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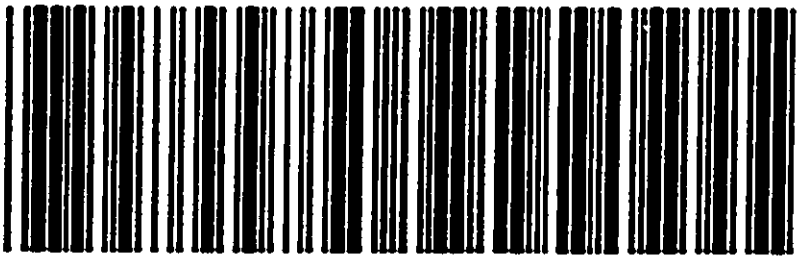

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SHEET 1

22 DEC 1943 WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C 2118 (adapted.)

Unit PORT MORESBY BASE SUB AREA HQ Date and Time.—From 1 NOV '43 To 21 NOV '43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	1		Ref MORESBY 1" 926348 Movement Order of Jap PW	See Appx C (9562)
" "	2		To NGF LOB LAUNDRY Warning order for movt to Australia	" " C (9605)
" "	3		Application to ANGAU for native labor for 5 mile B.S.D	" " C (9735)
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" "	5		Warning Order to 6 AUST TCC SVY CCY movement Moresby to Aust	" " C (9788)
" "	6		Movement of Jap PW from NG to Australia	" " C (9865)
" "	8		To D.F.C. Warning order movt NG to Australia	" " C (9937)
" "	8		Transportation for personnel MAPPA-MAPPA shipyards requested	" " C (9992)
" "	9		Native labor for Sig line construction MORESBY-DOBODURA	" " C (10086)
	10		Distribution of Amenities Bulldog - WAU L of C.	" " D (10096)
" "	10		Regulation of Traffic through Hospitals	" " C (10085)
" "	10		To Mr DUNCAN re amenities BUILDOG - WAU Areas	" " D (10095)
" "	20.		Responsibility of defences of Moresby Area taken over by Moresby Base Sub Area.	
" "	21		MORESBY PORT SUB AREA to be abolished	" " C (10625)

SHEET 2

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit PORT MORESBY BASE SUB AREA Date and Time.—From 22 NOV '43 To 23 NOV '43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	22		Disbandment of HG Leave Camp	See Appx C (10767)
" "	23		To 2/7 CAV COMMANDO SQN Warning Order to move to Australia from HG.	" " C (10778)

D. M. Dutt Brigadier
COMD. Moresby Base Sub Area.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

SITREPS.

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ADDRESSEES: SEE BELOW

FROM : MORESBY BASE SUB AREA 0 1 22

SITREP 11 to 201100L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV observer to 202100L
NO change

TWO (.) 2 AUST CORPS to 210800L (.) 9 DIV to 202100L (.)

24 BDE (.) 2/32 BN less one coy occupied posn 636732 (.) 12 enemy killed (.) observers report (.) PIB patrol report 10 JAPS 626724 and JAPS 623727 (.) Patrol found JAP still on RING HILL 650740 posn heavily shelled and mortared (.)

26 BDE (.) 2/48 BN capture commanding ground 2400 feature approx 562663 and made contact 2/23 BN (.)

20 BDE (.) observers report (.) 2/15 BN patrol 596687 to 605687 to 604694 to 599696 no JAP (.) 2/13 BN patrol along track 597677 to 588677

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N.B. This Sitrep covers period between issue of last 3 DIV Sitrep and issue of Moresby Base Sub Area Sitrep No. 1.

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FROM : MORESBY BASE SUB AREA

SITREP 14 19 to 202100L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 202100L (.)

6 MG BN patrol report NO enemy WAIUNTI (.)

TWO (.) 24 BDE (.) JAP posn north edge plantation 657738 contacted by patrol 2/43 BN and then engaged by arty (.) 6 JAPS 624704 engaged by accurate arty (.) 2/32 BN concentrating north SAMG RIVER 643695 (.)

2/32 BN less one coy arrived 637717 201200L NC contact (.) observer to 200900L (.) 2/32 BN patrol to 633727 19 nov saw 20 unarmed JAPS carrying packs west to MAREC and signs of JAPS having staged in area (.)

20 BDE (.) one coy 2/15 BN established posn 596697 (.) patrolling NW to 583693 (.) 2/13 BN BN (.) two pls established posn 598677 and made contact 2/24 BN at 597678 (.) further patrol found JAP posn 603678 deserted and almost obliterated by accurate arty fire (.)

26 BDE (.) 2/23 BN successfully attacked posn 563660 (.) patrolling north to make contact 2/48 BN (.) 2/48 BN pressing slowly west in thick bamboo on razor back adv 250 yards 20 nov (.)

with arty sp one coy 2/24 BN captured 576676 (.) dug in 578678 in close contact with JAPS to west (.) by fighting now in progress area HILL 2600 (.) JAP counter attack 191830L repulsed and high ground 563663 captured (.) this delayed by three A Tk ditches and mines but very effective when ground allowed (.) during 19 nov this knocked out one 75 mm two 3.7 mm two HMG and several LMG (.) 2/23 BN (.) C coy joined A coy 563658 2/4 CAV COMMANDO SQN (.) patrols west and south from KUMUSA NO contact (.) 70 JAPS certain killed by 2/48 BN but no estimate 2/23 BN and 2/24 BN as enemy removed dead (.)

4 BDE (.) 22 BN patrol report JAPS estimated coy in KORENG village and track junc 534640 (.)

ARTY (.) 2 AUST LTN BTY less det 633676 2 AUST HY BTY moving position KOKODO 6358 (.)

THREE (.) ENEMY AIR (.) 191650L 9 BETTYS with fighter escort intercepted LANGEMAK BAY area (.)

200550L one enemy aircraft dropped two bombs GUSAP area NO damage (.) 200505L one enemy aircraft dropped 10 bombs south LANGEMAK BAY no details (.)

FOUR (.) SHIPPING SIGHTINGS (.) 191220L 5 ships and gen shipping activity MADANG HARBOUR (.)

201320L one ship entering BOGADJIM HARBOUR (.) sitrep 19 191220L sighting five steamships 201830L sub course at 05 degrees 30 mins S 152 degrees 10 mins E

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AIROPS 19 nov (.) 21 MITCHELLS 9 MARAUDERS attacked KULUNG TUFU village dumps and bivouac areas starting many fires (.) 9 BOSTONS attacked SATELBERG results unobserved (.) 8 BOSTONS attacked coastal area BONGA to MELANGA results unobserved (.) 9 MITCHELLS destroyed one barge damaged two off CAPE RACULT

AIROPS 20 nov (.) 51 LIBERATORS bombed RING RING plantation area (.) heavy damage explosions and fires started (.) 18 MITCHELLS bombed and strafed barges and dumps HANSA BAY area fires started 5 barges hit (.) villages along coast HANSA BAY to ALEXISHAFEN also attacked huts destroyed (.) one MITCHELL crash-landed in water (.) 24 MITCHELLS 8 MARAUDERS attacked KULUNGTUFU area (.) buildings and mission demolished (.) 9 BOSTONS attacked WALD BAY area results unobserved

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FROM : MORESBY BASE SUB AREA

SITREP 2 to 221600L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 212100L (.)

6 MG BN patrols report GOMULU 9349 clear of enemy (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV to 212100L (.)

24 BDE (.) 2/32 BN patrolling east and west on BONGA WAREO track (.) enemy attack on bn posn 211200L repulsed (.) 1555L 37 armed JAPS from WAREO machine-gunned 1620L all believed killed 21 JAPS engaged by arty arty at least 8 killed (.) 2/28 BN ambushed 40 JAPS moving south 625715 killed 8. without without loss (.) PIR report JAPS dragging fd gun west from GUSIKO 6574 (.) 220800L small scale attack on outpost 2/43 BN 655711 repulsed (.) two JAP guns believed 75 mm square 6473

26 BDE (.) coy 2/24 moved to knoll 574677 (.) patrols found JAPS 565677 (.) 2/48 BN advancing astride SATELBERG track surprised 17 JAPS 557666 who fled leaving eqpt (.) posn at 554669 captured with tank support (.) JAPS dug in deep with overhead cover and well concealed (.) attempted delay by anti tank ditch and mines unsuccessful (.) JAPS apparently withdrawing up SATELBERG track to posn on spur 555672 (.) fwd coys 2/48 BN 555668 and 554669 (.)

Captured documents indicate 80 JAP regt living on native gardens with very little rice

2/23 BN (.) A coy moved south of SATELBERG track to 556664 (.) B coy 574661 (.) C and D coys 562663 (.)

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AIROPS 21 nov (.) 24 LIBERATORS bombed RING RING village and GASELTA area (.) results unobserved due to dust and smoke (.) 11 BOSTONS bombed and strafed villages and tracks vicinity MASINGKOO FTOR WAREO NUANKO and ZAGENET results unobserved (.) one LIBERATOR bombed one 7000/8500 ton vessel apprex 45 miles SW LUGSAU IS (.) one direct hit one near miss secnd vessel claimed probably sunk A/C intercepted by 9 enemy fighters over area one shot down

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SITREP 3 to 23[illegible]00/L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 230900L (.)

2/2 PNR BN patrols report no sign of enemy MUNGO 855630 and GURIA 882597 (.) 2/25 BN patrol reached 708647 (.) 2/6 CAV SQN patrols and Tac R observed indications increased enemy activity KIRA area (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV to 230900L (.)

Small scale JAP attack on outpost 2/43 BN 655711 repulsed (.) two JAP guns believed 75 mm firing from square 6473 (.) our arty harassed JAP dump areas 649743 and 649761 (.) enemy attack from north and NW repulsed (.) over 50 enemy killed 1 PW (.) numerous patrol clashes (.)

THREE (.) ENEMY AIR (.) 230450L one A/C dropped 3 bombs area BEACH 6468 NO damage reported

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AIROPS 23 nov (.) GASMATA area (.) 70 MITCHELLS 32 LIBERATORS attacked various targets around area (.) bombing accurate causing hy destruction (.) WAREO area (.) 16 MITCHELLS attacked villages and dump areas (.) results unobserved (.) WALINGAI area (.) 6 BOSTONS attacked villages and tracks (.) results unobserved (.) CAPE GLOUCESTER (.) 13 LIBERATORS bombed strip and dump areas

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SITREP 4 to 241700L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 240900L (.)

2/2 CAV COMMANDO SQN report URIGINA 385854 and URIA 423865 clear of enemy (.) 27 enemy killed all areas 18 oct to 22 nov (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV to 232100L (.)

24 BDE (.) detail of NGF sitrep 26 (.) D Coy 2/43 BN 655701 repulsed attack by estimated coy first light (.) at least 20 incl 2 offrs killed 1 PW taken (.) attack by estimated coy on our posn 643697 repulsed with cas (.) Coy 2/32 BN counterattacked killed 22 JAPS incl 2 offrs and mopped up to 639701 (.) patrol 2/43 BN found JAP still on RINO HILL 649724 (.) standing patrol established 655707 (.) 6 JAPS killed by 2/28 BN patrols area 632696 (.) enemy party approached 636692 but heavy mortar fire forced withdrawal (.) patrol 2/32 B mopping up area 640700 captured large amount eqpt (.) JAP estimated coy encountered 637707 (.)

26 BDE (.) coy 2/24 BN attacked 2 enemy posn 577687 but unsuccessful in face strong opposition (.) 2/48 BN advanced to strong enemy posn FORD 556675 (.) coy 2/23 BN in contact enemy posn 554675 (.) extensive patrolling south and SW of SATELBERG PEAK (.) patrol 2/4 CAV COMMANDO SQN discovered recently vacated extensive diggings 548647 and 543647 (.) Arty engaged suspected enemy DIV HQ and dumps NONGARA 609717 (.)

THREE (.) ENEMY AIR (.) 220929L 9 SALLYS dropped bombs KUMAWA area 5665 NO damage

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AIROPS 23 nov (.) 15 MITCHELLS 6 BOSTONS attacked MORENG strafed tracks KULUNGTUFU JUNGAING BOING BANGENG

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SITREP 5 to 252100L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 242100L (.)

Active patrolling 25 EDE area (.) cas inflicted on small enemy force 707641 (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV to 251050L (.)

24 EDE (.) enemy appears to have withdrawn from close contact with 2/43 BN vicinity 643698 (.) fighting patrols had cleared enemy from squares 6470 and 6570 but few JAPS dug in 654707 (.) additional 4 Offrs 66 JAPS buried 150 JAP rifles recovered in area (.) at 643705 patrol found 800 empty fox holes (.) JAP posn 662707 shelled and mortared (.) coy 2/32 BN moved from 635742 to 2/43 BN area taking BN wounded (.)

26 EDE (.) Arty fire drove JAPS from fwd posns 577677 but 2/24 BN patrols contacted enemy still holding posn (.) many JAP graves in area (.) coy 2/48 BN from 559674 attempted outflank to right strong JAP posns on top steep slopes (.) coy held by hy fire but reached kunai patch 561675 150 yds from top of ridge (.) strong counter attack repulsed with support further coy 2/48 BN (.) on left coy 2/23 BN attacked down ridge 554676 (.) inflicted hy cas on JAP counter attacks from West and North (.) coy withdrew to SW and JAPS attacked their own posns (.) coy now back at 544674 (.) arty expended 2300 rds harassing JAP posns (.)

have gained footing on eastern ind of SATTELBERG HEIGHTS (.) patrol 2/4 CAV SQN sighted 20 JAPS 554645 who withdrew (.)

THREE (.) ENEMY AIR (.) 24 nov time unstated LILLYS escorted by 20 OSCARS bombed south of FINSCHHAFEN strip and in sea east HEADACH PLANTATION (.)

FOUR (.) SHIPPING SIGHTINGS (.) 240807L 1 sub approx 70 mls ESE SALAMAUA crash dived on approach our a/c

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AIROPS

AIROPS 24 nov (.) 24 LIBERATORS bombed MUNG MUNG Plantation starting fires and explosions (.) 29 MITCHELLS 10 MARAUDERS and 6 BOSTONS attacked MALAL results unobserved (.) 9 BOSTONS bombed KEARI results unobserved (.) 25 nov (.) 40 THUNDERBOLTS made fighter sweep to WEWAK (.) one enemy recce bomber intercepted and destroyed

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8 Nov 43

Subject: REPORTS - SURGICAL TEAMS

Ref: M5673/83/5

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Forwarded herewith as requested, copies of reports by Maj J M YEATES and Maj E P ROWE.

ADMS We have seen these before - extra copies for whom? MCJ

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Where are our file copies. MCJ.

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ADMS MORESBY BASE SUB AREA

ORGANIZATION AND EQUIPMENT OF ADVANCED SURGICAL TEAMS IN NEW GUINEA.

Forward:-

These notes were compiled on instruction from the D.D.M.S., immediately on return from WAU - SALAMAUA area (August 25) It is hoped that they may be of value to other surgeons who are to begin a similar enterprise in the near future.

This campaign was fought in mountainous areas, but the difficulties were substantially the same as those encountered in the BUNA and SOPUTA areas during the fighting there in Dec-Jan.

On the other hand the general tatics were different. Instead of fierce frontal assaults - expensive as regards casualties, there were skilfully planned flanking attacks. These movements affected the surgeon considerably. Instead of following just behind the centre, it was necessary at times for us to split into two seperate units, because in NEW GUINEA the surgeon must be within a few hours of the front. If he is not, all the casualties which occur about sunset (a favourite time for Jap counter attacks) must remain in the jungle all night without operation, because it is usually impossible for the native to carry stretchers by night.

Two more items call for comment before getting down to business. (1) In the 1914 - 18 War bulk of the forward surgery was done at a C.C.S. for a Division. In the M.E. we advanced so far as Surgeons at the M.D.S. for a Brigade. In N.G. one is often required to work at a 'tiny" A.D.S." for a battalion, or even for one or two companies.
(2) The difficulties in getting back the wounded have one dubious advantage for the surgeon - a sudden tremendous rush of cases is uncommon Twelve natives are required for one stretcher case. As the total number of natives in an area is always limited it is unusual to have more than two or three badly wounded arrive together. Often the same natives/run a ferry service. This again shows the necessity for the Surgical team to be reasonably close to the front

1. PERSONNEL. Medical Officers are scarce and one in addition to the Surgeon is quite satisfactory. It is surprising what an amount of "administration" is necessary - arranging supplies, evacuations, keeping in close touch with Brigade or Battalion.

It is unfortunately necessary for a Medical Officer to do this job. In addition there are always medical cases requiring treatment, and it is quite useless to inform a Cerebral Malaria or a Meningitis that this is "Surgery only". (For this reason a wise surgeon will always have certain indispensable drugs such as I.V. Quinine, DAGENAN and SULPHAGUANADINE).

Intelligent orderlies can readily learn to give anaesthetics, and perform complete blood transfusions.
For actual theatre work four orderlies are required viz:
(a) Assistant at operations. (For Laparotomy only does a third person- including surgeon -scrub up - In this case the M.O. becomes first Assistant - the orderly does "tools".)

(b) Sterilization man - for instruments, enamel ware, linen.

(c) Preparation orderly.

(d) General duties - very numerous!

In addition - supposing you aim to hold 50 cases - at least another 12 to 16 men are required - Clerk(1), Nursing(4); General duties and Stretcher bearers(4 to 6), hygiene and water (1), cooks (2).

If possible a Lieutenant Stretcher Bearer is a great asset to act as "Company Officer", and in particular to supervise building of wards, and selection of new sites. Otherwise a really good N.C.O. is essential.

To summarize:-

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(a) 3 Officers - Surgeon, M.O., and Lieutenant.

(b) 4 Theatre assistants

(c) 1 Anaesthetist

(d) 1 Resuscitation

(e) 14 others.

Total - 3 and 20

This is the irreducible minimum. It is most important to give every theatre orderly a "peace-time" job. Then you can hold someone definately responsible for each task e.g. - 1st assistant will clean and oil instruments and keep a book listing all expendible stocks and indents for same.
(b) Sterilization man will attend to all heating and lighting, fill all lamps and primus stoves every morning, soak primus washers in oil once a week, keep the batteries and motor in first class order.
(c) Preparation man will prepare vaseline gauze, gauze swabs linen etc
(d) G.D. man will keep theatre clean and attend to water supplies.
(e) Blood transfusion man will clean and sterilize his apparatus in a manner approved by surgeon.

Some of these tasks may seem too trivial to mention. But if you don't have a definate man for every conceivable task annoying troubles will occur, e.g. "the light's fused Sir", or "the kerosene drum is empty", or "the patient is having a severe rigor".

2. TRANSPORT. This of course is the key to the whole situation in N.G. Pounds avoirdupois causes more worry than the acquiring of pounds sterling in former days. Gone are the glorious days of 3 ton trucks and stately E.P.I.P. tents.

We depend on transport planes lifting 5000 lbs, and on native "boys" carrying a maximum of 40 lbs for 5 to 6 hours daily. If you are lucky, you may have better means of transport. In the meantime it is useful to know how to overcome the difficulties.

The following equipment (vide infra) is recommended. The purely surgical equipment requires only 16 boys. (16 x 40 = 640 lbs). With this you could perform any operation in the open air, without any cover, and give saline, serum or blood.

No less than 9 boys are required for a complete and adequate electric light (1 for light and standard, 3 for batteries, 4 for battery charger, and 1 for 4 gallons petrol). It is a large number of boys, but a good light is essential for thorough work at night. Take it if you can. If not compromise by leaving the battery charger and petrol. Fully charged batteries will last for 8 hours solid, and if you are near Brigade the Sigs will have a charger (sometimes Battalion has one).

A further 20 to 25 boys are required for accommodation stores, e.g. blankets, ground sheets, nets, cooking utensils, tools, and "Sisal craft". Generally the surgeon is NOT intimately concerned with these stores almost invariably an Officer from the Field Ambulance will arrange for their carriage etc.

To summarize:- 16 boys for Surtical gear
9 for electric light
25 for everything else for a complete 50 bed A.D.S.
Total 50 boys.

N.B. You save boys by moving forward whenever possible. In one day 50 boys will move you forward 5 to 6 hours. The same boys for the same time will bring only four patients back. (The Staff Captain soon finds this out).

3. EQUIPMENT. Discussed under three headings -

(a) Purely Surgical gear. - see Appendix "A"
(b) Electric Lighting.
(c) Accommodation Stores.

(a) This table gives the IRREDUCIBLE MINIMUM. Certain deficiencies may cause alarm.

1. Small quantity of ether - see later

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11. Small quantity of Plaster of Paris - see later

(d) Electric lighting. See above.

(e) Accommodation stores. Here an enormous saving is effected by cutting out Army Stretchers (each 50 lbs) and Tents - 180 to 250 Lbs. Stretchers are made from Bamboo or other suitable timber and blankets.

'SISAL CRAFT' is used in place of tents. This material is only one tenth the weight of canvas and is 100% waterproof if used correctly. In Jungle Warfare it has come to stay. It comes in rolls 300 ft. long and of various widths. The 5 ft width is the best. One 5 ft roll can be carried by 2 boys. Two such rolls (4 boys) will cover 6 huts each 15 x 20 feet. This is the bare minimum for a 50 bed A.D.S. A third roll is very desirable.

Both blankets and Sisalcraft can be dropped in excellent condition from Transport planes, in fact this is true for nearly all accommodation stores. Therefore in a real shortage of "boys" you can sometimes have a fresh supply of stores dropped near the new site, and use 16 of your team to carry the Surgical gear. (Perhaps the electric light outfit can be sent in a day or two).

4. SITE.- This will usually be chosen for you by the C.O. of your Field Ambulance in consultation with the Brigadier or C.O. Battalion. If the decision rests with the Surgeon (unusual) consider these factors in order.

(a) Proximity to Front. - preferably 1 to 2 hours. Usually fairly close to Battalion HQ. This is useful for purposes of liaison with C.O. and R.M.O. - also for a handy supply of blood donors (see Resuscitation).

(b) Water Supply - Usually no trouble in this country. One snag is that the fiercest fighting is for the high ground. Here, of course, the water supply is poorest.
(In one area extra water was secured by fixing bamboo "pipes" to the eaves of the Sisalcraft huts).

(c) Cover - (i) From Shells and Mortars,

(ii) From the Air.

This is never difficult. Behind a ridge, deep in the trees gives good protection. Avoid making lots of tracks and excessive tree cutting. Cover is far better than camouflage. The cookhouse should be a good 100 yards from the wards as the Japs are very keen on SMOKE.

(d) Terrain. - A gentle slope, with thick trees but little undergrowth is ideal.

(e) Proximity to A.S.C. - for obtaining supplies, empty drums and wooden boxes for making tables.

N.B. Keep a sensible distance from a "dropping ground." It is a favourite target.

5. PACKING. - Of your 16 boy-loads, 12 will require to be put in boxes, while four are made up with large solid items such as Thomas Splints (7 complete) - Sterile Operating drums, and a few 4 gallon drums and some converted to buckets, filled with odds and ends. By far the heaviest weights are the Plaster of Paris and the Soluvacs - each is 4 to 5 lbs.

Commence by placing 4 or 5 of these "standard weights" in each of 12 boxes. Then put in what remains, and end up with shell dressings for odd corners. 12 "Bond-wood" (SYN. "COMMANDO") boxes will hold the stores listed nicely. The biggest snag is the Tilley Lamp. The surest way is to carry it by hand. Avoid putting all syringes in one box - they are difficult to replace. The boy line tends to "bolt" at times. Put a good man in charge. Otherwise only a few boxes will arrive. The natives are honest and obliging, but the most ridiculous mistakes in delivery occur. e.g. a bed pan was among the gear opened up by a surprised Company Commander just prior to battle! (We had packed it in an "Ammo" box and the native did the rest). After a little practice, the theatre orderlies will arrange all details without loss or breakage.

6. ADVANCING TO NEW SITE. - Now that we are taking the initiative, planning ahead is easier, and one must be prepared to go forward quickly. This is the only time when tents are missed.
The best plan is to send the Lieutenant or N.C.O. with 6 or 7 O.D. men to the selected site some two days in advance (more days are desirable, one day is the minimum).

They proceed at once to construct frames for huts, latrines, cook house, and timber the paths if possible. If new stores are dropped they can proceed to roof the huts and build the beds. If not, the old site is closed down, the Sisalcraft and blankets already sewn up (called BED-SAILS) are rolled up and carried to the new site. With the frames all prepared the roof and beds can be completed in a couple of hours.

7. ACCOMMODATION - In these notes we are reckoning always on 50 operations (without fresh stocks) and holding capacity for 50 also. This as an arbitary figure, but for a Battalion it works fairly well. It is simple enough to multiply by 2 or 4 if necessary.

Huts required are, M.I. Room, Store, Resuscitation, Theatre, 4 Wards each 12 to 16 bunks. Extra cover for Cookhouse and sleeping quarters is very desirable.

The usual size of these huts was:-

M.I. Room and Store - 10 x 15 ft each.
Resuscitation and Theatre - 20 x 15 feet each.
2 Wards with "double-deckers" - 20 x 10 feet each = 24 patients.
2 Surg. Wards "Single-deckers" - 20 x 30 feet each = 32 patients.

Each hut was 6 ft 6" high at "ceiling" level, and the pitch of roof was 45 degrees with a good over-hang.

To avoid nails or other form of fixation the Sisalcraft was slung transversely, each strip supported by ridge pole. Provided the overlap is 9" to 12" this is quite waterproof. On no occasion during nearly 6 months was a piece of roofing dislodged by wind.

If the cover from the air is not 100%, special quick drying paint must be applied to the Sisalcraft before erecting it. (This is easy to do and takes very little time, if A.S.C. provide the paint). In constructing the beds, those for the surgical wards must be made quite removable i.e. a mere frame 6' 6" x 2' resting on trestles. Make handles only 8" long.

These portable surgical beds, (always called BED-SAILS) are simply a bamboo frame with a blanket sewn firmly round. It is built to fit the operating table and trestles also.

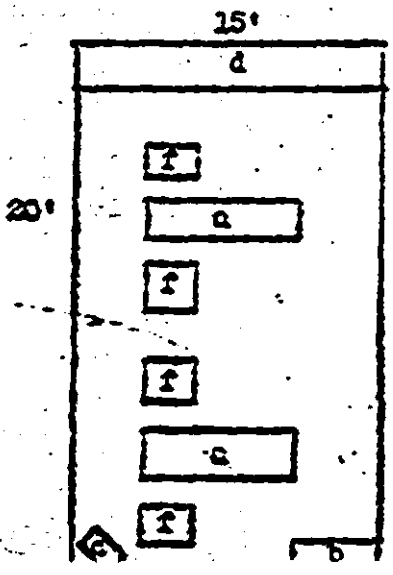
Upper bunks are usually reserved for the inevitable medical cases. In a real emergency, walking wounded may be put there when recovered from anaesthetic.

Regarding the disposition of these huts, if the air cover is 100% it is a good idea to build them very close together. The Resuscitation, Theatre and one Surgical Ward at any rate should be nearly adjacent. This saves the weary stretcher-bearers the necessity of staying up all night. The Theatre orderlies can always carry the patients a few yards.

A long carry to the ward on a dark, muddy, rainy night is worth avoiding if possible. (The "stretcher-bearers" are the very men who may be sent forward next morning to build a new A.D.S.).

8. THEATRE. It is not necessary to labour the many advantages of the one-surgeon two-table system. This saves at least 20 minutes between every case. With 12 cases, no less than 4 hours are thus saved.

In every case except one, a two-table theatre was constructed. The minimum size for this is 15 feet x 20 feet.



a - Op. tables 6'3" x 1'9"
b - Table for sterilization
c - Wash table.
d - 2"foot, 3 docker shelf which holds ALL stores.
f - Portable tables.

In addition, portable 2 decker tables 2' x 2' are made for instruments and anaesthetics. These 4 tables make the theatre full enough (the arm is often abducted for I.V. anaesthetics).

It is a good idea to build only one operating table complete. For the other, 2 trestles are useful. The "bed-sail" placed in position completes the table. If only one table is in use the extra floor space is convenient. (However, the I.V. anaesthetist will complain bitterly if the blanket sags more than an inch or two).

The long wide full length 3 decker shelf is very useful. On it you can unpack everything immediately on arrival on a "functional" basis. This saves endless frantic "rummaging" in the middle of operations e.g. for bone wax or eyeless suture needles. Naturally the centre of the top shelf holds the instruments nicely arranged in sets. Then on the flanks come I.V. Anaesthetics, and other items used in every operation.

Such heavy things as kerosene and plaster go on the bottom. The only snag to this complete unpacking system is damage by the weather - especially moulds and rust. The answer to this is a partial re-pack on a functional basis, having samples of each item on the lid of the boxes.

If you leave the boxes packed on a "travelling" basis the muddle will be amazing. For the first few days, "furnishings" are rough and scanty. In spare moments extra "gadgets" are constructed, wires slung over-head for holding lamps and "Soluvacs." By the end of a week every item should be visible and accessible, and provision made for every contingency. (In our final A. D.S. at GOODVIEW, the theatre was well nigh perfect - lighting heating, blackout, drainage and furnishings. For every practical purpose it was as good as a modern civilian theatre.)

9. LIGHTING - The answer is one or two TILLEYS with spare parts and the electric light apparatus previously described. The Tilley can be used for the induction of anaesthesia, excision of skin, fat and superficial muscle.

It is dangerous to exercise more deeply without a beam of light. Some surgeons are fond of the surgeon's head-lamp. This appears to light the wound only with the "general" lighting extinguished - a very undesirable feature. But it is useful for an emergency. Black-out, when necessary is very easily obtained by banding blankets. Sisalcraft is 100% opaque and big eaves are helpful.

10. HEATING. - No less than 4 Primus stoves are needed in the theatre, one for the instrument sterilizer, one for heating water in the 4 gallon copper cistern, and one for the linen sterilizer.

The fourth one is produced at a moment's notice when a sudden "failure" occurs. (After an experience of at least 100 Primus Stoves in the Army one regrets to record that those made in our own country are easily the worst). In N.G. the temperature is usually warm. On the mountains, the more hanging of blankets as for a black-out will soon raise the temperature nearly to body heat (with 3 Primuses and one Tilley in action).

11. STERILIZATION - There is little to add to previous accounts. Everything is boiled. It is better to have a second container for towels and gloves etc. If none is obtainable, a 4 gallon kerosene drum cut longitudinally answers the purpose.

12. ANAESTHESIA - "PENTOTHAL" was used for every case except abdominals. In no single case did "Pentothal" fail to produce anaesthesia nor did any untoward symptoms occur. Atropine was never used. Morphine was used in large doses.

Every conscious patient was given ¼ grain 30 minutes before operation, providing he had received no injection in the hour previous. In earlier days Morphine was used more sparingly as recommended by Capt. MORTON. In these cases induction was less smooth, more anaesthesia was required, and more troubles like coughing and sneezing prevalent.

One patient had received 1 (one) grain of Morphine in the previous 12 hours. His anaesthetic was delightful. One can faithfully record that big doses of morphine never caused serious respiratory depression.

In our unit the injection was given by the Dental Officer, his staff Sergeant or a trained orderly. They received only two instructions -

(a) Be personally responsible for every breath the patient breathes.

(b) If he kicks, give him a little more.

"Pentothal" was given with the patient in every conceivable position from prone to supine. With a little ingenuity one can always find a handy vein.

An airway was NOT used. It is a great mistake to introduce one "as a precaution." This often causes coughing etc. In more than half the cases, more than 1 Gram of pentothal was used on many occasions perhaps 22 to 25 c.c. being the total. There is thus a considerable wastage, and when indenting it is wise to reckon on 2 Grams for each casualty.

When a "session" is commencing - say 12 cases - time and anaesthetic are saved by preparing enough solution in advance in a sterile basion.

One very pretty innovation was made by the D.O. (Capt McGrath). This was a Plaster slab 8" x 6" x 1". Before this had set, some 8 "dimples" were made by pressing in a 'Pentothal" ampoule. This is a small point, but it saved many an ampoule from being knocked over. Syringes were kept in S.V.M. in a "Colleno" tin, being rinsed with ether and then ½ c.c. of the distilled water before use. (S.V.M. is often scarce. For this reason we used it for two things only - 1 syringes and cutting instruments. 2 Priming.

It would be interesting to know whether it is safe to dissolve 1 G. Pentothal in only 10 c.c. water and inject twice as slowly. After all the patient would then receive the same amount in the same time. The great advantage would be the necessity for 10 c.c. syringes only. These are much more convenient and more easily obtained than the 20 c.c. which is a very ungainly instrument with its invariable central nozzle.

'Pentothal' has still more virtues. It is only a fraction the weight of ether (especially when allowance is made for bottles), and it appears to keep indefinitely.

Finally the troops actually enjoy the induction - "Wacko!" - said one lad as he went under!

IN ACTION

1. ADMISSION. - The best plan is to have the natives carry the patients into the 'Resuscitation' hut. The 'A & D' clerk sees them pass the door of the M.I. room and can easily come and obtain the necessary particulars. (Once the natives place a stretcher down, it's the devil's own job to persuade them to carry it another yard.)
The 'Resuscitation' Hut is built large enough to serve as a reception room in addition. Avoid at all costs allowing patients go to the Wards BEFORE operation. This causes endless difficulties. Sometimes you may be forced. One way traffic is the ideal, with waiting patients in sight of the surgeon. In rush periods a nursing orderly is necessary. In quiet times the "prep" man is capable of doing the work.

2. RESUSCITATION - If this is necessary, then blood is the thing to give. If this be impossible, serum is used instead (1 litre of wet serum in Soluvac bottle. This appears to keep indefinitely even in warm areas). With good planning blood can be given to nearly all deserving cases, provided the rush is not too acute.

The following arrangement worked well:-

(I) The R.M.O. telephones to say, e.g. two severely injured will arrive in 1½ hours. Both are very shocked. Types A2 and O+.

(II) The Surgeon informs his blood transfusion orderly (an Officer if available).

(III) The orderly phones the nearest available source of donors - e.g. BDE or BM. HQ. (Previously arranged). /Blood is collected &

(IV) Usually 3 or 4 donors arrive in 10 to 20 minutes. kept in basis of cool water.

(V) The blood is then given to the patients within a few minutes of arrival.

This system really means having a private 'blood bank'. Once or twice blood was thrown away, but on at least one occasion a life was definitely saved. (The patient arrived without pulse and actually stopped breathing. He was given 1 pint of blood in 10 minutes, and 4 pints in the next four hours - then amputation and rapid recovery).

Needless to say everything necessary for resuscitation is kept in the Resuscitation room. Have hot water bags ready as well as blood.

At one time we had a series of severe 'rigors' necessitation cessation of the transfusion. No reactions have occurred since the use of 'Soluvacs' filled with normal saline. This is certainly wastefull, but the tubing system must be rinsed thoroughly with distilled water. The Saline is used for this, and the empty bottle then used as a receptacle. Saline has only one other use - in perforation of bowel.

3. PREPARATION The preparation man has a big job and he is trained to do everything in a certain order:-

(a) Urinal, sip of water, cigarette, morphia (if necessary), A.T.S.; personal effects, denture and F.M. card to be placed in a fixed spot.
(b) Move patient from clumsy native stretcher (15 feet long) to bed sail which is always lying in readiness -prepared with ground sheet on top. (1 patient in 10 cannot be moved before anaesthetic. In these cases the native stretcher is carried into the theatre, placed on the rigid op. table, the bindings cut, and the poles removed. Thus leaving the blanket or hessian only. After op. such a patient is placed on a bed sail.
(c) Strip completely and wash in warm dettol (when possible)
(d) Wash and shave the wounded region over a very large area - the complete circumference of limbs, and a foot in every direction.
(e) Whilst the shaving is in progress, crepitus, paralysis, palpable F. B. sometimes 12" or 14" from the wound, swelling and tenderness is the kind of information a good orderly will endeavour to pick up. In the absence of X-Rays the surgeon must rely on other factors for guidance, and tenderness on shaving is a useful guide as to direction.
(f) Finally iodine to skin, sterile towel and blanket.
When possible the surgeon should examine the patient AFTER preparation but BEFORE the anaesthetic. The general position is now much clearer, and correct deductions can be usually made.

Ask the patient the type of missile and his POSITION when injured. If reasonable movement is present in a limb, fracture is almost certainly excluded. By these methods nearly all large F.Bs. can be found and removed.

4. OPERATION - A certain definite order in "scrubbing-up" is desirable. When the instrument man gives the word that all is ready, the first assistant scrubs. He will then arrange his instruments and drape the wound while the anaesthetist scrubs (having previously prepared his solutions and syringes). During the induction the surgeon scrubs. This/hurrying the anaesthetist, and if he has a spot of trouble with the veins, he has time to try again. As soon as the patient loses consciousness the assistnat applies a towel-clip to the skin. This invariably causes movement and is the sign for more anaesthetic.

When the response to the "towel-clip test" is negative, the patient is ready. By this arrangement the operation can commence without a second's delay the moment the surgeon is ready.

Whilst the operation is in progress the instrument man is boiling up a second set of tools (if available), and the 'prop' washes the second patient on the second table and is busily engaged as before. At the end of the operation, the surgeon washes and removes gloves, writes up the F.M. Card (in ink) and the operation book. There may just be time for a cigarette. If the system is working well the next operation can be commenced at once. For maximum speed, apply vaseline gauze and dressings yourself, while the assistant is scrubbing.

An interval of 5 minutes is considered very good. More than 10 minutes is poor. But this takes training.

5. EVACUATION - Usually by native bearers, who arrive consistently at breakfast time. 12 boys are required for one patient. The boys prefer to make their own stretcher on the spot. See that it is not too narrow and that the bindings are secure. Otherwise the patient will be severly crushed. (Once the boys start it is difficult to stop them for any purpose). Walking wounded and sick can be evacuated sooner if boys are obtained to carry their packs. One boy carries two packs.

6. SUPPLY - Usually by the boy-line or by dropping. Both are a little irregular, so err on the side of excess stocks, particularly of important expendables e.g. Pentothal, gauze, kerosene.

Shortage of anaesthetics or kerosene will cause complete paralysis. Always keep a personal eye on these two items. For the same reason a spare syringe or two is essential. Indents are completed once weekly. With a little practice one can soon estimate needs, and so avoid sending frantic signals (a sign of inefficiency.)

Stock-taking is enormously facilitated by having all your stores displayed in the 'Woolworth' style, and deficiencies become obvious. If you rely on promises and packing invoices, you will suffer sharp shocks.

- TECHNIQUE -

It is beyond the scope of these hurried notes to discuss surgical technique The technical instructions are lucid and comprehensive, and it is wise to carry a copy for reference. However, a few points call for comment:-

(1) Fracture of the Femur. Technical instructions allow you a choice of plaster Spica or Thomas splint. The writer is now more firmly convinced than after the BUNA-SOFUTA fighting that not only is the Thomas splint preferable, but a spica may be positively harmful.

Spica treatment enjoyed a degree of popularity in the M.E. largely because of the Tobruk cases. Here of course circumstances were nearly ideal - all the resources of an A.G.H, including warmpth, Orthopaedic table and plenty of assistance. With the resources of a tiny A.D.S., applying a spica is a harrowing business. It has the following disadvantages:-

(a) The anaesthetic must be continued for a further 20 minutes at least, as you cannot risk movement until setting has occurred.

(b) The patient (already shocked from a large excision and blood loss) must be completely exposed.

(c) Worse than everything is the inevitable moving of the patient (as he is raised precariously on to a tin or basin) and often the FRAGMENTS. Nothing is more shocking than grating of bone with tearing of muscle. Any surgeon who says it is always avoidable has not applied a spica under front line conditions.

(d) Unless you are particularly skilful, and fortunate in choice of assistants, you will end up with one iten out of position - the knee fully extended, or the foot plantar - flexed.

(e) For the first 24 hours (a critical time) the patient is clammy and uncomfortable.

(f) The risk of missing anaerobic infection is increased enormously.

(g) The weight of plaster is much greater. One boy can carry 7 Thomas splints, but only enough plaster for 2 spicas.

(h) Minor items are,-difficulty in supply ('Cellona' comes form Liverpool, England.), difficulty in removal, inability to use again, offensive smell and increases nursing difficulties.

Compare this with the good old Thomas.

(a) The moment the operation is completed the anaesthetic is stopped, and the patient at once covered completely with warm blankets (note the immediate improvement in the pulse).

(b) 2 or 3 orderlies can now apply the splint, merely exposing one leg. With everything prepared in advance this job takes 5 minutes. (Orderlies seem to take a keen delight in applying a Thomas. If they are once shown the proper method (see "FRACTURES" by Watson-Jones) the surgeon only needs to supervise as he writes up his notes).

(c) If the splint is a good fit, has soft well-shaped leather, and is applied well, the patient is most comfortable. A good efficiency test is to pick up the lower end of the splint (in the ward next morning) and move the leg through a wide range; This should be painless.

(d) Finally, these patients were evacuated on NATIVE stretchers over 2, 3 and even 4 day trips. Capt Solomon (at M.D.S. WAU) reported that they all arrived in comfort and good order.

2. FRACTURES IN GENERAL - It has been clearly shown that Plaster of Paris has some disadvantages in N.G. If a surgeon wishes to travel really light he could dispense with plaster entirely, by using Thomas splints for below knee fractures and Cramer wire for forearms (binders are better than anything for the Humerus). Unlike divilian injuries many cases of fractured tibia have the fibula intact. These cases accept good extension, and therefore even in the lower 1/3 they travel well on a Thomas. It will be admitted that Plaster is ideal for fracture of BOTH bones in the lower 1/3. For these reasons "Appendix " shows more splints and less plaster than may be expected.

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APPENDIX "A"

INSTRUMENTS

(1) Standard Set.

x Towel clips	4
x Sponge Holding Forceps	1
x McCormack's probe	1
x Small probe	1
Scalpels	2
Bard Packer handles	8
Bard Packer blades - packets	6
x Mays scissors straight	1
" " curved	1
Suture scissors	1
x Dissecting forceps toothed	2
" " plain	2
Artery forceps S.W. small	6
" " " large	3
x Morison's tissue forceps	2
x Malleable copper retractors	2
Linen thread on spool	1

x Double the number if maximum speed between ops is essential.
i.e. You have a second excision set. For special operations certain ADDITIONAL items are required.

(2) Skull cases.

Rongeurs (Horsleys)	1
Dura mater elevator	1
Trephine (or Brace and Burr)	1
Cushing's silverclips	12
" " forceps	1
Large curved cutting needles	4
Silk worm gut hanks	6

(3) For Laparotomy.

Artery forceps small	6
" " large	3
Kocher's forceps	2
Large abdominal retractors	2
Self retaining retractors	1
Bowel clamps	2
Suture breaker	1
Needle holder	1
Aneurysin needle	1

(4) For Amputation -

Amputation Knife	1
" saw large	1
" " small	1

(5) For Bladder Cases -

Catheters I.R. - various sizes	6
" Self retaining	2
" gum elastic	4
" Metal	2

(6) For bone cases -

Bone cutting forceps	1
Rugine	1

(7) Special Items -

Cheatle's forceps	1
Scissors dressing	2
Tracheotomy set	1
Lumbar puncture needle	2
Aspiration needle	2
Hair clippers	1
Blade razor	1
Safety razor and spare blades	1

(8) For Anaesthetics -

Mask	1	
Airway tubes	2	
Mouth gag	1	
Tongue forceps	1	
Ether dropper	1	
20 c.c. Syringes	1	
10 c.c. "	2	(or 3)
1 c.c. "	2	
I.V. needles	12	
Hypo "	12	

Resuscitation -

Hot water bags	4	
Blood taking sets complete	4	
Higginson's bulbs	2	
Blood giving sets complete	4	
Instruments sets	1	
Grouping sets	4	
Spare filters	6	
Soluvac saline	20	
Soluvac serum	12	

Hardware etc. -

Enamel wash basin 14"	2	
" basin 6"	4	
" " 4"	6	
" " 2"	4	
" " Kidney	4	
" Tray dressing	1	
" Jug graduated ..... 2 pint	1	
" Funnel	1	
" Urinal	1	
" Bed pan	1	
Nickel plated sterilizer large	1	
" " " small	2	(for storing
Sterile drums for Major Ops.	4	cutting instr·nts.)
Thomas splints	7	
" " foot pieces	7	
Cramer wire 4" X 40" pieces	6	
Plaster of Paris 6" bandages	36	= 6 tins
" " " 4" "	36	" "
Tilley Lamps and spares	1	
Primus Stoves and spares	4	
Surgeon's headlamp	1	
Pocket torch	4	
Hurricane lamps	2	
Copper cistern & stand - 4 gall	1	(heavy but ex-
Electric light and stand	1	tremely useful).
Battery	2	
Battery-charger	1	
Petrol in drum - 4 gall.	1	
Lubricating oil in drum gall.	1	

Liquids -

Ether (anaesthetic)	5	Lbs
Ethyl Chloride amps	2	
Methylated spirits	2	galls.
Dettol	1	galls.
Kerosene	4	galls.
Iodine	2	pints
Glycerine	4	ozs
Brandy bottles	1	
Ether soap	20	ozs.

Drugs etc.-

Amps Pentothal G.1	100	
" Aq Dest. 10 c.c.	200	
" Novocaine 1 c.c.	20	
" Coccinne	10	
" Quinine	6	
" Sodi cit	100	c.c.

Tabs Adrenalin	6
" M & B Soluble	6
" A.T. S.	50
Tabs Sulphanilamide	2,500
" M & B	500
" Quinine	250
" Atebrin	250
" Sulphaguanidine	500
" A.P.C.	100
" Luminal	100
" " Hypo - Morphine gr ¼ phials	4
" " Morphine & Atrophine	2
" " Atrophine	2
" Cocaine (eye Lamellae)	1
Morphine injection liquid	4 bots.
Sulphanamide powder	1 Lb.
Tannic Acid	1 Lb.
Silver nitrate crystals	4 ozs.
Copper sulphate crystals	4 "
Washing soda	4 (for Steriliser)
Vaseline	5 Lbs.
Bone Wax	2 Ozs

Dressings etc.

Cotton wool	10 Lbs
Lint absorbant	2 "
Gauze (100 yds rolls)	3
Waterproof sheeting (jaconet)	10 Yds
Vaseline gauze (prepared)	1 tin
Towels operating	24
Operating apron (rubber)	4
Abdominal binders	12
Bandages many tail	12
" W.O.W. 3" or 4"	144
" flannel 4"	24
" triangular	24
" crepe 4"	12
Elastoplast 3" rolls	6
Adhesive strapping 3" rolls	6
Shell dressings	100
Field dressings	50
Face Washers (Red Cross)	50 of great
Old linen (red Cross)	4 value

Sutures and Rubber Ware -

Catgut No.2. amps.	24
" No.00 "	12
Intestinal Suture (cyclona) amps.	6
Linen thread No.60 reels	2
Silk worm gut hanks.	6
Horse Hair	2
Surgeon's gloves	8 pairs
Tourniquet Esmarch	1
" Samways	1
Duodenal tube	1
Drainage tube (assorted)	2 feet
Corrugated drain piece	1
McGill's catheter	2

Sundries -

Razor Strop and hone	1
Safety pins	72
Nail Brushes	2
Shaving brushes	1
Soap - cakes	12
Clinical thermometer	2
Feeding cups,	4
Medical Comforts box	1
Wire	50 feet
Cord	100 "
Nails	1 Lb.
Hammer	1

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Subject: REPORT ON SURGICAL TEAM - MISSIM - SALAMAUA 14 JUNE - 13 SEPTEMBER 1943.

A. ORIGIN OF SURGICAL TEAM AND MOVEMENTS.

As the surgical team concerned was detached from 2/1 Aust Mobile Operating Unit a brief explanation of its genesis is indicated:-

On 14 JUN 43, 2/1 AUST MOB OP UNIT - personnel and 'jungle' equipment - were landed at BULOLO 'drome, prepared for anything in the form of war surgery. Unfortunately only a few members of the unit were employed in forward areas, and practically none of the equipment was used beyond BULOLO. The unit promptly set about its task of constructing and running an M.D.S. in the BULOLO area.

A few days later surgical teams were sent forward. Capt. STEMING, and later Capt. KLEIN, walked the WAU-MUBO track in order to reinforce teams in that area. Capt. CHURTON had already departed for MISSIM with a Light Section of 15 Aust Fd. Amb.

On 23 JUN 43, a surgical team - 1 Off. and 4 O.Rs.- travelled by jeep to POWER HOUSE and commenced to hike over DOUBLE MOUNTAIN. No stores were carried as surgical team equipment was already being used at FILEMING and MISSIM by Capts. CONSTABLE and MACOURT. On 26 Jun 43 five muddy individuals trudged into SELBOS staging camp and completed the journey to MISSIM two days later when signalled by S.M.O. 15 AUST INF BDE.

The A.D.S. at MISSIM (2/2 Aust Fd. Amb) was practically completed and in full working order. The first casualties arrived on 1 JUL and work continued until 7 JUL when the team moved forward with light equipment (6 boy loads) to the Medical Post at MEARS CREEK three hours away - up and down a hill or two! Capt. CONSTABLE remained at MISSIM with two of the orderlies to act as a 'backstop' and to deal with casualties arriving via JEFFERIES TRACK and BASK 3 - such cases would 'bypass' MEARS CREEK. At MEARS CREEK twenty six operations were performed by 22 JUL. The team then moved on to A.D.S. KELLYS - a new A.D.S. being erected 4½ hours away on ULIAP CREEK.

At KELLYS casualties appeared almost from the moment the team moved in. A total of 123 operations were performed by 24 AUG, this being the period of our attacks on VICKER'S RIDGE, BOBDUBI RIDGE and in MAMLING and OROBUBI areas.

On 24 AUG, Capt. CONSTABLE'S team took over at KELLYS. The 'light' moved again to Medical Post BOBDUBI, the idea of the move being to avoid a difficult night 'carry' up ULIAP CREEK. The ULIAP CREEK track was easy enough during daylight - mainly a matter of wading knee deep through water but it was not an easy carry during the night. By 31 AUG surgery had finished at BOBDUBI so the team moved to A.D.S. ERSKINE (7 FD AMB) to assist Capt. KLEIN'S team.

Capt. CONSTABLE remained at KELLYS until the evacuation of cases was practically completed, and his team then followed the advance down the FRANCISCO RIVER and up SANDY CREEK - leaving the advance according to themselves!

Surgical work ceased with the fall of SALAMAUA on 12 SEP 43.

4.

ORGANISATION OF TEAMS

Organisation and allocation of duties within the teams did not differ in any way from the procedure outlined by Major J. YEATES in his recent report, but a little "juggling" was necessary in order to cope with varying rates of flow of casualties.

In the first place two teams were frequently required. They were formed by using FD AMB personnel and whatever medical officers were available. It was found that there was easily enough equipment to provide for a separate "light team" when required.

The teams were employed as follows:-

1. One Surgical Post - Casualties not heavy (MISSIM: 1 JUL - 9 JUL)

One theatre was used. Personnel rested during slack intervals.

2. One Surgical Post - Brief period of increased activity (MISSIM 10 [illegible]

Sixteen casualties arrived almost simultaneously - an exceptional occurrence. A second theatre was opened and all received treatment within 12 hours.

3. One Surgical Post - Casualties continuous for a long period (KELLYS 23 JUL - 24 AUG)

Two teams were organised as far as possible - one team worked on a day shift and the other at night. This allowed at least the orderlies to obtain sufficient rest. It was found that theatre orderlies suffered fatigue more rapidly than the medical officers.

4. Two Surgical Posts - (MEARS CREEK 7-22 JUL. BOROUBI 24 - 31 AUG).

On two occasions a 'light team' was sent forward to a medical staging post (surgical beds 15-18) for the following reasons:-

a. To facilitate early treatment of urgent cases in areas where it was not advisable to hold many casualties.

b. In order to avoid difficult or dangerous night carrying.

Operations were performed early at the forward post and patients evacuated at leisure during daylight hours.

During the day walking cases and non urgent stretcher cases were evacuated without operation to the rear team at the A.D.S.

2. NUMBER AND VARIETY OF WOUNDS

Total number of operations performed was 245. This does not include some cases treated by Capt. CONSTABLE when working in a separate team, and takes no account of casualties not treated by operation.

Approx. 65% of the wounds were caused by bullets. The remainder were S.F's with the exception of two bayonet wounds.

Time Period between Wounding and Operation (in hours)

	MINIMUM	AVERAGE	MAXIMUM	NO. OF OPERATIONS.
A.D.S. MISSIM	14	37	72	37
REG. POST MEARS CREEK	18	24	72	66
A.D.S. KELLYS	5	28	96	123
REG. POST BOROUBI	2	9	14	28
A.D.S. ERSKINE	?	?	?	31

The above 'averages' appear high but the figures are misleading owing to delays forward of the R.A.P's. Practically all urgent cases

received treatment within 12 hours.

Distribution of Wounds

Head	11	(5 scalp wounds)
Neck	3	
Eye	5	
Facio-maxillary	7	(3 involving soft tissues only)
Upper extremity	75	
Compound fractures of forearm	6	
" " " humerus	15	
Hands	24	
Lower extremity	75	
Buttocks	15	
Compound femurs	11	
Compound legs	14	
Feet	7	
Chest	23	(14 involving pleural cavity)
Abdomen	9	(2 abdominal wall only)
Back	7	(Spinal cord 1 - fatal)
Perineum	1	
Genitalia	4	

Approx 35% had received multiple wounds. No serious burn cases were seen.

C. MANAGEMENT OF CASUALTIES

1. Resuscitation. Capt. MACOURT supervised this department and has dealt with his methods of sterilisation etc. in a separate report.

Numerous transfusions of citrated blood were given. Pooled human serum was also used extensively. Blood was obtained by "bleeding Brigade H.Q." or from patients - husky soldiers with tissue of the feet were favourites. The practice of keeping a couple of bottles of blood "on the ice" ("In the creek" is the jungle equivalent) was adopted when serious cases were known to be on their way.

2. Anaesthesia "Open ether" or "ethyl chloride-ether" was used on 12 occasions. Cyclonal Sodium was tried four times when supplies of Pentothal were low. The remainder were all Pentothal anaesthetics, with premedication (gr ¼ morphine ½ hour before operation) in most cases. Cyclonal was not appreciated on account of its unreliability and the poor muscular relaxation as compared with Pentothal - two of the patients showed a tendency to "walkabout" and had to be held firmly during their operations. A Magill's tube was passed into the laryax on one occasion, and the pharyax packed off. The patient had a severe G.S.W. of the lower jaw with bleeding. "Pentothal" was used for this operation. It worked very nicely.

3. Operative Treatment. Impressed by the high incidence of anaerobic wound infections during the BUNA-GONA campaign, early and radical excision of wounds was performed whenever possible. It was found that most of the cases which did "go wrong" or require further excision, were just those with whom the surgeon had been [illegible].

Wounds were lightly "frosted" with sulphonilamide powder and were dressed with sterile vaseline gauze. The sterility of the sulphonilamide powder was a doubtful quantity. It was supplied in brown paper bags such as the grocer uses. The powder should be issued to surgical teams sterile, dry, and packed in sealed water-proofed containers. Each wounded man received the usual course of sulphonilamide by mouth.

Plaster of Paris bandages were used rather sparingly. Plaster Casts are difficult to dry thoroughly in hot moist climates. The Thomas Splint with fixed strapping extension gave good results with fractured

femurs and it was also used for some fractures of the leg. It is considered that plaster hip spicas should be reserved for fractures of the proximal end of the femur when complicated by wounds of the buttock or groin, and that they should not be applied immediately following an extensive excision.

4. Nursing

During the greater part of the campaign evacuation of stretcher cases on a big scale was not possible. The L. of C. to POWER HOUSE and BULOLO required 32 natives per stretcher and the journey took three or four days. Most of the seriously wounded cases were held (some of them for six weeks) until more reasonable Ls. of C. were opened via GOODVIEW and MUBO, and later via TAMBU BAY. The post operative care of such cases - prevention of bedsores etc. was beyond the scope of the average Fd. Amb. orderly without a considerable amount of supervision and assistance from the surgical team. Practical training of a few Fd. Amb. orderlies in general hospitals, or the attachment of a couple of fit experienced nursing orderlies to surgical teams, are suggested solutions. It is on the nursing side that a Surgical Team displays its chief weakness, especially when patients must be held for long periods.

5. Transport of Cases

Most cases travelled very well on native litters, despite very difficult and precipitous tracks. Sixteen boys per stretcher were necessary in the MISSIM-BORDUBI area. The natives could be induced to carry at night expecially if provided with hurricane lamps or torches.

D. CLINICAL NOTES AND SOME RESULTS

1. Incidence of Infection. Infected wounds were not common when compared with the numbers seen at SOPUTA last January. Three cases of gas gangrene were encountered:-

(i) G.S.W. of pelvis and buttock plus injuries to small intestine. Excision was not as thorough as one would have liked. Death occurred rapidly 48 hours after operation, the patient presenting all the general signs of a severe toxemia. Wounds poured thin musty smelling pus and were crepitant.

(ii) G.S.W. of buttock. Further excision was required on the 8th day after primary operation. Pulse was rapid and soft and the patient looked pale and "toxic". Recovery followed wide opening of the wound, excision of gangrenous tissue, and blood transfusion.

(iii) Capt. CONSTABLE treated a similar case to (ii) at MISSIM. ? localised gas gangrene. The patient recovered.

A number of other wounds became infected and required further excision, or amputation, but as far as can be ascertained none were to me gas gangrene infections.

2. Abdominal Wounds.

The results of wounds involving the peritoneal cavity are not encouraging. In this series of 7 cases only one recovered. Particulars are stated briefly in tabulated form (Appendix 1)

Two of the cases deserve further mention:-

Case No. 6. After suture of lacerated small intestine the degree of stenosis produced was so great (at most lead pencil thickness of the lumen) that a lateral anastomosis was performed as a safeguard. The patient succumbed to retroperitoneal infection on the 13th. day.

Post Mortem examination revealed that the short circuit had probably been unnecessary, as the damaged bowel had recovered completely. It was of uniform calibre, and there were no signs of obstruction or peritonitis.

Case No.7.

While a perforation of the ileum was being repaired, the head and proximal half of a round worm (ascaris lumbricoides) wriggled out through the intestinal wound. The distal half of the worm was recovered later from the general peritoneal cavity. The entire worm measured approximately 6 inches. It had been divided by the bullet and is probably the first nematode battle casualty in the war with Japan.

3. CHEST WOUNDS

Records were kept of 14 chest wounds involving the pleural cavity. Five sucking wounds had been effectively closed by the R.M.O. or his orderly. Eleven cases developed haemothorax. They were treated by intermittent aspiration, commencing on the average 36 hours after wounding. Blood transfusions were given when necessary. Two cases became infected and required Thoracotomy at General Hospitals. One of the two infected cases is seriously ill. In addition to his empyema the patient developed severe amoebic dysentery with melaena. With the exception of three untraced cases, all the remainder are known to be well. At least six of those who developed haemothorax had "clear" x-rays. The three untraced cases were lightly wounded and they were in good condition when evacuated.

4. COMPOUND FRACTURED FEMURS

Treatment consisted in general resuscitative measures, blood transfusio excision of wounds, and immobilisation in Thomas Splints. Eleven cases were treated. Three have died:-

(i) Both inferior extremities 'blown off' by a land mine. Death from Secondary shock followed the double amputations.

(ii) Comminuted three day old fracture of distal end involving knee joint. Died after amputation.

(iii) Wounded 32 hours. Fracture of proximal end of femur plus a large buttock wound - blood transfusions, excision, Thomas Splint. Died on 7th. day - infection - complicated by malaria.

One case of fracture of the proximal end of femur had secondary haemorrhages and the limb was amputated at 2/5 Aust Gen Hosp.

The remainder, (seven), are reasonably well. They have not developed serious wound infections.

5. HEAD WOUNDS

Very few were seen apart from superficial scalp wounds. Three arrived in a moribund state and died soon after admission. One patient with an extensive wound involving orbit, ant. cranial fossa, and frontal and maxillary sinuses, is alive and doing well. The dura mater was intact in this case.

Two penetrating wounds involving brain tissue were treated. One died soon after operation but the other (Capt. KLEIN'S case) is alive and said to be doing well. Helmets steel were not worn by the majority of the troops in 15 Aust Inf. Bde area.

6. GENERAL REMARKS

Equipment The scale of equipment of a surgical team included everything that could possibly be needed, but it was not often possible

to carry the whole lot when moving forward to a new post. Usually six boy loads (each 28-32 lbs) were carried. Another two boys were required to carry a 6 volt accumulator - unless near enough to Bde Sigs. to borrow one. Additional equipment and supplies were sent forward later on as needed e.g. By "backloading" stretcher teams.

Supplies. These were adequate despite a difficult L of C. Severe shortages were sometimes imminent, but the WIRRAWAY always seemed to arrive with its parachutes just in time.

Lighting. After various experiments with TILLEY lamps and electric head lamps, lighting problems were finally solved by the arrival of a "MAZDA Catseye Passing Lamp" from 2/1 Aust Mob Op Unit. This lamp - a superior type of car spotlight - gives an excellent light. It can be suspended on wires or supported on an improvised stand, and it will work for 3 or 4 nights (with care) on a 6 volt car battery, without recharging. The lamp is small and usually travelled in the surgeon's own pack. A TILLEY lamp was used for general lighting. Later on the team had its own battery charging set and a spare battery, both loaned by 15 BDE SIGS.

Accommodation. Wards and theatres were constructed to a standard design by personnel of 15 FD AMB. They consisted of wooden frameworks supporting a "sisalcraft" roof or native thatch.

Lt.Col. REFSHAUGE is a good architect and builder of jungle houses. Details of their construction will no doubt be published in his own report. Only one feature of the "REFSHAUGE" building need be emphasised here - the "off centre" roof. The middle row of upright posts are placed about 3 feet to one side, thus allowing an unobstructed passage down the centre of the building for the easy manipulation of stretchers. Beds and stretchers were all home made and constructed by slinging a "bedsail" (blanket sewn longitudinally with twine) between two poles. Theatre furnishings were generally made by the surgical team personnel. Future teams are advised to carry with them a couple of machetes and if possible a few pounds of assorted nails.

The theatre at A.D.S. KELLYS was good enough to satisfy the most exacting surgeon. It was big enough (20' x 18') to contain two operating tables. Attached to it - really the other half of a 40' x 18' building - was a 6 bed resuscitation ward. Fittings included two wash benches, a large table for instruments and stores, two anaesthetic tables, shelves for bondwood boxes, two small mobile instrument tables, and the final luxury - a desk for writing up the operation book. The floor was covered wall to wall with beat gravel and the theatre flyproofed by lining it with mosquito netting. The whole theatre, tables and furniture were constructed entirely of bush materials, no nails or sawn timber being available.

Blowflies. These were very persistent and they caused a tremendous lot of work. Maggots seemed to do no harm to wounds, but they had a habit of migrating - seriously upsetting the patient's morale, and interfering with his rest. The result was much otherwise unnecessary dressing of wounds and changing of plasters. The value of 1% chloroform solution as a "maggoticide" and of sodium boric as a deterrent to parturient flies was not appreciated at the time. Consequently these methods were not tested.

CONCLUSION

The O.C. Team is indebted to LT.COL. REFSHAUGE, C O. 15 AUST FD AMB, for his cooperation and assistance, and also to the earlier M.O. Surgical Teams. The special technique of jungle surgery has evolved from the experiences of these earlier teams and has now become quite standardised.

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APPENDIX - RESULTS OF ABDOMINAL WOUNDS.

CASE NO.	AGE	WOUNDS	OPERATIVE FINDINGS	OPERATIVE TECHNIQUE	OTHER TREATMENT	RESULTS
1. Pte. H.J.B.	20	Pen. S.W. R. upper quadrant (12 hrs)	2 Perforations T. Colon 3 Perforations Jejunum	Perforations oversewn. Very distended and difficulty in closing abdomen.	I.V. Pooled Human Serum - 2 litres - commended before operation.	Died soon after operation. Vomited during anaesthetic.
2. Pte. A.	22	Perf. GSW. R. hypochondrium (8 Hrs)	2 Perforations Gall Bladder 2 Perforations Pyloric stomach Retro peritoneal haematoma pancreas	Perforations closed. Wound excised. Peritoneal cavity drained	Serum 2 litres Dextrose saline 1 litre	Well for 12 hours then Cyanosis and collapse. No vomiting. Died 24 hours after operation
3. Pte. J.J.T.	48	Multiple Pen. S.W. Upper abdomen (13 hours)	2 wounds had entered peritoneal cavity. No damage to hollow viscus. Bleeding R. lobe of liver.	Excision of wounds. Laparotomy. Liver not sutured. No drainage.	Serum 2 litres Blood 1400 C.C. Continuous: Dextrose saline drip.	Developed ileus and post op. pneumonia Died 7th. day.
4. Lt. R.J.S.	? 30	Pen. G.S.W. Pelvis (12 hours)	2 Perforations ileum Bladder and rectum intact Large haematoma Lt. thigh.	Excision of wound. Removal of F.B. Perforations closed. No drainage.	I.V. Serum 2 litres Blood 700 c.c. Continuous dextrose saline	Died 48 hours - gas gangrene. No vomiting or distension.
5. Pte C.R.L.	20	Pen G.S.W. of buttock (32 hours)	Injury to extra peritoneal rectum. Faeces pouring through buttock wound	Excision of wound. Removal of coccyx and part of sacrum L. iliac colostomy	Serum 2 litres Blood 700 c.c. Continuous dextrose saline.	Died 3rd day of sepsis.

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CASE NO.	AGE	WOUND	OPERATIVE FINDINGS	OPERATIVE TECHNIQUE	OTHER TREATMENT	RESULTS
6 Pte. A.C.W.	31	Large Perf. G.S.W. L. side abdomen (8½ hours)	Severe laceration lower jejunum and descending colon. Latter contused and almost divided	Excision of wounds. Suture of jejunum and left. anastomosis Colon withdrawn – double barrelled colostomy	Serum 2 litres Blood 3½ litres IV Dextrose saline drip	Died 13th. day Retroperitoneal sepsis. P.M. no peritonitis
7 Cpl. E.J.R.	? 25	Perf. GSW lower abdomen exit through L. buttock (7 Hours)	2 Perforations of bladder (one extra-peritoneal) 5 Perforations ileum (largest III cm) Large exit wound buttock.	Buttock wound excised. Laparotomy. Perforations of intestine and bladder closed. Bladder and cave of Retzius drained.	I.V. Serum 2 litres Continuous Dextrose saline drip	Recovery. Quite well 8 Oct. 43 (36 days after operation)

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19 Oct 43.

Subject: REPORT ON SURGICAL TEAM - MISSIM - SALAMAUA - 14 JUNE - 13 SEPTEMBER 43.

Ref: M5117/83/5.

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Herewith report by Maj E.P. ROW on operations of Surgical Team from 14 June to 13 Sep for forwarding to LHQ please.

Lt-Col.
ADMS MORESBY BASE SUB AREA.
(A.C.D)

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SUBJECT: SURGICAL TEAMS.

21 Oct 43.

DOMS LHE.

Ref: B43/72/1988.

Attached report by Maj E.P. ROW on operations of surgical Team from 14 Jun 43 to 13 Sep 43 is forwarded.

H G Furnell Brigadier.
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WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT - ADMS MORESBY BASE SUB AREA

26 Nov 43.

Med 1.	2/5 Aust Gen Hosp to expand to 1800 Beds	Beds equipped 1910. Beds occupied 1571 (26 Nov 43.)
Med 2.	2/9 Aust Gen Hosp to expand to 1800 Beds	Beds equipped 1556. Beds occupied 1402 (26 Nov 43)
Med 3.	2/1 Aust Gen Hosp to expand to 1800 Beds	Beds equipped 1200. Beds occupied 1032 (X 26 Nov 43)
Med 4.	NGF Depot Med Stores (AIF)	(a) Weekly Holdings Non Expendables) approx 60% - 70% Expendables) 2 Scale A's (b) Anti Malarials Atebrin - 1108352 Plasmoquin - 513600 Quinine - 2065123 Quinine Pulv 163 11/16 (c) Sulphaguanadine Tabs - 1187280 Pulv - 229½
Med 5.	113 Aust Con Depot (AIF)	Beds equipped 2274. Beds occupied 1955
Med 6.	47 Aust Camp Hosp (AIF)	Beds equipped 240. Beds occupied 202.

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19 Nov 43

TASK	UNIT	REMARKS
Med 1.	2/5 Aust Gen Hosp to expand to 1800 Beds	Beds equipped 1876. Beds occupied 1536 (19 Nov 43.)
Med 2.	2/9 Aust Gen Hosp to expand to 1800 beds.	Beds eqipped 1615. Beds occupied 1291 (19 Nov 43.). First hutted ward commenced. Anticipate that tentage for 480 beds will be released by huts.
Med 3.	2/1 Aust Gen Hosp to expand to 1800 beds	Beds equipped 1200. Beds occupied 1055 (19 Nov 43.).
Med 4.	NGF Depot Med Stores (AIF).	(a) Weekly Holdings Expendables } approx 70% NonExpendables } 2 Scale A's (b) Anti Malariels Ateorin - 1357852 Plasmoquin - 520900 Quinine - 2071993 Quinine Pulv - 256 7/16 (c) SULPHAQUANADINE Tabs - 1243850 Pulv - 355#
Med 5.	113 Aust Gen Depot (AIF)	Beds equipped 2283. Beds occupied 1956 (19 Nov 43).
Med 6.	47 Aust Camp Hosp (AIF).	Beds equipped 250. Beds occupied 223 (19 Nov 43).

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12 Nov 43.

Task.		Unit.	Remarks.
Med.	1.	2/5 AUST GEN HOSP. to expand to 1800 beds.	Beds equipped 1.890 Beds occupied 1.526 (12 Nov 43)
Med.	2.	2/9 AUST GEN HOSP. to expand to 1800 beds.	Beds equipped 1.654 Beds occupied 1.315 (12 Nov 43) Approval received for hutting wards up to 1.200 beds. Low figure of beds available due to works in progress.
Med.	3.	2/1 AUST GEN HOSP. to expand to 1800 beds.	Beds equipped 1.200 Beds occupied 1.117 (12 Nov 43) Anticipate tentage will be made available for further expansion as result of hutting wards at 2/9 Aust Gen Hosp.
Med.	4.	NGF DEPOT MED STORES (AIF).	(a) Weekly holdings. Expendables) Non-Expendables) Approx 70% of 2 Scale A's. (b) Anti Malarials Atebrin - 2.349.282 Plasmoquin - 520.900 Quinine - 1.587.249 Quinine Pulv. - 260 7/16 (c) Sulphaguanadine. Tabs - 1.694.850 Pulv - 441 $\frac{3}{4}$
Med.	5.	113 AUST CCS DEPOT (AIF).	Beds equipped 2.225 Beds occupied 1.894 (12 Nov 43)
Med.	6.	47 AUST CAMP HOSP (AIF)	Beds equipped 250 Beds occupied 243 (12 Nov 43)

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WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT - ADEN MORESBY BASE SUB AREA.

5 Nov 43.

Task.	Unit.	Remarks.
Mod. 1.	2/5 AUST GEN HOSP to expand to 1800 beds.	Beds equipped 1,899 Beds occupied 1,642 (5 Nov 43)
Mod. 2.	2/9 AUST GEN HOSP to expand to 1800 beds.	Beds equipped 1,739 Beds occupied 1,463 Replacement of annexes continuing. Construction programme proceeding.
Mod. 3.	2/1 AUST GEN HOSP to expand to 1800 beds.	Beds equipped 1200 beds occupied [illegible] Further expansion limited by availability of tentage.
Mod. 4.	MEF DEPOT MED STORES (AIF)	(a) Weekly Holdings Expendables } 60 - 70 % of Non-Expendables } 2 Scale 'As' (b) Anti Malarials Atebrin - 2.462.112 Plasmoquin - 541.900 Quinine - 2.081.520 Quinine Pulv. - 271 7/16. (c) Sulphonamides Tabs - 1.821.350 Pulv - 556 3/4.
Mod. 5.	113 AUST CCS DEPOT (AIF)	Beds equipped 2.231 beds occupied 1.978 (5 Nov 43)
Mod. 6.	47 AUST CAMP HOSP (AIF).	Beds equipped 250 beds occupied 244. (5 Nov 43)

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29 Oct 43.

Task	Unit	Remarks
Med. 1.	2/5 AUST GEN HOSP to expand to 1500 beds.	Beds equipped 1,886 occupied 1,767 (29 Oct)
Med. 2.	2/9 AUST GEN HOSP to expand to 1500 beds.	Beds equipped 1,795 occupied 1,647 (29 Oct) Replacement of annexes continuing but may be limited by state of tentage. General construction programme proceeding.
Med. 3.	2/1 AUST GEN HOSP to expand to 1500 beds.	Beds equipped 990 occupied 763 (29 Oct) Anticipated 1,200 beds equipped:- 30 Oct 43.
Med. 4.	NGF DEPOT MED STORES (AIF)	(a) Weekly Holdings Expendables - 60% Non-Expendables 60%-70% } 2 Scale "A" (b) Anti Malarials Atebrin - 2510112 Plasmoquin - 547900 Quinine - 2082370 Quinine Pulv - 276 5/16 (c) Sulphonamides Tabs 1662750 Pulv 496 3/4
Med. 5.	113 AUST CCS DEPOT (AIF)	Beds equipped 2,160 occupied 1,978 (29 Oct)
Med.6.	47 AUST CAMP HOSP (AIF)	Beds equipped 241 occupied 213 (29 Oct)

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SITREP 6 to 261930L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 260900L (.)

both sides suffered slight cas in patrol clash at 708652 (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV to 261015L (.)

24 BDE (.) carrier line unable reach 2/32 BN due streng enemy posn 636726 (.) arty engaged posn (.) two enemy guns 650729 and 625729 neutralised by CB fire (.)

20 BDE (.) patrol 2/15 BN located JAP posn approx 623708 (.)

26 BDE (.) 2/48 BN now holds area 560676 (.) 2/23 BN in area 554679 patrols west of MARAHUO 5367 (.) after heavy shelling and mortaring 2/24 BN drove JAPS from position 577677 and cleared area (.) found many dead and much equipment (.) patrol west up spur contacted 2/48 BN (.) SATELBERG HEIGHTS captured against opposition by enemy rcargd (.) patrol 2/24 BN found PALANKO unoccupied (.) patrol 2/4 CAV COMMANDO SQN found MARAHUO unoccupied 251215L (.)

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SITREP 7 to 271330L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 270900L (.)

25 BDE (.) patrol 2/25 BN reached 723660 (.) enemy arty active 2/25 BN area (.)

2/6 CAV COMMANDO SQN (.) patrols report KOBA 4981 YAGUNBU 4180 GATINA 3982 clear of enemy (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV to 262100L (.)

20 BDE (.) 2/13 BN being relieved by composite force 2/2 MG BN (.) dispositions 2/13 BN less two coys 616686 (.) A Coy 591662 B Coy 597677 (.)

24 BDE (.) 260900L two coys 2/32 BN with one tp tks in sp attacked and captured PINO HILL 649724 (.) enemy withdrew as final assault made (.) determined enemy attack from SW on 2/32 BN posn 635733 repulsed (.) 44 JAPS killed (.) coy 2/32 BN from 642726 reached main 2/32 BNposn 637732 despite opposition (.) patrols 2/43 BN and 2/28 BN located JAP posns 654708 and 628700 (.) C Coy 2/43 BN area 646696 relieved by D Coy 2/28 BN joined B Coy 2/43BN at PINO HILL (.)

26 BDE (.) 2/24 BN dispositions to 251830L (.) A 589661 D555669 remainder 579679 (.) patrol through PALANKO found many JAP graves and abandoned eqpt (.) 2/23 BN (.) 75 mm captured 553677 (.) occupied MASANGKOO 548692 and FIOR 561700 261630L (.) well worn track leads north to WAREO (.) 2112 JAPS buried 26 BDE area since 18 nov (.)

4 BDE (.) C Coy 22 BN 539646 moving to MARARUO 5367 (.) A Coy 37/52 BN moved by sea to BEACH 6468 (.)

THREE (.) ENEMY AIR (.) 261050L 10 LILLYS 15 OSCARS dropped 50 anti-pers and incendiary bombs wide area coastal strip north QUOJA (.) slight damage some cas (.) target believed our arty

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AIROPS 26 nov (.) 13 LIBERATORS bombed LINDENHAVEN plantation smoke and dust obscured results (.) 28 MITCHELLS 8 MARAUDERS attacked barge hideouts in the NAMBARIWA RIVER area fires started results unobserved (.) 3 THUNDERBOLTS strafed rd near BOGIA destroying two trucks also intercepted and destroyed 2 enemy a/c SAIDOR area (.) 4 KITTYHAWKS intercepted 38 enemy a/c FINSCHHAFEN area 2 enemy a/c destroyed

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SITREP 8 to 281700L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 280900L (.) patrol 2/6 CAV COMMANDO SQN raided ORGORUNA 453807 without suffering casualties (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV to 281000L (.)

20 BDE (.) A Coy 2/13 BN relieved C Coy 2/15 BN GARAMOW 596687 (.)

24 BDE (.) 37/52 BN relieved 2/28 BN from 638696 to 633686 (.) D Coy 2/28 BN with three tks attacked along coastal track from 654702 (.) after driving JAPS from 654708 exploited to 654714 where contact made after dark (.) C Coy now 654711 (.) escorted native carriers reached 2/32 BN 635733 271650L (.) patrol 2/32 BN contacted JAP posn 649725 killing five (.) 2/28 BN now attacking towards DONGA (.)

26 BDE (.) patrol contacted JAP posn 558697 (.) 2/24 BN HQ and C Coy PALANKO (.) patrol contacted JAP pl 565695 killing three (.) one coy 2/23 BN occupied FIOR (.) patrol moving to clear track PALANKO to FIOR (.)

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AIROPS

AIROPS 27 nov (.) 63 MITCHELLS attacked WEWAK and TORAK airfields and dumps (.) 2 grounded c/s destroyed 3 set afire others damaged 2 barges set afire 2 other barges several vehicles and buildings hit numerous fires started (.) 3 MITCHELLS lost

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SITREP 9 to 291930L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 290900L (.) 2/14 BN relieved 2/25 BN (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV to 290900L (.)

24 BDE (.) 2/28 BN less A Coy with one tp tks in sp attacked north along coastal track forced JAP to withdraw from strong def posn 658729 and reached 658731 (.) A Coy 635733 patrolling east to GUSIKA along BONGA TRACK to 645736 (.) JAP movement seen 640734 (.) total JAP dead counted this area since 20 nov 170 (.)

26 BDE (.) hy arty and morter fire forced enemy from 558697 (.) 2/23 BN and 2/24 BN moved FIOR (.) 2/48 BN now responsible def SATELBERG HEIGHTS and 2600 feature 579679 (.) 2/4 CAV COMMANDO SQN now MARAUO left flank protection (.) patrol 2/23 BN approaching suspension br apparently good condition across SONG RIVER 562710 fired on by JAP party north bank strength unknown (.)

4 BDE (.) HQ 637668 (.) 22 BN less two coys 630636 (.) 29/46 BN 640670 (.)

H HY BTY engaged 628731 (.)

THREE (.) ENEMY AIR (.) 281825L four VALS dived bombed FINSCHHAFEN area (.) sixteen bombs NO damage some casualties

all informed

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Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority D R L S

AIROPS

AIROPS 28 nov (.) 47 LIBERATORS bombed WEWAK and BORAK airfields and dump areas (.) bombing excellent many explosions and fires started throughout both areas

War Diary

MESSAGE FORM

ADDRESSEES: AS PER SITREP NO. 5

FROM : MORESBY BASE SUB AREA

SITREP 10 to 301700L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 300900L (.)

21 BDE (.) relief of 25 BDE by 21 BDE completed (.) 2/16 BN relieved 2/33 BN (.) 2/27 BN relieved 2/2 PNR BN (.) 2/2 PNR BN under cond 21 BDE (.) B Coy PIB under cond 25 BDE (.) HQ 21 BDE KUMBARUM (.)

patrol 2/2 CAV COMMANDO SQN contacted enemy 450860 on track URLA - RAINBANK (.)

patrol 2/6 CAV COMMANDO SQN inflicted casualties on JAP OP 555750 (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV to 292100L (.)

24 BDE (.) 2/28 BN less A Coy advancing north reached BONGA 290925L (.) thence less A and D coys west to 650734 (.) many documents found (.) evidence accurate shelling and numerous JAP casualties (.) A Coy 645736 D Coy 658735 (.) a patrol from A Coy through GUSIKA to KAIDENG RIVER 651747 reports no movement seen (.) 2/43 BN (.) patrol from 636733 found 25 JAPS dead 646734 (.) A Coy west from 636733 found two well dug in and strongly constructed posts 632731 (.) posn attacked and entire garrison of 37 killed (.) 2/43 BN less D Coy 636733 D Coy 647694 (.) patrols report clashes and JAPS unknown strength 638723 and 634704 and 627703 (.)

20 BDE (.) extensive patrols no contact (.) 29/46 BN relieved 2/15 BN (.) B and C Coys 2/15 BN now 627699 moving NONGARA 609717 (.)

26 BDE (.) C Coy 2/23 BN with D Coy in sp attacked suspension br 563710 through difficult country against hy opposition by many LMGs and mortars (.) attack repulsed but B Coy crossed SONG RIVER unobserved about 150 yds east of br (.)

2/4 CAV COMMANDO SQN patrols from MARARUO found abandoned JAP 37 mm 539681 but no contact (.) patrol to MORENG no contact (.)

arty gave hy sp all ops with 25 pr and 155 mm

THREE (.) ENEMY AIR (.) 291114L one u/i recce a/c over MILNE BAY harbour at 29000 ft departed east no action (.)

FOUR (.) SHIPPING SIGHTINGS (.) 29 nov at least 15 enemy barges beached along coast SIO - FORTIFICATION POINT

all informed

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Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority
D R L S

AIROPS

AIROPS 29 nov (.) CAPE GLOUCESTER (.) 29 MITCHELLS 9 MARAUDERS attacked area (.) bombing accurate

MESSAGE FORM

ADDRESSEES : AS PER SITREP NO. 5

FROM : MORESBY BASE SUB AREA 0 12 2

SITREP 11 to 011000L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 302100L (.)

21 BDE (.) HQ 716566 (.) 2/16 BN 700610 with coys at 690627 and 690621 (.) 2/14 BN 713615 with coy at 708632 (.) 2/27 BN 752595 with coys at 773578 and 744627 (.) 2/2 FMR BN in res 718571 (.)

25 BDE (.) HQ 611567 (.) 2/31 BN area 5959 (.) 2/33 BN area 6257 (.) 2/25 BN area 6157 with standing patrol 6363 (.) patrol A Coy 2/2 CAV COMMANDO SQN captured posn track junc 451864 inflicting casualties (.) patrol later withdrew in spite enemy opposition (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV observer to 302100L (.) all refs unless otherwise stated new 1/25000 grid (.)

24 BDE (.) 2/28 BN (.) patrol from 633723 engaged by HMGs LMGs and mortars from 625736 (.) patrol withdrew and arty engaged posn (.) A and C Coys 2/43 BN supported by tks pushed west against opposition and formed perimeter 602715 (.) enemy sqpt captured (.) D Coy 610719 (.)

26 BDE (.) 2/23 BN (.) after crossing SONG RIVER B Coy moving through difficult country up steep slope cut the WAREO track unopposed at 555705 (.) supported by C Coy fire from south bank A Coy 2/23 BN attacked back SW along track and captured suspension br posn 551701 (.) JAPS fled towards A and B Coy posns and entire force of at least 50 killed (.) BN then formed perimeter 556710 in close contact (.)

2/4 CAV COMMANDO SQN (.) ref one in map (.) patrol from WAREO to 515705 and thence to unoccupied village 475710 no contact (.) ref 1/25000 map (.) 70mm found 524657 (.)

20 BDE (.) 2/15 BN (.) 3LL715L B Coy crossed SONG RIVER attacked 599686 and drove JAP from posn (.) A and C coy with hy arty sp fought their way NW and reached posn vicinity SONGO BA 5870 (.) exact location impossible due hy mist (.) BN less A and C coys 599606 (.)

air recce reports by use of track from WAREO 5571 NE along ridge to coast 626758 (.)

new JAP posns seen 6075 (.)

all informed

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Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority
D R I S

02110/L

AIROPS

AIRCPS 30 bov (.) 15 LIBERATORS bombed CAPE GLOUCESTER starting large fire scoring hits on 2 grounded a/c (.) 27 LIBERATORS bombed ALEXISHAFEN starting small fires and explosions

APPENDIX "B"

FIELD RETURNS

LOCATION STATEMENTS

TRAINING PROGRAMMES

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W. D.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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[redacted] Unit

[redacted] (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday [redacted] 194[redacted]

W.E. [redacted] OFFRS. [redacted] O.R's [redacted] + OFFRS. [redacted] O.R's [redacted] ATT. BY W.E.

[redacted]

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

[redacted]

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
[redacted]									
1				1					
				[redacted]					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
2	2	2		2					
14	14	14		6					
[redacted]			1	24					
				Captains.					
2				2					
				Lieutenants					
1				1					
				Quarter-masters [redacted]					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
[redacted]	16	16	1	[redacted]					

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

[redacted] Unit

[redacted] (Serial No.)

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27/11/1943. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
[redacted]							

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]						
[redacted]						

[redacted]

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

[redacted]

W. D. A/C

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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[redacted] (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday [redacted] 194[redacted] [redacted]

W.E. [redacted] OFFRS. [redacted] O.R's [redacted] + OFFRS. [redacted] O.R's [redacted] ATT. BY W.E.

[redacted]

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

[redacted]

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

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units mentioned in para. 10 of Instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL.	[redacted]	A.T.S.	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.		[redacted]	[redacted]								[redacted]
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

[redacted] Unit

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[redacted] (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27/11/1943, (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
[redacted]							

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.
[redacted]					

[redacted]
Date of Despatch

[redacted]
Signature of Commander

Rank—Unit.

[illegible]

[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	1	1	-
[illegible]	2	2	-
[illegible]	1	1	-
[illegible]	1	1	-
[illegible]	1	2	-
[illegible]	11	11	-
[illegible]	2	2	-
[illegible]	2	2	-
[illegible]	6	7	-
[illegible]	7	11	-
[illegible]	2	2	-
[illegible]	27	27	-
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2
[illegible]	2	1	-
[illegible]	[illegible]	1	-
[illegible]	6	11	-
	[illegible]	[illegible]	2
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-
	[illegible]	[illegible]	2

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

48 / 43 (Serial No.)

At 0000 Hrs. Saturday 27/ 11/1943 . MORESBY BASE SUB AREA

W.E. 17 [illegible] 1 . . OFFRS. 42 O.R's. 152 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 9 ATT. BY W.E.

ALSO INCREMENT W O 7 A/14218

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

TOTAL W.E. OFFICERS 42 AND O.R'S. 154 AND OFFICERS - AND O.R'S. 9 ATT

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.E.				W.Os. Class I.					
8 -	-	-	8	W.Os. Class II.					
6 2R	1	-	6	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1 -	-	-	1	Staff Sergeants					
3 2R	1	-	2	Sergeants 1	A.A.C.C.	2	1		
23 2R	1	-	24	Corporals 2	AAOC-A SEC	2			
22 2R	3	-	19	Troopers, Privates, etc. 6	A.A.C.C.	6			
95 -	-	5	100	Civilians counting as O.R.					
				Totals of cols. marked 9 should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		10	1		
254 -	6	5	155						

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of the 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	C.M.F.				A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL
	A.I.F.	Militia 18 Yrs.	18 Years and over.								
A	58	24	28	28				[redacted]	[redacted]		138
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	A.A.P.C.	6	6 AUST ARMY TROOPS
1	0283 "T" LINE	1	6 AUST H.Q. 5th Corps A.A.A.C.
5	H.Q. A.A.C.	1	H.Q. D.D.
6	AA ARMY STAFF	1	1 A.A.C.
1	26 BD GT	2	6 AUST INF
1	A.A.P.C.	1	4/10 AUST TK A INF
1	2/1 L OF C TRNG		
8	2/10 A.G.T.	1	2/8 A.G.T.
1	108 A.G.T.		
2	26 INF GT		
1	H.Q. 7 AUST INF		
1	1 AUST OPTICAL UNIT		
1	2/1 A.G.H.		
25	26 INF GT		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
2	20 A.A.O.D.		
2	P.M.S.A.		
4	112 COE DEPOT		
1	H.Q. AUST AA CP T.K.		
1	RIVER DAT TOWERS COE		
2	708A BASE SUB AREA		
1	H.Q. AUST A/A CP RIVER DAT		
1	K.P.O.		
1	H.Q. 6 AUST AIF (HOSPY)		
1	H.Q. 8 AUST INF		
1	H.Q. 11 AUST INF		

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

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

DETAILS OF NON- TRADESMEN

TRADE	T.E.	POSTED STRENGTH	REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED
MUSIC	1	1	-
ADMINISTRATION	2	2	-
C.S.M.	1	1	-
C.Q.M.S.	1	1	-
MEDICS	1	1	-
ELECTRICIANS	11	12	-
GAS INSTRUCTORS	2	2	-
S/SGT I.D.A.C.	1	1(SUPERNUMERARY)	-
PROTECTIONISTS	2	2	-
FITTERS	4	6	-
CLERKS	9	11	-
STOREMEN	2	2	-
DRIVERS	17	23	6
CLEANERS	24	21	3
OTHER TRADES	2	1	-
ORDERLIES	12	1	NR
GENERAL DUTIES	4	0	-
	96	87	9
CARRIED FORWARD	70	76	
TOTAL	166	163	9

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

[illegible]/43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20/11/1943 [illegible]

PROVISIONAL E IV/ [illegible] /1. OFFRS. 42 O.R's. 152 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 9 ATT. BY W.E.
ALSO INCIDENTS N.G.F. AUTHORITIES A16518 - A15287

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

TOTAL W.E. OFFICERS 42 AND O.R'S. 152 AND OFFICERS - AND O.R'S. 9

1 W.E. Establishment Required.	2 W.E. Deficient W.E.	3 W.E. Surplus to W.E.	4 Posted Strength.	5 DETAIL. W/E	6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. Arm or Corps.	7 Posted Strength.	8 Surplus to W.E.	9 Deficient W.E.	10 Reinfts. Required.
2 -	-	-	2	W.Os. Class I.					
6 NR	1	-	5	W.Os. Class II.					
1 -	-	-	1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
4 NR	1	-	3	Staff Sergeants					
25 -	-	-	25	Sergeants 1	A.A.C.C.	2	1		
21 NR	1	-	19	Corporals 2	AACC&AMWS	1		1 (AACC)	
95 -	-	-	95	Troopers, Privates, etc. 6	A.A.C.C.	7	1		
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
152 -	4	-	151	Totals of cols. marked should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		10	2	1	-

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

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

Detail	A	A.T.S.	C.M.F. Under 10 Years	C.M.F. 10 Years & over	A.W.A.B.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	-	TOTAL
A	42	27	28	52				[illegible]	[illegible]		152
B(1)											
B(2)							[illegible]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	A.A.P.C.	6	8 ADVT ARMY TROOPS
1	CORPS TROOPS	1	2 ADVT L.F. Workshops A.E.P.C.
6	H.Q. E.C.F.		
6	44 ADVT SECRET		
2	26 P.S. COY		
1	A.A.P.C.		
2	2/1 I.OF C HOSPAL		
2	2/106 A.G.T.		
1	158 A.G.T.		
2	28 BRD COY		
1	H.Q. 9 ADVT DEV		
1	1 ADVT OPTICAL UNIT		
1	2/1 A.G.H.		
2	22 BRD COY		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
		2	20 A.A.C.C.
		1	2 ADVT BASE SUB AREA
		2	P.W.E.I.
		2	118 COY DEPOT
		1	H.Q. ADVT AA SP P.W.
		1	RIVER BAY TO ACCESS CORD.
		2	NEW BASE SUB AREA
		1	H.Q. ADVT A/A SP RIVER BAY
		1	H.P.O.
		1	H.Q. G. ADVT ATP (REPEAT)
		2	H.Q. 8 ADVT DEV
		1	H.Q. 11 ADVT DEV

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] Unit

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[illegible]/43 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 20/11/1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Ammunition Examiners			
Armament Artificer Fitter			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			
Armament Artificer Instrument			
Armament Artificer Radio			
Armament Artificer Signals			
Armament Artificer Wireless			
Artificer, Artillery			
Artificer, Engine			
Blacksmiths			
Bricklayers			
Carpenters			
Cooks, Hospital	-	1	-
Coppersmiths			
Dispensers			
Draughtsmen			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			
Electricians			
Electricians (M.V.)			
Electricians (Signals)			
Fitters			
Fitters (Cycle)			
Fitters (Electrical)			
Fitters (Gun)			
Fitters (Instrument)			
Fitters (M.V.)			
Fitters, Railway Signal			
Fitters, Signals			
Grinder, Precision			
Mechanics, Instrument			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			
Mechanics, Radio			
Mechanics, Typewriter			
Mechanics, Wireless			
Millwrights			
Opticians, Ophthalmic			
Pattern Maker			
Pharmacists			
Photographer, Wet Plate			
Photolithographer			
Plumber	-	1	-
Sale Butchers			
Surveyors			
CARRIED FORWARD	-	2	-

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Surveyors, Engineering			
Surveyors, R.A.A.			
Surveyors, Topographical			
Surveyors, Triangulation			
Tentmakers			
Turners			
Watchmakers			
Welders			
GROUP II.			
Armourers			
Asconas			
Bakers			
Bty. Comd's. Asst.			
Bellhangers			
Carpenters			
Carpenters and Joiners			
Cooks	8	8	-
Dental Mechanics			
Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)			
Driver-Operator			
Dressers			
Electricians			
Fire Control Operators			
Gas Operator			
Hairdressers			
Height Taker			
Hills Operator			
Instrumental Operator			
Intelligence Duties			
Joiners			
Linemen			
Linemen, Signals	-	1	-
Lithographers			
Mechanics, Motor			
Mechanics, Work			
Masons			
Masseurs			
Mechanics, M.T.			
Miners	-	1	-
Musicians			
Nurses, Trained			
Observers, Fwd Arty.			
CARRIED FORWARD	8	11	-

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Operating Room Asstn.			
Operator, Keyboard			
Operator, Line			
Operator, Signal			
Operator, Switchboard			
Operator, Wireless			
Opticians			
Painters			
Panel Beaters			
Photographer, Dry Plate			
Proprietor Numbers	-	1	-
Printers			
Radiographers			
Riggers			
Sawyers			
Signallers			
Signwriters			
Telescope Identin. Numbers			
Well Borers			
Wheelers			
Wheelers Brothers			
Wheelwrights			
Woodcarvers			
GROUP III.			
Battery Surveyors			
Butchers			
Clerks	81	78	-
Clerks, Supply			
Clerks, Technical			
Coach Talkmaster			
Comptists	-	1	-
Cooks			
Dental Clerk Orderlies			
Despatch Riders	-	1	-
Draughtsmen, Signals			
Drivers, M.T.	-	2	-
Driver Mechanics	-	1	-
Driver Tpsn. Fitter			
Engine Stokers, L.C.			
Equipment Repairers			
Farriers			
Fitter/Electrics			
Gas Lagmen			
CARRIED FORWARD	89	92	-

DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
See attached list			
ATTACHED BY W.E.			
A.A.M.W.S.	1	1	-
Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively.		*	*

NOTES.—(a) If unit other than normal is required state details on back.
(b) Authorised trades of attachments not mentioned in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.B. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired state details on back.
(d) Where reinforcement not desired, note accordingly on figures by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reinfts. 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.

20/11/43.
Date of Despatch

[illegible] Signature of Commander [illegible]

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

...(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday ../../194.. [illegible]

[illegible] W.E. IV/../1.. OFFRS.... O.R's.... + OFFRS.... O.R's.... ATT. BY W.E.

[illegible]

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

[illegible]

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]				[illegible] *					
				[illegible] *					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
				Majors					
				Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					

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.T.S.	A.M.T.S.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	A.	[illegible]										
	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., 2 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]	[illegible]	[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]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[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).

[illegible] Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
[illegible]							

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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...46/43...(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13/11/1943 MORESBY BASE SUB AREA (Unit)

PROVISIONAL W.E. 1V/8B/1. OFFRS. 47 O.R's. 165 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 9 ATT. BY W.E.
ALSO INCREMENTS N.G.F. A/14318 AND A/15527

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

TOTAL W.E. OFFICERS 47 AND O.R'S. 168 - OFFICERS - AND O.R'S. 9 ATT

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
W.E. No.	Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
1	-	-	-	1	BRIG *					
1	-	-	-	1	COL *					
6	3	3	-	3	Lieut.-Colonels					
22	15	15	-	7	Majors					
14	1	1	-	13	Captains					
2	-	-	-	2	Lieutenants					
1	-	-	-	1	Quarter-masters LIEUT					
					A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
					Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
47	19	19	-	28						

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

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.
	A	B	A	B								
A.MED	27	-	1	-								28
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., 26 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.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX132750	CAPT	WUNDERLICH R.	TO "Y" LIST	8/11/43	ADMITTED 2/5 A.G.H.

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

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

MORESBY BASE SUB AREA ..... Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13/11/1943. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	2 Army Number.	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
BRIG	DX906	STEELE	W.A.B.	COMD	YES		
COL	NDX2236	CHARDON	H.	GSO	NO	DETACHED TO LAE	21/10/43
LT COL	VX13994	SMITH	A.H.	PPDCM	YES		
"	VX59599	MORRIS	J.C.	AA&QMG	"		
"	NDX181	YOUNG	G.N.	ADMS	"		
MAJOR	SX26670	LAWLE	R.E.	GSO	"		
"	VX8363	SINGLETON	A.H.	S & T	"		
"	NXX1122	HOWES	L.C.	DADOS	"		
"	VX65494	FLANAGAN	J.W.	LSO	NO	DET TO MILNE BAY FORTRESS	13/10/
"	NXX70546	WATSON	D.H.	DAAG	YES		
"	VX81099	STEWART	C.A.	ADME	"		
"	NXX12011	HALL	C.C.	DAAG	"		
CAPTAIN	NX68126	HARTSON	R.N.	GSO III	"		
"	NXX47889	GILCHREST	H.	AAES	NO	DET TO 113 CON DEPOT	5/11/43
"	VX31074	DWYER	C.G.	S & T	YES		
"	T59	GATEHOUSE	D.B.	DADM	"		
"	TX6440	BROWN	E.C.A.	GSO STAFF	"		
"	NXX70865	MATTHEWS	I.T.	ADJ S&T	"		
"	DX204	NEWELL	A.B.		"		
"	NX58473	LAWRENCE	R.C.	GSO STAFF	"		
"	NXX00066	MARTIN	C.E.	STAFF "A"	NO	DET TO P.M.S.A.	25/8/43
"	QX42598	COPPOCK	H.	DAD ED	YES		
"	QX22982	DAVIDSON	L.F.	CAMP COMDT	"		
"	QX25432	McDONALD	N.R.	DADDS	NO	DET TO H.Q. N.G.F.	21/9/43
"	VX39239	SAWREY	C.E.	DADMS	YES		
LIEUT	VX8883	MORONEY	C.D.	AMENITIES OFFICER	YES		
"	SX22206	SQUIRE	I.S.	C.M.	YES		
"	NXX67791	ALDER	T.J.	AAES	NO	DET TO 10 A.A.O.D.	15/10/43

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
MAJOR	N450789	SIGGINS R.H.	AA AUDIT	24/6/43	CHIEF AUDIT OFFICER
"	VX24051	CROSS W.N.	3 AUST BASE SUB AREA	3/8/43	DADRE QUARTERING
CAPTAIN	TX6145	FLETCHER M.E.	H.Q. 1 AUST CORPS	4/10/43	A.D.M.E. OFFICER
"	VX20564	BAIN R.B.	AA AUDIT	13/6/43	AUDIT OFFICER
LIEUT	VX26332	TIDDY I.E.	ANGAU	24/6/43	AUDIT OFFICER
"	VX88122	CATTON E.I.	25 ADSC	20/7/43	S & T SERVICE
"	NXX12956	HOWES L.W.	18 AUST	I OF C SIGS	27/8/43 GSO STAFF
"	VX10651	KITCHING A.C.	AA AUDIT	5/11/43	AUDIT OFFICER
CAPTAIN	NX 71017	MORGAN A.E.	GSC	1/11/43	

13/11/43
Date of Despatch

CAPT.
(L.F. DAVIDSON) *Signature of Commander* CAMP COMDT.

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DETAILS of NON TRADESMEN

Trade	WE	Posted Strength	Reinforcements Required
MUSIC	1	1	-
ADMINISTRATION	2	2	-
C S M	1	1	-
C.Q.M.S	1	1	-
HOBBIES	1	1	-
LECTURERS	11	11	-
GAS INSTRUCTORS	2	2	-
S/SGT A D M S	1	1 (Supernumerary)	-
PROJECTIONISTS	2	2	-
HYGEINE	4	6	-
MESSES	7	12	-
STOREMEN	3	3	-
BATMEN	21	16	2
DRIVERS	24	20	2
WATER DUTIES	2	1	NR
ORDERLIES	13	1	-
GENERAL DUTIES.	4	14	-
	100	95	4
Sick Yard	77	84	-
	177	179	4

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13/11/1943. Moresby Base Sub-Area (Unit)

Prot. W.E. 11, 881, OFFRS. 47 O.R's. 165 + OFFRS. — O.R's. 9 ATT. BY W.E.
also Evacuees NGF Authorities A114318 – A115527
Total WE Officers 47 – ORs 168 + Offrs – ORs 9

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E.	W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL. W.E.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
3	—	—	3	W.Os. Class I.					
7 NR	1	—	6	W.Os. Class II.					
1	—	—	1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1 NR	1	—	3	Staff Sergeants					
27 —	—	2	29	Sergeants 1	HAAC	2	1 AACC		
24 NR	2	—	23	Corporals 2	HAAC-WAAC	2			
102 —	—	1	103	Troopers, Privates, etc. 6	AACC	8	2 (AACC)		
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
168 —	4	3	167	Totals of cols. marked 9 should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		12	3		

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

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

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A							[redacted]	[redacted]		
B(1)										
B(2)						[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	AAPC	1	2/1 AGH
1	ERE & Land	2	AAF Fwt Sta
2	HQ NGF	7	22 Ind Bde
5	AA Depot	6	2/1st Aust Inf Bn
1	2 Div Sig	1	2/1st MT
1	HADC		HQ Aust Corps
2	2/1st Fd Amb		
1	2/6th A.G.T		
2	2/10th A.G.T		
1	2/8th A.G.T		
2	23 Sig Bn		
1	HQ 7th Aust Div		
1	1st Aust Corps Unit		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
5	10 AA Op Gp		
1	1st Base Sub Area		
2	PNGA		
3	11th Ln Depot		
1	HQ Aust AA Gp (Fd)		
1	Milne Bay for Aust Land		
1	Fauro Coast Sub Area		
1	HQ Aust A/A Gp Milne Bay		
1	MFO		
3	Lae Base Sub Area		
1	HQ Base Sub Area Moresby		
1	Aust Corps Rest Unit		
1	7th Div Sig		
1	HQ 3 Aust Div		

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).

Moresby 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 13/11/1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Ammunition Examiners			
Armament Artificer Fitter			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			
Armament Artificer Instrument			
Armament Artificer Radio			
Armament Artificer Signals			
Armament Artificer Wireless			
Artificer, Artillery			
Artificer, Engine			
Blacksmiths			
Bricklayers			
Computers			
Cooks, Hospital	—	1	—
Coppersmiths			
Dispensers			
Draughtsmen	2	2	—
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			
Electricians			
Electricians (M.V.)			
Electricians (Signals)			
Fitters			
Fitters (Cycle)			
Fitters (Electrical)			
Fitters (Gun)			
Fitters (Instrument)			
Fitters (M.V.)			
Fitters, Railway Signal			
Fitters, Signals			
Grinder, Precision			
Mechanics, Instrument			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			
Mechanics, Radio			
Mechanics, Typewriter			
Mechanics, Wireless			
Millwrights			
Operators, Exchange			
Painters [illegible]			
Photographers			
Photographer, Still Photo			
Photoprinter			
Plumber	—	1	—
Saw Doctors			
Surveyors			
CARRIED FORWARD	2	4	—

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Surveyors, Engineering			
Surveyors, R.A.A.			
Surveyors, Topographical			
Surveyors, Triangulation (rdr)			
Toolmakers			
Turners			
Watchmakers			
Welders			
GROUP II.			
Armourers			
Artificers			
Bakers			
Bty. Comd's. Asst.			
Boilermakers			
Carpenters			
Carpenters and Joiners			
Cooks	8	10	—
Dental Mechanics			
Driver-Mech. (Loc. and Med.)			
Driver-Operator			
Drainers			
Electricians			
Electricians (Refrigrs)			
Fire Control Operators			
Gun Operator			
Hairdresser			
Height Taker			
Radio Operator			
Instrument Operator			
Intelligence Duties			
Joiners			
Linemen			
Linemen, Signals	—	1	—
Lithographers			
Machinists, Metal			
Machinists, Wood			
Masons			
Painters			
Mechanics, M.T.			
Miners	—	1	—
Moulders			
Nurses, Trained			
Observation Post Assts.			
CARRIED FORWARD	10	16	—

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Operating Room Assts.			
Operator, Keyboard			
Operator, Line			
Operator, Signal			
Operator, Switchboard			
Operator, Wireless			
Opticians			
Painters			
Panel Beaters			
Photographer, Dry Plate			
Predictor Numbers	—	1	—
Printers			
Radiographers			
Riggers			
Sawyers			
Signallers			
Signwriters			
Telescope Identfn. Numbers			
Well Borers			
Wheelers			
Winchmen			
Wiremen			
Woodturners			
GROUP III.			
Battery Surveyors			
Butchers			
Clerks	66	58	
Clerks, Supply			
Clerks, Technical			
Coach Trimmers			
Conductors	—	1	—
Cooks			
Dental Clerk Orderlies			
Despatch Riders	—	1	—
Draughtsmen, Signals			
Drivers, M.T.	—	2	—
Driver Mechanics	—	2	—
Driver Tplm. Plant			
Engine Hands, I.C.			
Equipment Repairers			
Farriers			
Fitters' Mates			
Gun Layers			
CARRIED FORWARD	76	81	—

DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
See attached List			
ATTACHED BY W.E.			
AAAC	1	1	—
Cord Unit	77	84	—
Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively.		*	*

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 claimed show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired state accordingly on reverse by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reins. 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.

13.11.43
Date of Despatch

Capt
Signature of Commander
Camp Comdt.

[redacted]

[redacted]	S.E.	[redacted]	[redacted] REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED
[redacted]	1	1	-
[redacted]	2	2	-
[redacted]	1	1	-
[redacted]	1	1	-
[redacted]	1	1	-
[redacted]	11	11	-
[redacted]	2	2	-
[redacted]	1	1	- (redacted)
[redacted]	2	2	-
[redacted]	4	6	-
[redacted]	9	12	-
[redacted]	3	3	-
[redacted]	21	27	[redacted]
[redacted]	24	28	[redacted]
[redacted]	2	1	-
[redacted]	13	1	-
[redacted]	4	13	-
	120	[redacted]	-
[redacted]	77	[redacted]	-
	197	[redacted]	-

War Diary

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6 / 11 / 1943 . MORESBY BASE SUB-AREA

PROVISIONAL W.E. 17 / 38 / 1 . OFFRS. 47 O.R's. 168 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 9 ATT. BY W.E.
ALSO INCREMENTS N.C.O. AUTHORITIES A14318 - A15527

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

TOTAL W.E. OFFICERS 47 AND O.R'S 168 AND OFFICERS + O.R'S 9

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. OTHER RANKS EXCLUDING ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
W.E. Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
3 NR	2	-	1	W.Os. Class I.					
7 NR	1	-	6	W.Os. Class II.					
1 -	-	-	1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
4 NR	1	-	3	Staff Sergeants					
27 -	-	4	31	Sergeants 1	A.A.C.C.C.	2	1 (A.A.C.C.C.)		
24 NR	3	-	21	Corporals 2	AACC AAMC	2			
102 -	-	4	106	Troopers, Privates, etc. 6	A.A.C.C.C.	7	1 (A.A.C.C.C.)		
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
168 -	7	8	169 -	Totals of cols. marked should agree with detail shown in Part E on Page 2.		11 -	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	A	A.I.F.	C.M.F. Permts.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	- -	TOTAL.
A	68	28	35	38				[redacted]	[redacted]		169
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	A.A.P.C.	1	151 A.C.T. COY
1	COSC "X" LIST	1	2/1 A.C.H.
6	H.Q. H.C.R.	3	AA & Fitters 5169
5	AA AUDIT STAFF		
1	24 D.S. COY		
1	A.A.P.S.		
2	2/1 I OR C POSTAL		
1	2/102 A.C.T.		
1	2/106 A.C.T.		
1	158 A.C.T.		
2	33 [illegible] COY		
1	H.Q. 7 AUDIT DIV		
1	1 AUDIT OPTICAL UNIT		

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	3C A.A.C.D.		
1	1 DIST BASE SUB AREA		
2	P.M.S.A.		
2	113 CON DEPOT		
1	H.Q. AUDIT A.A. GP P.M.		
1	KIRI BAY DOCKYARD COLD		
1	BUNA BASE SUB AREA		
1	H.Q. AUDIT A/A GP. 118 BAT		
1	M.P.O.		
3	IAE BASE SUB AREA		
1	H.Q. C. 118 AIF (RECEIPT)		
1	AREA COMD DARWIN		
1	2/1 A.C.H.		

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

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	DATE PROCEEDED ON LEAVE (i.e., present circumstances if known).
[redacted]	PTE	McGEE A.E.	(24/9/43) 1 A.T.D. STRIKE
[redacted]	PTE	BEASLEY R.	" " MELBOURNE
[redacted]	PTE	HUGHMAN C.S.	(25/9/43) " " ADELAIDE

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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 6 / 11 / 1943 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Asst.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Triangulation				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing	-	1	-
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers	-	1	-	Saddlers makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shearmen and Hand Reapers			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Shearers			
Coopers								Riggers				Stokers, Sixty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital	-	1	-	GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Assmen				Signarlers				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen	2	2	-	Bakers				Telescope Memrin. Numbers				Tinsmiths	-	1	-
Draughtsmen (architectural)				Bdg. Const'n. Asst.				Wall Rovers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Wiremen				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Woodturners							
Electricians				Cooks	8	9	-								
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Mot.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Dressers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Diesel				Hairdressers				Butchers				See attached list.			
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	55	57	-				
Grinders, Precision				Radio Operator				Clerks, Supply		30					
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Cook Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Gun and				Jointers				Conveyors	6	2	-				
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers	-	1	-	Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Mechanists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals	-	1	-				
Operators, Examiner				Mechanists, Wood				Drivers, M.T.				As Above	1	1	-
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	-	2	-				
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant	-	2	-				
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photoprinter				Millers				Equipment Repairers							
Plumbers				Moulders	-	1	-	Farriers							
Saw Doctors	-	1	-	Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Shipwrights				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	2	4	-	CARRIED FORWARD	10	15	-	CARRIED FORWARD	76	79	-	Total of Details marked - to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively.	77	88	-
													-	-	-

NOTE.—(a) If rank other than private is required give details on back.
(b) Additional trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in space provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reinfts. Required."
(e) Where any 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.

6/11/43
Date of Despatch

(L.J. DAVIDSON) Signature of Commander CAPT
CAMP COMDT

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6/11/1943 MORESBY BASE SUB AREA

PROVISIONAL W.E. 69 1 OFFRS. 47 O.R's. 165 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 9 ATT. BY W.E.
ALSO INCREMENTS N.O.F. A/14319 AND A/15527

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

TOTAL W.E. OFFICERS 47 AND O.R'S. 165 - OFFICERS - AND O.R'S 9 ATT

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
W.E. Req'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Req'ts Required.
1 -	-	-	1	BRIG *					
1 -	-	-	1	COL *					
6 3	3	-	3	Lieut.-Colonels					
22 15	15	-	7	Majors					
14 1	1	-	13	Captains					
2 -	-	1	3	Lieutenants					
1 -	-	-	1	Quarter-masters (LIEUT)					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
47 19	19	1	29						

	DETAIL.	W.O.	A.I.F.	R.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 20 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part B(1) & B(2).	A.		28 -	1 -								29
	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.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6/11/194 3 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	2 Army Number.	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
BRIG	DX[illegible]8	STEELE	W.A.B.	COMD	YES		
COL	NX12236	CHARTON	H.	G.S.O.	NO	DETACHED TO I.A.F.	21/10/43
LT COL	VX15924	SMITH	A.H.	PDSOM	YES		
"	VX38599	MORRIS	I.C.	AAA/HQ	"		
"	NX181	YOUNG	C.W.	ADJS	"		
MAJOR	SX26670	LAVRIC	R.E.	GSO	"		
"	VX8363	SINGLETON	A.W.	SMT	"		
"	VX11128	HOWES	T.G.	DADS	"		
"	VX65496	FLANAGAN	J.W.	IO	NO	DETACHED TO MILNE BAY [illegible]	13/10/43
"	NX70546	WATSON	D.M.	DAAG	YES		
"	VX21099	STEWART	C.A.	ADJE	"		
"	NX12011	HALL	C.G.	DAAG	"		
CAPTAIN	NX147889	GILCHRIST	H.	AAMS	"		
"	VX31074	DWYER	C.G.	SMT	"		
"	TAS	CATHCART	D.R.	DADS	"		
"	TX6440	PSOSH	T.G.A.	GSO STAFF	"		
"	NX70965	MATTHEWS	L.F.	ADJ SMT	"		
"	DX[illegible]4	NEWELL	A.R.		"		
"	NX84475	LAWRENCE	R.C.	GSO STAFF	"		
"	NX[illegible]66	MARTIN	C.E.	STAFF	A/C NO	DETACHED TO BOSA	25/8/43
"	QX[illegible]8	COPLOCK	H.	DAD ED	YES		
"	NX[illegible]0	HUNDERLICH	R.	SO [illegible]	"		
"	QX[illegible]2	DAVIDSON	L.F.	CHIEF CLERK	"		
"	QX[illegible]2	McDONALD	K.R.	DADS	NO	DETACHED TO H.Q. N.G.F.	21/8/43
"	VX[illegible]9	SAWYER	C.E.	DADS	YES		
LIEUT	VX[illegible]3	MORONEY	C.D.	ASSISTANT ORDNANCE OFFICER	YES		
"	NX[illegible]6	HARTSON	R.N.	GSO III	YES		
"	QX[illegible]6	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
"	NX[illegible]1	ALDER	T.J.	AAMC	NO	DETACHED TO 10 [illegible]	15/10/43

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.	Duties of Attachment.
LT COL	VX[illegible]78	JOHNSTONE	C.A.	GSO2	22/10/43 [illegible]
MAJOR	NX30789	SIGGINS	R.H.	AA ADJUT	24/8/43 CHIEF ADJUT OFFICER
"	VX[illegible]51	CROSS	T.N.	A ADJT	BASE SUB AREA 2/9/43 MAJOR MATERIEL
CAPTAIN	VX[illegible]6	FLETCHER	E.E.	H.Q. I	ADJT GD DUTY 4/10/43 [illegible] CENTRE ARMS
"	VX[illegible]44	BALDY	R.R.	AA ADJUT	28/8/43 ADJUT OFFICER
LIEUT	VX[illegible]38	TIRONY	I.F.	ADJUT	24/8/43 ADJUT OFFICER
"	VX[illegible]77	CAYZER	P.T.	HQ ADMC	20/9/43 S.A.T. OFFICER
"	NX[illegible]4	SOBEY	I.M.	28 ATTD	L. OF C. SIGS 27/8/43 GSO STAFF
"	VX[illegible]1	FITCHETT	A.G.	AA ADJUT	8/11/43 ADJUT OFFICER
CAPTAIN	NX[illegible]7	HORNE	I.E.	GSO2	1/11/43

6/11/43
Date of Despatch

[illegible] Capt.
(L.F. DAVIDSON) Signature of Commander G.H.Q. 2nd ECH.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - NEW GUINEA FORCE

Headquarters
MORESBY BASE SUB AREA
G/
24 Nov 43.

DISTRIBUTION LISTS

1. Attached herewith as Appendix "A" is schedule showing Distribution Lists "A", "B" & "C".

List "A":- Copies to sub-formations, branches, services and units under direct command.

List "B":- As List "A" with additional copies to sub-formations & services for distribution to units.

List "C":- As List "A" with additional copies to sub-formations and services for distribution to units and sub-units.

2. Serials 52 to 55 are units on OOS for local adm only. If it is desired that these units be included in distribution that fact should be indicated.

Lt-Col.
GS MORESBY BASE SUB AREA.

DISTRIBUTION.

Comd
"C" (7)
AQ
"A" (4)
"Q" (3)
ADST
ADES
DADOS
CHE
DAPM
DAD Educ
War Diary (2)
File (2)

APPENDIX "A"

MORESBY BASE SUB AREA DISTRIBUTION LISTS

Serial No.	U N I T	List "A"	List "B"	List "C"
1	7 Aust Inf Bde Gp	1	8	26
2	15 Aust Inf Bde Gp	1	7	20
3	2/8 Aust Armd Regt	1	1	6
4	Rear Details RAA 5 Aust Div	1	1	1
5	2 Aust Fd Regt	1	1	5
6	2/5 Aust Fd Regt	1	1	5
7	10 Bty 2/3 Aust Tk/A Regt	1	1	1
8	Det 2 Aust Mtn Bty	1	1	1
9	HQ Coast Arty Moresby	1	1	7
10	HQ AA Gp Moresby	1	1	15
11	Area Comdt Bulldog	1	50	50
12	Moresby Port Sub Area	1	8	8
13	12 Aust CRE (Wks)	1	20	20
14	Sigs 5 Aust Div	1	1	5
15	2/1 Aust MG Bn	1	1	5
16	3 Aust Div Carrier Coy	1	1	1
17	5 Aust Div Carr Coy	1	1	1
18	19 Fd E Coy 2/1 Fd Gd Bn	1	1	1
19	LHQ Sub Depot Dental Stores	1	1	1
20	C Sec 2/2 Aust Dental Unit	1	1	1
21	District A/cs Office NG	1	1	7
22	7 Aust Base Postal Unit	1	5	5
23	1 Aust Graves Regn & Enquiries Unit	1	1	1
24	5 Aust Emp Coy	1	1	1
25	NG L of C Stationery Depot	1	1	1
26	NG L of C Printing & Press Unit	1	1	1
27	Aust Defence Canteen Services	1	1	5
28	NG Details Depot	1	1	1
29	4 Sec Aust Kit Store	1	1	1
30	7 Aust Div Concert Party	1	1	1
31	11 Aust Div Concert Party	1	1	1
32	Rear Details 5 Aust Div Rec Camp	1	1	1
33	1 Aust Div Salvage Unit	1	1	1
34	Comd	1	1	1
35	"C"	1	1	1
36	HQ RAA Moresby Base Sub Area	1	1	1
37	AA & QMG	1	3	3
38	Legal	1	1	1
39	ADST	1	33	44
40	ADMS	1	18	18
41	ADOS DEPOTS	1	12	12
42	DADOS	1	17	17
43	CEME	1	26	26
44	DAPM	1	7	7
45	16 A D B	1	1	1
46	NGF P P C	1	1	1
47	Amenities Officer	1	1	1
48	DAD Education	1	1	1
49	Camp Commandant	1	1	1
50	War Diary	2	2	22
51	Files	2	2	2
	Totals	55	260	347
52	CSO NG L of C Area	3	3	9
53	1 Aust Motor Tpt Gp	1	1	1
54	1 Aust AED	1	1	9
55	Amenities NGF (75,76 & 78 Mobile cinemas)	4	4	4
	Totals	64	269	370

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Headquarters
MORESBY BASE SUB AREA
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25 Nov 43.

ORDER OF BATTLE - MORESBY BASE SUB AREA

1. Herewith MORESBY BASE SUB AREA Order of Battle Copy No 26 as at 0001 hrs 21 Nov 43.

2. Please acknowledge receipt on form at foot hereof.

Lt-Col.
GS. MORESBY BASE SUB AREA.

DISTRIBUTION	COPY NO
7 Aust Inf Bde	1
15 Aust Inf Bde	2
HQ Coast Arty MORESBY	3
HQ MORESBY AA Gp AIF	4
Area Comdt BULLDOG	5
MORESBY PORT SUB AREA	6
Comd	7
G	8 - 11
AQ	12
A	13 - 15
Q	16 - 18
[illegible] (Wks)	19
ADST	20
ADIS	21
DADOS	22/30
CERE	23
DAPM	24
7 Aust Base Postal Unit	25
War Diary	26 - 27
File.	28 - 29

HQ MORESBY BASE SUB AREA

ORDER OF BATTLE - MORESBY BASE SUB AREA

1. Receipt is acknowledged of copy number 26

2. [illegible]

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COPY NO 26

ORDER OF BATTLE - MORESBY BASE SUB AREA

as at 0001 hrs 21 Nov 43

Serial No	Arm or Service	War Office Serial No.	UNIT	Remarks
1	HQ	49205	HQ MORESBY Base Sub Area	
2	ARMD	61458	2/8 Aust Armd Regt	less A & C Sqns
3	ARTY	46983	Rear Party HQ RAA 5 Aust Div	
4		45984	2 Aust Fd Regt	
5		61079	2/5 Aust Fd Regt	
6		61038	10 Bty 2/3 Aust Tk/A Regt	
7		48483	Det 2 Aust Mtn Bty	
8	ENGRS	47482	12 Aust CRE (Wks)	
9		46531	53 Aust DCRE (Wks)	
10		61207	2/16 Aust A Fd Coy	
11		46205	14 Aust Fd Coy	less one pl
12		45993	15 Aust Fd Coy	See note under 15Aust Inf Bde Gp
13		46094	24 Aust Fd Coy	See note under 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp
14		46533	3 Aust A Tps Coy	
15		47278	8 Aust A Tps Coy	
16		47485	101 Aust A Tps Coy	
17		47344	9 Aust Wkshop & Pk Coy	less two Adv Pk Pls
18		61503	2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy	less three mech eqpt pls & Wkshop Pl
19		61171	2/1 Aust Ry Constn Coy	less one pl
20		47742	1 Aust Bomd Disposal Pl	less det
21		48332	4 Aust Oil Tk Constn Pl	
22		48333	5 " " " " "	
23		46203	Det HQ RAE 11 Aust Div	
24		51052	2/21 Aust Camflg Unit	
25		45995	23 " " "	
26		46097	25 " " "	
27	SIGS	46098	Sigs 5 Aust Div	
28		46099	40 Aust Cipher Sec	
29		49088	2 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	
30		49274	2/8 Aust Armd Regt Sig Sec	
31		47725	Det 2 Aust Sig Pk Sec	att 10 AAOD
~~32~~		~~48695~~	~~No.1 Coy AA & Frt Sig NG~~	~~see Fxd & AA Defs~~
33	INF	29268	2/1 Aust MG Bn	less A Coy
34		48184	3 Aust Div Carr Coy	less one pl
35		48299	5 Aust Div Carr Coy	less one pl
36		61005	Det 19 Pl E Coy 2/1 HQ Gd Bn	
37	AASC	46117	HQ Comd 5 Aust Div AASC	
38		48042	2/33 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	less det
39		61372	2/101 " " " "	
40		61373	2/102 " " " "	
41		61375	Det 2/104 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	
42		61377	2/105 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	
43		61378	2/106 " " " "	less one pl
44		45772	131 " " " "	
45		45773	One pl 132 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	
46		47491	141 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	less det
47		47903	One pl 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	see note under 15 Aust Inf Bde Gp

Serial No.	Arm or Service	War Office Serial No.	UNIT	Remarks
48	AASC	48427	One pl 2/155 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	
49	(cont)	48827	158 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	see note under 7 Aust Inf Bde [illegible]
50		48261	5 Aust Base Sup Depot	
51		48985	178 Aust Sup Dep Pl	
52		48986	179 " " " "	
53		48987	180 " " " "	
54		48988	181 " " " "	
55		48989	182 " " " "	
56		48262	HQ 25 Aust Sup Dep Coy	
57		48990	183 Aust Sup Dep Pl	
58		48991	184 " " " "	
59		48992	185 " " " "	
60		48993	186 " " " "	
61		49029	226 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
62		48547	HQ 37 Aust Sup Dep Coy	
63		49032	231 Aust Sup Dep Pl	
64		49033	232 " " " "	
65		61180	2/33 Aust Sup Dep Pl	
66		61179	2/35 " " " "	
67		49028	224 " " " "	see note under 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp
68		49030	227 " " " "	do
69		55363	2/1 Aust M A C	less one pl
70		45777	2 Aust M A C	less one pl
71		45288	1 Aust Pack Tpt Coy	less det
72		45290	3 Aust Pack Tpt Coy	less det
73		47540	2 Aust B I P O D	one pl BULLDOG
74		48348	52 Aust BIPOD Pl	
75		47857	1 Aust Bulk Pet Stor Coy	
76		46348	One pl 1 Aust Fd Bakery	
77		47545	One pl 2 Aust Fd Bakery	
78		47493	13 Aust Fd Bakery	less dets
79		49135	One pl 9 Aust Fd But Coy	
80		47802	3 Aust Farm Coy	
81	AAMC	55210	2/1 Aust Gen Hosp	
82		55214	2/5 " " "	
83		55218	2/9 " " "	
84		47496	128 " " "	
85		46561	47 Aust Camp Hosp	
86		45356	113 Aust Con Depot	
87		47871	NGF Depot Med & Vet Stores	
88		48506	108 Aust Adv Depot Med Stores	
89		45774	1 Aust Lt Fd Amb	less det
90		45924	Det 9 Aust Fd Amb	Unit HQ BULLDOG
91		55406	Det 2/2 Aust Fd Amb	
92		45315	104 Aust Mob Bac Lab	
93		48025	4 Aust Mob Ent Sec	
94		55442	2/1 Aust Mob Op Unit	
95		55446	2/4 A A M C U	
96		45325	2/7 A A M C U	
97		47626	15 A A M C U	
98		49282	Nurses' Rest Home NORESBY	
99	DENTAL	45306	LHQ Sub Depot Dental Stores	
100		45633	C Sec 2/2 Aust Dental Unit	

Serial No	Arm or Service	War Office Serial No.	UNIT	REMARKS
101	ORD	45465	HQ 10 Aust Adv Ord Depot	
102		45466	14 Aust Ord Store Coy	less det
103		48418	18 Aust Ord Store Coy	less det
104		45394	8 AOD Prov Sec	
105		45425	HQ 8 Aust Adv Amn Depot	
106		45433	4 Aust Ord Amn Coy	
107		45467	16 Aust Ord Amn Coy	
108		45468	Det 17 Aust Ord Amn Coy	
109		45641	3 Aust Inf Tps Ord Fd Pk	
110		49043	2/121 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	
111		48554	138 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	
112		49432	2/125 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	
113		49429	127 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	less det
114		46241	113 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	} see note under
115		47766	129 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	} Aust Inf Bde Gp
116		48715	1 Aust Para Refolding Pl	
117		40284	6 Sec Aust Offrs' Shop	
118		61118	2/7 Aust Mob L & Fwd Decon Unit	
119		61119	2/9 " " " " "	
120		47667	11 " " " " "	
121		45846	Det 15 " " " " "	
122		28575	25 Aust Lt Laundry	
123		48029	4 Aust Mob Amn Repair Shop	
124		48820	6 Aust Mob Amn Repair Shop	
125	AEME	47497	11 Aust Adv Wkshop	
126		45702	2/2 Aust Inf Tps Wkshop	
127		49060	2/121 Aust Bde Wkshop	
128		61157	2/2 Aust L of C Rec Sec	
129		48474	1 Aust W/Craft Wkshop	
130		48547	2 " " "	
131		48435	2/125 Aust Bde Wkshop	
132		49064	129 Aust Bde Wkshop	} See notes under
133		46240	113 " " "	} Aust Inf Bdes
134		48303	B Sec 1 Aust Indep Armed Regt Wkshop Sec	
135		47605	1 Aust Radio Main Sec	
136		61059	2/46 Aust LAD	
137		61063	2/48 " "	Att 2/4 MG Bn
138		61060	2/52 " "	Att 2/5 Aust Fd Re
139		61062	Rear Details 2/53 Aust LAD	
140		61252	2/90 Aust LAD	
141		45605	283 " "	Att 2 Aust Fd Regt
142		46056	284 " "	less det
143		46242	292 " "	For HQ 11 Aust Div
144		45506	295 " "	
145		45969	299 " "	
146		46224	306 " "	
147		45903	330 " "	Att 10 AAOD
148		48537	341 " "	Att 2/2 Fd Constn
149		48393	Fwd Wkshop HQ ~~ESW~~	
150	PAY	47498	District A/cs Office HQ	Local Adm only
151		47836	57 Aust Depot Cash Office	
152		48336	73 Aust Depot Cash Office	
153		48522	76 Aust Depot Cash Office	
154		48523	77 Aust Depot Cash Office	
155		48617	78 Aust Depot Cash Office	
156		48740	82 Aust Depot Cash Office	

Serial No.	Arm or Service	War Office Serial No.	U N I T	Remarks
[illegible]	PROVOST	46244	NGF Pro Coy	less one Sec
158		61058	HQ & Det 2/2 Aust L of C Pro Coy	
159		61022	HQ & 3 Secs 10 Aust L of C Pro Coy	less det
160		46020	Rear Details one Sec 3 Aust Div Pro Coy	
161		46128	5 Aust Div Pro Coy	less two secs
162		46245	11 Aust Div Pro Coy	less det
163	POSTAL	45066	7 Aust Base Postal Unit	less dets
164		61162	2/1 Aust L of C Postal Unit	
165		46246	5 Aust L of C Postal Unit	less det
166		46129	5 Aust Div Postal Unit	
167		46021	Rear Details 3 Aust Div Postal Unit	
168	GRAVES	46383	1 Aust Graves Regn & Enq Unit	
169	LABOUR	45493	5 Aust Emp Coy	
170		47758	35 Aust Emp Coy	Adm by 12 CRE (Wks)
171	P & SS	47502	HG L of C Stationery Depot	less dets
172		47503	HG L of C Printing & Press Unit	less det
173	MTSC	48338	5 ALCS Offrs Club	
174		48340	13 ADCS Club	
175		47561	Det 4 Sec Aust Kit Store	
176		48626	HQ & 3 Secs HG Details Depot	
179		46245	7 Aust Div Concert Party	
180		46249	11 Aust Div Concert Party	
181		46130	Rear Details 5 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp	
182		45932	1 Aust Div Salvage Unit	
182a		48548	16 Aust Det Barracks	
182b			NGF Fd Punishment Centre	
183	M.P.	46101	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde	
184		46102	7 Aust Inf Bde M.P. Def Pl	
185	ENGRS	46094	24 Aust Fd Coy	Under Temp comd 12 Aust CRE (Wks)
186	SIGS	49113	7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	
187	INF	46104	9 Aust Inf Bn	
188		46105	25 " " "	
189		46106	61 " " "	
190	AASC	49027	One pl 158 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	Adm by ADST Temp under direct cond MBSA.
191		49028	224 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
192		49030	227 " " " "	
193	MEDICAL	46122	11 Aust Fd Amb	
194	ORD	47766	129 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	Adm By DADOS, Temp under direct cond MBSA
195	AEME	49064	129 Aust Bde Wkshop	Adm by CAEME, temp under cond MBSA
196		46103	241 Aust LAD	

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157	PROVOST	46244	HGP Pro Coy	less one Sec
158		61058	HQ & Det 2/2 Aust L of C Pro Coy	
159		61022	HQ & 3 Secs 10 Aust L of C Pro Coy	less det
160		46020	Rear Details one Sec 3 Aust Div Pro Coy	
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166		46129	5 Aust Div Postal Unit	
167		46021	Rear Details 3 Aust Div Postal Unit	
168	GRAVES	46383	1 Aust Graves Regn & Enq Unit	
169	LABOUR	45493	5 Aust Emp Coy	
170		47758	35 Aust Emp Coy	Adm by 12 CRE (Wks)
171	P & SS	47502	HG L of C Stationery Depot	less dets
172		47503	HG L of C Printing & Press Unit	less det
173	NTSC	48338	5 ALCS Offrs Club	
176		48340	13 ALCS Club	
177		47561	Det 4 Sec Aust Kit Store	
178		48626	HQ & 3 Secs HG Details Depot	
179		46245	7 Aust Div Concert Party	
180		46249	11 Aust Div Concert Party	
181		46130	Rear Details 5 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp	
182		45932	1 Aust Div Salvage Unit	
			7 AUST INF BDE GP	
183	H.	46101	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde	
184		46102	7 Aust Inf Bde HQ Def Pl	
185	ENGRS	46094	24 Aust Fd Coy	Under Temp comd 12 Aust CRE (Wks)
186	SIGS	49113	7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	
187	INF	46104	9 Aust Inf Bn	
188		46105	25 " " "	
189		46106	61 " " "	
190	AASC	49027	One pl 158 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	Adm by ADST Temp under direct comd MBSA.
191		49028	224 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
192		49030	227 " " "	
193	MEDICAL	46122	11 Aust Fd Amb	
194	ORD	47766	129 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	Adm By DADOS, Temp under direct comd MBSA
195	AEME	49064	129 Aust Bde Wkshop	Adm by CAEME, temp under comd MBSA
196		46103	241 Aust LAD	

Serial No.	Arm or Service	War Office Serial No.	UNIT	Remarks
			15 AUST INF BDE GP	
197	HQ	46005	HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde	
198	ENGRS	45993	15 Aust Fd Coy	Temp under comd 12 Aust CRE (WA)
199	SIGS	49118	15 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	
200	INF	46007	Details 24 Aust Inf Bn	
201		46008	57/60 Aust Inf Bn	
202		46009	58/59 Aust Inf Bn	
203	AASC	47903	One pl 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	Adm by ADST temp under direct comd MBSA
204	MEDICAL	46015	15 Aust Fd Amb	
205	ORD	46241	113 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	Adm by DADOS temp under direct comd MBSA.
206	AEME	46240	113 Aust Bde Wkshop	Adm by CEME. Temp under direct comd MBSA
207		46006	266 Aust LAD	
			MORESBY PORT SUB AREA	
208	HQ	49204	HQ MORESBY Port Sub Area	
209		48106	Adm Staff Port Moresby	
210	ENGRS	61433	2/1 Aust Docks Op Coy	
211		48163	Det 1 Pl 1 Aust Port Maint Coy	
212	LABOUR	45510	22 Aust Emp Coy	
213		47756	33 Aust Emp Coy	
213a	MISC	49335	Allied Services Senior NCOs Club	
			FIELD DEFENCES	
214	ARTY	47505	HQ Coast Arty MORESBY Papa Bty	
215		47309	C Aust Fy Bty (Coast)	
216		47303	R Aust Fy Bty (Coast)	
217			One Bty 6-pr Twin Guns (Boom)	
218			156 Aust CASL Sec	
219			157 Aust CASL Sec	
220			168 Aust CASL Sec	
221			184 Aust CASL Sec	
222			185 Aust CASL Sec	
223		45195	1 Aust Spec Radio Det	

Serial No.	Arm or Service	War Office Serial No.	UNIT	Remarks
			A.A. DEFENCES	
224	ARTY	47514	HQ MORESBY AA Gp	
225		47515	Moresby AA Ops Room (Type A)	
226			Moresby AA Ops Room (Type C)	
227		47516	HQ 23 Aust HY AA Bty	
228		47518	432 Aust Hy AA Tp	
229		47519	433 Aust Hy AA Tp	
230		47524	438 Aust Hy AA Tp	
231		48514	HQ 24 Aust Hy AA Bty	
232		47523	437 Aust Hy AA Tp	
233		48515	470 Aust Hy AA Tp	
234		48516	471 Aust Hy AA Tp	
235		47517	HQ 52 Aust Hy AA Bty	
236		47521	435 Aust Hy AA Tp	
237		47522	436 Aust Hy AA Tp	
238		47525	439 Aust Hy AA Tp	
239		48396	551 Aust Lt AA Bty	
240		48477	554 Aust Lt AA Bty	
241		48478	555 Aust Lt AA Bty	
242		46425	234 Aust Lt AA Bty	
243		46424	163 Aust Lt AA Bty	
244		47527	64 Aust AASL Bty less dets	
245		47528	73 Aust Mob SL Bty	
246		49188	146 Aust Hy SL Tp	
247		48632	82 Aust Mob SL Bty	
248	SIGS	48406	2/1 Aust AA Regt Sig Sec	less det
249		48695	No.1 Coy AA & Frt Sigs HQ	
250		48382	202 Aust AA Regt Sig Sec	
251	AEME	46431	234 Bty Sec 114 Aust Lt AA Regt Wkshop	
252		48651	82 Aust AASL Wkshop Sec (Mob)	
			AREA COMMANDMT BULLDOG	
253	HQ		HQ Area Comdt BULLDOG	
254	ARTY	46684	156 Aust Lt AA Bty (Airborne)	
255	ENGRS	46525	48 Aust DCRE (Wks)	
256		48275	41 Aust Water Tpt Op Coy	
257	AASC	48043	2/34 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	
258		61208	2/34 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
259		48895	188 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
260		48561	237 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
261		47540	One pl 2 Aust BIPOD	
262		82483	Det 13 Aust Fd Bakery	
262a		47903	Det 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	
263	MEDICAL	45924	9 Aust Fd Amb	less det
264		47065	16 AIRTU	
265	DENTAL	45633	B Sec 2/2 Aust Dental Unit	
266		46336	D Sec 85 Aust Dental Unit	
267	ORD	48345	128 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	
268	AEME	48463	8 Aust MT Wkshop	
269	LABOUR	45493	Det 5 Aust Emp Coy	
270		45510	Det 22 Aust Emp Coy	

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Headquarters,
MORESBY BASE SUB AREA
25 Nov, '43.

MORESBY BASE SUB AREA LOCATION STATEMENT NO. 9

1. Attached herewith Appendix "B" to Moresby Base Sub Area Location Statement of 18 Nov, '43.

2. Please acknowledge receipt on form below.

Lt-Col,
GS MORESBY BASE SUB AREA.

Enc.

DISTRIBUTION:	COPY NO.
NGF	1 - 2
MORESBY PORT SUB AREA	3
AREA COMDT BULLDOG	4
12 AUST CRE (WKS)	5
COMD	6
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AQ	8
DA&G	9
DAQ&G	10
ASST	11
ADES	12
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HQ MORESBY BASE SUB AREA

MORESBY BASE SUB AREA LOCATION STATEMENT NO. 9. APPENDIX "B"

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1. ACK.

MORESBY BASE SUB AREA LOCATION STATEMENT APPENDIX "B"

AS AT 2359 hrs 25 DEC. '43.

(UNITS UNDER COMD AREA COMDT BULLDOG)

SERIAL NO	ARM OR SERVICE	UNIT	MAP REF	LOCATION
127.	H.Q.	AREA COMDT BULLDOG	BULLDOG-WAU RD	W 073215
128.		STATION COMD WAU	WAU LOCALITY 4"	W 378718
129.		STATION COMD CENTRE CAMP	BULLDOG-WAU RD	W 284431
130.		STATION COMD TERAPO	PALIPALA	A 801782
131.		TRANSIT CAMP WAU	WAU LOCALITY	W 374728
132.	ARTY	156 AUST LT AA BTY	BULOLO	W 255875
133.		2 TPS 156 AUST LT AA BTY	WAU LOCALITY	W 374710
134.	ENGR	HQ 41 AUST WATER TPT OP COY (LC)	BULLDOG	V 994135
135.		DET 41 AUST WATER TPT OP COY	PALIPALA	A 801782
136.		1 SEC 3 AUST ED SVY COY	WAU LOCALITY	W 393734
137.	SIGS	DET SIGS 18 AUST L OF C	BULLDOG-WAU RD	W 072214
138.		DET SIGS 18 AUST L OF C	WAU LOCALITY	W 374705
139.		DET SIGS 18 AUST L OF C	PALIPALA	A 801782
140.	AASC	188 AUST SUP DEPOT PL	BULLDOG-WAU RD	W 10419-
141.		237 AUST SUP DEPOT PL	" " "	W 208350
142.		DET 237 AUST SUP DEPOT PL	" " "	W 280480
143.		2/34 AUST SUP DEPOT PL	WAU LOCALITY	W 362723
144.		2/34 AUST GEN TPT COY	BULLDOG-WAU RD	W 275478
145.		DET 2/34 AUST GEN TPT COY	" " "	W 193349
146.		DET 2/34 AUST GEN TPT COY	" " "	W 708316
147.		DET 2/34 AUST GEN TPT COY	" " "	W 097198
148.		3 PL 152 AUST GEN TPT COY	WAU LOCALITY	W 374719
149.		DET 152 AUST GEN TPT COY	BULOLO	R 242005
150.		5 PL 2 AUST B.I.P.O.D.	PALIPALA	A 769741
151.		DET 2 AUST B.I.P.O.D.	BULLDOG-WAU RD	W 192347
152.		DET 13 AUST ED BAKERY	WAU LOCALITY	W 374716
153.	AAMC	DET 9 AUST ED AMB	BULLDOG-WAU RD	W 111197
154.		DET 15 AUST ED AMB	WAU LOCALITY	W 385702
155.		DET 15 AUST ED AMB	BULOLO	R 242005
156.		16 AUST AMCU	BULLDOG-WAU RD	W 103195
157.	AAOC	82 AUST F.A.D.	WAU LOCALITY	W 362725
158.		DET 82 AUST F.A.D.	BULOLO	W 272901
159.		102 AUST F.C.D.	"	W 362726
160.		126 AUST BDE CMD ED HK	BULLDOG-WAU RD	W 153314
161.	AMTP	8 AUST MT WKSHOPS	" " "	W 153314
162.		DET 8 AUST MT WKSHOPS	WAU 1" Series	W 391755
163.	MISC	1 PL 22 AUST EMP COY	BULLDOG-WAU RD	W 077210
		- (moved 16 Nov to W 13128C)		
164.		DET 2/1 AUST L OF C POSTAL UNIT	" " "	W 072213
165.		DET 3 AUST DIV POSTAL UNIT	BULOLO	W 297857
166.		DET 2/1 AUST L OF C POSTAL UNIT	WAU LOCALITY	W 371719
167.		DET 26 AUST L OF C SALVAGE UNIT	" "	W 373722
168.		DET 5 AUST EMP COY	BULLDOG-WAU RD	W 275475

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Quote: G66

Headquarters,
MORESBY BASE SUB AREA.
28 Nov, '43.

TRAINING PROGRAMME

1. Unit training syllabi as submitted to 3 Aust Div is not required by this HQ.

2. Addressees will in future submit a monthly trg programme to reach this HQ on the 25th day of the preceding month.

3. Programme for Dec will be submitted by 1 Dec, '43, thereafter as in para 2.

4. Monthly Training report will be submitted by all addressees,

(a) by 16 Dec, '43 covering activities of past four weeks.

(b) at the end of each four weeks thereafter.

Lt-Col,
GS MORESBY BASE SUB AREA.

DISTRIBUTION

7 AUST INF BDE GP
15 AUST INF BDE GP
2/8 AUST ARMD REGT
12 AUST CRE (WKS)
SIGS 5 AUST DIV
2/1 AUST MG BN
3 AUST DIV CARR COY
5 AUST DIV CARR COY

HQ RAA - Moresby Base Sub-Area
ADST
ADMS
ADOS Depots
DADOS
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War Diary (2) ✓

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APPENDIX "C"

NATIVE LABOUR

MOVEMENT ORDERS

WARNING ORDERS etc.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - NEW GUINEA FORCE

Quote: 9562

Headquarters,
MORESBY BASE SUB AREA
1 Nov '43

NG DETAILS DEPOT
MCO MORESBY
C'ILD L OF C AREA
A D M S
D A P M

MOVEMENT OF JAPANESE P W

1. Approval is given for the movement by air of the undermentioned P W to ATIS BRISBANE.

PWJA	145638	MATASUBARA	MATSUO
	145639	SAITO	SHIGERO
	145640	SAKAMOTO	EIZO
	145632	NAGAYAMA	SHOGO
	145620	OKADA	KINICHI
	145681	FUJINUKI	SEISAKU
	145626	FUJII	SEIICHI
	145627	HAMAZAWA	KAZUO

(weight approx 135 lbs each)

2. The folowing wounded prisoners of War will also be moved at the same time:

PWJA	145623	FURUKAWA	YOSHITA:	Cellulitis R Hand. R arm debility. Category X Lying
	145588	HORIUCHI	SHIGERU:	GSW L Calf Category X Lying.
	145607	SGT INOUE	:	SW R Groin with amputation L Thigh. Category Y Lying

3. The prisoners will be accompanied by the following Provost escort:

VX 22125	Sgt	NELSON	P.R.	185 lbs	Kit 50 lbs
NX 43546	L/Sgt	TURNER	E.J.	185 lbs	Kit 50 lbs
VX 41178	Cpl	HURFORD	J.	196 lbs	Kit 50 lbs
NX 1577	Cpl	MILLER	H.E.	196 lbs	Kit 50 lbs

4. Sgt NELSON will arrange details of move with those concerned.

5. Provost escort, after handing over prisoners will report to C'ILD L of C AREA for onward movement to VIC L of C Area to await arrival of main body of their unit, 1 Aust Corps Pro Coy.

6. Medical advise that Medical Orderly need not be in attendance.

Lt-Col.
A A & Q MG MORESBY BASE SUB AREA

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TO NGF Mob Laun & Fwd Decn Unit - NGF rptd Mvts Moresby . (2)

FROM Moresby Base Sub Area	Originator's Number 9605	Date 2	In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)					
SECRET	NGF	SD 6066	of	1 Nov	5
reads	(.)	WARNING	ORDER	(.)	10
MORESBY	BASE	SUB-AREA	will	prepare	15
NGF	MOB	LAUNDRY	AND	FWD	20
DECN	UNIT	for	movt	MORESBY	25
AUSTRALIA	under	arrangements	Q	(Movts)	30
NGF	(.)	move	with	personal	35
arms	and	eqpt	only	(.)	40
advise	HQ	NGF	immediately	giving	45
number	of	pers	date	ready	50
to	move	(.)	port	of	55
disembarkation	TOWNSVILLE	or	BRISBANE	ACK	60
(.)	ends	(.)	personnel	(.)	65
Offrs 1	ORs 61	(.)	ready	to	70
move	3	Nov	(.)	port	75
of	disembarkation	TOWNSVILLE	(.)	10 cases	80
unit	records	(.)	7 copies	nominal	85
roll	to	Movements	MORESBY	by	90
1600 hrs	3 Nov	(.)	anti	malaria	95
measures	to	be	taken	on	100
disembarkation	vide	GRO Z	404	para	105
7 c	1 and 2	(.)	surplus	stores	110
and	tentage	to	be	returned	115
to	BED	before	departure	(.)	120
confirms	conversation	of	2	Nov	125
(.)	ACK				130

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Quote: 9735

ANGAU

Moresby Base Sub-Area
3 Nov '43

NATIVE LABOUR 5 MILE B.S.D.

1. Application has been made by the Officer i/c of the above depot for the allocation of 12 natives for the purpose of carrying out hygiene duties and area drainage maintenance.

2. The nature of the site necessitates a considerable amount of work which it is desired to complete before the wet season. The personnel now working in the depot are barely sufficient to carry out the technical working hereof.

3. May the application be given early consideration please.

Brigadier.
COMD MORESBY BASE SUB AREA

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TO 6 AUST TOPO SVY COYrptd MOVTS MORESBY (2)

FROM MORESBY BASE SUB AREA	Originator's Number 9758	Date 5	In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally) SECRET	(.)	NGF	SD 6112	of	5
3 NOV	reads	(.)	Warning	Order	10
(.)	Moresby	Base	Sub	Area	15
will	prepare	2	Svy	Sec	20
6	Army	Topo	Svy	Coy	25
for	movt	MORESBY	AUSTRALIA	under	30
arrangements	Q	movts	NGF	(.)	35
Port	of	disembarkation	TOWNSVILLE	(.)	40
Under	command	First	Aust	Army	45
(.)	Move	with	personal	arms	50
and	equip	less	vehs	and	55
Owen	Guns	(.)	Vehs	will	60
be	returned	RVS	(.)	Owen	65
Guns	to	LSD	(.)	Unit	70
advise	HQ	NGF	Moresby	Base	75
Sub	Area	rptd	Movts	Moresby	80
GRO	G6318	details	(.)	ends	85
(.)	Suppressive	atebrin	treatment	will	90
be	carried	out	for	one	95
callender	month	on	arrival	vide	100
GRO 404	para 7.c	1 & 2	(.)	7	105
copies	nominal	roll	of	draft	110
to	Movts	Moresby	by	2100 hrs	115
4 NOV	(.)	Stores	1½ tons	to	120
Movts	Moresby	by	2130 hrs	4 NOV	125
(.)	Conversation	4 NOV	refers (.)	ACK	130

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Quote: 9865

MORESBY BASE SUB AREA
6 NOV '43

NG DETAILS DEPOT
MCO MORESBY
Q'LD L OF C AREA
DAPM

MOVEMENT JAPANESE P W

1. Approval is given for the movement by air of the undermentioned Ps W to ATIS BRISBANE.

PWJA	145633	KOBORI	MASUO	130 lbs
"	145634	MANIDA	TADASHI	130 lbs
"	145644	KARINO	ZINSAKU	120 lbs

2. The prosoners will be escorted by the undermentioned :-

VP 4211 WO 1 SPARK J : 1 Aust Corps Pro Coy
weight 158 lbs - baggage 50 lbs

3. Provost escort, after handing over prisoners will report to Q'ld L of C Area for onward movement to VIC L of C Area to await arrival of main body of his unit, 1 Aust Corps Pro Coy.

Lt-Col.
AA & QMG MORESBY BASE SUB AREA.

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TO D.F.C. rptd Mvts MORESBY (2) NGF

FROM Moresby Base Sub Area	Originator's Number 9937	Date 8	In Reply to Number

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SECRET	NGF	SD6201	of	7	5
Oct	reads	(.)	warning	order	10
.)	Moresby	Base	Sub Area	will	15
prepare	det	1	Aust	Corps	20
cash	office	for	Mvt	MORESBY	25
Australia	under	arrangements	(movts)	NGF	30
(.)	strength	4	ORs	with	35
approx	2	cwt	stores	(.)	40
move	with	personal	a rms	and	45
equipment	on	arrival	rejoin	unit	50
with	1	Aust	Corps	(.)	55
ends	(.)	Advise	this	HQ	60
at	earliest	particulars	GRO	318/43	65
(.)	suppressive	Atebrin	treatment	will	70
be	carried	out	vide	GRO	75
401/43 para	7e	1	and	2	80
(.)	ACK				85
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Quote: 9992

Headquarters,
MORESBY BASE SUB AREA
12 NOV 43

N.G.F.

TRANSPORTATION : NAPPA NAPPA SHIP YARDS

1. An inspection of the Nappa Nappa Ship Yards brought to light the fact that there is no regular provision made for transportation of material and men.

2. When it is necessary to transport material to the yards, barges and launches have to be taken from their regular harbour duties to the detriment of the working of the post.

3. The strength at Nappa Nappa at present is well in excess of 100 and the normal WE provides for just over 100. The recreational facilities are of necessity most limited and troops are brought to the township for pictures and fights. The small launches which may be available from time to time are quite insufficient to deal with the problem of personnel moves for recreational purposes.

4. It is recommended that one A L C V be posted permanently to Nappa Nappa. This proposal has been discussed with Movement Control who have no objection to the diversion of one A L C V to this duty.

5. ALCV B 1006 is now undergoing adjustment at Nappa Nappa and it is recommended that this vessel be allotted to the appropiate authorities for the duties referred to above

Brigadier.
CMLD MORESBY BASE SUB AREA.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES : NEW GUINEA FORCE

Quote: 10086

Headquarters,
MORESBY BASE SUB AREA
9 Nov '43

N.G.F.

NATIVE LABOUR FOR SIG LINE CONSTRUCTION
MORESBY : DOBODURA.

1. With reference to NGF Q2454 of 28 Oct 43 it is requested please that the withdrawal of natives ,at present working in the Moresby Port area, be deferred.

2. The following are the duties at present carried out by the natives in the Port Sub Area:-

(a) The removal of wet garbage daily from all kitchens in the Moresby Area and also from 2/1 and 2/5 Aust Gen Hosps.

(b) The dumping of wet garbage out to sea which has to be towed beyond the boom in a barge.

(c) The collecting and carting of tins and dry refuge from all kitchens in the Moresby area to a pit to be burnt and buried.

(d) The cleaning of gutters,etc.

(e) Sweeping of all streets in the area, etc.

(f) Cleaning and scrubbing of public latrines daily

(g) Washing out public shower areas daily.

(h) Digging of Public latrines

(i) Removal of urinal pans from Public latrines daily

3. The number of natives at present allotted to carry out these duties is 52, and it is considered that this number is too low and that, instead of decreasing the number employed, it should be increased to approximately 70. It is realised that in present circumstances this cannot be done.

4. It is also considered that the duties at present carried out by the natives, ie, removal of garbage,etc.should not be carried out by Europeans as it may tend to lower the prestige of Europeans in the eyes of the natives in the future.

5. In view of the fact that the natives areemployed in keeping the town area in a clean and hygienic condition, hereby enabling personnel to live in healthy surroundings, it is respectfully requested that request to defer the withdrawal of the natives be favourably considered.

Brigadier,
COMD MORESB. BASE SUB AREA.

War Diary copy.

CO/4 15/1/81

Quote: 10083

MORESBY BASE SUB AREA
10 Nov '43

N.G.F.

TRAFFIC THROUGH HOSPITAL LINES - REF NGF 18532 OF 18 OCT '43

1. The matter of an instruction to govern traffic through the hospital lines of 2/1 and 2/5 Aust Gen Hosps presents so many difficulties due to the non existance of a by-pass road that it has been impracticable to draft an order to cover suitably the situation.

2. It is possible however to cut down the traffic by placing the pictures out of bounds to all personnel other than: the

The Hospital Staff
The patients of the Hospital
Invited guests of the Hospital staff

3. The following draft order is therefore suggested:

"The Cinema Shows and other official entertainments at the various Australian General Hospitals are placed out of bounds to all personnel with th exception of:

The Hospital Staff and personnel
The Patients of the hospital
Invited guests of the staff.

Commanding Officers will not approve of the use of MT to proceed to an Australian General Hospital unless they are satisfied that such use will not lead to a contravention of this order"

Brigadier.
COMD MORESBY BASE SUB AREA.

War Diary copy:

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Quote: 10625

MORESBY BASE SUB AREA
21 Nov '43

MORESBY BASE SUB AREA - REORGANIZATION

1. It is understood that under the reorganization of Base Sub Areas the Moresby Port Sub Area is to be abolished.

2. It is recommended that a type A Headquarters Area Commandant be approved for the Port of Moresby.

3. The area of the Port constitutes a complete entity within itself and there are some very difficult problems connected therewith. The outstanding of those problems are:-

(a)HYGIENE : The Port is a highly congested area inhabited by elements of all services. Close personal supervision of this by a local commander is considered essential.

(b)Discipline : The mixed nature of the personnel inhabiting Moresby together with the fact that it is the rendezvous of thousands of troops not resident within the area presents a difficult disciplinary problem which calls for a local commander.

(c)Amenities: The Port provides amenities for troops throughout the whole of the Moresby area. The work involved is beyond the normal resources of the amenities staff and is attended to by the local commandant using his own staff and other ranks.

The organization and supervision of the Sports Ground the Stadium and the swimming pool are in themselves a complete task and come within the sphere of action of the Town Major. If the present Port Staff is struck out and not replaced by a Type A HQ much of the good work done in this respect will fade away.

Brigadier.
COMD MORESBY BASE SUB AREA.

War Diary copy.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES- NEW GUINEA FORCE

Quote: 10767

N.G.F.

Headquarters,
MORESBY BASE SUB AREA
22 Nov '43

NG LEAVE CAMP : DISBANDING OF

Ref NGF A/19217/62/27/15 of 7 Nov 43.

1. Instructions contained in abovementioned memo have been carried out as follows:-

(a) All CR personnelhave been transferred to NG Details Depot and unit account and pay matters completed to the satisfaction ofthe DFO (Receipt att.)

(b) It is noted that Officers have been reposted by AMS,NGF.

(c) There are no outstanding Courts of Inquiry.

(d) The ordnance stores held by the unit with the exception of vehicles have been transferred to NG Details Depot in accordance with verbal instructions given by Capt McMAHON NGF. These stores were all accomodation stores, no controlled stores were held by the unit.

(e) All vehicles with the exception of one jeep have been transferred to NG Details Depot , this remaining jeep is to be allocated in accordance with existing priorities determined by this HQ. Verbal approval for this action was given by Capt FINDLAY G(SD) on 17 Nov '43

(f) All necessary records have been completed to the satisfaction of Ordnance.

Brigadier.
COMD MORESBY BASE SUB AREA.

War Diary copy.

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TO 2/7 CAV COMANDO SQN, rptd 7 AUST DIV, MVTS MORESBY (2)

FROM MORESBY BASE SUB AREA | Originator's Number 15775 | Date 25 | In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

SECRET	(.)	NGF	SD6729	of	5
23	Nov	reads	(.)	2/7	10
Cav	Commando	Sqn	less	dets	15
referred	to	NGF SD6655	SD 6668	NOR	20
to	Moresby	Base	Sub	Area	25
is	placed	under	command	Moresby	30
Base	sub	area	from	23001	35
(.)	unit	less	dets	will	40
be	prepared	for	movt	AUSTRALIA	45
(.)	move	under	arrangements	Q	50
(Movts)	NGF	(.)	take	personal	55
arms	and	eqpt	only	(.)	60
port	of	disembarkation	Townsville	(.)	65
under	command	1	Aust	Corps	70
on	arrival	(.)	dets	remaining	75
NEW	GUINEA	are	under	commend	80
MILNE	(.)	advise	this	HQ	85
at	earliest	(.)	date	ready	90
to	move	and	strength	(.)	95
suppressive	atebrin	treatment	will	be	100
carried	out	vide	GRO	404	105
para	7C	1	and	2	110
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APPENDIX "D"

AMENITIES

SOLDIERS CLUBS

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Quote: 10096

MORESBY BASE SUB AREA
9 Nov '43

Area Comdt Bulldog

YMCA REPRESENTATIVE

1. It is advised that arrangements have been made for Mr HEWISON YMCA representative and the undermentioned Cpls to be posted to your area:

Cpl C BAKER
" H ROWE
" R HORNE

These Cpls will be in charge of any recreation huts which are fitted out and it will be their duty to keep them equipped and tidy and also the conduct of games competitions, libraries, card tournaments, concerts and quiz sessions.

2. It is anticipated that movement will be effected within the next few days.

3. Mr Hewison will be bringing with him the following equipment and comforts:

Radio Sets and Batteries	3	Letterheads	35,000
Draughts sets	27	Envelopes	15,000
Footballs	18	Chinese checkers	27
Soccer Balls	9	Crib Boards	18
Blotter Pads	10	Hymn & Song books	100
Pen Holders	144	New Testaments	100
Pen Nibs	144	Maps of New Guinea	6
Ink powders (lbs)	14	Biscuits (cases)	30
Pencils	48	Cordials (cases)	30
A.C.F) Y.M.C.A. signs	6	Table Tennis Tables	5
Chalk (boxes)	1	Table Tennis bats	36
Monopoly sets	9	Table tennis balls(rubber)	618
Playing Cards (packs)	216	Table Tennis Sets	6
Dart Boards	4	Spare Lamp Mantles (pkts)	2
Darts (gross)	1	Drawing Pins (pkts)	6
Billiard balls (sets)	6	Y.M.C.A. Stamp & Pad	1
Alladin Lamps	10	Dominoe sets	27
Clag (bottles)	12	Poker Rummy Sets	27
Blotting paper(reams)	1	Lotto (sets)	27

4. It is requested that every assistance be offered to the YMCA in the execution of their work which will assist the comfort of the troops.

Lt-Col
AA & QMG MORESBY BASE SUB AREA

AQ/4 23/2/4

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Quote: 10095

Headquarters,
MORESBY BASE SUB AREA
10 Nov 43

Mr L DETTMAN,
Deputy Commissioner,
YMCA HQF

Dear Mr Dettman,

I desire to express my appreciation, at your decision to send Mr HEWISON and three Corporals to the BULLDOG - WAU area, as you know that area has until recently been isolated to an extent unexampled in New Guinea, when regard is had to the number of troops involved. Conditions in the greater part of the area have been extremely severe, and amenities inadequate.

Mr HEWISON and his assistants will be therefore particularly welcome and will be performing services of the highest order for troops who have for many months lacked any thing of the kind.

Yours sincerely,

Brigadier,
COMD MORESBY BASE SUB AREA.