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April 1945

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit..... HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA ..... *Date and Time.—From*.....1 APR 45.....*To*.....30 APR 45.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	1 APR		Weekly Report of Docks Operating Coy - week ending 1 Apr	VOL 1V Appx 329
	2		Minutes of Commander's Conference	1V 330
	3		Minutes of Commander's Conference	1V 331
			Message re bombing prdctice by CRTC	1V 332
			Memo of Visual Training Films	1V 333
			Report by 7 Aust Base Postal Unit - period ending 31 Mar	1V 334
	4		Minutes of Commander's Conference	1V 335
	5		Minutes of Commander's Conference	1V 336
	6		Minutes of Commander's Conference	1V 337
			A A Amenities Service Report -week ending 6 Apr	1V 338
			Instruction re return of OWEN guns	1V 339
	7		Minutes of Commander's Conference	1V 340
			AAES Report - week ending 5 Apr	1V 341
			DAPM's Report - week ending 6 Apr	1V 342

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Unit HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA *Date and Time.—From* 1 APR 45 *To* 30 APR 45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	7 APR		Weekly Field State - week ending 7 Apr	VOL 1V Appx 343
			Weekly Field Return of Officers - week ending 7 Apr	1V 344
			Weekly Field Return of Other Ranks - week ending 7 Apr	1V 345
			S & T Services Report - week ending 7 Apr	1V 346
	9		Minutes of Commander's Conference	1V 347
	10		Minutes of Commander's Conference	1V 348
			Consolidated Sick Return - week ending 6 Apr	1V 349
	11		Minutes of Commander's Conference	1V 350
	12		Minutes of Commander's Conference	1V 351
	13		Amendment to Location Statement No 24	1V 352
			Minutes of Commander's Conference	1V 353
			A A Amenities Service Report - week ending 13 Apr	1V 354
			AAES Report - week ending 12 Apr	1V 355
			D.A.P.M's Report - week ending 13 Apr	1V 356

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Unit HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA *Date and Time.—From* 1 APR 45 *To* 30 APR 45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	14 APR		Minutes of Commander's Conference	VOL 1V Appx 357
			Administrative instr No Q 14 - Native Labour	1V 358
			Weekly Field State - week ending 14 Apr	1V 359
			Weekly Field Return of Officers - week ending 14 Apr	1V 360
			Weekly Field Return of Other Ranks - week ending 14 Apr	1V 361
			S & T Services Weekly Report - week ending 14 Apr	1V 362
	15		Docks Operating Coy Report - week ending 15 Apr	1V 363
	16		Minutes of Commander's Conference	1V 364
	17		Minutes of Commander's Conference	1V 365
	18		Minutes of Commander's Conference	1V 366
			Consilidated Sick Return - week ending 13 Apr	1V 367
	19		Minutes of Commander's Conference	1V 368
	20		Minutes of Commander's Conference	1V 369
			A A Amenities Service Report - week ending 20 Apr	1V 370

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Unit HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA *Date and Time.—From* 1 APR 45 *To* 30 APR 45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	20 APR		A.E.S Weekly Report - week ending 19 Apr	VOL 1V APPX 371
			D.A.P.M's Weekly Report - week ending 20 Apr	1V 372
	21		Minutes of Commander's Conference	1V 373
			S & T Services Weekly Report - week ending 21 Apr	1V 374
			Weekly Field State - week ending 21 Apr	1V 375
			Weekly Field Return of Officers - week ending 21 Apr	1V 376
			Weekly Field Return of Other Ranks - week ending 21 Apr	1V 377
	22		Weekly Report of Docks Operating Coy - week ending 22 Apr	1V 378
	23		Minutes of Commander's Conference	1V 379
	24		Minutes of Commander's Conference	1V 380
			Consolidated Sick Return - week ending 20 Apr	1V 381
	26		Minutes of Commander's Conference	1V 382
	27		Minutes of Commander's Conference	1V 383
			Memo on Monthly Census of Warlike Stores & Technical Stores	1V 384

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Unit HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA *Date and Time.—From* 1 APR 45 *To* 30 APR 45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	27 APR		Memo on Monthly Census of Warlike Stores - Machine Tools etc	VOL 1V Appx 385
	28		Minutes of Commander's Conference	1V 386
			S & T Services Weekly Report - week ending 28 Apr	1V 387
			Weekly Field State - week ending 28 Apr	1V 388
			Weekly Field Return of Officers - week ending 28 Apr	1V 389
			Weekly Field Return of Other Ranks - week ending 28 Apr	1V 390
	29		Administrative Instr No Q 16 - PW (FORMOSAN) Labour Dets	1V 391
	30		Location Statement No 25 - as at 28 Apr	1V 392
			Minutes of Commander's Conference	1V 393

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WEEKLY REPORT OF DOCKS OPERATIONS. Mar 26 - Apr 1, 1945.

4 Aust Docks Operating Coy., R.A.E.

Port LAE.	Ships Handled	Cargo handled:	Type and No. of Company.	Strength as at Mar 26.
	3 Large type. 6 Small Craft.	9677 tons.	"C" Type. 4 Aust Docks Op Coy. WE: 7 Ogfrs. 273 O/Rs. Att: 13 O/Rs. Port Maint: 1/33	7 Offrs. 247 O/Rs Port Maint: 1/33.

SUMMARY OF CARGO HANDLED.

	Loaded	Discharged	Total.
Peter T. Rowe	57		57
River Fitzroy.		2934	2934
Ludington	348		348
FS.524	249		249
Barge 1398			
" 1395	51		51
Admiral Chase	768	4791	5559
AB.442	368		368
AK.82	66	34	100
AB.2103	11		11
	1918	7759	9677

Distribution:
1-2 HQ LAE Base Sub Area.
3. Movement Control
4. File

R.C.Neville Major.,
Port Supt., LAE.

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HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 2 APR 1945

Present: Comd
GII, GIII, A/CRE, AQ, DAAG, DAQMG, ADMS, DO ANGAU, CEME, SOIII NG L OF C SIGS, DADS, DADOS, CAMP, AMENITIES, DAPM.

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1	AMEN-ITIES	Bob DYER Concert Party incl 4 female members expected to arrive latter part this week. All units have been warned and will be notified later of arrival of party, which will be presenting 3 or 4 concerts.	
2	CEME	3 Aust Landing Craft Wksp left for AITAPE approx 1500 hrs 1 Apr 45.	
3	S&T	Advises that a cottage is available at WAU, if required, provided that certain stores are made available for lighting and furnishing. The valve required for POL park is still in process of manufacture and culverts are being attended to.	
4	A/CRE	15,000 feet of drainage is required at 2/7 AGH. 4,200 feet have already been completed, but shortage of labour is hindering further progress and machines are not suitable for the project. Advises that water tank is now completed.	
5	DAPM	No trouble experienced by placing American Red Cross out of bounds.	
6	AQ	Capt GIBSON is posted to this HQ as Staff Capt 'Q'.	

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

Time of signature 1150 hrs

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HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 3 APRIL 1945

Present: Comd, GII, GIII, SOIII NG L of C SIGS, A/CRE, AQ, DAQMG, DAAG, ADMS, DO ANGAU, CEME, ADST, DADOS, DAPM, CAMP.

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1	GII	Second phase of instruction in conduct of CAB discussions commenced 2 Apr, when Lieut NELSON, AAES, started series of lectures to unit officers. A series of demonstrations in the preparation and use of egg powder, tropical spread and boneless beef has been inaugurated and cooks in the area will receive instruction during the next 12 days.	
2	DAAG	Maj HUNTER, Legal Offr, has reported for duty. Weekly Field State as at 0600 31 Mar 45:- Posted strength 288 offrs 3616 ORs Att allowed & not allowed by WE 43 454 Total tps under comd 331 4070 Units under comd 70 Units marched in & marched out - NIL Decrease in offrs 7 Increase in ORs 30 Staging units 1 Posted strength 4 196	
3	AQ	DAPM to investigate the possibility of checking the names of passengers travelling in the aircraft of the newly instituted QANTAS service LAE - AUSTRALIA. CAMP to make enquiries re replacement of present wooden flagpole with one of tubular steel.	
4	ADMS	Malaria - number of cases this week: 9 or .7 per 1000 as against 9 last week, or .7 per 1000. Dengue - number of cases this week: 12 or 1.02 per 1000 as against 12 cases last week, or 1.02 per 1000. Dysentery - 3 cases this week or .2 per 1000 as against 4 last week, or .3 per 1000. Scrub typhus - No cases. Skin diseases - 11 cases this week or .9 per 1000, as against 10 last week, or .8 per 1000. Bed state : 2/7 AGH ..700 112 Con Depot 200	
5	CAMP	Subscriptions from area for Victory Loan now total £13,540(as at 311800K).	
6	Comd		Engrs to delete all reference to extensions at O R's Club.

Time of signature.....hrs

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

Mike Dearing
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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: LAE BASE SUB AREA TOO 030930K

TO : AS LISTED BELOW

INFM: FIRST AUST ARMY. 43 AUST SQN AIR LIAISON SEC

TG 572 RESTRICTED (.) DANGER WARNING (.) CRTC will carry out low level bombing practices as from 6 apr 45 for indefinite period on arty range ref map NADZAB one inch one mile (.) DANGER AREA 380540 - 350540 - 350520 - 380520

AS WRITTEN

DISTRIBUTION :

Det ANGAU NADZAB
Det 8 Aust M C Cp NADZAB.
2/11 Aust Fd Regt
2 Pl 20 Aust Fd Coy
Det 19 Aust Op Sec NADZAB.
Det 11 Aust D R Sec NADZAB
91 Aust Wireless Sec
HQ Pacific Islands Regt
8 Aust Indep Farm Pl
Det 9 Aust Fd Baking Pl NADZAB.
Det 18 Aust Fd Amb NADZAB
247 Aust L&D
Det NG Sec AACS NADZAB
Det NG Details Depot NADZAB.
NG Trg School
9 Comm Unit RAAF
4 Tac R Sqn RAAF
Base 'E' USASOS
CRTC RAAF.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Subject: VISUAL TRAINING FILMS

Headquarters,
LAE Base Sub Area

G/573/Trg

11 Aust CRE (Wks)
HQ 151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
3 Aust MAC Pl
5 Aust Base Sup Depot
2/7 Aust Gen Hosp
112 Aust Con Depot
18 Aust Fd Amb
2/7 Aust Adv Wksp
LAE Area Wksp
3 Aust Corps Pro Coy
22 Aust Works Coy
Camp

Infm : First Aust Army.

1. The attached list of training films is forwarded.

2. Please note the explanatory paragraph preceding the detailed list of films.

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

3 Apr 45.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ 7 Aust Base Postal Unit (AIF)
3 APR 45

AD (Posts)
HQ FIRST AUST ARMY

Copies for infm:
HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA
War Diary (2)

Serial No.82

POSTAL

Hereunder is weekly report covering the Postal activities and mail statistics in NEW GUINEA and ISLANDS for the period ending 31 MAR 45.

Section 1 General

1. Staff

(a) Lieut N SMITH reported on 26 MAR prior to taking over duties as OC ANGAU Postal Unit while Lieut DARBY is absent on leave.

(b) The anticipated relief personnel are now within hail of the Island, and our first draft for relief has been inspired with new life.

(c) BOUGAINVILLE reports the arrival of his relief draft and the marching out of his "HOMERS" to G.D.D.

(d) JACQUINOT BAY relief apparently not sighted yet, as no report of relief has been received from that source.

(e) MORESBY staff are all enjoying good health.

(f) Taking the health of the whole unit, generally, the men are all in good condition.

2. Accommodation

LAE - Still awaiting instructions of extra sleeping hut, also rest room and conveniences for AWAS.

BOUGAINVILLE - Mens Mess and Recreation Hut has been re-roofed with malthoid. The parcel shed roof is in need of repairs.

JACQUINOT BAY - Work on two new parcel sheds and Orderly room is proceeding satisfactorily. Wooden pigeon holes for Reg Section and counter have been installed. The next item necessary is to provide a wooden floor for the mail room.

Section 2. Summary Of Mail Position For Week Ending 31 MAR 45

1. Letter Mails To And From AUSTRALIA

(a) AUST BASE PO LAE

Instances still occur of incomplete serials from some offices. The missing serials are generally due to lack of Aircraft space. Mails to the Mainland were despatched daily.

(b) AUST ADV BASE PO BOUGAINVILLE

Regular receipts of mail from the Mainland with one exception on 28 MAR. Outward mails despatched regularly each day.

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(c) AUST ARMY PO JACQUINOT BAY

With the non arrival of the Mariner service on 23 MAR, no first class mail was received until 27 MAR when delivery was taken of 3,300 lbs ex Flying Boat. 11 Bags arrived by Douglas on 28th and 54 lbs by courier on 29th. Full advantage was taken of planes returning to NEW GUINEA during the week, 5 despatches being made.

On 29 MAR - a tri-weekly service to JACQUINOT BAY commenced. Planes leave LAE on Tuesday, Thursday and Staurday at 1100 hrs.

(d) AUST ARMY PO PORT MORESBY

Receipts of Air Mail ex Mainland over this past week was very poor. Mail being received on 25 and 26 MAR only. Despatches to Mainland fairly satisfactory, on two occassions mail was held over. On 29 MAR the mail departed but owing to weather conditions at CAIRNS the plane returned with all mail. On 29 MAR a complete "shut out" occurred.

2. Despatch Of First Class Mails Forward From LAE

The new thrice weekly service to JACQUINOT BAY was held up for a few hours due to inclemency of the weather. The service is now operating satisfactorily. On 27 MAR, BOUGAINVILLE and MADANG Courier turned back as weather conditions would not permit a continuation of the journey.

3. Despatch Of 2nd Class Mail Forward From LAE

649 bags on hand for AITAPE despatched on 31 MAR 45.

4. Second Class Received From And Despatched To AUSTRALIA

AUST BASE PO LAE	Received	1494 Bags	59760 lbs
	Despatched	90 "	3600 "
AUST ADV BASE PO BOUGAINVILLE		Nil	
AUST ARMY PO JACQUINOT BAY		Nil	
AUST ARMY PO PORT MORESBY	Received	19 Bags	720 lbs
	Despatched	58 "	1335 "

5. Number Of Despatches And Particulars Of Mails Remaining On Hand At AUST BASE PO LAE As At 2200 Hrs 31 MAR 45.

	No of despatches	Mails Despatched 1st Class Mail Bags	1st Class lbs	2nd Class Bags	2nd Class lbs	Mails On Hand 1st Class Bags	1st Class lbs	2nd Class Bags	2nd Class lbs	
AUSTRALIA	7	167	3152	90	3600	23	424	142	5680	
MORESBY	6	16	257	11	440	2	32	2	80	♦
DOBADURA	6	6	75	14	560	1	5	1	40	
FINSCHHAFEN	7	7	136	23	920	1	15	-	-	
MADANG	7	16	403	134	5360	2	60	321	12840	
AITAPE	7	23	630	655	26200	3	105	8	320	
HOSKINS	1	7	260	-	-	7	275	70	2800	
JACQUINOT BAY	4	26	878	-	-	1	40	93	3720	
BOUGAINVILLE	6	40	1343	5	200	6	125	34	1360	♦
HOLLANDIA	7	7	75	27	1080	1	10	-	-	
MILNE BAY	4	6	45	-	-	1	5	-	-	
MOROTAI	7	7	90	5	240	1	15	-	-	

♦ by Air

Section 3. Miscellaneous Section

1. Sales Of Postal Notes And Postage Stamps

Postal Notes	£ 9,998- 0- 0
Postage Stamps	7,506- 0- 0
Registered Envelopes	48- 4- 2
Air Letter Service Cards	31- 3- 0
	£ 17,583- 7- 2

2. Registered Articles Handled

Office	Received	Despatched
LAE	1958	1967
BOUGAINVILLE	411	346
JACQUINOT BAY	244	250
MORESBY	86	81

3. Airgraphs Despatched

LAE	
BOUGAINVILLE	55
JACQUINOT BAY	29
MORESBY	18

4. Telegraph Traffic

Despatched From	TO TOWNSVILLE	BRISBANE	TOTAL
LAE	142	774	916
BOUGAINVILLE	276	1471	1747
JACQUINOT BAY	67	550	617
MORESBY	223	-	223
	708	2795	3503

5. Special Redirection Section

	Letters	Parcels
On hand 24 MAR.	1011	241
Received	2101	80
	3112	321
Redirected	779	80
Evacuees	415	15
DLO	1115	14
Deceased	-	-
Rewrapped	-	3
Total dealt with	2309	3
Balance on hand	803	112

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Section 4. Mail Statistics

1. AUST BASE PO LAE

(a) Mails Received From AUSTRALIA

Air Mail Letters	80 Bags	1361 lbs	68,050 Arts
Surface Letters	23 "	944 "	47,200 "
Newspapers	655 "	26200 "	45850 "
Parcels	839 "	33560 "	6,712 "

(b) Mails Despatched To AUSTRALIA

Air Mail Letters	93 Bags	1398 lbs	69,900 Arts
Surface Letters	48 "	307 "	15,350 "
Newspapers	10 "	400 "	700 "
Parcels	80 "	3200 "	640 "

(c) Mails Received From The Field

Letters	301 Bags	3485 lbs	174,250 Arts
Newspapers	64 "	2560 "	4,480 "
Parcels	429 "	17160 "	3,432 "

(d) Mails Despatched To The Field

Letters	373 Bags	3838 lbs	191,900 Arts
Newspapers	427 "	12080 "	29,890 "
Parcels	1407 "	56280 "	11,256 "

2. AUST ADV BASE PO BOUGAINVILLE

(a) Mails Received From AUSTRALIA

Air Mail Letters	112 Bags	3964 lbs	198,000 Arts
Surface Letters	64 "	2321 "	116,050 "
Newspapers	2688 "	107520 "	188,160 "
Parcels	4919 "	196760 "	39,352 "

(b) Mails Despatched To AUSTRALIA

Air Mail Letters	168 Bags	3225 lbs	161,250 Arts

(c) Second Class On Hand Awaiting Despatch

AUSTRALIA	120 Bags
LAE	67 "
GREEN IS	80 "
MUNDA	12 "
EMIRAU	112 "
TREASURY	70 "

3. AUST ARMY PO JACQUINOT BAY

(a) Mails Received From AUSTRALIA

Air Mail Letters	161 Bags	2576 lbs	128800 Arts
Surface Letters	58 "	1347 "	67350 "

(b) Mails Despatched To AUSTRALIA

Air Mail Letters	46 Bags	1164 lbs	58200 Arts
Surface Letters	24 "	717 "	35850 "

(c) Second Class On Hand Awaiting Despatch

AUSTRALIA	200 Bags
LAE	-

4. AUST ARMY PO PORT MORESBY

(a) Mails Received From AUSTRALIA

Air Mail Letters	23 Bags	195 lbs	9750 Arts
Surface Letters	14 "	175 "	8750 "
Newspapers	19 "	720 "	1140 "
Parcels	42 "	2000 "	336 "

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(b) Mails Despatched To AUSTRALIA

Air Mail Letters	15 Bags	513 lbs	25650 Arts
Surface Letters	22 "	519 "	25950 "
Parcels	58 "	1335 "	464 "

(c) Second Class On Hand Awaiting Despatch

DOBADURA	4 Bags
LAE	9 "
MILNE BAY	7 "
AUSTRALIA	27 "

5. Empty Bags

LAE
BOUGAINVILLE } attached

MORESBY
J'HOT BAY } not to hand.

Major
CO 7 Aust Base Postal Unit (AIF)

EMPTY BAGS RETURNED FROM "A" D.T. 7 AUST BASE P.O.T.A.L UNIT

Class of Bag	Number returned to General Post Offices						
	Brisbane	Sydney	Melbourne	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	ToTal
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Air Mail	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Registered	42	596	54	-	-	-	692
Letter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ordinary (Duck)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ordinary (Canvas)	308	588	688	-	-	-	1584
Ordinary (Jute)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cornsacks (Sten)	679	2556	1578	421	-	-	5234
Cornsacks (Unsten)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
T O T A L S	1029	3740	2320	421	-	-	7510

J. Hamilton

O.C. Aust Air Base Post Office

Capt.
Bougainville

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

RESTRICTED
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HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 4 APRIL 1945

Present: Comd, GII, GIII, SO III NG L. of C SIGS, A/CRE, AQ, DAQMG, DAAG, ADMS, DO ANGAU, CEME, ADST, DADOS, DAPM, EDN OFFR, CAMP.

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1	CEME	Requested that MS Appointments & Promotions Lists be more widely distributed in future. DAAG stated that lists had NOT been received regularly, but the matter was in process of adjustment.	
2	A/CRE	Liberty Wharf is again slipping and efforts are being made for its preservation for as long as possible by personnel transferred from 4 AOD task. Erection of a second pontoon wharf appears to be only satisfactory solution. As the present tank cannot be completed because of lack of rivets etc, another tank has been diverted from NG Details Depot	The wharf to be regarded as a priority task.

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

Time of signature....hrs

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

RESTRICTED
No 142

HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 5 APRIL 45

Present : Comd, GII, GIII, DO III NG L of C SIGS, A/CRE, AQ, DAQMG, DAAG, ADMS, DO ANGAU, CEME, ADST, DADOS, DAPM.

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1	CEME	CROSSLEY engine at powerhouse has been irreparably damaged and engine will have to be written off. A/CRE advises that replacement will NOT be available for approx 3 months.	
2	A/CRE	Tech Instruction has been received instructing that supplies of galv iron and corrugated iron will be cut down by 50%. Deficiencies thus caused will be made up by the use of malthoid.	
3	AQ	PIR are enquiring re use of iron for revetments. A/CRE recommends that coconut logs and other timber be used. Supplies of iron could be salvaged from deserted buildings throughout area. A/CRE advised that amount of iron in good condition thus salvaged is only approx 5%. Permission has been granted to Americans for the use of excavation at MILFORD HAVEN for storage of bombs.	

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

Time of signature.....hrs

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

RESTRICTED
No 143

HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 6 APRIL 1945

Present: Comd
GII, GIII, A/CRE, AQ, DAQMG, DAAG, ADMS, DO ANGAU, CRME, ADST, DADOS, DAPM, LEGAL.

Serial No.	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1	A/CRE	Lack of shipping space has brought about a shortage of cement. In future, cement will be provided only for urgent hygiene tanks, kitchens, ablution sheds etc. HQ 3 Aust Docks Gp will be instructed to restrict the loading on Liberty Wharf owing to the unstable condition of the wharf. Comd advises that the American floating crane has arrived and it is presumed that it will be used to lift the decking of the wharf onto the new piles.	

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

Time of signature 1100 hrs

A.A.Amenities Service,
LAE Base Sub Area,
6 April 45.

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AMENITIES REPORT - WEEK ENDING FRIDAY 6 APRIL 45.

HQ LAE Base Sub Area.

1. During past week, the following units purchased amenities:-

HQ First Aust Army, HQ LAE Base Sub Area
2 Army Troops, 8 Army Troops, 22 Works Coy
N.G.School of Sigs, A.A.&C.A.Sigs, 61 Wireless Sec.
55 Biped Pltn, 63 Biped Pltn.
16 Small Ships, I Aust Port Maint, I Water Amb Convoy
N.G.Printing & Press Unit, AACS Troops Club
4 A.A.O.D, 8 Movement Control Grp
18 Fd Ambulance, N.G.Details Depot
24 Mech Equpt Pk Coy, 6 Hosp Laundry

Visits were made to the following units :-

Pacific Island Regt, A.I.B, 2/11 Fd Regt, ANGAU(NADZAB),
N.G.School of Sigs, N.G.Training School, 2/7 A.G.H,
112 Con Depot, 2/7 Adv Workshops, 19 L of C Sigs, N.G.
Details Depot.

2. CINEMA

Total attendances for week were approximately 22000.

3. SPORTING

8 boxers visited NADZAB on Saturday March 31 and fought against Americans.
Boxing will be held at LAE Base Stadium on Sat 7 April.
Cricket - Competition will commence Sunday 8 April.
28 teams have entered for this competition.

4. ATHLETIC CARNIVAL.

Successful Area Athletic Carnival was held on Sunday 1 April.

E.J.Mulcahy

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

AMENITIES REPORT FOR.....MARCH.....1945

Submitted by..A.A.AMENITIES SERVICE, LAE BASE SUB AREA.

Date....6 APRIL 1945.....

1. (a) ORGANISED SPORT

	Number of Competitions	Number of Teams	Number of Matches Played	Number of Spectators
(i) Football—				
Aust. Rules	-	10	22	1000
Rugby	-	6	8	250
Soccer	-	6	10	600
(ii) Cricket	-	60	130	7000
(iii) Soft Ball	-	14	60	600
(iv) Baseball				
(v) Hockey	-	6	22	100
(vi) Basket Ball	-	12	24	200
(vii) Any other				
Volley Ball	-	12	12	200
Table Tennis	-	20	40	1000

(viii) Brief Comments:

(b) SPORTS MEETINGS

	Number Held	Number Participating	Number of Events	Number of Spectators
(i) Athletic	1	200	15	800
(ii) Boxing	2	32	16	6000
(iii) Swimming	1	400	12	2000
(iv) Horse Racing				
(v) Any other				

(vi) Brief Comments:

2 teams of 8 boxers were taken to MADZAB during month to fight against Americans. Approximately 600 Australian personnel attended.

A482—N.G. Press Unit—1/45—1M

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A.A. AMENITIES SERVICE LAE BASE SUB AREA

Submitted by .....

6 APRIL 1945

Date .....

(c) OTHER SPORT (Brief summary of main features)

(i) Swimming .. Unit reports show that approximately 4000 took part in Swimming.

(ii) Fishing .. Approximately 500 taking part

(iii) Boating .. Launch & Barge Trips etc - approximately 1200

(iv) Any other .. Tennis - Approximately 1200 participating. Deck tennis and badminton also played within units. Amenities Bus conveyed approximately 1200 to swimming, dances, sports etc.

2. ENTERTAINMENT

(a) CINEMA

	Number of Screenings	Number of Sites at which Screening Held	Estimated Number of Audience
(i) Mobile Cinemas A.A.A.S. .	58	8	92,250
(ii) Other Cinemas			

Comments :- Seats have been installed at LAE Base site. New site, in lieu of Malahang, has been approved by Commander, LAE Base Sub Area.

(b) AMENITIES CONCERT PARTIES

	Number of Performances	Number of Sites at which Performances Held	Estimated Audience
RAAF MOBILE ENTERTAINMENT (Harry DEARTH) Party	10	5	1200
..... Party			
..... Party			

(c) FORMATION OR UNIT ENTERTAINMENTS

	Number of Performances	Number of Sites at which Performance Held	Estimated Audience
~~Concerts~~ Unit Shows	20	15	2000
Quiz Nights	20	20	1200
Talent Quests	3	3	500

Unit Shows include concerts, dances, band recitals etc.

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2. (d) OTHER ENTERTAINMENT

	Number of Performances	Number of Sites at which Performance Held	Estimated Audience
.....			
.....			

Brief Comments: Approximately 30,000 attended AACS Troops Club during the month.

3. DISTRIBUTION OF AMENITIES (Value of amenities received by units during month)

(i) Sporting .....

(ii) Radios .....

(iii) Other ...BOXING TROPHY A/C..(G.O.C's FUND)

NOTE: It is important that when consolidating returns duplication does not take place.

Brief Comments:

Cash on hand at commencement of month	£157	10	-
Cash received during month	50	-	-
Cash expended on trophies during month	50	-	-
Cash on hand at end of month	£157	10	-

Total value of amenities received during month	£1246	17	9
" " " " distributed " "	£1266	10	10

Donation of £100 for LAE Area Athletic Carnival received from G.O.C's Fund.

4. PHILANTHROPIC ACTIVITIES. Brief report on services rendered by:

(i) A.C.F. All personnel in area have received monthly issue of comforts, and a good deal of furniture etc has been made available to Unit Recreation Huts.

(ii) Y.M.C.A. Representatives visit units with Mobile Canteen, and distribute ACF goods. The mobile unit supplied refreshments at Swimming Carnival on Sunday 11 March. New Hut under construction on Busu Road.

(iii) Salvation Army Refreshments are always available at Red Shield Hut, Busu Rd. Mobile Canteen visits units and assists with distribution of ACF goods. This unit also supplied refreshments at Swimming Carnival on Sunday 11 March.

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

A402—N.G. Press Unit—1/45—1M

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

SUBJECT:- SMG MACHINE GUNS

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA

G/509/SD

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY
2 Aust RADAR Det
11 Aust CCS (WMS) (2)
HQ 5 Aust Docks Op (AIF)(4)
1 Aust CCS (WD Detach) (2)
HQ NG L of C Sect (SS)

10 Aust ESS (AIF)
103 Aust Ord Veh Pk (AIF)
3 Aust AAD
2/77 Aust LAD
293 Aust LAD
3 Aust Corps Pro Coy

Copy to:
RAA (First Aust Army)
C. ADOS, LMNE

1. HQ First Aust Army memo G/20652/SD of 10 Mar, 45 directs that LAE Base Sub Area will arrange the withdrawal of SMG OWENS at present held by units in this area and that replacements by SMG AUSTENS will be effected up to the total number of SMG OWENS returned to 10 RSD.

2. The units and numbers (as per Demand on Ranika Stores of 20 Mar, 45) of SMG OWENS, serial 110, affected are shown below.

3. As the SMG OWENS are required for immediate issue to field formations, prompt submission of G 1033's to ADOS, this HQ would be appreciated.

Unit	No to be returned	Unit	No to be returned
HQ FIRST AUST ARMY	7	18 Aust DR Sec	2
2 Aust RADAR Det	6	19 Aust DR Sec	1
24 Aust Work Supp Pk Coy	53	36 Aust Op Sec	2
4 Aust Docks Op Coy	10	37 Aust Dale S/Bd Op Sec	1
2/31 Aust Docks Op Coy	1	53 " " " "	1
9 Pl 1 Aust Port Maint Coy	1	Det 4 Aust Wireless Sec (HY)	2
1 Aust CCS (WD Detach)	4	33 Aust Wireless Sec (HY)	2
1 Aust Forces Sty Coy	6	62 " " " "	14
18 Aust Mine Coy	15	64 " " " "	14
20 Aust Mine Sec	13	65 " " " "	5
28 Aust Mine Sec	13	81 " " " "	5
2 Aust Jungle O/T Maint Sec	7	92 " " " "	14
3 " " " " "	7	61 " " " "	1
4 " " " " "	7	6 " " " "	14
5 " " " " "	7	21 Pl 2/1 Aust GA Regt	1
6 " " " " "	7	101 Aust ESS	4
7 " " " " "	7	103 Aust Ord Veh Pk Sec	1
8 " Mine Maint Sec	2	3 Aust AAD	2
9 " Boat Maint Sec	2	2/77 Aust LAD	6
10 " Fuel Maint Sec	2	293 Aust LAD	6
11 " D R Sec	2	3 Aust Corps Pro Coy	1

[signature]
Capt
S.D. (MEANS)
OC(D) LAE BASE SUB AREA.

APr, 45

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDERS CONFERENCE, 7 APRIL 1945

Present: Comd, GII, GIII, SOIII NG L of C SIGS, A/CRE, AQ, DAQMG, DADOS, ADMS, DC ANGAU, CEME, ARST, DADOS, DAPM, LEGAL.

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1	GII	Base 'F' complained of failure of NADZAB-LAE communications, as a result of which, a considerable amount of petrol overflowed and was lost, as NADZAB could not be advised to stop pumping. Break in comms was due to an American truck colliding with 2 telegraph poles and breaking the lines. SOIII NG L of C Sigs advised that repairs had been commenced immediately fault was discovered. Natives working on RAE Works Park on NADZAB Road were NOT returned to compound by specified time due to failure of arrival of tpt at appointed time. MT arrives up to 15 minutes early and natives immediately stop work, thus causing the loss of considerable man-hours. A/CRE stated that arrangements are being made with GT Coy for punctual arrivals of tpt in future. DC ANGAU to check with supervisors to prevent natives from leaving the job prematurely.	

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

Time of signature.....hrs

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

A.A.Education Service
HQ Lae Base Sub Area
7 Apr 45

ED/165/2/ 295

Subject: A.A.E.S. WEEKLY REPORT - WEEK ENDING 5 APR 45

"A" Branch
HQ Lae Base Sub Area

1. STAFF:

VX58835 Sgt Morrison, D.E. - LHQ AAES Pool - m/i for duty and allotted to Busu Education Centre 3 Apr 45.

VX30446 Gnr Crosby, K.L. - LHQ AAES Pool - M/I for duty and allotted to Charing Cross Education Centre 5 Apr 45

2. LECTURES:

Summary : 25 Talks to 900 personnel

Subjects : "Japan"
"South American Politics"
"Development of Aust Foreign Policy"
"Army Rehabilitation"
"A.E.S. facilities"
"Rebuilding Australia"

3. CLASSES:

English	:	Chor Cross	1	att	2	(3 times weekly)
Arithmetic	:	" "	1	"	2	(3 " ")
German	:	" "	1	"	4	(twice ")
Theory of Music	:	" "	1	"	4	(once ")
Music Appren	:	" "	1	"	30	(" ")
El Electricity	:	Yalu	1	"	25	(" ")
English	:	Busu	1	"	2	(" ")
Bookkeeping	:	HQ Lae Base	1	"	2	(twice ")

4. CLUBS:

Charing Cross Writers's Club	att	15
" " Radio "	"	10
Lae Music . Music	"	30
First Aust Army Music	"	30
Busu	"	40

5. MUSIC:

Recorded Programmes

Charing Cross	att	40
Lae Music Club	"	30
First Aust Army	"	30
Busu	"	40

Radio Programmes:

1 Apr A.A.Amenities Request Hour
2/7 A.G.H. P.A.System
5 " WVTM Radio Station

6. 16mm FILMS:

3	Apr	2/7 Aust Adv W/shops)		
		13 Fd Amb)	att	100
4	"	20 Aust Fd Coy)		
		3 Aust Provost Coy)	"	60
5	"	2/1 Aust Rly Constrn Coy	"	20
6	"	16 Aust Detention Barracks)		
		13 Aust Fd Park Coy)	"	120
		7 screenings to		320 pers

7. CORRESPONDENCE COURSES:

23 applications for correspondence courses forwarded to Technical Colleges and Universities during week.

8. GENERAL REMARKS:

Lt Nelson's work on C.A.E. continued satisfactorily and met with a sympathetic response. C.Os express their intention to establish C.A.E. in their Units.

During the past week, three one-act plays have been presented on three occasions to large audiences at 2/7 A.G.H.

Use of Craft and Education Centres is increasing.

Capt
DAD Education
HQ Lae Base Sub Area

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA (AIF)

7 Apr 45.

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA (AIF)

Copy to : AIF FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF
WAR DIARY

WEEKLY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 6 APRIL 45.

I have to report the following Provost activities in the Lae area for the week ending 6 Apr 45.

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

3. DISCIPLINE : The general conduct of the Australian troops has been good.

No offences were reported.

4. TRAFFIC

(a) CHARING CROSS : Four NCOs were on duty as traffic pointsmen at this point from 0800 hrs to 1800 hrs daily.

(b) BUTIBUM BRIDGE & FORD : The Butibum Bridge and Ford were manned daily from 0830 hrs to 2359 hrs; posts were worked in two shifts. Duties were carried out according to Standing Orders.

(c) ROAD PATROL : Road patrols were carried out daily. Three days were worked with 2 m/cycles and four days by jeep. Motor cyclists patrolled from 0800 hrs to 1700 hrs and jeeps from 0830 to 2359 hrs.

(d) ANGAU COMPOUND : One man reported daily to ANGAU from 0600 to 0700 hrs for traffic duties.

(e) COMBINED PATROL : Two men worked daily with American Police as a combined road patrol.

Offences for the week were :

Speeding	4.
Veh unattended	1.

5. Vehicles reported stolen.

JEEP No. 20538711 - 301 Aerodrome Sqn (US) from US Red Cross 2 Apr.

Jeep No. 212923 - 7 TMC RAAF from No. 1 Pictures 7 Apr 45.

6. GOODS STOLEN & RECOVERED. : Nil.

7. PROVOST COY

STRENGTH 3 AUST CORPS PROVOST COY

POSTED STRENGTH	3 offrs	99 ORs
EFFECTIVE STRENGTH	3 offrs	93 "
2/7 A.C.H.		6 "
LEAVE		3 "
LABU		2 "
CHINESE VIL AGE		2 "
FINSCHHAFEN		2 "
ESCORT		1 "
TOTAL	3 offrs	99 ORs

8. VEHICLES ON STRENGTH 3 AUST CORPS PRO COY

JEEPS	13
15 cwt	3
M/CYCLES	18
TOTAL	34

9. SPECIAL DUTIES FOR THE WEEK

APR 1	2 NCOs to Salamaua for duty
" "	3 NCOs at the parking area at Sports Carnival at 22 Aust Works Coy.
" "	4 extra guards at the PW Ward at 2/7 AGH.
" "	Accident to Jeep on the Busu Rd investigated.
" 2	11 Jap POWs escorted from 2/7 AGH to PW Compound.
" 5	11 Jap PoW escorted to Lae airstrip ; movt was later cancelled
" 6	3 NCOs to escort 11 Jap PW from compound to Lae strip.
" 7	Members employed in dismantling tents in preparation for erection of pre-fabricated hut, 80' x 18'.

D.A.A.G.M. LAE BASE SUB AREA

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES SECRET

STATS SEC "A" BRANCH
HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA
7 APR 45

WEEKLY FIELD STATE AS AT 0600 HOURS 7 APR 45.

POSTED STRENGTH	285	3639
ATTACHED ALLOWED & NOT ALLOWED BY W.E.	46	472
TOTAL TROOPS UNDER COMMAND	331	4111
UNDER UNDER COMMAND	70	
UNITS MARCHED IN	3	
UNITS MARCHED OUT (REAR PARTIES)	3	

INCREASE & DECREASE OFFICERS NIL

INCREASE IN OR's 41

STAGING UNITS	1.	
POSTED STRENGTH	3	114

Lt.-col.
(O.W.RENNICK)
AA & QMG LAE BASE SUB AREA

DISTRIBUTION.

"G" BRANCH (2) ✓

FILE (2)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

14 / 42 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7 / 4 /194 5. HQ Lines BSA (Unit)

W.E. 17 / 8 / 45. OFFRS. 43 O.R's. 235 + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
1 -	-	-	1	BdIC *					
5 -	-	-	5	Lieut.-Colonels					
18 -	7	-	9	Majors					
17 -	5	-	12	Captains					
6 -	-	2	8	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
3 -	2	-	1	A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
43 -	12	2	36						

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.
A.		35	1								36
B.(1)											
B.(2)											

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 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., 30 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.
VX10[illegible]	MAJOR	STOCKWELL E.E.	1st AGT Coy	4/4/45	Reposting LHQ AAAS/16Feb
NX111999	MAJOR	HUNTER D.B.	HQ 1 Aust Liv	31/3/45	" LHQ28055 / 1st Feb
NX 70604	CAPT	STROUD E.A.	HQ BIMA BSA	4/4/45	TOS Off Attachment
VX 51267	LIEUT	BAIRD A.F.	2/7 AGH	3/4/45	RTU Off "X" List

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX165583	CAPT	CUPIT E.G.	LHQ PGOLAAAS(act PAA)	[illegible]	Auth HQ LBSA A82/13/1690 of 3 Apr 45
VX 45617	CAPT	MOALL A.G.	Staff School Aust Base Sub Area	4/4/45	Auth PAA AA/1122 of 31 Mar
VX 45034	CAPT	DONALDSON R.A.	AG Office LHQ	4/4/45	AUTH PAA AA/1122 of 31 Mr
VX11[illegible]	CAPT	WOOLCOCK V.A.	1st AGT Coy	31/3/45	RTU Off attachment

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).

RC LAE B SC SUB AREA _____ Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7 / 4 /1945 (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.
T/Brig	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		
Lt-Col	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
Lt-Col	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	ADOS	No	LEAVE	
Lt-Col	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		
Lt-Col	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
T/Lt-Col	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
Major	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	No	LEAVE	
Major	[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]	"		
T/Major	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
T/Major	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	SC SUB AREA	Yes		
Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	No	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]	SC 5	"		
Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	SC 5	"		
T/Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
T/Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	No	[illegible]	9/4/45
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	ACI [illegible]	Yes		
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]	"		
Chaplain	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		Yes		

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.
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5/4/45
Chaplain	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chaplain	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mr	[illegible]	[illegible]	YMCA	[illegible]	[illegible]
Major	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Major	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

7 Apr 45
Date of Despatch

Lieut
A/Comp Comdr
Signature of Commander

SUPERNUMERARY TO RE

NX 50482 LIEUT CUSHON R.F. AUTH. HQ LAE ESA A65/26/452

VX101760 LIEUT SIMMOT M.L.S. AUTH. FAA AES 1503 of 14 Feb 45

"G"

Box Plan

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

14 / 45 (Serial No.)

345

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7 / 4 /1945 HQ Aust DSC (Unit)

W.E. 17 / 8C / 2 OFFRS. 45 O.R's 245 + OFFRS. — O.R's — ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
2	—	1	3	W.Os. Class I.					
10	1	—	9	W.Os. Class II.					
1	—	1	2	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1	—	—	7	Staff Sergeants					
5	—	—	25	Sergeants					
38	1	—	37	Corporals					
—	38	—	129	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
56	35	2	112	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	A.I.F.	A.I.P.	C.M.F. Under 18 years.	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	250	—	40	19				[redacted]	[redacted]		312
B(1)							[redacted]				
B(2)											

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
20	AAAS		
7	AAMS		
4	AAOD		
2	151 AGT Coy		
1	HQ Aust FC Sub		
3	[redacted] Wks Coy		
2	AREA COMD WKG		
46			
4			

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
2	Area Comd FINSCH		
1	33 Aust Corps Pol.		
3			

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).

SURPLUS TO W.E.

1 WO1 Clerk (X26800 WO1 WILSON B.J.) GRO 187/44
1 S/S CQMS SX25877 S/S CLIFF L.A.)
1 WO11 Clerk WX21615 WO11 MICHELL J. AUTH FAA A13750 of 17 Feb 45
1 Sgt " AAMC - Discharge pending
1 Sgt " AAPC
1 Sgt AAOC Bde WO1 taken on strength as Bde WO1 pending reposting of WO1.
1 Cpl Hyg Inspec - filling vacancy Sgt Hyg Inspec.
3 Cpl Clerks - " " TG3 Clerks
1 Cpl Clerk AAOC
1 TG1 Fitter
1 TG2 Machinist Wood
1 TG3 Despatch Rider
6 TG3 Dvrs MT

DEFICIENT TO W.E.

1 WO2 Hyg Inspec
1 WO2 Clerk AAOC
1 Sgt Clerk AEME
2 Sgt Hyg Inspec
1 Cpl Clerk PRO'V.
1 Cpl Typewriter Mech.
1 Cpl Gen Duty
1 Cpl Dvr MT
1 Cpl AACS
4 TG3 Clerks
1 TG3 " AEME
5 TG3 " AASC
1 TG3 " AAOC
1 TG3 " AADC
1 TG3 " AAES
1 TG3 Dvr Mech
1 Pte Storeman
3 Pte Batman
Region
1 Pte Gen Duty
3 Pte Dvr MT
4 Pte AACS

SPECIAL INCREMENT

1 Cpl Dvr MT
2 TG3 Dvr Mech
16 Pte Dvr MT

THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL ARE CARRIED SUPERNUMERARY TO ME AND DO NOT APPEAR IN PARTS A, B, C, of E.

AUTHORITY :- LHQ A107890 of 22 Dec 44 (Testing Upper Wind Velocity)

WX14831	Bdr	CARTER	E.C.
WX14972	L/Bdr	DALTON	J.
WX12725	L/Bdr	WYATT	G.J.
WX14882	Gnr	CANE	J.S.
WX14861	Gnr	BRADFORD	[illegible] J.A.
WX14868	Gnr	BROWN	G.F.
WX 85536	Gnr	OATEN	E.J.

HQ AREA COMMAND FINSCHHAFEN
AUTHORITY :- 1 Aust AGV Mob Echelon 8/3/52 of 21 Feb 45.

WX12111	Cpl	BERRIE	A.G.E.
QX 9178	Pte	DUNLEY	G.A.

HQ Tank Brigade ... 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 / 4 / 1945.

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.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddlers and makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Compositors								Riggers				Stokers, Stnry. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen	1	1	—	Bakers				Telescope Identin. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanisers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Warrant ARCS	2	—	2
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				ARTY Clerks	2	2	—
Electricians				Cooks	9	9	—	Woodturners				LMC "	4	5	(1)
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								PAY "	2	1	1
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								AIC "	2	1	1
Fitters	—	1	(1)	Driver-Operator								AAPC "	1	—	(1)
Fitters (Cycle)				Drivers								AASC "	15	10	5
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								AIOC "	7	6	1
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								AWAC "	5	3	2
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				AMES "	3	2	1
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				AMAS "	3	3	—
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	33	33	(1)	NON-SPEC			
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Pl Offrs	21	18	3
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Gen Duty	11	9	2
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				DVR MT	41	37	4
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Conveyors				Orderlies	33	33	—
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				CSM/OR	1	1	—
Mechanics, Typewriter	1	—	1	Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Water Duty	2	2	—
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders	—	1	(1)	SQMS/Sgt			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Cpls S/Sgt	1	2	(1)
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood	—	1	(1)	Drivers, H.T.	—	3	(3)	Mcc Ors	2	2	—
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	5	4	1	Hyg Insp	12	10	2
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Storemen	3	2	1
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AA Postal	1	1	—
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				ARMC Bdr NCO	2	3	(1)
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Hyg Duty	2	2	—
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates	SPECIAL			REQUIRED			
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers	SEE DETAILS			ON BACK PAGE	27	8	19
CARRIED FORWARD	3	3	—	CARRIED FORWARD	12	13	(1)	CARRIED FORWARD	49	37	(8)	Totals of columns marked — to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	245	211	33

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is invoked 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 Apr 45
Date of Despatch

Lieut
A/Commander

L.H.Q. Press—516—10/43—416m.

	WO1	WO2	S/SGT	Sgt	Cpl	Spec	Non-Spec	Tot
Ammunition Examiner	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Draughtsman	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Fitter	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Mechanic Typewriter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cooks	-	-	-	1	1	7	-	9
Machinists Wood	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Clerks	1	3	2	5	11	11	-	33
Despatch Rider	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Dvrs HT	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	6
Dvrs Mechanic	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4
ARCS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ARTY Clerks	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
AAMC "	-	1	-	2	1	1	-	5
AADC "	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
PROV "	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
AAPC "	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
AASC "	-	1	2	3	4	-	-	10
AAOC "	-	-	-	1	2	3	-	6
AEME "	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	3
AAES "	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
AAAS "	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	3
Batman	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	18
General Duty	-	-	-	-	5	-	4	9
Dvrs MT	-	-	-	1	2	-	34	37
Orderlies	-	-	-	-	1	-	22	23
CSM WO2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Later Duty	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
CQMS S/SGT	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Mod Orderlies	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
Hyg. Inspectors	-	2	-	7	1	-	-	10
Stormen	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
AA Postal	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
AAOC Rde WO1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	3
Hyg. Duty	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Special Increment	-	-	-	1	-	1	6	8
TOTALS	3	9	9	25	47	38	91	212

DETAILS OF SPECIAL INCREMENT

	NE	POSTED	DEF.
Sgt Dvr MT	1	1	-
Cpl " "	1	-	1
TGS Cook	1	1	-
TGS Dvr Mech	2	-	2
Dvrs MT	22	6	16
	27	8	19

CONFIDENTIAL

S & T SERVICES
LAE BASE SUB AREA

WEEKLY REPORT

for week ending 7 Apr 45

No of Sheets 11

Sheet No 1

DEST
FIRST AUST ARMY

Copy to: HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA

SUPPLIES

1. ARTICLES ON SHIPMENTS

IN (a) Vessels Discharged

ADMIRAL CHASE	ex	MAINLAND completed discharging
RIVER FITZROY	ex	MAINLAND still discharging

(b) Vessels in Transit and Assigned

AS 1778	ex	MAINLAND
RIVER CLARENCE	"	"
CHARON	"	"
VAN DER HAGEN	"	"

OUT (a) Vessels Loaded

ADMIRAL CHASE	for	MADANG
WINARNA	"	JACQUINOT BAY

(b) Vessels to be loaded

OCEANIA	for	ALTAPE
F 4	"	SUBA

2. OTHER SUPPLIES

Commodity	Issues for Previous Week Ended	Stock as at 7 Apr 45 lb	Anticipated issues for Next Week Ended
Boneless Beef	6	307 656	5
Mutton Frozen	-	3 640	-
Mutton Fresh	Hosp issues	21 479	1 and Hosp issues
Butter	1	21 166	1
Hosp Meats	Hosp issues	14 854	Hosp issues
Eggs	3 eggs per man	5 618 doz	2 eggs per man
Eggs assorted	2	18 229	4 ex local sources
Potatoes	8	48 906	5
Onions	8	22 356	7
Fruit	Hosp issues	2 808	Hosp issues

SUPPLIES

3. RATION STRENGTHS

AMF	Male	11 277
	Female	162
RAAF	Male	1 175
	Female	14
RAN		48
INDIAN		9
NATIVES		9 183
" Evacuees		3 789

4. AIR MAINTENANCE OUTPUT

Date	Type of Plane	Place	No of Loads	Free Fall	Gross Weight Parachute	Landed
31 Mar	C 47	ANGAU KOKODA	1			5 125
1 Apr	C 47	ANGAU KOKODA	1			4 906
1 Apr	C 47	ANGAU AIYURA	1	4 689	1 265	
4 Apr	A 19	AIB NEW BRITAIN	1		839	
5 Apr	A 19	" " "	1		914	
6 Apr	C 47	ANGAU KOKODA	1			5 100
7 Apr	C 47	ANGAU AIYURA	1	4 170	1 922	
7 Apr	C 47	ARNHEMBERG FORCE	1	1 712	4 392	
Totals				10 565	9 132	15 121

Air Maintenance operations have been generally satisfactory. Both AIB and 8 AUST INF BDE advise 100 % recovery and in the latter case, signalled congratulations to 33 Squadron RAAF on accuracy of drop.

187 AUST SUP DEP PL, relieving 2/163 AUST SUP DEP PL is making good progress in taking over Air Maintenance duties.

5. AIR MAINTENANCE MATERIAL

Item	Expended during week	Stock as at 7 Apr 45
Held at Air Maintenance Centre LAE		
PARACHUTE SUPPLY DROPPING:		
American Type G 1	22	85
Aust 1 Ft 24 Ft	2	96
Aust 2 " 24 "	-	188
Aust 4 " 24 "	-	143
Containers Cylindrical Supply Dropping (Aust) with 12 Ft Hessian Parachute	8	27
Percussion Heads (Spring)	-	27
" " (Felt)	-	1
Container Signal W.H.F. R/L 2"	1	6
" " " " 1½"	-	43

SUPPLIES

5. AIR MAINTENANCE MATERIAL (Cont)

Item	Expended during week	Stock as at 7 Apr 45
Copra Sacks	58	700
Corn Sacks	500	2 000
Sand Bags	99	1 000
Wire Tying	2	1
Twine Ordinary	-	50
" Binder	2	98
Trunnion Bands (Small)	-	189
" " (Large)	-	197

Held at 5 AUST RSD:

Copra Sacks	26 092	Nos
Corn Sacks	77 292	"
Sand Bags	-	
Twine Binder	8 035	lbs

6. SUPPLY ROUTE IN AREA

RD 5 AUST RSD (AIF)

42, 43, 44 AUST SUP DEP PIS - RSD LAE

RD 99 AUST SUP DEP COY (AIF)

2/162 AUST SUP DEP PL	DID Charing Cross
2/163 " " " "	Air Maintenance Centre LAE
99 " " " "	Relieving 2/162 AUST SUP DEP PL
167 " " " "	" 2/163 " " " "
2 AUST MARINE FOOD SUP PL	SALAMAUA Det MOROBE
5 AUST FD BUTCHERING PL	Malahang Bakery
2/4 " " " "	Relieving 5 AUST FD BUTCHERING PL

RD 4 AUST FD BAKERY COY

8 AUST FD BAKING PL (less 2 secs)	Charing Cross Bakery
9 AUST FD BAKING PL (less Det)	BUBU Bakery
9 " " " " Detachment	MADZAB Bakery

7. CHANGES AND ADDITIONS IN REFRIGERATION AND INSTALLATIONS

(a) Defrosting of Charing Cross Cold Store is in progress.

8. GENERAL

(a) RSD STORAGE

No of Stores (200' x 50')	17	- Store B) is used for Air maintenance operations.
Capacity in packages	622 000	Packages
Packages in store	326 653	"
Transit Shed capacity	91 000	"

SUPPLIES

8. GENERAL (Cont)

(b) BAKERIES PRODUCTION

8 Aust Fd Baking Pl	LAR	21 378	lbs
9 " " " "	"	23 056	"
9 " " " " Det	NADZAB	6 496	"
Total		50 928	lbs

It has been decided to concentrate all bread production for LAR/NADZAB area at Charing Cross Bakery.

NADZAB bakery will cease production on 7 Apr. BOBU bakery will handle all production whilst necessary alterations to Charing Cross area are being made. It is anticipated that total production at Charing Cross Bakery will commence not later than 23 Apr 45.

Buildings made available by this reorganisation will be utilised in maintenance of AASC installations.

(c) FISHING OPERATIONS

(i) Catch for the week 650 lbs

(ii) Craft are being maintained and the making of the purse net is progressing.

(iii) New fishing grounds 25 miles south of MOROBE were fished during the week for a catch of 175 lbs. The grounds are open and heavy seas hampered operations.

(d) FARM PRODUCTION TAKEN ON CHARGE

	Issue	Stock
5 Aust Indep Farm Pl	8 590	2 000
8 " " " "	15 400	-
Total	23 990	2 000

9. AVAILABILITY OF FREEZER SPACE as at 7 Apr 45.

Freezer	Effective Cub Capacity	Cub Space occupied	Cub Space available	Package capacity of available space
Room No 1				
A Room	3 590 cu ft	1 700 cu ft	1 890 cu ft	1 350 cases of beef or 945 carcase mutton or 1 200 cases of butter or 720 cases Mixp Meats
B Room	4 330 cu ft	4 330 cu ft	-	
C Room	4 330 " "	2 000 " "	2 330 cu ft	1 700 cases of beef or 1 250 carcase mutton
Room No 2	5 000 cu ft	-	5 000 cu ft	3 000 cases of beef or 2 500 mutton carcase

SUPPLIES

9. AVAILABILITY OF FREEZER SPACE as at 7 Apr 45 (Cont)

Freezer	Effective Cub Capacity	Cub Space occupied	Cup Space available	Package capacity of available space
Base No 1	5 000 cu ft	5 000 cu ft	-	[illegible]
Charing Cross	5000 " "	-	5 000 cu ft	3 000 cases of beef or 2 500 mutton carcase
Totals	27 190	23 850	14 160	9 850 cases of beef or 7 065 mutton carcase or 8 870 cases of butter or 5 870 cases of Base Hosts

BOOSTER SPACE

Malahang	300 cu ft	-	300 cu ft	Required for local killing
Charing Cross	300 " "	-	300 " "	200 cases of butter or 110 cases of eggs
Base No 2 Air Lock	500 cu ft	-	500 " "	200 cases of eggs or 375 cases of butter
Base No 3 Air Lock	500 " "	500 cu ft	-	Nil
Charing Cross Air Lock	500 " "	-	500 cu ft	200 cases of eggs or 375 cases of butter
Totals	2 100	500	1 600	510 cases of eggs or 959 cases of butter

In view of the expected of 1 000 sheep per "CHARCH" a general issue of fresh mutton from the recent "CHARCH" consignment of sheep will be made during the ensuing week.

FARMS

1. **MALAHANG FARM**

(a) **Plantings**

Field	Pineapple	1 acre

(b) **Cultivation**

	Ploughed	5 acres
	Cleared	3 "
	Cultivated	3 "
Sprayed	Silver beet	1 3/5 acres
Chip hoed	Beans	3 acres
	Squash	¼ "
Manured	Beans	3 acres
	Paw Paw	2 "
	Pineapple	1½ "

(c) **General**

(i) Rain has held up plantings and cultivation.

(ii) A bulldozer was made available during the week for clearing and levelling.

(iii) Expected production for next week: Silver beet 3 000 lbs

2. **LAE FARM**

(a) **Plantings** Nil

(b) **Cultivation**

Ploughed	10 acres
Harrowed	5 "

(c) **General**

Estimated production for next week:

Potatoes	3 000 lbs
Choko	3 000 "
Fruit	2 000 "

3. **ERAE FARM**

(a) **Plantings**

Cucumber	2 acres
Peanuts	2 "

(b) **Cultivation**

	Ploughed	3 acres
	Disc Harrowed	2 "
Chip hoed	Maize	½ acre
	Tomatoes	1½ acres
Fertilised	Tomatoes	2½ acres
	Maize	½ "
Insecticide	Tomatoes	1 acre sprayed

(c) **General**

(i) 3½ acres of tomatoes pruned and staked.

FARMS

3. KRAP FARM (Cont)

(e) General (Cont)

(ii) Packing shed 20' x 20' has been constructed.

(iii) Irrigation was necessary for two days during the week.

ANALYSIS OF FARM PRODUCTION

(a) Vegs

	KRAP	WAU	MALAHANG	TOTAL
Choko		4 600		4 600
French Beans		3 990		3 990
Tomatoes	1 100			1 100
Silver beet	800			800
Corn	4 500			4 500
Pumpkin	9 000			9 000
Totals	15 400	8 590		23 990

(b) Fruit

	KRAP	WAU	MALAHANG	TOTAL
Pineapple		900		900
Paw Paw s		1000		1 000
Banana		700		700
Totals		2600		2 600

The following quantities of vegetables were shipped to other areas:

Consignee	Vessel	Commodity	Lbs	Remarks
MILNE	ADMIRAL CHIOK	Potatoes	194 916	ex MAINLAND
		Onions	23 652	" "
		Pumpkin	4 200	" MILNE
		Choko	2 736	" "
		Total	225 504	
5 ARMY ENA	MALAHANG	Potatoes	8916	ex MAINLAND
		Onions	1584	" "
		Total	10500	

LAE

Remarks

An additional 50 crates of Pumpkin and Chako from local production are to be loaded on the 'GOMERA' for 3 BASE SUB AREA. It is anticipated that a portion of local production will be available for shipment to other areas from time to time. In order to pack, pack and deliver to wharf side, it is necessary to receive reasonable warning of shipping space available. Assistance in this regard would be appreciated.

ADMINISTRATION

1. MOVEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND UNITS

(a) Maj H STOCKWELL marched in on DADT this HQ.

(b) Capt D M WOOD 44 Aust Sup Dep Pl marched in on leave.

(c) 2 Aust EMB COY, 99 and 107 Aust Sup Dep Pl and 2/4 Aust Pl Butchering Pl arrived.

(d) Capt J F LINTON rejoined this HQ on completion of tour of special duty.

2. GENERAL

(a) Advice received that Lt E R V QUEBERTON posted 3 Aust MAC Pl vice Lt ARMED.

(b) Advice received that Capt R J SMITH has been appointed from 2/62 Aust Sup Dep Pl to HQ Comd 5 AUST DIV AASC.

(c) Advice received that Lt A V Mc HEATH has been posted to HR 151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy

(d) Recommendation has been made for the promotion of T/Capt R GALLAGHAN to substantive rank.

(e) Consideration is being given to the promotion of Lt E L STOCKS 75 Aust Tpt Pl, Lt A V Mc HEATH HQ 151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy and Lt K LAMB HQ 39 Aust Sup Dep Coy. Consideration is also being given to the promotion of Lt C R COLSTON to the rank of T/Capt whilst holding appointment HQ 151 Aust Wksp Pl.

(f) Lt POWER 8 Aust Fd Baking Pl is Adm Comd 4 Aust Fd Baking Coy, during absence on leave of Capt D L MERRIN.

TRANSPORT

1. AMOUNT OF WORK PERFORMED DURING THE WEEK

		ST COY	MAC
(a)	No of Vehicles used	196 Tank Vehs	18 amb
(b)	No of tasks	412	
(c)	Mileage	57 397	9 222
(d)	Tonnage	8 653	
(e)	No of Personnel carried	11 578 Natives 5 362 Europeans	82 Stretcher 784 sitting
(f)	Nature of Tasks	Transport of Working parties supplies and materials and general domestic tasks for Units in the area.	Medical Evacuation

2. CONDITION OF VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

In view of operational demands - good.

3. TRANSPORT DRIVE IN THE AREA

NX 152 AUST GEN TPT COY (AIF) (TS)

72, 73, 74, 75 and 77 Aust Tpt Pls (TS)
251 Aust Wksp Pl (TS)

3 Aust MAC Pl (TS)

4. GENERAL

In addition to the tasks shown above under para 1 (b) the following were worked:

RIVER PIERCE, ADMIRAL CHIMP, WATANGA, KATOOMBA, AK 82 , OL 1, and COOMBA.

POL

1. STOCK OF POL in gallons and days (based on forward estimates)

	STOCK	GALLONS	DAYS
KIPORO DUMPS:	Petrol	294 168	29
	Range Fuel	43 892	28
	Distillate	76 912	26
	Kero Lighting	41 148	79
	" Power	18 180	55
RAF :	Petrol	171 921	
	Avgas 100 octane	591 275	

2. SHIPPING

IN Tanker 3 trips 493 307 gals Avgas 100 Octane.

OUT ADMIRAL CRUSE to MADANG 2 014 tons mogas.

3. BULK PETROL STORAGE OPERATIONS

POL Issued	52 195	gals
POL Received	229 116	"
Avgas 100 octane		
Issued	79 253	"
Received	670 772	"

KIPOR OPERATIONS

POL Issued	401 284	gals	837 lbs
POL Received	289 594	"	

4. DRAWINGS or OTHER SOURCES

USASOS Base 'E'	Petrol	186 150	gals
	Distillate	94 160	"
	Kero Lighting	7 700	"
	" Power	1 540	"

5. GENERAL

(a) UE Bulk Installation was taken over on the 1 Apr 45. 2 Aust Bulk Pet Storage Coy which marshed in on the 2 Apr 45 is operating the installation.

(b) WAP Installation is not yet completed by Engineers who are experiencing difficulties. No definite date of completion has been given, but it is expected that WAP will be ready to open within next 24 days.

E. Clarke
Lt Col
AUST LAE BASE SUB AREA

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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No 145

HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 9 APRIL 1945

Present: Comd, GII, GIII, SOIII NG L of C SIGS, A/CRE, AQ, DAQMG, DAAG, ADMS, DO ANGAU, CRME, ADST, DADOS, DAPM, LEGAL, AMEN OFFR.

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1	DAAG	Weekly Field State as at 0600 hrs 7 Apr 45:	

	Offrs	ORs
Posted strength	285	3639
Att allowed & not allowed by WE	46	472
Total tps under comd	331	4111

Units under comd	70	
Units marched in	3	
Units marched out (Rear parties)	3	
Increase & decrease offrs	Nil	
Increase in ORs		41
Staging units	1	
Posted strength	5 and	114.

2 AMEN OFFR — Bob DYER'S concert party has been delayed in TOWNSVILLE since 3 Apr and this will probably mean a curtailment of the original itinerary. It is not yet known how this will affect concerts for LAE area. Boxing tournament held on Sat 7 Apr was most successful. 1500 seats still required for stadium. First round of new cricket competition commenced Sun 8 Apr; 28 teams are participating in the competition. Seats are still required at MILNANG & LAE Base picture theatre sites. — A/CRE to provide soon as possible. A/CRE to provide soon as possible.

3 DADOS — Bulldozers and lawnmower required to clear REILLY'S oval for pending parade to be inspected by MGO. AQ advises that work has already commenced.

4 ADST — 'Q' have notified that the completion of the vehicle refilling point (commenced in Jan) will NOT be until 16 May 45, despite fact that only approx 10 days work is required to complete the job. Supervisor promised by Engrs to control the task on ice box has NOT yet been made available.

5 AQ — RSD have submitted demand for cut timber for the packing of ordnance stores. RSD mill cannot cut the timber to required size. — A/CRE to supply.

6 A/CRE — Provision of timber for seating accommodation at cinema sites and boxing ring had been discontinued as fabrication could not be maintained on the sites. Further supplies would be made available.

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

Time of signature. 1415 hrs

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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No 146

HEADQUARTERS, L.E BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMD'S CONFERENCE 10 Apr.45

Present:- Comd,
G11,G111,SO111 NG L of C Sigs,A/CRE, AQ, DAQMG, DAAG, ADMS, DO ANGAU, CEME, ADST, DADOS, DAPM, CAMP

Report No	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1.	SIGS	U/G Cable has again been damaged by mech eqpt. A/CRE reported that the incident occured through sig Cpl indicating the wrong position of cable. Investigation of matter is proceeding.	
2.	ADMS	Sick rates for week ending 6 Apr,45. Malaria - 9 cases or.8 against 9 cases or.7 last week. Dengue - 12 cases or 1.7 against 12 cases or 1.02 last week. Dysentery - 1 case or .09 against 3 cases or .2 last week. Scrub Typhus - 1 case or .09 against NIL last week. Skin diseases - 10 cases or .8 against 11 cases or .9 last week. Bed States:- 2/7 AGH 695 18 Fd Amb 25 112 Con Depot 220 Air Evac:- From other areas 150 To mainland 118 Awaiting Evac: 70 Hospital Ships;- "Wangaella" ETD SYDNEY 7 apr en route TORRINA, JACQUINOT BAY, L.E, SYDNEY.	
3	DAAG	Subs L.E area for War Loan now total £ 17,220 which despite less pers in area now, compares favourably with £15,000 and £ 13,000 for the two previous loans.	
4	AQ	Visited PW Camp and found control too lax. DAPM to investigate. It has been reported that an Orderly from P/W Compound has been sending messages to PWs on mainland via P'sW travelling south from L.E area. DAPM advises matter being investigated and if proved Orderly will be charged.	
5	A/CRE	Engr works are suffering from lack of labour, main task effected is, drainage of AWAS Barracks	
	DA MG	There has been a general shortage of labour in the area which has further been increased by the withdrawal of 250 pers of 2/11 Fd Regt. These were replaced by only 10 natives, necessitating a general revision of the allotment of labour, shipping tasks being No 1 priority. It is anticipated that in the near future, natives will be withdrawn for service on carrier lines in forward areas and relieved by Formosans who are expected to arrive in two flights each of 250, the first of which will bonstruct their own camp, the second will be allocated for tasks.	

6 AQ In view of restriction on iron, an estimate is being compiled of iron required by 4 AOD.

It is proposed to inspedt obsolete camp sites in LAE area re salvage of iron. Sites will be nominated where suitable supplies are found.

7 A/CRE The two 1500 gal tanks that were to be diverted from NGDD will NOT fit the tank stand, as was also the case with the tank from 2/8 AGH site. Construction of tankfor this camp is being continued and its completion will be governed by arrival of rivets etc.

8 DAQMG Necessary that a rep. from Engrs be detailed to inspect safety of water stands of units in area instead of placing the responsibility upon non-technical pers of the Units. A/CRE considers risk of units NOT reporting unsafe stands through lack of technical knowledge is NOT great.

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

Time of signature.....10 Apr,45

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10 Apr 45.

Consolidated Sick Return for week ending 6 Apr 45 - Attached.

Major.
(R. M. HAGUE)
DAAG LAE BASE SUB AREA.

CONSOLIDATED SICK RETURN
LAE BASE SUB AREA
WEEK ENDING 8 APR 45

CONFIDENTIAL

PART I

HQ LAE Base Sub Area
Ref : M720/4/500

10 Apr 45

UNIT	Total Est Str	Total Sick Parade	DYSENTERY	DIARRHOEA	URTI	PUO	TINEA	OTHER SKIN	EAR	OTHER COMPLAINTS
HQ LAE Base Sub Area	220	32	-	-	2	1	2	-	1	-
1 Aust Adv 2 Echn	68	7	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
8 Aust Movt Control Gp	75	5	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	3
2/11 Aust Fd Regt	270	58	-	-	2	12	2	12	4	5
11 Aust CRE (Wks)	32	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8 Aust Fd Coy	108	26	-	1	2	-	3	1	-	5
8 Aust Army Troops Coy	239	61	-	-	2	2	6	3	-	6
2 4 Aust Mech Eq Coy	100	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 Aust Army Troops Coy	277	100	-	1	4	1	-	9	-	23
2/1 Aust Rlwy Constr Unit	40	18	-	-	-	-	8	10	-	-
3 Aust Mech Eq Spares Sec	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 Aust Fd Coy	153	17	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	2
15 Aust Wkshops & Park Unit	179	17	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	5
3 Aust Water Tpt Gp	63	5	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	2
16 Aust Small Ships Coy	160	14	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	3
1 Aust Water Amb Convoy	50	25	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	4
45 Aust Landing Craft Coy	65	6	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	2
55 Aust Port Craft Coy	250	55	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	12
HQ 3 Aust Docks Gp	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 Aust Docks Op Coy	287	48	-	3	10	1	-	-	4	10
1 Aust CRE NG Forests	25	5	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	1
2/3 Aust Forestry Coy	169	21	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	13
2 Aust Fd Survey Coy	28	12	-	-	-	-	3	3	1	5
HQ NG L of C Sigs	155	18	-	-	3	3	-	-	2	-
19 Aust L of C Sigs	64 0	125	-	3	9	2	22	27	14	13
10 Aust Pigeon Sec	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	418	94	-	4	7	1	6	6	8	27
3 Aust MAC Pl	50	9	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
55 Aust HIPOD	37	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1
63 Aust HIPOD	29	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
4 Aust Fd Baking Coy	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8 Aust Fd Baking Pl	28	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
9 Aust Fd Baking Pl	29	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
5 Aust Fd Butchering Pl	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 Aust BSD	136	15	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	4
HQ 39 Aust Depot Sup Coy	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
99 Aust Supply Depot Pl	31	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
107 Aust Sup Depot Pl	28	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
2/162 Aust Sup Depot Pl	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2/163 Aust Sup Depot Pl	24	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
C/F	4561	816	2	14	42	36	53	98	45	161

UNIT	Total Reb Str	Total Sick Parade	DYSENTERY	DIARRHOEA	URTI	PUO	TINEA	OTHER SKIN	EAR	OTHER COMPLAINTS
Brought forward	4561	816	2	14	42	36	53	98	46	151
2 Aust Marine Food Sup Pl	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 Aust Ind Farm Pl	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8 Aust Ind Farm Pl	11	4	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1
2/7 Aust Gen Hosp	407	33	-	1	1	2	-	4	1	24
112 Aust Con Depot	64	10	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	6
108 Aust Adv Depot Med Stores	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22 AMCU	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24 AMCU	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
2 5 AMCU	14	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
18 Aust Fd Amb	194	11	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
6 Aust Hosp Laundry	37	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
105 Aust Mob Bath Unit	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 Aust AOD	360	171	2	9	5	8	15	6	4	11
8 Aust AAD	128	14	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	4
2/11 Aust Mob Laundry	72	8	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	1
8 Aust Sec Officers Shop	16	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
2/7 Aust Adv Wkshops	280	14	-	-	1	-	1	3	1	6
10 Aust Watercraft Wkshops	70	24	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	9
LAE Area Workshops	186	14	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	9
255 Aust LAD	9	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
District Accounts Office	65	4	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1
7 Aust Base Postal Unit	193	12	-	-	2	2	3	-	1	2
3 Aust Corps Provost	93	48	-	-	2	-	-	4	-	4
16 Aust Detention Barracks	100	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3
9 Aust L of C Stationery	24	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
NG Printing & Press Unit	55	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aust War Graves Unit	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aust Army Canteens Service	103	12	-	-	-	1	1	2	3	2
22 Aust Works Coy	286	7	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	3
HQ Aust Salvage Unit	51	13	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
NG Details Depot	810	228	-	11	15	-	10	52	2	66
Det 4 Aust Kit Store	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NG School of Sigs	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NG Trg School	152	119	-	-	3	-	3	-	5	-
AUGAU	95	5	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	2
HQ First Aust Army	1100	143	-	2	-	-	-	57	-	44
TOTALS	9848	1628	5	37	73	52	96	240	70	355

PART II

Number of cases evacuated beyond RAP of :-

(a)	Dysentery	5
(b)	Diarrhoea	5
(c)	URTI	4
(d)	Others	122
	TOTAL	136

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(M.S. ALEXANDER)
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HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

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No 147

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 11 APRIL 1945

Present: Comd, GII, GIII, SOIII NG L OF C SIGS, A/CRE, AQ, DAQMG, DAAG, ADMS, CEME, ADST, DADOS, DAPM, CAMP.

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1	GII	SALAMAUA switchboard is now operating, but difficulty being experienced in arranging manning times acceptable to all subscribers. Proposed to operate from 0800-1200 hrs and 1200-1700 hrs daily. If it is found necessary, these times will be amended. Times were being notified in ROs.	
2	A/CRE	Over-speeding of vehs is again becoming prevalent. Main offenders include Fd Ambs, DRs, S & T, Second Army Tps and American negro drivers.	DAPM to investigate & to contact US Provost.

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

Time of signature 1015 hrs

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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No 148

HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 12 APRIL 1945

Present: Comd, GII, GIII, SOIII NG L of C SIGS, A/CRE, AQ, DAQMG, DAAG, ADMS, DD ANGAU, CEME, ADST, DADOS, DAFM, CAMP.

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1	DAAG	Lieut BATES is posted Amenities Offr this HQ vice Capt CUPIT, who has been reposted to 2 Aust Corps.	
2	ADMS	Requests that immediate action be taken to complete the outstanding hygiene tasks at Offrs' Club and to provide an incinerator, also adjustments to latrine seats.	A/CRE to arrange soon as possible
3	CEME	Demands upon timber at carpenter's shop, LAE Area Wksp of approx 4,000 ft per month have not been met recently. Requests that the allotment to Wksp be maintained. A/CRE to investigate.	

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

Time of signature 1115 hrs

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

SECRET

SUBJECT:- AMENDMENT TO L.E BASE SUB AREA LOCATION STATEMENT No 24 as at 2359 hrs 13 APR.45.

HQ L.E BASE SUB AREA

GO 641

1. Attached as Appendix "A" is an amendment to L.E Base Sub Area Location Statement No 24 of 30 Mar,45 setting out changes in location to 2359 hrs 13 Apr,45.

2. Please acknowledge on form attached.

Major,
(H.D. FERGUSON)
G S L.E BASE SUB AREA.
Apr, 45.

DISTRIBUTION

As per GO 550 of 30 Mar,45.

SUBJECT:- AMENDMENT TO L.E BASE SUB AREA LOCATION STATEMENT NO 24 as at 2359 hrs 13 Apr,45

Copy No _____ ACKNOWLEDGED _____ Unit.

.....
(Signature, Rank, Appointment)

.....Date

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Appendix "A" to
LAE Base Sub Area GO 641
of 13 Apr,45

AMENDMENT TO LAE BASE SUB AREA LOCATION STATEMENT NO 24 of 30 Mar,45
compiled as at 2359 hrs 13 Apr,45

DELETE the following serials:

A 2, D 32, H 14 101 Aust Mob Bact Lab, T 2.

INSERT the following serials :-

A 2	% HQ Area Comd FINSCHHAFEN	LANGEMAK BAY	644507	
C 15a	Rear Party 53 Aust Port Craft Coy	MADZAB	LABU	(X)
C 23a	6 Aust Army Topo Svy Coy (less one Svy Sec, one Drawing Sec and one Lithographic Sec).	LAE	692413	(X) One Svy Sec, One Drawi Sec One Litho graphic Sec NOT raised.
D 4a	14 Aust Line Sec	LAE	712418	(X)
G 3a	2 Aust Bulk Petroleum Storage Coy((less rear Party)	LAE	678390	Rear Party AUST
G 10a	2/4 Aust Fd Butchering Pl	LAE	723412	
G 19a	99 Aust Sup Depot Pl	LAE	703404	
G 19b	107 Aust Sup Depot Pl	LAE	710424	

AMEND following serials to read:-

D 4a	Insert in remarks (Det to move MADANG"			
D 13	5 Aust Jungle Trunk Line Maint Sec	LAE	685432	(X)
D 14	6 Aust Jungle Trunk Line Maine Sec	KOKODA Trail		(X)
D 15	7 Aust Jungle Trunk Line Maint Sec	KELA (X)	Maint LAE-BUSO carrier Line	
D 38	Insert in Remarks "A det to move MADANG to replace Det 81 Wireless Sec (hy)"			
D 52	3 Aust Sig Eqpt Sec (less three AMD Sub Secs and three RSD Sub Secs)	LAE	669464	(X)
F 3	FELB	LAE	681425	(X)

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 13 APRIL 1945

Present: Comd, GII, GIII, SO III NG L OF SC SIGS, CRE, MAJ HISLOP, AQ, DAAG, ADMS, DO ANGAU, CMMT, ADST, DADOS, DAPM, LEGAL, CO/HQ

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1	ADMS	A conference is to be held to discuss loading and unloading of hospital ships due to arrive in LAE in the near future.	
2	DO ANGAU	Requests that District Office ANGAU, LAE be supplied with power from main town supply.	
3	LEGAL	One DCM was held this week.	
4	ADST	Army have NOT yet decided whether the refrigerator cargo in "RIVER CLARENCE" is to be stored in LAE or FINSCHHAFEN.	

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

Time of signature: 12.4 hrs

A.A.Amenities Service,
LAB Base Sub Area,
13 April 45.

AMENITIES REPORT - WEEK ENDING FRIDAY 13 APRIL 45.

HQ LAB Base Sub Area.

1. During past week the following units purchased amenities :-

HQ First Aust Army, HQ 3 Water Tpt Grp
4 A.A.O.D, 8 Sec Officers' Shop
LAB Area W/Shops, 2/7 Adv W/Shops, 298 Aust LAD
55 Port Craft Coy, I Port Maint, I Water Amb Convoy
II CRE, 2/3 Forestry, 6 Topo Survey Coy
2 Army Troops, 8 Army Troops, 22 Works Coy
18 Fd Ambulance, 112 Conv Depot
5 Aust B.S.D, 107 Supply Depot
55 Bipod, 63 Bipod, 2 B.P.S.Coy, 151 A.G.T.Coy
19 L of C Sigs, AA & CA Sigs, 61 Wireless Sect
7 Base Postal, I Aust Adv 2 Echelon, D.F.O.
NGDD, N.G.Details Depot, 24 MEP Coy, AACS
101 Fd Security, AIB (NADZAB)
2/11 Mob Laundry.

Visits were made to the following units :-

AIB(NADZAB), ANGAU (NADZAB), N.G.Training School, N.G. School of Sigs, Movement Control, 2/4 Docks, 4 A.A.O.D, HQ 3 Water Tpt Grp, 2/11 Laundry, 6 Hosp Laundry, 2/7 A.G.H, 112 Conv Depot, 7 Base Postal, LAB Area Wk/Shops, 19 L of C Sigs, D.F.O, & 22 Works Coy.

2. CINEMA.

(a) Total attendances for week were approximately 21,000.

(b) Plans for seating and screen for new cinema site, (Cnr Busu-Malahang Rds), as requested by Commander, LAB Base Sub Area, have been sent to Q Branch.
In order to relieve congestion at LAB Base Site, it is recommended that this work be expedited.

3. BOXING

(a) An excellent night's boxing was held at LAB Base Stadium on Saturday 7 Apr 45. Nine bouts were staged and the attendance was approximately 3500.

(b) Seating accomodation at Stadium is very inadequate, but AQ, LAB Base Sub Area, has the matter of extra seating in hand.
A new floor has been installed in Dressing Room at the Stadium, timber of the original floor having rotted.

4 CONCERT PARTIES.

(a) The Bob DYER Concert Party arrived in area on Tuesday IO Apr 45, and showed at following sites :-

Wed II April	HQ First Army	-	Attendance approx 4000.
ThurI2 "	HQ LAE B.S.A.	-	" " 4000.

The concert was very well received by troops.

The artists were entertained on Thursday by Capt CUPIT, who showed them different spots of interest in LAE area, and then motored to MADZAB. This was greatly appreciated by Party.

(b) LAE Base Stage Lighting.

Frequent representations have been made to Q Branch for permanent lighting fixtures at LAE Base Stage, but the job done has been very unsatisfactory. On each occasion there is a concert, the Amenities Officer wastes a lot of time endeavouring to locate and borrow high-power globes, footlights etc.
As it is anticipated that a number of concert parties will be visiting the area in the future, it is recommended that permanent footlight fixtures be installed.
Three more reflectors for ceiling lights are required, and it is suggested that all ceiling lights be provided with high-power globes. All globes could be held by Camp Comdt, HQ LAE Base, and installed and removed on the night of the show.
Fortunately, at Bob DYER's concert on Thursday night, we were able to unpack lamps from 30 Club Concert Party equipment.

5 GENERAL

Lt G.A.BATES commenced duty on Monday 9 April, and has been given good insight into organisation of LAE Base Amenities.

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

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

A.A.Education Service
HQ Lae Base Sub Area
Apr 45

ED/165/2/404

Subject: A.A.E.S.WEEKLY REPORT - WEEK ENDING 12 APR 45

"A" Branch
HQ Lae Base Sub Area

1. STAFF:

VX100046 Lt J.Hunter. M/I and allotted to Busu Education Centre for duty 9 Apr 45

2. LECTURES:

Summary : 29 Talks to 1000 personnel

Subjects : "Rehabilitation"
"Malaya"
"Future of Australia and The Pacific"
"Life of Franklin Roosevelt"
"Music and Commentary"
"Aust Foreign Policy"

3. CLASSES:

English	:	Char Cross	att	2	(3 times weekly)
Arithmetic	:	" "	"	2	(3 " ")
German	:	" "	"	4	(twice ")
Theory of Music	:	" "	"	4	(once ")
Music Appren	:	" "	"	30	(" ")
El Electricity	:	Yalu	"	25	(" ")
English	:	Busu	"	2	(" ")

4. CLUBS:

Charing Cross Writers' Club		att	12
Lae Music	"	"	60
First Aust Army Music	"	"	50
Busu	"	"	40

5. MUSIC:

Recorded Programmes

Charing Cross	att	50
Lae Music Club	"	60
First Aust Army	"	50
Busu	"	40

Radio Programmes

8	Apr	A.A.Amenities Request Hour 3/7 A.C.H.
10	"	WVTH Radio Station
11	"	A.A.Amenities Radio

6. 16mm FILMS:

6	Apr	ANGAU Compound	400
		2/7 Adv W/Shops	20
7	"	M.G.Trg School	150
9	"	2/3 Forestry Unit	50
10	"	1 Coy 19 L of C Sigs	80
11	"	8 Aust Movt Control	30
12	"	8 Aust Salvage)	
		25 Aust M.C.U.)	
		8 Aust A.A.D.)	150
		9 screenings to	880 personnel

Screenings consisted of :

"Comic Strips"
"Canadian Lakes (colour)"
"Indies Pipeline" part 2 "A Journey"

7. CORRESPONDENCE COURSES:

47 Applications for correspondence courses received during the week.

8. GENERAL REMARKS:

With the arrival of new members of the staff a programme to give a larger coverage to troops has been planned.

Attendance at Education Centres has increased considerably since the re-organisation.

A. E. Bowling.
Capt
DAD Education
HQ Lae Base Sub Area

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA (AIF)

14 Apr 45.

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA (AIF)

Copy to : A.P.M. FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
WAR DIARY

WEEKLY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 13 APRIL 45.

I have to report the following Provost activities in the Lae area for the week ending 13 Apr 45.

2. Close co-operation was maintained with the US Military Police.

3. DISCIPLINE : The general conduct of Aust troops has been good. No offences were reported.

4. TRAFFIC

(a) CHANGING CROSS : This point is manned daily from 0600 hrs to 1300 hrs.

(b) BUTIBUM BRIDGE & FORD : These points were manned daily as from 0830 hrs to 2359 hrs.

(c) ROAD PATROL : Road patrols are carried out daily. A Speed Check resulted in 34 offenders being charged.

(d) ANGAU COMPOUND : One MP on traffic duties at native Labour compound as from 0600 hrs to 0700 hrs daily.

(e) JOINT PATROL : Combined patrols of US and Aust Military Police were carried out daily.

(f) GENERAL : Ref First Aust Army GS 5741 of 15 March 45. As a result of checks made at TCPs, 12 vehicles were found to be in the possession of Units.

Offences for the week : Speeding 37.
1 AIF driver hit a man over part of road to US personnel off duty.

5. VEHICLES REPORTED STOLEN :

Jeep No. 147196 - 2/11 Aust Fd Regt from US pictures Wedgah - 8 Apr.
" " 123804 - 5 Aust Jungle Line Sect Sec from 2/7 GH - 10 Apr.
Fd 3 ton tip truck No.161138 - ex First Army pictures - 11 Apr 45.
Jeep No. 147173 - RAAF (S R D) from No. 8 pictures - 14 Apr 45.

VEHICLES RECOVERED

Jeep No. 79457 - removed from US pictures - 54 Aust Dental Unit - 8 Apr.
" " 123804 - found by US MP at Wedgah Rd - 5 Jungle Line Sect Sec 11 Apr
" " 124130 - found at mouth Butibum River - unable to trace unit.
Fd 3 ton tip truck No. 161138 - found by a AOD near RAA HQ.

6. GOODS REPORTED STOLEN

(a) Lieut J.A. WILLIS - 36 Service Gp RAD AB reported loss of 7 CI wrist watches, 1 fountain pen and pencil set from officers' dressing shed at Salamaua Beach, belonging to his three sections, 5 Apr 45.

(b) Wrist watch from VX114328 Pte CAHILL L.J., 2/7 GH. Exit inspection carried out with nil result.

(c) Major ROBINSON, QM 1 Coy 13 Aust L of C Sigs reported theft of kit containing personal gear, investigated without result.

(d) Loss of Tent Fly by 2/1 Aust Chemical Warfare Laboratory.

(e) 20 Aust Fd Coy RAE reported loss of DUKW Pump from goods wharf near small ships' wharf. Investigated, part traced to 2.5 Port Coy (US), Salvage reached that part be held on loan.

7. PROVOST COY
STRENGTH OF 3 AUST CORPS PRO COY.

POST D STRENGTH	3 offrs	101 ORs
EFFECTIVE STRENGTH	3 offrs	84 "
2/7 A.G.H.		7 "
LEAVE		3 "
LABU		2 "
CHINESE VILLAGE		2 "
FINSCHHAFEN		2. "
ESCORT		1 "
TOTAL	3 offrs	101 ORs

8. VEHICLES ON STRENGTH 3 AUST CORPS PRO COY

Jeeps	13.
15 cwts	3
M/C solo	18
TOTAL	34

9. SPECIAL DUTIES FOR THE WEEK

APR 8 2 NCOs to Salamaua for duty.
" 8 Lieut CRELLIN and 2 NCOs to US HP re case of alleged sodomy.
" 9 2 ORs on duty at Officers' Club.
" 9 2 ORs at Malahang Car Park.
"11 Escort for 2 SUS and as escort from Lae airstrip to 16 Det Bks.
" 11 Complete re-organisation of duties ; Sections allotted specific duties for two months: Lieut PRESCH detached to supervise PW Compound.
" 12 Capt HICKS and 6 NCOs conducted search of lines of 5 Aust Motor Tpt Cp.
" 12 Speed check on Butibum Road, 12 offenders.
" 12 Conveyed 6 SUS and escort to 16 Aust Det Bks from Lae Strip.
" 12 Check instigated to trace vehicles not shown on Census Returns, 8 traced.
" 13 Speed check continued, 23 offenders.
" 13 3 escorts for loads of spirits ex ship to Bulk Canteen.
" 13 Check continued to trace unclaimed vehicles, 5 traced.

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

WD 93 57

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

RESTRICTED
No 150

HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 14 APRIL 1945

Present: Comd, GII, GIII, SOIII NG L OF C SIGS, CRE, AQ, DACMG, DAAG, ADMS, DO LAE, CEME, AMOT, NADG, DAPM, CAMP.

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1	CRE	5 KVA at District Office ANGAU, LAE was repaired last night, but broke down again last night. This generator is old and arrangements are under way to have it returned to RSD. As the town supply is already loaded to capacity, application for another 5 KVA has been made. In the meantime, temporary lighting has been provided.	
2	AQ	Approval to disband Town Major, MADZAB and raise HQ Area Comd, FINSCHHAFEN has been received.	

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

Time of signature.....hrs

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA (AIF)

4/4 April 45

LAE BASE SUB AREA ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 34

NATIVE LABOUR

Due to an accute shortage of Native Labour in this area, a revision of natives allocated to permanent tasks has been necessary.

2. LAE Base Sub Area Admn Instr No.9 is cancelled in respect to allocation, but general instructions still apply. Attached is Appx "A" to this instruction, setting out new allocation which will take effect on 17 April 45.

3. This instruction is subject to further revision on arrival of FORMOSAN POW in this area. It is anticipated ETA somewhere within the next six weeks, when labour situation will ease

4. This revision has been effected in order to create a minimum pool of native labour to cope with average shipping requirements, plus a limited number on call for general duties. Should however demands for shipping reach a maximum it will be necessary to make further reductions overall of 210.

5. ANGAU COMPOUND are authorised to build native pool to meet such demands from following units, in priority as subtended. Demands will only be made when contingencies arise, and on completion of task natives will revert to units in accordance with Appx "A".

PRIORITIES

Priority	1	First Aust Army	10
"	2	Building Teams	20
"	3	2/7 Adv Wksps	20
"	4	4 Aust Indep Farm Pl	30
"	5	20 Aust Fd Coy	20
"	6	13 Aust Works and Parks Coy	30
"	7	25 AAMCU	10
"	8	24 AAMCU	10
"	9	22 AAMCU	10
"	10	Grass Cutting Gang	50
			210

Lt-Col
(O.W. RENNICK)
AA & QMG LAE BASE SUB AREA

DISTRIBUTION

See appx "A" attached.

War Diary
N/4.

UNIT Etc	ALLOCATION present	from 17 Apr	REMARKS
EMF			
2/7 Aust Adv Wksp	50	40	Supervision
MISCELLANEOUS			
War Graves	20	20	Supervision
Officers Club	65	60	
ORs Club	65	55	
Cordial Factory	7	9	Supervision
NG Trg School	20	20	Supervision
NG Press Unit	3	3	
US ARMY			
Sawmill	50	50	
General Duties	220	190	
Salvage	9	9	
R.A.F			
TOTAL permanent alloc	2348	2039	

DISTRIBUTION

HQ 3 Aust Water Tpt Gp
4 Aust Docks Op Coy
55 Aust Port Craft Coy
16 Aust Small Ships Coy
43 [illegible] Landing Craft Coy
HQ CRE NG Forests
1 Aust Forest Survey
2 Aust Forest Survey
11 Aust CRE (Wks) (6)
19 Aust L of C Signals (3)
2/7 Aust Gen Hosp
War Graves Maint Det (NG)
Canteen Services (4)
NG Trg School
NG School of Sigs
NG Press Unit
ANGAU Compound (3)

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FOR INFORMATION

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (2)
HQ Northern Region ANGAU
HQ Base "E" USASOS

Appx "A"
att to HQ Lae Base Sub Area
Q Admn Instr No.14.

SCHEDULE OF ALLOCATIONS ETC

UNIT Etc	ALLOCATION present	ALLOCATION from 17 Apr	REMARKS
HQ UNITS			
HQ First Aust Army	45	45	
HQ Lae Base Sub Area	7	7	Supervision
NATIVE BUILDINGS etc			
Building Teams	200	180	
Loading Line	24	24	
Sac Sac LABU	120	113	
" " YALU	80	74	
Timber YALU	60	60	
" BUSU	35	28	
Grass Cutting Lines	150	150	
ENGRS			
HQ CRE NG Forests		15	
8 Aust Army Troops Coy	8	8	
1 Aust Forest Survey	46	46	
2 Aust Forest Survey	29	29	
2/3 Forestry Coy Sawmill	195	195	
Power Plant and Refrig	10	10	
13 Aust Works and Park	70	80	
20 Aust Fd Coy	40	40	Supervision
4 Aust Docks Op Coy	165	165	
16 Aust Small Ships	50	50	
55 Aust Port Craft	63	63	
3 Aust Water Tpt Gp	4	4	
SIGS			
28 Aust Line Sec	30	30	Supervision
Finschhafen Sig Line	15	15	
Wau-Labu Sig Line	18	18	
School of Signals	20	20	Supervision
MEDICAL			
2/7 AGH	27		Supervision
" (Marys)	11		
6 Aust Hosp Laundry	10	10	
25 AAMCU		50	Supervision
24 AAMCU	50		Supervision
22 AAMCU	50	50	Supervision
AASC			
1 Aust Indep Farm Pl	70		Nil Entitlement plus one alloc as required
2 Aust Bulk Pet Sup Unit	..		
Bakery	..		

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES SECRET

STATS SEC "A" BRANCH
HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA
14 APR 45

WEEKLY FIELD STATE AS AT 0600 HOURS 14 APR 45.

POSTED STRENGTH	296	3839
ATTACHED ALLOWED & NOT ALLOWED BY W.E.	43	476
TOTAL TROOPS UNDER COMMAND	339	4315
UNITS UNDER COMMAND	71	
UNITS MARCHED IN	1	
UNITS MARCHED OUT	NIL	

INCREASE IN OFFICERS	8
INCREASE IN OR's	204

STAGING UNITS NIL

Lt.-col.
(D.W. RENNICK)
AA & QMG LAE BASE SUB AREA

DISTRIBUTION.

"G" BRANCH (1)

FILE (2)

"G"

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 14/4/1945 HQ LAE BSA (Unit)

W.E. 17/SC/2. OFFRS. 47 O.R's. 842 + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E.

Amendment No.5 of 2 Mar 45

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.	Reinf'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinf'ts Required.
1	-	-	-	-	BRIG *					
5	-	-	-	5	Lieut.-Colonels					
16	-	7	-	9	Majors					
15	-	6	-	15	Captains					
6	-	-	3	9	Lieutenants					
					Quarter-masters					
3	-	2	-	1	A.A.N.S. and ~~A.A.W.S. Offrs.~~ CAPTAINS					
					Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
47	-	13	3	37						

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 B(1) & B(2).	DETAIL		A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	N.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	A.		36	1								37
	B.(1)											
	B.(2)											

* Insert details 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., 36 U.K. Forces; 18 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.
WX10004[illegible]	LIEUT	HUNTER J.	108 Aust Gen Depot	9/4/45	AUTH LEC Memo 20489 of 2 Mar 45

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0000 Hrs. Saturday 14 / 4 / 1945 (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.
T/BRIG	[illegible]	[illegible]	F.L.	COMD	YES		
LT COL	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
LT COL	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	NO	LEAVE	
LT COL	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	YES		
LT COL	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
T/LT COL	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
MAJOR	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	NO	LEAVE	
MAJOR	[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]	Log/Offr	"		
T/MAJOR	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
T/MAJOR	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
CAPT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	SO Pub	"		
CAPT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
CAPT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	YES		
CAPT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	NO	LEAVE	
CAPT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	YES		
CAPT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
CAPT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
CAPT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Log/Offr	"		
CAPT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
CAPT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
T/CAPT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"	System Warning Move	
T/CAPT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
MAJOR	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	NO	DET HQ 5 A SEC	9/1/45
MAJOR	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	HQ	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]	NO	DET HQ 5 A SEC	9/1/45
MAJOR	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	YES		

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.
MAJOR	[illegible]	[illegible]	16 A TD Amb		9/1/45
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
MR	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9/3/45
MAJOR	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
CAPT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

14 Apr 45
Date of Despatch

[illegible] Lieut
A/Camp Comdt
Signature of Commander

SUPERNUMERARY TO WP

NX 20404 LIEUT CURRIN A.F. AUTH: HQ AAF BSA A53/38/222

VX10780 LIEUT SYMMOT H.L.R. AUTH: FAA AMS 1500 of 14 Feb 45

"G"

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 14/4/1945 HQLAE BSA (Unit)

W.E. 1V SC/2 OFFRS. 47 O.R's 242 + OFFRS. - O.R's - ATT. BY W.E.

Amendment No 8 of 2 Mar 45

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	-	-	3	W.Os. Class I.					
10	-	3	-	7	W.Os. Class II.					
1	-	-	1	2	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
6	-	-	-	6	Staff Sergeants					
25	-	2	-	23	Sergeants					
37	-	1	-	36	Corporals					
161	32	32	-	129	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
					Civilians counting as O.R.					
	36	2	206	•	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	A.T.S.	W.R.A.F.	C.M.P. Under 18 Years.	C.M.P. 18 years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	• •	TOTAL.
A	128	22	38	17				[redacted]	[redacted]		205
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
19	LHC Pool AAAS		
	Det FAA		
8	AAES		
2	Area Comd WAU		
4	4 Aust AOD		
2	151 AGT		
1	16 Aust Fd Amb		
3	22 Aust Mcs Coy		
39			

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
2	Area Comd FINSCH		
1	58 Corps Fd Park		
3			

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).

SURPLUS TO WE

1 WO1 Clerk QX26300 WO1 WILSON R.J. GRO167/44
1 WO2 " WX21613 WO2 MICHELL J. AUTH FAA A16750 of 17 Feb 45
1 S/Sgt " Legal Filling vacancy of Sgt Clerk (Legal)
1 Sgt Clerk
3 Cpl Clerks filling vacancy TG3 Clerks
1 Cpl Clerk AAOC " " TG5 Clerk
1 S/Sgt CQMS SX26677 S/Sgt CLIFF L.A. GRO 187/44
1 Sgt AAOC Bde WO1 taken on strength as Bde WO1 pending reposting of WO1

6 TG3 Dvrs MT
1 TG1 Fitter
1 TG2 Machinist Wood
1 TG3 Despatch Rider

DEFICIENT TO WE

1 S/Sgt Clerk
1 Sgt " (Legal) Vacancy being filled by S/SGT/
5 TG3 Clerks
3 WO2 Hyg Inspectors
2 Sgt " "
1 Sgt Clerk AEME
1 TG2 " "
5 TG3 " " AASC
1 WO2 " AAOC
1 TG3 " AAOC
1 TG3 " AADC
1 TG3 " AAES
1 Cpl Typewriter Mech
1 TG3 Dvr Mech
1 Pte Storeman
1 pte Water Duty
2 Ptes Batmen
1 PTE Orderly
1 Cpl General Duties
1 Pte " "
1 Cpl Dvr MT
1 Cpl ARCS
2 Ptes ARCS

SPECIAL INCREMENT
1 Cpl Dvr MT
2 TG3 Dvr Mech
16 Ptes Dvrs MT

THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL ARE CARRIED SUPERNUM RAINT TO WE AND DO NOT APPEAR IN PARAS A,B,C,D, or E

AUTHORITY :- LHQ A10789 0 of 22 Dec 44 (Testing Upper Wind Velocity)

VX124631 Bdr CARTER H.C.
VX149735 L/BdrDALTON J.
VX127126 L/BdrWYATT G.J.
VX124862 Gnr CAMM J.R.
VX124861 Gnr BRADFORD J.A.
VX126068 Gnr BROWN G.F.
VX 85536 Gnr OATES P.J.

HQ AREA COMD FINSCHHAFEN
AUTHORITY :- 1 Asst AGY and Echelon 8/3/52 of 21 Feb 45

VX124161 Cpl BEASLEY A.G.E.
QX 9178 Pte DUBLEY G.A.

2 HQ [illegible] 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/ 4 /1945.

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	8	8	-	Operating Room Asstn.	12	12	(1)	O.P.D. Assistants	42	36	(7)
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Shovellers			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Stnty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Azemen				Signwriters				Textile Knitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identin. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)	1	1	-	Bty. Comd'rs. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanisers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				AACS	6	-	5
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Asst Clerks	2	2	-
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics	2	2	-					LAMC 2	4	4	-
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								PTSM 2	5	5	-
Fitters	-	1	(1)	Driver-Operator								AADC 2	2	1	1
Fitters (Cycle)				Drivers								AAPC 2	1	1	-
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								AAOC 2	15	10	5
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								AAOC 2	7	6	1
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				AWOP 2	5	3	2
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				DETAILS OF [illegible]			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Haichman				Butchers				AADS 2	3	2	1
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks				[illegible]			
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply	66	66	-	Detail	11	13	2
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Gun Duty	11	3	2
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				Pvt MD	41	40	1
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Colourists				Orderlies	53	52	1
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				CSM MOL	1	1	-
Mechanics, Typewriter	1	-	1	Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Later Duty	2	1	1
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				Gen Clerk	1	-	(1)
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals	-	1	(1)	[illegible]			
Operators, Examiner				Machinists, Wood	-	1	(1)	Drivers, M.T.				Med Ord	2	2	-
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanic	-	6	(6)	Hyg Insp	12	7	5
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpts. Plant	5	4	1	Storeman	3	2	1
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AA Postal	1	1	-
Photorifler				Miners				Equipment Repairers				AADC Dec MOL	2	1	(1)
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Hyg Duty	2	1	-
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mate	SPECIAL ENCLOSURE SEE DETAILS BACK PAGE						
Surveyors				Observation Post Asstn.				Gun Layers					17	8	13
CARRIED FORWARD	3	3	-	CARRIED FORWARD	12	13	(1)	CARRIED FORWARD	69	56	(7)	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	242	206	26

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Artificered 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 on the blank spaces on this part.

14 Apr 45
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
Lt Col
A/Comd [illegible]

L.H.Q. Press—411—3/45—112m.

DETAILS OF PART 2's

	WO1	WO2	S/Sgt	Sgt	Cpl	Spec	Non Spec	Total
Ammunition Examiner	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Draughtsman	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Fitters	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Cooks	-	-	-	1	1	7	-	9
Machinists Wood	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Clerks	1	3	2	5	11	10	-	32
Despatch Riders	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
DVRs MT	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	6
DVRs Mech	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4
AGTX Clerks	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
AAMC "	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	4
PROV "	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
AADC "	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
AAPC "	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
AASC "	-	1	2	3	4	-	-	10
AAOC "	-	-	-	1	2	3	-	6
AEME "	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	3
AAPS "	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
Batmen	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	19
General Duties	-	-	-	-	5	-	4	9
DVRs MT	-	-	-	1	2	-	37	40
Orderlies	-	-	-	-	1	-	21	22
CSM WO2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
WATer DUTY	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
CQMS S/SGT	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Med Orderlies	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
Hyg Inspectors	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	7
Storeman	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
AA Postal	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
AAOC Bde WO1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	3
Hyg Duty	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Special Increment	-	-	-	1	-	1	6	8
TOTALS	3	7	8	23	36	36	93	206

DETAILS OF SPECIAL INCREMENT

	MT	POSTED	DET.
Sgt DVR MT	1	1	-
Cpl " "	1	-	1
TOT Cook	1	1	-
TOT DVR Mech	2	-	2
DVRs MT	24	8	16
	27	8	19

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S & T SERVICES
LAE BASE SUB AREA

WEEKLY REPORT

for week ending 14 Apr 45

No of Sheets 11

Sheet No 1

FROM
FIRST AUST ARMY

Copy to: HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA

SUPPLIES

1. ARRIVALS OR SHIPMENTS

IN (a) Vessels Discharged

ALACHA	ex	MAINLAND	Completed discharge
RIVER FITZROY	ex	"	" "
RIVER CLARENCE	ex	"	Still discharging
VAN DER BOSCH	ex	"	" "

(b) Vessels in Transit and Anticipated

AS 1778	ex	MAINLAND
CHARON	ex	"

OUT (a) Vessels Loaded

COMARA, KAYANGA P A	for	3 AUST BASE SUB AREA DUMA

(b) Vessels to be Loaded

NIL

2. RIVER SUPPLIES

Commodity	Issues for Previous Week	Stock on 21 Apr 45	Anticipated Issues for Next Week
Rosaleen Beef	5	407 533	5
Ration Frozen	-	1 491	-
Ration Fresh	Resp Issues	-	1 and Resp Issues
Butter	1	69 582	1
Resp Rats	Resp Issues	26 208	Resp Issues
Eggs	Resp only	28 doz	Resp Issues
Vegs assorted		-	1 on Local sources
Potatoes	5	28 167	?
Onions	2	96 650	?
Fruit	Resp Issues	2 000	Resp Issues
Vegs Cooler	-	-	? to clear 'RIVER CLARENCE' and 'CHARON' consignment

SUPPLIES

3. RATION STRENGTHS

AEF	Male	11 721	
	Female	178	
RAAF	Male	1 879	
	Female	25	
RAN		49	
NATIVES		9 106	
• EVACUEES		2 952	

4. AIR MAINTENANCE STORE

Date	Type of Plane	Plane	No of Loads	Petrol Issue	Stores Weight Transferred	Landed
8 Apr	A 19	AIR NEW BRITAIN	3		2 681	
10 Apr	C 47	AMAU AIFURA	1	4 669	1 465	
10 Apr	A 19	AIR NEW BRITAIN	3		3 052	
10 Apr	C 47	AMAU KOKODA	1			4 824
Totals			8	4 669	7 198	4 824

AIR report 4 containers dropped away from strip and not recovered 8 Apr, and that 5 containers only recovered 10 Apr. No advice of remaining 8 containers.

5. AIR MAINTENANCE MATERIALS

Item	Expended during week	Stock as at 14 Apr 45
Held at Air Maintenance Centre LAE		
PARACHUTE SUPPLY REQUIRED		
American Type G 1	24	85
Amot 1 Ft 24 Ft	7	99
Amot 2 • 24 •	-	288
Amot 4 • 24 •	-	143
Containers Cylindrical Supply Dropping (Amot) with 22 Ft Hemisa Parachute	24	53
Reconnaissance Bombs (Spring)	-	27
• • (Felt)	-	1
Container Signal W.H.T. W/L 10•	1	5
• • • • 14•	1	42
Cygnet Bombs	-	720
Corn Bombs	400	1 600
Steel Bags	200	800
Wire Tying	-	1
Twine Ordinary	-	50
• Binder	2	50
Trumpion Bombs (small)	-	289
• • (Large)	-	187

SUPPLIES

5. AIR MAINTENANCE MATERIAL (Cont)

Item	Expended during week	Stock on at 14 Apr 45
Held at 5 AUST END:		
Copra Shells		28 092 lbs
Coco Shells		75 636 "
Sand Bags		-
Twine Binder		8 625 lbs

6. SUPPLY DRIVE IN AREA

TO 5 AUST END (AIF)

42, 43, 44 AUST SUP DEP PIE - END LAE

TO 98 AUST SUP DEP COY (AIF)

99 Aust Sup Dep Pl	DID Clearing Cross
107 " " " "	Air Maintenance Centre LAE
2/162 Aust Sup Dep Pl)	Relieved and awaiting RTN -
2/163 " " " ")	employed on building tasks.
2 Aust Marine Food Sup Pl	SALAMAUA Det MILNE
2/4 Aust Pd Butchering Pl	Malahang Butchery
5 " " " "	Relieved and awaiting RTN - assisting meantime at Butchery

TO 4 AUST FD BAKING COY

8 Aust Fd Baking Pl (less 2 secs)	Clearing Cross Bakery - effecting alterations
9 Aust Fd Baking Pl	BUBU Bakery

7. CHANGES AND ADDITIONS IN REFRIGERATION AND INSTALLATIONS

(a) Defrosting of Clearing Cross Cold Store completed.

(b) HAIRAB Bakery ceased operations 8 Apr 45 and detachment rejoined unit.

(b) CLEARING CROSS Bakery suspended operations 7 Apr 45 during alterations now in progress and all baking is being effected at BUBU Bakery for the time being.

(d) 2/162 Aust Sup Dep Pl handed over DID operation and stocks to 99 Aust Sup Dep Pl 8 Apr 45.

(e) 2/163 Aust Sup Dep Pl handed over Air Maintenance operation supplies and Stores to 107 Aust Sup Dep Pl 8 Apr 45.

(f) 5 Aust Fd Butchering Pl handed over Butchery operation and stocks to 2/4 Aust Fd Butchering Pl 7 Apr 45.

SUPPLIES

8. GENERAL

(a) RSP STORAGE

No of stores (200' x 50') 27 - Store 29 in use for Air Maintenance operations.

Capacity in packages	622 000	Packages
Packages in store	348 826	"
Transit Shed Capacity	91 000	"

(b) RATIONS PRODUCED

8 Asst Bd Baking Pl	LAE	8 940	lbs
9 " " " "	"	47 634	"
9 " " " " Det	HADZAB	1 598	"
	Total	57 572	lbs

(c) FISHING OPERATIONS

(i) Catch for the week 950 lbs

(ii) AK 39 under repair at MOROBE ETD 15 Apr. Fish should be delivered at LAE 16 Apr.

(iii) Areas of fishing grounds 40 miles south of MOROBE yielded poor results.

(d) FARM PRODUCTS TAKEN ON CHARGE

	Issue	Return
4 Asst Indep Trans Pl	1 000	(2 000)
5 " " " "	23 025	2 000
8 " " " "	10 840	
Totals	34 865	2 000

9. AVAILABILITY OF FREEZER SPACE as at 14 Apr 45.

Freezer	Effective Cub Capacity	Cub Space occupied	Cub Space available	Package capacity of available space
Room No 1				
A Room	3 530 cu ft	2 110 cu ft	1 420 cu ft	750 cases of beef or 450 carcases mutton or 750 cases of butter or 530 Cases of Hosp Meats.
B Room	4 330 cu ft	1 030 cu ft	3 300 cu ft	1 600 cases of beef or 1 000 carcases mutton or 1 600 cases of butter or 1 200 cases of Hosp Meats
C Room	4 330 cu ft	Nil	4 330 cu ft	2 200 cases of beef or 1 400 carcases mutton or 2 200 cases of butter or 1 600 cases of Hosp Meats
Room No 2	5 000 cu ft	5 000 cu ft		Nil

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9. AVAILABILITY OF FREEZER SPACE as at 24 Apr 45.

Freezer	Effective Cub Capacity	Cub Space Occupied	Cub Space available	Packings capacity of available space
Room No 1	5 000 cu ft	5 000 cu ft	NIL	
Clearing Group	5000 cu ft	4 460 cu ft	540 cu ft	260 cases of beef or 65 carcase mutton or 150 cases of Hop Meats 260 cases of butter
Totals	27 190 cu ft	17 600 cu ft	9 590 cu ft	4 830 cases of beef or 3 437 carcase mutton or 4 810 cases of butter 3 450 cases of Hop Meats

COOLER SPACE

Malabang	500 cu ft	-	500 cu ft	Required for local killing.
Clearing Group	500 cu ft	500 cu ft	-	NIL
Room No 2 Air Lock	500 cu ft	150 cu ft	350 cu ft	120 cases of eggs or 210 cases of butter
Room No 3 Air Lock	500 cu ft	NIL	500 cu ft	160 cases of eggs or 300 cases of butter
Clearing Group Air Lock	500 cu ft	NIL	500 cu ft	160 cases of eggs or 300 cases of butter
Totals	2 100 cu ft	650 cu ft	1 650 cu ft	450 cases of eggs or 810 cases of butter

FARMS

1. BALANCE FARM

(a) Plantings

	Pak Pak	1 acre
	Cucumber	1 "
	Snake Beans	1 "
Seed Beds		
	English Cabbage	~ 2 beds 4'6" x 48'
	Tomatoes	~ 1 bed 4'6" x 48'

(b) Cultivation

	Cleared	9 acres
	Disc cultivated	4 "
	Flat Harrowed	9 "
	Tractor cultivating	7 "
Sprayed	Silver Beet	1 2/5 acres
	Chinese Lettuce	2/5 "
	Spinach	4 "
	Tom toes	1 2/4 "
	Snake Beans	3 "
Manured	Cow sh	4 "

(c) General

(i) Rain has held up plantings and cultivation.

(ii) A Bulldozer Tractor has been employed for several days clearing and levelling.

(iii) Lift all and cultivating attachments have been assembled and put into operation. Results very satisfactory.

(iv) Expected production for next week: Sweet Potatoes 3000 lb

2. KAY FARM

(a) Plantings

	Potatoes	2 acres

(b) Cultivation

	Ploughed	6 "
	Harrowed	20 "

(c) General

Estimated production for next week:

Potatoes	3 000 lb
Chaka	2 000 "
Fruit	2 000 "

3. KAP FARM

(a) Plantings

	Tomatoes	2 acres

(b) Cultivation

	Ploughed	5 acres
	Disc Harrowed	2 "
Ship Road	Tomatoes	1 acre
	Water Melon	2 "

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3. KHAP FARM (cont)

(b) Cultivation (cont)

Rotary Hoed	Pineapple	3/4 acre
Fertilised	Tomatoes	1 3/4 acres
	Water Melon	2 "
Insecticide	Silver Beet	1 acre dusted
	Tomatoes	1 " sprayed
		1 " dusted
	Pumpkin	2 " "
	Cucumber	2 " "

(c) General

(i) 1½ acres of Tomatoes pruned and fastened.

(ii) Rainfall 225 points

ANALYSIS OF FARM PRODUCTION

Issue

	KHAP	WAU	MARAWAGE	TOTAL
Chokos		7650		7650
Potatoes		4345		4345
French Beans	420			420
Tomatoes	[illegible]			[illegible]
Silver Beet			1000	1000
Okra	850			850
Pumpkin	7500	3060		10560
Sweet Potatoes	1000	7990		8990
Totals	10850	23035	1000	34885

(b) Profit

	KHAP	WAU	MALAGANG	TOTAL
Pineapple		200		200
Paw Paw		1400		1400
Bananas		400		400
Totals		2000		2000

LAE

The following quantities of vegetables were shipped to other areas:

Consigned	Vessel	Commodity	Lb	Remarks
3 Aust Base Sub Area	"Gemma"	Butter	2700	Ex Mainland
		Pumpkin	1800	" Finsch
		Choko	1620	" "
		Total	6120	
3 Aust Base Sub Area	"Hyperma"	Potatoes	23160	ex Mainland
		Onions	5760	" "
		Pumpkin	7335	" Finsch
		Choko	7650	" "
		Sweet Potatoes	7920	" "
		Tomatoes	540	" "
			52365	

ADMINISTRATION

1. MOVEMENT OF OFFICERS AND UNITS

(a) Maj F GUNN admitted 2/7 AGH (Dengue).

(b) Lt K HODGSON unrushed out to 4 Aust Base Sub Area.

2. GENERAL

(a) Capt J V LEECH ceased to be seconded and posted GD 86 AUST TPT PL.

(b) Lt LAKEN seconded Capt AEM S & T HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA.

(c) Recommendation has been made for the promotion of Lt COLSTON to the rank of T/Capt.

(d) Capt WOOD 44 Aust Sup Dep Pl posted to 2/163 Aust Sup Dep Pl to date 4 Apr 45.

(e) Capt SMART 42 Aust Sup Dep Pl posted to 2/162 Aust Sup Dep Pl to date 4 Apr 45.

(f) Maj HANDY posted HQ 5 Aust ESD (Supernumary) from HQ 3 Aust Base Sub Area.

TRANSPORT

1. AMOUNTS OF WORK PERFORMED during the week:

			ST OCT		MAC
(a) No of vehicles used			137		29
(b) No of vehicle tanks			69		
(c) Mileage			3453		270
(d) Tonnage			7585		
(e) No of Personnel carried		Natives	12680	Lying	98
		Europeans	5180	Sitting	635
(f) Nature of tasks	Transport of working parties, supplies and general domestic tasks for units in this area.			Animal evacuation	

2. CONDITION OF VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

In view of operational demands - good.

3. TRANSPORT UNITS IN THE AREA

No 151 AUST GEN TPT COY (AIF) (TE)

72, 73, 74, 75 & 77 AUST TPT PL (TE)
151 AUST WKSP PL (TE)

3 AUST MAC PL

4. GENERAL

Ships in port for the week:

"RIVER FITZROY" "OCEANA" "F 4" "ALACHA" "KAIMANAWA" "EL SOL" "RIVER CLARENCE" "MATANIA"

P.O.L.

1. STOCK OF POL in gallons and days (based on forward estimates)

	STOCK	GALLONS	DAYS
RECCE DUMPS:	Petrol	300 228	31
	Range Fuel	98 748	25
	Distillate	60 764	23
	Euro Lighting	32 236	77
	" Power	16 692	55
RHS:	Petrol	97 540	
	Avgas 100 octane	587 755	

2. SHIPPING

IN NIL.

OUT MATARA to 4 Aust Base Sub Area 260 tons mogas.

3. BULK PETROL STORAGE OPERATIONS

POL issued 74 381 gals
POL received NIL
Avgas 100 octane
issued 83 520
received NIL.

AIRCO OPERATIONS

POL issued 94 866 gals 346 lbs
POL received 69 588 "

4. DRAWINGS ON OTHER SOURCES

USASOS Base 'K'

Petrol 34 672 gals
Distillate 41 684 "

5. GENERAL

(a) UK Base 'K' awaiting authority from "INTERNATION" before issuing engineer stores to 2 Aust HQ GOC.

(b) Engineers still experiencing difficulties with foot valves for VIP installation but hope to complete work approximately 20 Apr 45.

E. Clarke
Lt Col
ADST IAR BASE SUB AREA

WEEKLY REPORT OF DOCKS OPERATIONS — Apr 9-15 1945

4 Aust Docks Op Coy., RAE.

Port.	Ships Handled.	Cargo Handled.	Type & No.of Coy.		Strength as at.
Lae.	4 Large Type.		"c"Type		9 Apr 45
	1 Small Craft.		4 Aust D.O.C.		
			W.E. 1V/11H/2	7/273	7/265
			W.E.Att.	13	13
			Port Maint.	1/ 32	1/ 32

SUMMARY OF CARGO HANDLED.

	Load	Disch.	Total.
River Fitzroy	1397	1099	2496
F.S.524	309		309
Maiwarra	579		579
River Clarence		3266	3266 %
Wayamna	67		67
George Peato	167	50	217
Hoa Hoa	223		223 %
Charon		54	54 %
	2742	4469	7211

% Incomplete.

R C Neville Major,
(R.C.Neville)
O.C.4 Aust Docks Op Coy., RAE.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

RESTRICTED
No 151

HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 16 APRIL 1945

Present: Comd, GII, GIII, SOIII NG L of C SIGS, CRE, AQ, DAQMG, DAAG, ADMS, DO ANGAU, CEME, ADST, DADOS, DAPM, CAMP, AMEN OFFR.

Serial No	Report by	Report			Decision by Comd
1	DAAG	Weekly Field State as at 0600 hrs 14 Apr 45:	Offrs	ORs	
		Posted strength	296	3839	
		Attached allowed & not allowed by WE	43	476	
		Total tps under comd	339	4315	
		Units under comd	71		
		Units marched in	1		
		Units marched out	-Nil-		
		Increase in offrs	8		
		Increase in ORs		204	
		Staging units	-Nil-		
2	AMEN OFFR	Capt CUPIT introduced Lieut BATES, who takes over duties of Amenities Offr this HQ as from 16 Apr 45. 30 Club Concert Party arrived 15 Apr and will begin itinerary on 18 Apr. Bob DYER Concert Party gave two performances this area during the week and will be returning on 22 Apr to give performance at 2/7 AGH. AUST rules football competitions commenced 15 Apr.			
3	CRE	24 additional personnel have been placed on job at 4 Aust AOD to hasten it's completion. Jobs at Broadcasting Sta and small arms range are to commence at an early date. Broadcasting Sta job is expected to be completed by end of Apr. 150,000 feet dunnage has already been supplied from sawmill without return.			
4	AQ	Memorial service for the late President of U.S. is being held today at 1100 hrs at American chapel. Requested that heads of all services attend. Due to shortage of labour, branches will in future be responsible for care of paths and gardens in HQ area.			
5	CAMP	It is hoped to obtain personnel during the week from NG Details Depot for camp labour this HQ.			

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

Time of signature.....hrs

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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No 152

HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 17 APRIL 1945

Present: Comd, GII, GIII, SOIII NG L OF C SIGS; CRE, AQ, DAQMG, DAAG, ADMS, DC ANGAU, ADJT CEME, ADST, DADOS, DAPM, CAMP.

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1	SIGS	It is proposed to replace bush timber masts at SUSU Wireless Sta with steel poles; approx 15 masts are involved.	
2	ADMS	Sick rates for week ending 13 Apr 45: Malaria - 14 cases (1.2 per 1000) against 9 cases (.8) last week. Dengue - 11 cases (.9) against 19 cases (1.7) last week. Dysentery - 8 cases (.7) against 1 case (.09) last week. Scrub typhus - Nil against 1 case (.09) last week. Skin diseases - 11 cases (.9) against 10 cases (.8) last week. Bed states :- 2/7 AGH 773 (dropped to 566 & 112 Con Depot 282 232 respectively following evac by sea.) 18 Fd Amb 3 Air evacuations : In 165 (from other areas) Out 68 (to mainland) Sea evacuations : Hosp ship "WANGANELLA" 257 (incl 108 stretcher cases)	
3		Enquired of new hosp guard. AQ advised that present gd of Guard Bn comprising 1 Sjt, 2 Cpls & 6 ORs has been increased with further 12 ORs from 43 Landing Craft Coy.	
3	CRE	Apart from one or two minor details necessary before pumps are ready for operation, POL task has been completed. After a discussion with Maj EDWARDS (2/1 Aust Forestry Coy), a platoon has been allotted to operating of saw mill.	
4	AQ	Explained the operation of the priority task list of native labour which has been issued, showing allotment of natives to be withdrawn from various units if required for additional wharf labour. Requested estimate from CRE for completion of jetty being constructed at pontoon jetty to carry pipes. CRE advised task will be completed by end of May.	

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

Time of signature....hrs

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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No 153

HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 18 APRIL 1945

Present: Comd, GII, GIII, SOIII NG L OF C SIGS, CRE, AQ, DAQMG, DAAG, ADMS, ADJT CEME, ADST, DADOS, DAPM, CAMP, EDN OFFR.

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1	GII	83 Wing RAAF closed its HQ in LAE at 171200Z and is now located at MOROTAI.	
2	CRE	Requested that engrs be consulted before any transfer of Loan 'A' stores is effected. Requests are being received by engrs for installation of wells for units, as water cart is not capable of meeting the demands. Enquiries are being made at US Bulk Dist Centre with a view to obtaining pumps. Requested that Salvage recover Scale 'A' eqpt and building material from deserted areas as soon as units move out.	

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

Time of signature 1500 hrs

CONSOLIDATED SICK RETURN
LAE BASE SUB AREA
WEEK ENDING 15 APR 45

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PART I

HQ LAE Base Sub Area
Ref : B720/4/549

18 Apr 45

UNIT	Total Est Str	Total Sick Parade	DYSENTERY	DIARRHOEA	URTI	PUO	TINEA	OTHER SKIN	EAR	OTHER COMPLAINTS
HQ LAE Base Sub Area	200	32	1	1	1	-	4	12	-	13
8 Aust Movt Control	65	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
11 Aust CRE (Wks)	32	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
8 Aust Fd Coy	103	13	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	8
8 Aust Army Troops Coy	245	60	-	-	3	1	6	4	3	5
24 Aust Mech Eq Coy	100	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 Aust Army Troops Coy	278	36	-	1	2	1	4	2	-	14
2/1 Aust Rly Constr Coy	40	20	-	-	-	-	-	10	2	1
3 Aust Mech Eq Spares Sec	12	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
20 Aust Fd Coy	135	19	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	3
13 Aust Wkshops & Pk Coy	193	24	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	11
3 Aust Water Tpt Gp	63	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
16 Aust Small Ships Coy	160	22	1	-	1	-	1	1	3	15
1 Aust Water Amb Convoy	30	12	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
43 Aust Landing Craft Coy	50	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
55 Aust Port Craft Coy	2 00	61	-	2	-	5	-	-	-	11
HQ 3 Aust Docks Gp	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 Aust Docks Op Coy	283	61	-	-	20	3	-	-	-	12
1 Aust CRE NG Forests	25	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2/3 Aust Forestry Coy	165	22	-	-	1	-	-	3	7	11
HQ NG L of C Sigs	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19 Aust L of C Sigs	688	107	-	-	7	6	8	12	10	22
10 Aust Pigeon Sec	7	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
FIR Depot Bn	62	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 NG Inf Bn	70	16	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	3
151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	424	95	-	1	3	5	5	4	4	23
3 Aust MAC Pl	52	7	-	-	-	-	3	-	4	-
56 Aust BIPCD	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
63 Aust BIPCD	29	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
4 Aust Fd Baking Coy	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8 Aust Fd Baking Pl	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9 Aust Fd Baking Pl	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 Aust Fd Butchering Pl	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2/4 Aust Fd Butchering Pl	9	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
5 Aust B.S.D.	156	17	-	-	-	1	1	3	2	5
HQ 39 Aust Sup Depot Coy	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
99 Aust Supply Depot Pl	33	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
107 Aust Sup Depot Pl	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2/162 Aust Sup Depot Pl	28	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
2/163 Aust Sup Depot Pl	25	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
c/f	4149	663	2	5	38	23	40	63	37	179

UNIT	Total Est Str	Total Sick Parade	DYSENTERY	DIARRHOEA	URTI	PUO	TINEA	OTHER SKIN	EAR	OTHER COMPLAINTS
Brought forward	4140	663	2	5	38	23	40	83	37	172
2 Aust Marine Food Supply Pl	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 Aust Ind Farm Pl	14	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
5 Aust Ind Farm Pl	11	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
2/7 Aust Gen Hosp	416	32	1	1	2	1	-	3	3	16
112 Aust Gen Depot	72	13	-	-	-	-	1	3	3	4
108 Aust Adv Depot Med Stores	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22 AMCU	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24 AMCU	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 AMCU	14	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
18 Aust Fd Amb	196	7	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3
6 Aust Hosp Laundry	41	8	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	6
105 Aust Mob Bath Unit	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 Aust AOD	360	137	-	10	8	8	12	5	6	9
8 Aust AAD	125	18	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	5
2/11 Aust Mob Laundry	74	7	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
8 Sec Aust Officers Shop	15	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
2/7 Aust Adv Wkshops	230	15	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	8
10 Aust Watercraft Wkshops	70	28	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	7
LAE Area Workshops	178	14	-	-	-	2	3	2	-	7
255 Aust LAD	18	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
District Accounts Office	65	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
7 Aust Base Postal Unit	125	36	-	-	4	3	7	8	3	11
3 Aust Corps Provost	93	80	-	-	3	-	7	8	1	-
16 Aust Detention Hts	200	19	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	13
9 Aust L of C Stationery	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NG Printing & Press Unit	55	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Aust War Graves Unit	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aust Army Canteens Service	113	8	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	4
22 Aust Works Coy	289	9	-	-	2	2	-	2	-	3
HQ Aust Salvage Unit	27	7	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
NG Details Depot	783	200	-	15	15	1	13	26	2	6 0
Det 4 Aust Kit Store	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NG School of Sigs	160	35	-	-	2	4	6	-	1	5
NG Training School	166	114	-	-	5	4	6	4	1	-
ANGAU	95	12	-	-	-	-	4	3	-	2
1 Aust Adv 2 Eqn	62	5	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	4
HQ First Aust Army	1045	140	-	3	3	-	-	63	-	42
Totals	9283	1657	3	34	84	52	102	205	63	391

PART II

Number of cases evacuated beyond RAP of :-

(a) Dysentery	3
(b) Diarrhoea	8
(c) URTI	3
(d) Others	83
	94

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HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 19 APRIL 1945

Present: Comd, GII, GIII, SOIII NG L or C SIGS, CRE, AC, DAQMG, DAAG, AAMS, CEME, ADST, DADOS, DAPM.

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1	GII	Arrangements have been completed for the conduct of field trials with mustard gas in MARKHAM VALLEY, WEST of LERON RIVER, by US 5297 Chemical Warfare Coy in conjunction with CRTC.	
2	AAMS	As the allotment of 20 litres of stored blood for use in LAE area has been decreased to 5 litres, it is proposed to call for blood donors amongst personnel in the area. Requested that DAAG issue necessary request for volunteers.	
3	CRE	Advised that 2/1 Aust Forestry Coy have now settled in the camp area allotted and logging will commence today. Requested that AAMS have area inspected. Requested that the specifications for new wireless masts be supplied by Sigs as soon as possible.	

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

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HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 20 APRIL 1945

Present: Comd, Brig BAXTER-COX (visiting), GII, GIII, CRE, AQ, DAQMG, DAAG, ADMS, CEME, ADST, DADOS, DADM, LEGAL OFFR, CAMP.

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1	CEME	Inspection of "FRANCES PEAT" reveals that the big end of one of the two engines had broken down and irreparably damaged the crankshaft. A spare crankshaft is available in LAE, but the necessary complete overhaul would take 4-5 months. Recommended that the vessel be made seaworthy and return to mainland for complete overhaul and repairs.	
2	CRE	Discussion with Docks Op Gp revealed that AUST vessels do NOT discharge dunnage in LAE, although US vessels are doing so. Considerable laxity of control of dunnage is apparent and investigations are being made to find the cause of deficiencies. Roads cannot be worked on at the present time owing to dry weather. Large water cart is being prepared to supplement the small cart at present in use. Requested that Pro watch particularly for instances of excessive speeding of vehs to preserve roads as much as possible. Three native building teams supervised by own NCOs have been placed on construction work at PIR, MADANG. These gangs will gradually hand over to PIR personnel and it is expected that the work will be completed by end of May. Arrangements have been made with Major McINTOSH of Engr Ops, First Aust Army, for release of mech eqpt on a one-day basis for special tasks within LAE area.	
3	AQ	"ORMISTON" left SYDNEY on 17 Apr for BRISBANE and LAE, transporting 265 Formosan PsW together with escort party of 3 offrs 52 ORs. Arrangements have been made for party to proceed direct to their camp area upon arrival in LAE.	

Major
H.D. FERGUSON
GS LAE BASE SUB AREA

Time of signature ... hrs

A.A.Amenities Service, 370
LAE Base Sub Area.
20 April 45.

AMENITIES REPORT - WEEK ENDING FRIDAY 20th APRIL 45.

HQ LAE Base Sub Area.

1. During past week, the following units purchased amenities :-

HQ First Aust Army
II2 Conv Depot, I8 Fd Ambulance
LAE Area W/Shops, 298 Aust L.A.D.
4 Aust A.O.D, 8 Sect Offrs Shop
I9 L of C Sigs, N.G.School of Sigs
I5I A.G.T.Coy, 2 B.P.S. Coy
7 Base Postal, I Aust Adv 2 Echelon, D.F.O.
Pac Isl Regt, N.G.Training School
8 A.A.D, 2 Army Troops Coy, 22 Works Coy
I08 Aust Adv Med Stores, 2/II Mob Laundry
5 B.S.D, A.A.C.S, 8 Indep Farm Coy
2/I Topo Survey, N.G.Details Depot.

Visits were made to the following units :-

HQ First Army, 4 A.A.O.D, LAE Area W/Shops, 2/7 A.G.H, II2 Conv Depot, I0I Fd Security(NADZAB), Pac Isl Regt, N.G.School of Sigs, N.G.Training School.

2. CINEMA

Total attendances for week were approximately 20,000.

3. SPORTING.

(a) Boxing - Two boxers from LAE area visited NADZAB on Saturday I4 April, and fought against Americans. Boxing will be held at LAE Base Stadium on Saturday 2I Apr.

(b) Football - Australian Rules Football Competition commenced last week-end, I3 teams competing. Rugby League Competition will commence Sunday 22 Apr, I0 teams competing.

4. CONCERT PARTY.

(a) Aust Army Amenities Concert Party (30 Club) arrived this area Sunday I5 Apr. This party showed at HQ First Aust Army on Wed I8 Apr, and will be showing at 2/7 A.G.H. tonight.

(b) Bob DYER and Party are expected back in this area on Sunday 22 Apr, and will give a performance at 2/7 A.G.H. on Sunday Evening.

.....Lt,
Amenities Officer,
LAE Base Sub Area.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

A.A.Education Service
HQ Lae Base Sub Area
Apr 45

ED/165/2/4 36

Subject: A.A.E.S.WEEKLY REPORT - WEEK ENDING 19 APR 45

"A" Branch
HQ Lae Base Sub Area

1. STAFF:

VX55835 Sgt Morrisey, D.W. - LHQ Pool, m/c on compassionate leave 16 Apr 45.

2. LECTURES:

Summary : 35 Talks to 1160 personnel

Subjects : "Repatriation of the Soldier"
"Beveridge Plan"
"Life of Franklin Roosevelt"
"America's New President"
"Aust Immigration Policy"
"Aust and the Pacific"
"The Housing Plan"
"How Free is the Press"

3. CLASSES:

English	:	Charing Cross	att	2	(3 times weekly)
Arithmetic	:	" "	"	2	(" " ")
German	:	" "	"	4	(twice ")
Music Theory	:	" "	"	8	(" ")
A Approx	:	" "	"	25	(Once ")
El.Electricity	:	Yalu	"	20	(" ")
Chemistry	:	Charing Cross	"	2	(" ")

4. CLUBS:

Charing Cross Writers' Club	att	15
Lae Music Club	"	65
F.A.A. " "	"	45
Busu " "	"	47
Lae Choral Group	"	12

5. MUSIC:

Recorded Programmes:

55 Aust Port Craft Coy	att	24
Charing Cross	"	40

Radio Sessions:

Music sessions are given regularly by WO(1) Music over stations WVTH, A.A.A.S. and 2/7 A.G.H. P.A.System.

6. 16mm FILMS:

151	Aust Gen Tpt	"Pipeline, Liberation of NEI"	
4	" AOD	"	"
22	" Works Coy	"	"
8	" Army Troops Coy	"	"
3	" M.A.C.	"	"
2/1	MG Forests CRE	"	"
19	L of C Sigs - HQ	"	"
	[illegible]	"	"

8 screenings to approx 680 personnel.

7. CORRESPONDENCE COURSES:

20 Applications for correspondence courses received during the week.

8. GENERAL REMARKS:

Number of talks to Units has increased considerably as has the number of troops using the various Education Centres.

Additions of a further 200 books have been made to the Libraries and number of borrowers has increased.

Lt Nelson has given 15 talks to Units on the use of C.A.B. apart from taking discussions with them. These figures are not included in the lecture figures.

Capt
DAD Education
HQ Lae Base Sub Area

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HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA (AIF)

21 Apr 45.

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WAR DIARY

WEEKLY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 20 APRIL 45.

I have to report the following Provost activities in the Lae area for the week ending 20 Apr 45.

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

3. DISCIPLINE : The general conduct of Aust troops has been good. No offences were reported.

4. TRAFFIC :

CHARING CROSS : This point is manned daily from 0800 hrs to 1800 hrs.

BUTIBUM BRIDGE & FORD : These points were manned daily until 2359 hrs, a strict check of US personnel entering Aust area this week resulted in about 200 US servicemen being sent back for a pass to enter.

ROAD PATROL : Road patrols are carried out daily. A Speed Check resulted in 15 offenders being charged.

ANGAU COMPOUND : One NCO on traffic duties at native compound as from 0600 hrs until 0700 hrs daily.

COMBINED PATROL : Combined patrols of US and Aust Military Police were carried out daily.

GENERAL : Ref First Aust Army OS 5748 of 13 March 45. The check was continued of vehicles unclaimed by units, 3 vehicles were found that were not claimed or shown on Census Returns.

Many AMF vehicles are NOT showing unit signs or unit Serial numbers and the numbers of the vehicles are in many cases indistinct, whilst some are without numbers. It is recommended that a direction be given to Units to have this rectified.

Offences for the week were as follows :

Speeding	15
Standing in veh	1

Pw.O.W. : 13 Jap PsOW in the compound and 21 in the compound at the 2/7 A.C.H.

5. VEHICLES REPORTED STOLEN.

NIL.

VEHICLES RECOVERED

Jeep No. 147173 - AIB - found near that unit's camp on 15 Apr 45.
" " 136388 - Unit unknown - found unattended in ORS Club Veh Park.
(This vehicle is on list not claimed by units)
" " 212923 - 7 TMO - found near US Coloured personnel's camp 17 Apr 45.
" " No number visible - USA on bonnet with outline of 7 figures, Eng No. GPW 165129 - this vehicle handed over to US Military Police.

GOODS REPORTED STOLEN.

An amount of £17 was reported stolen from a tent at 4 A.A.O.D.
A wristlet watch stolen from 2/7 A.C.H. - later found, investigations are pending

GOODS RECOVERED

A quantity of telephone and wireless equipment was handed over to 4 A.A.O.D. and taken on charge, this was found at RAE dump some time ago, having been unloaded there in error. Cases were not marked correctly.

PROVOST COY
STRENGTH OF 3 AUST CORPS PRO COY

POSTED STRENGTH	3 offrs	100 ORs
EFFECTIVE STRENGTH	3 "	87 "
2/7 AUST GEN HOSP		7 "
LABU		2 "
FINSCHHAFEN		2 "
LEAVE		2 "
TOTAL	3 offrs	100 ORs

VEHICLES ON STRENGTH 3 AUST CORPS PRO COY

JEEPS	13
15 cwts	3
3 ton	1
M/C	18
TOTAL	35

SPECIAL DUTIES FOR THE WEEK

APR	15	2 NCOs to Salamaua for duty.
"	15	1 NCO posted near 128 Hosp to warn road users of bombs near road.
"	16	2 NCOs investigated report re case of sodomy.
"	16	2 members searching for stolen jeeps.
"	17	OC Coy and 2 NCOs investigated report of vehicles being near a US Coloured servicemen's camp - 2 jeeps recovered.
"	18	4 members for traffic duty - hospital patients embarking 4 Hosp ship.
"	19	Escort and SUS conveyed from Lae strip to 16 Det Bks.
"	19	6 members traffic duties on roads leading to plane crash.
"	20	Theft of watch investigated by OC Coy and one NCO.

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

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HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 21 APRIL 45

Present: Comd, Brig BAXTER-COX (visiting), GII, GIII, SOIII NG L of C SIGS, CRE, AQ, DAQMG, DAAG, ADMS, DO ANGAU, CEME, ADST, DADOS, DAPM, CALP.

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1	DO ANGAU	Reported that an outbreak of dysentery had occurred amongst natives in villages at headwaters of MARKHAM RIVER; affecting approx 10 villages. A clear perimeter has been established around the infected area to prevent further spreading of the disease.	
2	CRE	CE requested that Comd LAE Base be informed of WATERLOO Dinner to be held at Officers' Club on 16 Jun 45.	
		Requested authority to commence design for complete coverage of picture theatre at 2/7 AGH.	Limited coverage only will be provided.
		Requested authority to remove CROSSLEY engine from powerhouse to allow for installation of new engine en route from mainland.	Concurs
3	AQ	Capt T N WALPOLE (ex DADMS 6 Aust Div) has been posted to this HQ as DADMS.	
		Capt GIBSON departed SYDNEY 16 Apr 45.	
		Water supply to MILFORD HAVEN will in future be limited to 2 hours daily and for watering of shipping whenever required.	
		ETA of FORMOSAN PsW from mainland is 26/27 Apr 45. CRE advised that water tank for camp will be installed before arrival of PsW.	
		CRE to investigate re completion of tank for this HQ.	

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

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LAE BASE SUB AREA

WEEKLY REPORT

for week ending 21 Apr 45

No of Sheets 10

Sheet No 1

SUPPLIES

1. FROZEN SUPPLIES

Commodity	Issues for previous week Days	Stock as at 21 Apr 45 lb	Anticipated issues for Next Week Days
Boneless Beef	4	523 085	4
Mutton Frozen	-	24 734	1
Mutton Fresh	Hosp issues	-	Hosp issues
" "	2	-	1
Butter	1	68 790	1
Hosp meats	Hosp issues	42 119	Hosp issues
Eggs	Hosp only	9 328	Hosp issues & 2 eggs per ma
Vegs assorted	8 (1 day in advance)	16 101	4 ex local sources & shipments
Potatoes	7	165 982	7
Onions	11 (4 days in advance)	50 182	7
Fruit	7 & Hosp issues	8 380	Hosp issues

Reefer cargo from the following vessels, viz "VAN DER BUSCH", "RIVER CLARENCE", (potatoes and onions) and "CHARON" is included in the above data.

2. AIR MAINTENANCE CARGO

Place	No of Loads	Free Drop	Gross Weight Parachute	Landed
AIB [illegible]	3		3 231	
ARMSBERG FORCE	2	6 796	5 915	
ANDAU AIYURA	4	17 682	2 995	
ANDAU KUKUBA	3			14 339
Totals	12	24 478	11 541	14 339

AIB report 100% recovery on current drops. Of the 3 loads despatched on 20 Apr 45, a further 4 containers have been recovered; no report is to hand of the third plane. Total flying man hours (AAGE) 43 hrs 15 mins. Total estimated recovery 97%.

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SUPPLIES

3. CHANGES AND ADDITIONS IN REFRIGERATION AND INSTALLATIONS

(a) Cold stores performing satisfactorily.

(b) CHARING CROSS Bakery alterations now in progress are estimated to be finished to permit concentration of all bread production to commence there 30 Apr 45.

(c) Butchery stockyards and boundary fences were repaired and Kunai grass cut and burnt off.

(d) BSD constructed 5 new MT bridges over drains in HQ lines and another is nearing completion. Grease traps constructed, sullage pit completed and sleeping huts raised and completed.

(e) 107 Aust Sup Dep Pl (Air Maintenance) - New sullage pit, drains and incinerator being constructed. Repairs effected to packing sheds. Erection of huts for ORs, Sgts and Offrs quarters and ORs Rec room completed.

(f) HQ 99 Aust Sup Dep Coy - hut for ORs quarters being constructed.

(g) CHARING CROSS BSD - native latrine being constructed.

(h) All S & T Installations are improving operating areas and camp facilities, as opportunity offers.

4. GENERAL

(a) BSD STORAGE

No of stores (200' x 50')	17 -	store B9 is used for Air Maintenance operations.
Capacity in packages	612 000	packages
Packages in store	358 077	"
Transit Shed Capacity	91 000	"

(b) The general condition of supply stocks is good, most stock dn of relatively current manufacture and no substantial losses can be foreseen.

BAKERIES PRODUCTION

9 Aust Fd Baking Pl	LAE	60 520 lbs

(c) FISHING OPERATIONS

(i) Catch for the week 1 150 lbs

(ii) AM 99 requires major repairs to propellor shaft which put craft out of operation for one week. Arrangements are being made with ARMY for work to be done at SALAMAUA if possible.

(iii) Fishing is now being conducted some 40 miles south of MOROBE. This is due to decrease in fish in closer waters. The Pl is being commanded by L/Sgt PRIDE, T G , pending the appointment of OC Pl.

(iv) A report on the unsuitability of nets issued by 4 Aust ACD is dealt with in ST A5/9/15 of 21 Apr 45. As this matter, no doubt affects all pls, it is considered to warrant urgent attention.

SUPPLIES

4. GENERAL (CONTD)

(d) FARM PRODUCTION TAKEN ON CHARGE

	Yams	Fruit
4 Aust Indep Farm Pl	1 610	-
5 " " " "	2 625	2 000
8 " " " "	2 770	
Totals	7 005	2 000

5. AVAILABILITY OF FREEZER SPACE as at 21 Apr 45.

Freezer	Effective Cub capacity	Cub Space occupied	Cub Space available	Package capacity of available space
Base No 1				
A Room	3 590 cu ft	3 000 cu ft	590 cuft	340 cases of beef or 175 carcase mutton or 340 cases of butter or 210 cases of hosp meats
B Room	4 930 cu ft	2 000 cu ft	2 930 cu ft	1450 cases of beef or 770 carcase mutton or 1450 cases of butter or 930 cases of hosp meats
C Room	4 930 cu ft	4 390 cu ft	-	-
Base No 2	5 000 cu ft	5 000 cu ft	-	-
Base No 3	5 000 cu ft	5 000 cu ft	-	-
Charing Cross	5 000 cu ft	4 460 cu ft	540 cu ft	340 cases of beef or 175 carcase mutton or 210 hosp meats or 340 cases of butter
Totals	27 190 cu ft	23 790 cu ft	3 400 cu ft	2130 cases of beef or 1215 carcase mutton or 2130 cases butter or 1350 hosp meats

COOLER SPACE

Malahang	900 cu ft	-	900 cu ft	required for local killings
Charing Cross	900 cu ft	900 cu ft	-	-
Base No 2 Air lock	500 cu ft	250 cu ft	250 cu ft	110 cases of eggs or 210 cases of butter
Base No 3 Air lock	500 cu ft	-	500 cu ft	160 cases of eggs or 300 cases of butter

SUPPLIES

6. AVAILABILITY OF FREEZER SPACE as at 21 Apr 45 (cont)

COOLER SPACE

Freezer	Effective sub capacity	Cub space occupied	Cub space available	Packings capacity of available space
Shearing Ground Air lock	500 cu ft	-	500 cu ft	160 cases of eggs or 300 cases of butter
Totals	2 100 cu ft	450 cu ft	1 650 cu ft	430 cases of eggs or 810 cases of butter

SHEEP

It is proposed to make weekly issues of fresh mutton according to condition held by the sheep. To date their condition is good and is being assisted by hand feeding.

BOMBERS HERE

Some three ply cases of MORETON FREEZING WORKS pack have been received and will be examined before issue. It is noted that the recent inspection and condemnation of 1100 lbs (approx) showed deterioration in this pack only, no other packs being affected.

FARMS

1. **MALAHANG FARM**

(a) **Plantings**

	Silver Beet	3 ½ acres
	Squash	2 "
	Snake Beans	½ "

(b) **Cultivation**

	Cleared	3 acres
	Discs cultivated	13 "
	Harrowed	11 "
	Ploughed	9 "
Sprayed	Squash	4 "
	Tomatoes	1½ "
	Snake Beans	3 "
Manured	Squash	4 "

(c) **General**

(i) Rain has held up plantings and cultivation.

(ii) American heavy Bulldozer has been employed in removing stumps.

(iii) Expected production for next week: Sweet Potatoes 1000 lb
Egg Fruit 100/300 "

(iv) Banana Suckers being obtained from MILOLO for planting.

2. **HAU FARM**

(a) **Plantings**

	Beans	2 acres
	Potatoes	4 "

(b) **Cultivation**

	Harrowed	12 "

(c) **General**

(i) Received thirty six cases Potatoes for seed.

(ii) Estimated production for week: Snake 3000 lb
Fruit 2000 "

3. **KRAP FARM**

(a) **Plantings**

	Tomatoes	1 acre

(b) **Cultivation**

	Ploughed	5 "
	Disc Cultivated	2 "
Chip hoed	Tomatoes	5 "
	Water Melon	3 "
	Cucumber	2 "
	Peanuts	1 "

FARMS

9. KRAP FARM (Cont)

(b) Cultivation (cont)

Rotary hoed	Tomtoes	3 acres
Fertilised	Tomtoes	3 "
	Cucumber	½ "
Insecticide	Tomtoes	3 "
	Cucumber	2 "

(c) General

(i) 2½ acres of Tomatoes pruned and fastened.
½ acre of Tomatoes staked.

(ii) Rain fall nil. Irrigation plant in use.

(iii) Expected production for next week: Beans 500 lb
Tomatoes 1000 "
Pumpkin 3000 "
Peanut 500 "

ANALYSIS OF FARM PRODUCTION
FARM

	KRAP	WAU	MALAHANG	TOTAL
Potatoes		1 845		1 845
French Beans	1 920			1 920
Tomatoes	1 000			1 000
Corn	450		120	560
Sweet Potatoes		780	1 500	2 280
TOTAL	2 770	2 625	1 620	7 005

(b) Orchard

	KRA P	WAU	MALAHANG	TOTAL
Pineapple		200		200
Paw Paw		1 400		1 400
Banana		300		300
Mandarine		100		100
TOTAL		2 000		2 000

[redacted]

4. [redacted]

Cropping at local farms has been restricted pending consumption of vegetables and fruit ex Mainland.

Inward Vegetable Shipments

Tomatoes

Of recent cargoes, all items have discharged in good condition with the exception of 500 cases Tomatoes, ex 'CHURCH'. This consignment was of green Tomatoes which appeared to have been too green when placed in cooler and resulting in consequent rapid breakdown before ripening could take place. Of 500 cases, 352 cases were condemned on discharge and it is expected that a substantial proportion of the remainder will be condemned in Unit hands. It is recommended that in view of local production and loss experienced on cooler cargoes, that tomatoes not be shipped from the Mainland.

Apples

Arrangements have been made to transfer 519 cases of apples ex 'RIVER CHANDLER' direct to 'SUMARA' in order to retain condition. The remaining 481 cases will be landed ex Mainland cargoes, now discharged.

ADMINISTRATION

1. MOVEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND UNITS

(a) Maj F CURRY discharged 2/7 AGH 19 Apr 45.

(b) Lt ALLRED joined 77 Aust Tpt Pl ex 3 Aust MAC Pl.

(c) Lt McBEATH joined HQ 151 Aust Gun Tpt Coy (TR).

(d) Lt HENDRY joined 42 Aust Sup Dep Pl 20 Apr 45.

2. GENERAL

(a) Lt JAMES posted to 5 Aust Farm Coy ex 5 Aust Indep Farm Pl.

(b) Lt TOOP posted to 5 Aust Indep Farm Pl.

(c) HQ 5 Aust BSD and sub-units (parade strength 200) subscribed £1930 to Third Victory Loan from 28 subscribers.

(d) 2/162 and 2/163 Aust Sup Dep Pls and 5 Aust Mil Butchering Pl are available for movement to Mainland and meantime are engaged in construction work.

(e) 46 hrs guard, 1 Sgt, 2 Opls and 18 Ors mounted 2/7 AGH by 2/162 and 2/163 Aust Sup Dep Pls.

TRANSPORT

1. ANALYSIS OF WORK PERFORMED during the week

(a) No vehicles used			140		13
(b) No of vehicle tasks			615		
(c) Mileage			36 908		2 922
(d) Tonnage			7 945		
(e) No of personnel carried	Natives	15 290	Lying	119	
	Europeans	2 527	Sitting	589	
(f) Nature of Tasks	Transport of working parties, supplies and general domestic tasks for units in this area.				Medical evacuation.

2. CONDITION OF VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

In view of operational demands - good.

3. GENERAL

Ships worked during the week:

"RIVER CLARENCE", "MOA MOA", "CHARON", "FS 4", "HANDANELLA", "ALMA DORPEL", "VAN DER BORCH", "FS 524", "COMARA".

P O L

1. ESTIMATES

AMF estimates are calculated on present rate of consumption and known commitments at LAE, MADANG and offshore figures are taken from stock signals indicating estimated consumption.

Estimated requirements by US Forces are at present confined to Bulk MT Petrol, as ample drum stocks are held in USASOS dumps to provide for 90 days maintenance. Allowance is also made to take care of emergency demands.

2. GENERAL

(a) Petrol Point at Charing Cross will be closed during the next week and re-opened at new site on BUBU ROAD. Bowsers have been installed and will be ready to dispense MT Petrol in bulk to vehicles.

(b) Stocks of bulk MT Petrol are dangerously low but tanker is expected within 48 hours.

(c) Use of tanker jetty for servicing AMF Small Craft with MT Petrol and Distillate is being withheld until definite indication is given concerning the filling of bulk distillate tank.

E. Blarke

Lt Col
ADST IAE BASE SUB AREA

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STATS SEC "A" BRANCH
HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA
21 APR 45

WEEKLY FIELD STATE AS AT 0600 HOURS 21 APR 45

POSTED STRENGTH	298	3731
ATTACHED ALLOWED & NOT ALLOWED BY W.E.	42	483
TOTAL TROOPS UNDER COMMAND	340	4214
UNITS UNDER COMMAND	70	
UNITS MARCHED IN	NIL	
UNITS MARCHED OUT	NIL	

INCREASE IN OFFICERS 1.

DECREASE IN OR's 101.

STAGING UNITS NIL.

Lt.-col.
(O.W.RENNICK)
AA & QMG LAE BASE SUB AREA

DISTRIBUTION.

"G" BRANCH (1)

FILE (2)

"G"

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0000 Hrs. Saturday 21/ 4 /194 5 HQ L of S BASE [illegible]

W.E. 14 8 4 OFFRS. 47 O.R's. 1121 + OFFRS. — O.R's. — ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
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	Brig					
5	—	—	5	Lieut.-Colonels					
16	7	—	9	Majors					
16	3	—	13	Captains					
6	—	3	9	Lieutenants					
				~~Senior Nursing~~					
				A.A.N.S. and ~~A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.~~					
8	2	—	1	Civilians Counting ~~W Offrs.~~					
47	12	3	38						

*	DETAIL.		A.I.P.	C.M.P.	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 para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	A		37	1								38
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX 6084[illegible]	T/Capt	BUTLER J.V.	Gr.Sec 6 Maint Stores School (Inst) & Inst Course	1—4—45	RTU off X-list
NX[illegible]	Maj	CURRY A.E.	HQ 6 Aust BSD	16—4—45	On attachment GH 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp.
VX [illegible]	Lieut	BATES G.A.	11c Aust Con Depot	16—4—45	On attachment. Auth F/A AMS 1881

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX[illegible]	Maj	CURRY A.E.	AMC 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp	16—4—45	Off attachment
NX[illegible]	Capt	CUPIT D.T.H.	HQ 6 Aust Corps	16—4—45	Ceases to be attached Auth : F/A AMS 1881.

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 LRE BASE SUP [illegible] Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1 4 5 /——/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.
T/Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
T/Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Major	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Major	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Major	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Major	[illegible]	[illegible]	John	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Major	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Major	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Major	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
T/Major	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
T/Major	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
T/Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
T/Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
T/Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		5/4/45
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7/4/45
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Capt	[illegible]	[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.
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
Lt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
Major	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

1 Apr 45
Date of Despatch

[illegible] Lieut
Signature of Commander

1 WO1 Clerk [illegible] 650 187/44
1 WO2 Clerk [illegible] Amdt PAA A 10730 of 17 /-/44
1 S/Sgt Clerk (Legal) -Filling Vacancy of Sgt Clerk (Legal)
1 Sgt Clerk
2 Cpl Clerks - Filling Vacancies of TGS Clerks
1 Cpl Clerk AASC " " " " AASCo
1 S/Sgt DADS [illegible] 650 187/44
6 TGS Drivers Mo's
1 TGS Fitter
2 TGS Machinist Wood
1 TGS Despatch Rider

[illegible]

1 S/Sgt Clerk
1 Sgt Clerk (Legal) Not required - Vacancy being filled by S/Sgt
3 TGS Clerks
3 WO2 Hygiene Inspectors
2 Sgt Hygiene Inspectors
1 Sgt Clerk AEME
1 TGS Clerk AEME
3 TGS Clerks AASC
3 TGS Clerks AACC
1 TGS Clerk AATC
1 TGS Clerk AADS
1 Cpl Mechanic Typewriter
1 TGS Driver Mech
2 Pte Batmen
1 Pte Orderly
1 Cpl Driver MT
1 Cpl ADCS
2 Ptes ADCS

Signals Instrument

1 Cpl Driver MT
2 TGS Drivers Mech
15 Ptes Drivers MTo

The following Vacancies are Combat Supernumerary to the AEC DO NOT appear in Unit Establishments

AUTHORITY :- Lgo A1087680 of 24 Dec 44 (Posting Depot Mon Vehicle)

VX 1[illegible] Spr [illegible] AaCo
VX 1[illegible] L/Bdr [illegible] Bo.
VX 1[illegible] L/Bdr [illegible] Bo.
VX 1[illegible] Gnr [illegible] Bo.
VX 1[illegible] Gnr [illegible] Bo.
VX 1[illegible] Gnr [illegible] CoP.
VX 65[illegible] Gnr [illegible] Bo.

NO AREA COMD VACANCIES
AUTHORITY :- A Instr Memo - Section 6/c/45 of 24 Feb 45

VX 1[illegible] Cpl [illegible] AaCo
QX 9[illegible] Pte [illegible] Gnr

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

___/___(Serial No.)

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 21/4/1945 [illegible] Unit

W.E. IV GC/2 OFFRS. 27 O.R's [illegible] + OFFRS. — O.R's — ATT. BY W.E.

Amendment No 2 of 2 Mar 45

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. 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.
—	—	—	—	W.Os. Class I.					
[illegible]	—	—	—	W.Os. Class II.					
1	—	—	1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
6	—	—	—	Staff Sergeants					
[illegible]	—	5	—	Sergeants					
27	—	4	—	Corporals					
161	[illegible]	[illegible]	—	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
[illegible]	31	27	2	207 • 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., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A	C.M.P.	C.M.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	• •	TOTAL
			Under 18 Years.	18 Years and over.							
A	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]				[redacted]	[redacted]		[illegible]
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
20	[illegible] Pool [illegible]	1	[illegible]
7	[illegible]	1	[illegible]
—	[illegible]	1	[illegible]
3	[illegible]	5	
2	[illegible]		
1	[illegible]		
2	[illegible]		
35			

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
1	[illegible]		
1	[illegible]		
1	[illegible]		
5			

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

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

HQ [illegible] 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 21 / 4 /1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. 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 Instrumental				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Shrouds				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographical, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddlertree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Stat. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Assmen				Signwriters				Textile Knitters			
Draughtsmen	2	1	—	Bakers				Telescope Levelling Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanisers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors,			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Wireman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Woodturners				ACCS	5	—	5
Electricians				Cooks	5	5	—					[illegible]	2	2	—
Electricians (M.T.)				Dental Mechanics								ASC	6	4	—
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Elec. and Mot.)								[illegible]	2	2	—
Fitters	—	1	(2)	Driver-Operator								[illegible]	2	1	1
Fitters (Cycle)				Drivers								[illegible]	1	1	—
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								[illegible]	35	30	5
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Restorers)								[illegible]	7	5	2
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				[illegible]			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				[illegible]	5	3	2
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				[illegible]	3	2	1
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	[illegible]	[illegible]	1	[illegible]			
Grinder, Precision				Helm Operator				Clerks, Supply				[illegible]	21	19	2
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				[illegible]	11	11	—
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				[illegible]	41	40	1
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coopers				[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				[illegible]	1	1	—
Mechanics, Typewriter	1	—	1	Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				[illegible]	2	2	—
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders	—	2	(2)	[illegible]			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				[illegible]	1	2	(1)
Operators, Examiner				Machinists, Wood	—	1	(1)	Drivers, M.T.	—	8	(8)	[illegible]	2	2	—
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	5	4	1	[illegible]	14	7	5
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpts. Plant				[illegible]	3	3	—
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				[illegible]	1	1	—
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				[illegible]	2	2	—
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				[illegible]	2	2	—
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates	[illegible]	[illegible]	1	Instr.			
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers	[illegible]	[illegible]	6	[illegible]	6	19	
CARRIED FORWARD	3	2	—	CARRIED FORWARD	12	12	(1)	CARRIED FORWARD	66	55	(6)	Totals of columns marked • to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.	242	207	31

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 make appropriate entry in Col. "Reinfts. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in red at the blank space on this page.

21 Apr 45
Date of Despatch

[illegible] Lieut.
[illegible] Commander

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[illegible] OF PERSONNEL

	301	302	S/Sgt	Sgt	Cpl	Spec	Non Spec	Total
Munition Examiner	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
[illegible]ghtsman	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
[illegible]ker	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
[illegible]oks	-	-	-	1	1	7	-	9
[illegible]chinist, Wood	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
[illegible]ters	1	3	2	5	10	10	-	31
[illegible]mpatch Rider	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
[illegible]ivers MT	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
[illegible]iver Mech	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4
MT Clerks	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
MC "	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	4
DT "	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
DC "	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
FC "	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
SC "	-	1	2	6	6	-	-	15
OC "	-	1	-	1	2	1	-	5
MT "	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	3
ST "	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
[illegible]ther	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	15
[illegible]neral Duties	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	6
[illegible]ivers MT	-	-	-	1	-	-	17	18
[illegible]dorlies	-	-	-	-	1	-	11	12
M. MT	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
[illegible]ter Duties	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
MB S/Sgt	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
[illegible]ical Orderlies	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
[illegible]ghts Inspectors	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	7
[illegible]oftsman	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6
[illegible] Postal	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
[illegible]OC Dde 301	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
[illegible]ghts Duty	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
[illegible]ecial Increment	-	-	-	1	-	1	6	8
	3	8	8	32	36	36	98	227

[illegible] OF [illegible]

		[illegible]	[illegible]
Sgt	Dvr MT	1	1	-
Cpl	Dvr MT	1	-	1
TG	Cook	1	1	-
2So	Dvr Mech	2	-	2
Pte	Dvr MT	-	6	16
		17	8	19

WEEKLY REPORT OF DOCKS OPERATIONS

by 4 Aust Docks Op Coy.,RAE.

Apr 16th to 22nd.

Port	Ships Handled	Cargo Handled	Type & No.of Coy.	Strength as at 16 Apr45
Lae.	5 Large Type 3 Small Ships		4 Aust D.O.Coy "C" Type WE. 1V/11H/2 7/273 WE Att. 13 Port Maint. 1/33	7 Officers) 277 O/Rs.) inc.attached

SUMMARY OF CARGO HANDLED

	LOAD	DISCH	TOTAL	
Moa Moa	37		37	
Charon		901	901	
F4	84	36	120	
River Clarence		3778	3778	%
FS 202	264		264	
Alma Doepel	117	32	149	
FS 524	194		194	
Comara	518	29	547	
AK 95		19	19	
	1214	4795	6009	

% Incomplete.

R.C.Neville Major.,
R.C.Neville
O.C.,4 Aust Docks Op Coy.,RAE.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 23 APRIL 1945

Present: Comd, GII, GIII, SCHII NG L OF C SIGS, CRE, AQ, DAQMG, DAAG, ADMS, DO ANGAU, CEME, ADST, DADOS, DAPM, CAMP, ALIEN OFFR.

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1	GII	The durations of Grade I and Grade II Wings Staff School (AUST) War Course have been extended by two weeks to 19 weeks per course. Grade III Wing has been extended by one week now making the course of 9 weeks duration. First Aust Army have been advised that Area Comd, FINSCHHAFEN would be raised as from 0600 hrs 21 Apr 45. Fd trials of gas bombing by US 5297 Chemical Warfare Coy in MARKHAM VALLEY have been postponed from 21 Apr until 23 Apr 45.	
2	DAAG	Weekly Field State as at 0600 hrs 21 Apr 45:- Offrs ORs Posted strength 298 3751 Attached allowed & not allowed by WE 42 483 Total tps under comd 340 4214 Units under comd 70 Units marched in Nil Units marched out Nil Increase in offrs 1 Decrease in ORs 10[illegible] Staging units Nil	
3	ALFA OFFR	[illegible] Club Concert Party began its itinerary during the week and gave two performances in LAE area. Rugby league football competition commenced 22 Apr 45.	

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

Time of signature.....hrs

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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No.158

HEADQUARTERS LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDERS CONFERENCE. 24 APRIL 1945

Present. Comd, G11, G111, SO 111 NG L of C SIGS, CRE, AC, DAQMG, DAAG, ADMS, DO ANGAU, ADST, DADOS, DAPM, CAMP.

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
(1)	ADMS.	Weekly sick report ending 28.APRIL 45. MALARIA. No of cases 11. Rate per 1000. .9. Dengue. No of cases 23. Rate per 1000. 1.9 Dysentry No of cases 18 Rate per 1000. 1.5. Scrub Typhus No of cases 1. Rate per 1000..09. Skin diseases No of cases 21 Rate per 1000.1.7. Bed States: 247 A.G.H. 547 112 Con Depot 242. 18.Aust Fd Amb. 7. Air Evac 45. Sea Evac 257.	
(2)	AQ.	It is Not necessary for Units to have native latrines installed when natives are only working through the Unit areas e.g. grass cutting parties. In such cases natives will use the nearest native latrines. CRE requests plan of native latrines in L.B.S.A.	
(3)	CRE.	A 5KVA generating set has been supplied to 2.Aust Army Tps.	
		Requests that investigation be made concerning three shots that were fired at approximatley 0630, the 24th April. from the vicinity of the Officers Club.	DAPM to investigate

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

Time of Signature, 1700 Hrs.

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CONSOLIDATED SICK RETURN
LAE BASE SUB AREA
WEEK ENDING 20 APR 45

HQ LAE Base Sub Area
Ref : M720/4/577

24 Apr 45

PART I

UNIT	Total Est Str	Total Sick Parade	DYSENTERY	DIARRHOEA	URTI	PUO	TINEA	OTHER SKIN	EAR	OTHER COMPLAINT
HQ LAE Base Sub Area	220	39	-	1	2	2	-	3	4	2
8 Aust Lovt Control Gp	74	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4
1 Aust Adv 2 Echn	66	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
11 Aust CRE (Wks)	34	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8 Aust Fd Coy	109	21	-	-	-	-	2	3	-	10
8 Aust Army Troops Coy	242	51	-	-	4	-	6	-	2	6
24 Aust Mech Eq Coy	100	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 Aust Army Troops	275	45	-	-	1	1	2	4	2	16
2/1 Aust Hly Constr Coy	40	18	-	-	-	-	7	8	1	2
3 Aust Mech Eq Spares Soc	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 Aust Fd Coy	129	27	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	6
13 Aust Wkshops & Pk Coy	190	16	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	5
3 Aust Water Tpt Gp	63	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
43 Aust Landing Craft Coy	55	7	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	2
4 Aust Docks Op Coy	277	58	-	-	15	9	-	-	-	14
1 Aust CRE ES Forests	28	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
2/3 Aust Forestry Coy	160	27	-	-	4	1	-	6	2	14
HQ NG L of C Sigs	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 Aust Pigeon Sec	8	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	430	68	2	-	1	5	1	3	2	14
3 Aust MAC Pl	52	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 Aust BIPOD	25	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1
63 Aust BIPOD	29	9	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
4 Aust Baking Coy	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8 Aust Fd Baking Pl	28	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
9 Aust Fd Baking Pl	33	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
2/4 Aust Fd Butchering Pl	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 Aust BSD	160	16	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	4
Totals c/fwd	2879	468	2	2	32	20	23	36	19	109

UNIT	Total Est Str	Total Sick Parade	DYSENTERY	DIARRHOEA	URTI	PUO	TINEA	OTHER SKIN	EAR	OTHER COMPLAINTS
Brought forward	2879	448	2	2	32	20	23	36	19	109
HQ 30 Aust Sup Depot Coy	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
99 Aust Sup Dep Pl	33	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	4
107 Aust Sup Dep Pl	29	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
2/162 Aust Sup Dep Pl	27	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2/163 Aust Sup Dep Pl	25	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 Aust Marine Food Sup	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 Aust Ind Furn Pl	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8 Aust Ind Furn Pl	12	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
2/7 Aust Gen Hosp	432	28	-	-	-	3	-	5	1	16
112 Aust Gen Depot	72	10	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	4
108 Aust Adv Depot Med Stores	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22 AMCU	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
24 AMCU	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 AMCU	14	3	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-
18 Aust Fd Amb	219	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 Aust Hosp Laundry	49	10	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	5
105 Aust Mob Bath Unit	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
4 Aust AOD	360	142	-	2	5	9	11	12	2	16
8 Aust AAD	122	19	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	6
2/11 Aust Mob Laundry	72	8	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3
8 Sec Aust Officers Shop	15	5	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	3
2/7 Aust Adv Wkshops	235	53	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	24
LAE Area Wkshops	160	9	-	1	-	-	5	1	-	2
255 Aust LAD	10	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
District Accounts Office	60	9	-	-	2	2	-	1	-	4
7 Aust Base Postal Unit	123	26	-	-	4	4	3	7	2	6
3 Aust Corps Provost	91	51	-	-	2	-	6	3	1	6
16 Aust Detention Barracks	100	7	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	4
9 Aust L of C Stationery	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NG Printing & Press Unit	55	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aust War Graves Maint Unit	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aust Army Canteens Service	105	10	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Totals c/fwd	5351	845	2	5	45	41	83	78	28	219

UNIT	Total Est Str	Total Sick Parade	DYSENTERY	DIARRHOEA	URTI	PUO	TINEA	OTHER SKIN	EAR	OTHER COMPLAINTS
Brought forward	5351	343	2	5	45	41	53	78	28	219
22 Aust Works Coy	286	21	-	-	4	4	-	-	1	6
HQ Aust Salvage Unit	28	7	-	-	-	-	3	2	2	-
NG Details Depot	577	194	2	41	7	8	8	32	3	47
Det 4 Aust Kit Store	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NG School of Sigs	150	23	-	-	4	4	3	2	-	2
NG Training School	140	86	-	-	2	2	2	-	2	-
AIRAU	95	10	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	2
16 Aust Small Ships	150	20	-	1	-	-	-	8	-	11
1 Aust Motor Amb Convoy	30	4	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
19 Aust L of C Sigs	684	100	-	-	4	8	10	12	4	14
16 Aust Watercraft Workshops	70	8	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	5
HQ 3 Aust Docks Gp	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 Aust Port Craft Coy	200	11	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	7
HQ First Aust Army	1045	141	-	7	4	-	-	61	-	65
TOTALS	7916	1466	4	55	75	66	88	202	41	378

PART II

Number of cases evacuated beyond RAP of :-

(a)	Dysentery	4
(b)	Diarrhoea	4
(c)	URTI	1
(d)	Others	130
	Totals	138

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FIRST AUST ARMY (for DMS)
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Lt-Col
(H.S. ALEXANDER)
ADLS LAE BASE SUB AREA

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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No 159

HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE. 26 APRIL 1945

Present: Comd, GII, GIII, SOIII NG L of C SIGS, CRE, AQ, DAQMG, DAAG, ADMS, CEME, ADST, DADOS, DAPM, CAMP.

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1	SIGS	SO-in-C, Maj-Gen SIMPSON is inspecting signal installations in LAE area and acknowledges his satisfaction with the general set-up and standard of efficiency.	
2	DAQMG	The original plan for FORMOSANS to build their camp before being employed in area has been amended because of the impending departure from LAE of 22 Aust Works Coy. It is now proposed to use a percentage of FORMOSANS for labour whilst remainder complete building of camp.	
3	AQ	FORMOSANS have brought complete tentage, so that it will be possible to use mobile gangs if necessary.	
4	CRE	Suggested that 120 FORMOSANS be permanently allotted to sawmill, thereby releasing 120 natives for use on tasks involving security measures.	

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

Time of signature. 1030 hrs

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 27 APRIL 45

Present: Comd,
GII, GIII, CRE, AQ, DAQMG, DAAG, ADMS, DO AIRAU, CEME,
ADST, DADOS, DAPM, CAMP.

Special Report No	Report by	Report	Decision by Cmd
	AQ	Enquired if any instruction had been received from First Aust Army regarding construction works at Pacific Islands Regt. CRE stated that no instruction had been received, but preliminary recce had been carried out.	
		Many vehs in LAE Base Sub Area are still unnumbered through shortage of paint supplies. DADOS informed that 3200 pints of service green had recently been received and had been equally distributed between 2/7 Aust Adv Wksp, Veh Park and Ed Park, also 500 pints to MADANG. A small quantity of white paint is also available.	

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

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Headquarters
Lae Base Sub Area
27 Apr 45
OS 799/CS 384

R.Q.S. L.H.Q.

Copies to :- DDOS First Aust Army
HQ Lae Base Sub Area
C.O.O. 4 Aust A.O.D.
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MONTHLY CENSUS OF WARLIKE STORES - TECHNICAL STORES

Herewith please find consolidated census return for month ending 20 Apr 45.

2. Separate consolidations have been rendered as under :-

(A) First Aust Army Units

(B) LAE Base Sub Area Units

3. The following units did not submit returns :-

Rear Party 1 Aust Forest Svy Coy (out of area)
Rear Party NSW L of C Concert Party (out of area)
3 Aust Landing Craft Workshop Sec (out of area)
12 Aust MT Inspection Sec (absorbed by LAE Area Wksps)
78 Aust Depot Cash Office (out of area)
2 Aust Mob Ent Sec (unable to locate)

4. Units hereunder are additional to list submitted on 20 Apr 45.

57 Aust Depot Cash Office
First Aust Army Postal Unit
22 Aust Tele Op Sec
30 Club Concert Party.

G 83/7
30/4/45

Major
(J.S.KELLY) for Lt-Col
A.D.O.S. Lae Base Sub Area

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FORMATION - LAE BASE SUB AREA

MONTHLY CENSUS OF WARLIKE STORES - TECHNICAL STORES - AS AT 20 APR 45

HELD BY FIRST AUST ARMY UNITS

Serial No	Entitlement	Held	Serial No	Entitlement	Held
1001	-	30	1754	10	60
1002	20	34	1756	68	171
1004	1	14	1758	25	24
1005	201	49	1759	16	8
1008	995	672	1760	4	1
1010	-	4	1762	3	2
1012	204	139	1765	11	11
1015	-	1	1768	39	18
1017	-	4	1769	41	31
1019	24	11	1770	5	9
1020	-	2	1772	-	2
1021	6459	5740	1773	46	46
1023	8	1	1774	22	14
1034	-	1	1775	2	2
1035	20	1	1776	4	7
1051	3	6	1778	24	17
1052	1	3	1781	10	2
1055	17	5	1789	-	1
1057	137	157	1790	1	-
1061	115	114	1796	53	13
1063	2907	3120	1798	22	12
1065	10	6	1799	4	7
1067	68	61	1802	652	455
1069	16	-	1803	1	1
1070	138	149	1804	12	22
1082	83	52	1805	14	12
1083	107	62	1806	18	19
1084	216	145	1808	30	16
1089	4	2	1809	4	15
1090	88	38	1811	11	7
1094	4	4	1874	1	-
1101	58	84	1875	4	3
1104	805	473	1876	-	1
1107	-	1	1966	1	2
1116	70	3	2057	1	1
1120	39	2	2065	-	2
1147	-	3	2066	-	1
1148	12	54	2067	1	-
1237	5	3	2071	30	30
1245	8	3	2076	-	1
1247	-	6	2084	-	1
1257	5	3	2086	27	25
1314	10	3	2093	-	1
1318	10	3	2094	9	2
1320	7	3	2114	1	3
1346	10	10	2141	30	-
1365	24	24	2142	-	2
1367	-	24	2143	-	1
1382	24	24	2145	-	13
1415	2	-	2146	-	2
1697	-	1	2151	-	12
1741	2	1	2161	-	3
1743	43	23	2163	-	1
1744	1	6	2173	-	9
1746	9	8	2176	-	1
1747	22	6	2184	-	20
1748	23	10	2188	4	-
1750	295	163	2190	30	-
1752	2	10	2201	3	2
			2221	16	16

Serial No	Entitlement	Held	Serial No	Entitlement	Held
2222	.	4	2481	6	.
2226	156	35	2482	26	.
2227	144	128	2487	11	.
2228	.	17	2488	.	.
2229	2	5	2490	.	.
2230	45	18	2491	45	14
2233	11	1	2492	47	35
2234	3	9	2495	.	.
2236	16	12	2496	3	12
2244	4	14	2498	2	.
2247	.	10	2502	4	3
2252	9	4	2503	1	1
2253	12	1	2504	4	4
2283	17	.	2524	1	1
2285	.	.	2525	2	1
2291	.	8	2526	1	1
2294	.	4	2528	1	1
2296	.	3	2532	1	1
2322	10	34	2533	1	1
2323	18	.	2542	1	1
2325	5	4	2543	1	1
2328	16	16	2544	1	1
2329	12	30	2547	1	1
2330	38	35	2549	1	1
2331	3	5	2551	1	1
2336	12	4	2552	1	1
2338	.	4	2557	1	.
2340	.	2	2701	.	.
2341	.	1	2732	.	.
2343	5	2	2740	.	.
2372	1	3	2804	3	6
2379	1	3	2836	2	1
2381	25	3	2837	2	1
2382	25	3	2841	2	1
2383	26	16	2844	10	5
2385	1	3	2851	2	2
2390	1	3	2863	2	2
2391	7	4	2864	2	2
2392	4	4	2867	3	2
2394	5	2	2871	11	3
2395	4	2	2872	2	2
2397	5	2	2883	2	2
2412	5	2	2888	2	2
2413	10	2	2889	2	2
2414	5	2	2911	35	5
2416	7	3	2912	1	2
2417	1	2	2913	38	3
2418	2	2	2914	4	2
2419	20	2	2926	18	6
2420	7	2	2927	8	26
2421	8	3	2928	4	6
2422	23	46	2935	24	22
2423	8	10	2936	17	6
2424	147	138	2937	8	23
2441	10	72	2938	1	1
2442	5	1	2939	78	23
2443	78	63	2940	16	12
2444	16	2	2941	2	1
2445	2	2	2942	2	1
2446	2	3	2943	2	1
2447	2	2	2946	2	1
2448	2	2	2950	2	1
2451	2	2	2951	2	1
2459	2	2	2954	36	13
2462	2	2	2956	2	1
2475	2	3			

Serial No	Entitlement	Held	Serial No	Entitlement	Held
2957	5	1	3122	6	-
2958	9	3	3131	4	2
2959	-	12	3132	6	4
2960	2	10	3151	-	19
2961	3	8	3152	42	28
2966	-	1	3169	2	6
2974	-	4	3171	1	1
2975	17	2	3172	1	-
2977	18	25	3174	45	47
2979	19	232	3175	37	44
2980	13	208	3176	2	10
2981	16	16	3179	73	91
2982	6	-	3183	5	1
2983	-	13	3191	1	13
2985	12	3	3192	61	35
2986	-	1	3193	-	4
2988	-	1	3194	-	1
2989	-	22	3197	70	51
2990	714	161	3198	80	17
2994	9	-	3202	1	-
2996	9	9	3203	-	2
2998	10	16	3205	-	16
3000	12	1	3207	2	-
3002	-	4	3208	9	2
3003	-	1	3210	1	-
3004	-	1	3231	11	8
3005	9	2	3235	1	1
3006	2	-	3248	-	3
3007	6	-	3255	1	1
3009	131	127	3262	2	1
3010	46	22	3268	1	1
3031	6	14	3269	1	1
3033	62	54	3270	1	1
3034	1	-	3271	1	1
3041	48	34	3272	1	1
3042	22	13	3273	1	1
3047	1	32	3303	-	1
3048	8	12	3343	1	1
3071	30	-	3551	3	9
3072	30	-			
3073	26	-			
3081	4	-			
3090	33	-			
3091	1	2			
3092	-	2			
3098	16	11			
3099	29	6			
3103	2	3			
3105	6	2			
3116	26	21			
3119	1	-			
3121	-	27			

UNALLOTTED

Gen Sets 2.5 KVA (B & S)	-	2
Gen Sets PE 1500W AC	4	1
Gen Sets 1.5 KVA (Aust)	48	-
Gen Sets Shelley DC/AC 110/240-volt	-	1
Gen Sets Climax 2.5 KVA (B & S)	-	1
Charging Set 6-volt	-	8
Power Unit PE 77D U S Army	-	1
Telephone Sets ET3B American	-	8
Telephone Sets 33BM	-	3
Ammeter D6 50-amp 2½ Mk I	1	1
Rectifier Gen Elect Tungar Charger	-	1
Switchboard 30/100 line	-	1
Multimeters TCM	-	1

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FORMATION - LAE BASE SUB AREA

MONTHLY CENSUS OF WARLIKE STORES - TECHNICAL STORES - AS AT 20 APR 45

HELD BY UNITS UNDER COM'AND LAE BASE SUB AREA

Serial No	Entitlement	Held	Serial No	Entitlement	Held
1002	24	16	2231	1	1
1004	15	10	2234	-	1
1005	186	25	2258	1	-
1008	369	265	2291	-	1
1010	-	34	2322	78	24
1012	-	-	2323	26	6
1015	2	2	2328	-	1
1019	17	13	2329	1	-
1021	4187	3840	2340	1	-
1031	92	-	2371	15	12
1051	6	5	2372	-	1
1058	25	2	2374	-	4
1057	132	120	2375	12	-
1061	101	70	2376	36	7
1063	2535	2031	2377	20	27
1065	-	4	2379	26	29
1067	112	89	2381	42	39
1069	15	23	2382	33	30
1070	129	118	2383	151	133
1084	2	-	2384	9	-
1090	1	-	2385	174	128
1101	63	33	2388	-	1
1104	576	80	2389	3	-
1172	8	3	2390	1	7
1245	2	-	2391	2	4
1744	1	1	2392	6	8
1746	5	9	2394	13	1
1748	4	10	2395	22	29
1750	104	36	2396	1	1
1752	-	7	2397	16	16
1754	61	27	2412	5	5
1756	30	23	2413	9	7
1758	4	3	2414	12	10
1759	1	-	2415	16	15
1762	5	3	2416	1	-
1763	3	-	2417	1	1
1765	35	17	2418	11	10
1768	2	5	2419	11	7
1773	100	93	2420	-	4
1774 1769	43 8	20 -	2421	28	16
1775	7	4	2422	-	1
1776	1	4	2423	14	12
1784	2	1	2424	14	12
1790	3	3	2441	4	4
1796	2	4	2443	600yds	-
1799	-	1	2444	-	1
1802	257	92	2446	3	2
1804	-	2	2453	-	3
1805	4	5	2458	2	-
1808	11	9	2459	4	-
1906	-	1	2475	3	-
1922	-	1	2476	-	1
1923	-	1	2481	-	1
1966	-	1	2483	4	-
2027	5	3	2486	1	-
2066	-	1	2490	-	1
2226	86	30	2491	7	5
2227	2	1	2492	33	24
2228	-	2	2494	2	1
2229	-	5	2495	2	1

Serial No	Entitlement	Held	Serial No	Entitlement	Held
2496	-	1	2871	25	25
2498	5	5	2872	8	4
2500	2	-	2873	1	2
2501	2	-	2881	2	6
2503	1	-	2886	-	6
2504	1	2	2887	4	6
2511	1	-	2888	11	6
2516	1	3	2889	1	2
2517	1	3	2890	2	2
2519	2	6	2891	5	4
2520	1	1	2892	-	3
2522	1	1	2895	2	-
2524	6	4	2911	-	4
2525	1	3	2914	4	-
2526	6	10	2946	-	2
2527	1	-	2951	1	1
2528	3	2	2959	-	1
2529	1	3	2960	2	3
2531	1	-	2974	1	-
2532	3	7	2979	1	35
2533	3	7	2980	26	10
2536	1	2	2981	1	1
2537	1	4	2990	16	-
2539	2	4	3009	25	24
2540	1	-	3031	-	1
2542	1	-	3033	2	-
2543	1	-	3041	6	8
2544	1	2	3042	6	4
2545	1	4	3047	2	7
2547	1	-	3090	10	-
2548	-	3	3098	-	2
2551	1	1	3099	4	2
2552	1	1	3132	1	-
2553	1	4	3151	-	1
2556	1	-	3174	5	2
2559	1	-	3175	5	2
2562	1	-	3176	1	4
2563	1	-	3179	8	4
2731	-	2	3191	-	2
2743	1	1	3192	2	6
2772	1	-	3193	-	2
2774	1	1	3197	15	13
2775	2	1	3207	2	3
2776	1	1	3208	5	2
2777	1	-	3209	1	1
2791	2	1	3231	14	7
2792	1	-	3247	1	-
2795	-	1	3250	1	-
2794	1	-	3255	3	3
2802	1	-	3257	2	-
2804	1	4	3262	1	1
2807	1	-	3270	-	3
2812	1	1	3271	1	-
2817	1	1	3273	1	2
2818	2	1	3282	1	2
2841	1	-	3283	-	1
2844	7	6	3286	1	2
2863	-	2	3351	2	4
2964	1	1			

UNLISTED

Charging Set 6-volt	-	1
Gen Set Fowler Sanders 25 KVA 110V DC 40 HP	-	1
Gen Set 30 KVA Southern Cross Diesel	-	1
Mechanical Skid Loader	1	1

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Headquarters,
Lae Base Sub Area,
27 Apr 45

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MONTHLY CENSUS OF WARLIKE STORES - TECHNICAL STORES
MACHINE TOOLS AND WORKSHOP APPLIANCES

Herewith please find consolidated census returns for month ending 20 Apr 45.

2. Separate consolidation have been rendered as under :-

(a) First Aust Army Units

(b) LAE Base Sub Area Units.

J.B.Kelly

Major
(J.B.KELLY) for Lt-Col
A.D.O.S. Lae Base Sub Area

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FORMATION - LAE BASE SUB AREA

MONTHLY CENSUS OF WARLIKE STORES - TECHNICAL STORES - AS AT 30 APR 45

MACHINE TOOLS AND WORKSHOP APPLIANCES HELD BY FIRST AUST ARMY UNITS

Serial No	Entitlement	Held	Serial No	Entitlement	Held
8001	7	8	8356	2	2
8002	5	3	8361	1	1
8012	2	3	8367	3	2
8013	4	4	8377	4	4
8014	1	-	8427	1	1
8021	2	3	8433	1	2
8022	1	1	8448	1	-
8025	13	9	8449	-	1
8026	1	-	8451	-	2
8089	2	2	8470	-	1
8094	1	1	8478	2	3
8098	1	-	8479	2	3
8114	8	6	8579	-	1
8143	2	1	8580	2	-
8157	6	7	8602	1	1
8163	3	-	8604	2	1
8185	4	2	8605	2	2
8193	1	1	8608	2	1
8197	2	2	8614	-	1
8204	1	2	8627	1	1
8205	3	1	8641	1	1
8231	1	1	8649	6	7
8261	-	1	8655	6	3
8276	3	3	8685	5	4
8281	1	1	8686	5	3
8284	5	6	8719	2	3
8286	2	2	8723	1	1
8288	9	8			
8289	-	2			
8294	1	1			
8297	1	1			
8301	1	1			
8339	1	1			
8340	-	1			
8341	2	2			
8342	6	6			
8343	1	1			
8345	3	4			
8346	1	-			

UNLISTED

Machines Shaping 14-in to 18-in stroke	1	-
Benches Portable 3-ft	1	1
Stands Auto Safety Adjustable	2	2
Shelters Portable Blacksmiths	1	1
Blocks Chain Triple Purchase 10-ton	1	-

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FORMATION - LAE BASE SUB AREA

MONTHLY CENSUS OF WARLIKE STORES - TECHNICAL STORES - AS AT 20 APR 45

MACHINE TOOLS AND WORKSHOP APPLIANCES HELD BY LAE BASE SUB AREA

Serial No	Entitlement	Held	Serial No	Entitlement	Held
8001	3	11	8211	1	-
8002	6	2	8212	-	1
8005	1	1	8215	1	-
8006	2	2	8216	1	1
8012	8	5	8220	-	1
8013	1	3	8222	3	-
8018	1	-	8234	-	1
8021	8	5	8235	5	3
8022	1	1	8237	2	1
8025	25	26	8241	2	-
8026	2	1	8243	-	1
8029	2	1	8244	3	5
8030	1	-	8245	3	2
8031	1	-	8248	4	4
8034	2	-	8249	1	-
8089	13	8	8253	2	2
8091	1	1	8254	2	1
8098	3	3	8255	5	5
8099	2	-	8259	1	-
8103	1	-	8262	2	-
8110	2	1	8264	3	3
8114	4	-	8267	2	-
8119	2	2	8270	2	2
8123	1	1	8271	2	1
8125	4	2	8274	2	-
8130	3	1	8276	16	8
8135	2	2	8279	1	-
8138	1	1	8281	4	11
8139	-	1	8282	2	-
8143	-	1	8283	2	1
8146	2	1	8284	7	8
8147	1	1	8286	21	10
8149	1	-	8287	-	1
8150	1	1	8288	35	33
8157	23	26	8289	2	2
8159	1	-	8290	3	1
8162	2	1	8291	-	2
8163	1	1	8292	-	1
8164	2	-	8294	-	1
8166	4	1	8301	2	-
8168	2	-	8309	5	4
8171	11	9	8311	-	1
8172	1	-	8314	2	-
8177	1	-	8316	2	-
8178	1	-	8317	2	-
8185	1	-	8320	7	5
8186	1	2	8321	-	1
8189	1	-	8324	2	2
8193	3	2	8325	1	-
8195	5	-	8329	1	-
8196	1	1	8330	1	-
8197	9	9	8331	-	1
8198	2	3	8333	1	-
8200	-	1	8336	2	-
8202	2	7	8338	1	1
8203	2	2	8339	-	1
8205	6	8	8340	6	5
8206	3	-	8341	-	1
8207	-	2	8342	24	21
			8343	5	7

Serial No	Entitlement	Held	Serial No	Entitlement	Held
8345	15	11	8479	7	7
8346	3	3	8482	1	1
8347	6	1	8483	2	1
8349	3	1	8488	2	1
8351	2	-	8579	7	6
8356	2	-	8582	1	-
8357	3	-	8585	2	2
8360	-	3	8587	2	1
8361	9	10	8589	1	-
8364	3	2	8597	1	-
8365	2	2	8601	2	1
8367	3	5	8602	3	4
8368	3	3	8604	2	-
8369	2	1	8605	4	10
8373	4	5	8608	1	1
8377	11	11	8609	4	1
8380	-	4	8614	6	2
8381	5	2	8615	2	2
8382	3	2	8619	1	-
8385	2	-	8620	1	-
8386	4	3	8624	8	2
8391	1	-	8625	3	1
8393	-	1	8627	4	4
8395	1	1	8628	1	3
8396	2	3	8629	6	4
8399	2	-	8631	-	1
8400	2	2	8633	-	2
8403	3	-	8636	2	1
8406	-	1	8641	5	3
8409	1	-	8649	30	24
8411	4	5	8655	7	7
8414	9	5	8658	1	-
8416	-	1	8661	-	1
8417	2	1	8663	1	-
8418	3	2	8667	2	1
8419	2	1	8676	3	1
8420	3	3	8679	3	1
8424	2	-	8680	3	1
8426	5	3	8685	22	22
8429	4	4	8686	19	16
8433	3	2	8696	1	1
8444	1	1	8701	1	-
8446	6	3	8702	1	-
8447	3	1	8707	2	1
8451	15	9	8711	10	5
8454	-	1	8717	-	1
8464	3	4	8718	2	1
8465	-	1	8719	10	7
8467	5	3	8720	1	8
8471	1	-	8721	-	1
8475	2	1	8728	1	1
8478	7	9			

UNLISTED

Trolleys Non-geared for Gantries 2-ton	-	3
Shelters Portable Blacksmiths	4	-
Machines Band Saw Setting Hand	-	1
Compressor Low Pressure (Aust) NO 2 (Survex 222)	-	1
Blocks Chain Triple Purchase 2-ton	3	-
Blocks Chain Single Purchase 1-ton	-	6
Blocks Chain single Purchase ½-ton	-	2
Gantries Portable ½-ton	-	1
Lathes Watchmakers 6mm & 8mm	-	2
Lathes 7½-in centre short bed	-	2
Generators Aust Portable Lighthouse type	-	1
Machines Band Saw 20-in	-	1
Machines Saw Circular 9-in	-	1
Machines Grinding 12 x 2-in Bench Type	-	1

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF C[illegible]NDER'S CONFERENCE, 28 APRIL 1945

Present: Comd, GII, GIII, SOIII NG L of C SIGS, CRE, AQ, DAQMG, ADMS, DO ANGAU, CEME, ADST, DADOS, DAPM, CAMP.

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1.	ADMS	Requested action be taken to prevent low-flying a/c from passing over 2/7 MGH. GII reported that the Registrar AGH was requested on 26 Apr to provide particulars so that action may be taken to avoid further incidents.	
2.	GA	It is proposed that a FORMOSAN PW Compound be established in vicinity of native compound. Required of DO ANGAU how ANGAU would view the proposal and what the reaction of natives would be. DO ANGAU to investigate.	
3.	CEME	MGO is inspecting Wksp, LABU today.	
4.	CRE	The matter of two additional FORMOSAN PW Compounds has been discussed with Capt WOODS of HQ LAE PW Camp. 2/[illegible] Forestry Coy will commence milling on Monday, 30 Apr.	Matter to be left in abeyance pending report from ANGAU.

(H.D. MERCHANT)
GS LAE BASE SUB AREA

Time of signature. 1030 .hrs

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S & T SERVICES
IAF BASE SUB AREA

WEEKLY REPORT

for week ending 28 Apr 45

No of sheets

Sheet No 2

SUPPLIES

1. RATION SURPLUS

Commodity	Issues for previous week Rate	Stock on 28 Apr 45 lbs	Anticipated issues for Next Week Rate
Boneless Beef	4	453 212	6
Mutton Fresh	1	-	-
Mutton Fresh	Hosp issues	593	Hosp issues
" "	1	-	1
Butter	2	61 296	3
Hosp meats	Hosp issues	-	Hosp issues
Eggs	2 eggs per man	4 572	Hosp issues & 2 eggs per man
Vegs assorted	6	3 554	2 ex local sources & shipments
Potatoes	7	140 886	7
Onions	4	37 198	7
Fruit	Hosp issues	9 963	Hosp issues

2. AIR MAINTENANCE OFFICE

Place	No of Loads	Free Issue	Gross Weight Forwarded	Landed
AIR NEW BRITAIN	3		2 691	
ARMOURED FORCE	1	1 445	4 551	
ADVAN [illegible]	2			9 990
Totals	6	1 445	7 242	9 990

AIR reports 100% recovery and signalled appreciation of successful droppings. Aircraft made available for mission to ARMOURED FORCE were cancelled owing to adverse weather.

Fresh commodities are dropped at every opportunity.

3. CHANGES AND ADDITIONS IN REFRIGERATION AND INSTALLATIONS

(a) Cold stores performing satisfactorily.

(b) CHARING CROSS Railway alterations now in progress but will not be fully completed until 16 May but sufficient progress will have been made to enable bread to be produced there after 7 May.

(c) Repairs to latrines, cesspools and boundary fences are being continued. New rails have been fitted to incinerator.

SUPPLIES

3. CHANGES AND ADDITIONS IN REFRIGERATION AND INSTALLATIONS

(a) General maintenance has been carried out at BSD, including repairs to culverts, construction of sullage pits, grease traps and showers. 8 Aust Army Tps Coy have recommenced work on roads and standings at BSD and also repairing electric lighting service including the replacement of existing tree poles with steel poles. It is expected that the repairing of the Depot will be completed early next week.

(e) 107 Aust Sup Dep Pl - New incinerator is being constructed and portion of camp area has been gravelled.

(f) No 39 Aust Sup Dep Coy - Officers quarters in course of erection.

(g) Charing Cross DID - Native latrine completed.

(h) All S & T installations are improving operating areas and camp sites as opportunity offers.

4. GENERAL

(a) BSD STORAGE

No of stores (200' x 50')	17 -	store 39 is used for Air Maintenance operations.
Capacity in pastages	612 000	pastages
Pastages in store	366 619	"
Transit shed capacity	92 000	"

(b) BAKERIES PRODUCTION

9 Aust Fd Baking Pl	58 164	lbs

(c) FISHING OPERATIONS

(i) Catch for the week 1 200 lb

(ii) Major repairs to propeller shaft of AK 39 are to be undertaken at LAE W/Craft Wksps. Efforts are being made to arrange for a replacement craft.

(iii) Fishing operations are now being conducted some 25/40 miles south of MOROBE. A recce is to be made of waters 20 miles north of MOROBE during the coming week.

(iv) Hauling net received from 4 ACD is being remade into a set net.

(d) FARM PRODUCTION TAKEN ON CHARGE

	Issue	Yield
5 Aust Indep Farm Pl	6 985	2 000
8 " " " "	6 000	
Totals	13 985	2 000

SURPLUS

5. AVAILABILITY OF FREEZER SPACE as at 28 Apr 45

Freezer	Effective Cub capacity	Cub space occupied	Cub space available	Tonnage capacity of available space
Room No1				
A Room	3 390 cu ft	3 000 cu ft	390 cu ft	340 cases of beef or 275 carcase mutton 340 cases of butter 210 cases of Emergency rations
B Room	4 390 cu ft	1 390 cu ft	3 000 cu ft	1875 cases of beef or 1000 carcases mutton 875 cases butter or 1000 cases Emergency rations
C Room	4 390 cu ft	4 390 cu ft	-	-
Room No 2	5 000 cu ft	5 000 cu ft	-	-
Room No 3	5 000 cu ft	2 200 cu ft	2 800 cu ft	1750 cases beef or 1120 cases Emergency rations 1750 cases butter 930 carcases mutton
Charing Cross	5 000 cu ft	5 000 cu ft	-	-
Totals	27 190 cu ft	20 860 cu ft	6 [illegible]	3965 cases beef or 2285 carcase mutton 3965 cases butter 2550 cases Emergency rations
FREEZER SPACE				
Malabang	300 cu ft	-	300 cu ft	required for local killing
Charing Cross	300 cu ft	300 cu ft	-	-
Room No 2 Air Lock	500 cu ft	150 cu ft	350 cu ft	110 cases eggs or 210 cases butter
Room No 3 Air Lock	500 cu ft	-	500 cu ft	250 cases butter or 160 cases eggs
Charing Cross Air Lock	500 cu ft	-	500 cu ft	160 cases eggs or 300 cases butter
Totals	2 100 cu ft	450 cu ft	1 650 cu ft	450 cases eggs or 810 cases butter

SUPPLIES

7. SHEEP.

Sheep are generally maintaining condition but hand feeding at the rate of 1 lb per head per day has had to be introduced. It is intended that the sheep be herded out of existing paddocks to allow grass to recover.

FARMS

2. MALAYANG FARM

(a) Plantings

Pineapple	3/5	acres
Bananas	5	"

(b) Cultivation

Cleared	9	acres
Rice cultivated	3	"
Harrowed	1	"
Ploughed	6	"

Sprayed

Spinach	2	acres
Cucumber	1	"
Snake Beans	3	"

(c) General

(i) Maintenance work on crops is continuing.

(ii) Estimated production for next week - Nil

2. NAU FARM

(a) Plantings

Nil

(b) Cultivation

Ploughed	2	acres
Harrowed	23	"

(c) General

(i) 63 cuttes of sweet potatoes received.

(ii) Potatoe and bean crops are progressing. Cabbage and lettuce seedlings will planted out as soon as rain makes a suitable opportunity.

(iii) Estimated production for next week - Vege 2000 lb
Fruit 2000 "

3. KIAP FARM

(a) Plantings

Pumpkins	3 acres
Watermelon	1 "

Tomatoes - 2 small beds 1- 27' x 3' and 1- 20' x 3'

(b) Cultivation

Ploughed	3	acres
Rice cultivated	2	"
Chip bund		
Tomatoes	3	acres
Cucumber	2	"
Pumpkin	1	"
Rice harrowed		
Watermelon	3	Acres
Rubus	4	"
Insecticide		
Tomatoes	7½	"
Cucumber	4	"
Watermelon	3	"

FARMS

3. KRAP FARM (cont)

(c) General

(i) 4 acres tomatoes pruned and fastened.

(ii) Rainfall 88 points. Irrigation plant continuously in use.

(iii) Expect production for next week - Silver beet 800 lb
Tomatoes 1200 "
Pumpkin 2000 "
Sweet Potatoes 2000 "

ANALYSIS OF FARM PRODUCTION

Issue

	KRAP	NAU	MALAHANG	TOTAL
Choko		4 320		4 320
Pumpkin	4 500	2 665		7 165
Tomatoes	1 900	1		1 900
Totals	6 400	6 985		13 385

Retail

	KRAP	NAU	MALAHANG	TOTAL
Pineapple		200		200
Paw Paw		1 400		1 400
Banana		300		300
Mandarine		100		100
Totals		2 000		2 000

4. GENERAL

SEIZURE OF SILVER CHARGERS

Through shipping delay in unloading at the Mainland, 29½ cases of apples belonging to Aust Army have been carried on to Finschhafen. ANZC officer at that area has been contacted to ensure that these apples have been taken into Aust stocks.

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. MOVEMENT OF OFFICERS AND UNITS

(a) 2/162 and 2/163 Aust Sup Dep Pln and 5 Aust Fd Butchering Pl embarked for Mainland.

(b) Maj W F A HARVEY detached 2 Aust Corps for duty.

(c) Capt C A SMART and Capt D H WOOD joined 2/162 and 2/163 Aust Sup Dep Pln.

(d) Lieut R WHITELAW 75 Aust Tpt Pl ex HQ 39 Aust Sup Dep Coy.

(e) Lieut J H LAIRD marched in as Capt AASC Adm this Service.

2. GENERAL

(a) 99 Aust Sup Dep Pl and 63 Aust EXFOR Pl warned for movement to 3 Aust Base Sub Area.

(b) 42 Aust Sup Dep Pl ceased to be under command HQ 5 Aust BSD and came under command HQ 39 Aust Sup Dep Coy and took over operation of DID Clearing Cross.

(c) Det 5 Aust BAD Pl (6 OMs and 3 vehs) warned for movement to 5 Aust Base Sub Area.

(d) 2 Aust BSD Coy vehicles arrived during the week.

(e) Lieut H A HOWES promoted T/Capt.

(f) 48 hours guard mounted at 2/7 AGH by 151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy and 2 Aust BSD Coy.

(g) AAF A 33 submitted for promotion of Lt J H LAIRD to rank of T/Capt whilst holding appointment Capt AASC (Adm) this HQ.

(h) AAF A 33 submitted for promotion of Lt THELEMAN 2 Aust BSD Coy to rank of T/Capt.

TRANSPORT

1. **NUMBER OF ROAD JOURNEYS** during the week

		ST OCK		MAE
(a) No of vehs used		151		23
(b) No of vehicle tons		581		
(c) Mileage		31 642		4 377
(d) Tonnage		6 998		
(e) No of personnel carried	Natives	14 980	Sitting	967
	Europeans	2 683	Lying	67
(f) Nature of tasks	Transport supplies, working Enlisted evacuation parties and general domestic tasks for units in this area. Convoy to Wau with supplies.			

2. **CONDITION OF VEHICLE MAINTENANCE**

In view of operational demands - good.

3. **GENERAL**

(a) **Ships worked during the week**

VAN DER HAGEN, GOBARA, RIVER CLARENCE, SUVA, CREIGHTON, DORIS, Mk.

(b) Assistance was given to US Army loading ammunition on WILLIAM MAG ARTHER and OREN.

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1. **ESTIMATES**

Estimates are unalterered.

2. **GENERAL**

(a) Petrol Point at Gharring Creek will be closed at 2700 hrs 30 Apr and equipment at new site on ROAD Road at 0800 hrs 2 May 45.

(b) Petrol Point on tanker jetty for servicing small craft was opened on 27 Apr 45.

(c) Bulk MT Petrol was received during the week but further stocks are urgently required.

E. Clarke
Lt Col
ADST LAE BASE SUB AREA

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES SECRET.

STATS SEC "A" BRANCH
HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA (AIF)
28 APR 45

WEEKLY FIELD STATE AS AT 0600 HOURS 28 APR 45.

POSTED STRENGTH	303	3824
ATTACHED ALLOWED & NOT ALLOWED BY W.E.	39	477
TOTAL TROOPS UNDER COMMAND	342	4301
UNITS UNDER COMMAND	69	
UNITS MARCHED IN	2	
UNITS MARCHED OUT	3	

INCREASE IN OFFICERS	2
INCREASE IN OR's	87

STAGING UNITS NIL.

Lt.-col.
(O.W.RENNICK)
AA & QMG LAE BASE SUB AREA

DISTRIBUTION.

"G" BRANCH (1)
FILE (2)

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0000 Hrs. Saturday 8 / 4 /194 5 HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA

W.E. IV / CC / 2 OFFRS 27 O.R's 141 + OFFRS. — O.R's — ATT. BY W.E.

(AMENDMENT PART 1A) 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.
W.E.				*					
1	—	—	—	1 Brig					
5	—	1	—	4 Lieut.-Colonels					
15	—	6	—	10 Majors					
16	—	6	—	10 Captains					
6	—	—	4	10 Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting CREDITABLE					
3	—	2	—	1					
47	—	15	4	36					

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).	DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	N.A.N.	N.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	A.		36									36
	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.
VX 104207	Lieut.	LAIRD J.H.	HQ 1 Aust Sup Dep Coy ASC	26-4-45	Posting Capt A/Maj AADC 30TH F.A.A. AMS 3505 of 13 Apr 45.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
W 17116	Lt-col	CLOIREC A.J.	Evac 113 AGH	4-4-45 on leave	Placed on X List.
NX119268	Capt	SMITH A.C.	Evac 2/7 A.G.H.	2/4/45	Placed on X-List
NX 106921	Capt	LINTON F.J.	88 Aust Tpt Pl	27-4-45	POSTING to OC. 30TH F.A.A. AMS 3505 of 13-4-45
VX114135	Chap	HINTER L.E.	Evac 2/7 A.G.H.	28-4-45	Off-attachment.

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 5th Aust BSU ..... Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 28 / 4 /1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	2 Army Number.	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
Brig	VX 2A250	WELLS	F.L.C.	Comd	Yes		
Lt-Col	VX 62718	RENNICK	G.M.	A.A.G. HQ	"		
Lt-Col	VX 15147	CLARKE	E.A.C.	A.D.S.T.	"		
Lt-Col	VX 225	STATHAM	F.T.W.	C.R.E.	"		
T/Lt-Col	VX 474	ALEXANDER	M.S.	K.I.K.S.	"		
Major	VX 81	MATTHEWS	R.F.	D.A.D.H.	NO	Leave	
Major	VX 4904	READ	T.C.	D.A.D.S.	NO	Leave	
Major	VX 17089	PEARCY	L.D.	D.A.D.O.S.	Yes		
Major	VX 89050	KELLY	J.E.	D.A.D.O.S.	"		
Major	VX 6045	NESTLEFOLD	S.R.	D.A.D.M.S.	"		
Major	VX 4249	STOCKWELL	H.R.	D.A.D.T.	"		
Major	VX 111999	HUNTER	D.B.	D.A.A.G./O.I.C.	"		
T/Major	VX 128021	FERGUSON	H.L.F.	O.C.	"		
T/Major	VX 21084	HAGUE	H.H.	D.A.A.G.	"		
T/Major	VX 35152	BOSKING	L.F.	D.A.D.A.D.M.S.	"		
Capt	VX 28187	CALLAGHAN	F.B.	S.C. P.O.L.	"		
Capt	VX 4529	LANE	F.R.	Int/Off	No	Leave	
Capt	VX 20082	PRIOR	G.R.	D.A.P.M.	Yes		
Capt	VX 21277	BATTERSBY	L.	M.A.L.	"		
Capt	VX 25777	LAND	A.G.	A.C. L.O.	No	Leave	
Capt	VX 70218	PAYNE	A.T.	S.C. 4	Yes		
Capt	VX 70864	CARROLL	H.S.	S.C. 4	"		
T/Capt	VX 104881	JENNER	G.R.	Awaiting move to Second Aust Army.			
T/Capt	VX 105175	GOULES	R.S.	C.L.O.	Yes		
T/Capt	VX 60848	BUTLER	J.V.	S.C. A.	"		
Lieut	VX 104	CURROW	R.F.	L.O. A.A.S.C.	No	Detached HQ 5 Aust BSU	9/1/45
Lieut	VX 17458	REBOW	E.G.	Hyg Off	Yes		
Lieut	VX 55011	LAW	D.R.	Welf.	"		
Lieut	VX 52185	GILMOUR	L.R.	A.C.C.S.H.E.	"		
Lieut	VX 58127	McLOUGHLIN	R.A.	Cat/Off	"		
Lieut	VX 103986	O'SULLIVESSY	M.T.B.	F.D.N. Off	"		
Lieut	VX 117?0	GYNNOT	M.L.R.	L.O. A.A.S.C.	No	Detached Area Comt TARSUN	
Lieut	VX 51161	BAIRD	A.R.	Asst Comp Comnt	Yes	HAFEN	7/2/45
Lieut	VX 108146	HUNTER	J.	Edn Off	Yes		
Lieut	VX 45??	LAIRD	J.H.	Capt A.A.S.C.	Dm	Yes	
Chap	VX 90788	ORR	A.H.		Yes		

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.
Lieut	VX 84?8	WOODS E.F.	18 Aust Fd Amb		3-5-45
Chap	QX 4911	Cousins T.H.	G/S A.A.C.D.H.Q.	NG	DETAILS DEPOT 18-5-45
Chap	Def 196	Grubb [illegible]	YMCA	REP	3-5-45
Lt	NX 2??	[illegible]	HQ 5 Aust BSU		20-5-45
Maj or	NX 2??	[illegible]	[illegible]		20-5-45
Lieut	QX 30??	[illegible]	A.A.S.C.		21-5-45
Lieut	NX 3???	Fenton [illegible]	19 Aust L of C Sigs		21-5-45
Lieut	VX 60??	Baird [illegible]	11th Aust Coy Dpot		10-5-45

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[signature] Lieut
Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

~~17~~ / ~~46~~ (Serial No.) 340

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday ~~27~~ 4/194 5 ~~HQ L of C Sub Area~~ (Unit)

W.E. IV 8C 2 OFFRS. 47 O.R's. 242 OFFRS. — O.R's. — ATT. BY W.E.

(Amendment No 10 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.				
No. R. 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	3	W.Os. Class I.					
10 —	3	—	7	W.Os. Class II.					
1 —	—	1	2	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
6 —	—	—	6	Staff Sergeants					
22 —	—	—	22	Sergeants					
37 —	1	—	36	Corporals					
164 26	36	—	138	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
242 36	40	2	204	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	A.I.F. A	A.I.F. B	C.M.F. Under 18 Years	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	129	24	36	15				[redacted]	[redacted]		204
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
19	LHC Pool AAAS Det F.A.A.		
7	AAES		
2	Area Cond HAU		
2	4 Aust AOD		
2	151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy		
1	18 Aust Fd Amb.		
33			

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
1	Area Cond HINSCHHAFEN.		
1	36 Aust Corps Fd Pk.		
2			

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).

SURPLUS TO M.E.

1 WO1 Clerk QX 36380 WO1 WILSON B.J. GRO A187/44
1 WO2 Clerk WX 1813 WO2 MICHELL J.T. AUTH :PAA A13750 of 17/2/45
1 S/Sgt Clerk Legal - Filling Vacancy of Sgt Clerk Legal
1 Sgt Clerk
2 Cpl Clerks - Filling Vacancies of TG3 Clerks
1 Sgt Hygiene Inspector - Filling Vacancy of WO2 Hyg Inspector
1 Cpl Clerk AAOC - Filling Vacancy of TG3 Clerk AAOC
1 S/Sgt CQMS SX 28877 S/Sgt CLIFT L.A. GRO 187/44
6 TG3 Drivers MT
1 TG1 Fitter
1 TG2 Machinist Wood
1 TG3 Despatch Rider.

DEFICIENT TO M.E.

1 S/Sgt Clerk
1 Sgt Clerk Legal - Vacancy being filled by S/Sgt Clerk Legal
5 TG3 Clerks
1 WO2 Clerk AAOC - Not required
3 WO2 Hygiene Inspectors
1 Sgt Clerk AEME
1 TG3 Clerk AEME
5 TG3 Clerks AASC
4 TG3 Clerks AAOC
1 TG3 Clerk AADC
1 TG3 Clerk AAES
1 Cpl Typewriter Mechanic
2 TG3 Driver Mech
2 Pte Batman
1 Pte Orderly
1 Cpl Driver MT
1 Cpl A.R.C.S.
2 Pte A.R.C.S.
3 TG2 Carpenters

SPECIAL INCREMENT DEFICIENCIES

1 Cpl Driver MT
2 TG3 Driver Mech
16 Pte Drivers MT.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL ARE CARRIED SUPERNUMERARY TO ME ARD DO NOT APPEAR IN PARTS A.R.C.I. or R.

AUTHORITY : LHQ A 197290 of 22 Dec 44 (Testing Upper Hand Velocity)

VX 124831 Bdr CARTER H.C.
VX 149728 L/Bdr DALTON J.
VX 127125 L/Bdr WYATT G.J.
VX 124852 Gnr CAMM J.H.
VX 124861 Gnr BRADFORD J.A.
VX 125068 Gnr BROOM G.F.
VX 62536 Gnr OATEN E.J.

HQ AREA CORD REINFORCEMENT
AUTHORITY : 1 Aust Army A Section S/3/5k of 21 Feb 45

VX 121121 Cpl BERRIE A.G.
QX 9178 Pte DUNLOP G.A.

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 /4 /1945.

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 Instrumental				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Sangtahers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddlertree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Shoeforce			
Compositors								Riggers				Stokers, Stat. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Assmen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen	1	1	-	Bakers				Telescope Identifn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Armaments)				Bty. Comd'rs. Asst.				Wall Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	3	-	3	Wireman				Wheelwrights			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Woodturners				AAMC Clerk	4	3	1
Electricians				Cooks	9	9	-					AEME "	5	3	2
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								AASC "	15	10	5
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								AAOC "	7	4	3
Fitters	-	1	(1)	Driver-Operator								ARTY "	2	2	-
Fitters (Cyds)				Drivers								AADC "	2	1	1
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians				-				PROV "	2	2	-
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								AAPC "	1	1	-
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				[redacted]			
Fitters (M.T.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				AAES	3	2	1
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				NUR SPEC			
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	32	31	1	Med Urds	2	2	-
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				CSM WO2	1	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				COYS S/Sgt	1	2	(1)
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				Hvy Duty	2	2	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concreters				Storemen	3	3	-
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Water Duty	2	2	-
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				AA Postal	1	1	-
Mechanics, Wireless	1	-	1	Lithographers				Despatch Riders	-	1	(1)	ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AAOC NDE			
Operators, Examiner				Machinists, Wood	-	1	(1)	Drivers, M.T.	-	5	(5)	NDI	2	2	-
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	5	3	2	Hvy Insp	9	7	2
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Batmen	21	19	2
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Orderlies	23	22	1
Photorecorder				Miners				Equipment Repairers				Gen Duty	11	11	-
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Drivers MT	41	40	1
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				A.R.C.S.	3	-	3
Surveyors				Observation Post Asstn.				Gun Layers	Special Inc BACK PAGE				427	8	19
CARRIED FORWARD	3	3	-	CARRIED FORWARD	15	13	2	CARRIED FORWARD	52	54	(2)	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 6 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.	242*	204*	38*

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 figure or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written across one of the blank spaces on this page.

28 Apr 45
Date of Despatch

A.P. [redacted] Lieut.
A/Compartment
HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA

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DETAILS OF PART E.

	WO1	WO2	S/SGT	SGT	CPL	SPEC	NON SPEC	TOTAL
Clerks	1	2	2	5	10	10	-	31
Clerks AAMC	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	3
Hygiene Inspectors	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	7
Clerks AEME	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	3
" AASC	-	1	2	3	4	-	-	10
" AAOC	-	1	-	1	2	-	-	4
" ARTY	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
" AADC	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
" PMOV	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
" AAPC	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
" AARS	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
Med. Orderlies	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
Ammunition Examiner	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Draughtsmen	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
CEM WO2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Driver Mechanics	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
CQMS S/Sgt	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Hygiene Duty	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Storemen	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
Water Duty	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
AA Postal	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
AAOC Bde WO1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Batmen	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	19
Orderlies,	-	-	-	-	4	-	21	22
Gen Duty	-	-	-	-	6	-	13	11
Cooks AACC	-	-	-	1	1	7	-	9
Driver MT	-	-	-	1	2	-	37	40
Special Increment	-	-	-	1	-	1	6	8
Drivers HT	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	6
Fitters	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Machinist Wood	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Despatch Rider	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	3	7	8	22	38	32	96	204

DETAILS OF SPECIAL INCREMENT

	W.E.	POSTED	DEFICIENT
Sgt Driver MT	1	1	-
Cpl Driver MT	1	-	1
TG2 Cook	1	1	-
TG3 Driver Mech	2	-	2
Pte Dvrs MT	22	6	16
	27	8	19

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA (AIF)

29 Apr 45

LAE BASE SUB AREA ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. Q.15/45

DISTRIBUTION, ACCOMMODATION AND TASKS
PW (FORMOSAN) LABOUR DETS

Ref Map LAE 1 : 25000.

ARRIVAL

1. Advanced party and one detachment arrived LAE on 25 Apr. Two detachments are expected to arrive by 10 May 45.

TASKS

2. The immediate tasks allotted are :

(a) Prepare accommodation for the two detachments not yet arrived.

(b) Relieve sufficient native labour to take over important tasks from 22 Aust Works Coy.

3. Further tasks will be allotted on completion of 2 (a) and on arrival of the two further detachments.

ACCOMMODATION

4. The plan for accommodation is :

(a) HQ at 684435 - Standing camp and compounds.
(b) One det at 676473 - Standing camp.
(c) " " " 718422 - Standing camp to be completed by present labour and RAE assistance.
(d) " " " 676473 - Temporary accommodation to include Kitchens, Ablutions, Showers, fence and clearing only. To be carried out by present labour with RAE assistance. These sections will proceed to standing camp ARAP farm as soon as possible after arrival. Detachment less three sections to remain mobile to move to locations where labour may be required.

Lt-Col
(C.W. RENNICK)
AA & QMG LAE BASE SUB AREA

DISTRIBUTION

11 AUST CRE (WKS)
HQ LAE PW CAMP (4)
COMD
"G"
"A"
"Q"
S & T
M.D
PRO
WAR DIARY (2)

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

SECRET
COPY NO 27

SUBJECT:- LAE BASE SUB AREA LOCATION STATEMENT
(as at 2400 hrs 28 Apr, 45)

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA

30 Apr, 45.

GO 725

1. Herewith LAE Base Sub Area Location Statement No 25 as at 2400hrs 28 Apr, 45.

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

3. Please acknowledge receipt on form provided below.

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

DISTRIBUTION.

	Copy No		Copy No
FIRST AUST ARMY	1 - 2	Canteens	19
Area Comd FINSCHHAFEN	3	NG Details Depot	20
ANGAU - Northern Region	4	G	21
ANGAU - DO HUON	5	AA & QMG	22
8 Aust Movt Control Gp	6	A	23-25
11 Aust CRE (Wks)	7-8	ADMS	26-27
HQ FIRST AUST ARMY L OF C Sigs(AIF)	9	DAPM	28
19 Aust L of C Sigs	10-12	Q	29
HQ Pacific Island Regt	13	ADST	30-32
101 Aust FSS	14	DADDS	33
1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy	15	ADOS	34-36
7 Aust Base Posy Unit	16-17	CEME	37-38
3 Aust Corps Pro Coy	18	War Diary.	39-40
		File	41

SUBJECT:- LAE BASE SUB AREA LOCATION STATEMENT NO 25 as at 2400 hrs 28 Apr, 45

Copy No .....Acknowledged. Y,,.....Unit

.....Signature
(Rank, Appointment)

.....Date

LAE BASE SUB AREA LOCATION STATEMENT
No 25
as at 2400 hrs 28 Apr. 45

Ref Maps: Except where otherwise stated, reference maps refer to current 1 inch to 1 mile or 1/25000 series.

UNITS MARKED (X) UNDER COMD LAE BASE SUB AREA FOR LOCAL ADM ONLY

	Serial No	Arm or Service	Unit	Ref Map	Location	Remarks
			HEADQUARTERS			
A	1		HQ LAE Base Sub Area (Type B)(AIF)	LAE	707405	
	2		⅔ HQ Area Comd FINSCHHAFEN	LANGEMAK BAY	644507	
	3		ANGAU - HQ Northern Region	LAE	701408 (X)	
	4		ANGAU - D O MUON	LAE	708437 (X)	
	5		Det ANGAU	NADZAB	427545 (X)	
	6		ANGAU & SDO WAU	WAU	W376709 (X)	
	7		ANGAU - DO MOROBE		SALAMAUA (X)	
	8		ANGAU - ADO FINSCHHAFEN	LANGEMAK BAY	613562 (X)	
	9		8 Aust Movt Control Gp (Type E)(AIF) (less dets)	LAE	694393 (X)	
	10		Det 8 Aust Movt Control Gp	NADZAB	409546 (X)	
	11		Det 8 Aust Movt Control Gp	SATELBERG	616639 (X)	
	12		Det 8 Aust Movt Control Gp	LANGEMAK BAY	624851 (X)	
	13		Det 8 Aust Movt Control Gp	LANGEMAK BAY	639511 (X)	
	14		ATC (Freight)	LAE	687381 (X)	
	15		ATC (Personnel)	LAE	687391 (X)	
	16		GHQ Regulating Officer	LAE	At Base "E" USASOS (X)	
	17		MFO	LAE	700404 (X)	
	18		ESO	LAE	691391 (X)	
	19		1 Aust Adv 2nd Ech (AIF)(less det)	LAE	707438 (X)	
			ARTILLERY			
B	1		9 Aust RADAR Det (Type A)(AIF)	LAE	696394 (X)	
			ENGINEERS			
C	1		11 Aust CRE (Wks) (AIF)	LAE	703463	
	2		8 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)(less 2 Pl)	LAE	683425	
	3		20 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	LAE	675442	
	4		2 Aust A Tps Coy (AIF)	LAE	713430	
	5		8 Aust A Tps Coy (AIF)	LAE	707412	
	6		2 ME Pl & 2 Sec Tip Truck Pl 2/1 Aust Rly Constr Coy	LAE	720416	
	7		3 Aust Mr Spare Parts Sec	LAE	702457	
	8		24 Aust Mech Eqpt Pk Coy (AIF)	LAE	705448	Dets to move AITAPE, BOUGAINVILLE JACQUINOT BAY
	9		13 Aust Wksp & Pk Coy (less two Pls)	LAE	701457	
	10		HQ 3 Aust Water Tpt Gp (AIF)	LAE	663390 (X)	
	11		18 Aust Small Ships Coy	NADZAB	644372 (X)	
	12		1 Aust Water Amb Convoy (AIF)(less det)	NADZAB	644372 (X)	
	13		43 Aust Ldg Craft Coy (Type A) (AIF)(less det)	MARKHAM ""	(L)R6437 (X)	
	14		Det 43 Aust Ldg Craft Coy (AIF)	LAE	663390 (X)	
	15		Rear Party 53 Aust Port Craft Coy	LAE	663390 (X)	
	16		55 Aust Port Craft Coy (less dets)	MARKHAM ""	(L)R 6437 (X)	
	17		Det 55 Aust Port Craft Coy	LANGEMAK BAY	625585 (X)	
	18		HQ 3 Aust Docks Gp	LAE	700390 (X)	
	19		4 Aust Docks Op Coy (Type C)(AIF)	LAE	692394 (X)	
	20		Det 7 Aust Docks Op Coy (Type C)(AIF)	LANGEMAK BAY	624581 (X)	
	21		Det 2/31 Aust Docks Op Coy (Type C)	LAE	703446 (X)	To move MADANG
	22		9 Pl 1 Aust Port Maint Coy (AIF)	LAE	699393 (X)	
	23		Det 2 Aust Fd Svy Coy (AIF)	LAE	692413 (X)	Det to move TOROKINA
	24		6 Aust Army Topo Svy Coy (less one Svy Sec, One Drawing Sec and one Lithographic Sec)	LAE	692413 (X)	One Drawing Sec, One Svy Sec and one Lithographic Sec NOT raised.

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		ENGINEERS (cont'd)				
C	25	1 Aust CRE (NG Forests)(AIF)		LAE	693407 (X)	
	26	2/1 Aust Forestry Coy		MADZAB	545543 (X)	
	27	2/3 Aust Forestry Coy		LAE	689494 (X)	Det to move AITAPE. Pl to move MOROTAI.
		SIGNALS				
D	1.	HQ FIRST AUST ARMY L OF C SIGS (AIF)		LAE	704411 (X)	
	2	19 Aust L of C Sigs (AIF)		LAE	712418 (X)	
	3	HQ 1 Coy 19 Aust L of C Sigs (AIF)		LAE	685432 (X)	
	4	HQ 2 Coy 19 Aust L of C Sigs (AIF)		LAE	712418 (X)	
	5	14 Aust Line Sec		LAE	685432 (X)	Det to MADANG
	6	18 Aust Line Sec (AIF)(less det)		LAE	685432 (X)	To move AUST
	7	20 Aust Line Sec (AIF)(less dets)		LAE	685432 (X)	To move AUST
	8	Det 20 Aust Line Sec		(HUON	W2885 (X)	Maintenance
	9	Det 20 Aust Line Sec		(Gulf	R4943 (X)	MAU-LAE
	10	Det 20 Aust Line Sec		(Special	R2626 (X)	telephone line
	11	28 Aust Line Sec (AIF)(Less dets)		LAE	685432 (X)	To move AUST
	12	Det 28 Aust Line Sec	Maintenance LAE-MADANG line (X)			
	13	Det 28 Aust Line Sec	Maintenance LAE-BUTALA line (X)			
	14	2 Aust Jungle Trunk Line Maint Sec		LAE	685432 (X)	To move AUST
	15	5 Aust Jungle Trunk Line Maint Sec		LAE	685432 (X)	to move AUST
	16	6 Aust Jungle Trunk Line Maint Sec		KOKODA TRAIL	(X)	
	17	7 Aust Jungle Trunk Line Maint Sec		KELA	Maint LAE-BUSO carrier line	
	18	3 Aust Carrier Maint Sec (less det)		LAE	712418 (X)	now absorbed in 2 Sub Cable Tg Op Sec
	19	5 Aust Carrier Maint Sec (less det)		LAE	667419 (X)	Being transferred
	20	Det 5 Aust Carrier Maint Sec		SALAMAUA	(L)X3827 (X)	
	21	6 Aust Line Maint Sec (AIF)		LAE	685432 (X)	
	22	6 Aust Tech Maint Sec (less det)		LAE	685432 (X)	
	23	17 Aust Tech Maint Sec (HE)(AIF)		LAE	712418 (X)	
	24	11 Aust DR Sec (AIF)(less dets)		LAE	712418 (X)	
	25	Det 11 Aust DR Sec		LABU	(X)	
	26	Det 11 Aust DR Sec		MADZAB	MADZAB (X)	
	27	Det 11 Aust DR Sec	LANGEMAK BAY		FINSCHHAFEN (X)	
	28	18 Aust DR Sec (AIF)(less dets)		LAE	712418 (X)	To move AUST
	29	19 Aust DR Sec (AIF)		LAE	712418 (X)	
	30	Det 19 Aust Op Sec (AIF)		LAE	712418 (X)	
	31	Det 19 Aust Op Sec (AIF)		MADZAB	425546 (X)	
	32	64 Aust Op Sec (AIF)		LAE	712418 (X)	
	33	11 Aust Tg Op Sec (AIF)		LAE	712418 (X)	
	34	37 Aust Tele Swbd Op Sec (AIF)		LAE	712418 (X)	To move AUST
	35	53 Aust Tele Swbd Op Sec (AIF)		LAE	712418 (X)	
	36	2 Aust Submarine Cable Tg Op Sec (less det)		LAE	712418 (X)	
	37	Det 4 Aust MT Sec (HY)(AIF)		LAE	712418 (X)	
	38	6 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy)(AIF)		LAE	712418 (X)	
	39	18 Aust Wireless Sec (less det)		LAE	712418 (X)	C det to move MOROTAI
	40	33 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy)(AIF)		LAE	712418 (X)	A det to move MADANG
	41	34 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy)(AIF)(less dets)		LAE	712418 (X)	
	42	35 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy)(less dets)		LAE	712418 (X)	
	43	81 Aust Wireless Sec (Lt)(AIF)(less dets)		LAE	712418 (X)	
	44	Det 81 Aust Wireless Sec (Lt)(AIF)	LANGEMAK BAY		FINSCHHAFEN (X)	
	45	91 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy)		LAE	712418 (X)	
	46	Det 4 Aust Cipher Sec		LAE	712418 (X)	
	47	9 Aust Cipher Sec (Type A)(less dets)		LAE	712418 (X)	
	48	22 Aust Cipher Sec (Type K)(less dets)		LAE	712418 (X)	
	49	Det 22 Aust Cipher Sec	LANGEMAK BAY		FINSCHHAFEN (X)	
	50	2 Aust Pigeon Coy		LAE	712418 (X)	
	51	10 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type B)(less det)		LAE	712418 (X)	att HQ 3 Aust Water Tpt Gp.

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		SIGNALS (Cont'd)			
C 52		61 Aust Wireless Sec (Type C)(AIF)	LAE	707416 (X)	
53		LAE Sec NG AA & CA Sigs (less dets)	LAE	703307 (X)	
54		3 Aust Sig Eqpt Sec (less three AOD sub secs and three RSD sub Secs)	LAE	669464 (X)	
55		3 Aust Water Tpt Gp Sig Sec (AIF)	LAE	655389 (X)	
		INFANTRY			
B 1		HQ Pacific Island Regt	NADZAB	457621 (X)	
2		2 NG Inf Bn	NADZAB	462626 (X)	
3		Pacific Island Dep Bn (less one Coy)	NADZAB	463623 (X)	
4		One Coy Pacific Islands Dep Bn	NADZAB	512508 (X)	
		INTELLIGENCE			
F 1		Det 101 Aust Fd Security Sec (AIF)	LAE	696409 (X)	
2		Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy	LAE	703405 (X)	
3		FELO	LAE	681425 (X)	
		AASC			
C 1		151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (AIF)(five Pls)	LAE	720441	To move AUST.
2		3 Aust MAC Pl (less one Sec)	LAE	715428	
3		Det 5 Aust MAC Pl	LAE	715428	To move TOROKINA
4		2 Aust Bulk Petroleum Storage Coy (less rear party)	LAE	675395	
5		55 Aust BIPOD Pl (AIF)(less det)	LAE	710428	
6	Det55	Aust BIPOD Pl	LAE	700404	
7		63 Aust BIPOD Pl	LAE	700404	To move MADANG
8		4 Aust Fd Baking Coy (AIF)	LAE	711421	
9		8 Aust Fd Baking Pl (AIF)(le ss one sec)	LAE	704403	
10		9 Aust Fd Baking Pl (AIF)(less det)	LAE	711421	
11		Det 9 Aust Fd Baking Pl	NADZAB	425549	
12		2/4 Aust Fd Butchering Pl	LAE	723412	
13		4 Aust Indep Farm Pl	LAE	721418	
14		5 Aust Indep Farm Pl	HAU	W387709	
15		8 Aust Indep Farm Pl	CAMP DIDDY	353596	
16		5 Aust B S D (AIF)	LAE	710424	
17		39 Aust Sup Depot Coy (AIF)	LAE	703404	
18		42 Aust Sup Depot Pl (AIF)	LAE	703404	
19		43 Aust Sup Depot Pl (AIF)	LAE	713424	
20		44 Aust Sup Depot Pl	LAE	710424	
21		99 Aust Sup Depot Pl	LAE	703404	
22		107 Aust Sup Depot Pl	LAE	710424	
23		2 Aust Marine Food Sup Pl (less det)	SALAMAUA	745015	
24		Det 2 Aust Marine Food Sup Pl	MOROBE EAST	351259	
		MEDICAL			
H 1		2/7 AGH (M)(1200 beds)(less det)	MUNIM	700473	Det 36 Bn Gp.
2		112 Aust Con Depot (AIF)	LAE	671447	
3		108 Aust Adv Dep Med Stores (AIF)	LAE	704407	
4		18 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)(less dets)	LAE	670456	BUTTBUM MSP
5		Det 18 Aust Fd Amb	LAE	713422	BUSU Med Post
6		Det 18 Aust Fd Amb	SATELBERG	643505	
7		Det 18 Aust Fd Amb	NADZAB	407552	
8		Det 18 Aust Fd Amb	LAE	687301	
9		2 Aust Mob Ent Sec	LAE	713422	
10		22 A M C U (Type C)(AIF)	MUNIM	700473	Att 2/7 AGH
11		24 A M C U (Type B)(less det)	LAE	713422	
12		25 A M C U (Type B)(AIF)	MUNIM	679478	
13		6 Aust Hospital Ldy Unit (Type A)	LAE	703399	
14		105 Aust Mob Bath Unit (AIF)	LAE	708416	

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			DENTAL			
I	1.		Det NG Sub Dep LHQ Dental Stores (less dets)	LAE	708407 (X)	
	2		HQ 54 Aust Dental Unit	LAE	696409	FAA
	3		HQ Det 54 Aust Dental Unit	LAE	696409	FAA
	4		A sec 54 Aust Dental Unit	NADZAB	457621	Att PIR
	5		B Sec 54 Aust Dental Unit	LAE	713422	Att 24 AMCU
	6		C Sec 54 Aust Dental Unit	LAE	669464	Att 4 AOD
	7		D Sec 54 Aust Dental Unit	LAE	703404	
	8		E Sec 54 Aust Dental Unit	NADZAB	LABU	Att 55 Port Craft
	9		F Sec 54 Aust Dental Unit	LAE	712418	Att 19 L of C Sigs
			ORDNANCE			
J	1		4 Aust AOD (AIF)	LAE	669464 (X)	
	2		10 Aust RSD	LAE	669646 (X)	
	3		128 Aust Bde Ord Veh Pk (AIF)	LAE	712421	Att LAE Area Wksp
	4		Det 8 Aust Ord Veh Pk (LE)(AIF)	LAE	669464 (X)	
	5		108 Aust Ord Veh Pk Sec (AIF)(less det)	LAE	669464 (X)	
	6		2/11 Aust Mob Ldy & Fwd Decn Unit	LAE	702402	
	7		28 Aust Lt Ldy Unit (AIF)	LAE	702402	Att 2/11 Ldy Unit
	8		8 Aust AAD (Type A)(AIF)	LAE	679480 (X)	
	9		7 Aust Mob Amn Repair Shop (AIF)	LAE	679480	
	10		8 Sec Aust Offrs' Shop (Type B)	LAE	702406	
	11		HQ 4 Aust Ord Port Det (less dets)	LAE	699464	Att 4 AOD.
			AEME			
K	1		2/7 Aust Adv Wksp	LAE	673461	
	2.		One Engr Wksp Sec (less rear party) 12 Aust Adv Wksp	LAE	673460	Att 2/7 Adv Wksp
	3		10 Aust Watercraft Wksp (Type B) (less rear party)	NADZAB	644371	
	5		237 Aust LAD (Type D)(AIF)	LAE	669464	Att 4 AOD. To move AUST.
	6		247 Aust LAD (Type A)(AIF)	NADZAB	423348	
	7		255 Aust LAD (Type A)(AIF)	LAE	703444	
	8		298 Aust LAD (Type A)(AIF)	LAE	712418	Att 19 L of C Sigs
	9		333 Aust LAD (Type A)(AIF)	LAE	715428	Att 3 MAC Pl.
	10		LAE Area Wksp	LAE	712421	
	11		12 Aust MT Inspection Sec	LAE	673461	(X) To be absorbed.
			PAY			
L	1		District Accounts Office (NG)(AIF)	LAE	708413 (X)	
	2		57 Aust Depot Cash Office (Type C)	LAE	708413	
	3		84 Aust Depot Cash Office (Type C)(AIF)	LAE	704409	
	4		96 Aust Depot Cash Office (Type C)	MUNIM	700473	Att 2/7 AGH
			POSTAL			
M	1		7 Aust Base Postal Unit (AIF)(less dets)	LAE	703406	
	2		Det 7 Aust Base Postal Unit	SATELBERG	643493	
			PROVOST			
N	1		3 Aust Corps Pro Coy (AIF)(less det)	LAE	705410	
	2		Det 3 Aust Corps Pro Coy	NADZAB	LABU	
	3		16 Aust Detention Barracks (Type A)	MUNIM	692493	

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			PRINT			
O	1		9 Aust L of C Stationery Depot (Type A) (less dets) & Publications Sec	LAE	700405	
	2		NG Printing & Press Unit	LAE	700405	
			GRAVES			
P	1		War Graves Maint Unit (NG)(less dets)	LAE	678407 (X)	
			CANTEENS			
Q	1		HQ NG Sec AA Canteens Service	LAE	712426 (X)	
	2		Det NG Sec AA Canteens Service	NADZAB	425548 (X)	
	3		AACS Aerated Water Factory	LAE	703399 (X)	
	4		21 AACS Offrs' Club (Type D)	LAE	707466	
	5		22 AACS ORs Club (Type L)	LAE	705408	
			AMENITIES			
R	1		Det Aust Army Amenities Services	LAE	707405 (X)	
	2		76 Aust Mob Cinema Unit	LAE	700404 (X)	LHQ Tps
	3		85 Aust Mob Cinema Unit	LAE	700404 (X)	" "
	4		30 Club Concert Party	LAE	700404 (X)	" "
			WORKS			
S	1		22 Aust Works Coy	LAE	707414	To move AUST
			MISCELLANEOUS			
T	1		39 Aust L of C Sal Sec (.IF)	MUNIM	679478	
	2		NG Details Depot (less dets)	LAE	704409 (X)	
	3		Det NG Details Depot	NADZAB	NADZAB (X)	
	4		Det NG Details Depot	LAE/NGEMAI BAY	FINSCHHAFEN (X)	
	5		Det 4 Sec Aust Mit Store	LAE	700404 (X)	
	6		Red Cross Bulk Store	LAE	707413 (X)	
	7		1 Aust Recreation Centre	S.L.OCAs		
	8		HQ LAE PW Compound	LAE	684434	
	9		Det LAE PW Compound	MUNIM	677474	
			TRAINING			
U	1		NG Training School (.IF)	HEATHS	YALU (X)	
	2		BD Wing LHQ SME	HEATHS	YALU (X)	
	3		LHQ School of Mech Mob Team	HEATHS	YALU (X)	

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HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 30 APRIL 1945

Present: Comd, GII, GIII, SOIII LT.-COL. AUST. ARMY L of C SIGS, A/CRE, AQ, ADES, DO ANGAU, CEME, ADST, DADOS, DAPM, CAMP, AMEN OFFR.

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1	SIGS	HQ NG L of C Sigs will in future be known as HQ First Aust Army L of C Sigs with Col WOODFORD as comd. Requested that action be taken to overcome difficulty with headlights of vehs in LAE area, which in most cases are too bright. CEME to provide instructions.	
2	DAAG	Weekly Field State as at 0600 hrs 28 Apr:- Posted strength 303 and 3824 Attached allowed & not allowed by WE 39 477 Total tps under comd 342 4301 Units under comd 69 Units marched in 2 Units marched out 3 Increase in offrs 2 Increase in ORs 87 Staging units Nil	
3	AMEN OFFR	MALAHANG picture site has closed at MALAHANG and reopened at BUSU Road and will be known as BUSU theatre.	
4	AQ	It is proposed to call on each unit to provide one pers for a 28 days attachment to AMAS barracks, in order to provide guards and general duties. It is anticipated that general duty pers from NGDD will take over these duties at a later date.	

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