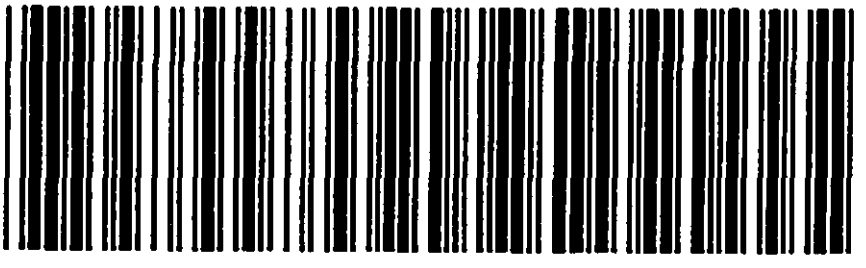
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Lae Base Sub Area General Staff Branch

May 1945



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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
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Unit.....[illegible]..... *Date and Time.—From*.....[illegible].....*To*.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
[illegible]	[illegible] 1		Monthly report of Dock operations 23 - 29 Apr	Vol IV (pp. 394
	2		Minutes Comds Conference	395
			Instruction to 11 CRE & 19 L of C Sigs on the creation	
			of [illegible] - SITU W/O [illegible]	396
	3		Minutes Comds Conference	397
			Consolidated Sick Return for week ending 27 Apr	398
	4		Minutes Comds Conference	399
	5		Weekly Field Return of officers and OR's	400
			Minutes Comds Conference	401
			Weekly Field State	402
			S & T Weekly Return for week ending 5 May	403
			During week ending 4 May there were three Courts Martial	
			held during the week (incl 2 GCSM and 1 DCM)	

106 — N.G.P.S. — 7.43/103L.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
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Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

Unit..... *Date and Time.—From*.....*To*.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	May 6		Weekly Docks Operating report	Vol IV Appx 405a
			Weekly D.P.W. report week ending 4 May	405b
			Weekly A.F.S. report week ending 3 May	405c
	7		Minutes Corps Conference	404
			Amenities report for April	406c
			Consolidated Sick return as at 4 May	406b
	8		Minutes Corps Conference	405
	11		Minutes Corps Conference	405
			Amenities weekly report week ending 11 May	406a
	12		Weekly Field return of officers and O.R.S	407
			Minutes Corps Conference	405
			Weekly Field State as at 0300 hrs	408
			D.P.W. weekly report week ending 11 May	405c

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit..... LAE ..... *Date and Time.—From*... MAY ..... *To*.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	MAY 10		During week ending 10 May 3 Courts Martial were held	Vol IV Appx 408a
	10		G & A weekly report week ending 10 May	410
			Amendment to Lae Base Sub ..rea Location Statement	411
			as a t 2359 hrs	
			AAPS weekly report week ending 10 May	411a
	14		Minutes Comds Conference	412
			Weekly report of Deaths wounded	413
	15		Minutes Comds Conference	414
	17		Minutes Comds Conference	415
			Weekly report - Inenities	415a
	18		Minutes Comds/Conference	416
	19		Weekly Wkly return of Officers Cmls	417
			Minutes of Comds Conference	418

408 — N.G.P.P.S. — 7/43/10M.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit..... *Date and Time.—From*.....*To*.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	May 19		Weekly Field Stats as at 0600 hrs.	Vol IV Appx 419
			Weekly report S & T	420
			Weekly report Education	420a
			Weekly report DADU	420b
	20		Weekly report of Dock Operations	421
	21		Minutes Coals Conference	422
			Weekly report LEGAL.	422a
	22		Minutes Coals Conference	423
	23		Coal Dig Wells evacuated to S/T CH	
	24		Minutes Coals Conference	424
	25		Minutes Coals Conference	425
			Ambibus report week ending 25 May	425a
	26		Weekly Field Stats as at 0600 hrs	426

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit I. Z. *Date and Time.—From* ...12... *To*.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	~~22 22~~		~~Field return of officers and ORs~~	~~Vol IV appx 427~~
			S & T weekly report	428
			Education weekly report	428a
			LAD weekly report	428b
	28		Weekly report of Desk Operating	429
			Minutes Comds Conference	430
	30		Location Statement as at 2300 hrs 28 May	431
			Lt Col Adjt Gp	
			for Maj G.S.	
			HQ Lon Base Sub Area (Rear)	
			5 Jun 45	

WP

MONTHLY REPORT OF DOCKS OPERATIONS

by

4 AUST DOCKS OPERATING COY., R.A.E.

23/29 APR 1945.

Port:	Ships Handled	Cargo handled	Type & No. of Coy.	Strength at 23 Apr 45.
			"C" Type 4 Aust Docks Op CoyRAE.	
L A E	3 large type 1 small type	3471 tons	WE 1V/11H/2 7/273 -/13 attached WE. Port Maint 1/30.	7/267.

	Loaded	Dischd.	Total.	
RIVER CLARENCE		1411	1411	
SUVA	1321		1321	%
ORMISTON	19	219	238	
DORIS	158	300	458	%
POTHERO	11		11	
WATOOMBA	6	26	32	
	1515	1956	3471	

% incomplete.

Distribution:

1 - 2 HQ LAE Base Sub Area.
3 MC.
4. File.

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R.C.Neville Major.,
R.C.Neville
OC 4 Aust Docks Op Coy., R.A.E.

WAR DIARY

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

REGISTERED No 164

HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 2 MAY 1945

Present: Comd, GII, GIII, SOIII FIRST AUST ARMY L of C SIGS, DMG, A/CRE, AQ, AIMS, DO ANGAU, CEME, ADST, DADOS, DAPM, CAMP.

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1	AIMS	The incidence of dengue is NOT restricted to any particular location within the area. Mosquito breeding grounds in the 4 AOD area will be used for experimental purposes by the Entomological Soc.	
2	ADOS	Paint is in short supply. Present stock of white paint is approx 90 pints; small quantity of red lead is also available. Paint is required for vehicle marking.	
3	CRE	AWAS camp is being cleared today.	
		Permission has been granted for access to US Engrs Salvage Depot. All transfers will be made from Salvage.	Engrs to avoid any lease-lend transactions.

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

Time of signature.....hrs

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HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA (AIF)

May 45

Q11/126/2547 c

RHOMBIC AERIALS - BUSU W/T AREA

Ref First Aust Army Q3931 of 27 Apr 45.

OBJECT

1. To construct and erect four Rhombic Aerials in BUSU W/T Area.

METHOD

2. DESIGN - The plans submitted by 19 Aust L of C Sigs AIF will be modified as under :-

(a) Top and intermediate guys to be fitted to each mast. Back guys to be in continuation of line of aerials.

(b) Cleats to be ¾" rod welded to mast above and below an eye; eye to be fitted with a guy thimble.

(c) Holdfast rods to be straight from centre of holdfast blocks.

(d) An extra halyard collar and pulley to be supplied with each mast.

(e) Mast footing to be fitted with a transverse bolt for securing halyard.

(f) Upper surface of footing block to be at ground level.

(g) Guys to be of 7/14 instead of 7/13 wire.

3. MATERIALS

(a) 11 Aust CRE will fabricate:-

4 Masts in two sections	)	For each Aerial Main Masts
4 Footings	)	
4 Rope Bolts	)	
4 Halyard bolts	)	
1 Jury Masts	)	For erection of main Mast

(b) 11 Aust CRE will supply on demand to 19 Aust L of C Sigs :-

Cement	)	
Sand and Gravel	)	For construction of footing blocks and holdfast
Reinforcing rod	)	
Timber	)	
Jury Mast	)	
Holdfasts	)	For erection of Masts
Rope and Tackle	)	

(c) 19 Aust L of C Sigs will provide :-

Halyard Pulleys) to 11 Aust CRE for inclusion in
Thimbles) fabrication of Masts

Guys
Halyards
Turnbuckles
Aerials
Insulators

ERECTION

(a) 19 Aust L of C Sigs will arrange delivery of all materials to sites selected.

(b) 19 Aust L of C Sigs will carry out all construction and erection in W/T Area except final welding of Mast sections.

(c) Concrete will be mixed to specification of 11 CRE.

TIME

(a) First set of fabricated Masts to be ready for delivery by 11 Aust CRE by 14 May 45.

(b) Second, third and fourth sets at one weeks notice to CRE.

(c) Estimated time for completion

(i) First Aerial 21 May 45
(ii) Second " 4 June 45
(iii) Third " 18 June 45
(iv) Fourth " 2 July 45

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

Distribution :-

ACTION - 11 Aust CRE
19 Aust L of C Sigs

INFM - CSO First Aust Army
First Aust Army L of C Sigs
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Q
First Aust Army
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

RESTRICTED
No 165

HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 3 MAY 1945

Present: Comd, GII, GIII, SOIII FIRST AUST ARMY L of C SIGS, DA&Q, A/CRE, AQ, ADMS, DO ANGAU, CEME, ADST, DADOS, DAPM.

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1	ADMS	No further reports are to hand on experiments being made with dengue in 4 AOD area, but breeding places in the unit area have been cleared. A film of phenyl is to be used on water in fire buckets in preference to wooden covers.	
2	AQ	Advised that 160 natives under 4 supervisors are available for work on clearing the AWAS camp.	
3	DO ANGAU	Advised that area should be completed by Sunday. If necessary, work will continue throughout Sunday.	
4	DADOS	Supplies of paint for veh marking, although not plentiful, are adequate for immediate requirements. 200 galls of service green have been received and will be distributed to Wksps and LADs only. White paint on hand being issued in pint lots. There are 7 colours available for unit markings (NO blue). At 'Q' Conference held yesterday with CO AWAS, (Lt-Col SPENCER), it was decided that LAE Base will provide accommodation stores. Depot advised to scale and, if necessary, temporary withdrawals will have to be made until AWAS own stores arrive. Reference car; DADOS advised that, pending advice from 5 Aust Div, no decision has been made.	
5	SIGS	Blue and white paint is required for marking of signals stores.	
6	GII	AQ enquired re unit sign for LAE PW Camp. GII advised that he will check to see if one has been allotted	
7	ADST	"ALAGNA" due to arrive within a few days, in which case, supplies of meat etc will be available for freezers.	
8	A/CRE	Advised that Lt-Col SPENCER requires 20 feet extension on 'Q' store at AWAS camp, reason being that 3 months supply of clothing will be arriving with AWAS personnel. Engrs to see Lt-Col SPENCER.	Suggested this clothing be held at Ord Depot.
		At Engr Conference, the possibility of increasing the speed limit for all vehs to 25 mph was discussed. It was pointed out that 3 tonners loaded could just get out of third gear, thus creating unnecessary wear and tear on vehs. Condition of roads at present is sufficiently good to allow such increase.	Concurred - AQ to promulgate.

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

Time of signature..1650..hrs.

War Diary

CONSOLIDATED SICK RETURN
LAE BASE SUB AREA
WEEK ENDING 27 APR 45

CONFIDENTIAL

HQ LAE Base Sub Area
Ref : M720/4/613

3 May 45

PART I.

UNIT	Total Est Str	Total Sick Parade	DYSENTERY	DIARRHOEA	URTI	PUO	TINEA	OTHER SKIN	EAR	OTHER COMPLAINTS
HQ First Aust Army	1100	558	-	1	1	4	-	22	-	66
HQ LAE Base Sub Area	190	35	-	-	1	2	3	4	-	16
8 Aust Movt Control Gp	65	6	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	1
1 Aust Adv 2 Echn	66	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
11 Aust CRE (Wks)	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8 Aust Fd Coy	102	21	-	-	-	-	4	6	-	7
8 Aust Army Troops Coy	243	47	-	-	2	3	-	3	-	6
24 Aust Mech Eq Coy	100	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 Aust Army Troops	267	39	-	-	4	5	2	-	3	18
2/1 Aust Hiwy Constr Coy	41	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 Aust Mech Spares Sec	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 Aust Fd Coy	127	27	-	1	-	1	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	11
13 Aust Wkshops & Pk Coy	190	27	-	-	[illegible]	2	-	[illegible]	-	10
3 Aust Water Tpt Coy	67	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
16 Aust Small Ships Coy	150	64	-	3	1	2	-	5	-	23
1 Aust Water Amb Convoy	30	20	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	3
43 Aust Landing Craft Coy	50	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
55 Aust Port Craft Coy	200	82	-	-	-	2	-	7	-	21
HQ 3 Aust Docks Gp	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 Aust Docks Op Coy	276	55	-	-	10	9	-	-	1	14
1 Aust CRE NG Foresta	27	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2/3 Aust Foresty Coy	160	31	-	-	1	2	-	2	3	20
H.Q. N.G. Lof C SIGS	20	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19 Aust L of C Sigs	665	88	-	-	7	10	9	10	12	10
P.I.R. Depot Batt.	62	9	-	-	-	2	2	2	1	3
2 N.G. Inf. Batt.	70	16	-	3	2	8	-	2	-	1
151 Aust Gen Tap Coy	420	70	-	1	3	2	4	4	3	23
3 Aust MAC. Pl.	53	8	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	2
55 Aust Bipod	26	3	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1
63 Aust Bipod	9	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

UNIT	Total Est Str	Total Sick Parade	DYSENTERY	DIARRHOEA	URTI	PUO	TINEA	OTHER SKIN	EAR	OTHER COMPLAINTS
4 Aust Baking Coy	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8 Aust Fd Baking Pl	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9 Aust Fd Baking Pl	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aust War Graves Maint Sec	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2/4 Aust Fd Butchering Pl	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 Aust B.S.D.	160	13	-	-	-	2	1	1	1	3
H.Q.39 Aust Sup Dep Pl	11	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
99 Aust Sup Dep Pl	31	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
107 Aust Sup Dep Pl	28	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
2 Aust Marine Food Supply	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 Aust Ind Farm Pl	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8 Aust Ind Farm Pl	13	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
2/7 Aust Gen Hosp	440	27	-	-	-	2	-	2	2	17
112 Aust Com Depot	72	6	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	3
108 Aust Adv Dept Med Stores	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22 AMCU	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24 AMCU	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 AMCU	16	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
18 Aust Fd Amb	219	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-
6 Aust Hosp Laundry	49	7	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	4
105 Aust Mob Bath Unit	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
4 Aust AOD	308	152	-	1	3	13	13	16	5	14
8 Aust AAD	122	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
2/11 Aust Mob Laundry	72	6	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1
8 Sec Aust Offrs Shop	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2/7 Aust Adv Wkshops	299	59	-	-	-	3	1	6	3	12
LAE Area Wkshops	169	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
255 Aust LAD	10	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bla tricts Accounts Office	61	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1
7 Aust Base Posta l Unit	121	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 Aust Corps Provost Coy	91	60	-	-	-	-	4	3	1	6
16 Aust Detention Barra cks	110	12	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	9
9 Aust L of C Stationery Unit	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NG Printing & Press Unit	55	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Aust Army Canteens Service	95	11	-	-	2	2	-	1	[illegible]	6
22 Aust Works Coy	278	11	-	-	3	6	-	1	-	5

UNIT	Total Est Str	Tota l Sick Parade	DYSENTERY	DIARRHOEA	URTI	PUO	TINEA	Other Skin	RAR	Other Complaints
HQ Aust 39 Salvage Unit	28	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NG Details Depot	495	169	-	1	10	7	3	37	3	50
Det 4 Aust Kit Store	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NG School of Sigs	140	20	-	-	1	1	3	4	-	2
NG Training School	180	135	-	1	1	-	12	7	1	-
ANGAU	95	11	-	1	3	1	1	3	-	4
6 Aust Topo Survey Coy	164	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	8995	2079	-	13	41	94	66	166	52	407

PART II

Patients evacuated beyond RAP :

Dysentery	1
Diarrhoea	3
URTI	3
Others	174
	181

DISTRIBUTION :

FIRST AUST ARMY (for DMS)
"A"
"A" War Diary
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Lt-Col
(M.S. ALEXANDER)
ADMS LAE BASE SUB AREA

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

RESTRICTED
No 166

HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 4 MAY 1945

Present: Comd, GII, GIII, SOIII FIRST AUST ARMY L of C SIGS, DAAG, CRE, DAQMG, AQ, ADMS, DO ANGAU, CEME, ADST, A/ADOS, DAPM, CAMP, LEGAL.

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision by Coml
1.	GII	Matter of veh markings for LAE PW Camp has been referred to LHQ.	
2.	DAPM	Speed limit signs of 25 miles per hour have not been made. Will be commenced today in order that they will be ready when increase in limit is promulgated in orders.	
3.	LEGAL OFFR	Advised that 2 courts martial would be held today.	
4.	AQ	Advised that AWAS would arrive Tuesday, 8 May 45.	
5.	A/ADOS	Accommodation stores for AWAS now total approx 98% of requirements.	
6.	CRE	Re US Salvage Depot; contact was made with Capt OTTO, who was under the impression that transfer of stores was under Lend-Lease arrangements. CRE advised him to again see his coml to obtain confirmation of this. Requirements for AWAS Camp are as follows:- (a) extension of 20 foot to 'Q' Store (b) extension of 20 foot to sjts' mess (c) Road around to back of kitchen - about 20 feet (d) concrete slabs for pig tins. No work can be done on road at present - approx 6 weeks work. 800 turpentine piles are being brought from DARWIN for docks. CRE supplying gravel for docks enclosure. AQ stated plan and project had been brought out and it is understood that work will be undertaken by Port Maint Coy. Piles and other stores could be kept inside the docks enclosure; other stores taken in through gate.	

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

Time of signature...1...hrs

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

18 25 /____/____ (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5 /5 /1945 HQ LIF BASE SUB AREA

W.E. [illegible] /2 OFFRS. 47 O.R's 2[illegible] + 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. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	No. Required.
2 -	-	-	2	W.Os. Class I.					
10 -	2	-	8	W.Os. Class II.					
1 -	-	1	2	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
6 -	1	-	5	Staff Sergeants					
22 -	1	-	21	Sergeants					
37 -	-	-	37	Corporals					
164 38	39	-	125	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
242 38 *	43	1	200 *	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, 16 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A.T.S. A	A.T.S. B	Male Under 18 Years.	Male 18 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	**	TOTAL
A	124	23	33	20				[redacted]	[redacted]		200
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	HQ POW CAMP Det	First Aust	
7	HQ POW CAMP	ARMY	
2	Area Comd WAC		
29			

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	HQ FIRST AUST ARMY		

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 WO I Clerk QX 26080 WO1 MILSOM E.J. GRO A187/44
1 WO11 Clerk WX 21616 WO11 MICHELL J.T. Auth F.A.A. A15750 of 17/2/
1 S/Sgt Clerk Legal - Filling Vacancy of Sgt Clerk Legal
1 Sgt Clerk
2 Cpl Clerks - Filling Vacancies of TG 3 Clerks
2 Cpl Clerks AAOC. " " " " " " AAOC
1 S/Sgt CQMS GRO A187 /44
1 TG 1 Fitter
1 TG2 Machinist Wood
1 TG3 Despatch Rider
6 TG3 Drivers M.T.

DEFICIENT TO W.E.

1 S/Sgt Clerk
1 Sgt Clerk Legal - Vacancy being filled by S/Sgt Clerk Legal.
7 TG3 Clerks
8 WO11 Hygienic Inspectors
1 S/Sgt Clerk AEME
1 Sgt Clerk AEME
1 TG3 Clerk AEME
5 TG3 Clerks AASC
3 TG3 Clerks AAOC
1 TG3 Clerk AADC
1 TG3 Clerk AAES
1 Cpl Typewriter Mechanic
2 TG3 Driver Mech
1 WO1 AAOC Bde WO1
2 Pte Batman
4 Pte Drivers MT
1 Cpl ARCS
2 Pte ARCS
3 TG2 Carpenters
Special Increment
1 Cpl Driver MT.
2 TG3 Driver Mech
16 Pte Drivers MT.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL ARE CARRIED SUPERNUMERARY TO WE AND DO NOT APPEAR IN PARTS A.B.C.D. OF W.E.

AUTHORITY : AHQ A 107800 of 22 Dec 44 (Testing Upper Hand Velocity)

VX 124801	Bdr	CARTER	H.C.
VX 149728	L/Bdr	DALTON	J.
VX 127126	L/Bdr	WYATT	G.J.
VX 124862	Gnr	CAHH	J.H.
VX 124861	Gnr	BRADFURD	J.A.
VX 126068	Gnr	BROOM	G.F.
VX 85036	Gnr	OATEN	K.J.

HQ ARMA CORPS FIRING RANGE
AUTHORITY : 1 ARMY ADV 2 ECHELON S/3/52 of 21 Feb 45

VX 121121	Cpl	BEARDS	A.G.
QX 9178	Pte	DUDLEY	G.A.

HQ L of C 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 5 / 5 /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.				O.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders			
Armament Artificer Stores				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Tradesm.								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Compasmen								Riggers				Stokers, Stnry. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Sergeants				Anemon				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen	1	1	—	Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Coml'n. Asst.				Wall Rovers				Vulcanisers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	3	—	3	Wireman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wiremen				AAMC Clerks	4	4	—
Electricians				Cooks	20	—	20	Woodturners				Amb. "	3	4	3
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								ASC "	13	11	5
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Mag. and Rec.)								AOC "	7	6	1
Fitters	—	1	(1)	Driver-Operator								AMW "	3	2	—
Fitters (Cycle)				Drivers								AADC "	2	1	1
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								PMV "	2	2	—
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								AAPC "	1	1	—
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF UNIT			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				AAES "	3	2	1
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				HUN SPEC			
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	58	25	2	MOD GRC	2	2	—
Grinder, Precision				Helm Operator				Clerks, Supply				GEN MAIL	1	1	—
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				CMS S/SGT	1	2	(1)
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				Hyg Duty	2	2	—
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concreters				SUPPLY	2	2	—
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Messr Duty	2	2	—
Mechanics, Typewriter	1	—	1	Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				AA Postal	1	1	—
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders	—	1	(1)	DETAILS OF UNIT			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AADC Bde HQ	2	1	1
Operators, Exercise				Machinists, Wood	—	1	(1)	Drivers, M.T.	—	6	(6)	Hyg Insp	8	8	5
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	5	3	2	Butchers	22	19	3
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Orderlies	22	22	—
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Gen Duty	11	11	—
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				Drivers MT	41	37	4
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				AMCS	3	—	3
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates	Special Increment						
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers	Details Back Page				27	8	19
CARRIED FORWARD	2	2	—	CARRIED FORWARD	12	12	1	CARRIED FORWARD	54	54	—	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	242	200	42

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.C. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reinfs. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in red in the blank spaces on this part.

5 MAY 45
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Lieut-Col. AMC
CAMP COMDT

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DETAILS OF PART E

	WO 1	WO11	S/Sgt	Sgt	Cpl	Spec	Non Spec	Total
Clerks	1	3	2	5	10	8	-	29
AAMC Clerks	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	4
Hygiene Inspectors	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	6
ARMY Clerks	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2
AASC Clerks	-	1	2	3	4	-	-	10
AAOC Clerks	-	1	-	1	3	1	-	6
ARTY Clerks	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
AADC Clerks	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
PROV Clerks	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
AAPC Clerks	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
AAES Clerks	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
Medical orderlies	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
Ammunition Examiner	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Draughtsman	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
CSM WO11	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Driver Mech	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	6
CQMS S/Sgt	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Hygiene Dutyman	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Storemen	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
Water Dutymen	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
AA Postal	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
AAOC Bde WO1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Batmen	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	19
Orderlies	-	-	-	-	1	-	22	23
General Duties	-	-	-	-	6	-	5	11
AACC (Cooks)	-	-	-	1	1	7	-	9
Drivers HT	-	-	-	1	2	-	34	37
Special Increment	-	-	-	1	-	1	6	8
Drivers HT	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	6
Fitters	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Machinist Wood	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Despatch Rider	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	2	8	7	21	37	31	94	200

DETAILS OF SPECIAL INCREMENT

	HE	Posted	Deficient
Sgt Driver MT	1	1	-
Cpl Driver MT	1	-	1
	-	1	-
	-	-	2
	2	6	15
		5	19

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0000 Hrs. Saturday 5/5/1945 HQ LAE BASE (U.S.) AREA

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(Amendment No 1/W 5). OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... + 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.				
No. 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 -	-	-	1	Brig *					
5 -	1	-	4	*					
16 -	7	-	9	Lieut.-Colonels					
16 -	7	-	9	Majors					
6 -	-	4	10	Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
3 -	2	-	1	CHAPLAINS Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
~~47~~ -	~~17~~	~~6~~	~~34~~						

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.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
	A.		~~34~~									34
	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., 26 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.
~~SX 30[illegible]~~	T/Maj	BOSKING Lo.Le.	2/7 A.G.H.	~~4-5-45~~ 5/5.	RTU.
~~QX 30191~~	~~Lieut~~	~~MUIR~~ R.E.	To Instl L of C Sigs	~~2-4-45~~	On attachment.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
~~SX [illegible]~~	~~T/Maj~~	~~[illegible]~~ Lo.Le.	2/7 A.G.H.	2/5/45	Placed on X-List
~~NX401661~~	~~T/Capt~~	~~[illegible]~~ Gen.	Second Aust Army Junior Ldrs School	2/5/45	AUTH FAA AMS 0842 of ~~1/4/45~~ 1/5/45
NX 81	Maj	MATTHEWS R.F.	H/O 6 mths LEAVE ex Trans	6/5/45	AUTH:LAHDFORCES A1[illegible]91
~~NX 12956~~	~~Lieut~~	PARDEY R.E.	19 L of C Sigs	6/5/45	5 RTU off attachment
~~SX 30[illegible]~~	~~Lieut~~	NELSON A.J.	AAES HQ 5 Aust Div	3-5-45	Off attachment AUTH :HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA ~~AUTH~~

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 LAB BASE SUB AREA *Unit*

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0000 Hrs. Saturday 5/5/1945 (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]	WELLS	F.E.	C.O.	Yes		
Lt Col	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	No	Leave	
Lt Col	[illegible]	STARROW	F.E.	[illegible]	Yes		
T/Lt Col	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		
Major	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	No	Leave	
Major	[illegible]	PEARCE	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		
Major	[illegible]	KELLY	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		
Major	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		
Major	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		
Major	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		
T/Major	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		
T/Major	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		
T/Major	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		
Capt	[illegible]	CALLAGHAN	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		
Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	No	Leave	
Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		
Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		
Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	No	Leave	
Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		
Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		
T/Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		
T/Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	No	Detached Hq 5 Rest Sub 5/1/	
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	No	Detached Area Comd Fin Sec	
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		
Chap	[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.
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		5/5/45
Chap	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		25/4/45
MT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		5/5/45
Major	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		25/4/45
Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		25/4/45

XE 5 May 45
Date of Despatch

Lieut
Adjutant/Staff Officer
HQ LAB BASE SUB AREA

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 5 MAY 1945

Present: Comd,
GII, GIII, SOIII FIRST AUST ARMY L of C SIGS, DAAG, A/CRE, AQ,
DAQMG, ADMS, DO ANGAU, CEME, ADST, A/ADOS, DAPM, LEGAL, CAMP.

Serial No	Report by	Report		Decision by Comd
1.	DAQMG	Shipping reports:		
		"LATOOMBA"		Pers
		TOWNSVILLE - TOROKINA	'X' list	37
		" - LAE	'X' list	114
			RAAF	450
		BRISBANE - TOROKINA	'X' list	829
			6 Mech Eqpt Wksp	58
			4 Welding Pl	4
			9 AC B'casting Unit	16
		"DUNTROON" to arrive Wednesday, 9 May		
			AWAS	350
			'X' list	295
		"DUNTROON" LAE - JACQUINOT	'X' list	602
		"MONTORO" cleared TOWNSVILLE 1 May direct to AITAPE - 134 pers		
			12 Mob Cinema	3
			'X' list 1 and	22
			Gen reinforcements	88
			AUST details ex duty	18
			ex leave 15 and	58

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

Time of signature.....hrs

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

SECRET.

STATS SEC "A" BRANCH
HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA
5 MAY

WEEKLY FIELD STATE AS AT 0600 HOURS 5 MAY 45.

POSTED STRENGTH	293	3851
ATTACHED ALLOWED & NOT ALLOWED BY W.E.	40	463
TOTAL TROOPS UNDER COMMAND	333	4314
UNITS UNDER COMMAND	70	
UNITS MARCHED IN	1	
UNITS MARCHED OUT	NIL	
DECREASE IN OFFICERS	9	
INCREASE IN OR's	13	
STAGING UNITS	1	
POSTED STRENGTH	1	55

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

DISTRIBUTION.

"G" BRANCH (1)
FILE (2)

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LAE BASE SUB AREA

WEEKLY REPORT

for week ending 5 May 45

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DDST FIRST AUST ARMY
Copy to HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA for infm.

Sheet No 1

SUPPLIES

1. BEEVER SUPPLIES

Commodity	Issues for previous week Days	Stock as at 5 May 45 lb	Anticipated issues for next week Days
Boneless Beef	6	410 891	7
Mutton Fresh	Hosp issues	5 570	Hosp issues
Butter	3	55 188	7
Hosp Meats	Hosp issues	26 483	Hosp issues
Eggs	" " & 2 per mess	4 949	" "
Vegs assorted	2	1 960	1 ex local sources
Potatoes	7	26 920	2
Onions	7	15 496	7
Fruit	Hosp issues	-	Hosp issues

Boneless Beef and Butter :- These items are being issued on seven days for the ensuing week in order to provide maximum space for the "ALASKA" cargo ETA 9 May 45. Major difficulty in storing this cargo is not anticipated although stores will be packed to capacity.

Potato and Onion stocks:- Stocks will be consumed by the 11 May and dehydrated stocks will be issued pending receipts of further fresh supplies.

2. AIR MAINTENANCE OUTPO

Place	No of Loads	Free Drop	Gross Weight Parachute	Landed
AIR NEW BRITAIN	3		2 986	
ARGYLLSHIRE FORCE	1	1 387	4 562	
ANGAU MADDA	2			9 993
ANGAU AIYURA	1	5 396	619	
Totals	7	6 783	8 167	9 993

Droppings generally satisfactory and recovery estimated at 96%.

Special Drops lb	Load	Rmk	Result
ARGYLLSHIRE FORCE	Battery charger	Gross weight 225 lb, Original manufacturers peak plus spring percussion head	Appeared to drop OK. No report from Force.
" "	D3 lb 6 cable (2 drums x 2 mile)	Gross weight 192 lb Amt 2 pc 24 ft chute 3 cable drums per chute 12 individual drops.	All landed on strip

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SUPPLIES

2. AIR MAINTENANCE CARGO (Cont)

Fresh Commodities:- (Meat, fruit, potatoes and onions) have been dropped in all cases except M Special, AIB English Mission NEW BRITAIN. This Force specifically indicates its requirements.

3. CHANGES AND ADDITIONS IN REFRIGERATION AND INSTALLATIONS

(a) Cold Stores - All operating satisfactorily. Defrosting of Room No 3 commenced 3 May 45.

(b) Charing Cross Bakery - Alterations with the exception of two domestic buildings have been completed and production of bread will be concentrated there as from the 7 May 45. All ovens have been completely overhauled.

(c) Malahang Butchery - Abattoirs, incinerator and camp were inspected by Hygiene Section and found to be satisfactory. DDT insecticide will be used during slaughtering to overcome the fly menace.

(d) BSD LAE - Erection of new lighting standards and wiring of depot continues. Grass cutting gangs have completed the area and 8 Aust Army Tps Coy are continuing work on regrading of roads and standings.

(e) Air Maintenance Centre LAE - Improvements to camp area are being carried out.

(f) HQ 39 Aust Sup Dep Coy - Improvements to camp area effected.

(g) DID Charing Cross - New fences being constructed.

4. GENERAL

(a) BSD Storage

No of stores (200' x 50') 17 - store 39 is used for Air Maintenance operations.

Capacity in packages	612 000	packages
Packages in store	376 949	"
Transit shed capacity	91 000	"

(b) BAKERIES PRODUCTION

9 Aust Fd Baking Pl	57 027	lb

(c) FISHING OPERATIONS

(i) Catch for the week 1 200 lb

(ii) Major repairs to propeller shaft of AM 39 are being carried out at LAE3 W/Craft Shops. ETC 10 May 45. AM 1496 (Ammunition Launch) made available to Pl for period of repairs to AM 39.

(iii) Fishing operations are now being conducted in three sections 2 sections north and south of MOROBE and one section at MOROBE.

(d) FARM PRODUCTION TAKEN ON CHARGE

5 Aust Indep Farm Pl	6 205	lb vege
" " " "	19 330	" "
Total	25 535	lb

SUPPLIES

NAU road became impassable during the week and vegetable and fruit production is being held pending re-opening of the road. It is hoped to avoid loss of picked fruit.

5. AVAILABILITY OF REEFER SPACE as at 5 May 45.

Freezer	Effective Cub capacity	Cub space occupied	Cub space available	Package capacity for available space
Room No 1				
A Room	3 590 cu ft	3 000 cu ft	590 cu ft	240 cases beef or 175 carcasses mutton or 240 cases butter or 220 cases Hosp meats.
B Room	4 390 cu ft	1 390 cu ft	3000 cu ft	1875 cases beef or 1000 cases mutton or 875 cases butter or 1000 cases Hosp meats.
C Room	4 390 cu ft	4 390 cu ft	-	-
Room No 2	5 000 cu ft	-	5000 cu ft	3000 cases beef or 2000 cases Hosp meats or 1700 carcasses mutton or 3000 cases butter.
Room No 3	5 000 cu ft	-	5000 cu ft	as for Room No 2
Charing Cross	5 000 cu ft	4 500 cu ft	500 cu ft	500 cases beef or 170 carcasses mutton or 200 cases Hosp meats or 300 cases butter.
Totals	27 190 cu ft	13 160 cu ft	14030 cu ft	8515 cases beef or 4785 cases mutton or 8515 cases butter or 5580 cases Hosp meats
COOLER SPACE				
Malabang	300 cu ft	300 cu ft	-	required for local killing
Charing Cross	900 cu ft	900 cu ft	-	-
Room No 2 Air Lock	500 cu ft	400 cu ft	100 cu ft	40 cases eggs or 70 cases butter
Room No 3 Air Lock	500 cu ft	-	500 cu ft	160 cases eggs or 300 cases butter
Charing Cross Air Lock	500 cu ft	-	500 cu ft	160 cases eggs or 300 cases butter
Totals	2100 cu ft	1000 cu ft	1100 cu ft	360 cases eggs or 670 cases butter

7. BEEF

857 sheep are now on hand. Condition is slightly deteriorating and hand feeding has been increased to 1½ lb per head per day.

FARMS

1. KAIAPANG FARM

(a) Plantings

Pineapple	5/8	Acres

(b) Cultivation

Cleared	3/4	acres
Disc cultivated	1	"
Harrowed	2	"
Ploughed	1	"
Sprayed		
Squash	2	"
Cucumber	1	"
Snake Beans	4	"
Chinese Cabbage	½	"
Tomatoes	1½	"

(c) General

(i) Maintenance work on crops continues.

(ii) Estimated production for next week :- Nil

(iii) Formosan PW are being used as labour; many are farmers, but language difficulties make working of small parties difficult owing to lack of Australian supervision. This is being overcome by the services of an Aust interpreter.

2. LAU FARM

(a) Plantings

Nil

(b) Cultivation

Ploughed	2	acres
Harrowed	12	"

(c) General

Estimated production for next week :-

Sweet potatoes	8 000 lb
Choko & Pumpkin	8 000 "
Fruit	2 000 "

3. BIAP FARM

(a) Plantings

Nil

(b) Cultivation

Ploughed	7	acres
Chip hoed		
Tomatoes	3	"
Disc harrowed		
Watermelon	5	"
Silver Beet	1	"
Insecticide		
Tomatoes	8	"
Cucumber	4	"
Watermelon	3	"
Pumpkin	4	"

(c) General

(i) 4 acres tomatoes pruned and fastened and 2 acres staked.

FARMS

3. KRAP FARM (Cont)

(c) General (Cont)

(ii) Rainfall 90 points.

(iii) Expected production for next week - Tomatoes 3000 lb
Pumpkin 1000 "
Fruit 2000 "

ANALYSIS OF FARM PRODUCTION

Vegs

	KRAP	WAU	MALAHANG	TOTAL
Choko		5 695		5 695
Pumpkin	13 000	510		13 510
Silver Beet	1 500			1 500
Tomatoes	2 840			2 840
Sweet Potatoes	2 900	6 380		9 280
Totals	19 340	12 585		31 925

Fruit

	KRAP	WAU	MALAHANG	TOTAL
Pineapple	100			100
Paw Paw	1200			1 200
Banana	200			200
Totals	1 500			1 500

This fruit production is held at Bulolo pending opening of WAU Road., also 6380 lb Vegas at WAU.

ADMINISTRATION

1. MOVEMENT OF OFFICERS AND UNITS

(a) 64 Aust Tpt Pl - 1 officer and 55 Ors arrived this area from MORESBY.

(b) Lt Col K A CLARKE marched out on leave.

(c) Capt J F LINTON marched out to 98 Aust Tpt Pl.

2. GENERAL

(a) RAA AMS 9363 advised cross posting of Lt R F O'NEILL NX 5 Aust END and Lt S J MARSHALL 151 Aust Sup Dep Pl.

(b) RAA AMS 4020 advised cross posting of Lt J L CRAFTER 73 Aust Tpt Pl and Lt C G DURAMP 74 Aust Tpt Pl.

(c) 64 Aust Tpt Pl warned for movement to 3 Aust Base Sub Area.

(d) Maj A K F CURRY acting as ADST wide LAE BASE SUB AREA R/O A 142 and Capt F AUSTIN-HALL is doing duty as Capt ASC (Supplies) whilst his services are available.

(e) AAFs A 33 submitted for promotion of Lt K L STOCKS 75 Aust Tpt Pl and Lt McMEATH NQ 151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy to the rank of Capt.

TRANSPORT

1. ANALYSIS OF WORK PERFORMED during the week

		QT COY	MAC
(a) No of vehs used		591	13
(b) No of veh tasks		662	
(c) Mileage		30909	9375
(d) Tonnage		5889	
(e) No of personnel carried	Europeans	3018	57 Lying
	Natives	1596	706 Sitting
(f) Nature of tasks	Transport of supplies, working parties and general domestic tasks for units in this area.		Medical evacuation

2. CONDITION OF VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

151 Amst Gen Tpt Coy (AIF) - In view of operational demands - good.

3 Amst MAC Pl - " " " " " - very good.

3. GENERAL

(a) ROUTES worked during the week:

"ES 52½", "ES 282", "ES 986", "MAYANDA", "AK 95", "SUVA", "DUDGIE", "S 51", "S 52", "KATOOMBA".

(b) 64 Amst Tpt Pl is staging with 151 Amst Gen Tpt Coy and is being fully equiped - personnel are being used on transport duties.

POL

1. ESTIMATES

Estimates have been revised for LAK both US and ANF, in line with consumption and anticipated demands.

2. GENERAL

(a) USASOS have indicated ability to meet ANF demands as submitted.

(b) Petrol Point at Charing Cross was closed at 1700 hrs 30 Apr and re-opened at new site on BUKU road at 0800 hrs 1 May 45. Point is operating satisfactorily, under control of 2 Aust EBS Coy.

(c) Shipments were made of MT 80 to 3 Aust Base Sub Area during the week.

(d) Stock position is low but MOKUMO is expected to arrive within seven days. USASOS are holding stocks which may be drawn upon if required.

K Harrington
Lt Col
ADST LAK BASE SUB AREA

WEEKLY REPORT OF DOCKS OPERATIONS
by
4 AUST DOCKS OPERATING COY., R.A.E.

30 APR - 6 MAY 1945

Port:	Ships Handled	Cargo Handled	Type & No. of Coy.	Strength at 30 Apr 45
			"C" Type 4 Aust Docks Op Coy RAE	
L A E	1 large type 11 small type	3893 tons	WE 1V/11H/2 7/273 -/13 attached WE. Port Maint 1/3(	2/271

4/63A

	Loaded	Dischd.	Total
SUVA	1762		1762
DORIS	36		36
F.52	75		75
F.S.386	289		289
DULCIE	178	46	224
F.51	64		64
GEORGE PRATT	222	30	252
WAYANNA	102		102
F.S.282	250	275	525
F.S.524	282		282
F.S.202	127	127	254
MANYA		28	28
	3387	506	3893

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

R C Neville Major
R.C.Neville
OC 4 Aust Docks Op Coy., R.A.E.

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HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA (AIF)

5 May 45.

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HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA (AIF)

COPY TO :
A.P.M. FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
WAR DIARY

WEEKLY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 4 MAY 45.

I have to report the following Provost activities in the Lae area for the week ending 4 May 45.

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

3. DISCIPLINE : The general conduct of Australian troops has been good. Offences for the week were :

Improperly in possession of beer - 1

4. TRAFFIC

BUTIBUM BRIDGE & FORD : These points were manned daily until 2359 hrs by Aust and US Military Police.

ROAD PATROL : Road patrols were carried out daily. A speed check resulted in 13 offenders.

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

GENERAL : The speed limit in the Aust area was raised from 20 mph to 25 mph on 4 May 45, for all vehicles.

Vehicles proceeding to the pictures at 2/7 AGH were checked and told to return to units.

Traffic offences for the week were :

Speeding	16.
Drunken & dangerous driving	1 (US)

VEHICLES REPORTED STOLEN : NIL
VEHICLES RECOVERED : NIL

GOODS REPORTED STOLEN :
1 Pistol-Revolver .38 Colt No. V25833 - belonging to Lt-Col STATHAM of HQ Lae Base Sub Area. Stolen from Officers sleeping quarters on 1 May 45.

2 raincoats and a quantity of PX goods stolen from an unattended jeep at the officers' club on 3 May 45.

GOODS RECOVERED : NIL.

PROVOST COY

SPECIAL DUTIES FOR THE WEEK

Apr	29	2 NCOs to Salamaua for duty.
"	29	8 escorts and pointsmen for C-in-C's visit.
"	30	2 escorts for C-in-C
"	30	Pilfering on vessel "SUVA" was investigated by OC 3 Aust Corps Provost Coy anf a Sgt.
May	1	8 NCOs as escorts for C-in-C.
"	1	6 members of 3 Aust Corps Pro Coy carried out inspection of "SUVA".
"	1	Escorts and prisoner (Jap) and one SUS conveyed to PW Compound and 16 Aust Det Bks ex Lae airstrip.
"	2	2 NCOs to 2/4 Aust Docks Op Coy as witnesses in 2 cases of stealing and improperpossession of goods.
"	5	2 NCOs for traffic duty at Tennis Tournament.

STRENGTH OF 3 AUST CORPS PROVOST COY

EFFECTIVE STRENGTH	2 offrs	94 ORs
LABU		2 "
FINSCHHAFEN		2 "
LAE		2 "
FIRST AUST ARMY PRO COY	1 offr	
3 AUST DIV PRO COY	1 "	1 "
POSTED STRENGTH	3 offrs	101 ORs
Pending appointment to OC	1 offr	

GENERAL

VX77330 Capt A. GILCHRIST, relinguished OC, 3 Aust Corps Pro Coy and appointed DAPM, 3 Aust Base Sub Area on 3 May 45.

VEHICLES ON STRENGTH 3 AUST CORPS PRO COY

JEEPS	13
15 cwt	3
3 ton	1
MC	18
TOTAL	35

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

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

A.A.Education Service
HQ Lae Base Sub Area
5 May 45

RD/165/2/474

Subject: A.A.E.S. WEEKLY REPORT - WEEK ENDING 3 MAY 45

"A" Branch
HQ Lae Base Sub Area

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1. STAFF:

VX74661 WO(2) E.R.Seager, has been allotted for duty by HQ Lae Base Sub Area - 2 May 45.

2. LECTURES:

Summary : 34 Talks to 1300 personnel

Subjects : "Freedom from Want"
"San Francisco Conference"
"Tarakan"
"Truman"
"Beveridge Plan"
"News Review and N.E.I."
"Aitape campaign"
"Repatriation"

3. CLASSES:

Arithmetic, English, Spelling, Writing	Charing Cross	att 3,	12 hrs	tuition
German	" "	" 4,	10 hrs	"
Harmony, Piano	" "	" 8,	12 hrs	"
Art	" "	" 40,		
English, Maths	Busu	" 4,	2 hrs	"

4. CLUBS:

Charing Cross Writers' Club	att	15
" " Play Reading Gp	"	10
Lae Music Club	"	70
Lae Choral Group	"	9
F.A.A.Music Club	"	60
Busu " "	"	60

5. MUSIC.

Recorded Programmes:
Charing Cross att 33
20 Programmes of recordings issued to various Units.

Radio Sessions:
Music sessions are given regularly by WO Music over Aust Army Amenities and 2/7 A.G.H. P.A.System.

6. 16mm FILMS:

ANGAU Compound	att	30
2/7 AGH, Ward 1	"	30
" " " 2	"	30
" " " 15	"	25
" " " 14	"	25
2/1 Rly Constrn Coy	"	40
3 Corps Pro Coy	"	50
18 Fd Amb	"	40
20 Aust Fd Coy	"	100
16 Aust Detn Brcks	"	40
13 Fd Park Coy	"	100

Screenings included

"V1 Bomb"
"Liberation of Indies Part I"
"Pipe Line"
"Tommy Gun"
"The Great Lakes"
"Alpine Vista"
"Skyway Express"
"Cinegazine"
"Liberation of N.E.I. Part 2"

7. CORRESPONDENCE COURSES:

41 applications for courses received during the week.

8. GENERAL REMARKS:

It Nelson's work on C.A.B. concluded and indications are that the desired result has been achieved in many instances.

16 Units report that regular C.A.B. sessions are now held and it is felt that more will be added to this list. Officers generally agree that it is much more practicable than they at first thought.

3 additional units have been supplied with tools in the past week for the establishment of Craft Workshops.

A. C. Thorley Maj
DAD Education
HQ Lae Base Sub Area

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HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, 9 MAY 1945

Present: Comd
G11, G111, SO111 FIRST AUST ARMY L of C SIGS, DAAG, A/CRE, AQ
DAQMG, ADMS, DO ANGAU, CEME, ADST, A/ADOS, DAPM, LEGAL, CAMP

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1	G11	DO SALAMAUA had verbally reported Bombing at BAU Is. off enterance to MOROBE Harbour. No details available until return of a patrol officer who had been sent to investigate. It is understood that 3 bombs exploded in the sea and a fourth remains unexploded on the Island.	
2.	DAAG	Weekly Field State as at 0600 hrs 5 May 45: Posted Strength 293 3851 Att allowed & not allowed by W.E. 40 463 Total troops under comd 333 4314 Units under Comd 70 Units marched in 1 Units marched out NIL Decrease in Officers 9 Increase in ORs 13 Staging Units 1 Posted Strength 1 55 First Army Instruction that observance of cessation of hostilities will be in form of thanksgiving Service, the day after the announcement.	
3.	AMENITIES	Owing to breakdown in Cinema Machine there will be no pictures at LAE Base tonight. An exhibition tennis match was staged on Saturday by Colin Lang and Tonkin.	
4.	CRE.	Lt/Col V.M.A. BIRDLE took over all CRE from Lt-Col MacGILLICUDDY. Advises that AWAS quarters are ready for occupation.	
5.	AA&QMG.	Advises that an order has been forwarded to Works for conversion of 16 Aust Detention Barracks from type "A" to type "B". Advance Party will arrive from Q'ld L of C and do the building in readiness for arrival of main body. Works will only supply supervision and materials	

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

AMENITIES REPORT FOR....APRIL.....194 5

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

Date.....7 May 45.....

1. (a) ORGANISED SPORT

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	Number of Competitions	Number of Teams	Number of Matches Played	Number of Spectators
(i) Football—				
Aust. Rules	I	I3	I8	2000
Rugby	I	I0	I0	I400
Soccer		8	20	600
(ii) Cricket	3	28	52	I500
(iii) Soft Ball	I	7	I2	400
(iv) Baseball				
(v) Hockey		3	8	200
(vi) Basket Ball		I0	20	220
(vii) Any other				
Volley Ball		I2	I2	200
Table Tennis		30	60	I200

(viii) Brief Comments:

Keen interest is taken in all sporting competitions.

(b) SPORTS MEETINGS

	Number Held	Number Participating	Number of Events	Number of Spectators
(i) Athletic	2	420	30	3400
(ii) Boxing	2	32	I6	5000
(iii) Swimming				
(iv) Horse Racing				
(v) Any other				

(vi) Brief Comments:

Two teams of boxers were taken to MADANG during the month to fight against Americans. Approximately 500 Australian personnel attended.

A482—N.G. Press Unit—1/45—1M

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AMENITIES REPORT FOR.....APRIL.....1945

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

Date.....7 MAY 1945.....

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

(i) Swimming ...Unit reports show that approximately 5000 took part in swimming.

(ii) Fishing ...Approximately 600 taking part.....

(iii) Boating ...250 personnel taken on launch trip to SALAMAUA during month.....

(iv) Any other...Tennis - Approximately 1500 taking part - Competition will commence in May.

Amenities Bus conveyed 2268 personnel 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. .	56	8	91360
(ii) Other Cinemas			

New site has been opened on Cnr Busu-Malahang Rds (Known as Busu Theatre). No seating accomodation has been provided.

(b) AMENITIES CONCERT PARTIES

	Number of Performances	Number of Sites at which Performances Held	Estimated Audience
.....BOB..DYER.....Party	2	2	6000
.....30 CLUB.....Party	6	6	10400
.....Party			

These shows were very well received.

(c) FORMATION OR UNIT ENTERTAINMENTS

	Number of Performances	Number of Sites at which Performance Held	Estimated Audience
Concerts & Dances	25	15	2000
Quiz Nights	20	20	800
Talent Quests	2	2	100

AMENITIES REPORT FOR.....APRIL.....1945

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

Date.....7 MAY 1945.....

2. (d) OTHER ENTERTAINMENT

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

Brief Comments:

Approximate attendance at AACS Troops Club during month - 30,000.

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	54	10	-
Cash on hand at end of month	£153	-	-
Total value of amenities received during month	£1160	7	9
" " " " distributed " "	£1108	16	1

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

(i) A.C.F. All personnel in area have received monthly issue of comforts.

(ii) Y.M.C.A. Representatives visit units with Mobile Canteen, and distribute ACF goods. The mobile unit supplied refreshments at both athletic carnivals during month.

(iii) Salvation Army Refreshments always available at Red Shield Hut on Busu Road. Mobile canteen visits units, working parties etc with refreshments. This unit also supplied refreshments at Athletic carnivals.

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

A4E—N.G. Press Unit—1/45—1M

A.A.Amenities Service,
LAE Base Sub Area,
4 May 45.

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AMENITIES REPORT - WEEK ENDING FRIDAY 4 MAY 45.

HQ LAE Base Sub Area.

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

HQ First Aust Army, HQ LAE Base Sub Area
18 Fd Ambulance, 3 Aust M.A.C. Fltn
55 Port Craft Coy, 1 Water Amb Convoy
5 B.S.D, 9 Fd Baking Fltn, 8 Ind Farm Fltn
1 Adv 2 Echelon, D.F.O, 7 Base Postal
8 Fd Coy, 2 Army Troops, 8 Army Troops
8 Move Cont Grp, 151 A.G.T.Coy, 2 B.P.S. Coy
4 A.A.O.D, 108 Ord Veh Pk Sect
N.G.School of Sigs, 35 Aust RADAR
A.A.C.S, N.G.Details Depot, 8 A.A.A.D.
LAE Area W/Shops, 2/31 Decks Op Coy

Visits were made to the following units :-

2/1 Forestry, 112 Conv Depot, Lae Area W/Shops, D.F.O,
2/11 Mob Laundry, 22 Works Coy, LAE POW Camp

2. CINEMA

(a) Total attendances for the week were approximately 21,000.
(b) No seating accomodation has been provided at the Busu Theatre.

3. SPORTING

(a) Eight boxers from LAE area participated in bouts with Americans at MADSAB on Saturday 28 April.

(b) Football competitions are now in full swing, and matches are keenly contested.

4. CONCERT PARTY

30 Club Concert Party performed at LAEU 27 Apr, ANGAU Compound 29 Apr, and LAE Air Strip 1 May.
There were large attendances at all shows.
Reports indicate that this show has been excellently received by all units.

C.R.Bates Lt
Amenities Officer,
LAE Base Sub Area.

CONFIDENTAIL

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA
:720/4/645

CONSOLIDATED SICK RETURN
LAE BASE SUB AREA
WEEK ENDING 4 May 45

PART 1

UNIT	Total Est Str	Total Sick Parade	DYSENTERY	DIARRHOEA	URTI	PUO	TINEA	OTHER SKIN	EAR	OTHER COMPLAINTS
HQ First Aust Army	1100	826	-	-	-	3	-	24	-	45
HQ LAE Base Sub Area	200	38	-	-	3	-	2	5	2	3
8 Aust Movement Control Gp	65	7	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	6
1 Aust Adv 2 Ech	75	4	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
11 Aust CRE (Wks)	33	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8 Aust Fd Coy	103	30	-	-	9	-	3	8	2	8
8 Aust Army Tps Coy	245	30	-	-	1	5	3	2	1	-
24 Aust Mech Eqpt Pk Coy	100	15	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 Aust Army Tps Coy	270	35	-	1	2	4	1	1	-	10
2/1 Aust Ry Contr Coy	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 Aust Mech Spares Sec	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
20 Aust Fd Coy	121	23	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	4
13 Aust Wksp and Pk Coy	193	22	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	2
3 Aust Wayer Tpt Gp	72	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
16 Aust Small Ships Coy	150	28	-	2	-	-	-	6	-	5
1 Aust Water Amb Convoy	30	26	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4
43 Aust Landing Craft Coy	36	7	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
55 Aust Port Craft Coy	240	90	-	-	1	3	-	11	-	10
HQ 3 Aust Docks Gp	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 Aust Docks Op Coy	279	28	-	-	1	5	4	2	-	2
1 Aust CRE NG (Forests)	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2/3 Aust For Coy	155	15	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	10
HQ FAA L of C Sigs	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19 Aust L of C Sigs	597	63	-	-	4	4	3	6	2	10
PIR Depot Bn	82	40	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	4
2 NG Inf Bn	74	22	-	-	4	2	7	4	2	3
151 Aust GenTpt Coy	460	71	-	1	2	1	4	8	2	26
3 Aust Mech Pl	56	13	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2
55 Aust BIPOD	27	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

UNIT	Total Est Strength	Total Sick Parade	DYSENTERY	DIARRHOEA	URTI	PUO	TINEA	OTHER SKIN	EAR	OTHER COMPLAINTS
63 Aust BIPOD	45	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 Aust Baking Coy	11	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
8 Aust Fd Baking Pl	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9 Aust Fd Baking Pl	33	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
War Graves Maint Sec	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2/4 Aust Fd Butchery	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 Aust ESD	136	14	-	-	1	3	2	2	-	3
39 Aust Sup Dep Pl	11	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
99 Aust Sup Dep,Pl	31	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
107 Aust Sup Dep Pl	28	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
2 Aust Marine Food Sup Pl	28	½	-	-	-	-	-	½	-	-
5 Aust Ind Farm Pl	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8 Aust Ind Farm Pl	12	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3
2/7 Aust Gen Hosp	426	22	1	2	1	4	1	1	-	11
112 Aust Con Depot	72	10	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	4
108 Aust Adv Med Stores	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22 AMCU	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
24 AMCU	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
25 AMCU	17	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
13 Aust Fd Amb	218	3	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1
6 Aust Hosp Laundry	51	4	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1
105 Aust Mob Bath Unit	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 Aust AOD	306	115	-	-	2	10	21	30	2	11
8 Aust AAD	118	8	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3
2/11 Aust Mob Laundry	79	7	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
2/7 Aust Adv Wksp	93	31	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	6
8 Sec Aust Officers' Shop	14	½	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
LAE Area Wksp	191	13	-	-	-	1	2	3	2	6
255 Aust LAD	10	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
District Accounts Office	65	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
7 Aust Base Postal Unit	118	28	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
3 Aust Corps Pro Coy	96	49	-	-	2	-	8	1	1	7
15 Aust Detn Bks	110	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9 Aust L of C Stationary	25	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
NG Printing and Press Unit	38	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AACS	110	9	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	3
22 Aust Wks Coy	300	14	-	-	1	1	-	3	1	7
NG Details Depot	530	175	-	2	8	2	7	45	3	40
NG School of Sigs	155	9	-	-	-	3	1	-	1	3
NG Trg School	155	145	-	1	5	1	3	4	4	-

UNIT	Total Est Str	Total Sick Parade	DYSENTERY	DIARRHOEA	URTI	PUO	TINEA	OTHER SKIN	EAR	OTHER COMPLAINTS
ANGAU NORMG	97	17	-	-	-	1	7	5	-	5
6Aust TOp Svy Coy	160	78	1	1	3	1	4	12	2	20
42 Aust Sup Depot Pl	31	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8/7 Aust Adv Wksps	253	21	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	13
TOTALS	9075	8239	3	10	51	65	96	201	74	580

PART II

Number of cases evacuated beyond RAP

(a) Dysentery	2
(b) Diarrhoea	1
(c) URTI	13
(d) Other complaints	128
	144

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f/(M S ALEXANDER) Lt-col
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HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMD'S CONFERENCE, 8 MAY, 1945.

Present: Comd, G1l, [illegible], SO111 FIRST AUST ARMY L of C SIGS, DAAG, CRE, AQ, DADMS, ADMS, DO ANGAU, CEME, DAPM, A/ADST, A/ADOS, CAMP ASSISTANT CAMP

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1	Med	Sick rate for week ending 4 May Malaria 0.6 per thousand Dengue 3.6 " " Dysentery 1.1 " " Scrub Typhus .09 per thousand Skin diseases 2 per thousand. Stated that dress discipline was not satisfactory in area and repellant has not been used at frequent intervals. As AWAS Barracks were in Dengue area it would be necessary to clear an additional 50' of jungle. Bed state 2/7 AGH 750 112 Con Depot 240 160 patients were evac for other areas. 130 patients been evacuated.	
2	Q	Advised ALANGA ex BRISBANE carrying ord and engr eqpt and 224 tons freezer cargo had sailed for LAE. ORMISTON ex BRISBANE carrying 600 tps 1300 tons stores for Bulk Petroleum Unit. 22 Works Coy will move AUST in ORMISTON.	
3	S & T	As 400 tons freezer cargo was expected in ALANGA there will be space to spare in freezer. Tpt is Not fully occupied and any additional tpt required by services would be made available.	
4	Camp	Capts WALPOLE and GIBSON marched in 7 May to take up appointment of DADMS and Camp Comdt respectively.	
5	AQ	VE Day Church Services will be held 9 May details will be advised to-day. Conference will NOT be held 9 May.	

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

Time of signature..[illegible].8 May,45.

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HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

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MINUTES OF COMD'S CONFERENCE, 11 May, 45

Present: Comd
G11, IO, SOIII FIRST AUST ARMY L of C SIGS, AQ, DAAG, ADMS, DAPM, LEGAL OFFR, DO ANGAU, STAFF CAPT "Q", CRE, A/ADST, ADOS, ADJ CEME, CAMP

Report No	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd
1.	Legal Offr	Three DCsM were held yesterday	
2	"Q"	Shipping - "ORMISTON" loading Engr and Ord stores for MORESBY and TOROKINA ETD 12 May. "SUVA" ETA LAE 12 May to load AMF details. Destination and ETD to be advised. "[illegible]LANG" ETA LAE 12 May carry in Freezer cargo. "SALAMAUA" berthed at BRISBANE to load general cargo for LAE. "[illegible]LATOOMBA" ex TOWNSVILLE via BRISBANE for LAE and TOROKINA carrying AMF and RAAF personnel. "MARELLA" has been booked to load 240 AMF personnel at SYDNEY for LAE. Engr Works - Three major building projects are in progress: (i) ASC School at WAU (ii) Accomodation for PIR (III) Accomodation for 4 AOD. Owing to shortage of timber minor building projects will be deferred and no new construction work can be undertaken for one week.	
3	S & T	WAU Road Difficulty was being experienced in getting infm concerning the state of the WAU road. AQ asked Sigs and ANGAU personnel stationed on road to liase and sigs to advise "Q" Branch of state of road daily.	

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

Time of signature.....11 May,...

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A.A.Amenities Service,
LAS Base Sub Area,
II May 45

AMENITIES REPORT - WEEK ENDING FRIDAY II MAY 45

HQ LAS Base Sub Area.

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

HQ LAS Base Sub Area, HQ I9 L of C Sigs
I8 Fd Amb, II2 Conv Depot
7 Base Postal, First Army Postal
5 B.S.D, 44 Sup Depot Pltn, 8 Fd Baking Coy
N.G.Training School, 2/I Guard Regt, P.I.Regt.
I3 Wks & Pks Coy, 6 Topo Survey Coy
22 Works Coy, 2 Aust Army Troops
8 Move Control Grp, N.G.Details Depot
I Adv 2 Echelon, D.F.O, A.A.C.S.
4 A.A.O.D, N.G.Press Unit, 9 L of C Stationery
2 B.P.S. Coy, I5I A.G.T. Coy
40 O.B.U. (RAAF)

Visits were made to the following units:-
II2 Conv Depot, 2/I Forestry, 8 Fd Coy, 20 Fd Coy, 2/7 Adv Wk/Shops, 6 Topo Survey, 2/II Mob Laundry, N.G.Training School, D.I.D.

2. CINEMA.

(a) Total attendances for week were approximately I9,000.
(b) Owing to breakdown, screenings at HQ First Army & HQ LAS B.S.A. were cancelled for one night.
A double feature was later shown at these sites, so that picture would not be missed.
(c) No seating has yet been provided at BUSU Theatre.
Seating at this site is necessary to avoid overcrowding at LAS Base site.

3. SPORTING.

(a) Boxing - I6 boxers participated in boxing matches at LAS Stadium on Saturday 5 May. Attendance approximately 3000.

(b) All other sporting competitions being keenly contested.

4. CONCERT PARTY.

30 Club Concert Party gave performances at three sites during the week.
These shows are greatly appreciated.

G.H.Baker
.....Lt.
Amenities Officer,
LAS Base Sub Area.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12/5/1945. HQ 12th 354 (Unit)

W.E. 17/12/45. OFFRS. 47 O.R's. 44 OFFRS. — O.R's. — ATT. BY W.E.

Amendment No. 10

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

HQ & Sqdns of 56 AGRA

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					
15	6	—	9	Majors					
16	4	—	12	Captains					
6	—	4	10	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
3	—	—	3	Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
46	10	4	40						

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in Para. 10 of instructions for compilation of forms will complete Part X(1) & X(2).	DETAIL.		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
	A.		39	1								40
	X.(1)											
	X.(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; 15 N.Z. Forces.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
SX 30044	Lt-Col	COPNISH C.B.	7 Aust AOD	8/5/45	Requesting HQ NS 45/55
VX104704	Capt	WINGOLF F.V.	HQ 6 A Div	7/5/45	" FRA AMS 518 SS 18/6/4
QX 5 155	Capt	GIBSON M.J.M.	5 A Amb Regt	7/5/45	" HS/4867 of 4/5/45
QX 5500	Capt	CRAWFORD L.M.	HQ 2 Aust Army	10/5/45	" LHQ/1258 of 6/3/45
N 96 558	Capt	CAXON G.S.	HQ Maeto Comd	7/5/45	" FRA AMS 3245 of 4/5/45
VX142960	Chap	KIERY J.F.	HQVIC L of C AREA	7/5/45	" FRA AMS 2436 of 12/3/45
VX114195	Chap	WINTER A.R.	56 AGRA	7/5/45	On Attachment ex Hospits

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX114195	Chap	WINTER A.R.	HQ AGRA	8/5/45	RTU off Attachment
QX 4902	Chap	COLLINS T.M.	" "	10/5/45	" " " "
QX 5519X	Lieut	[illegible]	12 A Amb of C Sqn		" " " "
				10/5/45	

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 1ST SVCE BDE ARE A _____ Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 14/5/194? (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 Paid.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
LT-COL	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
LT-COL	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	NO	LEAVE	
LT-COL	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
T/LT-COL	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	NO	LEAVE	
LT-COL	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
MAJOR	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	NO	LEAVE	
MAJOR	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
MAJOR	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
MAJOR	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
MAJOR	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
MAJOR	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
[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]	NO	LEAVE	
CAPT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
CAPT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
LIEUT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	NO [illegible] NO	DETD H Q 6 ARMY BDE	5/1/45
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/5/1945 HQ [illegible] BASE (Unit) [illegible]

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

[illegible]

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
WE 2	—	—	—	2	W.Os. Class I.				
10	—	2	—	8	W.Os. Class II.				
1	—	—	1	—	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.				
6	—	—	—	6	Staff Sergeants				
22	—	2	—	20	Sergeants				
57	—	1	—	56	Corporals				
184	—	[illegible]	—	[illegible]	Troopers, Privates, etc.				
					Civilians counting as O.R.				
242	•	47	1	196 •	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., 30 U.K. Forces, 16 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	C.M.F.				A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	• •	TOTAL
	A	A.I.F.	Under 18 Years.	18 Years and Over.							
A	[illegible]	[illegible]	30	15				[redacted]	[redacted]		196
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
2	[illegible]		
3	[illegible]		
24	[illegible]		
30			

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

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

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

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

[illegible]

1 .OI Clerk [illegible] .OI [illegible] Bnd. GRO A182/44
1 WOII Clerk [illegible] WOII MICHELL J.A. Auth FAA A16750 of 17/8/45
1 S/Sgt Clerk Legal- Vacancy Vacancy of Sgt Clerk Legal
2 Cpl Clerks Vacancy V Clerk 2 of TG5 Clerks
2 Cpl Clerks AAOC Vacancy Vacancies of TG5 AAOC Clerks
1 S/Sgt CQMS - GRO A267/44
6 TG 5 Drivers M.T.
1 TG 4 Fitter
1 TG 3 Mechanist Rigger
1 TG 5 Despatch Rider

DEVELOPMENT NO. 2

1 Sgt Clerk Legal- Vacancy Vacancy filled by S/Sgt Clerk Legal
7 TG5 Clerks
1 Cpl Clerk AAOC
3 WOII Hygiene Inspectors
1 S.Sgt Clerk AAOC
1 TG 5 Clerk AAOC
5 TG 5 Clerks AAOC
1 Sgt Clerk AAOC ---- 5 TG 5 Clerks AAOC
1 TG 5 Clerk AAOC
1 TG 5 Clerk AAOC
1 Cpl Typewriter Mechanic
2 TG 5 Driver Mechanic
1 Pte Storeman
1 WOI AAOC Bnd WOI
2 Pte Batman
1 Pte Orderly
1 Cpl Driver M.T.
4 Ptes Drivers M.T.
1 Cpl AROS
2 Ptes AROS
5 TG 5 Cooks

DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL INC

1 Cpl Driver M.T.
2 TG 5 Driver Mech.
18 Pte Drivers M.T.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL ARE CARRIED SUPERNUMERARY TO ESTABLISHMENT AND ARE NOT SHOWN IN PARTS A, B, C, D, OF E.

AUTHORITY: LHQ A 1/7890 of 12 Dec 44 (Testing Upper Limb Velocity)

VX 1[illegible] Sgt CARTER H.C.
VX 1[illegible] L/Sgt [illegible] J.
VX 1[illegible] L/Sgt WYATT G.J.
VX 1[illegible] Cpl [illegible] J.H.
VX 1[illegible] Cpl [illegible] J.H.
VX 1[illegible] Cpl [illegible] G.F.
VX 65506 Cpl [illegible] R.J.

HQ [illegible] AND DISPOSAL ET
AUTHORITY: 1 AUSA ADV - [illegible] 6/8/45 of 21 Feb 45

VX 1[illegible] Cpl [illegible] A.E.
QX 9276 Pte [illegible] G.W.

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 12 /5 /1945 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E. 3	Posted Strength. 3	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E. 15	Posted Strength. 15	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E. 52	Posted Strength. 52	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 (Electrician)				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				Sangsters			
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				Sievedrers			
Compositors								Riggers				Stokers, Stoty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Anamen				Signwriters				Textile Knitters			
Draughtsmen	1	1	—	Bakers				Telescope Identin. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Cmd'rs. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bullermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	3	—	3	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wiremen				AAMC CLERKS	4	3	1
Electricians				Cooks	9	9	—	Woodturners				AEME CLERKS	3	3	2
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								AASC CLERKS	15	10	5
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Mot.)								AAOC CLERKS	7	5	2
Fitters	—	1	(1)	Driver-Operator								ARTY CLERKS	2	2	—
Fitters (Cycle)				Drivers								AADC CLERKS	2	1	1
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								RNOV CLERKS	2	2	—
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								AAPC CLERKS	1	1	—
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				XXXXXXXXXX			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				AAES CLERKS	3	2	1
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				NON SPECIALIST			
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	32	29	3	Med Orp.	2	2	—
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				CSM WOII	1	1	—
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				CQMS S/Sgt	1	2	(1)
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				Hyg Duty	2	2	—
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Conservers				Storeman	3	2	1
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Water Duty	2	2	—
Mechanics, Typewriter	1	—	1	Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				A. Postal	1	1	—
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders	—	1	(1)	XXXXXXXXXX			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AAOC Bdsm	2	1	1
Operators, Examiner	—	—	—	Machinists, Wood	—	1	(1)	Drivers, M.T.	—	0	(0)	Hyg Insp.	2	0	2
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	5	3	2	Batmen	21	19	2
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tyre, Plant				Orderlies	23	22	1
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Gen Duties	11	11	—
Photoprinter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				Drivers M.	41	36	5
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				ARCS	3	—	3
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates	Special Increment						
Surveyors				Observation Post Asstn.				Gun Layers	Details as Back page				27	8	19
CARRIED FORWARD	3	3	—	CARRIED FORWARD	15	13	2	CARRIED FORWARD	52	52	—	Totals of columns marked • to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.	242	196 •	46 •

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

12 Ma 45
Date of Despatch

Capt
Signature of Commander
HQ LAE BASE SUB

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DETAILS OF PART B

	WO 1	WO11	S/Sgt	Sgt	Cpl	Spec	NON Spec	TOTAL
Clerks	1	3	3	4	10	8	-	29
Clerks AAHC		1	-	1	-	1	-	3
Hygiene Inspectors	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	6
Cleaners AAMC	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
" AASC	-	1	1	3	4	-	-	10
" AADC	-	1	-	-	3	1	-	5
" ARTY	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
" AADC	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
" PSOV	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
" AAPC	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
" AAES	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
Medo Orderlies	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
Ammo Examiner	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Draughtsman	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
CSM WOII	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Driver Mechs.	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
CQMS S/Sgt	-	-	2	5	-	-	-	7
Hygiene Duty	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Storemen	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Water Duty	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
AA Postal	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
AAOC Base WOI	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Batmen	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	19
Orderlies	-	-	-	-	1	-	21	22
Gen Duties	-	-	-	-	6	-	5	11
Cooks AACC	-	-	-	1	1	7	-	9
Drivers M.T.	-	-	-	1	2	-	33	36
Spec Increment	1	-	-	1	-	1	5	8
Drivers M.T.	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	5
Fitters	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Machinist Wood	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Despatch Rider	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	2	8	8	29	28	31	91	196

DETAILS OF SPECIAL INCREMENT

	M.E.	POSTED	DEFICIENT
Sgt Driver MT	1	1	-
Cpl Driver MT	1	-	1
T/S Cook	1	1	-
T/S Driver Mech	2	-	2
Pte Drivers MT	22	6	16
	27	8	19

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HEADQUARTERS, LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE 12 MAY 19[illegible]

Present: Comd
G11, I.O., SO111 FIRST AUST ARMY L of C SIGS, A.Q., D.A.A.G, ADM OFFR, ADMS, DAPM, Staff Capt Q, CRE, ADOS, A/ADST, Adj CEME, Camp.

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd.
1.	G11	OC of units & dets have not attended Veh Maint Inspection Course as prescribed. Chief Instructor requested to submit details.	
2.	SIGS	Ref conference minutes No.170 Para 3. Arrangements have been made for information concerning state of WAU road to be passed to this H.Q.	
3.	Q	WATER SUPPLY 40 Water Carts are available in this area but owing to mechanical faults only an average of 30 are running daily. A survey of unit areas is being made for possible well sites in order to relieve water carts	
4.	COMD	CRE to make a recce with view to reticulating water to larger units.	
5.	A....	It is anticipated A.W.A.S. will arrive today and commence duty 14 MAY.	

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

Time of Signature.....1200.....Hrs 12 MAY.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES SECRET

STATS SEC "A" BRANCH
HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA
12 MAY 45.

WEEKLY FIELD STATE AS 0600 HOURS 12 MAY 45.

409

POSTED STRENGTH	303	4022
ATTACHED ALLOWED & NOT ALLOWED BY W.E.	40	481
TOTAL TROOPS UNDER COMMAND	343	4503
UNITS UNDER COMMAND	69	
UNITS MARCHED IN	NIL	
UNITS MARCHED OUT	1	

INCREASE IN OFFICERS	10
INCREASE IN OR's	189

STAGING UNITS	1	
POSTED STRENGTH	1	69

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

DISTRIBUTION.

"G" BRANCH (1)
FILE (2)

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA (AIF)

12 May 45.

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA (AIF)

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

WEEKLY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 11 May 45.

I have to report the following Provost activities in the Lae area for the week ending 11 May 45.

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

DISCIPLINE : The general conduct of Aust troops has been good. There were no offences reported during the week.

3. TRAFFIC

(a) BUTIBUM BRIDGE & FORD : These points were manned daily until 2359 hrs by US and Aust Military Police.

(b) ROAD PATROL : Road patrols were carried out daily. One speeding offence was reported and offender charged.

(c) ANGAU COMPOUND : One NCO on traffic duty at native compound from 0800 hrs to 0700 hrs daily.

(d) CHARING CROSS : Policemen were on duty at this intersection daily from 0800 hrs to 1900 hrs daily.

(e) Offences for the week were :

Speeding	1 (RAAF)
Speeding	3 (AUst)

VEHICLES REPORTED STOLEN : NIL

VEHICLES RECOVERED
Jeep No. 20155568 - 2541 MP Bn (US) - found near 29 Bde Oval on 9 May 45.

GOODS STOLEN
Camera Kodak, Folding No.14406, size 127, stolen from Sgt Wood K of 2 WOIB.

1 MAGNETO, 1 AMMETER, 1 VOLTMETER, stolen from a 5 KVA set at Camp site 2/31 Aust Docks Op Coy on 3 May 45.

GOODS RECOVERED : NIL.

PROVOST COY
STRENGTH OF 3 AUST CORPS PROVOST COY

EFFECTIVE STRENGTH	2 offrs	96 ORs
Detached		
First Aust Army Provost Coy	1 offr	
3 Aust Div Pro Coy	1 "	1 "
Labu		2 "
Finschhafen		2 "
Leave		2 "
POSTED STRENGTH	2 offrs	103 ORs

VEHICLES HELD ON STRENGTH 3 AUST CORPS PRO COY

JEEPS	11
15 cwt	3
3 ton	1
M/Cs	18
TOTAL	33

SPECIAL DUTIES FOR THE WEEK

May	6	2 NCOs to SALAMAUA for duty.
"	6	Conveyed 2 escorts, 2 SUS and 2 Jap PoW from Lae strip to 16 Aust Det Bks and PW Camp.
"	7	1 NCO to HQ Base "E" re case of US member being drunk and driving vehicle while being under the influence.
"	8	2 NCOs to Summary of Evidence at 19 Aust L of C Sigs - Speeding. 2 NCOs " " " " at 8 Aust Fd Coy - Officer exceeding the speed limit.
"	9	All personnel given the opportunity of attending the Thanksgiving Service.
"	10	6 escorts supplied for C-in-C's visit.
"	11	8 escorts and pointsmen supplied for C-in-C's visit to P.I.R.

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

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IAF BASE SUB AREA

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WEEKLY REPORT

for week ending 12 May 45

No of Sheets 8

Sheet No 1

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FIRST ADVC AHQ (2)
Copy to HQ IAF BASE SUB AREA for info.

SUPPLIES

1. GENERAL SUPPLIES

Commodity	Issues for previous week	Stock on hd 12 May 45	Anticipated issues for next week
	Units	Lbs	Units
Boneless Beef	7	208 720	7
Mutton Fresh	Hosp Issues	2 166	Hosp Issues
Butter	7	35 463	7
Hosp meats	Hosp Issues	24 640	Hosp Issues
Eggs	" "	3 808	" " and females
Vegs assorted	2-	-	2 ex local sources
Potatoes	2-	-	) Hosp & females
Onions	7-	-	)
Fruit	Nil	-	Hosp Issues

Boneless Beef and Butter:- These items are being issued on seven days for the coming week in order to provide maximum space for the "ALACHA" and "MANDLA" cargoes. Subject to ETA of "MANDLA" difficulty storing these cargoes is not anticipated.

Potato and Onion stocks:- The small remaining stocks will be issued to Hospital, Con Depot and females.

2. AIR MAINTENANCE OUTPUT

Flown	No of Loads	Gross Weight Ems Unit	Gross Weight Embarked
AIR MIN BRITAIN	6		5 781
ASSEMBLED FORCE	1	1 963	1 508
ADVAN AIRFRA	2	20 908	1 475
Totals	9	11 796	11 765

Operations, generally, were satisfactory with 95% approximate recovery.

AIRFRA - 3 days meat and 7 days potatoes dropped.

ASSEMBLED - 3 days meat dropped. About 1 % parachutes failed to open on two occasions. Tests are being made in an endeavour to obviate these occasional failures.

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SUPPLIES

3. CHANGES AND ADDITIONS IN ESTABLISHMENT AND INSTALLATIONS

(a) Cold Stores - All operating satisfactorily. Defrosting of Room No 2 completed during the week.

(b) Charing Cross Bakery - Domestic buildings completed and concentration of bread production at this Bakery is now complete.

(c) Malahang Butchery - Hanging room and slaughter yard sprayed with DDT insecticide. Kitchen is being made flyproof.

(d) BSD LAE - Rewiring of Depot completed. Transit shed regrovelled and sprayed with DDT Insecticide, Creosote and Kerosene. Work on grading roads and standings continues. General camp improvements and maintenance carried out.

(e) Air Maintenance Centre LAE - Improvements to camp area being carried out.

(f) No 39 Aust Sup Dep Coy - Further improvements to camp area carried out.

(g) DID Charing Cross - Work on reinvening of Depot area has commenced.

4. GENERAL

(a) BSD STOCKS

	Quantity	In Stock
Rations	612 000	377 825

43 Aust Sup Dep Pl took over 'A' Sub Depot at 5 BSD. Transit shed will be maintained in between shipments by 44 Aust Sup Dep Pl which is operating 'B' Sub Depot.

(b) BAKERY PRODUCTION

9 Aust Fd Baking Pl 57 059

(c) FISHING OPERATIONS

(i) Catch for the week 500 lb. 650lb were lost due to breakdown of 'IRIS', which precluded fish being delivered to MOROBE Ice Plant.

(ii) Major repairs to propeller shaft of AM 39 will be completed 26 May 45.

(iii) Fishing operations are now being conducted in three sections, 2 sections north and south of MOROBE and one section at MOROBE. Active fishing will not be done until AM39 is available ex wksps 17 MAY.

(d) FRUIT AND VEGETABLES TAKEN ON CHARGE

Vegs 12 000 lb Fruit Nil

WAU road was blocked for part of the current week but farm produce was delivered to LAE. 1500 lb Fruit picked at BULOLO on 3 MAY was lost due to road block on WAU Rd.

5. AVAILABILITY OF STORES SPACE as at 12 May 45

	Effective Cub capacity	Cub Space occupied	Cub Space available	Rations capacity of available space
Freezer	27 190 cu ft	9 923 cu ft	17 267 cu ft	10150 rations beef or 5725 rations mutton or 10150 rations butter or 6900 rations Imp meats
Cooler	2 100 cu ft	600 cu ft	1 500 cu ft	530 rations eggs or 770 rations butter

SUPPLIES

5. AVAILABILITY OF REFRIG SPACE ex 12 May 45

Bldg- 300 cu ft Chiller at Malabang reserved for local billings.

6. MISC

77A sheep are now on hand and are holding condition reasonably well having been shepherded out into open areas.

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FARMS

1. **MARAWAGA FARM**

(a) **Plantings**

Sweet Potatoes	1 1/8	acres
Bananas	2/3	"

(b) **Cultivation**

Cleared	1	acre
Improved	20	acres
Ploughed	2/3	acre

Sprayed

Squash	2	acres
Cucumber	1	"
Snake Beans	4	"
Silver Beet	3	"

(c) **General**

(i) Heavy rains have hampered cultivation.

(ii) Estimated production for next week :- Snake Beans 1500 lb

(iii) Numerous PW are still being used as labour.

2. **BAT FARM**

(a) **Plantings**

Beans	2½	acres
Cabbage	2½	"

(b) **Cultivation**

Ploughed	Nil	

(c) **General**

(i) Estimated production for the next week :- Sweet Potatoes 12000 lb
Fruit 2000 "

(ii) Small quantity of lettuce will be available for distribution during the week. This will be transported to LAE overnight and issued to 2/7 AGR for immediate consumption.

(iii) S & T Instruction 2 188 has been implemented.

(iv) Heavy rains held up cultivation during the week.

3. **KRAE FARM**

(a) **Plantings**

Sand Dune Tomatoes 30° x 3° 1 bed

(b) **Cultivation**

Chip hoed	Ploughed	3	acres
	Tomatoes	2	"
	Cucumber	2	"
	Pumpkin	3	"
Rotary hoed	Tomatoes	3½	"
Insecticide	Tomatoes	11	"
Fertilized	"	3	"
	Pumpkin	3	"

FARMS

3. KNAP FARM

(a) General

(i) 4 acres tomatoes pruned and fastened and 1 acre planted.

(ii) Rainfall 507 points

(iii) Expected production for next week - Tomatoes 3600 lb
Sweet Potatoes 2000 "
Silver Beet 1500 "

ANALYSIS OF FARM PRODUCTION

Week

	KNAP	WAU	MALAKULA	TOTAL
Chaka		4 552		4 552
Egg Fruit			50	50
Pumpkin		2 530		2 530
Native Beans			1 565	1 565
Tomatoes	4 220			4 220
Sweet Potatoes	2 000	25 300		27 300
Totals	6 220	32 382	1 615	40 217

Total

	KNAP	WAU	MALAKULA	TOTAL
Pineapple	200	100		300
Paw Paw	800	800		1600
Tomatoes	300	300		600
Totals	1 300	1 200		2 500

ADMINISTRATION

1. MOVEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND UNITS

(a) Capt R R CARTER 3 Amst MAG RL marched out to ATAPE and VANAPO on inspection of detachments.

(b) Lt R E F CUTHBERTSON marched in to 3 Amst MAG RL on posting.

(c) Lt F MANUEL 2 Amst BSD Coy marched in on leave.

(d) Lt C G DUGARD 73 Amst Typ RL marched out on compassionate leave.

2. GENERAL

Lieuts HOCKE and ALLEN AASC reinforcement officers attached to HQ 5 Amst BSD for temporary duty and Lt HALL to 42 Amst Sup Dep RL.

TRANSPORT

1. AMOUNTS OTHER THAN NORMAL carried during the week

		GP CAT	MAC	
(a) No of vehs used		134	13	
(b) No of vehs tasks		527		
(c) Mileage		21 986	4 075	
(d) Tonnage		3 593		
(e) No of personnel carried	Europeans	3 288	65	lying
	Natives	20 500	642	sitting
(f) Nature of tasks	Transport of supplies, working parties and general domestic tasks for units in this area.		Medical evacuation	

2. CONDITION OF VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

151 Amet Cml Tpt Coy (AIF) - In view of operational demands - good.

3 Amet MAC Pl - In view of operational demands - very good.

3. GENERAL

(a) Ships worked during the week:-

"SKELTON", "AK 95", "TENTROCK".

(b) Transport duties lighter than usual especially at wharf.

POL

1. [redacted]

Estimates are unaltered.

2. [redacted]

(a) There is definite evidence indicating that USA3OS drummed stocks of refined oils are contaminated and unfit for use. It is understood that FIRST AUST ARMY has taken appropriate action.

(b) Two T tankers discharged MT 80 during the week and improved local holdings. One T tanker discharged AVGAS.

(c) Automotive diesel fuel stocks are low but suffice until the MONTORO is discharged.

(d) Shipment of 2 mmt BUS Gap arrived on the CHESTER during the week.

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Lt Col
ASST LAE BASE SUB AREA

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

SECRET.

Subject: - AMENDMENT TO LAE BASE SUB AREA LOCATION STATEMENT No.25 as at 2359 hrs. 13 May '45.

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA

G/820/Ops.

1. Attached as Appendix "A" is an amendment to LAE Base Sub Area Location Statement No.25. of 30 Apr. '45. setting out changes in location to 2359 hrs. 13 May '45.

2. Please acknowledge on form attached.

Major.
(H.D. FERGUSON)
G.S. LAE Base Sub Area.
13 May '45.

DISTRIBUTION:

as per CO 725 of 30 Apr '45.

SUBJECT:- AMENDMENT TO LAE BASE SUB AREA LOCATION STATEMENT No. 25 as at 2359 Hrs. 13 May '45

Copy No. 40 acknowledged.....UNIT

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

.....Date.

SECRET

Appendix "A" to
LAE Base Sub Area
G/820/Ops. of
15 May '45.

Amendment to LAE Base Sub Area Location Statement No.25 of 30 Apr. '45, compiled as at 2359 hrs. 13 May '45.

Delete the following serials:-

C15, C21, D5, D14, D15, D52, G6, G11, K3, K11, R4, U2,

Insert the following serials:-

C1a,	72 Aust. Tpt. Pl.	LAE 72044
C1b	73 Aust Tpt. Pl.	LAE 72044
C1c	74 Aust. Tpt. Pl.	LAE 72044
D1d	75 Aust Tpt. Pl.	LAE 72044
C1e	77 Aust Tpt Pl	LAE 72044
G1f	151 Aust Wksp Pl.	LAE 72044

R4 No.20 Det Aust Entertainment Unit LAE 700404(X) LHQ Tps.

T10 AMAS Barracks LAE698412(X)

AMEND following serials to read:-

C5	8 Aust Army Tps Coy AIF	LAE707412	To move Aust.
C22	9 Pl, 1 Aust Port Maint Coy AIF	LAE 699393(X)	Det to move AITAPE
C26	2/1 Aust Forestry Coy.	NADZAB 545543 (X)	Det to move AITAPE
D40	33 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy) (AIF) less "A" Det.	LAE 712418(X)	
C7	63 Aust BIPOD PL	LAE 700404	To move AITAPE
C8	4 Aust Fd. Baking Coy (AIF)	LAE 704403	
G10	9 Aust Fd. Baking Pl (AIF)	LAE704405	
G21	99 Aust Sup Depot Pl	LAE 703404	To move AITAPE
H14	105 Aust Mob Bath Unit (AIF)	LAE708415	To move MADANG

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

411A

A.A.Education Service
HQ Lae Base Sub Area
13 May 45

ED/155/2/[illegible]

Subject: A.A.E.S. WEEKLY REPORT - WEEK ENDING 10 MAY 45

HQ
Lae Base Sub Area

1. STAFF:

[illegible] Sgt Aldous, A.G. HQ Pool AAES) attached for duty
[illegible] A/Sgt Glenny, D.R. HQ Pool AAES) from HQ Pool 8 May 45

2. LECTURES:

Summary : 31 talks to 1250 personnel

Subjects : "News Review, Borneo"
"Immigration"
"Taraken"
"Land Settlement Scheme"
"Freedom from Want"
"Housing"
"San Francisco Conference"
"Youth and Crime"

3. CLASSES:

Clearing Cross Centre

[illegible]	att	2	1 weekly
[illegible]	"	1	2 "
[illegible])	"	1	4 "
[illegible])	"	1	4 "
[illegible]	"	2	4 "
Piano	"	6	1 "
[illegible]	"	4	2 "

Base Centre

Sketching	att	14	1 weekly
[illegible]	"	4	2 "
[illegible]	"	4	2 "
[illegible]	"	4	2 "
Lettering	2	2	1 "

4. CLUBS:

Clearing Cross Writers' Club	att	15
" " Play Reading Group	"	10
Lae Music Club	"	70
Lae Choral Group	"	9
F.A.A. Music Club	"	40
Base Music Club	"	60

5. MUSIC:

Recorded programmes

Charing Cross att 35
18 programmes of recordings were issued to various units during week.

Radio sessions

Music sessions are given regularly by WO Music over Aust Army Amenities and 2/7 AGH P.A.System.

Personal appearance

On Sat 5 May 45, WO Music, WO(1) J.Hannell gave a pianoforte recital in the Charing Cross Education Centre to approx 150 personnel.

6. 16mm FILMS:

4 Aust A.O.D.)	att	200
10 R.S.D.)		
108 Aust Veh Park)		
2/3 Aust Forestry Coy	"	50
2/7 A.G.H.	"	30
1 Coy 19 L of C Sigs	"	80
8 Aust Salvage)		
25 Malarial Control)	"	150
8 Aust A.A.D.)		
8 Mort Control	"	30
151 Aust Gen Tpt	"	60
Lae Area W/Shops	"	100
2/7 Aust Adv W/Shops	"	100

Screenings included:

"Liberation of Indies part 2"
"Time magazine"
"Alpine Vistas"
"Skyway expr*ss"

7. CORRESPONDENCE COURSES:

21 applications for courses were received during the week.

8. GENERAL REMARKS:

The Craft Workshop at HQ Lae Base Sub Area is being well attended by an increasing number of personnel.

4 additional units have been supplied with Craft tools and equipment during the week for the establishment of Craft Workshops.

Maj
DAE Education
HQ Lae Base Sub Area

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS L.E BASE SUB AREA

RESTRICTED
No 172

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE 14 MAY '45

Present:

Comd, C11, I.O., SO111, FIRST AUST ARMY L of C SIGS, A.C., D.R.A.C, A/ADM, DAPM, AMEN OFFR, DO ANGAU, DADMS, CRE, A/ADST, ADOS, ADJ, CEME, CAMP.

Serial No	Report by	Report			Decision by Commander
1	D.A.G	Weekly Field State as at 0600 hrs 13 MAY '45.			
		Posted strength	305	4022	
		Attached allowed & not allowed by W.E.	40	481	
		Total troops under Comd	345	4503	
		Units under Comd	69		
		Units marched in	NIL		
		Units Marched Out	1		
			Increase in Officers	10	
			Increase in OR's	189	
		Staging Units	1		
		Posted Strength	1	69	
2	D.A.D.O.S	Shipping MATSUMA ex TOWNSVILLE sailed 7 MAY for BRISBANE, COROINNA, LAE loading - 467 personnel and 4 tons mail. S.S. MAUA berthed BRISBANE 14 May & will load general cargo for LAE & MADANG.			

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

Time of signature 1010 hrs 14 MAY '45

Q Registry
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WEEKLY REPORT OF DOCKS OPERATIONS
BY
4 Aust.Docks Operating Coy. RAE.

7 May - 13 May 1945

Port.	Ships Handled	Cargo Handled	Type & No. of Coy.	Strength as at
LAE	4 Large Type 3 Small Type	1404 Tons	"C" Type 4 Aust.D.O.C.-RAE. W 1V/11H/2 13 Attached W.E. Port Maint. 1/30	7 May 1945 7/257

	Load	Discharge	Total
DUNTROON	70	85	155
A.B.1329	30		30
ORMISTON	194	64	258
A.T.2240		3	3
BUNGAREE		73	73
A.B.1269		450	450
SUVA	93		93
ALAGNA		264	264 *
O.L. 3A	78		78
	465	939	1404

* Incomplete

Distribution

1-2 HQ Lae Base Sub-Area
3 Movement Control
4 File

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R.C. Neville Major
Docks Sigs.

W.D

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS LAE BASE SUB AREA

RESTRICTED
No.173

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE 15 MAY '45.

Present:-
Comd.
G11, AQ, IO, SO111 FIRST AUST ARMY L of C SIGS, DAAG, DAPM, A/ADST, DO ANGAU, DAQMG, CRE, A/ADST, ADOS, Camp.

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision by Commander
1.	G11	Amendment to W.E. 1V/8C/2 HQ Base Sub Area Type (B) has been received increasing Medical Officer from one to four. First Aust Army has requested advise as to the vacancies required by this HQ for Grade 111 Staff School, Commencing 19 Jun. Heads of Branches and services to advise G Branch of any vacancy required.	
2.	SIGS	Arrangements have been completed for the report on WAU road to be forwarded to Intelligence.	
3.	AQ	Some DRLS despatched have been delayed over 24 hrs. G registry to stamp all messages with time received.	
4.	Med.	Evacuation Rates:	

	Cases	Rate per 1000
Malaria	9	0:8
Dengue	34	3:1
Dysentery	4	0:3
Scrub Typhus	1	0:09
Skin Disease	8	0.7

Bed State:

	Equipped	Occupied
2/7 AGH	1121	752
112 Con Depot	500	238
18 Fd Amb	50	8

Total local admissions .....138.

Air Evacuations:

	Walking	Lying	Total
Received by Air LAE	122	55	177
Evacuated by Air LAE	40	32	72
Evacuated by Air MADZAB	33	3	36
Total Air Evacuation	73	35	108

8 cases of Dengue were from 4 AOD. It was considered that the high rate was caused by the neglect of precautions by personnel of the Unit. Malaria Control covered the area with a blanket spray on 12 May '45

ADOS to ensure that normal precautions are adherred to & that only those doing manual labour are allowed to work without shirts.

5. AEME — Owing to operational requirements 20 Bren Carriers and 16 Barges will have priority over the other work in wksps.

6. CRE — 22 Works Coy while in the Area was being used for work at the Hospital.

Major.
(H.D. FERGUSON)
GS L of E Base Sub Area

Time of Signature.....hrs.....May '45.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS LAE BASE SUB AREA

RESTRICTED
No. 174.

MINUTES OF COMMANDERS CONFERENCE 17 MAY '45

Present: COMD., G.1.1, T.O. SO 111 FIRST AUST ARMY L of C SIGS, AQ, DAAG, A/ADMS, DAQMG, CRE, A/ADST, ADOS, ADJ, CRE.

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision by Comd.
1	DAQMG	SHIPPING: The following ships have been listed - DUNTROON for LAE, AITAPE, ex BRISBANE carrying 747 personnel. JAMES COOK for LAE ex TOWNSVILLE carrying 1767 tons stores.	
2.	CRE	Owing to overloading the Electric Power Station has had failures over the last three nights. It is thought this is caused by the use of unauthorised power. A check will be made today of Units in order to locate the above. Timber stripped from Liberty Wharf would be suitable for firewood. Units requiring same to contact Engineers.	
5.	AQ	USASOS requested that buildings previously occupied by 2/5 Aust Docks Operating Coy. be removed. The allotment of those buildings will be arranged by "Q"	

Major.
(H.D. FERGUSON)
G.S. LAE Base Sub Area.

Time of Signature.....hrs.....May '45

A Registry
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A.A.Amenities Service,
LAE Base Sub Area,
17 May 45.

AMENITIES REPORT - WEEK ENDING FRIDAY 17 MAY 45

HQ LAE Base Sub Area.

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

18 Fd Ambulance, 112 Conv Depot
1 Aust CRE, NG Forests, 2/3 Forestry, 6 Topo Survey
2 Army Troops, 8 Army Troops, 22 Works Coy
4 A.A.O.D, 8 Sec Offrs Shop, 24 M.E.P. Coy
19 L of C Signals, 7 Aust Jungle Maint.
64 Tpt Pltn, 55 BIPOD Pltn.
D.F.O, 1 Adv 2 Echelon, 7 Base Postal
LAE Area Wk/Shops, 2/7 Adv Wk/Shops
5 B.S.D, 9 Fd Baking Coy, A.A.C.S.
8 Movement Cont Grp, 6 Hosp Laundry,
N.G.Details Depot, 16 Detention Bks.

Visits were made to the following units :-

112 Conv Depot, 18 Fd Ambulance, 2/1 Forestry, 2/7 A.G.H,
LAE Area Wk/Shops, P.I.R. (NADZAB), 3 Aust Provost Coy,
19 L of C Signals, 6 Topo Survey Coy.

2. CINEMA

(a) Total attendances for week were approximately 22,000.
(b) Seating accomodation is badly needed at Busu Site. This would relieve crowding at LAE Base site.

3. SPORTING.

Football - Interest in football competitions is very keen and large crowds of followers witness the games each week.

4. CONCERT PARTY

Three performances were given by 30 Club Concert Party at NADZAB during the last week.

5. GENERAL

Boating - A launch visits SALAMAUA from LAE on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, carrying 25 personnel on each trip.

Bus - The Amenities Bus carried 500 personnel to Malahang Beach for swimming, and 150 to other entertainments.

....G.B.Baker....Lt,
Amenities Officer
LAE Base Sub Area

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REGISTERED
No 175

HEADQUARTERS LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE 18 MAY '45

Present: Comd, IO, SCIII FIRST AUST ARMY L OF C SIGS, AQ, DA&G, A/ADMS, LAGAL OFFR, DO ANGAU, DAQMG, CRE, ADOS, Adj CEMF, CAPT A/ADST.

Serial No	Report By	Report	Decision By Comd
1.	LEGAL	10 DCsM would be held today.	
2.	ENGINEERS	Ref Conference Minutes No 174 Para 2, Following an inspection of units, power to three units had been cut off, as the wiring is in a dangerous state, Rewiring has commenced and is expected to be completed in a week. An Engineer Officer will inspect wiring and Electrical Installations of all units in the Area.	
3.	AQ	Inspected Camp Site vacated by RAAF RSU. Quantities of Engineer Stores had been abandoned including Fibre Capping, Galv, Iron, Nails, Ford rear axles, 23 cases gelignite.	CRE to inspect.

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

Time of Signature.....hrs .... May 45.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

(Revised Jan., 1943)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20/5/1945 HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA (Unit) 30/45 (Serial No.)

W.E. 27/8/2 OFFRS. 49 O.R's 243 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

(Amendment No. 32)

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
				*					
1	-	-	1	Brig					
5	-	-	5	Lieut.-Colonels					
16	-	8	-	8	Majors					
29	-	6	-	13	Captains					
5	-	-	4	9	Lieutenants					
-	-				Quarter-masters					
-					A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
3		-	-	3	CHAPLAIN Grading as Offrs.					
49	-	14	4	39						

DETAIL.		A.T.S.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.B.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.	38	1									
B.(1)											39
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., 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.
VX46892	Capt.	ZACHAR A.T.	LHQ	18.5.45	Reposted HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA
NZ114121	Capt.	RICHARDS A.E.	NZ Prod Aids Det F.A.A.	14.5.45	On attachment as Amenities Officer

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX51218	Lieut.	BAIRD A.F.	14/52 Amst Inf Bn	15.5.45	To resume regimental duty
VX104980	Major	STOCKWELL H.T.	2/7 A.G.H.	15.5.45	Posted on X list
NZ100478	Lieut.	WOODS H.F.	28 Amst Pl	13.5.45	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).

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HQ LAF BASE SUB AREA ..... Unit

20.../...45 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29/...5/1945 (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.
T/BRIG	VX24260	WELLS	F.E.	COMD	Yes		
Lt-Col							
HQ	32718	HUNTER	O.C.	AAA&QMG	"		
Lt-Col	VX23147	CLARKE	F.W.	ADJAG	No	Leave	
Lt-Col	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	No	Detached HQ 2 Aust	29.5.45
T/Lt-Col	NX 474	ALEXANDER	M.B.	ADES	No	Leave	
Lt-Col	SX30044	CORNISH	C.S.	ADOS	Yes		
Major	NX100304	READ	T.C.	DADS	No	Leave	
Major	VX17083	PEARCE	L.D.	DADOS	Yes		
Major	VX39050	KELLY	J.B.	DADOS	Yes		
Major	QX 6045	[illegible]	S.E.	DAQMG	"		
Major	NX129099	[illegible]	S.T.	Dep/Dir	"		
T/Major	NX129051	[illegible]	HDF	SIC	"		
T/Maj or	SX 21064	EAGER	R.M.	DAAG	"		
T/Maj or	SX 35152	ROSLING	L.T.	DADEDS	"		
Capt	VX [illegible]	CALLAGHAN	R.B.	SCPO	"		
Capt	QX 6360	LANE	E.H.	Dpt/Dir	"		
Capt	NX30002	MINOR	W.S.	DAPM	"		
Capt	NX[illegible]	[illegible]	L.	M/O	"		
Capt	NX[illegible]	LANG	A.J.	ALO	"		
Capt	NX 76803	PAINE	A.T.	SC	"		
Capt	NX 76864	STROUD	H.A.	SC	"		
Capt	NX[illegible]	GENTLES	W.I.	SLO	"		
T/Capt	VX60946	BUTLER	J.V.	SC A	"		
Lieut	NX 32462	COYNE	R.F.	LO AASC	No	Det HQ 5 Aust SUB	9/5/45
Lieut	[illegible]	HERON	E.G.	Hq/Dir	Yes		
Lieut	NX [illegible]	LAU	D.R.	O.C.	"		
Lieut	NX 22005	GILMOUR	D.R.	Adjt/Comp	"		
Lieut	NX [illegible]	McLOUGHLIN	H.A.	Cat Off	"		
Lieut	[illegible]	O'SHAUGHNESSY	F.T.	[illegible]	"		
Lieut	VX107760	SCOBIE	M.A.	[illegible]	No	Detached Area Comd	TRSCHA
Lieut	VX100045	HUNTER	J.	[illegible]	Yes		
Lieut	VX104807	LAIRD	J.H.	AASC	Yes		
[illegible]	[illegible]						
Chap	NX[illegible]	ORR	A.H.		Yes		
Chap	W 90886	COUCH	C.J.		"		
Chap	VX143040	KIRBY	J.P.		"		
Capt	VX102706	FAIRFOUL	T.V.	Dental	Yes		
Capt	QX 6256	GIBSON	RAY	SCO Learner	Yes		
Capt	QX 5800	CROUCH	T.M.	Ler/Off	Yes		
Capt	VX40892	MACKAY	A.I.	Dental	"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lt	R/126	GREEN	R.E.M.E.A. Rep		9/5/45
Major	NX100901	CURRY	A.C.H.Q. 0 Asst. SUB		20/4/45
Lieut	VX39026	BATES	O.C. 118 Aust. Comd Depot		15/4/45
Capt	NX[illegible]	[illegible]	A.C.I.H.Q. Fd. Asst.	(Det F.H.A.)	14/5/45

Brig/Col/Lt-Col

Truth—1/61.

Capt

(Name) Officer i/c Detachment
HQ LAF BASE SUB AREA

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RA[illegible]

20 /45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19 / 5 / 45 HQ LAE BASE SUBUAREA

W.E.TY / 20 / 2 OFFRS 42 O.R's 243 + OFFRS — O.R's — ATT. BY W.E.

(Amendment No. 12)

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	W.Os. Class I.					
—	2	—	9	W.Os. Class II.					
—	—	1	2	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
—	1	—	5	Staff Sergeants					
—	1	4	22	Sergeants					
—	3	—	34	Corporals					
24	24	—	140	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
24	31	1	213	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.T.S.	A.I.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	1	2	1	1				[redacted]	[redacted]		
	202	28	34	26	27						213
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
2	Area Comd HAS		
9	HQ Pool AAAS (Det F.A.A.S.)		
24	HQ Pool AAAS (Det F.A.A.S.)		
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	HQ Aust Fd Amb		
1	HQ FIRST AUST ARMY		
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 W.E.

1 WOI Clerk - QX36388 WOI WILSON BJ- GRO 187/44
1 WOII Clerk - WX21613 WOII MICHELL JT- Auth F.A.A. A13750 of 17/2/45
1 S/Sgt Clerk- Legal - Filling vacancy of Sgt Clerk Legal
1 Sgt Clerk- Filling vapancy of S/Sgt Clerk
1 Cpl Clerk- Movement pending under LEQ memo WX2862 of 4 Apr 45
1 T82 Clerk- AAMC (AWAS)Filling vacancy of Cpl Clerk AAMC
1 T82 Clerk AAMC (AWAS)
1 WOII RQMS QF6384 WOII ARNATT HEW- GRO 187/ 44
1 S/Sgt COOK SX 26877 S/Sgt CLIFF LA - GRO 187.44
5 T85 DRIVERS M.T.
1 T81 Fitter
1 T82 Mavhinist Wood
1 T8 3 Despatch Rider

DEFICIENT TO WE-

1 S/Sgt Clerk - Vacancy being filled by Sgt Clerk
1 Sgt Clerk -Legal- Vacancy being filled by S/Sgt Clerk legal
3 WOII Hygiene Inspectors
1 Cpl Clerk AAMC Vacancy being filled by T82 Clerk AWAS
1 S.Sgt Clerk- AEME
T WOII Clerk AEME
1 Cpl Clerk AEME
2 T85 Clerks AASC
1 T85 Clerk AASC
1 Cpl Typewriter Mechanic
1 WOI AASC Bde WOI
3 Pte [redacted] Batman
1 Pte Orderly
1 Sgt [redacted] Cook AASC NOT REQUIRED
6 Ptes Drivers MT
1 Cpl ARCS
2 Ptes A RCS
3 T82 Carpenters

SPECIAL ENCHELON

16 Pte Drivers MT

THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL ARE CARRIED SUPERNUMARY TO WE? AND DO NOT APPEAR IN PARTS A,B,C,D of E.

AUTHORITY;LEQ AE37590 of 22 Dec 44(Testing Upper Wind Velocity)

VX124851 Sdr CARTER H C
VX149728 L/Sdr DALTON J
VX127128 L/Sdr WHATT GJ
VX124862 Gnr GANN J R
VX124468 Gnr BRADFORD J A
VX124688 Gnr BROWN G F
VX86536 Gnr GATES R J

HQ AREA COMD FINSCHHAFEN

AUTHORITY ; L AUST ADV 2 ECHELON [redacted] S/3/52 of 21 Feb 45

VX121121 Cpl [redacted] A G
QX8078 Pte DUNLOP G A

HQ LAK 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 29/ 5/1945

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				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter	2	2	-	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			
Brickmyers								Radiographers				Shredders			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Azimuth				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen	2	2	-	Bakers				Telescope Identin. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Artillerywork)				Bdr Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanisers			
Draughtsman (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	3	-	3	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				ROMS	-	1	(1)
Electricians				Cooks	9	8	1	Woodturners				AMC Clerks	4	5	(1)
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								EME Clerks	6	3	3
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								ASC "	15	13	2
Fitters	-	1	(1)	Driver-Operator								AOC "	7	6	1
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								RTO "	2	2	-
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								ADC "	2	2	-
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								PROV "	2	2	-
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF ARTIFICERS.	1	1	-
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				XXXXXXX			
Fitters, Mallaby Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				AES "	3	3	-
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	32	38	(3)	NonSpecialist			
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Med Ord	2	2	-
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				GEN WOII	1	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				QMS S/Sgt	1	2	(1)
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Conductors				RE Duty	2	2	-
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Storemen	3	3	-
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Water Duty	2	2	-
Mechanics, Wireless	2	-	2	Lithographers				Despatch Riders	-	1	(1)	Artificer	1	1	-
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				XXXXXXXXXX			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, M.T.	-	5	(5)	AOC Rde WOI	2	1	1
Pattern Maker				Masons	-	1	(1)	Driver Mechanics	5	5	-	Ord Inspec	9	6	3
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Batmen	22	18	4
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Orderlies	23	22	1
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				Gen Duties	11	11	-
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Drivers MT	42	36	6
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				ARCS	3	-	3
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				Special Increment			
CARRIED FORWARD	2	3	-	CARRIED FORWARD	1512	3		CARRIED FORWARD	52	58	(6)	Totals of columns carried to page with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	27	11	16
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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.C. 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.

Date of Despatch 29 May 45

Signature of Commander Capt.
(I. MAW GIBSON) Camp Cmdt
HQ LAK BASE SUB AREA

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DETAILS OF PART B

	WOI	WOII	S.Sgt	Sgt	Cpl	Spec	Non Spec	TOTAL
Clerks	1	3	2	5	9	15	-	35
Clerks AAEC	-	1	-	1	-	3	-	5
Hygiene Inspectors	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	6
Clerks AAMC	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	3
Clerks AASC	4	1	2	5	4	3	-	13
" AAOC	5	1	-	1	1	3	-	6
" ARTY	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	2
" AADC	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	2
" PROV	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	2
" AAPC	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	2
" AAEC	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	3
AAMC Orderlies	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	3
Ammunition Examiner	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2
Draughtsman	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
CSM WOII	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Driver Mechanics	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	5
COMS S/Sgt	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
RQMS	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hygiene Duty	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Storemen	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	6
Water Duty	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
AA Postal	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
AAOC Bde WOI	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Batmen	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	18
Orderlies	-	-	-	-	1	-	21	22
Gen Duties	-	-	-	-	6	-	5	11
Cooks AAOC	-	-	-	-	1	7	-	8
Drivers MT	-	-	-	1	3	-	31	35
Special Increment	-	-	-	1	1	3	6	11
Drivers H.T.	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	5
Fitters	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Machinist Wood	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Despatch Rider	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	2	9	7	21	34	X 52	89	213

X Excludes 18 T02 Clerks AMAS personnel carried against vacancies of T03 Clerks.

DETAILS OF SPECIAL INCREMENT

	W.E.	POSTED	DEF.
Sgt Driver MT	1	1	-
Cpl Driver MT	1	1	-
T02 Cook	1	1	-
T03 Driver Mechanic	2	2	-
Pte Drivers MT	22	6	16
	27	11	16

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS LAE BASE SUB AREA

RESTRICTED
No 178

MINUTES OF COMMANDERS CONFERENCE 19 MAY '45

Present: Comd.
IO, SO111 FIRST AUST AUST ARMY SIGS, AQ, DAAG, A/ADMS, DAPM, DO ANGAU, CRE, A/ADST, DAQMG, ADCS, ADJ, CEME, CAMP.

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision by COMD.
1.	DAPM	Capt MACKAY marched in to take up duties as DAPM vice Capt PRIOR.	
2.	Q	KATOOMBA departed BRISBANE 14 MAY '45 for TOROKINA LAE.	
3.	Engrs.	The use of cement will be restricted to hospital and hygiene works until further supplies of cement arrive. Requested transport be made available by S & T.	ADST will make transport available.
4.	AQ	To avoid overcrowding of picture theatres all Units in area have been allotted a theatre and personnel will visit the prescribed theatre only.	

Major.
(H.D. FERGUSON)
G.S. LAE Base Sub Area.

Time of Signature.....hrs. 17th MAY'45.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES SECRET.

STATS SEC "A" BRANCH
HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA
19 MAY 45

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WEEKLY FIELD STATE AS AT 0600 HOURS 19 MAY 45.

POSTED STRENGTH	300	3975
ATTACHED ALLOWED & NOT ALLOWED BY W.E.	37	497
TOTAL TROOPS UNDER COMMAND	337	4472
UNITS UNDER COMMAND	67	
UNITS MARCHED IN	NIL.	
UNITS MARCHEDDOUT	2	
DECREASE IN OFFICERS	6	
DECREASE IN OR's	31	
STAGING UNITS	NIL.	

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

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LAE BASE SUB AREA

WEEKLY REPORT

for week ended 19 May 45

No of sheets 8

Sheet No 1

DEST FIRST AUST ARMY (2)

Copy to HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA for info (2) ✓

SUPPLIES

1. RATION SUPPLIES

Commodity	Issues for previous week Days	Stock as at 19 May 45 lb	Anticipated issues for next week Days	
Boneless Beef	5	612 194	7	
Mutton Fresh	Hosp issues	2 166	Hos issues	
Mutton Frozen	2		=	
Butter	7	95 899	7	
Hosp meats	Hosp issues	34 112	Hosp issues	
Eggs	" 2 & females	2 726	" "	& females & 2 per man
Vegs assorted	2		2	ex local sources
Potatoes	Hosp issues & females		=	
Onions	" " " "	1 500	Hosp issues	& females
Fruit	" "	1 860	" "	

Frozen Meat & Butter :- These commodities are being issued at 7 days per week to ensure sufficient space is available for storage of "MANELLA" cargo.

Eggs:- Turnover is being effected to avoid possible loss through deterioration.

2. AIR MAINTENANCE SERVICE

Place	No of Loads	Gross weight Free Drop	Parachute	Landed
AIB NEW BRITAIN	3	20	3 122	
ANNENBERG FORCE	1	2 760	3 167	
ANGAU AIYURA	4	20 725	3 138	
ANGAU KOKODA	3			14 947
Totals	11	29 505	9 427	14 947

Fresh supplies:- Butter and Meat supplied to KOKODA, AIYURA and ANNENBERG. KOKODA consignments arrived in excellent condition. No reports are yet to hand on condition of these items dropped at AIYURA and ANNENBERG.

Aust 1 Pt Chutes:- The tests referred to in report for week ended 12 May 45 were made over AIYURA. An assortment of types, totalling nine (9) chutes was dropped and all opened and dropped successfully. The previous failures may have been related to individual chutes used and not to any general weakness.

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Operations:- Operations generally, were satisfactory - recovery 98%.

SUPPLIES

3. CHANGES AND ADDITIONS IN REFRIGERATION AND INSTALLATIONS

(a) Cold stores - All operating satisfactorily .

(b) Charing Cross Bakery - Arrangements in hand for regravelling of bakery area.

(c) Malahang Butchery - General maintenance including rebuilding of fence in drafting yards carried out.

(d) BSD LAE - General maintenance including restacking carried out.

(e) Air Maintenance Centre LAE - Improvements to camp area and domestic buildings in progress.

(f) HQ 39 Aust Sup Dep Coy - Grading and draining of incinerator area, icework and perishable shed have been commenced.

(g) DID Charing Cross - General depot maintenance effected.

4. GENERAL

(a) BSD STORAGE

	Capacity	In Store
Packages	612 000	363 838

(b) BAKERIES PRODUCTION

8 & 9 Aust FD Baking Pls 63 380 lb

(c) FISHING OPERATIONS

(i) Fishing operations were suspended during the week owing to non availability of craft. AM 39 repairs were delayed at W/Craft W/Shops owing to high priority work on barges but will be completed on Monday 21 May 45.

(ii) Advantage has been taken of this opportunity to effect general maintenance of boats and gear.

(d) FARM PRODUCTION TAKEN ON CHARGE

Vege 32 368 Fruit 1 860

5. AVAILABILITY OF SHELVED SPACE as at 19 May 45

	Effective Cub capacity	Cub Space occupied	Cub Space available	Package capacity of available space
Freezer	27 190 cu ft	22 958 cu ft	4 132 cu ft	2550 cases beef or 1370 cartons mutton o 2550 cases butter or 1653 cases Hosp meats
Cooler	2 100 cu ft	900 cu ft	1 200 cu ft	400 cases eggs or 706 cases butter

6. SHEEP 774 sheep which are now holding condition having been shepherded out into open areas each day. Four natives have been allotted to the FI as shepherds and handle the sheep well.

FARMS

1. **MALAHANG FARM**

(a) **Plantings**

Nil

(b) **Cultivation**

Harrowed	3	acres
Ploughed	2	"

Sprayed

Tomatoes	½	acre
Cucumber	1	"
Snake Beans	2½	"
Silver Beet	5	"

Manured

Squash	4	acres
Bananas	6	"
Silver Beet	3	"

(c) **General**

(i) Estimated production for next week :- Snake beans 1500 lb

(ii) Owing to recent heavy rains , it is doubtful whether any worthwhile crop will be taken off the squash.

(iii) Formosan POW have given the opportunity to improve their work. Capt F AUTRY HALL attached this HQ for duty, who has had experience with PW labour is co-operating with NCO i/c PI in an endeavour to step up the work output. A report will be submitted on the 23 May 45

2. **KAU FARM**

(a) **Plantings**

Potatoes	1	acre

(b) **Cultivation**

Ploughed	6	acres
Harrowed	28	"
Cultivated	20	"

(c) **General**

(i) Estimated production for next week:-

Sweet Potatoes	5000	lb
Lettuce	200	"
Fruit	1500	"

(ii) The next consignment of Lettuce will be transported to LAE during the day to ensure condition on arrival with lettuce transported during the night, as was done with the first consignment which was delivered in excellent condition to 2/7 AGH at 0800 hrs 18 May.

3. **KRAP FARM**

(a) **Plantings** Nil

(b) **Cultivation**

Drilled	4	acres
Disc harrowed	8	"
Ploughed	4	"

Chip Hoed

Tomatoes	4	acres
Cucumber	2	"
Pumpkin	3	"
Watermelon	5	"

FARMS

3. KNAP FARM (Cont)

(b) Cultivation

Insecticide

Tomatoes	2	acres
Pumpkin	3	"

Fertilised

Tomatoes	6	"
Watermelon	5	"

(c) General

(i) 4 Acres tomatoes pruned and tied.

(ii) Rainfall 15 points.

(iii) Expected production for the next week:-

Tomatoes	3 500	lb
Sweet Potatoes	2 000	"
Pumpkin	1 000	"

ANALYSIS OF FARM PRODUCTION

Year

	KNAP	WAU	MALAHANG	TOTAL
Lettuce		168		168
Egg Fruit	600			600
Silver Beet	3 600			3 600
Pumpkin	4 000			4 000
Snake Beans			3 620	3 620
French Beans		645		645
Tomatoes	5 370			5 370
Sweet Potatoes	1 000	19 965		14 965
Totals	14 570	14 178	3 620	32 968

Fruit

	KNAP	WAU	MALAHANG	TOTAL
Pineapple		200		200
Paw Paw		1 200		1 200
Bananas		469		469
Totals		1 869		1 869

ADMINISTRATION

1. MOVEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND UNITS

(a) Capt H R GARTEN 3 Aust MAC Pl marched in ex inspection of detachments at AITAPE and MADANG.

(b) Lt K A KENDALL marched in to 77 Aust Tpt Pl ex detachment to 22 Aust Sup Dep Pl.

(c) Maj H W STOCKWELL DADT this HQ admitted 2/7 AGH.

(d) 64 Aust Tpt Pl, 99 Aust Sup Dep Pl and 69 Aust RIPCD Pl embarked "SUVA" for AITAPE.

2. GENERAL

(a) Capt E RANDALL 77 Aust Tpt Pl reporting daily this HQ to carry out duties of DADT.

(b) HQ 4 Aust Pl Baking Coy warned for movement to AUSTRALIA (HQ 81A of 14 May refers).

(c) AMS 4460 of 13 May advised appointment of Maj W F A HARVEY from 5 Aust MRD to DADS this HQ vice Maj T G HEAD appointed DADS HQ NEW L of C Area.

(d) Advice received of arrangements being made to relieve personnel of 4 and 5 Aust Indep Farm Pls after 30 Jun 45. (LHQ CM 5972 of 4 May refers).

TRANSPORT

1. **NUMBERS OF WORK PERFORMED** during the week

		QT SOK	MAE
(a) No of vehs used		139	18
(b) No of veh tasks		551	
(c) Mileage		27 905	3 522
(d) Tonnage		5 857	
(e) No of personnel carried	Europeans	3 225	81 lying
	Natives	13 270	662 Sitting
(f) Nature of tasks	Transport of supplies, working parties and general domestic tasks for units in this area.		Medical evacuation

2. **CONDITION OF VEHICLE MAINTENANCE**

151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (AIF) - Fair to good.

3 Aust MAC Pl - Very good.

3. **GENERAL**

Ships worked during the week:-

"MSL 701", "MONTORO", "ALACHA","MSL 721", "ES 279", "SUVA", "OL 3A".

P O L

1. ESTIMATES

Estimates are unaltered.

2. GENERAL

(a) USASOS QM is shipping out 15 000 x 44 MT Petrol rehdering it necessary for 2 BSB Coy to fill 5 000 drums for AMF requirements.

(b) 200 x 44 Auto Diesel being drawn from USASOS for issue/retention.

(c) 'MONTORO' is discharging drummed stocks to BIPOD dumps.

(d) 134 026 gals AVGAS 100 octane received ex tanker 'SWEDAGON'. 247 424 gals MT 80 MINUS octane received ex tanker 'SUSQUEHANNA'.

(e) 'SWEDAGON' awaiting 'shuttle' craft to discharge AVGAS.

(f) Storage tanks at BSB have been renumbered 1 to 8 inclusive. Tank No 4 which has been converted from MT 80 to AVGAS 100 octane is now ready for filling. Drum-off lines connecting tank with drum filling plant will be completed within two days.

(g) Erection of steel bearer supports for bulk tank waggon off-take line from Tanker No 1 AVGAS has been completed.

(h) Awaiting engineers report on proposed renovation of tanker jetty.

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ADJT LAE BASE SUB AREA

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AUSTRALIA MILITARY FORCES

ED/165/2/510

A.A.Education Service
HQ Lae Base Sub Area
19 May '45

Subject: A.A.E.S. WEEKLY REPORT - WEEK ENDING 17 MAY '45.

HQ
Lae Base Sub Area

1. Staff:
V.F. 397761 Pte Finleyson.E.H. M/I for duty 14 May '45.

2. Classes.

Charing Cross Centre.			
English Elem.	att	1	3 weekly
English Dip Prep	"	1	2 weekly
Arith.	"	2	1 "
German	"	4	2 "
Music Theory	"	8	1 "
Music Appreciation	"	25	1 "
Music Harmony (Adv)	"	2	6 "
Art (Elem & Adv)	"	26	1 "
Busu Centre			
English (Elem)	att	4	1 weekly
Arith	"	7	1 "
Shorthand	"	8	1 "
Sketching	"	13	1 "
Lettering	"	4	1 "
Wireless	"	6	not held at centre

3. Lectures.
Summary : 33 talks to 1350 personnel
Subjects:
"Borneo"
"San Francisco Conference"
"Russia and her Foreign Policy"
"Java"
"Child Delinquecy"
"Modern Theatre"
"Rehabilitation"
"Immigration"
"Freedom from Want"
"Land Settlements"(Soldiers N.S.W.)
"War Veterans and Post War Security"

4. Clubs.

Charing Cross Centre.		
Davidsbund	att	25
Writers Club	"	15
Lae Choral Gp	"	12
Play Reading Gp	"	20
Lae Music Club	"	65
Art Gp	"	25
Hansart Music Club	"	50
F.A.A. Music Club	"	60
Busu Centre.		
Farmers Club	att	11
Music Club	"	44
Writers Club	"	13

5. Music.

Recorded Programmes.

Charing Cross	5 programmes	att	220 personnel
Busu.	1 programme	"	45 "

Radio Sessions.

Music sessions one given regularly by W.O. Music over Aust Army Amenities and 2/7 A.G.H. P.A. systems.

Personal Appearances.

The Lae Choral Gp appeared twice during the week in 19 L of C Sigs Concert Party.

6. 16 MM Films.

2 Aust Army Troops Coy.	att	80
24 M.E.C.	"	40
18 Field Amb.	"	50
2/7/ A.G.H. Ward 11.	"	30
" " 17	"	50
A.D.S.S.	"	60
3 Aust M.A.C.	"	120
9 L of C Stationary - officers Shop) N.G.Forestry)	"	80
R.A.A.F. Ops.	"	100
19 L of C Sigs	"	30

7. Correspondence Courses.

16 Applications for courses were received during the week.

8. General Remarks.

Education Centres at Charing Cross & Busu are being extended to cope with increasing number of troops using them.

Maj
DAD Education
HQ Lae Base Sub Area.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA (AIF)

19 May 45.

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA (AIF)

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

WEEKLY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 18 MAY 45.

I have to report thefollowing Provost activities in the Lae area for the week ending 18 May 45.

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

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

TRAFFIC :

(a) BUTIBUM BRIDGE & ROAD : These points were manned daily until 2359 hrs by U.S. and Aust Military Police.

(b) ROAD PATROL : Road patrols were carried out daily. No speeding offences reported.

(c) ANGAU COMPOUND : One NCO on traffic duties at native compound from 0600 hrs to 0700 hrs daily.

(d) CHARING CROSS : Pointsmen were on duty at this intersection daily from 0800 hrs to 1800 hrs daily.

(e) There were no traffic offences reported for the week.

VEHICLES REPORTED STOLEN
Command Car - reported stolen by an US Officer. He could not give the vehicle's number as he did not know it.

VEHICLES RECOVERED
TRAILER, WHEEL, WATER, 150 gallon, Number GHQ No.156 on plate. The army number is not on the vehicle other than the aforementioned; Has J1972 RAE ONUG endorsed on tank. Engineers Stores notified to collect from Provost Coy.

GOODS REPORTED STOLEN or LOST
.38 S&W Pistol No.47364 - 2/1 Aust Rly Constrn Coy, lost out of jeep on 13 May 45 between Malahang - 2/7 AGH - AWAS Barracks and return via Charing Cross.

GOODS RECOVERED
Pistol No. 242879, .38 S&W found by a member of 6 Aust Topo Svy Coy near Charing Cross. Pistol returned to DADOS LAE BASE SUB AREA - Not on list of stolen weapons.

PROVOST COY

STRENGTH OF 3 AUST CORPS PROVOST COY

POSTED STRENGTH	2 offrs	101 ORs			
ATTACHED PENDING POSTING	1 offr				
DETACHED First Aust Army Pro Coy	1 offr				
5 Aust Div Pro Coy	1 offr	1 OR			
Labu		2 "			
Finschhafen		2 "			
Leave		1 "			
EFFECTIVE STRENGTH LAE			1 offr	95 ORs	
HQ AND ADM DUTIES			1 "	29 ORs	

SPECIAL DUTIES FOR THE WEEK

May	13	Accident in which native received broken leg investigated.
"	13	2 NCOs to Salamaua to picquet beach area.
"	14	8 escorts and pointsmen supplied for C-in-C's trip to Nadzab.
"	15	Conveyed escort for SUS and Jap PW from Lae strip to No.20 PW Camp and 16 Aust Detention barracks.
"	15	55 members received TAB refreshers.
"	16	An accident outside AWAS barracks was investigated.
"	18	4 NCOs attended DCM Lae base was witnesses.
"	18	4 NCOs picquetted First Aust Army picture site to prevent personnel from units not authorised to attend.
"	18	4 extra NCOs were employed at Officers Club and as escorts in connection with GOC's First Aust Army visit to the Club.
"	19	1 NCO on duty at Court Martial Room at Lae Base.

STRENGTH OF VEHICLES - 3 AUST CORPS PROVOST COY

Jeeps	11
15 cwt	2
3 ton	1
MC solo	17
TOTAL	31

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

WEEKLY REPORT OF DOCKS OPERATIONS
by
4 AUST DOCKS OPERATING COY R.A.E.

14 May- 20May 45

PORT	Ships Handled	Cargo handled	Type & No. of Coy. "C" Type 4 Aust Docks Op Coy RAE	Strength at 14 May 45
L A E	3 large type 4 small type	6947 tons	WE 1V/11H/2 7/273 -/13 attached WE. Port Maint 1/30	6/273

	Loaded	Dischd	Total	
ALAGNA	498	466	964	
O.L.3 A	127		127	
SUVA	2901		2901	
M.S.L.701	41	47	88	
MONTORO	211	2171	2382	*
GEORGE PEATE	40	12	52	
SS WILCOX		300	300	%
A.K. 82	121	12	133	
	3939	3008	6947	

Dist.- 1-2 HQ LAE Base Sub Area
3 MC.
4 File

* Incomplete
% Taken over from US to discharge 2 Water Transport Barges

R.C. Hewitt Major
R.C. Hewitts
OC 4 Aust Docks Op Coy R.A.E.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

RESTRICTED
No 177

HEADQUARTERS LAE BASE SUB AREA

MINUTES OF COMMANDERS CONFERENCE 21 MAY '45

PRESENT: Comd.

IO, SO111 FIRST AUST ARMY SIGS, A.Q. DAAG, DAPM, AMENITIES OFFICER, DO ANGAU, A/ADST, ADOS, ADJ CRE, CRE, CAMP.

Serial No	Report by	Report		Decision by Commander
1	DAAG	Weekly Field State as at 0600 hrs 19th May '45.		
		Posted strength	500 3975	
		Attached allowed and not allowed by WE	37 497	
		Total Troops under Comd	537 4472	
		Units under Comd	87	
		Units marched in	Nil	
		Units marched out	2	
		Decrease in Officers	6	
		Decrease in ORs	31	
		Staging Unit	Nil	
2	AMENITIES	Lieut Bates advised that Captain Ricketts had taken over Amenities Officer in Headquarters. Football matches were played but cricket matches were cancelled owing to the weather. Additional seating accommodation is required at Malahang picture theatre.		
3	AQ	Piccadilly Circus road was jammed with traffic during the boxing on Saturday night.		
		DAPM will arrange that traffic is adequately controlled in future.		

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

Time of signature 1700 hrs MAY '45

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21 0830
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA (AIF)

21 May 45

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA

WEEKLY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 18 MAY 45

1. 11 DCsM were held during the week.

2. Routine duties.

Major

(D.B. HUNTER)
LEGAL OFFICER LAE BASE SUB AREA

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS LAE BASE SUB AREA

RESTRICTED
No 178

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE 22 MAY '45

PRESENT: Comd.

G2, IO, SO111 FIRST AUST ARMY SIGS; AA, DAAG, A/DADS DAPM, DO ANGAU, DAQMG, CRE, A/ADST, ADOS, ADJ. CME, CAMP.

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision by Commander

1. Medical. Bed State 2/7 AGH

	Equipped	Occupied	Admissions
	1201	904	161
112 Con Dep.	500	249	
18 Field Amb.	50	1	7

Evacuation rate 15 per thousand per week.
Evacuation rate in 184, evacuations out 138

	Cases	Rate per 1000
Malaria	18	1.6
Dengue	57	5
Dysentry	13	1.1
Scrub Typhus	Nil	
Skin Disease	18	1.6

19 Cases of Dengue at 4 AOD. Hygene Officer and Malarial Control Units have inspected area, and located many cocoanuts and tins which were breeding grounds, and these are being removed.

2. A/ADMS — Inspected GDD Camp Salamaua with a view to its being used as a rest camp for AIAS. It will be necessary for some alterations to be made. Engineers and ADMS to inspect the area.

CRE — ~~Visited Q Branch for the site for the Technical Training School at Lalu.~~
Technical Training School Of the sites chosen the alternative site is more suitable from works angle and recommended that it be chosen.

AQ — A tree fell on the mess in Details Depot, and it was proposed to instruct all Units to inspect trees in the area, and those which are decayed and likely to cause damage are to be felled. CRE advised that advice would be given where heavy timber was to be felled.

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

Time of Signature 1140 hrs May '45

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS LAE BASE SUB AREA RESTRICTED
NO 179

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE 24 MAY '45

PRESENT

G11, SO111 FIRST AUST ARMY SIGS, AQ, DAAG, A/ADMS DAPM DO ANGAU, DAQMG, CRE, A/ADST, ADOS, ADJ. CME, CAMP.

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision by Commander
1.	Engrs.	At request of AQ the ice works were inspected and both bins were in poor condition, brine was leaking into ice chambers, and is unsafe for using in drinks. Arrangements have been made with Hygiene to test well in Butibum-River for purity.	
2.	AQ	Commander has been evacuated to 2/7 AGH. Lt Col RICHARDSON has been posted as AQ vice Lt Col Rennick. Capt GENTILS has been reposted as Staff Learner Q this HQ.	

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

Time of Signature.....hrs May '45

N.D.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS LAE BASE SUB AREA RESTRICTED
NO 150

MINUTES OF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE 25 MAY '45

PRESENT

G11, IO, SO 111, 1 AUST ARMY L of C Sigs, AQ, DAAG, A/ADMS DAPM, Legal Offr, DO ANGAU, DAQMG, CRE, A/ADST, ADOS, ADJ CEME, Capt.

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision of Commander
1.	A	For rehabilitation purposes a course of all troops will be taken at 15 Jul.	
2.	Legal	1 DCM will be held this morning.	
3.	Q	A pro forma had been forwarded to all units asking for detail of any alteration required to WET. Few units have requested alterations. Branches and services to phone units known require alterations and obtain an immediate return, as WETCommittee has arrived in area.	
4.	AQ	In future Conference will be held only on Monday and Friday of each week.At Friday Conference Heads of Branches and Services will give an outline of of current weeks work and at Monday Conference a resume of past week activities will be given.	

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

Time of Signature....hrs May'45

A.A.Amenities Service,
LAE Base Sub Area,
25 May 45.

AMENITIES REPORT - WEEK ENDING FRIDAY 25 MAY 45.

HQ LAE Base Sub Area.

I. During past week amenities and sporting material were distributed to the following units :-

HQ First Aust Army, HQ LAE Base Sub Area
2/7 A.G.H, I8 Fd Amb, II2 Conv Depot
ANGAU HQ Northern Reg, ANGAU District Office
8 Fd Coy, 20 Fd Coy, 2/3 Forestry, 2/I Forestry
2 Army Tps Coy, 8 Army Tps Coy, I3 Wks & Pks Coy
6 Aust Topo Survey Coy,
I Aust Fd Censorship, IOI Fd Security
9 L of C Stationery, M.G.Press Unit
I9 L of C Signals, 3 Sig Equpt Coy
5 B.S.D, 43 Supply Depot Pltn, 44 Supply Dep Pltn
I07 Supply Depot Pltn, 2/4 Fd Butchery
I5I A.G.T.Coy, 55 Bipod, 2 B.P.S.Coy
HQ 3 Water Tpt, I Port Maint, 55 Port Craft Coy
4 A.A.O.D, 8 Sec Offrs Shop, 8 Ord Veh Pk
LAE Area Wk/Shops, 237 Aust L.A.D.
6 Hospital Laundry, 2/II Mob Laundry
7 Base Postal, D.F.O, I Adv 2 Echelon
Pac Island Regt, 2/I Guard Regt
39 L of C Salvage, 4 Ind Farm Pltn
M.G.Details Depot, 8 Move Control, 8 A.A.A.D.
A.A.C.S, 9 RADAR, A.I.B, 3 Corps Provost Coy.

Sales totalled £480 - I7 - 6

Visits were made to the following units :-

II2 Conv Depot, I8 Fd Ambulance, Movement Control, M.G.Press, LAE Area Wk/Shops, 2/7 A.G.H, A.C.F, M.G.Details Depot, RAAF, American Special Services, I28 Station Hospital.

2. CINEMA.

(a) Total attendances for the week were approximately I9000.

(b) Seating at BUSU site still urgently required.

(c) LAE Base picture site and Boxing Area - Parking difficulties for vehicles on picture nights and during boxing contests are increasing. It is suggested that additional parking space be allotted adjoining LAE Base cricket ground.

3. SPORTING.

(a) Football - Interest very keen and sustained. Matches in all codes attract large crowds, play is hard and in many cases even.

(b) Cricket - Entering final phases. It is anticipated that final teams in the various competitions will provide good fare for cricket followers.

(c) Tennis - Arrangements practically finalised for tennis competition. Tennis exhibition match, with leading players competing will be held on Sat 2 June on 2/II Laundry court.

(d) Boxing - Boxing contests were held at LAE Base Stadium on Sat 19 May. Probably the largest attendance yet witnessed some stirring encounters.
Seating accomodation is at present inadequate, the crowd on Saturday last was estimated to be between 5000 and 6000.

(e) Softball - Semi-Finals will be played on Sunday next. Finals should produce some exceptionally fine play.

4. CONCERT PARTY.

30 Club Concert Party has finalised its No I programme, and is at present rehearsing No 2 Programme, which commences its circuit at LAEU on Friday I June.

5 GENERAL.

A launch visits SALAMAUA from LAE on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Unfortunately there are insufficient launches for the units who desire to send personnel. An application for an additional launch is receiving consideration.

Amenities Bus is working constantly, 7 days weekly and most nights. Consideration will have to be given to time off for maintenance.

30/5

Capt,
Amenities Officer
LAE Base Sub Area.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES SECRET

STATS SEC "A" BRANCH
HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA (AIF)
26 MAY 45

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WEEKLY FIELD STATE AS AT 0600 HOURS 26 MAY 45.

POSTED STRENGTH	312	3728
ATTACHED ALLOWED & NOT ALLOWED BY W.E.	40	472
TOTAL TROOPS UNDER COMMAND	352	4193
UNITS UNDER COMMAND	64	
UNITS MARCHED IN	NIL	
UNITS MARCHED OUT	3	
INCREASE IN OFFICERS	15	
DECREASE IN OR's	279	
STAGING UNITS	NIL	

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

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"G" BRANCH (1)
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

.../.../... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday [illegible]/5/1945 [illegible] AREA

W.E. [illegible]/5/45. OFFRS. [illegible] O.R's. [illegible] + OFFRS. [illegible] O.R's. [illegible] ATT. BY W.E.

(Amendment to 12)

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.
[illegible]	1	-	-	Brigadier.					
[illegible]	-	-	5	Lieut.-Colonels					
[illegible]	6	-	8	Majors					
[illegible]	7	-	22	Captains					
[illegible]	-	4	9	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting [illegible]					
[illegible]	-	-	2	[illegible]					
[illegible]	24	4	37						

	DETAIL.	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
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.	28	2								37
	E.(1)										
	E.(2)										

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 10 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.
[illegible]	Maj	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Maj	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Capt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Lieut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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

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

[redacted] Unit

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturda[redacted]/[redacted]/194[redacted] (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.
Lt-Col	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Yes		
Lt-Col	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	No	Leave	
Lt-Col	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	"	Det HQ 2Asst Corps	18.5.45
Lt-Col	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	"	Leave	
Lt-Col	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Yes		
Major	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Yes		
Major	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	"		
Major	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	"		
Major	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	"		
Major	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	"		
Major	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	"		
Major	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	"		
Capt	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	"		
Capt	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	"		
Capt	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	"		
Capt	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	No	Leave	
Capt	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Yes		
Capt	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	"		
Capt	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	"		
Lieut	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	No	Det HQ 5 Asst BDD	9.3.45
Lieut	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Yes		
Lieut	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	"		
Lieut	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	"		
Lieut	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	"		
Lieut	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	"		
Lieut	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	No	Det Area Cmnd FINCHAFEN	
Lieut	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	"		
Lieut	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	"		
2/Lieut	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Yes		
2/Lieut	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	"		
2/Lieut	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	"		
Capt	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Yes		
Capt	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	"		
Capt	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	"		
Capt	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lt.	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
Major	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
Capt	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted] FIRST AUST ARMY]24.545

[redacted] May 45
Date of Despatch

[redacted] Capt
(Signature of Commander)
[redacted]

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

22/45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 26/ 5/194 5 HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA

W.E. IV/ 20 2 OFFRS. 49 O.R's. 245 + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E.

(Amendment No 12)

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.
-	-	-	-	W.Os. Class I.					
-	-	-	2	W.Os. Class II.					
-	1	-	8	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
-	-	1	2	Staff Sergeants					
-	1	-	5	Sergeants					
-	2	-	20	Corporals					
-	5	-	32	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
24	24	-	140	Civilians counting as O.R.					
-	-	-	-						
24 *	35	1	209	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	ATS		C.M.P.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
	F.	M.	Under 18 Years.	18 Years and over.							
A	93	24	34	26	27			[redacted]	[redacted]		209
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
2	Area Comd WAU		
1	IBD School of Mech		
2 3	IBD Pool AAAS (Det P.A.A.S.)		
2	IBD Pool AAES (Det P.A.A.S.)		
34			

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	18 Amph Fd Amb		

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.

2 WOI Clerks- QX36580 WOI WILSON E J- GRO 187/44
1 Sgt Clerk- Filling vacancy of S.Sgt Clerk
1 WOII Clerk -WX21615 WOII MITCHELL J T- Authority WAA A13750 of 2 17 Apr 45
1 S/Sgt Clerk- Legal- Filling vacancy of Sgt Clerk Legal
2 TOIII Clerks AAMC- Filling vacancies of 1 Sgt, 1 Cpl Clerk AAMC
1 Cpl Draughtsman
1 S/Sgt CQMS- SX26977 S/Sgt CLIFF L A- GRO 187/44
1 WOII RQMS- QF 8384 WOII ARMAT HEM- GRO 187.44
5 TOIII Drvr MT
1 TOIII Fitter
1 TOIII Machinist Wood
1 TOIII Despatch Rider

DEFICIENT TO WE

1 S/Sgt Clerk- Vacancy being filled by Sgt Clerk
1 Sgt Clerk - Legal Vacancy being filled by S/Sgt Legal
1 Sgt Clerk AAMC
1 Cpl Clerk AAMC
3 WOII Hygiene Inspectors
1 WOII Clerk AEME
1 S/Sgt Clerk AEME
1 Cpl Clerk AEME
2 TOIII Clerks AASC
1 Cpl Clerk AAOC
1 TOIII Clerk AAOC
2 WOII Ammunition Examiner
1 Cpl Typewriter Mechanic
1 Pte Storeman
1 WOI AAOC Bde WOI
4 Pte Batmen
1 Cpl General Duties
1 Sgt Cook AA CC
4 Pte Drivers MT
1 Cpl ARCS
2 Ptes ARCS
3 TOIII Carpenters

SPECIAL INCREMENT

17 Pte Drivers MT

THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL ARE CARRIED SUPERNUMARY TO W.E. AND DO NOT APPEAR IN PARTS A,B,C,D OR E.

AUTHORITY: LHQ AL07890 of 22 Dec 44 (Testing Upper Wind Velocity)

VX 126831 Bdr CARTER H C
VX 140726 L/Bdr DALTON J
VX 127126 L/Bdr WYATT G J
VX 124888 Gnr CAMM J R
VX 124088 Gnr BRAFFORD J A
VX 126988 Gnr BROWN G F
VX 85536 Gnr OATEN E J

HQ AREA COMD FINSCHHAFEN

AUTHORITY: 1 AUST ADV 2 ECHELON S/3/32 of 21 Feb 45

VX126121 Cpl BERRY A G
QX 9878 Pte DUDLEY G A

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...EN. LAR. BASE SUB AREA.....Unit

21 / 45 Serial No.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 26 / 5 /194 5.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinf. Required.	Details of Tradesmen GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E. 3	Posted Strength 5	Reinf. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E. 15	Posted Strength 10	Reinf. Required 5	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E. 52	Posted Strength 37	Reinf. Required (5)
Ammunition Examiners	1	-	1	Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				C.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Stat. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Asrmen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen	1	2	(2)	Bakers				Telescope Identin. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd'rs. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	3	-	3	Winchman				Whitesmiths EQUIS	-	1	(1)
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				AAMC Clerks	4	4	-
Electricians				Cooks	9	8	1	Woodturners				AEME "	6	3	3
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								AASC "	15	13	2
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Mtd.)								AAOC "	7	5	2
Fitters	-	1	(1)	Driver-Operator								ARMY "	2	2	-
Fitters (Cycle)				Drivers								AADC "	2	2	-
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								PROV "	2	2	-
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								AAPC "	1	1	-
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				CORPORAL XX NON-TRADESMEN			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				AAES "	3	3	-
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	-	-		Gen Specialist			
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	52	54	(2)	Med Asst	2	2	-
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				CSM WOII	1	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				COMS S/Sgt	1	2	(1)
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				Hyg Duty	2	2	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concreters				Storeman	3	2	1
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Water Duty	2	2	-
Mechanics, Typewriter	1	-	1	Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				AA Postal	1	1	-
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders	-	1	(1)	COMMISSIONED.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AAOC WOII	2	1	1
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood	-	1	(1)	Drivers, H.T.	-	5	(5)	Hyg Inspec	9	6	3
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	5	5	-	Batman	21	17	4
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpts. Plant				Orderlies	25	23	-
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Gen Duties	11	10	1
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				Drv MT	41	37	4
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				ARCS	3	3	2
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				Special Increment			
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				Detail Dept pay	27	20	17
CARRIED FORWARD	3	3	-	CARRIED FORWARD	15	12	3	CARRIED FORWARD	52	57	(5)	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	243	209	37

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. "Reinf. 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.

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

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DETAILS OF PART B

	WOI	WOII	S/SGT	SGT	CPL	SPEC	NON-SPEC	TOTAL
Clerks	1	3	2	5	8	15	-	34
Clerks AAMC	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	4
Hygiene Inspectors	-	-	-	6	-	4	-	10
Clerks ARMC	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	3
" AASC	-	1	2	3	4	3	-	13
" AAOC	-	1	-	1	-	3	-	5
" ARTY	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
" AADC	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2
" PROV	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
" AAPC	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
" AAES	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	3
AAMC Orderlies	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
Draughtsman	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
CSM ~~XXXXXX~~	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Driver Mechs	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	5
CQMS	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
RQMS	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hygiene Duty	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Storemen	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Water Duty	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
AA Postal	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
AAOC Bde WOI	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Batmen	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	17
Orderlies	-	-	-	-	1	-	22	23
Gen Duties	-	-	-	-	5	-	5	10
AACC	-	-	-	-	1	7	-	8
Drivers MT	-	-	-	1	3	22	35	57
Special Increment	-	-	-	1	1	3	5	10
Drivers MT	-	-	-	-	4	5	-	9
Fitters	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Machinist Wood	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Despatch Rider	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	2	8	7	20	32 X	51	89	2 209

X Includes 18 TG2 Clerks A WAS personnel carried against vacancies ~~XXXX~~ Clerks

DETAILS OF SPECIAL INCREMENT

	WE	POSTED	DEFICIENT
Sgt Driver MT	1	1	-
Cpl "	1	1	-
TG2 Cook	1	1	-
TG 3 Driver Mech	2	2	-
Pte Drivers MT	22	5	17
	27	10	17

CONFIDENTIAL

R & T SERVICES
LAE BASE SUB AREA

WEEKLY REPORT

for week ended 26 May 45

No of sheets 8

Sheet No 1

NEXT FIRST AUST ARMY (2)

Copy to HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA for info (2)

SUPPLIES

1. NEWER SUPPLIES

Commodity	Issues for previous Week Rate	Stock as at 26 May 45 lb	Anticipated issues for next week Rate
Boneless Beef	7	592 708	7
Mutton Flesh	Hosp issues	3 626	Hosp issues
Mutton Frozen	-	19 689	-
Butter	7	89 424	7
Hosp Meats	Hosp issues	94 446	Hosp issues
Eggs	Hosp issues, Females & 2 per man	9 075 doz	Hosp & Females
Vegs assorted	2	18 437	3 ex "CITY OF FORTWORTH" and Local Farms
Potatoes	-	-	6 ex "JAMES COOK" and WAU FARM
Onions	Hosp issues & Females	-	7 ex "JAMES COOK"
Fruit	Hosp issues	54 864	7 Apples ex "JAMES COOK".

2. AIR MAINTENANCE CARGO

Place	No of loads	Gross weight From Base	Retained	Landed
ANGAU AIYURA	4	21 882	2 092	-
ANGAU KOKODA	1	-	-	4 957
Totals	6	25 903	4 059	4 957

Operations: Operations were limited, due to bad weather and diversion of planes for operational requirements. Recovery: 98%.

Fresh Supplies: Beef boneless, butter and apples supplied to all consignees abovementioned. ANGAU consignments arrived in good order, no report was received from ANGAU AIYURA on recovery of these items.

SUPPLIES

3. CHANGES AND ADDITIONS IN REFRIGERATION AND INSTALLATIONS

(a) Cold stores - Operating satisfactorily. BSBU ROOM No 10 needs defrosting.

(b) Charing Cross Bakery - Maintenance carried out.

(c) Malahang Butchery - General maintenance, including men's mess floor rebuilt.

(d) BSD LAE - Restacking and camp improvements have continued.

(e) Air Maintenance Centre LAE - Good progress has been made to domestic installations.

(f) Headquarters 39 Aust Sup Depot Coy - Depot maintenance held up due to lack of native labour.

(g) BID Charing Cross - Repairs and alterations to men's mess carried out.

4. GENERAL

(a) BSD STORAGE

	Quantity	In Store
Packages	612 000	341 006

(b) BAKERIES PRODUCTION

8 & 9 Aust Fd Baking Pls 64 005 lb

(c) FISHING OPERATIONS

(i) Fishing operations again were suspended during the week owing to non-availability of craft. All 39 repairs were delayed at W/craft W/shops owing to high priority work on barges. The craft was returned to unit on 26 May and will proceed to MOROBE 27 May.

(ii) Advantage has been taken of this opportunity to effect general maintenance of boats and gear.

(iii) A recce is being made of fishing grounds 20-40 miles north of MOROBE.

(d) FARM PRODUCTION TAKEN ON CHARGE BY BID

Vegs 17 112 lb Fruit 1 400 lb

(e) REPORT ON FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES ex MAINLAND

Vessel	Discharged	Commodity	Method of carriage	Condition on arrival	Estimated losses
'CITY OF PORTWORTH'	10 May	Apples	Chiller	Good	Minor
"	" "	Swede Turnips	"	"	"
"	" "	Beetroot	"	"	"
'JAMES COOK'	25 May	Potatoes	Crates Stowed	"	"
" "	" "	"	Bags in holds	Showing signs of sweating)	see remarks
" "	" "	Onions	Bags in holds	" "	)

REMARKS: It is recommended that all vegetables be crated and the use of sacks discontinued.

SUPPLIES

(11) 74 896 lb of onions were consigned on "JAMES COOK" representing 7 weeks (approx) supply for this area. Subject to shipment to other areas, some loss is anticipated unless the scale of issue is increased.

5. AVAILABILITY OF FROZEN SPACE as at 26 May 45

	Effective Cub capacity	Cub Space occupied	Cub Space available	Package capacity of available space
Freezer	27 190 Cu ft	24 490	2 700	1 680 c/s beef or 1 080 c/s hoop meats or 1 600 c/s butter or 900 carcases mutton
Cooler	2 100 Cu Ft	1 156	944	620 c/s butter or 400 c/s hoop meats.

6. SHEEP Eight of the 77½ sheep which were in poor condition were slaughtered during week. The remainder are slowly losing condition, and it will be necessary to slaughter another 25 during the coming week.

The condition of the sheep appears to be adversely affected by wet weather; suitable action will be taken according to circumstances evidenced from week to week.

FARMS

1. MALAHANG FARM

(a) Plantings

Nil

(b) Cultivation

Cleared	1 acre
Ploughed	6½ "
Harrowed	4 "
Sprayed:	
silverbeet	5 acres
cucumber	1 "
snake beans	9 "
tomatoes	½ "

(c) General

Estimated production ensuing week - 1500 lb snake beans

(d) FORSCAN PW are showing an improved standard in their work. As reported by A/AEST to DEST on 24 May, close liaison has been established with CE Hq LAE PW CAMP in order to obtain maximum results from PW labour.

2. BAU FARM

(a) Plantings

Choko	1 acre
Potato	½ "
Lettuce	1 seedbed

(b) Cultivation

Ploughed 7 acres
Harrowed 27 "
Cultivated 4 "

(c) General

(i) Estimated production for ensuing week: Fruit 2 000 lb
Lettuce 250 lb
English Potatoes 7 000 lb
Pumpkin 3000lb.

(ii) Owing to heavy rains, 4 acres potatoes were of necessity replanted, due to rotting of seeds.

(iii) 9010 lb of the 19 815 lb sweet potatoes produced have not been delivered to DID, due to landslide on Bau road.

(iv) It is anticipated that lettuce and beans will be delivered, by manual transportation across the landslide, on 26 May.

(v) The first consignment of English potatoes is being awaited with interest.

3. KRAP FARM

(a) Plantings

Tomatoes 5 acres

(b) Cultivation Chip hoed tomatoes 1 acre

FARMS

Disc-cultivated - fallow 2 acres
pumpkin 3 acres
watermelon 5 acres

Insecticide tomatoes 15 acres
cucumbers 2 acres

Fertilised tomatoes 1 acre

(c) General

(i) 4 acres tomatoes pruned and tied.

(ii) Rainfall 57 points for the week.

(iii) Estimated production: tomatoes 3 000 lb
sweet potatoes 4 000 lb
silverbeet 3 000 lb
pumpkin 2 000 lb

(iv) The first replanting of watermelons was damaged in the early flowering stage by rain and is not expected to crop.

(v) The farm is in excellent condition and successful crops are anticipated.

(vi) Peanuts, which were recently dug, will be issued over the next few weeks as 'extras' to 2/7 AGH and 112 AUST CCS DEPOT

ANALYSIS OF FARM PRODUCTION

Issue

	KRAP	WAU	MALAHANG	TOTAL
Lettuce		490		490
Snake Beans			2 090	2 090
French Beans		747		747
Tomatoes	4 180			4 180
Sweet Potatoes	4 800	13 815		18 615
Totals	8 980	15 052	2 090	26 122

Credit

	KRAP	WAU	MALAHANG	TOTAL
Pineapple		200		200
Paw Paw		800		800
Bananas		400		400
		14 009		1 400

ADMINISTRATION

1. MOVEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND UNITS

(a) Lt G D QUILLIAM-TON marched out to NDED for onward movement to (004) 'A' Detachment 3 AUST MAC PL.

(b) Lt COLSTON 151 W/Shops PL discharged 2/7 AGH.

(c) Major STOCKWELL, DADT this HQ discharged 2/7 AGH.

(d) Capt F AUTEY-HALL ceased to be attached this HQ and marched out to NDED for on movement to GRD BRISBANE pending decision on application for discharge.

(e) Lts HOCKE and ALLEN ceased to be attached HQ 5 AUST IND from NDED.

(f) Capt BOESER marched in to 43 AUST SUP DEPOT PL ex MAINLAND. (Reposting).

(g) WA 4 AUST FD BAKING OCK embarked 'KATOOMBA' for MAINLAND.

2. GENERAL

(a) Relief personnel for 2 AUST MARINE FOOD SUPPLY PL arrived this area ex MAINLAND.

(b) DDST FIRST AUST ARMY, Brig P S MacRATH inspected MAIAMENG FARM, GARDEN CREEK DID, GARDEN CROSS BAKERY and 2 AUST IND OCK during week.

TRANSPORT

1. ANALYSIS OF WORK PERFORMED during the week

		3T Ton	MAC	
(a) No of vehs used		133	18	
(b) No of veh tasks		602		
(c) Mileage		34 976	3 928	
(d) Tonnage		6 866		
(e) No of personnel carried	Europeans	4 545	94	lying
	Natives	12 596	675	sitting
(f) Nature of tasks	Transport of supplies, working parties and general domestic tasks for units in this area		Medical Evacuation	

(g) Operations were heavier than during previous week.

2. CONDITION OF VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

151 AUST GEN TPT COY (AIF) - Fair to good

3 AUST MAC PL - Very Good

3. GENERAL

Ships worked during the week -

'MONTORO', 'KATOOMBA', 'CITY OF PORTSMOUTH', 'DUNEDOON', 'PETRERO', FS 264', 'FS 4, 'AS 1775', FS 282','OL 11' , "OL 24', 'JAMES COOK',

P.O.L.

1. ESTIMATES

Estimates remain unaltered in gallonage but filling programme at BSS will necessitate early replenishment of bulk MT Petrol stocks.

2. GENERAL

(a) "[illegible]" completed discharging drummed stocks to BIPOD. Discrepancies were negligible.

(b) USS "SUSQUEHANNA" shuttled "[illegible]" cargo to BSS - 920 477 gallons AVGAS discharged.

(c) Several small ships loaded POL for 4 AUST BASE SUB AREA during the week. 2½ loaded for MADANG.

(d) Hydraulic Brake Fluid stocks are low but "MALAMAUA" will relieve position temporarily.

(e) Tank No 8 at BSS was damaged by falling timber. Arrangements are in hand to clear Tank Farm of all 'dangerous' trees.

(f) Inspection was made of tanker jetty by 6 AUST TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY COY with view to reconditioning.

(g) 2721 drums were filled at BSS for forward shipment.

Lt Col
AUST LAE BASE SUB AREA

A Registry

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

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A.A.Education Service
HQ Lae Base Sub Area
26 May '45

Subject: A.A.E.S. WEEKLY REPORT - WEEK ENDING May '45.

HQ.
Lae Base Sub Area.

1. STAFF:
NX 161685 S/Sgt Jepson.W.L. commenced Rec. leave 23 May '45

2. Lectures:
Summary: 32 talks to 1354 personnel.

3. Subjects:
Java and Sumatra.
Borneo.
Russian Foreign Policy.
Dumbarton, Oaks, and San Francisco Conference.
Rehabilitation.
Australia and Democracy.
China.
Land Settlement Schemes and re-establishment.

4. Classes.

Charing Cross.				
	English (Elem)	att 1	3	weekly
	English (Dip Prep)	" 1	2	"
	Arith (Dip Prep)	" 2	2	"
	German	" 4	1	"
	Music Theory	" 8	1	"
	Music Appreciaton	" 25	1	"
	Art (Elem and Adv)	" 25	1	"
	Music Harmony(Adv)	" 2	5	"
Busu.				
	English (Elem)	" 2	1	"
	Arith (Elem)	" 6	1	"
	Shorthand	" 5	1	"
	Sketching	" 16	1	"
	English (Univ)	" 1	3	"
	Maths (Univ)	" 2	4	"
	Lettering	" 1	1	"

5. Clubs.

Charing Cross.		
	Davidsbund	att 25
	Writers Club	" 17
	Lae Choral Gp.	" 12
	Play Reading Club	" 20
	Lae Music Club	" 70
	Art Gp.	" 28
	Hansart Music Club	" 70
Busu.		
	Farmers Club	" 12
	Play Reading	" 16
	Cranswick Music Club	" 35
	Writers Club	" 14

5. Music.

Recorded Programmes.

Charing Cross	5 Programmes	att	200 personnel
Busu	1 "	"	45 "

Radio Sessions.

Music Sessions are given regularly by W.O. Music over Aust Army Amenities and 2/7 A.G.H. P.A.systems.

6. 16 mm Films.

First Army Sigs.	att	30
D.F.O.	"	50
N.G. School of Sigs.)	("	150
N.G. Trg School)	("	
11 M.L&D&Cordial Factory	"	30
2/7 A.G.H. Ward 20	"	50
2/7 A.G.H. Ward 14	"	30
55 Bipod.	"	80
N.G. Details Depot.	"	120
2/7 A.G.H. Lecture Hall	"	150
Officers Shop	"	20
11.mm. Fort Sig & A.A.C.S. Factory	"	80
Labu Area	"	200

7. Correspondence Courses.

17 applications for courses were received during the week.

8. General Remarks:

The extensions of Education Centres at Charing Cross and Busu are still in progress, and should be completed within 3 or 4 days.

Sgts Aldous and Glenny gave demonstrations of Play Reading to 7 Units.

30/5

Maj
DAD Education
HQ Lae Base Sub Area

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA (AIF)

26 May 45.

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA (AIF)

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

WEEKLY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 25 MAY 45.

I have to report the following Provost activities in the Lae area for the week ending 25 May 45.

2. Capt A.I. MacKAY took over the duties of D.A.P.M. Lae Base Sub Area from Capt W.M. PRIOR who is now D.A.P.M. 4 Aust Base Sub Area. Duties were taken over on 19 May 45.

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

4. DISCIPLINE : The conduct of Aust Troops in the area has been good. No offences were reported for the week.

TRAFFIC

(a) BUTIBUM BRIDGE & FORD : These points were manned daily from 0830 hrs until 2359 hrs, by U.S. and Aust Military Police.

(b) ROAD PATROL : Road patrols were carried out daily. It has been found necessary for the road patrol to stop at the Malaheng turnoff from 1630 hrs to 1700 hrs to prevent American coloured drivers returning natives to the Compound from going around the circuit after having delivered the natives at the compound.

(c) ANGAU COMPOUND : One NCO on traffic duties at native compound from 0600 hrs to 0700 hrs daily.

CHARING CROSS :

(d) Pointsmen were on duty at this intersection daily from 0830 to 1500 hrs daily.

(e) GENERAL : Various culverts on the roads have caved in and these were policed at night to ensure that red lights were burning.

Two men were on duty at Lae Base pictures to help in the parking of vehicles and to control traffic. They also attended First Aust Army picture site to check unauthorised vehicles and to keep the road clear of traffic outside the AWAS barracks.

No traffic breaches were reported for the week.

VEHICLES REPORTED STOLEN

Jeep No.155737 - 13 Aust Pigeon Sec, reported stolen on 25 May and recovered the same day.

Jeep No.20331405 - US MP Bn Nadzab, stolen from outside FQ First Aust Army on 25 May 45. Vehicle recovered by an officer of 2/7 Aust Adv Wksp and returned to US Military Police on 25 May 45.

PROVOST COY

STRENGTH OF 3 AUST CORPS PRO COY

POSTED STRENGTH — 2 offrs ~~1cl~~ ORs

ATTACHED PENDING REPOSTING — 1 offr

DETACHED

First Aust Army Pro Coy	1offr	
3 Aust Div Pro Coy	1 "	1 OR
Lae		2 "
Finschhafen		2 "
Leeve		1 "

EFFECTIVE STRENGTH LAE — 2 offrs 95 ORs.

STRENGTH OF VEHICLES HELD BY 3 AUST CORPS PRO COY

JEEPS	13
15 cwt	2
3 ton	1
M/C solo	17
TOTAL	33

SPECIAL DUTIES

May	20	Report of a disturbance at ORs' Club investigated, US Naval personnel returned to their area.
"	21	Traffic warned by NCO to keep clear of collapsed culvert.
"	21	2 NCOs traffic control duties at Lae Base pictures.
"	22	2 NCOs at First Aust Army pictures keeping unauthorised personnel away.
"	22	2 NCOs traffic control on Butibum Road near AWAS barracks.
"	23	2 NCOs on special check of vehicles going to 2/7 ACH pictures.
"	24	1 member supplied to act as Court Orderly Lae Base DCM Room.
"	25	2 members erecting and supervising erection of fence at Piccadilly Circus Car Park.
"	26	2 NCOs on duty at Piccadilly Circus Car Park, in future this park will be manned by 3 Aust Corps Pro Coy.

N. J. MacKay .....Capt
D.A.P.M. LAE BASE SUB AREA

WEEKLY REPORT OF DOCKS OPERATIONS
by
4 AUST.DOCKS OPERATING COY.R.A.E. May 21-27. 1945

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PORT	Ships Handled	Cargo Handled	Type & No. of Coy. "C" Type 4 Aust Docks Op. Coy. RAE.	Strength at 21 May 45
LAE	3 Large Type 9 Small Type	4234 tons	WE 1V/11H/2 7/273 WE attached 13 Port Maint. 1/30	7/275

	Load	Disch.	Total	
MONTORO	1209	121	1330	
DUNTROON	250	26	276	
F.S.234	265		265	
PROTRERO	37		37	
O.L.11	145		145	
KATOOMBA	11	80	91	
O.L.6A	178		178	
O.L.2A	207		207	
JAMES COOK	257	1095	1352	* Incomplete
F 4.	74		74	
A.S.27	6		6	
A.F. 708		26	26	
O.L. 3A	187	60	247	
	2826	1408	4234	

Distribution
1-2 H.Q. Lae Base Sub-Area
3 Movement Control
4 File

R.C.Neville Major
R.C.Neville
OC 4 Aust Docks Op. Coy. R.A.E.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS LAE BASE SUB AREA RESTRICTED

MINUTES OF COMMANDERS CONFERENCE 28 MAY 43

PRESENT

ADM. COMMAND, G11, IO; S0111 FIRST AUST ARMY SIGS, DAAG, ADMS, DAPM, DAD Educ., AMENITIES OFFICER, DAQMG, ADST CRE, ADOS, ADV. CEME, CAMP.

Serial No	Report by	Report	Decision by Commander
1.		Lt. Col. BERRICK advised that he had been appointed Adm. Command. There would be no change in policy	
2.	G11	The one day maintenance school had concluded, and the CI CAPTAIN HARRISON had submitted his report. It was felt the school had served a useful purpose, in the report the CI had recommended that a special MT Inspection Section consisting of 3 OR's be raised, its purpose being to supervise monthly unit maintenance. This supervision would apply only to small units. DAQMG was of the opinion that the establishment of this section would raise the standard of maintenance in the area.	Considers this recommendation should be forwarded to higher Authority.
3.	S0111 SIGS.	The cutover of the new telephone exchange has been completed. There were many difficulties to be overcome but the service is improving.	
4.	A BRANCH	Weekly Field State as at 0600 hrs 26 May.	

POSTED STRENGTH	3128	3728
ATTACHED ALLOWED & NOT ALLOWED BY WE	40	472
TOTAL TROOPS UNDER COMMAND	352	4193
UNITS UNDER COMMAND	64	
UNITS MARCHED IN	NIL	
UNITS MARCHED OUT	3	
INCREASE IN OFFICERS	15	
DECREASE IN OR's	279	
STAGING UNITS	NIL	

5. LHQ has delegated authority to First Aust Army to attach personnel for periods up to 12 weeks.
MAJOR HYATT has been appointed ADMS vice LT. COL. ALEXANDER.
CAPT E. STEPHENS, Area Command Finschhafen, has been promoted to Major.
Concern is felt at the number of escapees from the Detention Barracks. Seven persons escaped during the past 10 days. CRE advises that the new fence is being proceeded with as quickly as possible with prison labour.

6. DAPM Of the seven escapees from the Detention Barracks, three have been apprehended.

Car Park at corner PICCADILLY BUSU Rds is now manned by Provost Personnel.

7. MEDICAL

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

	No of cases	Rate per 1000
Malaria	8	.6
Dengue	41	3.1
Dysentry	5	.3
Scrub Typhus	Nil	Nil
Skin Diseases	14	1.09

BED STATE

	Equipped	Occupied	Admissions
2/7 Aust Gen Hosp	1200	765	304
112 Aust Con Depot	500	274	70
18 Aust Fd Amb	50	2	16

EVACUATION RATE

Average daily evacuation rate per 1000(local troops) 1.7
Total evacuations 155

There was no noticeable change in the Dengue rate, but the rate at 4 AOD had dropped. Other cases of Dengue were spread over the area. A high percentage of Dysentry cases have come from 16 Aust small ships and cooks are being examined. Mobile Laundry has now been absorbed as an increment of the 2/7 AGH. There were no evacuations during the week, patients are being held and evacuated by the hospital ship "Manunda" which is due in shortly.

8. DO ANGAU

Requested that wire bridge over BUSU RIVER be placed out of bounds to all ranks, as US Troops are using it and frightening the natives.

9. AMENITIES

Sporting activities continue satisfactorily. Wednesday cricket has finished, and Sunday cricket are about to commence the finals. Semi finals of the Soft Ball were held last Saturday.
Additional seating accommodation is required at the Boxing Stadium.
Gracie Fields Concert Party will play two concerts in this area and is expected to arrive on the 6th June. A recce of the area has been made and it was decided that both concerts will be held at the Lae Theatre.
Suggested that the seats being made by Engineers for the BUSU Theatre be completed in time to be used for these concerts, and later moved to BUSU. It is anticipated there will be about 7000 present at each performance.
On Saturday 2 June, an exhibition tennis match will be played at Laundry Courts.

10. EDUCATION — With assistance rendered by several Units, the Education Centres at BUSU and CHARING CROSS have been extended. An exhibition of Hobbies and Crafts will be held at the Con Depot 1 June.
Any units wishing to submit articles may do so.

11. DAQMG — A census of MT is being obtained from all Units holding MT in excess of WET.
2/7 Advanced Workshops are being relieved by a large base Workshop, more building will be required, also buildings are required for another school to be established at YALU.
DAQMG ADVISED that Formosans cannot be made available in small parties as sufficient interpreters are not available and their security had to be considered.

12. ADOS — Supplies generally are satisfactory, although some trouble is being experienced in small sizes of shirts and trousers.
100 jeep hoods were received last week and balance expected in the next few weeks.
Paint Stocks are almost exhausted.
The arrival of the AWAS has increased the output of the Mobile Laundry, but it is quite able to cope with the extra work.

13. AEME — Repairs to USASOS Ice Works will be completed today.

14. ADST — The weekly report was read, fresh meat and vegetables are in good supply.
Vehicle service check was being made on all AASC Units by a WO for 151 AGT Workshop.

15. CRE — 900 lineal feet of pre-fabrication huttage had been issued, this meets all urgent demands made by Units, and will now enable the scheme of replacing tents by huttage to continue.
Mill output for the week, 180,000 super feet which is the working quantity.
The following engineers stores are in short supply, cement, pipe fittings and electrical equipment. Suggested that Units check quantities when requisitioning for electrical equipment, as it is considered most of the demands are excessive.
Building projects AASC school will be completed as per schedule at the end of this month, and it is proposed to commence the technical training School, YALU, 1 June.
4 AOD buildings will be completed in 10 days.
80 per cent of the material for the PIR Depot Battalion has been delivered. Native labour is being used for construction of buildings.
Temporary repairs are being affected to the Liberty Wharf with local timber, head and one leg will be serviceable Wednesday next, subject to a loading restriction of Class 9 and 5 miles per hour.
It is proposed to commence the Jetty at LABU for the Watercraft Workshops at the end of this month.
Culverts on the main road are all in bad condition, and a system of replacement has been commenced two gangs of Formosans are being employed.

Water supply to isolated units has been improved by coupling with nearby units. In other Units wells have been sunk and it is expected that shortly no Units will be dependant on Water Carts.

No further electrical installations will be made until such time as a new power plant is installed. Requested that a gang of Formosans be made available as an E.L. pole gang.

16. CAMP — It is expected that the erection of the new mens mess would be completed this week, also the concreting of the maintenance bays at the MT Park.

Next Conference will be held, Friday, 1 June.

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

Time of Signature 1400 hrs. 31 May '45.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

SECRET

COPY NO 38

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

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA

30 May, 45.

G/894 / OPS

1. Herewith LAE Base Sub Area Location Statement No 26 as at 2400 hrs 28 May 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
Aust Comd FINSCHHAFEN	3	HG 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	DADM	28
		Q	29
19 Aust L of C Sigs	10 -12	ADST	30- 31
HQ Pacific Island Regt	13	DADDS	32
101 Aust FSS	14	ADOS	33- 35
1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy	15	CEME	36- 37
7 Aust Base Post Unit	16 -17	War Diary	38- 39
3 Aust Corps Pro Coy	18	File	40

SUBJECT:- LAE BASE SUB AREA LOCATION STATEMENT NO 26 as at 2400 hrs 28 May 45

Copy No .....Acknowledged. .....Unit

.....Signature
(Rank, Appointment)

.....Date

LoC BASE SUB AREA LOCATION STATEMENT
NO 26
as at 2400 hrs 28 May 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 LoC BASE SUB AREA FOR LOCAL ADMIN ONLY

Serial No	Arm or Service	Unit	Ref Map Location		Remarks
		HEADQUARTERS			
A 1		HQ LoC Base Sub Area (Type B)(AIF)	LoC	707405	
2		HQ AMG Comd [illegible]	LANGEMAK BAY	644507	
3		AMG.U - HQ Northern Region	LoC	701406	(X)
4		AMG.U - D O MUCH	LoC	708437	(X)
5		Det AMG.U	NADZAB	427525	(X)
6		AMG.U - SDO AMU	AMU	376709	(X)
7		AMG.U - DD MOROBE	G.LoC/AMUa		(X)
8		AMG.U - ADO FINSCHHAFEN	LANGEMAK BAY	613582	(X)
9		S Aust Movt Control Gp (Type B)(AIF) (less dets)	LoC	694393	(X)
10		Det 3 Aust Movt Control Gp	NADZAB	409546	(X)
11		Det 3 Aust Movt Control Gp	SATELBERG	615639	(X)
12		Det 8 Aust Movt Control Gp	LANGEMAK BAY	624851	(X)
13		Det 8 Aust Movt Control Gp	LANGEMAK BAY	659511	(X)
14		ATC (Freight)	LoC	687381	(X)
15		ATC (Personnel)	LoC	687391	(X) (X)
16		CMP Regulating Officer	LoC	At Base "E"	USASOS (X)
17		MFO	LoC	700404	(X)
18		BSO	LoC	691391	(X)
19		I Aust Adv 2nd Echn(AIF)(le sdet)	LoC	707438	(X)
		ARTILLERY			
L 1		9 Aust R.D.F Det (Type A)(AIF)	LoC	696394	(X)
		ENGINEERS			
C 1		11 Aust CRE (Mtn) (AIF)	LoC	703463	
2		8 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)(less 2 Pl)	LoC	683425	
3		20 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	LoC	675442	
4		2 Aust A Tpt Coy (AIF)	LoC	713430	
5		8 Aust A Tpt Coy (AIF)	LoC	707412	To move AUST
6		2 MW Pl & 2 Sec Tpt Truck Pl 2/1 Aust Rly Constr Coy	LoC	700418	
7		3 Aust MW Spare Parts Sec	LoC	702457	
8		24 Aust Mech Eqpt Pk Coy (AIF) (less det)	LoC	705448	Dets to move ROUGAINVILLE JAC JUNCTION
9		13 Aust Mech Eqpt Pk Coy (less two Pl)	LoC	701437	
10		HQ 3 Aust Water Tpt Gp (AIF)	LoC	699398	(X)
11		16 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)	MARIAM [illegible]	(L)R 6437	(X)
14		55 Aust Port Craft Coy(lessdet)	MARIAM [illegible]	(L)R 6439	(X)
15		Det 55 Aust Port Craft Coy	LANGEMAK BAY	625585	(X)
16		HQ 3 Aust Docks Gp	LoC	700390	(X)
17		4 Aust Docks Op Coy (Type C) (AIF)	LoC	692394	(X)
18		Det 7 Aust Docks Op Coy (Type C)(AIF)	LANGEMAK BAY	624591	(X)
18 a		Det 8 Aust Docks Op Coy	LANGEMAK BAY	FINSCHHAFEN	(X) (STAGING)
19		9 Pl 1 Aust Port Maint Coy (AIF)(less det)	LoC	699393	(X)
20		Det 2 Aust Fd Svy Coy (AIF)	LoC	692413	(X) Det to move TOROKINA

	No	Service	Unit	Ref Map Location	Remarks
		ENGINEERS (cont'd)			
G	21	6 Aust Army Topo Svy Coy (less one Svy Sec, One Drawing Sec and one Lithographic Sec) (less det)		LE 692413 (X)	One Drawing Sec One Svy Sec and One Lithographic Sec TOT raised
	22	1 Aust CRE (NG Forests)(AIF)		LE 698407 (X)	
	23	B Det 2 Aust Forest Svy Coy		LE 698407 (X)	
	24	2/1 Aust Forestry Coy(Less one PL)		[illegible] 545543 (X)	
	25	2/3 Aust Forestry Coy		LE 689498 (X)	Det to move AIT[illegible] to move MOROTAI
		SIGNALS			
D	1	HQ FIRST AUST ARMY Lof C Sigs(AIF)		LE 704411 (X)	
	2	19 Aust L of C Sigs (AIF)(lessdet)		LE 712418 (X)	
	3	HQ 1 Coy 19 Aust L of C Sigs (AIF)		LE 685432 (X)	
	4	HQ 2 Coy 19 Aust L of C Sigs (AIF)		LE 712418 (X)	
	5	16 Aust Line Sec		LE 685432 (X).	
	6	18 Aust Line Sec (AIF)(less det)		LE 685432 (X)	To move AUST
	7	20 Aust Line Sec (AIF)(less dets)		LE 685432 (X)	To move AUST
	8	Det 20 Aust Line Sec	MUON W2885	(X)	Maintenance
	9	Det 20 Aust Line Sec	GULT R 4943	(X)	MU-LEU
	10	Det 20 Aust Line Sec	S SCALL R 2020	(X)	tele phone line
	11	28 Aust Line Sec (AIF)(less det)		LE 685432 (X)	To move AUST
	12	Det 28 Aust Line Sec	Maintenance	LE-BUL[illegible] line (X)	
	13	2 Aust Jungle Trunk Line Maint Sec		LE 685432 (X)	
	14	5 Aust Jungle Trunk Line Maint Sec		LE 685432 (X)	
	15	6 Aust Jungle Trunk Line Maint Sec	MOMOD TR.IL(X)		
	16	7 Aust Jungle Trunk Line Maint Sec	[illegible] Maint	LE BUSO carrier line	
	17	3 Aust Carrier Maint Sec (less det)		LE 712418 (X)	now absorbed in 2 Sub Cable Tg Op Sec
	18	5 Aust Carrier Maint Sec (less det)		LE 667419 (X)	being transferr
	19	Det 3 Aust Carrier Maint Sec	S.L[illegible] (L)X3827	(X)	
	20	6 Aust Line Maint Sec (AIF)		LE 685432 (X)	
	21	9 Aust Tech Maint Sec (less det)		LE 685432 (X)	
	22	17 Aust Tech Maint Sec(WE)(AIF)		LE 712418 (X)	
	23	11 Aust DR Sec (AIF)(less dets)		LE 712418 (X)	
	24	Det 11 Aust DR Sec	LEBU	(X)	
	25	Det 11 Aust DR Sec	N.DE.B	[illegible] (X)	
	26	Det 11 Aust DR Sec	LE[illegible]	B.Y TINSCHLEIN (X)	
	27	18 Aust DR Sec (AIF)		LE 712418 (X)	To move AUST
	28	19 Aust DR Sec (AIF)		LE 712418 (X)	
	29	28 Aust DR Sec (AIF)		LE 712418 (X)	
	30	Det 19 Aust Op Sec (AIF)		LE 712418 (X)	
	31	Det 19 Aust Op Sec (AIF)		[illegible] 425546 (X)	
	32	54 Aust Op Sec (AIF)		LE 712418 (X)	
	33	11 Aust Tg Op Sec (AIF)		LE 712418 (X)	
	34	37 Aust Tele Subd Op Sec (AIF)		LE 712418 (X)	To move AUST
	35	53 Aust Tele Subd Op Sec (AIF)		LE 712418 (X)	
	36	2 Aust Submarine Cable Tg Op Sec (less det)		LE 712418 (X)	
	37	Det 4 Aust WT Sec (WT)(AIF)		LE 712418 (X)	
	38	6 Aust Wireless Sec (WT)(AIF)		LE 712418 (X)	
	39	18 Aust Wireless Sec (less det)		LE 712418 (X)	
	40	33 Aust Wireless Sec (WT)(AIF) (less det)		LE 712418 (X)	
	41	34 Aust Wireless Sec(WT)(AIF) (less dets)		LE 712418 (X)	
	42	35 Aust Wireless Sec(WT)(less dets)		LE 712418 (X)	
	43	81 Aust Wireless Sec(LT)(AIF)		LE 712418 (X)	
	44	Det 81 Aust Wireless Sec (LT)(AIF)		[illegible] B.Y TINSCHLEIN(X)	
	45	91 Aust Wireless Sec (WT)		LE 712418 (X)	
	46	Det 4 Aust Cipher Sec		LE 712418 (X)	
	47	9 Aust Cipher Sec (Type A)(less dets)		LE 712418 (X)	

Serial No		Arm or Service	Unit	Ref Map	Location	Remarks
			SIGNALS (Cont'd)			
D	48		Det 9 Aust Cipher Sec (Type A)	FINSCHHAFEN	(X)	
	49		22 Aust Cipher Sec (Type A)	LAE 712418	(X)	
	50		2 Aust Pigeon Coy	LAE 712418	(X)	
	51		10 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type B)(lessdet)	LAE 712418	(X)	Att HQ 3 Aust Water Tpt Gp.
	52		3 Aust Sig Eqpt Sec (less three AOD sub secs and three RSD sub Secs)	LAE 669464	(X)	
	53		3 Aust Water Tpt Gp Sig Sec (AIF)	LAE 655389	(X)	
			INFANTRY			
E	1		HQ Pacific Island Regt	NADZAB 457621	(X)	
	2		2 NG Inf Bn	NADZAB 463626	(X)	
	3		Pacific Island Dep Bn (less one coy)	NADZAB 463663	(X)	
	4		One Coy Pacific Islands Dep Bn	NADZAB 512508	(X)	
	5		HQ No 20 PW Camp	LAE, 584434		
	6		No 2 Det 20 PW Camp	LAE 677474		
			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 681423	(X)	
			ENGR			
G	1		151 Aust Const Eqpt Coy (AIF)(five Pls)	LAE 720441		To move AUST
	2		72 Aust Tpt Pl	LAE 720441		
	3		73 Aust Tpt Pl	LAE 720441		
	4		74 Aust Tpt Pl	LAE 720441		
	5		75 Aust Tpt Pl	LAE 720441		
	6		77 Aust Tpt Pl	LAE 720441		
	7		151 Aust Wksp Pl	LAE 720441		
	8		3 Aust M.C Pl (less one Sec)	LAE 715428		
	9		Det 5 Aust M.C Pl	LAE 715428		To move TOWNSVILLE
	10		3 Aust Bulk Petroleum Storage Coy (less rear party)	LAE 675395		
	11		55 Aust BD OD Pl (AIF)	LAE 710428		
	12		8 Aust Fd Bakery Pl (AIF)(less one sec)	LAE 704403		
	13		9 Aust Fd Bakery Pl (AIF)	LAE 704403		
	14		2/4 Aust Fd Butchering Pl	LAE 723412		
	15		4 Aust Indep Farm Pl	LAE 721418		
	16		5 Aust Indep Farm Pl	WAU W387709		
	17		8 Aust Indep Farm Pl	CAM DIDDY 353596		
	18		5 Aust B S D (AIF)	LAE 710424		
	19		39 Aust Sup Depot Coy (AIF)	LAE 703404		
	20		42 Aust Sup Depot Pl (AIF)	LAE 703404		
	21		43 Aust Sup Depot Pl (AIF)	LAE 713424		
	22		44 Aust Sup Depot Pl	LAE 710424		
	23		107 Aust Sup Depot Pl	LAE 710424		
	24		2 Aust Marine Food Sup Pl (less det)	SALAMAUA 745015		
	25		Det 2 Aust Marine Food Sup	BUCORE EAST351259		
			MEDICAL			
H	1		2/7 AGH (H) (1200)(less det)	MUNIM 700473		
	2		113 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		BUTIBUM 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 687391		
	9		2 Aust Mob Lab Sec	LAE 713422		
	10		22 Aust M C U (Type C) (AIF)	MUNIM 700473		Att 2/7 AGH
	11		24 Aust M C U (Type B) (less det)	LAE 713422		
	12		25 Aust 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		To move MADANG

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			DENTAL			
I	1		Det HQ 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 Operations
	9		F Sec 54 Aust Dental Unit		LAE 712418	Att 19 Log Sig Sqn
			ORDNANCE			
J	1		4 Aust AOD (AIF)		LAE 669464 (X)	
	2		10 Aust RSD		LAE 669646 (X)	
	3		129 Aust Bde Ord Veh Pk (AIF)		LAE 713421	Att LAE Area Wksp
	4		Det 3 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		23 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 Ammn 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
			ADMIN			
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		237 Aust LAD (Type D) (AIF)		LAE 669464	Att 4 AOD to move AUST
	4		247 Aust LAD (Type A) (AIF)		NADZAB 423348	
	5		253 Aust LAD (Type A) (AIF)		LAE 703444	
	6		298 Aust LAD (Type A) (AIF)		LAE 712418	Att 19 Log Sig Sqn
	7		333 Aust LAD (Type A) (AIF)		LAE 715428	Att 3 MMC Pl
	8		LAD Area Wksp		LAE 712421	
			P&X			
L	1		District Accounts Office(NG) (AIF)		LAE 708413 (X)	
	2		57 Aust Depot Cash Office (Type C)		LAE 708413	
	3		64 Aust Depot Cash Office (Type C)		(AIF) LAE 704409	
	4		91 Aust Depot Cash Office (Type C)		MOREE 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		SALISBURY 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)		MOREE 692493	
			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)	

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			CANTEENS		
C	1		HQ NG Sec Aust Canteens Service	LAE 712426 (X)	
	2		Det NG Sec Aust 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		83 Aust Mob Cinema Unit	LAE 700404 (X)	" "
	4		No 20 Det Aust Entertainment Unit	LAE 700404 (X)	" "
			MISCELLANEOUS		
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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	LANGEMAK BAY FINSCHHAFEN (X)	
	5		Det 4 Sec Aust Kit Store	LAE 700404 (X)	
	6		Red Cross Bulk Store	LAE 707413 (X)	
	7		1 Aust Recreation Centre	SALAMAUA	
	8		AIAS BARRACKS	AMB 698412 (X)	
			TRAINING		
U	1		NG Training School (.IF)	MR.THS YALU (X)	
	2		BD Wing LHQ SLE	MR.THS YALU (X)	
	3		LHQ School of Mech Mob Team	MR.THS YALU (X)	