SOII NG L OF C SIGS (Maj LOVETT), AQ, DAAG, ADMS, DAPM, DO ANGAU, DAQMG, ADST, ADOS, CERE, CAMP.

Time of Commencement 0732 hrs. Conference terminated at 0759 hrs.

Serial No.	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1	GII	Ref Conference Minutes 17 Oct 44. B Coy 594 EBS (US) come under Comd 6 Bde until 5 Aust Div arrive JACQUINOT BAY.	
2	SIGS	Stated that 19 L of C Sigs had received directive to use their own labour for building camp installations. This would be very difficult owing to all sigs being fully employed in the normal sig work and if it were done by sig personnel it would be necessary to draw sigs from operational work and would hold up the line maintenance etc. DAQMG advised that the Engineer programme of works extends into January.	Stated that all Units were in the same position and there was insufficient labour to maintain present heavy works programme.
3	DAAG	Lt.Col. HEARN, CO NGDD reported 17 Oct 44.	
4	DO ANGAU	DO ANGAU and CAMP visited beach area with a view to extending the officers' bathing area and so relieve the congestion. The bathing beach will be extended 300 yds east of the present boundary. This should overcome the use of the Native bathing beach by picnic parties.	Camp to have suitable notices and wire fence erected
5	COMD	DAPM advised that he had taken the matter up with US Provost Marshal and they were endeavouring to prevent this trouble.	Noticed negros still using dukws in the bathing beach area.
6	DAQMG	Soap flakes were in short supply for laundries. Previously supply had come from Ordnance, but soap flakes are S & T issue. First Aust Army has applied for an immediate supply of these flakes to S&T. First Aust Army have undertaken to cut their sac sac requirements by one third to enable sac sac to be used on hospital buildings. Rations TALESEA - HOSKINS AREA. Schwartenhondt has landed 30 days rations in addition to the 30 days already held. Officers for air travel are to submit an itinerary of the trip, approved by Comd of Unit, or in the case of Staff Officers by the Base Comd, before air priority will be allotted.	
7	CERE	Major machine tools were in short supply at 2/7 Adv Wkshops. Full particulars of requirements have been forwarded to DDME and they would be supplied through service channels.	

Serial No.	Report by	Report.	Decision by Comd.
		Rewinding wire which had been requisitioned six weeks ago had not yet been sighted.	These matters should be drawn to the attention of First Army each week.
8	S&T	18 loads of gravel delivered to NGDD 18 Oct 44.	
9	DCRE	Native labour was being delivered to sawmill up to one hour late in the morning. As this considerably holds up sawmilling, asked if arrangements could be made for the natives to arrive on time.	ADST to look into matter of transport of natives.
10	CAMP	Stencils for the marking of vehicles on this HQ are being prepared and vehicles would be marked forthwith. Flooring Sergeants Quarters. Portion of the timber required for flooring sergeants' quarters had been supplied and flooring will be done by sergeants under supervision of Unit carpenter. DAQMG advised that the balance of the timber required would be delivered this morning.	
11.	AQ	Staff Capt "Q" and Engineer Officer inspected AMWS quarters 18 Oct 44. Adjustments will be made to grease traps and the concreting of wards and kitchen pantries would be proceeded with, using unit labour under engineer supervision. GORGON was scheduled to load some 300 troops plus POL and other stores, but advice has been received that troops will NOT be carried. The loading of this ship is still not clear, but it is expected that clarification will be obtained this morning.	

(H.D. FERGUSON) Maj
GS LIS BASE SUB AREA

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES — SECRET No. 16

HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA.

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 20 OCTOBER, 1944.

Present:- Comd
GII, I.O., DCRE, SOIII NG L OF C SIGS, AQ, DAAG, ADMS, DAPM, DO ANGAU, DADMG, ADST (Maj REID), ADOS, CEME, LEGAL OFFR, CAMP

Time of Commencement 0733 hrs — Conference terminated at 0749 hrs

Serial No.	Report by	Decision by Comd
1	DAAG	Weekly Field State as at 14 Oct 44. Troops under Command 573 Offrs 8558 ORs. Attached personnel 91 Offrs 1370 ORs. Total tps under Comd. 664 Offrs 9928 ORs. Units under Command 167 Units marched in 4. Units marched out 4. Decrease of 25 Offrs 703 ORs. Australian Comforts Fund to make available full size billiard table for ORs Club.
2	DAPM	Reference Conference Minutes, 19 Oct 44. The matter of negros using dukws in beach area had again been taken up with US Provost Marshal and US Provost will be on duty to prevent negros using dukws in beach area.
3	DADMG	WAU to be fully evacuated 21 Oct 44. First Aust Army has instructed that the det of the Farm Coy will remain in WAU until such time as the ERAP Farm was in full production. First Army advised that 500 natives are to be earmarked for BOUGAINVILLE. Instructions have also been received that 75 natives are to be allotted to EME Workshops and it is likely that a further 75 will be allocated to Engineers. First Aust Army asked why 100 natives had not been supplied to Canteen Services for ORs Club, required as waiters and general dutymen etc. Canteens had asked for Papuan boys trained as houseboys etc. The matter had been taken up with Northern Region ANGAU, but they stated that Papuan natives could not be used in Northern New Guinea. Consideration should now be given to the re-establishing of an Area Comd NADZAB, as there are again sufficient units in the area to warrant an Area Comd.
4	ADOS	Rewinding Wire. Ref Conference notes 19 Oct 44. 17 gauge wire was not available, but 34 lbs of 18 gauge wire was being shipped from Australia. Provision has been made for all dues out but they are necessarily slow in coming forward. 243 cwt of carbide was sighted and 100 drums are now being loaded at Sydney. 20 generators have also been sighted which on arrival will alleviate the generator position. Requirements of paint were 20,000 pints and only 750 pints were obtainable from Engineers.
5	ADST	Reference Conference notes 19 Oct 44. Transport had reported each morning at native compound at 0500 as required. The delay in natives arriving at saw mill was caused by late loading at the compound. 25 loads of gravel were delivered to NGDD 19 Oct 44.

Serial No.	Report by	Report.	Decision by Comd.
6	CAMP	Reference Conference Notes 19 Oct 41. Wire fence and suitable notices have been erected on the eastern boundary of the bathing area. Capt CRAIG marched out to 2/7 AGH last night suffering from over-strain.	

Major
(H. D. FERGUSON)
GS (Air Pers Sec) GHQ

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HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 21 OCTOBER, 1944.

Present: Comd
GII, I.O., DCRE, SOIII NG L OF C SIGS, AQ, DAAG, ADMS, DAD HYG.
DAPM, DO ANGAU, AQMG, ADST, ADOS, CEME (LT SWIFT), CAMP.

Time of Commencement 0731 hrs Conference terminated at 0805 hrs.

Serial No.	Report by		Decision by Comd
1	GII	Advised that a new issue of Wharf Passes would come into effect as from today.	
2	DAAG	Application from officers desiring to transfer to NGIB were to be submitted in writing through normal channels to reach this HQ not later than 7 Nov 44. October leave draft has been allocated. ETA 23 Oct 44 on the "TAROONA". 450 Base Tps have been allotted, plus 10 AANS. AAG First Aust Army intimated that very few reinforcements could be expected for this Base. 1 Aust Base Sub Area and all Base tps in support of the Corps were being brought up 100% AIF.	
3	DAPM	Stated that the trouble at the pictures on the night of the 19th was caused by trucks leaving the vehicle park before the pictures were concluded.	
4	DO ANGAU	Reference Conference notes 19 Oct 44. Officers at the Native Compound stated that native labour was ready for loading at 0530 hrs, and officers had rung saw mills and told them that transport had not arrived.	S & T to investi the matter. AQ and ADST to v compound and in tigate.
5	DAQMG	Read notes from "Q" Conference First Aust Army. 500 natives for BOUGAINVILLE will not move from this area until reinforcements are received from MADANG. Provision of natives for troops club. Canteens have arranged to deal direct with ANGAU for suitable men. 75 men will be required in three lots of 25 each so that they may be trained. Owing to commitments to be met with gardens and maintenance of coffee plantation at WAU, only 25 natives will be released, leaving 300 in WAU area. KVA lighting for ORs club. One 25 KVA has been approved for lighting of ORs club. Engineers had arranged to supply five 5KVA sets but with more 25 KVA sets expected in the area shortly, a 25 KVA would be supplied. First Aust Army had investigated the sac-sac position fully and given full control of all sac-sac to this HQ. All sac-sac required will be requisitioned through this HQ, inclucing ANGAU.	

Comd stated that had noticed a nu ber of lights le on in vacated me huts etc through

Item No.	Report By	Report	Decision by Comd
			out the Area. "Q" to draw attention in routine orders that lights in vacated huts will be extinguished.
6	Comd	Asked the position regarding the proposed nurses rest home at SALAMAUA. DAQMG advised that plans had been prepared for the establishing of a rest home at SALAMAUA, but owing to SALAMAUA not being in LAE Area NGF had instructed that nothing further be done.	Matter will be taken up with First Aust Army.
7	ADOS	IOO was inspecting chemical warfare equipment at 43 FOD and it was considered that it would be useful instruction for chemical warfare personnel in this area if they could be present. Requested that the grinding of axes and fitting of axe handles be done by prisoners of the Detention Barracks.	ADOS to discuss with AQ and make necessary arrangements.
	[illegible]	One major 2nd class AEME reported for duty 43 FOD. 2 Instrument personnel from Area Workshops were to accompany 472 Hy AA Bty in their move from the area. This depletes the instrument personnel of the workshops and will considerably retard instrument repairs.	AQ to go into the matter with First Aust Army.
	[illegible]	Owing to the gravel pit at 151 AGT Camp site becoming too steep for effective working of lorries, all gravel, as from 23 Oct 44 will be drawn from 43 FOD gravel pit.	Gravel pit personnel to have rest day on Sunday 22 Oct.
	[illegible]	.. loads of gravel were delivered to NGDD.	
11	CRMP	Camp will take over administration of cricket ground at 38 Works Coy. DAQMG advised Camp that Area Comd WAU and 8 ORs would arrive this HQ today and would be temporarily stationed here.	
12	AQ	CEME to advise to advise if they require 75 natives, which were to be allotted to Workshops. 15 natives will be made available each week so that natives can be suitably trained. ANGAU advised AQ that villages were not now making sac-sac as all village natives being employed in rehabilitation. All sac-sac was made at the LABU and NADZAB native labour camps. Some vehicles for Works and Parks and Water Transport Group had been sighted. Advice that the damaged cargo from the MORTON had been reloaded in BRISBANE with the addition of other cargo. No details as to the loading have yet been received, but are expected by air mail today.	

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(H.D. FERGUSON)

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Stats Sec "A" Branch,
H.Q. LAE BASE SUB AREA (AIF)

21 OCT 44.

WEEKLY FIELD STATE as at 0600 hours, 21 Oct 44.

POSTED STRENGTH		566	8432
ATTACHED ALLOWED AND NOT ALLOWED BY WE		108	1265
TOTAL TROOPS UNDER COMMAND		674	9697
UNITS UNDER COMMAND	167		
UNITS MARCHED IN	2		
UNITS MARCHED OUT	2		
INCREASE IN OFFRS			10
DECREASE IN O/Rs			231

STAGING UNITS
Adv H.Q. 13 Aust Bde &
7 other units

POSTED STRENGTH	35	537

(N.A. NORRIS)
A/A & QMG LAE BASE SUB AREA

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LAE DOCKS

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WEEKLY REPORT OF DOCKS OPERATIONS BY AUST DOCKS OPERATING COYS, RAE

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26 Oct 44

Port	Ships Handled	Tonnage Handled	Type & No of Coys.	Strength as at 22 10 44	Remarks
LAE	1 Large Type 6 Small Craft	2903	"C" Type 2/2 Aust Docks Op. Coy. RAE WE 7 x 273 WE Att. 15	Unit. 6 x 262 Att. WE 12 Att. PM 1 x 28	All Cargoes have been reconciled with Documentation

Summary of Ships Handled

Ship	Loads.	Discharge.	Total	
GORGON	2112	336	2448	
DULCIE	204	14	218	
AK 96	105	81	186	
AS 30		23	23	
AS 45	7		7	
AS 56	12		12	No work 2/31 Docks Op Coy.
AS 7		9	9	
	2440	463	2903	

Dist:-

Movt Control	1	Lae Base Sub Area	2
Aust Navy	1	2/31 D O C	1
2/2 Aust D O C	2		

Major
Port Superintendent, LAE

No. 18

HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 23 OCTOBER, 1944.

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Present: Comd
GII, I.O., DCRE, SOIII NG L OF C SIGS, AQ, DAAG, ADMS, DAPM, DO ANGAU, AMENITIES OFFR., DADMG, ADST, ADOS, CRME, CAMP.

Serial No.	Report by	Report.	Decision by Comd.
1	GII	As RPC personnel are required for AITAPE it will be necessary to withdraw RPC guard from Canteens Bulk Stores. Before replacement is made some consideration ought to be given to the policy of supplying picquets for individual units as other units are responsible for their own protection. GII conferred with CO, FEAF Combat Replacement and Training Centre, MADZAB, in regard to the bombing and straffing range SALAMAUA area. On a recommendation from ADO ANGAU SALAMAUA, it was proposed to proclaim a new bombing and straffing area some 20 miles further south, as the area being used although not dangerous to natives was frightening them. A proclamation of the new area will be implemented.	
2	SIGS	Some confusion had arisen over First Aust Army asking NG L of C Sigs for a return of all units under command concerning WE and clothing entitlements. This return had also been called for by a LAE Base Routine Order and consequently returns had been submitted by signal units to HQ LAE Base and also to NG L of C Sigs.	Considered return for Sig Units within area should come through this HQ, and will take the matter up with First Aust Army.
3	DAAG	Major T. C. READ was seconded from 5 BSD as DADS this HQ dating from 12 Oct 44. Major JEWELL-THOMAS from 1 Aust Trg Bn is posted to BSD. Transport inpregnant this HQ. 10 of the 27 personnel had arrived, but no information had been received concerning vehicles, namely 1 motor cycle, 1 - 15 cwt . . and 18 3-ton vehicles. First Aust Army had requested that a recce be made of SALAMAUA as soon as possible with a view to establishing the Nurses' Rest Home at an early date. Action will be taken to raise the balance of the unit as soon as the site is selected. AQ stated that it was likely that only 6 sisters would be able to have a rest period at one time. ADMS thought it was scarcely worth while raising the unit for only 6 personnel. However he recommended and desired that it be made clear from the outset that the rest home would be open to AAMS as well as AANS : this would provide sufficient reason to warrant the establishment.	AQ to have a recce made of the area at the earliest and to go into the matter of suitable buildings with ADO ANGAU
4	DAPM	Stated that the brush which restricted the view of drivers coming from the Officers' Shop, Butibam Road, had not been removed and was dangerous.	

Serial No.	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
		DA,MG advised that instructions had been given to a native gang to clear the brush wood on Saturday.	
5	AMEN-ITIES OFFR.	New boxing committee had been formed and it was considered that the future bouts would be successful. An allotment of sporting materials from First Aust Army stores has been made to Amenities including 450 pairs of jungle boots, cricket football, and tennis materials. First Aust Army had requested that requisition be put in for amenities materials required for the ensuing six months.	Suggested that pianos could be made available at this HQ.
6	DAQMG	WAU farm is to grow quick-growing vegetables at WAU until the ERAP farm is in full production. One additional farm platoon will be added to COB this area and two platoons only will be moving to BOUGAINVILLE. No direction has yet been given concerning WAU Road.	
7	ADOS	10-11,000 pints of paint in unknown condition have been obtained from Engineers and is being sorted in an endeavour to recover as much as possible.	
8	DADME	Maj BAUERT, OC L&S Area Workshops has been reposted. 3 Jupiter pumps driven by Chevrolet engines have been issued to Farm Coy. 2 pumps were in workshop. Capacity of pumps 500 gallons per minute on 100 lbs pressure. On trials it has been found that after 3 minutes running the engine boiled and it is doubtful if these pumps will be satisfactory for continuous running.	
9	DCRE	Asked if six natives might be made available for use in the power station. DAQMG explained that the six natives at Corps Fd Pk were supplied for this purpose and should now be sufficiently trained. DCRE stated that these natives were being used for clearing at Corps Fd Pk. DCRE will go into the matter. 2 trucks of 9 Field Coy are remaining on the WAU Road. 11 CRE Works are expected to arrive on the TARCOONA today. DCRE stated that this would be his last official attendance at the conference as Lt CRE was expected to arrive today.	It will be necessary for DCRE to remain for some six weeks or so to enable a complete hand over to be given.
10	S&T	No gravel was delivered to the Details Depot 22 Oct 44. To date a total of 269 loads of gravel has been delivered. The matter of late arrival of native labour at Sawmill had been investigated and delay was not caused by late arrival of transport at compound, but was caused by delayed embussing.	

		DO ANGAU stated that some delay in embussing natives because of the turn table and narrow road. DO ANGAU asked that the repair of the road be put on a higher priority.	AQ to look into matter of improving road as soon as possible.
11	COMD	Instructed Camp to see that reveille was sounded at the correct time - 0530. Heads of Branches and Services were to discuss with ORs as to what sport and/or studying they were doing during their leisure time, as he desired that all ranks have an interest in some sport or study. Comds. parade will be held at 0800 hrs 25 Oct 44. One orderly NCO to be the only person left on duty.	
12	AQ	An officer inspected the loading of natives at ANGAU compound at 0600 hrs this morning, and all natives were cleared at 0600 hrs with the exception of some natives required by Engineers for draining purposes. DCRE to go into matter of the non arrival of unit transport for these natives.	

Maj or
(H.D. FERGUSON)
GS LAE BASE SUB AREA.

Time of Signature 1120 hrs 23 Oct 44.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES SECRET
HEADQUARTERS, L of C BASE SUB AREA No. 19

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 23 OCTOBER, 1944.

Present: Comd
GII, I.C., CRE, DCRE, SOIII NG L CF C SIGS, AQ, DAAG, ADMS, DAPM (Capt PRIOR), Capt OSBORNE, DO ANGAU, DAQMG, ADST, ADOS, CEME.

Serial No.	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1	Sigs	Reported that the new 28 pair underground cable had been cut and placed all the lines between wireless office and transmitter out of order. After investigation a report will be given as to reason for this failure.	
2	DAAG	Lt.-Col. RENNICK has been posted as AQ this HQ vice Lt.-Col. HALL. Capt PRIOR marched in 23 Oct 44. as DAPM Capt BURTINSHAW, MO marched in 23 Oct 44. Lieut WHITING marched in as Catering Officer. Capt SMALL has taken over duties at 2 Ech discussed reinforcements generally with DAAG and will give every consideration to reinforcements for Base Tps. Capt STEVENS, A/Area Comd WAU and staff marched in this HQ 23 Oct and will be temporarily attached. The matter of disbanding of Area Comd WAU and Town Major LABU should be considered. Town Major LABU will close down 25 Oct 44	Reference Conference Notes 20 Oct concerning establishment of Area Comd NADZAB. G Branch to submit by 1200 hrs tod. an appreciation on the establishment of a Town Major NADZAB.
		Posted strength as at 21 Oct 44. 586 Offrs 8432 ORs. Attached by WE 108 Offrs 1267 ORs. Total Tps 674 Offrs 9697 ORs. Units under Command 167. Units marched in 2. Marched out 2. Increase of Officers - 10 Decrease of ORs. - 231 Staging Units 35 Offrs 537 ORs.	
3	ADMS	Extracts from weekly mecical report showed - Beds Occupied 2/7 AGH 575 Con Depot 79. 103 admissions during week, giving a percentage of .1% per day. 8 cases of Malaria 13 Dengue, 36 Dysentery, no Scrub Typhus, and 32 skin diseases. The instance of malaria at 2/2 Docks Op Coy was investigated and it was found that atebrin was not taken under supervision and it was considered this is the cause of the high incidence.	

	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1	DA&QMG	Difficulty was being experienced in the evacuation of DUMPU. Vehicles had been cut and would require 18 aircraft loads, but Movements advise that there are no aircraft available. TAROONA is due to sail today with leave and other personnel. First Aust Army has asked for an explanation as to why a comprehensive building scheme for the Sig Training Centre at NADZAB was not on a higher priority. This project is large including many roads and 30 major and 40 minor buildings.	Comd will discuss with BGS First Aust Army possibility of locating school in LAE Area where unoccupied buildings may be used.
		Direct Bag mail now required at Base Post Office 1900 hrs instead of 2100 hrs.	
	ADOS	Reference Conference Notes 23 October 44. Vehicles referred to have not been received at Vehicle Park. Expect that a complete check of all vehicles in the Park will be available at the end of this week.	
	DCRE	Reference Conference Notes 23 October 44. 6 natives at 58 Corps Fd Pk were not there for purposes of being trained as power station operators as these natives were not specially selected. Considers that these natives may now be withdrawn. AQ asked CRE to liaise with Major JENNINGS at Labour Compound with a view to obtaining satisfactory natives to be trained in power station work.	
	CO'D	Asked "Q" to inquire if there were any flame throwers in the area as they would be useful for burning off. If none obtainable from area endeavour to borrow from US Forces. GII stated that a thorough search of the area had been made some months ago and NG Force requested to obtain some from Australia, but this request was refused.	DA&QMG to investigate.
	AQ	Requested ANGAU to supply details of all indentured labour LAE - NADZAB Area.	

Major
(H.D. FERGUSON)
GS LAE BASE SUB AREA.

Time of Signature ..... hrs 24 October, 44.

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WEEKLY DENTAL REPORT

Week ending 21 Oct. 44

(a) Sections Operating - (7 Offrs.).

(b) Work performed during Week:-

No. of men treated	- 502
" " " extractions	- 48
" " " fillings	- 265
" " " dentures	- 45
Men made dentally Fit	- 132

Major
O.C. 54 Aust. Dental Unit.

AUSTRALIAN ARMY EDUCATION SERVICE- WEEKLY REPORT.

LAE BASE SUB-AREA (AIF)

From 12/10/ to 19/10/44

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1. The outstanding feature of the educational activities for the week was the debut performance of the LAE CONCERT BAND. The ensemble of brass, woodwind and double bass gave a performance at the MALAHANG Theatre on 18/10/44 which was appreciated by an attendance of approx 500 tps. The applause was sustained and may be taken as an indication that this type of recital of classical music, accompanied by a commentary, is likely to meet with an enthusiastic reception throughout the area. The size of the audience was gratifying in view of the inclement weather with the additional factor that only one unit was authorised to employ transport to the concert.

2. After being closed for just on one fortnight the library at the Charing Cross Centre was reopened.

3. After being closed for over a week the centre at BUSU was reopened.

4. After having been discontinued for almost a fortnight the art classes have been recommenced.

5. The film programme which had been contracted has been expanded to its original size.

6. The reduction of the lecture programme has been more difficult to expand to its former size and as a consequence will receive more attention.

7. The almost complete cessation of musical programmes for a fortnight has caused many requests to flow in for the continuation of the policy of unit programmes on a regular basis. This matter has also been partly attended to.

8. All loaned assistance has been returned to the units thus throwing an additional burden on the regular staff and in this respect the difficulties created will continue as verbal directions have been received from the A/D.A.D First Aust Army that only one outside body (Sgt Lesser of 19 LofC Sigs) was to be allowed continue to assist in activities within this area.

9. To counter the resultant curtailment of activities a determined effort will be made to secure a comparable type of assistance from within each unit and on a strictly unit basis so as not to infringe upon the above mentioned instruction.

10. With the absence of Lieut Aronson during to injury the entire programme for the area has devolved upon one offr and five OR's.

11. The small number of personnel will mitigate against any considerable expansion of activities until such time as the units are functioning on an appreciable scale. Every effort will be made to ensure that units have the full amount of service they request.

Lieut;
for D.A.D Education Lae Base Sub-Area.
20/10/44.

AUST. ARMY EDUCATION SERVICE.....WEEKLY REPORT

Week ending 19th October.

LECTURES

Friday 13.	18 Field Ambulance	The Pacific War Now	80
	2/7 Adv W'shops	"	180
	126 A.C.T.	"	120
Saturday 14.	25 Mal. Control	Treatment of Germany	20
Sunday 15.	L.B.S....	The Pacific War Now	40
Monday 16.	Lae Area Workshop	"	90
Wednesday 18.	2nd Fd Survey	"	30
	2/1 Rly Const	"	90
	A.A.C.S.	"	130
	31 Hvy A.... Bty (1)	"	70
	H.Q. Prsty	"	20
	Lae Fortress Sigs	Treatment of Germany	35
Thursday 19.	Adv Base Post Office	The Pacific War Now	100
	2/3 Forestry	"	120

14 lecture Approximate Attendance - 1115

FILMS

Friday 13.	ANGAU	3000
Saturday 14	Lae Base Sub Area	800
Monday 15	2/7 W'shops	200
Tuesday 16	20th Fd Coy	200
Wednesday 17	B.S.D.	150
Thursday 18	11 ASU	100
5 screenings.	Approx attendance	4450

MUSIC

Saturday 14	Lae Music Club	60
Tuesday 16	Charing Cross	15
Thursday 18	25 Mal Control	25
	3 Recitals. Attend.	100

A.A.Amenities Service,
LAE Base Sub-Area,
20/10/44.

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AMENITIES REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 20 OCT 44

HQ LAE Base Sub-Area.

1. During past week issues of material were made to the following units :-

HQ LAE Base Sub-Area
13 Aust Inf Bde, 14/32 Inf Btn
2/7 A.G.H, 2/8 A.G.H, 8 Fd Amb, 16 Fd Amb.
31 Hvy A/A Bty, 554 Lt A/A, 'U' Hvy Bty
2 Fd Survey Coy, 53 Corps Fd Park
HQ NGF L of C Sigs, 3 Div Sigs, 2 Regt Sigs
'B' Corps Sigs, Fortress Sigs
2/7 Adv W/Shops, 237 L.A.D, 244 L.A.D.
43 F.O.D, A.A.Canteens Service, 4 Fd Baking Coy
151 A.C.T.Coy, 1 Water Tpt Grp, 1 Watercraft W/Shops
1 Aust Port Mtce, 8 Army Troops
8 Sec Offrs Shop, 7 Base Postal, 19 War Graves Unit
N.G.Details Depot, 16 Malaria Control Unit
Salvation Army, A.C.F.
11 R.S.U.(RAAF)

Visits were made to 2/7 A.G.H, 2/8 A.G.H, 1 Armd Div Concert Party, 12 Water Transport, 18 Fd Amb, 2/2 Docks Op Coy, 112 Conv Depot, 22 Works Coy, 43 F.O.D, 2/7 Adv W/Shops, 3 Water Tpt Grp.

2. CINEMA
Cinema programmes shown during the week were well received.
Movement order for Mobile Cinema No 76 has been cancelled.
Total cinema attendances for week (approx) = 25000(excluding 3 Aust Div screenings)
Details of showings for week attached herewith.

3. ENTERTAINMENT
(a) 1 Aust Armd Div Concert Party are at present on a short itinerary prior to movement.
The Tasmanian L of C Concert Party has not yet arrived in this area.
(b) Unit dances are becoming very popular.

4. SPORT
(a) The first semi-finals of the Australian Rules Football Competition will be played on Sunday Oct 22 at 22 Works Coy.
(b) A further meeting of the Boxing Committee was held at Amenities Office on Oct 16. The committee decided to hold a Tourney on Sat 21 Oct, when it is anticipated that a large number of troops will be present.

5. CONSTRUCTION
(a) Construction and improvements to existing sports grounds is still delayed due to the non-availability of mechanical equipment.
(b) Beach work, including tables and forms, has been completed. (Timber from Americans).

6. GENERAL
(a) The recently instituted Bus Service is being readily availed of by units in the area, particularly hospitals.
(b) Stocks of sporting material have arrived for I Aust Army, who are distributing to LAE Base Amenities, thus relieving sporting material shortage.

.....Capt,
Amenities Officer,
LAE Base Sub-Area.

CINEMA CIRCUITS WEEK ENDING 18TH OCTOBER 44

Day	Date	'WINTER TIME'	'THE GREAT DICTATOR'	'ONCE UPON A TIME' (Cinema No 85)	'SUNNY' (Cinema No 82)
Thursday	12/10/44	HQ LAE Base (Cinema 76)	112 Conv Depot (Cinema 83)	----------	Hq 6 Bde
Friday	13/10/44	Malahang (Cinema 83)	HQ I Aust Army (Cinema 76)	2 Aust Fd Regt (Madzab)	LAEU
Saturday	14/10/44	Angau (Cinema 83)	2/7 A.G.H. (Cinema 76)	RAA 3 Aust Div (Madzab)	Hq 3 Aust Div
Sunday	15/10/44	112 Conv Depot (Cinema 83)	----------	2/8 Commando Squn	------ ------
Monday	16/10/44	----------	HQ LAE Base (Cinema 76)	Hq 6 Bde	MADZAB
Tuesday	17/10/44	HQ I Aust Army (Cinema 76)	Malahang (Cinema 83)	HQ 3 Aust Div	RAA 3 Div (Madzab)
Wednesday	18/10/44	2/7 A.G.H. (Cinema 76)	103 Aust F.A.D. (Cinema 83)	LAEU	----------

.....Capt.
Amenities Officer,
LAE Base Sub-Area.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA (AIF)

21 Oct 44.

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HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA
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WEEKLY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY 20 OCT 44.

I have to report the following activities of Provost in the LAE area for the week ending 20 Oct 44.

Sat 14 Oct.

2. One Sgt and three Cpls of NGF Provost Coy carried out a search of the Nadzab area in an endeavour to locate SX26629 Pte JAMES J P who escaped from 16 Aust Det Bks. No trace of the soldier was obtained.

Sun 15 Oct

3. Routine duties.

Mon 16 Oct

4. SX26629 Pte JAMES J P who escaped from 16 Aust Det Bks on 14 Oct was handed over to NG Force Provost Coy by 1189 MP Coy Nadzab. The soldier was returned to the Detention Barracks.

5. NX175649 Pte ROGERS who went AWL from 18 Aust Inf Bn SYDNEY surrended to a member of the NG Force Provost Coy. The file on this soldier was handed to "A" Branch, Lae Base Sub Area for further action. The soldier is being held under open arrest at NG Force Provost Coy.

Tues 17 Oct

6. Five PoW who were being held at NG Force Provost Coy were escorted to the mainland.

7. Two escorts of NT Force Provost Coy marched in and attached for rations until return to mainland implemented.

Wed 18 Oct

8. Routine duties.

Thurs 19 Oct

9. Two Cpls returned to NG Force Provost Coy from Labu. Three NCOs remain at Labu to carry out Provost duties in that area.

Friday 20 Oct

10. Two Aust prisoners, Ptes MACKAWAY and LOCKE marched into NG Force Provost Coy for onward movement to mainland under escort.

GENERAL

11. Two NCOs were placed on duty at the American Red Cross daily to maintain law and order between the two services and to prohibit the sale of souvenirs by Aust troops in the area. NCOs on duty report that Aust troops were well behaved.

12. Speeding had a noticeable decrease this week.

13. An accident occurred at the corner of Busu Rd and Malahang Rd in which m/c No.80039 ridden by Cpl Sharp of NGFProvost Coy was involved. Cpl Sharp was admitted to 2/7 AGH suffering from bruises and shock. The accident took place on 19 Oct.

14. A copy of NGF Provost Coy's weekly traffic report is attached for information.

H Osborne
.....Capt
A/D.A.P.M. LAE BASE SUB AREA

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HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA.

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 25 OCTOBER, 1944.

Present: Comd
GII, I.O., CRE, DCRE, SO II NG L OF C SIGS, AQ, DAAG, ADMS, DAPM, DO ANGAU, DAQMG, ADST, ADOS, CEME.

Time of Commencement 0730 hrs Conference terminated at 0743 hrs

Serial No.	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1	SIGS	Reference Conference Minutes 24 Oct. Cable cut at BIPOD turn off and it appears that it may have been cut when the drain was being deepened.	AQ to investigate as to which working party was in the area. Also to re-promulgate routine orders concerning buried cables.
2	DAPM	In the afternoon of 24 Oct US training plane was flying low over the beach area.	
3	DAQMG	Reference Conference Minutes 24 Oct. A Japanese flame thrower has been obtained and is in good working order. Application has been made for 14 tons of soap flakes for laundry.	
4	CRE	Reference Conference Minutes 24 Oct. Had liaised with Lieut. STEWART for choosing suitable personnel for training for power station work. Order had been received for 10,000 super feet of cedar from the upper BUSU for use by Watercraft Workshops.	Engineers are not to commence any building project without authority from this HQ.
5	AQ	Concreting in officers ward is to cease and the ward will not be concreted. Engineers Officer to report to AQ at 1330 hrs for the purpose of making an inspection of engineer works at the hospital.	

Major
(H.D. FERGUSON)
GS LAE BASE SUB AREA.

Time of Signature ..... hrs 25 Oct 44.

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WEEK ENDING 21 OCT 44

HQ LAE Base Sub Area
Ref : Hlth/720/2728
23 Oct 44

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PART I

TOTAL NEW CASES

UNIT	Total Est Str	DYSENTERY	DIARRHOEA	URTI	PUO	SKIN DISEASE
HQ LAE Base Sub Area	263	-	3	1	2	8
RAF School of Signals	84	-	-	1	1	1
HQ AGr 2 Hob	69	-	-	-	-	1
Aust Army Canteen Service	115	-	-	-	1	1
HQ 3 Aust BIPOD	11	-	-	-	-	-
2 Aust Forest Survey Coy	47	-	2	-	1	4
1 Aust Forest Survey Coy	45	-	-	-	-	-
HQ 4 Aust Fd Baking Coy	11	-	-	-	-	-
5 Aust Fd Baking Pl	33	-	-	-	-	-
31 Aust Hy AA Bty	225	-	-	-	1	-
2/2 Aust Docks Op Coy	285	-	-	3	-	-
8 Aust Fd Baking Pl	37	-	-	-	-	-
11 Aust Mobile Laundry	74	-	-	-	-	-
NG Press Unit	75	-	1	-	-	1
1 Aust Fortress Sig Sect	50	-	-	-	-	2
25 ANZU	27	-	-	-	-	1
112 Aust Com Depot	140	-	-	1	1	28
2/3 Aust Forestry Coy RAE	171	-	3	1	-	20
8 Aust Mvt Control Gp	98	-	-	1	-	2
26 ANZU	20	-	-	-	-	-
18 Aust Fd Amb	126	-	-	-	-	2
16 Aust Detention Barracks	70	-	-	-	-	-
"X" Sec 63 Aust Dental Unit	6	-	-	-	-	-
RAF Provost Coy	91	-	-	-	-	-
19 Aust L of C Sigs	650	-	-	20	1	29
2/7 Aust Adv Wksps AEME	340	-	-	4	1	12
2 Aust MAC	115	-	2	6	-	7
39 Aust Sup Depot Coy	12	-	-	-	-	-
2/162 Aust Sup Dep Pl	55	-	-	1	-	-
2/163 Aust Sup Dep Pl	36	-	1	-	-	4
2/145 Aust Sup Dep Pl	24	-	-	-	-	-
5 Aust Fd Bakehouse Pl	20	-	-	-	-	-
22 ANZU	17	-	-	-	-	-
HQ Details Depot	271	-	3	8	4	15
22 Aust Wks Coy	346	-	-	1	1	-
5 Aust AA Ops Room	25	-	-	-	-	-
HQ 5 Aust BSD	135	-	-	-	-	1
2/2 Aust Forestry Coy RAE	60	-	-	-	-	-
7 Aust Base Postal Unit	110	-	-	-	-	1
2/7 Aust Gen Hosp	515	-	-	4	2	5
2/8 Aust Gen Hosp	154	-	-	-	-	1
District Accounts Office, LAE	55	-	-	-	-	1
LAEI Medical Post	800	-	-	-	4	23
6 Aust Inf Bde Gp	2257	-	3	14	2	28
	8463	-	17	52	22	226

Number of cases evacuated beyond RAF of:

(a)	Dysentery	-
(b)	Diarrhoea	7
(c)	UNKI	2
	TOTAL	9

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY
"A"
"A" War Diary
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Lt-Col
(G.F. YOUNG)
ADMIN EAST SUSS SUB AREA

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES — SECRET
No. 21

HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA.

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 26 OCTOBER 44.

Present:

NO., CRE. DCRE, SOIII NG L OF C SIGS, AQ, DAAG, ADMS, DA[illegible]
GAU, DENTAL OFFR., DAQMG,(Capt KING), ADST, ADOS, CEME, C[illegible]

		Report	Decision by Comd.
[illegible]	SIGS	Requested that the site for wireless receiving sets be examined by hygiene officer with a view to clearing the kunai of mochas.	
[illegible]	DAAG	An Amenities Officer from First Aust Army asked for extra space to be made available for the storage of amenities equipment. It is understood that two buildings at NG Printing and Press Unit would be available. Reported that from the Amenities angle a suitable site had been selected for the establishment of a Nurses Rest Home. It is located at the rear of the swimming pool and tennis courts will be made available by ANGAU. Suggested that 3 married native couples be retained for general duties as it is thought that they would be more suitable than AAMWS. ADMS stated that the site was most suitable from all angles.	"Q" to advise if buildings will be available.
[illegible]	DAQMG	5000 cubic feet regrigerator from FIN= SCHHAFEN will be installed at BSD.	
[illegible]	ADOS	Asked that high priority be given to allocation of native labour gang to cut kunai at FAD.	
[illegible]	[illegible]	Plans will be prepared and submitted to LAE Base today for Nurses Home, SALAMAUA. 10 selected boys have been obtained from ANGAU, of which the best six will be retained for power station work.	
[illegible]	[illegible]	One Officer and 3 ORs moved 25 Oct 44 for DUMPU to strip vehicles for air transportation. 255 LAD arrived from MADANG and would be located in Engineer Dump area and used for Engineer vehicles.	
[illegible]	AQ	ANGAU has made more natives available which will enable workshops to be allotted up to 25. Malaria Control will be built up to 220, the number asked for. Extra natives have also been allocated for the making of sac sac and it is expected that 14/15000 sac sac sheets would be produced each week. The balance had been formed into labour and/ or clearing gangs. One gang of 50 would be given to the Enginner Dump.	AQ to advise how 38 Works Coy was employed and give consideration to making some available for Engineer Dump

Serial No	Report by	Report.	Decision by Comd
		Sig Poles. Natives at YAU would commence to cut sig poles of Taun on advice CRE New Guinea Forests who stated that this timber was almost as durable as red mangrove. If red mangrove were preferred it would be n necessary for Sigs to remove it from the swamps which is a difficult task. Sigs to contact CRE New Guinea Forests concerning sig poles, cutting of Taun will commence at 1600 hrs today, unless sigs advise to contrary.	
8	Comd	Inspected proposed site for Officer's club 25 Oct 44, and of opinion that it is the most suitable site in the area. Engineers to peg area and take out necessary quantities and works tables.	

Major
(H.D. FERGUSON)
GS L.E BASE SUB AREA.

Time of Signature ..... hrs 26 Oct 44.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES — SECRET
No. 22

HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA.

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 27 OCTOBER, 44.

Present: Comd GII, I.O., CRE, DCRE, SOIII FG L OF C SIGS, AQ, DAAG, ADMS, DAPM, DO ANGAU, LEGAL OFFR, DAQMG, STAFF CAPT "G" (CAPT KING), ADST, ADOS, CRE, CAMP.

Serial No.	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd.
1	DAAG	Lt-Col. KELLEHER has been posted ADST this HQ vice Lt-Col. SMITH who has been posted CASC 5 Aust Div. DADT, Major BOTTOMS is likely to be reposted also.	
2	LEGAL OFFR.	3 Courts Martial held during week.	
3	"G"	Ref Conference Minutes of 26 Oct, 44 para 4. A gang of 50 natives has been allotted for clearing FAD. Ref Conference Minutes of 26 Oct, 44 para 7. Another gang of 50 natives will be allotted to Corps Fd Pk.	
4	CRE	Owing to early move of 9 Fd Coy 2 vehicles used on WAU - LAEU Road would be withdrawn. May other vehicles be made available to replace these. AQ asked that an application be made by 20 Fd Coy to carry 2 vehicles and drivers surplus to WE.	
5	AQ	Ref Conference Minutes of 26 Oct 44, para 2. Huttage has been made available for First Aust Army Amenities. 250-350 natives will be required for move to BOUGAINVILLE. These will be drawn from labour gangs. Natives are moving MADANG - LAE in small numbers. To date 400 have arrived. LAE Base will be responsible for supply of 665 drums of 100 octane spirit for patrol boats RAN which are operating in NEW BRITAIN Area. Authority received from US Forces to draw spirit.	
6	CAMP	Suggested that Education and Amenities personnel now located at CHARING CROSS be moved to vacant buildings this HQ as administration and messing would be made considerably easier. DAAG stated that consideration would need to be given to the other small units in the area such as Fd Censorship.	AQ to make survey of the position.

Maj
(H.D. FERGUSON)
GS LAE BASE SUB AREA

Time of Signature 1447 hrs 27/Oct 44.

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FROM LAE BASE SUB AREA

TO 31 AUST INF AA BTY
30 AUST CORPS FD PK COY
1561 AUST GEN TPT COY
HQ 6 AUST BSD
39 AUST SUP DEPOT COY
112 AUST CON DEPOT
18 AUST FD AMB

Info :- 43 AUST FOD

Originator's No
G 4849 (.) RESTRICTED (.) Complete examination gas eqpt now being undertaken 43 FOD (.) assistance required (.) recommend qualified [illegible] officers and NCOs attend daily and assist (.) considered invaluable opportunity refreshing and enhancing knowledge gas eqpt (.) appreciate co-operation (.) estimated period amp 14 days (.) request inform this HQ by telephone (LAE Base extension 20) details pers available

As written

Originator's instructions

Degree of priority

Copies to :- "A" "Q" ADOS

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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COPY NO. 48

SUBJECT :- LAE BASE SUB AREA LOCATION STATEMENT
(as at 2359 hrs 26 Oct 44)

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA

20 OCT 44.

G 4860

1. Herewith LAE BASE SUB AREA location statement No. 19 as at 2359 hrs 26 Oct 44.

2. It is requested please, that all previous copies of location statement be destroyed.

3. Please acknowledge receipt on form provided below.

MAJOR
(R.D. FERGUSON)
G S LAE BASE SUB AREA

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	Copy No.		Copy No.
FIRST AUST ARMY	1 - 6	7 AUST BASE POSTAL	23-24
ARMY COMD FINSCHHAFEN	7	CANTEENS	25
[illegible]	[illegible]	HQ 8 AUST SAL DEPOT	26
ANGAU NORTH REGIONAL	9	NG DETAILS DEPOT	27
ANGAU D O BUON	10		
8 AUST MOVT CONTROL GP	11	G	29
REAR 8 AUST DIV	12	AA & QMG	30
5 AUST DIV	13	A	31-33
11 AUST CRE (WKS)	14	ADMS	34-35
NG L OF C SIGS	15	DAPM	36
19 AUST L OF C SIGS	16- 18	AMENITIES	37
6 AUST INF BDE	19	Q	38
ADV 13 AUST INF BDE	20	ADST	39-41
29 AUST FSS	21	ADOS	42-44
1 AUST FD CENSORSHIP COY	22	AEME	45-46
		WAR DIARY	47-48
		FILE	49

SUBJECT:- LAE BASE SUB AREA LOCATION STATEMENT No. 19
(as at 2359 hrs 26 Oct 44)

COPY NO.....ACKNOWLEDGED.....UNIT

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(Signature, Rank, Appt)

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LAE BASE SUB AREA LOCATION STATEMENT NO 19
(as at 2359 hrs 26 Oct 44)

REF MAPS:- Except where otherwise stated, reference maps refer to current 1 inch to 1 mile or 1 : 25000 series.

UNITS MARKED (X) ARE UNDER COMD LAE BASE FOR LOCAL AIM ONLY.

Serial No	Arm or Service	Unit	Ref Map	Location	Remarks
		HEADQUARTERS			
		HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA (TYPE B)	LAE	708405	
		ADV HQ 5 AUST DIV	LAE	677433	(X) Staging
		ADV HQ 5 AUST BASE SUB AREA	LAE	704407	(X) Staging
		AREA COMD FINSCHHAFEN	SATTELBERG	624653	
		TOWN MAJOR LABU	NADZAB	LABU LAGOON	
		ANGAU - HQ NORTHERN REGION	LAE	702408	(X)
		ANGAU - REAR HQ ISLAND REGION	LANGEMAK BAY	613582	(X)
		ANGAU - D O HUON	LAE	710437	(X)
		DET ANGAU	NADZAB	427545	(X)
		ANGAU - D O MOROBE	WAU	W378709	(X)
		DET ANGAU		SALAMAUA	(X)
		ANGAU - ASST D O FINSCHHAFEN	LANGEMAK BAY	613582	(X)
		8 AUST MOVT CONTROL GP (TYPE E) (AIF) (LESS DETS)	LAE	695393	(X)
		DET 8 AUST MOVT CONTROL GP	NADZAB	409546	(X)
		DET 8 AUST MOVT CONTROL GP	SATELBERG	616639	(X)
		DET 8 AUST MOVT CONTROL GP (AIR)	LANGEMAK BAY	639511	(X)
		A.T.C. (FREIGHT)	LAE	687391	(X)
		A.T.C. (PERSONNEL)	LAE	687389	(X)
		GHQ REGULATING OFFICER	LAE	695393	(X)
		MFO	LAE	702405	(X)
		ESO	LAE	692391	(X)
		DET PUBLIC RELATIONS	LAE	697409	(X)
		5 AUST MCG DET FLT	LAE	703398	(X)
		65 AUST COMD A L SEC		NADZAB	(X)
		45 AUST COMD A L SEC		NADZAB	(X)
		DET NG ADV 2 ECH	LAE	709437	(X)
		MIL HIST SEC ED TEAM 5 DIV	LAE	677433	(X) Att 6 Bde
		ARTILLERY			
		31 AUST HY AA BTY (STATIC) (HE)	LAE	703398	
		472 AUST HAA TP	LAE	718418	
		473 AUST HAA TP	LAE	678416	
		6 AUST AA OPS ROOM	LAE	703398	
		6 AUST RADAR DET (TYPE A) (AIF)	LAE	697394	(X)
		9 AUST RADAR DET (TYPE A)	LAE	697394	(X)

MARGIN NO	ARM OR SERVICE	UNIT	REF MAP	LOCATION	
		ENGINEERS			
1		11 AUST CRE (WKS)	LAE	703463	
2		53 AUST DCRE (WKS)	LAE	703463	
3		CNE PL 5 AUST FD COY	LAE	704407	(X) SMALTING
4		6 AUST FD COY	LAE	711431	
5		12 AUST FD COY (AIF)	MUNIM	684484	(X) 6 DDE UNIT
6		DET 15 AUST FD COY	LAE	685128	15 DDE UNIT
7		20 AUST FD COY	LAE	676441	
8		3 AUST ARMY TPS (LESS DETS)	LAE	708412	
9		DET 8 AUST ARMY TPS	HUON GULF½"	640390	
10		DET 3 AUST ARMY TPS	LAE	706443	
11		REAR PARTY 55 CORPS FD PK COY	SATELBERG	615647	
12		DET ME PL 55 FD PK COY	MUNIM	684484	(X) 6 DDE UNIT
13		3 AUST CORPS FD PK COY (LESS DET)	LAE	706443	
14		2 PL 2/1 AUST RY CONSTR COY	LAE	717423	
15		DET 5 ME SPARE PARTS SEC	LAE	703463	
16		DET 15 AUST WKSP & PK COY	LAE	706443	
17		7 AUST BOMB DISPOSAL PL	LAE	704449	
18		HQ 1 AUST WATER TPT GP	LAE	666390	(X)
19		HQ 3 AUST WATER TPT GP (AIF)	LAE	665390	
20		13 AUST SMALL SHIP COY (LESS DETS)	NADZAB	644372	
21		DET 12 AUST SMALL SHIP COY	LAE	695391	
22		DET 12 AUST SMALL SHIP COY	SATELBERG	616639	
23		43 AUST LANDING CRAFT COY (AIF) (LESS DETS)	MARKHAM½"	(L)R 6437	
24		DET 43 AUST LANDING CRAFT COY	LANGEMAK BAY	625585	
25		DET 43 AUST LANDING CRAFT COY	LAE	666391	
26		55 AUST PORT CRAFT COY (LESS DETS)	NADZAB	644373	
27		DET 55 PORT CRAFT COY	LAE	695391	
28		HQ 3 AUST DOCKS GP	LAE	695393	(X)
29		2/3 DOCKS OP COY (TYPE C)	LAE	711391	(X)
30		DET 7 AUST DOCKS OP COY	LANGEMAK BAY	624581	(X)
31		2/51 AUST DOCKS OP COY	LAE	707445	(X)
32		55 AUST DOCKS OP COY	LAE	707445	
33		4 PL (LESS 15&16 SECS), 5 & 6 PLS 1 PORT MAINT COY	LAE	699393	
34		DET 2 AUST FD SVY COY	LAE	693413	(X)
35		1 AUST CRE NG FORESTS	LAE	698407	(X)
36		1 AUST FOREST SVY COY	HEATHS	545550	(X)
37		2 AUST FOREST SVY COY	HEATHS	545550	(X)
38		2/1 AUST CRE FORESTRY GP	LAE	699408	(X)
39		2/2 AUST FORESTRY COY (LESS ONE PL & DET)	LAE	712432	(X)
40		DET 2/2 AUST FORESTRY COY	LAE	643380	(X)
41		2/3 AUST FORESTRY COY	LAE	699464	(X)

ITEM NO.	ARM OR SERVICE	UNIT	REF MAP	LOCATION	REMARKS
		SIGNALS			
1		B AUST CORPS SIGS (LESS HQ 1 COY & DET)	LAE	686434	(X)
3		8 AUST TECH MAINT SEC	LAE	686434	(X)
5		5 AUST OP SEC	LAE	686434	(X)
[illegible]		3 AUST OP SEC	LAE	686434	(X)
[illegible]		10 AUST DR SEC	LAE	686434	(X)
[illegible]		5 AUST WT SEC (LT)	LAE	686434	(X)
7		4 AUST CIPHER SEC (LESS DET)	LAE	686434	(X)
8		HQ NG L OF C SIGS	LAE	705410	(X)
[illegible]		19 AUST L OF C SIGS	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		HQ 1 COY 19 L OF C SIGS	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		HQ 2 COY 19 L OF C SIGS	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		18 AUST LINE SEC	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		20 AUST LINE SEC	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		33 AUST LINE SEC (LESS DETS)	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		DET 28 AUST LINE SEC	LAE - NADZAB LINE ROUTE		(X)
[illegible]		DET 28 AUST LINE SEC	LAE - BUTALA CARRIER LINE		(X)
[illegible]		28 AUST LINE SEC	LAE	712418	
[illegible]		5 AUST JUNGLE TRUNK LINE MAINT SEC AGAMA-LAE CARRIER ROUTE			(X)
[illegible]		DET 5 AUST CARRIER MAINT SEC	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		6 AUST CARRIER MAINT SEC (LESS DET)	LAE	712418	(X)
21		DET 5 AUST CARRIER MAINT SEC	SALAMAUA	(L)x 3527	(X)
[illegible]		DET 6 AUST LINE MAINT SEC	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		6 AUST TECH MAINT SEC (LESS DET)	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		DET 6 AUST TECH MAINT SEC		NADZAB	(X)
[illegible]		47 AUST TECH MAINT SEC	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		11 AUST DR SEC (LESS DETS)	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		DET 11, AUST DR SEC	NADZAB	LAEU	(X)
[illegible]		DET 11 AUST DR SEC	NADZAB	NADZAB	(X)
[illegible]		19 AUST DR SEC (LESS DET)	LAE,	712418	(X)
[illegible]		DET 19 AUST DR SEC	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		DET 19 AUST OP SEC	NADZAB	425540	(X)
[illegible]		DET 19 AUST OP SEC	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		34 AUST OP SEC	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		11 AUST TELE OP SEC	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		22 AUST TELE OP SEC (LESS DET)	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		57 AUST PHONE S/BOARD OP SEC	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		73 AUST PHONE S/BOARD OP SEC	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		DET 4 AUST WT SEC (HY)	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		18 AUST WIRELESS SEC (HY)(LESS DET)	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		23 AUST WIRELESS SEC (HY)(LESS DET)	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		33 AUST WT SEC (HY)	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		34 AUST WT SEC (HY)	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		31 AUST WIRELESS SEC (LT)(LESS DET)	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		3 AUST CIPHER SEC (LESS DET)	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		DET 22 AUST CIPHER SEC(TYPE K)	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		DET 48 AUST CIPHER SEC	LAE	677433	(X) DET 6 ERE [illegible]
[illegible]		1 AUST PIGEON SEC (LESS DETS)	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		4 AUST PIGEON LOFT	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		5 AUST PIGEON LOFT	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		15 AUST PIGEON LOFT	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		14 AUST PIGEON LOFT	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		9 AUST PIGEON SEC (TYPE A)	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		16 AUST PIGEON LOFT	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		21 AUST PIGEON LOFT	LAE	712418	(X)
[illegible]		DET 53 AUST WT SEC (TYPE B)	LAE	712418	(X)
53		61 AUST WT SEC(TYPE C)(LESS DET)	LAE	708416	(X)
57		NG 1 W W COY (AIF)	NADZAB	425545	(X)
58		1 AUST FRT SIG SEC (LESS DET)	LAE	703397	(X)

SERIAL NO	ARM OR SERVICE	UNIT	REF MAP	LOCATION		REMARKS
		SIGNALS				
D.						
59		3 AUST SIG EQPT SEC	LAE	670464	(X)	
60		1 AUST WATER TPT GP SIG SEC	LAE	655389	(X)	
61		3 AUST WATER TPT GP SIG SEC	LAE	655389	(X)	
62		6 AUST INF BDE SIG SEC	LAE	677433	(X)	
63		DET 13 AUST INF BDE SIG SEC	LAE	683425		
		INFANTRY				
E.						
1		6 AUST INF BDE	LAE	677433	(X)	
2		ADV PARTY 13 AUST INF BDE	LAE	683425		
3		DET 11 AUST INF BN	LAE	683425		13 BDE UNITS
4		14/32 AUST INF BN	LAE	678444	(X)	6 BDE UNITS
5		DET 13 AUST INF BN	LAE	683425		13 BDE UNITS
6		19 AUST INF BN	LAE	681437	(X)	6 BDE UNITS
7		DET 23 AUST INF BN	LAE	683425		13 BDE UNITS
8		REAR PARTY 36 AUST INF BN	LAE	675447	(X)	6 BDE UNITS
9		18 PL E COY 2/1 GD REGT	LAE	677433	(X)	6 BDE UNITS
10		ONE PL P I B	GUSAP		(X)	
11		1 NG INF BN	NADZAB	463623	(X)	
		INTELLIGENCE				
F.						
1		30 AUST F S SEC (LESS DET)	LAE	708405		
2		DET 1 AUST FD CENSORSHIP COY	LAE	704404	(X)	
3		PILC	LAE	701409	(X)	
		AASC				
G.						
1		DET 126 AUST GEN TPT COY	LAE	716431		
2		REAR PARTY 133 AUST GEN TPT COY	LAE	716431		
3		101 AUST GEN TPT COY (FIVE PLS)	LAE	722442		
4		3 PL (LESS DET) & ONE WKSP PL 158 AUST GEN TPT COY	MUNIM	683482	(X)	6 BDE UNITS
5		DET 52 AUST TPT PL	LAE	683428		13 BDE UNITS
6		TWO PLS 2 AUST MAC	LAE	717428		
7		HQ 3 AUST BIPOD	LAE	701405		
8		REAR PARTY 52 AUST BIPOD PL	LAE	701405		
9		55 AUST BIPOD PL	LAE	712450		
10		4 AUST FD BAKING COY	LAE	713422		
11		5 AUST FD BAKING PL	LAE	704403		
12		ONE SEC 6 AUST FD BAKING PL	LAE	704407		
13		8 AUST FD BAKING PL	LAE	704403		
14		9 AUST FD BAKING PL (LESS DET)	LAE	713422		
15		DET 9 AUST FD BAKING PL	NADZAB	425549		
16		3 AUST FD BUTCHERING PL	LAE	723412		
17		ONE PL 3 AUST FARM COY	CAMP DIDDY	345600		
18		ONE PL 3 AUST FARM COY	WAU	W387709		
19		6 AUST FARM COY	CAMP DIDDY	353596		
20		3 AUST BASE SUPPLY DEPOT	LAE	714424		
21		22 AUST SUPPLY DEP COY	LAE	714424		
22		59 AUST SUP DEPOT COY	LAE	705411		
23		14 AUST SUP DEPOT PL (LESS A COY)	LAE	681425	(X)	6 BDE UNITS
24		15 AUST SUP DEPOT PL	LAE	681425	(X)	6 BDE UNITS
25		42 AUST SUP DEPOT PL	LAE	711418		
26		43 AUST SUP DEPOT PL	LAE	714423		
27		44 AUST SUP DEPOT PL	LAE	714424		
28		85 AUST SUP DEPOT PL	NADZAB	424553		

SERIAL NO	ARM OR SERVICE	UNIT	REF MAP	LOCATION	REMARKS
	AASC				
30		[illegible] AUST SUP DEPOT PL	LAE	704407	(X) STAGING
31		DET 2/160 AUST SUP DEPOT PL	NADZAB	424553	
32		2/162 AUST SUP DEPOT PL	LAE	702405	
33		2/165 AUST SUP DEPOT PL	NADZAB	424553	
34		2/245 AUST SUP DEPOT PL	NADZAB	LABU LAGOON	
35		DET 250 AUST SUP DEPOT PL	LAE	683428	13 BDE UNIT
36		DET 251 AUST SUP DEPOT PL	LAE	683428	13 BDE UNIT
37		2 AUST MARINE FOOD SUP PL (LESS DET)	SALAMAUA 3/4"	305207	
38		DET 2 AUST MARINE FOOD SUP PL	SALAMAUA 3/4"	707107	
	MEDICAL				
1		1/7 AUST GEN HOSPITAL (LESS DET)	MUNIM	705472	
2		2/3 AUST GEN HOSPITAL (200 BEDS)	MUNIM	700475	
3		113 AUST CON DEPOT	LAE	671447	
4		115 AUST CON DEPOT	LAE	671447	
5		MOB DEPOT MED & VET STORES	LAE	705407	
6		DET 2 AUST FD AMB	LAE	683425	13 BDE UNIT
7		6 AUST FD AMB (LESS A COY)	LAE	674452	(X)6 BDE UNIT
8		8 AUST FD AMB (LESS DET)	MUNIM	700475	
9		ADVR PARTY 9 AUST FD AMB	MUNIM	705472	
10		10 AUST FD AMB (LESS DETS)	LAE	671455	BUTIBUM MSP
11		DET 18 AUST FD AMB	LAE	715422	BUSU MED POST
12		DET 18 AUST FD AMB	SATELBERG	643505	
13		21 AUST MALARIA CONTROL UNIT	MUNIM	700475	
14		22 AUST MALARIA CONTROL UNIT	MUNIM	705472	
15		24 AUST MALARIA CONTROL UNIT	LAE	714421	
16		25 AUST MALARIA CONTROL UNIT	MUNIM	683478	
17		26 AUST MALARIA CONTROL UNIT (LESS DET)	LAE	714421	
18		ADVR PARTY 1 AUST HOSP LAUNDRY	LAE	705396	
19		1 AUST HOSP LAUNDRY (TYPE A)	LAE	702399	
20		ADVR PARTY 23 AUST HOSP LAUNDRY	LAE	706395	
21		24 AUST HOSP LAUNDRY (TYPE B(	MUNIM	700475	ATT 2/8 A C H
22		105 AUST MOB BATH UNIT	LAE	709416	
	DENTAL				
1		DDS LEQ SUB DEPOT DENTAL STORES	LAE	708405	(X)
2		HQ 54 AUST DENTAL UNIT	LAE	708405	
3		DET HQ 54 AUST DENTAL UNIT	NADZAB	LABU	ATT 1 AUST WATER CRAFT MDSP
4		A SEC 54 AUST DENTAL UNIT	LAE	699409	
5		B SEC 54 AUST DENTAL UNIT	LAE	716431	ATT 126 AUST CCS
6		C SEC 54 AUST DENTAL UNIT	LAE	676431	ATT 8 FIELD BN
7		D SEC 54 AUST DENTAL UNIT	LAE	702405	ATT 2/162 AUST INF
8		E SEC 54 AUST DENTAL UNIT	LAE	670464	ATT 43 FOD
9		F SEC 54 AUST DENTAL UNIT	LAE	712418	ATT 19 L OF C SECT
10		HQ 63 AUST DENTAL UNIT	LAE	715424	ATT 126 BDE HDSP
11		A SEC 63 AUST DENTAL UNIT	LAE	685434	ATT B CORPS SIGS
12		C SEC 63 AUST DENTAL UNIT	LAE	675447	ATT 36 BN
13		D SEC 63 AUST DENTAL UNIT	LAE	681437	ATT 19 BN
14		E SEC 63 AUST DENTAL UNIT	LAE	674452	ATT 6 FD AMB
15		F SEC 63 AUST DENTAL UNIT	LAE	673444	ATT 14/32 BN

		UNIT	REF MAP	LOCATION	REMARKS
		ADVANCE			
1		45 AUST F O D	LAE	670464	
2		[illegible] HQ & AASOD	LAE	670464	
3		[illegible] HQ 10 AASOD	LAE	670464	FORMS
4		[illegible] 14 AUST ORD STORE COY	LAE	670464	
5		10 AUST ORD STORE COY	LAE	670464	43
6		[illegible] 16 AUST ORD STORE COY	LAE	670464	
7		[illegible] 7 AUST ORD PROVISION SEC	LAE	670464	F O D
8		[illegible] 8 AUST ORD PROVISION SEC	LAE	670464	
9		[illegible] 107 AUST BDE ORD FD PK	LAE	683428	13 BDE UNIT
10		126 AUST BDE ORD FD PK	LAE	715424	
11		128 AUST BDE ORD FD PK	LAE	714420	ATT LAE AREA WK
12		127 AUST BDE ORD FD PK (AIF)	LAE	707461	(X) 6 BDE UNIT
13		108 AUST ORD VEH PK SEC	LAE	670464	
14		33 AUST MOB LDY & FWD DECN UNIT	LAE	703402	
15		[illegible] 28 AUST LT LAUNDRY	LAE	670464	ATT 43 FOD
16		108 AUST F A D	LAE	681480	
17		[illegible] HQ 10 AAD	LAE	681480	FORMS
18		[illegible] AUST ORD AMN COY	LAE	681480	108
19		[illegible] 2 AUST ORD AMN COY	LAE	681480	F A D
20		[illegible] 10 AUST ORD AMN COY	LAE	681480	
21		17 AUST LAD	LAE	681480	
22		[illegible] AUST MOB AMN REPAIR SHOP	LAE	681480	
23		3 CMF OFFICERS' SHOP	LAE	702406	
		ARMY			
1		2/1 AUST ADV WKSP	LAE	675460	
2		2 AUST LAD WKSP (AIF) (LESS 4 & 5 SECS)	LAE	714420	4 & 5 SECS NOW RAISED
3		126 AUST BDE WKSP (TYPE A)	LAE	715424	
4		[illegible] 123 AUST BDE WKSP	LAE	712421	15 BDE UNIT
5		2/127 AUST BDE WKSP (TYPE A)	LAE	707461	(X) 6 BDE UNIT
6		2 AUST WATERCRAFT WKSP (TYPE C)	NADZAB	LABU	
7		3 AUST LANDING CRAFT WKSP SEC	MARKHAM [illegible]	(L)R6457	ATT 45 LDG CRAFT
8		1 AUST MECH EQPT WKSP	LAE	675460	
9		[illegible] AUST LAD (TYPE A)	LAE	670464	ATT 45 FOD
10		[illegible] AUST LAD (TYPE A) (AIF)	LAE	686454	(X) ATT 3 COMPS SECS
11		121 AUST LAD (TYPE A) (AIF)	NADZAB	428340	
12		[illegible] AUST LAD	LAE	706445	
13		[illegible] AUST LAD (TYPE J) (AIF)	LAE	676455	(X) 6 BDE UNIT
14		[illegible] 179 AUST LAD	LAE	683428	15 BDE UNIT
15		[illegible] AUST LAD (TYPE A)(AIF)	LAE	699412	(X)
16		[illegible] AUST LAD (TYPE A)	LAE	712418	(X) ATT 19 L OF C SECS
17		[illegible] AUST LAD (TYPE A) (LESS DET)	LAE	706445	ATT 38 COMPS HQ ETC
18		535 AUST LAD (TYPE A) (AIF)	LAE	717428	ATT 3 AUST HAC
19		541 AUST LAD	LAE	706445	ATT 2/1 INF COMBT COY
20		LAE AREA WKSP	LAE	714420	

SERIAL NO	ARM OR SERVICE	UNIT	REF MAP	LOCATION	REMARKS
		PAY			
1		DISTRICT ACCOUNTS OFFICE (NG)	LAE	710415	(X)
2		2 AUST CORPS CASH OFFICE (AIF)	LAE	701409	(X)
3		70 AUST DEPOT CASH OFFICE (TYPE C)	LAE	707409	
4		81 AUST DEPOT CASH OFFICE (TYPE A)	LAE	710415	
5		84 AUST DEPOT CASH OFFICE (TYPE C)	LAE	710415	
6		86 AUST DEPOT CASH OFFICE (TYPE C)	MUNIM	705472	ATT 2/7 AGH
		POSTAL			
1		7 AUST BASE POSTAL UNIT (AIF) (LESS DETS)	LAE	704405	
2		DET 7 AUST BASE POSTAL UNIT	SATELBERG	615644	
3		DET 7 AUST BASE POSTAL UNIT	NADZAB	LABU	
4		APO 059	LAE	713429	
5		DET 11 AUST DIV POSTAL UNIT (AIF)	LAE	678433	(X) 6 BDE UNIT
		PROVOST			
1		NG FORCE PRO COY (LESS DET)	LAE	686433	
2		DET NG FORCE PRO COY	NADZAB	LABU	ATT TOWN MIL LAE
3		DET 5 DIV PRO COY	LAE	678433	(X) 6 BDE UNIT
4		DET 1C AUST L OF C PRO COY	LAE	686433	
5		1C AUST DETENTION BARRACKS (TYPE A) (AIF)	MUNIM	692492	
		PRINT			
1		9 AUST L OF C STATIONERY DEPOT (TYPE B) (LESS DET) & PUBLICATIONS SEC	LAE	702406	
2		NG PRINTING & PRESS UNIT	LAE	702406	
		GRAVES			
1		7 AUST WAR GRAVES UNIT	LAE	682407	
2		DET 10 AUST7 WAR GRAVES UNIT	LANGEMAK BAY	612595	
3		10 AUST WAR GRAVES UNIT (AIF)	LAE	682407	
4		WAR GRAVES MAINT DETAILS NG	LAE	682407	(X)
		CANTEENS			
1		HQ NG FORCE AA CANTEENS SERVICE	LAE	714426	(X)
2		DET NGF SEC AA CANTEENS SERVICE	NADZAB	425548	(X)
3		AACS AERATED WATER FACTORY	LAE	704399	(X)

SERIAL NO	ARM OR SERVICE	UNIT	REF MAP	LOCATION	REMARKS
		AMENITIES			
		DET AUST ARMY AMENITIES SERVICE	LAE	701405	(X)
		76 AUST MOB CINEMA UNIT	LAE	701405	(X)
		82 AUST MOB CINEMA UNIT	LAE	701405	(X)
		83 AUST MOB CINEMA UNIT	LAE	701405	(X)
		1 AUST ARMD DIV CONCERT PARTY	LAE	716425	(X)
		TASKFORCE CONCERT PARTY	MUNIM	697497	
		WORKS			
		22 AUST WORKS COY	LAE	709415	
		56 AUST WORKS COY	LAE	707409	
		MISCELLANEOUS			
		HQ 8 AUST SAL DEPOT	LAE	670463	
		3 AUST CORPS SAL UNIT	LAE	670463	
		6 AUST CORPS SAL UNIT	LAE	670463	(X)
		HQ AUST L OF C SAL SEC (LESS DET)	LAE	670463	
		RR DETAILS DEPOT (LESS DETS)	LAE	704407	(X)
		DET 4 CEC AUST KIT STORE	LAE	702404	
		RED CROSS BULK STORE	LAE	709414	(X)
		TRAINING			
		JUNF SCHOOL OF SIGS	MADZAB	422565	(X)
		JUNF TRAINING SCHOOL	HEATHS	YALU	(X)

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No. 23

HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 28 OCTOBER, 1944.

Present: Comd
GII, I.O., CRE, DCRE, SOIII NG L OF C SIGS, AQ, DAAG, ADMS, DAA
DO ANGAU, HYGIENE OFFR, DADMG, STAFF CAPT "Q", ADST, ADOS, CMS
CAMP.

Serial No.	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd.
1	Sigs	Units moving have not been notifying Sigs and consequently phones have been found in vacant buildings.	AQ to obtain names of units that had not notified Sigs. Concerning evacuation of LAFU, Sigs to contact OC Landing Craft direct as Major Mitchell is responsible for the area.
2	DAAG	First Aust Army advised that 2/1 CRE Forestry will be disbanded. Officers will be reposted by LHQ and ORs will be transferred to Forestry Coys and Forest Survey Coy. Any surplus will be general reinforcements. Reinforcements. Shipping direct from Australia will land reinforcements at only the following ports :- LAE, MORESBY, MILNE BAY AITAPE, TOROKINA, JACQUINOT BAY. From verbal information it can be expected that this HQ will be responsible for the coordination and shipping of leave personnel from the following bases :- LAE, MADANG, BUNA, MILNE BAY, MORESBY, TALASEA and FINSCHHAFEN. The L of C Concert Party now staging in the area would be available for a concert tour in the area. Ref Conference Minutes of 27 Oct 44, para 6. It was proposed to evacuate Amenities and Education from CHARING CROSS and establish them at this HQ. Education would still retain buildings as a Centre.	
3	DAPM	Provost were called out to quell a disturbance at 22 Works Coy.	Matter was being investigated this morning.
4	DADMG	On the "Q" side Phase "A" of JACQUINOT BAY is complete and Phase "B" almost complete. Instructions had been received that 24 3-ton vehicles were to be supplied to a Fd Regt.	Vehicles will be transferred from a Fd Regt that is not moving.
5.	COLD	DAD Hygiene to get one "burn out" latrine in working order, so that satisfactory type can be used on this HQ. Officers latrines to be partitioned between seats. Camp to have the partition put back in the showers. Also stated that camp occupied by Mobile Bath Unit was in a disgusting condition. Some buildings at Fortress Workshops were also in	

Serial No.	Report By	Report	Decision by Comd
		disrepair. Staff Capt "Q" to go into the matter. "Q" to check on the number of playing fields being used, and see that unnecessary playing fields are not being constructed. DAAG stated that a meeting of all Amenities Officers in the area had been called with a view to organising sports etc. Approval has been received for the establishment of a Nurses Rest Home at SALAMAUA and work would be proceeded with immediately. Approval has also been given for the establishment of an Officers' Club.	
6	AQ	200 personnel will be available for working parties from 43 Landing Craft Coy.	

Major
(H.L. FERGUSON)
GS I/c [illegible] SUB AREA.

Time of Signature ..... hrs 28 Oct 44.

DISTRIBUTION:
Comd
GSO II
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CRE
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SCI NG L OF C SIGS
CO 19 AUST L OF C SIGS
AA & MG
DAAG
ADMS
DAPM
DC ANGAU
DAQMG
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ADOS
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Stats Sec "A" Branch,
H.Q. LAE BASE SUB AREA (AIF)

28 OCT 44.

WEEKLY FIELD STATE as at 0600 hours, 28 Oct 44.

POSTED STRENGTH		568	8146
ATTACHED ALLOWED AND NOT ALLOWED BY WE		96	1324
TOTAL TROOPS UNDER COMMAND		664	9470
UNITS UNDER COMMAND	174		
UNITS MARCHED IN	8		
UNITS MARCHED OUT	1		
DECREASE IN OFFRS			10
DECREASE IN O/RS			227

STAGING UNITS
Adv H.Q. 13 Aust Bde &
9 other units

POSTED STRENGTH	46	586

LT-COL
(N.A. NORRIS)
A/AA & QMG LAE BASE SUB AREA

DIST: "G" BRANCH 1
FILE 2

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/10/194[illegible] HQ LAA BDA (Unit)

W.E. 1V/8C/2 OFFRS. 48 O.R's [illegible] + OFFRS. - O.R's - ATT. BY W.E.

AS [illegible]

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.				
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 -	-	-	1	*					
5 -	-	2	-	2 Lieut.-Colonels					
18 -	-	7	-	9 Majors					
17 -	-	2	-	15 Captains					
6 -	-	-	1	7 Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
3 -	-	-	-	3 A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
48	[illegible]	[illegible]	37						

	DETAIL.		A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for completion of form will complete Part A(1) & A(2).	A.		36	1								37
	B.(1)											
	B.(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.
MX 20007	Capt	K.B. PRIOR	2 Aust BSA	23-10-44	ATTD: FAA M/S1516
NX[illegible]	Capt	L. [illegible]	15 FD AGB	23-10-44	
VX 2502[illegible]	Lieut	[illegible]	AACC IBC Bn	24-10-44	ATTN: HQ 2GF DADS 2GCB
QX [illegible]	Capt	K. CAMPBELL	2/7 A.G.H.	17-10-44	RTU - Off "X" List
NX122777	Capt	A.G. LANG	2/7 A.G.H.	17-10-44	RTU - Off "X" List
NX [illegible]	Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	23-10-44	On Attachment
NX 20003	Capt	[illegible]	HQ First Army	24-10-44	On Attachment

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To (State Whether P.O.W.)	Date.	CAUSE.
NX100089	Lieut	F.P. LOCKE	HQ First Army	24-10-44	Reposted : AIF Instn
TX 502[illegible]	Lt-Col	K.A. [illegible]	H.S.L.	25-10-44	Reposted : HS 2725

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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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 28/10/1944. HQ I.A.D. BSA (Unit)

W.E. 1V/8C/1. OFFRS. 48 O.R's. 238 + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E.
AS AMENDED BY H.Q. NCE W/S/8854 of 17 JAN 44
AND A112/25/86 Dtd. SI SOC. of 19 AUG 44

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	-	1	4	W.Os. Class I.					
10	-	-	10	W.Os. Class II.					
1	-	-	1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
7	2	1	6	Staff Sergeants					
25	5	3	23	Sergeants					
37	4	7	20	Corporals					
120	22	3	141	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
342	36	22	225	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.					

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.

Details	A.T.S.	A.I.F.	A. C.M.F. Under 18 Years	A. C.M.F. 18 Years and over	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A	126	30	40	28				[redacted]	[redacted]		225
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
8	A.A.S.C.		
2	4 A.A.O.C.		
1	R.A.M.C.		
1	R.E. & Supply Pl.		
1	Line of Comm. Workshops		
22	A.A.S.C.		
1	2nd F.D.		
12	Area/Command	W.A.A.	
1	A.M.S. R.A.F.		
1	R.E. Works Coy.		
30			

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.
5	Town Major L.R.D.		
1	30 Corps H.Q. Fwd.		
1	A.G.I.D.		
1	6 Aust. A.G. Bn.		
1	15 & 21 C.C.S.		
9			

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).

[illegible]

						Present Posting	Posting Out
1	No1	[illegible]	[illegible]	14	15	Acc/No2 Cell	No2 Clerk

1	No1	A.OC Edn No1
1	S/Sgt	Ty/Shift Leg/Oster
1	Sgt	Clerk
1	Sgt	[illegible] (Filing position as S/Sgt)
1	Sgt	[illegible]
1	Cpl	Clerk
1	Cpl	A.OC
1	Cpl	Looked Orderly
1	Cpl	Duty Clerk
1	Cpl	[illegible]
1	Cpls	A.OC
1	TG1	Plotter
1	TG11	A.OC
1	TG11	Mood Meridist
1	TG11	Despatch Rider
5	TG11	Drivers M.T.
1	Pte	A.OC

DEFICIENT TO 1A

1	S/Sgt	Clerk
1	S/Sgt	M.T.S.
2	Sgt	Ty/Shift clerk
1	Sgt	A.SC
1	Sgt	[illegible]
1	Cpl	A.OC
1	Cpl	A.A.S
1	Cpl	Typewriter Mech.
1	Cpl	[illegible] Postal
6	TG111	A.SC
1	TG111	A.OC
1	TG111	[illegible]
1	TG111	A.A.S

1	TG111	Dvr. Mech
1	pte	Batman
1	pte	Dvr. M.T.
1	pte	Orderly
35		

ELEMENTS NOT ON STRENGTH

1	Sgt	Dvr M.T.
1	TG111	Dvr. Mech
35	Ptes	Dvr. M.T.

LISTS OF SPECIAL INSTRUMENT
(A.A.S./A.O./S.C. & M.C. at Code)

	UP	POSTED	DEFICIENT
Sgt	1	-	1
Cpl	1	1	-
TG1 Cook	1	1	-
TG111 Dvr. Mech	2	1	1
Dvr. M.T.	35	7	15
	37	10	17

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 28/10/1944.

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 Asstn.				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				Ringwatchers			
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, Stnly. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Assmen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen Cpl	1	1	-	Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Cmd'rs. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanisers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchmen				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Typographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wiremen				Army Clerks	2	3	(1)
Electricians				Cooks	9	12	(3)	Woodturners				AALC "	4	4	-
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								AADC "	2	-	2
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Mot.)								APDV "	2	2	-
Fitters	-	1	(1)	Driver-Operator								AAPC "	1	1	-
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								ARSC "	15	10	5
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								AADC "	7	8	(1)
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								AMIE "	5	4	1
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				CONSTABULARY NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				AMPS "	3	2	1
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchmen				Butchers				AMAS "	3	2	1
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	52	54	(2)	NON-SPECIALISTS			
Grinder, Precision				Hole Operator				Clerks, Supply				Batmen	21	19	2
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Cooks	11	11	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Cook Trimmers				MTO & Tn	41	40	1
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Conservers				Orderlies	23	24	1
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Later Duty	2	2	-
Mechanics, Typewriter	1	-	1	Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Cat. M.11	1	1	-
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders	-	1	(1)	Attached Arms			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Cpls	1	1	-
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood	-	1	(1)	Drivers, M.T.	-	3	(3)	Bty Duty	12	11	1
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				Clerks	2	3	(1)
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Storeman	3	3	-
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AA Postal	1	1	-
Photovoltist				Miners				Equipment Repairers				AADC Bde Wt	2	3	(1)
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Bty Duty	2	2	-
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates ANCILLARY ATTACHMENTS							
Surveyors				Observation Post Asstn.				Gun Layers DETAILS - BACK PAGE					27	10	17
CARRIED FORWARD	3	3	-	CARRIED FORWARD	12	18	(6)	CARRIED FORWARD	49	60	(11)	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 5 and 1 and 18 of Part A. respectively.	42 *	225 *	17 *

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 entered in one of the blank spaces on this page.

28 OCT 44 — *Date of Despatch*

(Lt. Calvert) Camp Comdt. — *Signature of Commander*

Capt.

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DETAILS OF PART USE

	WO1	WO11	S/SGT	SGT	CPL	SPEC	NON-SPEC	TOTAL
Ammunition Examiner	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Draughtsman	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Fitters	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Typewriter Mech.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cooks	-	-	-	1	3	9	1	14
Clerks	1	2	1	6	9	15	-	34
Despatch Rider	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Drivers M.T.	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
Driver Mechs.	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4
Arty Clerks	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3
AMC Clerks	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	4
PROV Clerks	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
A/PC Clerk	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
A/SC Clerks	-	1	2	2	4	1	-	10
A/OC Clerks	-	1	-	1	2	4	-	8
AEME Clerks	-	-	1	-	2	1	-	4
A/ES Clerks	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
A/AS Clerks	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2
Batmen	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	19
General Duty	-	-	-	-	6	5	[illegible]	11
Drivers M.T.	-	-	-	1	3	-	[illegible]	40
Orderlies	-	-	-	-	1	-	[illegible]	[illegible]
Water Duty	-	-	-	-	-	-	[illegible]	[illegible]
CSM WO11	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
CQMS S/Sgt	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Hygiene Inspectors	-	3	1	7	-	-	-	11
Medical Orderlies	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	3
Storemen	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
AA Postal	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
A/OC Ede WO1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Hygiene Duty	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Special Increment	-	-	-	-	1	2	7	10
Wood Machinist	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
TOTALS :-	4	10	7	23	40	49	92	235

[redacted] Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 28/10/194[illegible] (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]							
CAPT	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Yes		
CAPT	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	"		
CAPT	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	"		
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CHAPLAIN	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		"		
CHAPLAIN	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname. Initials.	Posting.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
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CAPT	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
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Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

H.Q. 54 Aust. Dental Unit
Att. H.Q. LAE BASE S.A.

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31 Oct.44.

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WEEKLY DENTAL REPORT.

WEEK ending 28 Oct.44

(a) Sections Operating------(7 Offrs.)

(b) Work performed during week:-

No of men treated	-	459
" " " extractions	-	68
" " " fillings	-	258
" " " dentures	-	51
Men made Dentally fit	-	125

Major
O.C. 54 Aust. Dental Unit.

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HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA

31 Oct 44

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA
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REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 29 OCT 44

Court Martials 3 on 24 Oct 44.

Routine.

Major

(H.H. BEVERI)
LEGAL OFFICER LAE BASE SUB AREA

AUST ARMY EDUCATION SERVICE.....WEEKLY REPORT

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Week ending 26th October.

LECTURES

Friday	20.	18 Field Ambulance.	Japan's Inner Fortress	100
		2/7 A.C.H.	of Defence	180
Sunday	22.	L.B.S.A.	"	50
Monday	23.	8 Fd Amb. "A" Coy	"	100
		5 A.A. Ops Room	"	20
		Lae Area W'shops	"	180
		ANGAU	Pacific War.	30
Tuesday	24.	8 Fd Amb "B" Coy	Japan's Inner Fortress	120
Wednesday	25.	2 Fd Svy.	"	60
		2/1 Rly Const	"	60
		8 Fd Amb "C" Coy	"	100
		NG Forests	Pacific War	20
		Lae Frt. Sigs	"	30
Thursday	26.	Adv Base Post Office	Japan's Inner Fortress	120
		2/3 Forestry	"	120
		151 A.G.T.	Japan	30

Special talk given to the 124 QM Bn. (U.S.) on Saturday 21st 800

17 talks given. Approx. attendance.....2100.

FILMS

Friday	20.	ANGAU Compound.	2,500
Saturday	21.	151 AGT	200
Monday	23.	2/3 Frsty	200
Tuesday	24.	43 FOD.	500
Wednesday	25.	AACS	100
Thursday	26.	19 L or C Sigs	150

6 screenings. Approx. attendance 3,750.

Music

Friday	20.	5 A.A.Ops room.	20
Saturday	21	Lae Music Club	75
Sunday	22	Busu Centre	65
Monday	23	2/7 Adv W'Shops	150
Wednesday	25	Busu Centre	40
Tuesday	24	Charing Cross Centre	40

6 recitals. Approx. attendance 390.

Capt Campbell DAD Educ, resumed duty ex Hosp, 25 Oct 44

M Campbell Capt

DAD Education Service HQ Lae Base Sub Area

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A.A.Amenities Servic.,
LAK Base Sub-Area,
27/10/44.

AMENITIES REPORT - WEEK ENDING FRIDAY 27 OCT 44

HQ LAK Base Sub-Area.

1. During past week issues of sporting material have been made to the following units :-

I3 Bde, I4/32 Btn, I6 Btn.
2/8 A.G.H, II2 Conv Depot, 8 Fd Amb, I8 Fd Amb.
2 Fd Regt, 2/II Fd Regt, 9 Fd Coy, 20 Fd Coy,
2 Fd Survey Coy, 58 Corps Fd Park, CRE N.G.Forests,
'U' Hvy Bty, A/A Ops Room, 33I RADAR
I Fortress Sigs, 'B' Corps Sigs, 28 Line Section
6I Wireless Section, N.G.Air Warning Wireless
ANGAU (HQ Northern Region), R.P.C.
6 Farm Coy, 9 Fd Baking Pltn
I5I A.G.T.Coy, 55 Bipod, 38 Works Coy
6 Hosp Laundry, 23 Hosp Laundry, Det I Hosp Laundry
7 Base Postal, 9 L of C Stationery, NG Adv 2 Echelon
8 Movmt Control Grp, N.G.Details Depot
63 Dental Unit, Mil Hist Sect, 'M' Special Unit
28 Malaria Control, 7 TMO (RAAF)

Visits were made to 2/7 A.G.H, NG Adv 2 Echelon, 2/8 A.G.H, I5I A.G.T.Coy, I26 A.G.T.Coy, 43 F.O.D, 22 Works Coy. Tasmanians and I Aust Armd Div Concert Party camp inspected.

2. CINEMA

Cinema programmes shown during the week were well received. Total attendances (excluding 3 Aust Div Screenings) were 22000 troops.
Details of showings for week attached.

3. ENTERTAINMENT

(a) I Aust Armd Div Concert Party has completed itinerary and has been warned for movement.
Tasmanian L of C Concert Party marched in on 24 Oct, staging and re-organising, but will be able to give a few shows in this area.

(b) A successful Boxing Tournament was held on Saturday 2I Oct, and two Boxing Committee Meetings have since been held at Amenities Office.

4. SPORT

(a) Ist Aust Army is releasing an amount of sporting material which is helping sport greatly.

(b) A conference of all Unit Amenities Officers is to be held at Amenities Office at I4:0 hrs on Wed I Nov. A.C.F, Y.M.C.A and Red Shield representatives will also be present.

.....Capt,
Amenities Officer,
LAK Base Sub-Area

CINEMA CIRCUITS WEEK ENDING 28TH OCT 44

Day	Date	'MADAM CURIE'	'THAT CERTAIN AGE'	'WINTER TIME' (Cinema No 85)	'THE GREAT DICTATOR' (Cinema No 82)
Thursday	19/10/44	HQ LAE BASE (Cinema 76)	XI2 Conv Depot (Cinema 83)	----------	HQ 6 Bde
Friday	20/10/44	Malahang (Cinema 83)	HQ Ist Army (Cinema 76)	2 Aust Fd Regt (Nadzab)	LAE
Saturday	21/10/44	Angau (Cinema 83)	2/7 A.G.H. (Cinema 76)	RAA 3 Aust Div (Nadzab)	HQ 3 Aust Div
Sunday	22/10/44	XI2 Conv Depot (Cinema 83)	----------	2/8 Commando Squn	----------
Monday	23/10/44	----------	HQ LAE Base (Cinema 76)	HQ 6 Bde	NADZAB
Tuesday	24/10/44	HQ I Aust Army (Cinema 76)	Malahang (Cinema 83)	HQ 3 Aust Div	RAA 3 Aust Div (Nadzab)
Wednesday	25/10/44	2/7 A.G.H. (Cinema 76)	103 Aust F.A.D. (Cinema 83)	LAE	----------

.....Capt,
Amenities Officer,
LAE Base Sub-Area

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA (AIF)

28 OCT 44.

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA
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WEEKLY REPORT - WEEK ENDING 27 OCT 44.

I have to report the following activities of Military Police for week ending 27 Oct 44.

2. On the 23 Oct 44 I arrived at this HQ on transfer from HQ 17 AUST L OF C SUB AREA. As from 24 Oct to close of 26 Oct 44 I accompanied Capt W.L. OSBORNE, DAPM 2 AUST CORPS, who was also A/DAPM this Sub Area, in an inspection of the Sub Area and to take over the duties as DAPM.

3. Close co-operation has been maintained with the US Military Police.

DISCIPLINE

4. The conduct of troops has been good. Offences are as follows:-

Orders for dress.....11
Possession of liquor..... 1
Found in prohibited area..... 1
AWLs reported..... 2
AWLs apprehended.....Nil.

5. On the afternoon of 22 Oct 44, 9 US coloured servicemen were found within the precincts of the 2/7 AGH. They were arrested by the Aust Military Police and handed over to the US Provost. Enquiries are proceeding.

6. At approx 2300 hrs on 27 Oct 44 a disturbance occurred at the 22 Aust Works Coy. The A/CSM received injuries to the head and was removed to hospital. Order was restored and the Military Police left the unit lines at about 2310 hrs.

There was no officer on duty at the time the disturbance occurred. A Sergeant was performing the duties of Orderly Officer.

TRAFFIC

7. Traffic duties for the week were as follows:-

BUTIBUM BRIDGE

A TCP of 6 hrs duration was maintained. The period of duty was from 1700 hrs to 2300 hrs daily.

CHARING CROSS

Pointsmen were on duty at this intersection from 0700 hrs to 1700 hrs daily in alternate shifts of 2½ hrs.

ROAD PATROLS

A continuous road patrol of one driver and an NCO of the Coy was carried out in the Lae area from 0730 hrs to 2300 hrs daily. An additional patrol gave assistance as required. The number of traffic offences recorded has decreased and general road discipline noticeably improved during the week. Three Australian MP carried out a road patrol from 0700 hrs to 1700 hrs daily in conjunction with US MP in Base "E" area, but results were negligible. No offences reported from this area.

BUTIBUM FORD

One NCO was on duty at this point from 1700 hrs to 2200 hrs daily to prevent unauthorised use of the crossing by vehicles or personnel.

MALAHANG PARK

Two NCOs were on duty from 1400 hrs to 1700 hrs daily from Monday to Friday; three NCOs from 1200 to 1700 hrs on Saturday and Sunday. One NCO was also on duty from 0900 to 1200 hrs on Saturday and Sunday.

TRAFFIC (Contd)

AMERICAN RED CROSS

13. Two NCOs were on duty at this centre from 1700 to 2100 hrs daily, to maintain law and order between the services, and to prevent any attempted souvenier selling. Reports show that Aust troops visiting the centre were correctly dressed and well behaved.

ENTERTAINMENTS

14. One Sgt and three Cpls were on duty at Lae Base Sub Area cinema on Monday and Thursday from 1700 hrs to completion of pictures for the purpose of checking all vehicles using the Parking area, and reports have been submitted of all unauthorised vehicles. One NCO was on duty at picture area to control traffic at the end of the screening and to check dress.

ESCORTS

15. One escort of two jeeps was provided for three deceased members of the army, from 2/7 ACH to War Cemetery on 22 Oct 44.

ACCIDENTS

16. An accident occurred on Butibum Rd near intersection of Ford Rd. Vehs involved were Sedan 46705 (Chev) and 3 ton Blitz No.012. No personnel were injured.

GENERAL

17. All posts were inspected periodically and NCOs found to be carrying out duties in a satisfactory manner.

18. Traffic offences for week were as follows:-

SPEEDING.(AUST.PERSL)	7
" (US PERSL)	5
STANDING IN VEHS	6
UNATTENDED VEHS	2
NOT IN POSSESSION OF C2s	1
RECOVERED JEEPS	1
ACCIDENT	1

WHARF DUTIES

19. Duties were carried out during the unloading of cargo from 3 vessels.

During the unloading of the "STIRLING MORTON" from 23 to 25 Oct 44 it was found that a number of cases of goods and liquor the property of AIOS had been damaged and in some instances liquor and other goods had been pillaged. From the position of the cases it would appear that the offences had been committed at the port of loading or during the vessel's voyage. Reports in regards to these matters have been forwarded to "A" Branch.

PROVOST COY

20. The standard of discipline is good. The NG Force Provost Coy have been assisted by members of other Pro Coys staging in this area.

STRENGTH OF UNITSSTACING

3 AUST DIV PRO COY	1 offr	17 OR
10 L OF C PRO COY		26 "
14 AUST INDE BDE GP PRO PL		7 "
NT FORCE PRO COY		2 "
3 AUST ARMD DIV PRO COY		1 "
FIRST AUST ARMY PRO COY		1 "
TOTAL	1 offr	54 ORs

VEHICLES ON STRENGTH OF NG FORCE PRO COY

JEEPS	13.
15 CWTS	3.
M/Cs	19.
TOTAL	35

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

CONFIDENTIAL

HQ LAK Base Sub Area
Ref : Mdh/720/2521

1 Nov 44

PART 1

TOTAL NEW CASES

UNIT	Total Est Str	DYSENTERY	DIARRHOEA	URTI	PUO	SKIN DISEASES
HQ LAK Base Sub Area	270	-	1	-	1	10
20 Aust Fd Coy RAE	150	1	-	-	1	6
HQ 5 Aust BHD	150	-	-	-	1	2
6 Aust Hosp Laundry	50	-	-	-	-	-
AASC (NS Detachment)	112	-	-	-	-	-
55 Aust Port W/Craft Coy RAE	217	-	-	5	-	16
8 Aust Fd Baking Pl	37	-	-	-	-	-
1 Sect, 2 Aust Fd Svy Coy	34	-	-	-	-	11
6 Aust Inf Bde Gp	2175	-	2	10	4	44
9 Aust Fd Coy RAE	181	-	-	3	-	3
2/7 Aust Gen Hosp	450	-	-	2	-	8
29 Aust L of C Sigs	650	-	-	17	6	64
HQ Printing & Press Unit	75	-	-	-	-	-
1 Aust Forest Svy Coy	45	-	-	-	-	-
2 Aust Forest Svy Coy	45	-	2	-	1	5
25 AMCU	22	-	-	-	-	1
18 Aust Fd Amb	126	-	-	-	1	8
28 AMCU	11	-	-	-	-	-
36 Aust Wks Coy	390	-	1	9	1	14
2/3 Aust Forestry Coy RAE	270	-	-	1	1	4
Recup Party, 133 AGT Coy	145	-	-	-	-	2
2 Aust MAC	120	-	-	3	-	12
HQ Details Depot	570	-	-	4	3	49
151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	430	-	-	-	4	29
2/8 Aust Gen Hosp	156	-	-	2	-	5
HQ Pro Coy	95	-	-	-	-	-
2/2 Aust Docks Op Coy RAE	282	-	-	-	-	-
31 Aust Fy AA Bty	229	-	-	-	-	1
16 Aust Det Barracks	70	-	1	-	-	-
8 Aust Army Tps Coy RAE	250	-	-	8	-	10
22 Aust Wks Coy	322	-	-	1	-	7
5 Aust Fd Butchering Pl	24	-	-	-	-	-
8 Aust MO Gp	80	-	-	-	-	-
43 Aust L/Craft Coy RAE	237	-	-	16	-	6
3 Aust Water Tpt Gp	70	-	-	-	-	-
39 Aust Sup Dep Coy AASC	11	-	-	-	-	-
2/162 Aust Sup Dep Pl AASC	46	-	-	-	-	1
2/163 Aust Sup Dep Pl AASC	37	-	-	-	-	-
2/245 Aust Sup Dep Pl AASC	28	-	-	-	-	-
1 Aust Port Sig Sect	50	-	-	-	-	1
2/7 Aust Adv Wksp AEME	315	-	2	-	2	6
112 Aust Con Depot	136	-	-	1	1	24
1 Aust W/Craft Wksp AEME	110	-	-	-	-	-
22 AMCU	17	-	-	-	-	-
5 Aust AA Ops Room	22	-	-	-	-	-
4 Aust Baking Coy	59	-	1	-	3	1
43 Aust FCD	725	-	-	4	2	4
HQ Adv 2 Echn	72	-	-	1	-	2
TOTALS	10068	1	10	86	32	346

Number of cases evacuated beyond RAP of:

(a)	Dysentery	1
(b)	Diarrhoea	4
(c)	[illegible]	2
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LAE DOCKS. | WEEKLY REPORT OF DOCKS OPERATIONS BY AUST DOCKS OPERATING COY. RAE | 29 Oct 44.

Port.	Ships Handled.	Tonnage Handled	Type & No of Coy.	Strength as at 29.10.44.	Remarks.
LAE.	5 Large type. 11 Small Craft.	7544	"C" Type 2/2 Aust Docks Op.Coy.RAE. WE 6x273 Att.WE. 15.	6 x 265. Unit. 11. Att.WE. 1 x 28 Att.PM.	2/2 Aust Docks Op.Coy.RAE completed twelve(12) months service in the PORT OF LAE on 190ct 44. - During that period cargo handled by this Coy totalled 512,780 Ship tons.
		3107	"E" Type 2/31 Aust Docks Op.Coy.RAE. WE. 4 x 104 Att.WE. 4.	2 x 86. Unit. 4. Att WE. 2 x 18. Det(Swartenhondt).	

Summary of ships worked.

Ship.	Loaded.	Discharged.	Total.
TAROONA.	67	168	235
STIRLING MORTON.		6890	6890
L M GARRISON.	116		116
MMAS WILCANNIA.		62	62
SWARTENHONDT.	1071	1738	2809
AS 60	7		7
AS 30	10		10
DULCIE.	44	299	343
AS 11	70	30	100
AS 7		6	6
AS 45		5	5
AS 56		15	15
AS 60	12	9	21
AS 45		5	5
AS 56	18		18
AS 7	9		9
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HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA.

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 30 OCTOBER, 44.

Present: Comd
GII, IO, CRE, DCRE, SOIII NG L OF C SIGS, AQ, DAAG, ADMS, DAPM, DC ANGAU, AMENITIES OFFR, DAQMG, ADST (MAJ REID), ADOS, CEME, CAMP.

Time of Commencement 0731 hrs Conference terminated at 0807 hrs.

Serial No.	Report by	Report.	Decision by Comd
1	Sigs	Reference Conference Minutes 28 Oct, 44. Aq stated that the unit concerned had notified Col. CAMPBELL, 19 L of C Sigs.	Sigs to investigate why information was not passed to correct quarters.
2	DAAG	Detention Barracks. Inspecting Officers report stated that insufficient water was available at Detention Barracks. A minimum of 1200 gallons daily was required. First Aust Army had instructed that CHARING CROSS stores be made available to them by 31 Oct 44.	
3	AMENITIES	Asked that a phone be installed as soon as possible in the new location.	No phone is needed by Amenities.
4	ADMS	Consideration should be given to the provision of accommodation of 28 sisters of 2/8 AGH who will remain behind when 2/8 AGH moves. Considered tents and floor boards would be suitable. Some tentage was held by the Hospital but all accommodation stores would be required at the new location.	ADMS to investigate the possibility of using operation ward 2/7 AGH for sleeping accommodation.
5	DAQMG	Regulators Conference of 28 Oct stated that the "James Oliver" would be unloaded that day. No provision for Australian labour facilities, consequently it was being unloaded with US personnel. 4 ships in port, 2 of which are being worked and 2 in the stream. First Aust Army asked that 12 carpenters be made available to replace labour losses.	Had been assured by GOC that urgent demands would not be made. DAQMG to ask First Aust Army to forecast their requirements so that they can be given a place on priority list.
		Trouble was being experienced in "Q" Branch with the inefficient manning of LAE Switchboard. Sigs stated that this trouble was concerning SOI NG L of C Sigs greatly and it was expected that when LAE Board was abolished the service would be considerably better.	Sigs to investigate matter and rectify as soon as possible.
		Move of 4 Aust Fd Regt. Regt will be moved to LAE and will stage at No. 1 Staging Camp for 2 days. Asked services to assist with all resources at their disposal for the off loading of stores etc. as port would be very busy during the coming week.	

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		5 ton ice making plant was being released for BSD. 43 Landing Craft Coy to move from present location to either 38 Works Coy site or Officers' Club site. 300 ft refrigerator would be removed from LAEU. Rations WAU. Vegetable convoy will carry rations to WAU.	
6	Comd	Stated at First Army Conference he was informed that MACQUINOT BAY plan was firm. Civilian planters will be brought into this area and will be under control of "Q" Branch for both discipline and supply. Comd agreed with AA&QMG that adm of planters would be controlled through ANGAU. Received advise that tipping truck shortage would be relieved shortly. Some refrigerated barges and small hospital ships were coming forward. It has been decided that 400 ton floating dock would be established at MILNE BAY.	
7	CEME	Workshops were unable to do many repairs for watercraft owing to lack of spare parts. DA&QMG requested CEME to supply information concerning barges which required 3 and 4th echelon repairs. Inspection of steam boilers. Stated that only one officer, attached 2/7 Adv Wkshops was qualified to make the inspection and consequently the inspections were not up to date. Lieut SWIFT, Adjt CEME, marched into hospital, 28 Oct 44.	DAQMG to take t matter of spare parts up with First Aust Army. CEME to endeavo to obtain loan of a competent officer from First Aust Army.
8	ADST	FSD LAEU closing today. Stock of 3 weeks dry rations had been issued. All supplies in future will be drawn from CHARING CROSS DID.	

[redacted] Maj
(H.D.FERGUSON)
GIL LAE BASE SUB ARE.

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HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

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MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 31 OCTOBER, 1944.

Present: GII, IO, CRE (Capt PEPLER), DCRE, SCIII NG L OF C SIGS, AQ, Lt-Col. NORRIS, DAAG, ADMS, DAPM, DO ANGAU, DAOMG, ADST (Maj REID), ADOS (Capt DIBBINS), CEME, CAMP.

Serial No.	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd.
1	Sigs	Stated that 19 L of C Sigs were allotted 30 natives and were getting varying numbers from 18 to 25 instead of 30. AQ asked Sigs to check with 19 L of C Sigs to make sure that an NCO was there to pick up natives as the 30 natives had been allocated and were available. Partial changeover of switchboard from LAE Base to First Aust Army, 5 Nov 44.	
2	DAAG	Weekly Field State. Posted Strength 568 Offrs 8146ORs. Attached to WE and not allowed by WE 96 Offrs 1324 ORs. Total Tps under comd 664 Offrs 9470 ORs. Units Under Comd. 174 Units marched in 3 Units marched out 1. Decrease 10 Offrs 227 ORs. 9 Staging Units 46 Offrs 586 ORs. Maj. J. T. SANDOW has been posted as DADOS and Lieut STAIB as OC this HQ and are moving forthwith.	
3	ADMS	Weekly Medical Report for week ending 28 Oct. Beds occupied at 2/7 AGH 544 " " 112 Con Depot 78 Admissions to hospital during week 203 which is a percentage of .14 per day. Admissions include - Malaria 25, Dengue 9, Dysentery 31, Scrub Typhus 2, Skin Diseases 22. Increase in incidence of malaria is viewed with concern and it is considered the cause is by an increase in infected mosquitos and laxity of malarial precautions. As repellant lotion being used in this area was below thescale laid down it is considered that repellant is not being used sufficiantly. Spraying too, is not being done by all and dress discipline is getting lax. AQ advised that snap checks would be made during the next few weeks of all units in the area to ensure that malarial precautions were being taken.	
4	DO ANGAU	Stated that shortage of native labour is being caused by the effects of vaccination.	
5	DAQMG	Ref Conference Minutes of 30 Oct 44, para 5. Carpenters First Aust Army. Taken up with First Aust Army CE representative and "Q" Officer. CE had not issued instructions for supply of 12 carpenters, in fact building plan at First Aust Army was ahead of schedule. Chief Regulator stated his appreciation of the way stores were handled at the Dump and during the rush on Sunday night. Ref Conference Minutes of 30 Oct 44, para 5. New location of 300 c.ft. refrigerator LABU will be given by First Aust Army. DCRE to dismantle same. It has been revealed to "Q" Branch that 90 odd vehicles at MORESBY had not been shown on the Census of Ordnance Stores which were to be moved	

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to L.E. Asked ADOS if any information could be given on the matter.
ADOS to advise "Q" number of tarpaulins yet to be shipped from MADANG. These tarpaulins are being set aside for use at BOUGAINVILLE.
CRE to advise "Q" Branch from which 6 Bde Units the working party at Engineer Dump consists.

Maj
(H.D. FERGUSON)
GS I/E PAST SUB AREA.

Time of Signature A.M. hrs 31 October, 194.

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