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Unit HQ MILNE FORCE AQ BRANCH Date and Time.—From 1 Dec. '42 To 2 Dec. '42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	1 Dec 42		ADOS (E) Maj. BILLIS assumed duties of ADME MILNE FORCE (GRO 0578)	
			Report and recommendations on formation of ADME sent to DME LHQ (MF Memo OS/E/120).	
			Staff Appts (NGF DAMS 35/186/42 of 9 Nov) List for MF forwarded to NGF AQ 2697.	
			Expected arrival Units and Rftments - Adm Instn AQ 2650 issued. News Bulletin No.93 issued. Weather fine with afternoon showers and later heavy rain.	APP 1 APP. 2
			Bn Strengths (these statements are daily). Ration Position (these statements are made daily).	APP 3
			Capt. RIDER marches in as DADOS.	APP 4
			LILLIPUT: Colonel Burns advises that he has received a long report from Capt. LANG as to the unsuitability of PORLOCK HARBOR as a transit base. A/Comd requests conference with Colonel BURNS CRE., NOIC and any Naval Officers who have knowledge of PORLOCK HARBOR. At 1830/L conference is held. Present Brig WOOTTEN, Col BURNS, AQ and CRE MILNE FORCE, Comd BRANSON and Lieutenants MOGG and CHAMPION R.A.N. Result of Conference: Decided that a recce party should move as early as possible for inspection of PORLOCK.	
	2 Dec 42		Brig SECOMBE COSC arrives in area as well as Lt.-Col. JONES and Maj HENDERSON (DADOS COSC).	
		1430/L to 1515/L	Red alert sounded - No hostile aircraft sighted from this HQ.	
		1945/L	AES - CAB talk for HQ "New Guinea - Its Problems."	
			Weather fine. News Bulletin No.94 issued.	APP 5
			LILLIPUT: NGF message O 5596 advises that Flights of PIGMY NOT yet settled; but that Operational Instn with full details will follow shortly. Brig SECOMBE, COSC NGF, arrives by air and has conference with A/Comd., and AQ. He is proceeding to PORLOCK to arrange base and forward movement of tps and supplies from there.	

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Unit HQ MILNE FORCE AQ BRANCH *Date and Time.—From* 2 Dec. '42 *To* 4 Dec. '42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	2 Dec 42		He is advised of conference yesterday, and it is decided that as it is a COSC responsibility he will make the necessary recce and any decisions on the spot, as to the use of PORLOCK or ORO as the base.	W
			~~Advice received that "Japara" and "Balikpapen" to be under four~~ (4) hrs notice to sail. NOIC later advises that "Japara" now under 12 hrs notice and "Balikpapen" 24 hrs notice.	W
	3 Dec 42		Disposal pers Eqpt of Casualties - Circular AQ 2755 issued) KURIMARAU loads amn and surf boats for ORO BAY.	APP 6 W
			AMENITIES: During week-ending this day MF Concert Party gave five performances to a total estimated attendance of 3500 all ranks. ~~Weather fine all day. News Bulletin No.95 issued.~~	APP 7
			Native Labour available (these statements are made daily).	APP 8 W
			Organisation and Comd COSC MILNE BAY.	APP 9
			LILLIPUT. Brigadier SECOMBE leaves by boat for PORLOCK and ORO and advises that LILLIPUT and its moves are now the sole responsibility of COSC and that COSC representative here will take full responsibility for all further moves. MILNE FORCE will NOT be required to take any ~~further action, unless specifically requested so to do by NGF.~~	W
			HANSOM. Receive message from NGF Q 1380 of 2 Dec., advising destination of one tp 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty as HANSOM.	W
	4 Dec 42		Comd MF - Maj-Gen. CLOWES, returns from visit to mainland resumes comd. Brig WOOTTEN Adm Comd returns to Comd 18 Aust Inf Bde.	W
			HANSOM. Receive NGF Message SD 327 of 4 Dec., requesting despatch forward from HANSOM 1 Sec., 25-pdrs. Arrange with COSC for tpt forward ~~of HANSOM. Milne Force Message O 1651 to HANSOM gives necessary instructions.~~	W
		1415 L	S.S. "TAROONA" berths from Mainland. Pers disembarked to join units or dets.	APP 10 W
			SS KURIMARAU sails for ORO BAY	
		1500 L	SS KATOOMBA berths from Mainland. Rftments disembarked.	APP 11 W
			SS JACOB unloaded alongside "JESSE APPLEGATE."	
		1945 L	AES - Debate for HQ "It is better to have Loved and Lost than	

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Unit HQ MILNE FORCE AQ BRANCH *Date and Time.—From* 4 Dec. '42 *To* 6 Dec. '42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	4 Dec 42		Never to have Loved" - Attendance 45. // Weather mostly fine. Several drops of rain late p.m. // News Bulletin No.96 issued.	APP.12
			PIGMY: NGF Message O 5620 requests recce party consisting of CRE MILNE FORCE OC 2/16 A Fd Coy with a Naval Adviser and a US Engineer Officer to proceed to GOODENOUGH. Arrangements completed for such party to be flown in on 5 December.	
			ADOS produces LHQ Ordnance Instn No.24 dated 20 Nov. '42 in respect of the maintenance of Ordnance of this Force.	
	5 Dec 42		ADME: US M3 Light Tank No.2579 complete rebuild finished. This tank had been dropped in sea with engine hot and completely immersed for eight hours. Engine tested satisfactorily although new electrical system required. Complete tank with old engine performed satisfactorily, road test of three miles. Only slight loss of power was noticed. Tank prepared for evacuation to 4 Echelon Wkshops. // On AQ Instructions 18 Bde Wkshop placed on 48 hrs notice to move.	
		0900 L	Evacuations - MV "Taroona" departs for Aust with 348 AMF all ranks, medical grounds, mostly malarial.	APP.27 (Post)
			SS "MELINGA" loaded and sailed for HATRACK and HANSOM. Tps and rftments for PORLOCK and WANIGELA per SS "MELINGA" Adm Instn AQ 2822 issued.	APP.13
			Fd return of Offrs - AFW 3008.	APP.14
			SS "Desikoko" arrives from Mainland - 164 tons cargo incl mail.	
		1945 L	MF R/O Serial 55 issued (incl AEME: formation of Corps and transfers thereto)	APP.15
			AES - Quiz Session held for HQ - Attendance 45. // News Bulletin No.97 issued.	APP.16
			HANSOM: Message 039 from HANSOM sets out details of movements forward of that port. Also that HAIR OIL (ORO BAY) will be transhipping port in future.	
			PIGMY: Recce party leave for GOODENOUGH ISLAND by air, but make crash landing. No one injured.	
	6 Dec 42	0630 L	DRAKE FORCE rftments - H.M.A.S. BROOME departed with 183 all ranks.	

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N. 1000 2/42

Unit NQ MILNE FORCE AQ BRANCH *Date and Time.—From* 4 Dec 42 *To* 6 Dec 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	6 Dec 42		Commencing 0505 all pers embarked mid-stream from landing	W
			barges. Miniature Cyclones("GUBA") - NGF Adm Instn 40 dated	W
			4 Dec rec'd and distributed. News Bulletin No.98 issued.	APP. 17 W
			PIGMY: Receive NG Force Op Instn No.47 dated 5 Dec in respect	
			of details PIGMY FORCE. Conference with Commander, GI, AQ. 'G' Staff	W
			(Continued over page)	

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Unit HQ MILNE FORCE AQ BRANCH *Date and Time.—From* 7 Dec '42 *To* 8 Dec. '42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY			Staff to issue necessary Op Instn. EME A/A Wkshops LHQ (Maj POLGLAZE) arrives to inspect A/A Gun positions and A/A Wkshop facilities in area.	W
		1100 L	Evacuations - TSS KATOOMBA departs for Australia. Engaged 1 hr. 45 mins on embarkation. (For list of personnel see APP)	APP 22 (below) W
	7 Dec 42		SS "CANONBAR" arrives from MORESBY. Pers disembarked Capt. GIBBONS A.E.M.E. arrived and assumed command 18 Bde Wkshop relieving Capt. RUSTON, A.E.M.E.	APP 18 W
			Mr. GOULD, Engineer, A.W.C. inspected AEME Wkshop facilities in connection with report he is preparing on Earth Moving Eqpt MILNE BAY.	W
			Report by ADOS for preceding week. Weather fine for most part with showers later in p.m. News Bulletin No. 99 issued.	APP 19 W
			SS "EVA" sails for DRAKE FORCE with 14 days rations and unit eqpt approx. 40 tons. BN. STRENGTHS.	APP 20 W
			PIGMY: Adv LHQ Adm Instn No.3 of 3 Dec, covering movement of tps from Australia, received.	APP 21 W
			HANSOM: Hansom message 054 of 6 December advises that ship "Kurimarau" taking Sec of HAIROIL forward has been bombed and there are heavy casualties including Commander SINCLAIR, NOIC, who is seriously wounded. Arrangements made for Hudson 'plane from here to proceed PORLOCK and pick up wounded and take to MORESBY. Milne Force message 01076 to NGF sets out details. Later advised that this ship also carried a Sec of MG Carriers going forward.	W
	8 Dec 42		Evacuations per TSS "KATOOMBA" on 6 Dec - list of personnel published	APP 22 W
			Rftments for NF - Addendum published to Adm Instn AQ 2650 of 1 Dec.	APP 23 W
			Personnel for forward movement with 2nd Flight Liliput.	APP 24 W
		1240 L	HS "Manunda" berths. Discharges 60 tons Red Cross Stores. Sails 1500 with 179 med evacuations, mostly malarial (AMF). For List of evacuations see App.	APP 31 (Post)
			Weather fine and sunny. News Bulletin No.100 issued.	APP 25
		2000 L	AMENITIES - Cinema show at HQ (by 1 Aust. Cinema Unit). SS "CANONBAR" sails for TUFI, PORLOCK and ORO - P O L and surf boats.	W

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Unit HQ MILNE FORCE AQ BRANCH *Date and Time.—From* 9 Dec. '42 *To* 10 Dec. '42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	8 Dec 42		SS "JACOB" sails for mainland with cargo empty petrol drums. SS "TUNG SONG" arrives from Mainland berths Pontoon Wharf, and discharges timber for RAE. SS "KATOORA" arrives from mainland and anchors in Bay. Crew of American Trawler: William DENNIS evacuation "MANUNDA." HANSOM: This Force now becomes incorporated in HAMMER Move.	RATION POSN. APP. 26
	9 Dec 42		Med. Evacuations per SAT "TAROONA" on 5 Dec - details. Compassionate and emergency leave - Circular AQ 3000 issued. 27 Wkshop Rftments drafted to 18 Bde Wkshop. ADME reports they appear mostly inexperienced and untrained.	App. 27 App. 28
		2000 L	AES - CAB talk for HQ on New Zealand. Weather sultry. News Bulletin No.101 issued. SS "KATOORA" berths PONTOON WHARF and discharges cargo 95 tons, stores mail and surf boats. PIGMY: Recce party returned from GOODENOUGH and recommend BELI BELI as most suitable place at which to construct unloading facilities. CRE makes complete recce report to 'G' Staff. NGF SD 380 gives further priorities on moves from AUSTRALIA. NGF Message 0 5691 advises 2/16 Army Fd Coy proceeding from MORESBY to this area.	APP. 29
	10 Dec 42		Anti Malaria Control - Comd's personal memo AQ 3004 to all Commanding Offrs. Evacuations per SS MANUNDA (sailed 8 Dec). E.M.E. inspection of 33 AA Bty (Lt. Gaudison O/C). Identification telescope found to be US due to prisms failing under tropical climatic conditions, probably formation of "balsalm flowers." Similar trouble in early stage detected in predictor telescopes. SS "MATOMA" loads petrol COSC. SS "KARSIK" loads petrol sails. News Bulletin No.102 issued. Weather sultry. Native Labour available. Amm position amendt - (these amendts are made daily). HAMMER: Receive NGF GS Instn No.2 dated 7 Dec with reference to despatch of one tp of 2/6 Armd Regt from MORESBY to PORLOCK. NGF Op Instn 49 dated 9 December is received by Safe Hand of NGF Liaison Officer.	APP. 30 APP. 31 APP. 32 App. 33 APP. 34

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Unit HQ MILNE FORCE AQ BRANCH Date and Time.—From 10 Dec 42 To 11 Dec 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	10 Dec 42		This sets out movement of 2/9 Inf Bn as a special Force to be under Comd Brig WOOTTEN. Brig. WOOTTEN departs for MORESBY with B.M., and other Staff. Conference with Comd, GI and AQ result that certain stores to be loaded on "KARSIK" to reach ORO night of 12/13. Milne Force Message 01720 to HANSOM covers this. Conference in afternoon on board H.M.A.S. BALLARAT with NOIC. Colonel BURNS, GI and AQ, and Lieut.-Col. CUMMINGS of 2/9 Bn with reference to move. Following this Conference six US Higgins boats and two Australian MLC's are sent forward under escort H.M.A.S. POLARIS. These ships to depart from FALL RIVER on 11 Dec. NOIC FALL RIVER, issues sailing instructions. // MOVEMENT CONTROL: Conference AA & QMG with DAQMG and M/C Offr (Major McLEOD). M/C to assume full normal functions now that staff arrived. 'Q' to issue necessary instns to Units re Manifests, Cargoes, Nominal Rolls etc., required by M/C. 'Q' to arrange accommodation for M/C Offr and Staff, preferably x in wharf area.	App.35
	11 Dec 42		Anti Malaria Control. Capt. BRASHER (OC 2 Aust Anti Malaria Control Unit) departs for Mainland to obtain A/M Stores. // 2/5 Bn to relieve 2/9 Bn on 12 Dec. Warning message by 'G'. // "TUNG SONG" loaded mail, canteen returns, personnel, for MORESBY. "MULIAMA" arrived from MORESBY, tps and cargo. "MATOMA" and ULLUDULLA" sailed for northern ports - COSC Cargo. // COSC Milne Bay - Organisation and Comd - Movement Control Instn. No.1 issued (AQ 3046).	APP.36
			Lieut. McVEA, AEME, returns from HQ NGF and resumes comd 2/6 My AA Wkshop. PIGMY: NGF Message 0 5723 of 10 Dec., advises that PIGMY is now cancelled and that 2/16 Fd Coy en route will disembark at MILNE BAY and come under command MILNE FORCE. // Weather fine and hot. News Bulletin No.103 issued.	APP.37
		1945 L	AES - Debate HQ team against RAAF team - "That Horse Racing should be suspended for the duration of the war." Attendance 55 (incl. RAN and RAAF). HAMMER & SLEDGEHAMMER: Receive NGF Message 05726 of 10 which indicates	

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Unit HQ MILNE FORCE AQ BRANCH *Date and Time.—From* 11 Dec 42 *To* 12 Dec 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	11 Dec 42		further move in extension of HAMMER to be known as SLEDGEHAMMER and that 2/10 Bn., is to also go forward from HANSOM to be relieved by a Bn of 7 Bde. Conference with Colonel BURNS, COSC, with reference to making small ships available for this move. NG Force Op Instn 51 received by Safe Hand. After conference with Comd and GI: 'G' to issue necessary Op Instn, 'Q' to arrange supplies and movement. Milne Force Op Order No.2 (No. S 102) issued in relation to HAMMER and MILNE FORCE OPERATION ORDER NO.3 (S 103) issued in relation to SLEDGEHAMMER.	
	12 Dec. 42		Recommendation for Immediate Award of DCM to VX.20960 Pte. MARRIOTT R. 2/5 Aust Fd Amb. AQ 3213. SS "BANHONGLIONG" berths from Mainland. SS "TUNG SONG" sails for MORESBY.	

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Unit HQ MILNE FORCE AQ BRANCH *Date and Time.—From* 12 Dec 42. *To* 14 Dec 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	12 Dec 42		Fd Return of Offrs - HQ MF - W.3008 Yellow Alert sounded - lasting ½ hour.	APP 38
			MF R/O Serial 56 issued. Weather fine and hot. News Bulletin No.104 issued.	APP 39 APP 40
		1945 L	AES Quiz Session for HQ. Attendance 25. Crew of American Trawler: NGF A/3569 of 3 Dec received that, as majority of pers concerned NOT eligible for Army enlistment, MF to return them to Australia by first available ship.	
			AIR MAIL SERVICE - NGF - MF AQ 3209 to NGF. Further to MF AQ 1969 of 14 Nov with list of mails received 3 and 5 Dec., and suggesting that advantage should be taken of daily 'plane service to ensure prompt delivery of official mail.	
			HAMMER & SLEDGEHAMMER: MILNE FORCE OP INSTN NO.17 issued to 2/5 Aust Armd Regt with reference to movement of tanks. Further conference with NOIC and COSC as to tpt to carry out this move. Ascertain that ships to be used for these movements have NOT sufficient life preservers and NGF requested to make same available. Subsequently discover that these are on board HMAS "Colac." Embark 2/9 Bn on ~~[illegible]~~s BALLARAT, BROOME and COLAC. Embarkation completed 1930 hours.	
	13 Dec 42		DAPM, Capt. HAWKESWOOD's recommendation for promotion to Major approved by Force Comd. "KARSIK" berthed Lyle Wharf to load "Van Spilbergen" berthed Lyle Wharf. Weather sultry. News Bulletin No.105 issued.	APP 41
			ACF Christmas Hampers - Distribution: Circular AQ 3172.	APP 42
			HAMMER & SLEDGEHAMMER: One tp 'B' Sqn 2/6 Armd Regt embarks on SS KARSIK" for Cape SUDEST. Milne Force Op Order No.4 (S 106) issued in connection with movement 25 Bn from MILNE BAY to WANIGELLA and PORLOCK. Arranged rations to be embarked on MELINGA and corvettes.	
			No.1 House handed over to NOIC as Navy Office. Rain in very early morning but sunny dawn and remainder of day.	
	14 Dec 42		"TAROONA" arrives from Mainland - tps disembarked.	APP: ~~List of~~ 43 Evacuations, see App. 47 (Post)

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Unit HQ MILNE FORCE AQ BRANCH Date and Time.—From 14 Dec '42 To 15 Dec '42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	14 Dec 42		News Bulletin No.106 issued.	APP 44
			"Jacqueline Marie" sailed for HAT cargo P.O.L. "Desikoko" berthed proceeded to unload.	
			"Ban Hong Liong" finished unloading, loaded small cargo for Australia, sailed 0945 L.	
			"Melinga" berthed pontoon - loaded part 25 Bn and stores, eqpt, left wharf 1615 L.	
			BN STRENGTH RETURNS.	APP 45
			HAMMER & SLEDGEHAMMER: Owing to delay in return of corvettes ETD of corvettes delayed from night 15/16 to night 16/17. "MELINGA" loaded in accordance with Serial 1, part. 3, MILNE FORCE OO No.4 and departs midnight. ETA HATRACK 1600 L/15. NGF Adm Instn 47 in connection with maintenace SLEDGEHAMMER received. All matters requiring attention MILNE FORCE already in hand.	
			ANTI MALARIA CONTROL: After conference with ADMS, AQ instructs CASC to move all cattle to WEST of FLYING FOX FORD as an additional A/M Precaution. CRE to erect new slaughter house in same area.	
	15 Dec 42	0810 L	M7 "TAROONA" departs for Mainland evacuating 7 Offrs and 480 O/R's (481 AMF Med. mostly malarial). 6 Aust Div Wkshops, 17 Bde Sec moved to new site in anticipation of expected eqpt arriving. Weather hot and fine.	
	15 Dec 42		News Bulletin No.107 issued.	App. 46
			"Desikoko" sailed for PORLOCK via Hatforce with 24 Tons Petrol, mail rations, 50 personnel.	
			"Koomeela" berthed unloaded American Cargo.	
			Crew of American Trawlers: 6 personnel embarked on "Taroona" for Mainland pursuant to NGF A/3567 of 3 Dec.	
			HAMMER & SLEDGEHAMMER: "KARSIK" returns FALL RIVER with BROOMY, BALLARAT, COLAC. Corvettes will come alongside individually and start loading stores etc., for 25 Bn during night 15/16.	

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Unit HQ MILNE FORCE AQ BRANCH *Date and Time.—From* 16 Dec. '42 *To* 17 Dec. '42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	16 Dec 42		Personnel evacuated SSTAROONA on 15 Dec - AQ 3341 Three corvettes loaded with 25 Bn personnel, capt, rations and ammo in three tactical loads. "KARIBI" arrived from ORO BAY, unloaded 50 tons ammo. "LARIENA" arrived from Mainland, cargo coal, barges anchored in Bay, discharged barges. ~~"VON SPEE"~~ ~~sailed for Mainland.~~ Offrs AMF - Substantive Rank - AQ 3359 issued. Weather fine and hot. News Bulletin No.108 issued. ABS - CAB Talk held - "Canada" and Quiz Session - attendance 40. HAMMER & SLEDGEHAMMER: Balance 25 Bn loaded on three corvettes and depart for PORLOCK. HQ Force Message Q 1602 advises movement of further portions of 2/6 Armd Regt from MORESBY to MILNE BAY. ~~Receive message from HARDY that supplies Quinine exhausted.~~ Arrange send forward in charge C.O., 25 Bn 100,000 tablets as reserve. COSC: Col BURNS brings his opp. no. Maj FINLAY, Aust Representative on COSC to report to AQ on assumption of office.	APP 47
	17 Dec 42		Consolidation of personnel records and deficiencies for all AEME units completed. Recommendations for commissioned rank submitted to MILNE FORCE as requested by AQ Instruction 3287 of 14 Dec '42. ~~Col BAZELEY, Director of Mechanisation, visited AEME Wkshops and~~ LADs' to obtain information re suitability of Army M.T. under Milne Bay conditions. Relative performances of USA 6x6 G.A.S. 4x4 and conventional 4x2 types studied. Offr i/c Transport Pool, Lieut. Williams, contacted re above performances. Crews of American Trawlers: MF A/ 3359 to NGF (Copy to USA 303) reports evacuation of seven (7) personnel pursuant to NGF A/3369 of 3 Dec. ~~"GUARDIAN" berthed Lyle Wharf from Mainland. General cargo of 3013 tons.~~ "JAPARA" berthed Pontoon, loaded, sailed 1415 L. Three corvettes with 25 Bn and capt sailed. "TUNG SONG" berthed Pontoon Wharf from MORESBY; cargo, mail, ammo, supplies and personnel. "DAVID BUSHNELL" also berths.	APP 48 APP 49 For tps disembarked see APP 61 (part)

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Unit HQ MILNE FORCE AQ BRANCH Date and Time.—From 17 Dec. '42. To 19 Dec. '42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	17 Dec 42		Rain early in day; but sunny later. ‖ News Bulletin No.109 issued.	APP 50 W
			Native Labour available.	APP 51 W
			Amn State amendt.	APP 52 W
			Ration State. ‖ DRAKE: 25 Bn embark on 3 AMS at FALL RIVER for	APP 53 W
			~~WANIGELLA and PORLOCK. 1 Coy of this Force is to relieve 2/12 Bn.~~	
	18 Dec 42		Col BAZELEY (D of Mec) with ADME completes inspection of AEME facilities	W
			Discussed with Comd 7 Aust Inf Bde (Brig FIELD) performance of vehs during JAP action and suitability of Veh entitlements for Bdes	W
			~~operating in forward areas similar to Milne Bay. Confirming approval~~	
			of 17 Bde Sec 6 Aust Div Workshops new site given by 'G' Branch Milne Force. As yet this unit has not received its eqpt although having	W
			been nearly six weeks at Milne Bay following one week at Townsville.	
			"MOA MOA" (Oil Tanker) arrives from Mainland.	
			SS "MULCRA" " " "	
			Conference AQ with ADCS and DDOS Adv LHQ (Col STINSON). ‖ Fine, hot	W
			~~and with thunder storm and torrential rains later in p.m.~~	
			HS "MANUNDA" arrives departs again for mainland with evacuations,	
			mostly malarial, AMF 11 Offrs and 92 O/Rs and USA SOS: 3 Offrs and 17 EM.	W
			ADOS report for 7 to 18 Dec.	APP 54 W
			Prov and MP Duties (Aust and US) for Coys in area - DAPM Instn.	APP 55 W
			Amenities - NGF Concert Party performance at HQ. ‖ News	
			Bulletin No.110 issued.	APP 56 W
			~~ANTI MALARIAL SUPPLIES: Capt. BRASHER returns from trip to Mainland~~	
			to expedite these and submits confidential report to ADMS.	W
	19 Dec 42	0615	Aerial Evacuation of Med patients begins - 12 ORs AMF depart by 'plane	
			for Mainland.	
			Recommendation for Immediate Awards forwarded to NGF for NX.6271	
			Gnr. KING A.G. (MM) and NX18459 Gnr. HALE T.H. (BEM) both of 2/5 Aust	App 57 W
			Fd Regt. ‖ SS "MULCRA" berths Pontoon Wharf	
			~~Fd Return of Offrs for HQ - W.3008.~~	APP 58 W
			MF R/O Serial No.57 issued.	APP 59 W
			Shower of rain early p.m. otherwise sunny.	

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Unit HQ MILNE FORCE AQ BRANCH *Date and Time.—From* 19 Dec 42 *To* 21 Dec. '42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	19 Dec 42		New Bulletin No.111 issued. Maj HOWARD (Water Tpt Control Melbourne) calls on AQ.	APP 60
	20 Dec 42		Tps disembarked on 17 Dec ex SSS "CHARON", "DAVID BUSHNELL" and "TUNG SONG" - Summary issued. Weather dull. News Bulletin No.112 issued. Photographs taken of HQ Staff and Huts by Sgt. from 8 Fighter Gp (USA). "BALIKPAPEN" sailed for ORO BAY part LILLIPUT move. "CHARON" sailed for mainland with cargo empty drums, mail, Kit Bags, sundry cargo. Med Evacuations (mostly malarial) per SS CHARON. - 93 AMF. HAMMER SLEDGEHAMMER & TACK HAMMER: Received NGF Message O 95096 of 20 Dec with reference to movement of 2/12 Bn from DRAKE and to join 2/9 and 2/10 Bn., and relief of 2/12 by 1 Coy of 25 Bn. Also the balance of 'B' Sqn 2/6 Anti-Tank Regt to move to ORO. WARNING ORDER to 'B' Sqn issued: Milne Force O 1828.	APP 61 APP 62
	21 Dec 42		ADME reports: "17 Bde Sec Div Wkshop AEME is still entirely without technical eqpt. 2/46 LAD is still without major machine eqpt. Special attention has been drawn through service channels to expedite forward shipment of this eqpt, vide ME/253 of 21 Dec. 42."	
		0930 L	DEF PLAN AA & QMG confers with DAAG, DAQMG, ADOS, ADME, CASC, ADMS and DAPM. Explains that Dep CGS requires outline ONLY Def Plan for Area. Individual Branch and Service plans to be submitted to this HQ by 1700 L to-morrow. "TIERYO" departed for TAUPOTA, WEDAU, BANIARA with Xmas Hampers and rations for 17 Bde detachments. "DESIKOKO" sailed for HANSON - P.O.L. and 18 personnel. "MATOMA" sailed for Drake with Xmas Hampers, Supp Rations and Unit eqpt - approx. 40 tons. "COMARA" loaded at Pontoon Wharf for North and sailed 1415 L. "DAVID BUSHNELL" berthed Lyle Wharf general cargo approx 1200 tons Unit Typewriters - Returns AQ 3573 issued.	APP 63

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Unit HQ MILNE FORCE AQ BRANCH *Date and Time.—From* 21 Dec 42 *To* 22 Dec 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	21 Dec 42		Offrs suitable for Appt to Comd and for Staff Appts. AQ3571 issued Request for Replacement: 2 Offrs 'E' Hy Bty: AQ 2381 to NGF re Maj	APP 65
			E.W. LAMPERD and Capt. P.M. LENTHALL. AES M/Cycle allotted for use of AES Cpl. ~~News Bulletin No.113 issued.~~ BN. STATE.	APP ~~[illegible]~~.66
			HAMMER SLEDGEHAMMER AND TACK HAMMER: MILNE FORCE OO No's 5 and 6 (S 114 and 115) issued in relation to move arranged with Colonel Burns	
			for "Desikoko" which is leaving FALL RIVER on 22 Dec to proceed to HATRACK on 24 Dec and load one Coy of 25 Bn and to proceed to DRAKE	
			arriving there AM 26 December. Also that "Japara" will load balance 'B' Sqn, 2/6 Armd Regt AM 23 and depart for MAIROIL next day.	
			~~Arrange with NOIC for corvette to load supplies for 2/12 Bn on 26/12~~ and depart MILNE BAY AM 27 arriving DRAKE late PM 27. NGF Message Q 1648 advises vessel "Payne Wingate" will bring	
			forward certain personnel and eqpt for re-embarkation on "Japara" to sail 23 December. Lt.-Col. DAVIS calls on AQ.	
	22 Dec 42		Capt. (T Lt.-Col) KEARNS W.J. Confidential Report AQ 2332 with AAF A26. Move to ORO BAY per SS "Japara" on 24 Dec. Movement Order AQ 3653 issued.	APP. 67
		1430 L	SS "CANONBAR" berths from PORT MORESBY. All cargo unloaded by 1600. Re-loading commenced 1800, completed 2025. Summary of Disembarkations.	APP. 68
		1500	SS "Payne Wingate" berths from MORESBY with general cargo for transhipment to ORO BAY. Summary of disembarkation.	APP. 68
			Not fine A.M. with heavy rains in P.M. AES; Report of Educ. Offr.	APP. 69
			Native Labour: 264 additional boys recruited and joined Native Labour Camp. 30 Despatched to Force Defences KANAKOPE. ADMS advises that	
			additional labourers are available for ANTI-MALARIAL work—50 natives at each of 2/2 Fd Amb and 10 CCS for clearing drains etc.	
			News Bulletin No.114 issued. "MATOMA" sailed 0400 L for DRAKE FORCE with unit stores and	APP. 70
			Amas hampers, personnel, 50 live sheep. Approx. 50 tons. "JAPARA" returned from ORO BAY. "BANTAM" sailed for ORO BAY part	

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Unit HQ MILNE FORCE AQ BRANCH *Date and Time.—From* 22 Dec 42 *To* 24 Dec. '42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY.	22 Dec 42		of LILLIPUT move. "DESIKOKO" loaded POL and sailed for TUFI, thence to HATFORCE to load 1 Coy 25 Bn and proceed to DRAKE FORCE. "NOORA" arrived from Mainland with mostly American cargo, also 'G' Hvy Bty Eqpt. Total approx. 500 tons.	
			~~HAMMER, SLEDGEHAMMER AND TACK HAMMER: "DESIKOKO" sails from FALL~~ RIVER 23 December. Movement Order No. AQ 3652 issued in connection with "Japara" move, [illegible] balance of HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde and det 2/6 Aust Coy AASC. Movement Order No. AQ 3653 issued in relation to loading 2/6 Armd Regt on "Japara." ¶ DEF PLAN:	
			Composite AQ skeleton plan furnished and handed to 'G' Branch. Col BURNS calls on AQ with Col WILSON (D. of Tpt - SW Pacific).	APP. 71
	23 Dec 42		"COLAC" berthed Pontoon Wharf loaded ammo and rations. "Paine Wingate" sailed.	
		2200 L	~~Movement Order for tps on SS "JAPARA" to-morrow issued. AQ3652~~ "TAROONA" arrived anchored in Bay. "JAPARA" berthed Lyle Wharf to load Eqpt.	APP. 72
			"PULGANBAR" berthed Pontoon Wharf from Australia. Discharged cargo. ¶ Weather fine and sunny.	
		2000	AES Debate - "Should State Parliaments be Abolished?" Attendance: 30. News Bulletin No.115 issued. ¶ HAMMER, SLEDGEHAMMER and TACK HAMMER:	App. 73 (news)
			~~Message CS2 from HATRACK received with reference to movement~~ "Desikoko." MILNE FORCE AQ 2385 gives direction as to movement this vessel.	APP. 74 App. 75
			Arrange with NOIC and COSC to send forward to DRAKE to assist in transfer of stores etc., the following: 2 small tugs, 2 barges, and 4 surf boats.	
	24 Dec 42		"Red" Alarm in very early a.m. ¶ ADMS evacuated to 2/1 CCS with Malaria.	
			~~Col SHEEHAN (ex GHQ) marches in to replace Col CHILTON, as GSOI accompanied~~ by Col CROUCH, Royal Tank Corps, who left next day. ¶ RATION STATE: "JAPARA" loaded 'B' Sqn 2/6 Armd Regt with Tanks Eqpt Personnel 18 Bde	APP. 76
			HQ and Stores. Det 2/6 Aust Ind Coy and Eqpt, sailed 1200 L for ORO BAY. "WHYALLA" loaded with 1/3 rations and ammo, Lt Sec Fd Amb for DRAKE FORCE.	

Amn State (amendt) App. 77

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Unit HQ MILNE FORCE A2 BRANCH *Date and Time.—From* 24 Dec. 42 *To* 25 Dec. 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	24 Dec 42		"Coorabie" berthed Gili Gili Wharf from mainland discharged mail and stores. "Kulera" loaded at Pontoon Wharf with 4.5 Howitzers Ammo and Coy Ed Rest.	
			Xmas hampers for 18 Bde units, mail, American Port Det 'EF', Stores, Eqpt and personnel. "TARCONA" berthed, disembarked tps, unloaded cargo approx. 456 tons. ~~Summary of disembarkations.~~	APP. 78
			"Margaret Thwaites" sailed for EAT and HAYDOCK with Xmas Hampers, Supp. Rations, Unit Eqpt, 50 live sheep approx. 35 tons.	
			Transport Pool dissolved, vehicles returned to respective units, ASC henceforth to supply vehicles, Lieut. Williams take over Transport Office.	
			4615 lbs. Turkey arrived by air for troops and was distributed by Canteen Services. Capt. MAY arrives and takes up duties with 18 Bde Sec 7 Div ~~Wshop AMF~~. News Bulletin No.116 - Xmas Number - issued.	APP. 79
			HAMMER SLEDGEHAMMER & TACK HAMMER: "Japara" loaded in accordance with Movement Orders and departs from FALL RIVER. NOIC on 'phone states COSC had stated they would be doing NO loading work over Xmas and generally between 1100 L and 1400 L daily. AQ adjusts matter satisfactorily with Col BURNS. Work will continue as usual. NOIC advised.	
	25 Dec 42		ACF Parcels distributed to all tps. Extra rations provided incl poultry and ham. RATIONS - REPORT OF DAMAGE.	APP. 80
			"Katoma" arrived from DRAKE FORCE with sick, also 21 Tons rations. "Taroona" finished unloading embarked walking sick sailed for mainland 1400 L. "Thyalla" sailed 0400 L for DRAKE FORCE.	
			~~"Kulcra" grounded in Raven's channel, later reported with no apparent damage,~~ and proceeded to ORO BAY. Weather hot and muggy. News Bulletin No.117 issued.	APP. 81
		0915	Med Evacuations (mostly malarial) per MV "TARCONA" 497 AMF. "Kulcra" aground: NOIC on 'phone advises this ship aground in Raven Passage. [illegible] going forward to pull it off reef. Subsequently advised ship again afloat without damage and proceeding.	

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Unit HQ 11 AUST. DIV. AQ BRANCH *Date and Time.—From* 26 Dec. 42 *To* 28 Dec. '42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	26 Dec 42	0001	MILNE FORCE becomes 11 AUST DIV and Unit names changed accordingly as notified in:	
			11 AUST DIV R/O Serial No. 58	APP. 82
			~~DAAG departs by 'plane for~~ special temp duty ~~on Mainland - Capt.~~ MALONEY A/DAAG. ADMS: Lt.-Col. BLAIR takes up duties as A/ADMS (CO 11 FD AMB)	APP. 83
			"DUNTROON" arrived from MORESBY, disembarked tps, embarked walking sick sailed 1600 L.	
			"ERINA II" arrived from mainland, berthed Lyle Wharf and discharged cargo P.O.L. "BANTAM" anchored in Bay from ORO, discharged 3 tons eqpt.	
			~~ANTI-MALARIA MEASURES: 2nd personal memo from Comd to all offrs commanding~~ units and sub-units AMF - AQ 3800.	APP. 84
			Fd Return of Offrs - W 3008	APP. 85
			News Bulletin No.118 issued.	APP. 86
			AES - Quiz Session - Attendance 11. ~~[illegible]~~	
			Med Evacuations (mostly malarial) per MV "DUNTROON" - AMF 234	
			HAMMER SLEDGEHAMMER AND TACK HAMMER: Three corvettes loaded with rations for 2/12 Bn. and pull into stream ready to move early AM 27.	
	27 Dec 42		"MATOMA" sailed for HAT and HANSOM with rations and eqpt, personnel for both ports. Approx. 50 tons. "Melinga" returned from PORLOCK.	
			"Bantam" sailed. ADOS report for Diary.	APP. 87
			Anti Malarial Control and Waste & Garbage Adm Instn AQ 3739 issued.	APP 88
			Fruit and Vegetables from Native Sources - Purchase and distrib. of Circular AQ 3778 issued.	APP 89
		1730 L	Major Gen. CLOWES Div Comd., admitted 2/1 Aust CCS suffering from Malignant Tertian Malaria. News Bulletin No.119 issued.	APP. 90
	28 Dec 42		LONG TROUSERS: Received NGF's Q 47/5/3770 of 22 Dec with C.in-C's direction for these to be taken into continuous use in this area, and thereon.	
			"COMARA" departs for ORO BAY.	

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Unit HQ 11 AUST. DIV. AQ BRANCH *Date and Time.—From* 28 Dec '42 *To* 30 Dec. '42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	28 Dec 42	1350	MAJ.-GEN. CLOWES - ADMS report repeated to NGF AQ 2391.	APP.91
			AES Capt. ROBINSON delivers lecture to 25 Coy AASC on "New Guinea." News Bulletin No.120 issued.	APP.92
		2245	MAJ.-GEN. CLOWES - Orders received from Gen. BLAMEY C.in-C to evacuate Maj.-Gen., CLOWES ON "MANUNDA".	~~APP.~~
			Medical Evacuations by air: 10. Bn State.	App 93
			~~COSC: AQ attends Gen. JOHNS and Col BURNS on their calling.~~	~~APP.~~
			Conference as to COSC now assuming normal functions as laid down.	See APP.9 (ante)
			MOVEMENT CONTROL: Conference AQ with DADMG and M/C Offr (Major McLEOD). M/C now taking over normal functions.	
	29 Dec 42		MAJ-GEN., CLOWES evacuated on SS MANUNDA which takes a total of 47 AMF evacuations (mostly malarial).	
			AES - A/DAD Educ NGF (Capt. ROWLEY) arrives by 'plane. Discusses AES appts with AA & QMG and stresses need for prospective Educ. Offrs to have qualified at an AES School. Interviews L/Sgt. CONWAY whose recommendation for First Appt and posting as Educ Offr 7 Aust Inf Bde had gone forward.	
			"MANUNDA" arrived to evacuate Sick Personnel. "WARRAMA" arrived with RAAF Stores. "BOTA" arrived en route ORO BAY. "MAIWARA" arrived from TOWNSVILLE. "Nora" left for KANAKOPE to discharge 'G' Hvy Bty Stores and Guns. "PANUCO" sailed for ORO BAY with ammo. 797 lbs Turkey arrived by Air for those units who had missed their issue on Xmas Day, through insufficient quantity having arrived in first delivery on Dec. 24.	
			News Bulletin No.121 issued.	APP.94
			Visit of Gen., STEELE - Engr. in Chief.	
	30 Dec 42		11 AUST DIV MOVEMENT: Received NGF Signal SD 696 of 29 Dec that in view evacuation Maj-Gen. CLOWES, HQ 5 Aust Div will take over HQ 11 AUST DIV at MILNE BAY as soon as arrangements can be made, and thereon. Col SHEEHAN relieving Col CHILTON as GSO1. Col CHILTON departs for NGF.	

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Unit HQ 11 AUST. DIV. AQ BRANCH *Date and Time.—From* 30 Dec. '42. *To* 31 Dec. '42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	30 Dec 42		"Coorabie" loaded 100 tons 25-pdr. ammo for ORO BAY. "Erina II" sailed for ORO BAY with 50 tons 25-pdr. ammo. "WAHAKA" sailed for	
			TOWNSVILLE 443 bags mail - mail only. AES: Capt. ROWLEY departs by 'plane for MORESBY taking L/Sgt CONWAY with him for a short AES training. Sgt. [illegible] of HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde has been appointed Bde Educ Offr and AAF A 22's forwarded. He has commenced AES work in the Bde. During the month 60 visits have been paid to Units	
			explaining the objects of the scheme and what it was hoped to do with the limited facilities available. News Bulletin No.122 issued.	App. 95
			Med Evacuations by air: 6. Native Labour State. Ration Position.	APP. 96 APP. 97
	31 Dec 42		"CORRIMAL" arrived from Mainland. 51[illegible] Tons Australian supplies. "HOORA" returned from KAIAKOPE after discharging '9' Hvy Bty Guns and Stores. "[illegible]" sailed for Naple. "[illegible]" arrived from Mainland - cargo approx. 2000 tons.	
			Comd., Water Tpt Gp - Major [illegible] - Reports on arrival to AA & QMG. He is instructed he functions subject to CRE for Admn and COSC for Ops. News Bulletin No.123 issued.	APP. 98
			Evacuations and Malaria: During the month 2010 AMF Med patients were evacuated from military hospitals in this Area. Of these the very high proportion were malarial cases. The evacuations were necessary because of the over-crowding of the hospitals in which the average daily admissions of malarial cases exceeded discharges by 100.	
			Amenities Offr's Report.	APP. 99
			Amn State Amendment.	APP. 100

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MOST SECRET

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HQ MILNE FORCE ADM INSTN NO AQ 2650

HQ
MILNE FORCE
1 DEC
Nov '42.

1. Advice has been received that the undermentioned units and rftments may be expected to arrive at MILNE BAY not before evening of 4 Dec. '42. Definite date of arrival will be notified as soon as possible.

2. HQ's and Units will be responsible for all arrangements for reception and fostering of this personnel as shown in schedules "A" and "B" (para. 6).

3. Personnel will be transported to required localities direct from ships under Force arrangements. "Q" Branch will be notified by 1800 L, 3 Dec. '42, of location of camp sites.

4. It is NOT anticipated that any unit accommodation stores will be unloaded from ships on the same day as troops disembark.

5. Ration indents will be submitted in the normal manner by fostering Units.

6. A. Schedule of Units & Dets.

[illegible]	Unit	Offrs	OR's	Total	Fostering unit or HQ
1	Dets 2/3 Aust Con Depot	9	57	66	11/ Aust Fd Amb
2	Dets Svy Sec (3 Sec 3 Coy)	1	17	18	2/5 Fd Regt
3	2/2 Anti Malaria Cont.	1	7	8	11/ Aust Fd Amb
4	Dets 4 AOD	-	22	22	A D O S
5	Dets 2/4 Aust Fd Regt	-	32	32	7 Aust Inf Bde
6	Dets 111 Lt AA Regt	3	58	61	A A D C
7	Det 2/3 Docks Op Coy	1	92	93	"C" Gp 2/3 Docks Op Coy
8	HQ Comd AASC	-	12	12	HQ Comd AASC
9	2/2 Aust Coy AASC	8	263	271	" " "
10	X List & AIF Rftments	-	120	120	18 Aust Inf Bde

B. Schedule of Rftments.

Arm	CMF	AIF	TOTAL	Fostering unit or HQ
Arty (Fd)	-	135	135	2/5 Aust Fd Regt
" (Hvy AA)	-	50	50	AADC
Engrs	20	100	120	HQ RAE
Inf	10	550	560	10 CMF - 7 Aust Inf Bde 550 AIF - Reception Camp
AASC	103	26	129	HQ Comd AASC
AAMC	37	84	121	11 Aust Fd Amb
[illegible]	[illegible]	64	78	A D O S
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	

[illegible] Col
[illegible] MILNE FORCE

DISTRIBUTION:

2/5 Aust Fd Regt	1 & 2	Milne Force Reception Camp	17
AALC	3, 4, 5	"C"	18
RAE	6, 7	"A"	19
CASC	8, 9	"C"	20
7 Aust Inf Bde	10, 11	File	21
18 " " "	12, 13	War Diary	22, 23
ADMS	14, 15	Spares	24, 25, [illegible]
ADOS	16		

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MILNE FORCE NEWS BULLETIN NO 93 1 Dec 1942

SUMMARY OF ABC NEWS BULLETIN 1900L/ 1

HEAVY FIGHTING AT BUNA

Heavy fighting in the BUNA area is reported in a communique issued to-day by General MacArthur's Headquarters. One war correspondent says that the Australians have broken through the Japanese fortified lines between BUNA and GONA. They have reached the beach between GONA and SANANANDA. There is fierce fighting around GONA and SANANANDA is threatened. The combined Australian-American column continues its advance.

Our troops are receiving good support from the air. 18 Zeros and a similar force of our planes engaged in a dogfight . Seven enemy planes were shot down for the loss of two of our aircraft.

A/A guns shot down a recce plane over DARWIN. An enemy night raid on PORT MORESBY was harmless.

RUSSIANS MAKE FRESH GAINS

Although German resistance is stiffening, the Red Army continues its advance on the Northern and Southern fronts. On the Northern front the Red troops have smashed their way through to an important city. Nazi attempts to restore communications have failed. Bitter fighting is going on in the streets of the city.

On the Central front the Red Army has beaten back fierce enemy counter-attacks. 9000 Germans were killed. An important railway junction 100 miles SW of STALINGRAD has been captured. The German retreat was rapid in this sector. The Soviet forces advanced from 4 to 6 miles in the STALINGRAD area. The German losses of men and materials are mounting rapidly. 67,000 Nazi troops killed is announced for the STALINGRAD front alone.

BRITISH PARATROOPS' SUCCESS

British paratroops have captured an airfield considerably in advance of the 1st Army, now moving towards TUNIS. The airfield was not defended. An unconfirmed report states that mechanised forces have cut the road between BIZERTA and TUNIS. The Germans are putting up a skilful and well-planned defence of BIZERTA. British military circles suggest that the Allies may have achieved parity in the air in NORTH AFRICA.

The 8th Army in LIBYA has not yet joined battle with Rommel's forces. Strong reinforcements of men and supplies have reached the 8th Army.

UNREST IN ITALY

The US Secretary for State (Mr. Cordell Hull) said the US Government had received reports of unrest and mutiny in the Italian army. It is considered in British and American that Italy has not the strength and opportunity at present to sever herself from German domination. England and America were conducting a vigorous campaign to cause a rift in German-Italian relations. It is reported that posters bearing excerpts of Mr. Churchill's speech appeared on the walls of buildings in ROME and GENOA a few minutes after the speech had ended.

SOLOMONS

American patrols have destroyed enemy supplies and communications on GUADALCANAL. Only minor ground activity is reported.

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BN STRENGTH AS AT 0600 hrs 1 DEC 42.

UNIT	BATTLE CASUALTIES Offrs	O/Rs	SICK Offrs	O/Rs	LOSSES OTHER CAUSES Offrs	O/Rs	REINFORCEMENTS Offrs	O/Rs	STRENGTH WITH UNIT Offrs	O/Rs	ATT ON W/E Offrs	O/Rs	ATT NOT ON W/E Offrs	O/Rs	UNIT AT DETACH Offrs	
9 Aust Inf Bn	-	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	29	649	1	5	2	55	3	137
25 " " "	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	32	616	2	8	1	40	5	140
61 " " "	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	30	589	2	9	-	-	2	135
2/5 " " "	-	-	1	6	1	7	-	-	24	614	1	8	3	29	11	198
2/6 " " "	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	26	664	2	8	-	-	5	116
2/7 " " "	-	-	1	8	-	-	-	-	23	550	2	10	-	2	5	159
2/9 " " "	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	34	578	2	10	1	37	3	59
2/10 " " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	594	1	6	12	200	2	77
2/12 " " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	605	2	12	3	17	1	31

W/E strength	306	7494
Bn strength	259	5359
Deficiency	47	2135

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RATION POSITION AS AT 1800 HRS 1 DEC '42

AT MILNE FORCE

WHITE	Ration Strength	17,990
	No of rations held)	See attached list
	No of days)	
NATIVE	Ration Strength	3,500
	No of rations held)	See attached list
	No of days)	

AT HATFORCE

WHITE	Ration Strength	838
	No of rations held	32,019
	No of days	38
NATIVE	Ration Strength	450
	No of rations held	62,707
	No of days	59

AT DRAKE FORCE

WHITE	Ration Strength	626
	No of rations held	11,268
	No of days	18
NATIVE	Ration Strength	300
	No of rations held	9,300
	No of days	31

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MILNE FORCE NEWS BULLETIN NO 94 2 Dec 42

SUMMARY OF ABC NEWS BULLETIN 1900L/2

ALLIED STRANGLEHOLD AT BUNA

The Japanese are still resisting firmly at BUNA but the Allied stranglehold is tightening. Enemy forces have been driven back to the beach head on the BUNA-GONA strip. Enemy strongpoints are surrounded by marshy ground and swamps. The leading troops of the Allied attack have been subject to heavy fire and have suffered heavily.

Four destroyers are apparently trying to land reinforcements. These destroyers were attacked near GASMATA. A hit was scored on one destroyer. The vessel stopped but continued its progress again shortly afterwards. Six attempts have been made by the enemy to land reinforcements but only one has been partially successful.

AIR ATTACKS SUCCEED IN NORTH AFRICA

All reports from North Africa mention the way in which the Allied air forces are smashing the enemy. One correspondent suggests that new plans are in operation to shatter enemy moves to strengthen their forces. TUNIS has experienced the heaviest air attack of the North African campaign. Allied bombers attacked TUNIS and Flying Fortresses were over BIZERTA.

There is little fresh news of the land operations since it was announced that Allied forces were scoring successes 15 miles west of TUNIS and 20 miles from BIZERTA. There is no confirmation of a report that Allied forces have cut through to the coast between TUNIS and BIZERTA.

RED ARMY CONTINUES PROGRESS

The Red Army has made further progress on the Central front. The Russians have a foothold in the important German strongpoint, RCHEV. One British correspondent in MOSCOW says that the position of the Germans in RCHEV is dangerous. MOSCOW radio states that Hitler has sent a message to the defenders of the city saying that the loss of RCHEV would be as serious as losing half of BERLIN. Soviet troops have driven the Germans back to their second line of defence.

In the DON-VOLGA triangle the position of the Germans is becoming desperate. Russian aircraft have taken a heavy toll of the German forces. 20,000 Germans were killed in the last five days between the DON and the VOLGA. The Germans have been forced to come out into the open where a blizzard is raging. One correspondent says that the fighting spirit of the Russians is rising in power.

MORE JAPANESE SHIPS SUNK

Five more Japanese ships, including one destroyer, have been sunk, and others damaged, by United States submarines. To date, a total of 148 Japanese ships have been sunk by US submarines.

RAF RAID ON BURMA

Japanese positions in BURMA have been attacked by the RAF. Results of the raid are not known.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION ENDS

The constitutional Convention ended in CANBERRA to-day. Far reaching decisions on post-war planning and new powers for the Commonwealth Government were made. It is likely that 14 powers will be transferred from the States to the Commonwealth. The Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) said the convention was an important milestone in the history of Australia. Sir Earle Page suggested the House of Representatives should be increased in membership from 75 to 100.

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WAR DIARY

DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL EQUIPMENT OF CASUALTIES.

HQ
MILNE FORCE

3 DEC '42.

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1. Attached is a nominal roll of personnel admitted to 11 Aust Fd Amb between 28 Nov and 1 Dec '42, and whose equipment was NOT disposed of in accordance with Milne Force Routine Order No. 406 of 21 Nov '42.

2. In view of the fact that the majority of units concerned have been previously warned of their failure to observe the above Order it is requested that Bde Comds and Comds of similar formations institute appropriate action against the offending Units and that this HQ be informed of the action taken.

3. All equipment and accessories as named in the attached list will be forwarded immediately to personnel listed.

[signature]
Col
for AA & QMG MILNE FORCE.

DISTRIBUTION:-

HQ 2/5 Aust Fd Regt	1.
HQ 'A' By Bty RAA	1.
HQ RAE Milne Force	2.
HQ Sigs Milne Force	1.
AADC	3.
HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde	3.
HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	4.
HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde	2.
HQ 32 Aust Emp Coy	1.
HQ Comd AASC Milne Force	2.
DAPM	1.
HQ Milne Force Postal Unit	1.
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File	1.

DATE OF ADM	NO.	RANK	NAME	UNIT	ADM	WOUND DIAG	ICD OR RIFLE	PERS GEAR	BAY CO & LORRY	RESP	SHELL WOUND	SHELL FRAG	BULLET WOUND	BULLET FRAG	A. WEAP
28/11/42	[illegible]	Sgt	[illegible] B.	2/6 Lt Regt			20		15						
	[illegible]	Pte	[illegible] J.C.			20									
	[illegible]	Pte	[illegible] W.A.			20									
	[illegible]	Pte	[illegible] D.F.												
30/11/42	[illegible]	Pte	[illegible] J.												
	[illegible]	Pte	[illegible]						15				14	12	
28/11/42	[illegible]	Pte	[illegible]				20			20	20				29
" "	[illegible]	Pte	[illegible]	Det. Tank Attn		13	20		14	20			20	14	
" "	[illegible]	Pte	[illegible]	2/6 Lt Bn						20					
" "	[illegible]	Pte	[illegible]	2/6 Lt Bn	Kia					20	20				
" "	[illegible]	Pte	[illegible]	2/6 Lt Bn						20					
28/11/42	[illegible]	Pte	[illegible]	2/6 Lt Bn		20	20								
" "	[illegible]	Pte	[illegible]			14	20		14	20			10		
30/11/42	[illegible]	Pte	[illegible]				20			20			10		
" "	[illegible]	Sapper	[illegible]	2/6 Lt Bn			20						10		
30/11/42	[illegible]	Pte	[illegible]	A. Tank Sig	Kia										
" "	9100328	Sgt	[illegible]	2/6 Lt Bn							12	10			
30/11/42	914939	Pte	[illegible]	101 A/Tk Regt					14						
28/11/42	[illegible]	Cpl	[illegible]	" " "		20		20							
" "	[illegible]	Pte	[illegible]	2/6 Lt Bn			20			20	20				
" "	[illegible]	Pte	[illegible]	2/6 Lt Bn			20			20	20				
" "	903241	Pte	[illegible] N.A.	60 A-Tk Bty											
30/11/42	921043	Driver	[illegible] E.J.	" "									20	20	
30/11/42	921529	Pte	[illegible] K.	" "	Kia										
	909023	Pte	[illegible] N.A.	" "											
28/11/42	IX116958	Cpl	[illegible]	2/3 Lt Bn	Kia		20						12	10	
" "	QX52142	Pte	[illegible]	2/3 Lt Bn		14	20		10	20					
30/11/42	[illegible]	Pte	[illegible]	2/2 Fd Regt									14	14	
" "	SX4514	Pte	[illegible]	2/4 Cav Amd	Kia										
	[illegible]	Cpl	[illegible]										10		
" "	[illegible]	Cpl	[illegible]			10	20			20	10		10		
" "	NX191661	Pte	[illegible] C.	101 Tank Bty			20						20		
" "	V37063	Sapper	[illegible] C.E.	Sig 2/3		14			14						
" "	Q32053	Pte	[illegible] G.	6 Fld Bty	Kia										
" "	Q131477	Pte	[illegible] A.	" "					20						
28/11/42	SX2514	Pte	[illegible] N.O.	2/9 Fld Bty			20								
" "	V111003	Pte	[illegible] L.V.	Ammo Coy		20	20		20				20	20	

Number of patients admitted for period 4 days ending 1 Dec '42 - 84.

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MILNE FORCE NEWS BULLETIN NO 95 3 Dec 42

SUMMARY OF ABC NEWS BULLETIN 1900L/3

JAP. REINFORCEMENT ATTEMPT FRUSTRATED

Another Japanese attempt to land reinforcements at BUNA has been smashed. To-day's communique from General MacArthur's Headquarters tells how our aircraft drove off enemy ships carrying reinforcements. Throughout the afternoon and night our planes continually attacked a Japanese convoy. Twenty-three enemy aircraft were shot down and others were damaged. Our losses were slight.

Four enemy destroyers were sighted first near GASMATA heading towards BUNA. Flying Fortresses made an attack. The destroyers replied with heavy A/A fire and Zeros intercepted the Fortresses. The Fortresses dealt with the Zeros first and made short work of them. Concentrating on the convoy, one Fortress scored a direct hit on one destroyer. She stopped but then came on with the other destroyers. A continuous attack was maintained and the destroyers were forced to turn north. They were last reported 40 miles north of BUNA and were still moving north. The destroyers may have landed some reinforcements but not sufficient to cause any damage.

Troops are advancing along the beach towards SANANANDA and a report has been received that some Allied troops are infiltrating into the outskirts of BUNA village. The enemy is resisting fiercely.

MAJOR DECISION APPROACHING IN N. AFRICA

The battle for NORTH AFRICA is approaching a major decision. All arms of the Allied forces are ready for a heavy assault on TUNIS and BIZERTA. Our air forces are attacking airfields in TUNIS and BIZERTA. The 8th Army is employing a big weight of guns against the enemy's defences. Rommel is building up his defence.

PANIC IN ITALY

Consistently heavy air raids on GENOA, TURIN and other Italian towns have caused panic among civilians. Railway stations in GENOA were thronged with people trying to buy one-way tickets. There was a demand on the banks. The panic among civilians was so great that the authorities were not able to restore order for three days. GENOA is being cleared of civilians. The RAF has smashed military objectives.

RED ARMY ADVANCES

The Soviet forces in the Southern and Central fronts have made further advances. The Russian grip on RCHEV has tightened. MOSCOW report the capture of another village. The German army between the DON AND VOLGA is in a dangerous position. One correspondent says that it will be difficult to completely destroy the German Army in the STALINGRAD area but the Germans are badly in need of food.

OTHER NEWS IN BRIEF

American marines are still pursuing the enemy on GUADALCANAL...

BERLIN has broadcast a TOKIO report that American forces are still resisting at several points in the PHILIPPINES ...

Laval has arrived in BERLIN to discuss the formation of the new VICHY Government ...

Three heavy cruisers are still burning in TOULON Harbour ...

It is known that 2,750,000 homes in BRITAIN suffered damage or were totally destroyed during the Nazi blitz...

AUSTRALIAN ITEMS :- The Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) said the extension of the field of operations of the militia to the S W Pacific was now a military necessity.

Sir Earle Page has suggested an increase in Federal Parliament membership if its powers are to be widened - .

DAILY HEALTH NOTES NO 1

DO YOU LIKE DRINKING YOUR BATH WATER ? Perhaps you do, but there are others who are more particular. Remember this and do NOT bathe or wash clothes upstream from water points

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NATIVE LABOUR

3 Dec. '42.

NATIVES AVAILABLE : 1355

SERIAL NO:	UNIT	NO.	DATE COMPLETED		REMARKS
1.	9 Aust Inf Bn	50	P	L	Clearing
2.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn	50	P	L	"
3.	61 Aust Inf Bn	100	P	L	"
4.	Fd Bakery (Waigani)	12	P	L	Woodcutting
5.	8 Fighter Op USA	7	P	L	Domestics
6.	Operational Base	12	P	L	General duties
7.	Boats crew	2	P	L	
8.	Cooks - Gili gili	2	P	L	
9.	80 Sqn USA	20	?	L	Building
10.	HQ Sigs, Wagga Wagga	12	?	L	
11.	24 Fd Coy RAE	70	P	L	Road work
12.	Coy F 43 Eng USA	22	P	L	" "
13.	Comd Wilkinson HQ MILNF FORCE	2	P	L	Domestics
14.	Mr. Hill, ADF Comdr	2	P	L	"
15.	403 Bomd'r Sqn US	56	P		Road making & buildings
16.	Slaughterhouse	6	P		General duties
17.	Fd Bakery Magita	12	P		Woodcutting
18.	HQ Sigs	3	P		Runners P'ce HQ.
19.	2/1 CCS	4	P		Laundry men
20.	10 CCS	5	P		" "
21.	8 Fighter Op USA	42	P		General Duties
22.	RAAF Sigs.,	20	30 Nov.		Building
23.	23 FAD	20	" "		"
24.	A D O S	30	?		"
25.	A A S C	12	30 Nov		" (Pk Tpt)
26.	8 Aust Mal Con Unit	20	P		Malaria Control
27.	HQ Sigs.,	8	P		Line party
28.	Force HQ Veg garden	20	P		Clearing
29.	Road maintenance	60	P		Road work
30.	Native Camp Duties	15	P	L	
31.	" " Cooks	15	P	L	
32.	Sick	86			
33.	AWL	147			
34.	2/5 Aust Fd Coy	90			
35.	Force Control	247	P		(2/2 Aust Fd Amb 64 (Adv Dep Med Stores 25 (Sewing sago 88 (Buildings 70 247
36.	ADMS	6			

TOTAL: 1288

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MILNE BAY

3 Dec. '42.

ORGANISATION & COMMAND COSC MILNE BAY

Organisation & Command - See attached chart.

Sub-Area:

Aust Sub-Area Comd will control all Aust Staff under Comd COSC and will co-ordinate their activities with their opposite numbers in the U.S. Base Section.

Movement Control:

Will carry out normal activities of M/C; i.e:-

(a) Calling forward of all personnel and cargo for despatch and ensuring that necessary nominal rolls and manifests are made out and distributed. This applies to both small ships and vessels from the mainland.

(b) Establish a M.F.O for receipt and despatch of all small packages and unit equipment.

(c) M/C of personnel and freight by air.

M/C will issue a detailed instruction to cover above.

Port Dets and reps of services should be on wharf when their types of stores are being unloaded.

D/A.D.S. & T:

Vide NGF instructions it is not intended that S & T will set up a complete Base organisation seeing that the Base and Formation are so intermixed. Thus technically the CASC MILNE FORCE is the controlling authority. However, in case of MILNE FORCE moving and to assist CASC, D/ADS & T will perform following functions:-

(a) Have full knowledge of all stocks and position of dumps.

(b) Will demand on CASC for all stocks that are to be shipped out of MILNE BAY.

(c) Will demand on COSC or MILNE FORCE for tpt:-

(i) Clearance of dock area.
(ii) Transport of stores to dock area for outward shipping.

(d) Will supervise use of all transport in dock area.

(e) Will provide and supervise native labour for loading of small ships.

D.A.D.O.S:

Normal functions of D.A.D.O.S. sub-area.

D.C.R.E:

Supervision of engineer work in sub-area under technical supervision of C.R.E.

Docks Operating Coy:

Application has been made to build this unit up to original strength as allotted.

Labour Coys:

For work on Docks and in Dumps as required. Two more have been asked for.

Small Ship Section:

Small Ship Section is organised as shown on attached chart.

All applications for transport of personnel and stores must be made to COSC through MILNE FORCE. Demands from units and Services will not be met except through MILNE FORCE.

Demands for water transport must show offrs, other ranks, weight of unit baggage, dead and cwt measurement of all stores and heaviest lift.

M/C will call forward all personnel and cargo for small ships.

Superintendent Small Ships will allocate the task to one of the small ship sections depending on availability of ships.

Each Small Ship Section is responsible to COSC for operations control of their sections.

Water Tpt Group will take on charge and control all Aust ships except ANGAU who have their own establishment and whose identity must be preserved. Until arrival of Water Tpt Group, Capt. Western will be in command of all Aust small ships.

Maintenance of Small Ships:

Water Tpt Group have a maintenance and W/Shop Coy and will construct and man the necessary ships. In addition both U.S. Section and Water Tpt Group will have floating W/Shops.

These repair facilities are available for all ships and Superintendent S.S. will allocate ships for repair to the various slips or floating repair ships.

Brig.
Agd (. SECOMBE)
for C.G. C.O.S.C.

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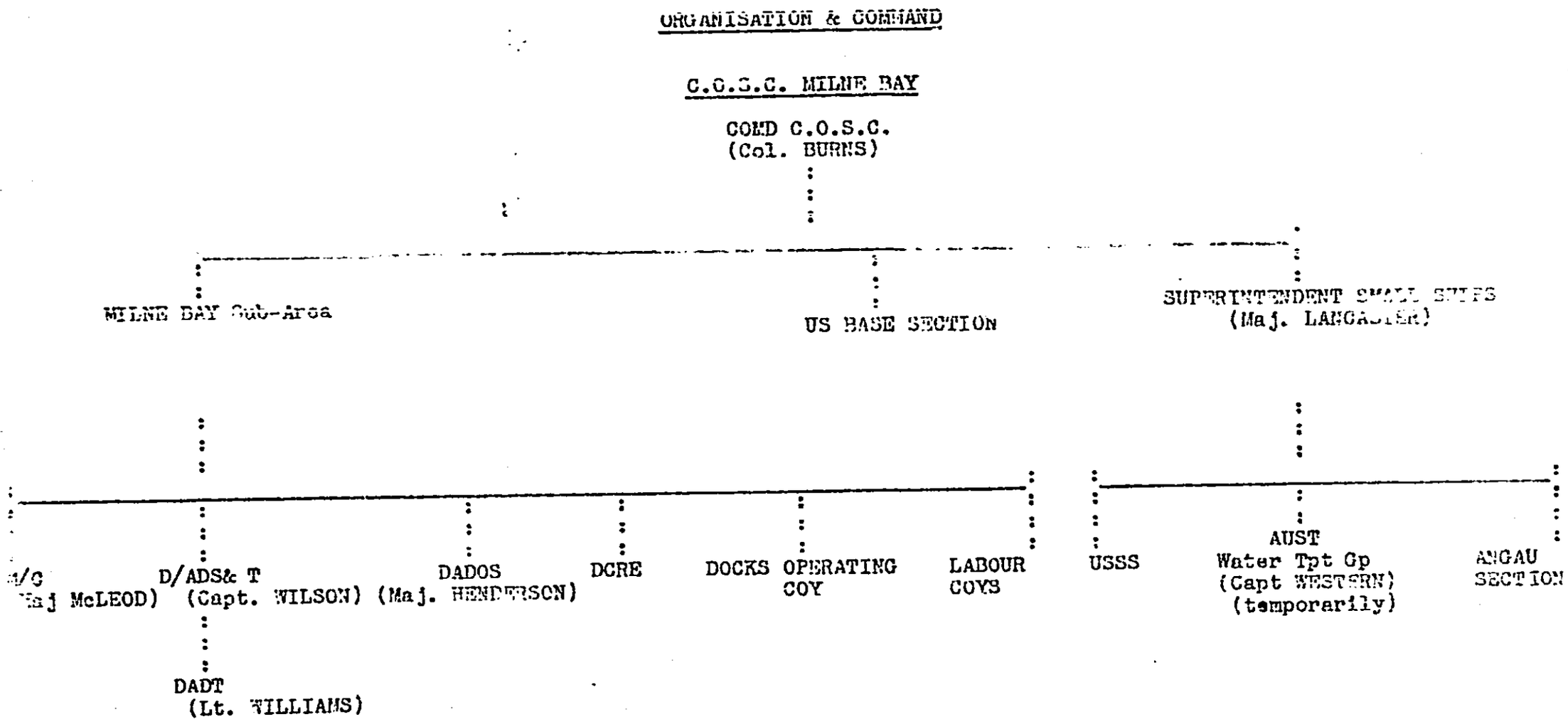
ORGANISATION & COMMAND

C.O.S.C. MILNE BAY



SUMMARY BY UNITS AND RANKS OF PERSONNEL DISEMBARKED EX SS TAROONA 4 DEC 42

UNITS	Dffrs	W.O's	Sgts	Cpls	Ptes	TOTAL O.R's	TOTAL ALL RANKS
2/3 Aust Conval Depot	7	4	11	15	27	57	64
3 Sec 3 Fd Survey Coy	1	3	3	2	9	17	18
2 Aust A/Malarial Cont	1		1	5		6	7
Sec 4 Adv Ord Dep NGF			3	3	15	21	21
Y Bty 2/4 Fd Regt	1		4	4	23	31	32
Det 111 Lt AA Regt	3			1	56	57	60
C Gp 2/3 Dock Op Coy	1	2	6	9	75	92	93
25 Coy AASC		1			9	10	10
2/2 Coy AASC	6	1	11	14	244	270	276
'X' List 2/5 Inf Bn	2		3	3	32	38	40
'X' List 2/6 Inf Bn	1			1	32	33	34
'X' List 2/7 Inf Bn	3		2	1	20	23	26
'X' List HQ 17 Bde				1	2	3	3
'X' List 2/10 Inf Bde			2		2	4	4
'X' List 2/9 Inf Bn			1		11	12	12
'X' List 2/1 Inf Bn					4	4	4
'X' List 2/1 CCS	1						1
2/6 Inf Bn	2						2
2/6 Armd Regt			1		1	2	2
2/9 Inf Bn		1				1	1
A.D.O.S.			1			1	1
101 A/Tk Regt					1	1	1
17 Bde Sec 6 Div Ord Wkshop				1		1	1
1 Ind Armd Regt					1	1	1
Salvation Army	1				1	1	2
61 Inf Bn					1	1	1
17 Inf Bn				1		1	1
Det 1 Aust Docks Cont	2						2
Total	32	12	49	61	566	688	720

(A.E. IRWIN) Lieut
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SUMMARY BY UNITS AND RANKS OF PERSONNEL
DISEMBARKED EX SS KATOOMBA 4 DEC 42

U N I T	OFFRS	WO's	SGTS	CPLS	PTES	TOTAL O.R's	TOTAL ALL RANKS
ESCORT PARTY (SMALL CRAFT ONLY)	1			1	3	4	5
NG REINFTS (INF) (EX 9 INF BDE)	4		4	11	159	174	178
NG REINFTS (INF) (EX 1 INF BDE)	4		7	19	158	184	188
NG REINFTS (INF) (EX 28 INF BDE)	4		3	4	78	85	89
NG REINFTS (AAMC) (EX 1 AUST DIV)					36	36	36
NG REINFTS (AASC) (EX 1 AUST DIV)				1	92	93	93
NG REINFTS (ENGRS) (EX 1 AUST DIV)				2	94	96	96
NG REINFTS (ENGRS) (CMF)					20	20	20
NG REINFTS (AAMC) (EX DDD)					38	38	38
NG REINFTS (ARTY) (FIELD) (EX DDD NSW)			6	14	115	135	135
NG REINFTS (ARTY HY AA) (EX VIC L OF C AREA)					25	25	25
NG REINFTS (ARTY HY AA) (EX DDD NSW L OF C AREA)					24	24	24
NG REINFTS (INF) (EX VIC L OF C AREA)			4	8	88	100	100
NG REINFTS (AAMC) (EX VIC L OF C AREA)				1	43	44	44
NG REINFTS (AASC) (EX Q'LAND L OF C AREA)			1	2	19	22	22
NG REINFTS (AAOC) (EX Q'LAND L OF C AREA)			3	3	69	75	75
T O T A L:	13		28	66	1060	1154	1167

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WAR DIARY

MILNE FORCE NEWS BULLETIN NO 96 4 Dec 42

SUMMARY OF ABC NEWS BULLETIN 1900L/4

NINE JAPANESE SHIPS SUNK

American naval forces have inflicted another heavy blow to Japanese sea strength. In the SOLOMONS group, north of GUADALCANAL, United States Naval units sank nine more Japanese ships, comprising two large destroyers or possibly cruisers, four destroyers, two transports and one cargo ship. Not a single Japanese ship got through to land reinforcements on GUADALCANAL. One United States cruiser was sunk and other vessels damaged.

United States kept up their attack on Japanese ground positions on GUADALCANAL. Patrols of American marines inflicted casualties on the Japanese.

ENEMY RESISTING STUBBORNLY AT BUNA

In the BUNA-GONA area the enemy is still resisting stubbornly. Our troops continue their slow but steady advance on BUNA. They are assisted continually by artillery and Allied aircraft. Our planes are constantly on guard for attempts by the enemy to relieve or remove their beleagured forces. Considerable losses have been inflicted on the enemy around the BUNA beach head. At one point our troops found more than 400 enemy dead. The Japanese usually carry their dead for cremation.

RED ARMY CONTINUES PROGRESS

The Red Army made further progress in the Southern and Central fronts. The German resistance is stiffening and the Soviet offensive has been halted at some points. Around RCHEV the wedge driven into the enemy positions has been widened. On the South-western sector the Germans lost a further 1200 killed. The German attempts to reinforce their encircled forces before STALINGRAD have been frustrated.

BATTLE FOR NORTH AFRICA

A German counter attack 15 miles from TUNIS has been smashed by the Allied forces. A correspondent says that during the first German counter-attack 15 German paratroops, dressed as Arabs, were dropped to hinder the Allied advancing forces. The Germans began their attack with a spearhead of 50 tanks. British 25-pdrs withheld their fire until the Germans were at point blank range and the Germans were forced to retire. The Axis forces are strongly entrenched and it will take heavy and sustained attacks to dislodge them.

The 8th Army has been probing Rommel's defences. There has been heavy artillery fire from both sides and much air activity.

NEWS ITEMS IN BRIEF

Alerts were sounded in Swiss towns last night indicating that the RAF was on its way to raid Italy ....

American correspondents have criticised the way in which DARLAN has been allowed to assume dictatorial power in NORTH AFRICA ....

The Federal Treasurer (Mr. Chifley) said to-night that £25,000,000 was needed to fill the Austerity Loan, the objective of which was £100000000. Only nine days remain .....

Fred Bluett, one of the best known comedians in Australia, died in Sydney last night at the age of 66 ...

DAILY HEALTH NOTES NO 2

There is an impression in some quarters that the taking of quinine causes sterility. This is quite untrue; no case of sterility due to the taking of quinine by mouth has ever been known.

Occasionally malaria is a cause of sterility, but this is in spite of, and NOT because of, the taking of quinine.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION

HQ
MILNE FORCE
5 Dec 42

1. Appendix "A" details personnel and stores to embark on SS "MELINDA" 5 Dec 42 for destination as laid down in paragraph 7.

The loading of stores and embarkation of personnel will be carried out by COSC.

2/5 Aust Fd Regt will detail one Officer to assist COSC with the loading of arty eqpt.

2. EMBARKATION

The following sub-unit and reinforcements will embark. Time to be notified later.

(a) D Tp , less 1 sec 10 Bty, 2/5 Aust Fd Regt.
(b) 142 reinforcements for 2/10 Aust Inf Bn.

3. MESSING

Messing of personnel whilst at sea will be the responsibility of O.C. Tps.

Personnel will carry three days' emergency rations.

AASC will arrange for the loading of seven days' rations for 160 personnel. Quinine on the same basis will be included.

4. AMMUNITION

Small arms ammunition will be available during the voyage.

5. MEDICAL

ADMS, MILNE FORCE, will provide two medical orderlies and necessary medical kit for the use of personnel throughout the voyage. Medical orderlies will return to MILNE BAY by first available means. COSC will provide one Medical Officer for voyage only.

6. ACCOMMODATION STORES

ADOS , MILNE FORCE, will provide sufficient tentage to accommodate reinforcements at their destination, and will arrange for the loading of stores through COSC.

7. DISEMBARKATION

(a) Reinforcements 2/10 Aust Inf Bn will disembark at WAIGEO.

(b) D Tp less 1 sec 10 Fd Bty, 2/5 Aust Fd Regt, will disembark at [illegible].

8. C/O. TROOPS

The senior combatant officer will assume control of all military personnel and will be responsible for A/A protection of the vessel during the voyage.

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9. SECURITY

The necessity for maintaining the strictest security in connection with the movement will be impressed on all concerned.

10. ACK.

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for AA & GEG. MILNE FORCE

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APPENDIX "A"

UNIT	PERSONNEL Offrs	PERSONNEL O R's	STORES	DESTINATION	REMARKS
D Tp 2/5 Mnst Fd Regt	5	56	Unit Eqpt 3 tons 3 x 25 Pdr Guns 4 tons Ammo - 880 rds HE 80 " smoke } 16 tons 40 " A.P. 303 AP - 1668 rds 303 TCR - 751 " 303 Dall-2500 " 305 Bdr - 700 " } 4 tons Cart Illum 1" - 30 Primers Persussion - 30)	Porlock Hbr.	
Reinforcements	4	154	Camp Eqpt } 1 Ton Ammo SAA 10,000 Rds } ½ Ton	Wanigela	
AASC	Nil	Nil	Rations - 2 tons		For consumption on voyage Balance Wanigela & Porlock
RAE	Nil	Nil	50 x 2 Gall Water Cans - 2 cwt	Porlock	For Capt Bodham-Whetham
AAMC	1	2	- -	Voyage only }	Return first available means.
COSC MG			- -	Voyage only }	
	8	192			

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ Melne Force. (Unit)
A.I.F 11/11/42 32nd/161 Attached OXI.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).		3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Maj Gens. *	1	1		
Brigadiers. *	3	3		
Lieut.-Colonels	2	1		1
Majors	9	9		
Captains	17	12		5
Lieutenants	4	4	2	
2nd Lieutenants				
Quartermasters				
Totals	34	30	2	6

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		Nil		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		Nil		

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(I) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1 Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt/Col T/Brig	NX 10053	Clowes C.H	HQ Abilene F	Yes	Commander
Col T/Brig	NX 231	Charlton F.O	"	"	I.O (Staff)
Maj T/Col	NX 100521	Mitchell J.C	"	"	H.Q. Abilene
Capt T/Col	NX 1516	Mountbatten L.F.A	"	"	A.D.M.
Lt/Lt T/Col	NX 120201	Moyes J	"	"	P.P. Courts Martial
Lt T/Brig	NX 111521	Lingle C.W.	"	"	I.O. (Ops)
T/Brig	NX 5016	O'Callaghan J.J.	"	"	H.Q. "
T/Brig	NX 116102	Cook, J.G.	"	"	I.O. (Hosty)
Lt T/Brig	NX 100186	Willis J.W.	"	"	D.A.A.G.
Capt T/Brig	VX 1512	Green F.E.	"	"	D.A.D.O.S. (E)
Capt T/Brig	NX 3668	Magarey J.K.	"	"	D.A.D.M.S.
Capt T/Brig	NX 20896	Lockhead A	"	"	I.S.O.
Lt T/Brig	NX 37329	Paisley K.J.	"	"	D.A.Q.M.G.
Chaplain	VX 46510	Bland D	"	"	Senr. Chaplain C.F.
Capt	VX 58193	McQueen J.H.	"	"	D.A.D.H.
Lt T/Capt	NX 6114	Speight W.J.	"	"	Liaison Offr (Int)
Lt T/Capt	NX 100065	Bostock. Wotherspoon J.C.	"	"	"
Lt T/Capt	NX 17010	Robertson W.E.	"	"	"
Lt T/Capt	NX 107675	Thompson R.H.S.	"	"	" (Ops)
Lt T/Capt	NX 102508	Aitken J.E.	"	"	Camp Comdt.
Lt T/Capt	NX 52725	Robertson E.D.	"	"	Asst Camp Comdt.
Lt T/Capt		Bostwick J.H.S.	"	Leave	I/C Chin. Warfare.
Lt T/Capt	NX 100067	Hawkesworth H.W.	"	Yes	D.A.P.M.
Lt T/Capt	NX 100067	Young C.	"	"	Catering Adviser
Lt T/Capt	NX 24327	Allen T.W.	"	"	D.A.M.G. (Learner)
Lt T/Capt	N 19127	Rosanquet J.F.	"	Nauru	I. Duties
Lt	NX 100168	Freeland W.S.	"	Yes	I.O. Inter Allied Games)
Lt	NX 29513	Carter J.J.	"	"	Aide de Camp.
Lt	VX 1345	McNally J.F.X.	"	"	D.A.D.O.S. (O)
Lt	N 23572	Beaurepaire D.S.	"	"	Actg D.A.A.G. (Recruiting)
		Nil Officers attached from Other Corps			
				Duty	Absence of
				Absent	Attachment
Capt T/Maj	NX 1191	Sullivan A.P.	HQ NGF	22 9 42	D.A.D.Sig. (Base)
Lt	QX 15605	Jutsum L.L.	2/3rd Bde	16 9 42	I. Duties
Lt	VX 1337	Cowan J.K.S.	2/3rd Bde	11 10 42	I. Duties
Lt T/Capt	NX 11009	Maloney C.H.	7/9 Bn	7 10 42	I. Duties
Lt	Q 416611	Everdale A.F.	HQ 7 Bde	20 10 42	Int Duties
T/Maj	NX 12499	McKean A.C.	2/3rd Coy	6 11 42	Int Officer
Lt T/Capt	VX 37027	McBride D.H.	HQ 7th Bde	13 11 42	A Duties

~~(II) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.~~

~~Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.~~	~~Personal Number.~~	~~Name and Initials.~~	~~Corps.~~	~~Date of attachment.~~	~~Nature of attachment.~~
Lt/Capt T/Capt		Yelton A. Henderson L.J.	Marine Det		
Lt Capt	QX 42550	Mills H.F.	HQ Abilene F	22 11 42	A Branch Duties
Maj	VX 65175	Henderson P.W.	VX 10 AUD	2 12 42	

HQ Abilene Force. (Unit.)

5 Dec. 1942. (Date of Despatch.)

J.H. Allen Capt. (Signature of Commander.)

Camp Commandant (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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MILNE FORCE ROUTINE ORDERS
PART 1
BY
MAJOR-GENERAL C.A. CLOWES
COMD MILNE FORCE

HQ
MILNE FORCE
AUSTRALIA
5 DEC 42

GENERAL STAFF

420. REPORTING SIGNAL STRENGTHS - SCALE OF NOTATION FOR (GRO G562)

1. With effect immediately the existing method of reporting signal strengths on the scale R1 to R2 will be replaced by R1 to R5. The new table has been adopted already by RAN, RAAF and US formations.

2. The table below relates intelligibility of signals to the new numerical scale :-

R1 .... Hardly perceptible ; unreadable.
R2 .... Weak; readable at times
R3 .... Fairly good; readable but with difficulty.
R4 .... Good ; readable.
R5 .... Very good; perfectly readable.

Col
Col
CO, MILNE FORCE

ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S STAFF

421. FIELD RETURNS AAF's W6008 and W6009.

ALL AMF units under command of MILNE FORCE will distribute copies of the above return , compiled as at 0900 hrs each SATURDAY, through normal channels as under :-

TO	FORM REQUIRED	NO REQUIRED	REMARKS
RLO, MILNE FORCE	AAF W6008 " W6009	2 2	
HQ MILNE FORCE	" W6008	1	By 0900 each MONDAY
UNIT WAR DIARY	" W6008	2	
UNIT FILE	" W6008 " W6009	1	

423. UNAUTHORISED SHOOTING

Reference is drawn to Milne Force Routine Orders, 26 Sep 42, para 256 and 142, para 7 - "Fire arms will not be used except for military purposes."

The military purposes referred to do NOT include or permit of the firing of a round or rounds for the purpose of cleaning the bore of any firearm.

The substance of this order will be repeated in all unit R.Os

425. MALARIA CONTROL

All units that have not already done so will form unit anti-malaria control squads of one NCO and 3 O/Rs. Tng of these squads will be mutually arranged between units and 2/8 Anti-Malaria Control Unit.

424. BARGA VILLAGE -OUT OF BOUNDS

BARGA and neighbouring native villages are out of bounds to all troops unless on duty.

Trading with natives for fruit and vegetables grown in the above area is prohibited as all supplies are required for native hospital.

426. RECONSTITUTION OF PAYBOOKS (Reference Command Pay Master's Instn No 38 - para 2)

To avoid Pay Sergeants duplicating any action in preparation of extracts of paybooks (Form WF 5D) a notation should be made on page 2 of the pay book, and in both cash payments and earnings, against the line in each case up to which entries have been extracted. The notation should read "5DE"

426. SUPPLEMENTARY RATION ALLOWANCE

Attention of all units is drawn to GRO No F 130 para 10, as amended by GRO 481. Action will be taken to submit supplementary ration statements to Milne Force Paymaster in terms of this order.

427. CLOSING TIMES FOR MAILS

Units are advised that mails will close at the Field Post Offices at the following times daily, seven days per week :-

F P O	068	1.30 p.m.
F P O	000	2 p.m.
F P O	52	2.30 p.m.
F P O	24	3.30 p.m.
F P O	079	6 p.m.

All mail matter posted before these times will be included in the despatch made up nightly at the Base Post Office, MILNE FORCE, for transport to the mainland early next morning.

Inter-unit mail posted before these hours will be delivered next morning to individual units after sortation at Base Post Office each night.

PARCELS : Personnel are submitting articles for posting which cannot be accepted as they are over-weight or too long. As Army mail is contained in 3ft bran bags on account of the shortage of 4ft canvas bags, the maximum length of any parcel must not exceed 2ft 6in. and the weight is limited to 11lbs exactly. Anything over these dimensions is not acceptable.

AIRMAIL LETTER CARDS : Further stocks have come to hand and Units may now requisition on the Base Post Office stating strength for one month's supply at the rate of two per man per week.

420. ARMY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE

Formations and units are asked to invite applications from pers. possessing qualifications in Music to fill a vacancy which exists in Force HQ for a WO1 (Music).

Applications setting out qualifications should be forwarded to this HQ without delay.

429. AUSTRALIAN ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS FORMATION OF CORPS AND TRANSFERS THERETO

GRO 0578 of 20 Nov 42 will be implemented by the following action, which takes effect as from 1 Dec 42 ...

(a) CHANGES IN DESIGNATION OF APPOINTMENTS WKSHOP UNITS: Existing designation of Ord personnel appointment will be changed as per Appx "A" of the above quoted GRO.

(b) CHANGED DESIGNATION OF ORD WKSHOP UNITS : Now to be designated as per Appx "B" of the above-quoted GRO.

(c) CASUALTY RETURNS.

(i) Action will be taken by ADOS MILNE FORCE to pass Casualty Returns in accordance with para 4(c) of GRO 578 in respect of the changes of designation and transferring all personnel to L&D's, Wkshops. under comd. to newly designated units, one copy to DRO Liaison Offr, Milne Force, and one copy direct to DME LHQ.

(ii) ADOME of Formations will then arrange for Casualty Returns to be submitted, taking on strength of newly designated units all personnel transferred vide para (c) (i) above. Copies to be forwarded as provided in that sub-para.

(iii) Units on whose strength AAOC personnel are shown as attached will pass Casualty Returns transferring such personnel to the new Corps.
In this connection refer to Appx "C" and paras 3 and 4 (b) of the above quoted order.

(iv) AAF WSCOC's will be submitted by all new units , two copies to DRO Liaison Offr, MILNE FORCE, one copy to ADME and one copy to HQ MILNE FORCE.

(d) ADMIN

The head of the Corps of AEME's in so far as HQ MILNE FORCE is concerned is the ADME HQ MILNE FORCE and all matters formerly Ord (E) and personnel (E) and previously administered by ADOS , HQ MILNE FORCE, will now be referred to ADME HQ MILNE FORCE.

(e) ADME will be responsible for advice of new units & personnel to postal services.

for [illegible] Col
A & QMG. MILNE FORCE

NOTICES

REGISTERED MAIL

A registered letter is held at the BASE POST OFFICE addressed to-

VX185414 GNR. HILLIS (?) E.A. (?)

Address is unintelligable and has no other particulars than the above.

Owner may collect same at BASE POST OFFICE on production of his pay book or other means of identification,

SALT

Units which are not receiving copies of SALT are asked to contact S/C Educ. MILNE FORCE.

A number of copies of the issue dated 9 Nov 42 and other back numbers is available.

AFI 5033 (Dental Treatment Card) of QX23893 Pte C Hill is held at HQ MILNE FORCE and may be collected by unit concerned.

LOST

Wallet green waterproof containing Ration Book and Pay Book No D/10950 for QX4633 Pte L.W. MONROE. Finder please return to 2/9 Aust Inf Bn.

Watch, wrist, circular, steel encased "Sportresist",Swiss make. Finder please return to HQ RAE,MILNE FORCE.

FOUND

Wallet,brown leather,containing photographs,money and pay book of QX1179 Pte E.G.McGowan and may be collected by owner at HQ Milne Force.

Pay book (No 423868) - NX43645 Spr F.W. Spencer may be collected at HQ MILNE FORCE

The following identity discs have been found and may be collected as under :-

Q13802	W.V.	GINN	at AA GP HQ	
TX372	M.K.	BENNETT	" HQ MILNE	FORCE
QX23152	J.F.	DAVIS	" "	"
QX19735	A.G.	MCKIE	" "	"
SX1612	T.G.	ADAMS	" "	"
QX31145	H.L.	MARTIN	" "	"

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SUMMARY OF ABC NEWS BULLETIN 1900L/ 5

ALLIED GRIP TIGHTENS IN PAPUA

The Allied troops are tightening their grip on the remaining Japanese strongholds in PAPUA. The Americans are approaching BUNA along a creek and the forward elements of the Australian forces have closed in on GONA. With the objective of securing SANANANDA, the Australians are making their way along the beach. The strip of land the Japanese are holding has been cut down considerably. Some of the outer Japanese defences are only 200 yards from the sea.

Much of the air activity yesterday was over SANANANDA. Japanese positions were severely attacked. Nine heavy Japanese planes, escorted by 14 Zeros, dropped food supplies to the hard-pressed, beleagured Japanese troops. There is no report of Allied planes intercepting these machines.

RED ARMY DRIVE CONTINUES

Although a terrific blizzard is raging on the Central front, the Red Army continues its drive against strongly held enemy positions. A new thrust aimed at the key city of SMOLENSK is reported. BERLIN admits the new Soviet thrust and states that supplies are being rushed to meet the threat. Soviet units continue the liquidation of certain encircled German strongpoints.

At ROHEV strong German counter attacks were driven back. The Russian grip on the 250,000 German troops, caught in the pincer movement, has not been relaxed. The Red Army has renewed its attacks on the Southern and Central fronts.

AXIS COUNTER ATTACKS IN NORTH AFRICA

"Axis counter-attacks in TUNISIA do not appear to be achieving their objective but they are holding up the advance of the 1st Army," says the London "Times." Consistent enemy air attacks are making it difficult for the Allies to hold their positions . The 1st Army has been content to consolidate its positions.

The docks at BIZERTA were attacked by Allied planes in a daylight raid. In NE TUNISIA enemy positions were attacked from the air.

A London correspondent said that the relatively unfavourable position in TUNISIA was due to the Allies' difficulty in preparing the airfields for use by our planes. The Allies cannot expect air superiority in TUNISIA for some time. It is reported that 600 German aircraft are operating in SICILY, BIZERTA and TUNIS triangle.

The spearhead of the 8th Army is attacking strong enemy positions. It is receiving strong air support.

JAPS SHORT OF SUPPLIES AT GUADALCANAL

In WASHINGTON , the Secretary for the Navy (Col Knox) confirms reports that the Japanese forces on GUADALCANAL are running short of supplies. America had won round 3 of the battle for the SOLOMONS, he said. The Japanese would try again. The further attempt of the enemy to land supplies and reinforcements should show clearly how acute the enemy's position was at present.

AUSTRALIA'S AUSTERITY LOAN

The Austerity Loan closes on December 15. Many more subscribers are required to reach the objective of £100,000,000.

DAILY HEALTH NOTES NO 3

JAPANESE ALLIES WITHIN UNIT LINES ... Flies are your worst enemies . Kill them ruthlessly with every weapon.

SUMMARY OF ABC NEWS BULLETIN 1900L/ 6

JAPS LOSE MORE GROUND IN PAPUA

In the battle for PAPUA, the hard-pressed Japanese have lost further ground. A communique from General MacArthur's Headquarters reports advances by Allied troops on the beach east and west of GONA. Activity in the BUNA-GONA sector has been limited to sporadic fighting. Enemy defence installations at BUNA were attacked by our bombers.

In a heavy raid on KAVIENG, our planes dropped 50 tons of bombs on aerodrome dispersal areas. Enemy supply vessels were attacked off TIMOR.

LOSSES AT PEARL HARBOUR

A year ago to-day, Japan attacked PEARL HARBOUR and war came to the PACIFIC. For the first time, the American Government has released the full story of PEARL HARBOUR. When the attack was made, America had 86 warships in the harbour. As a result of the Japanese attack, five battleships, three destroyers, one mine layer, a target ship and a large floating dock were sunk. Three destroyers and a cruiser were also damaged. 80 Naval aircraft and nearly 100 other aircraft were destroyed. 2000 naval men were killed and more than 800 wounded. The Army lost 200. In the attack, the Japanese used 21 torpedo planes and 36 bombers. They lost 50 aircraft and three midget submarines.

An American spokesman said that if the full story of PEARL HARBOUR had been told shortly after the attack, the Japanese would have made further assaults. If the bastion of HAWAII had been occupied, the West Coast of America would have been reached by now. Had they known the full extent of the damage inflicted at PEARL HARBOUR, the Japanese may have sent another force and driven America from the PACIFIC.

The United States is now turning out a volume of armaments equalling the Axis production. The tide of production has turned in favour of the united nations. America has spent 47,000,000,000 dollars (£11,000,000,000) on the war.

RED ARMY ADVANCES

The Red Army has made further progress in the latest offensive on the Central and Southern fronts. South of the Don elbow, the Soviet forces have begun another surprise offensive. The drive is towards ROSTOV. One correspondent says that the recapture of ROSTOV would close the door behind the Germans in the CAUCASUS. In the CAUCASUS, the Soviet forces have made successful attacks.

GERMANS OCCUPY BEDJA

It is still not clear whether the enemy forces which entered BEDJA in NORTH TUNISIA have occupied the town. It is reported that the Allied forces have been re-grouped on the heights near BEDJA. The 1st Army is well entrenched and the enemy is trying hard to dislodge them. The Allies will not be able to attack TUNIS and BIZERTA for some time because of a lack of fighter aerodromes. In LIBYA there is only patrol activity. Bad weather is restricting flying.

NEWS ITEMS IN BRIEF

Tomorrow is the first anniversary of the declaration of war by Japan on the United Nations. Twelve months ago to-morrow the Prime Minister told the Australian people that "Japan had struck like an assassin in the night,".....

The Minister for the Army (Mr. Forde) said that people who thought the war could be won with no effort on their part should bear in mind the terrible hardships of soldiers in NEW GUINEA. "We must be prepared for at least three more years of war," he said.

DAILY HEALTH NOTES No 4

QUININE POWDER is valuable-it can be made up into solution for intravenous injection in the treatment of severe malaria cases. Quinine tablets which have crumbled to powder should be returned to Unit MOs to enable them to return it to DIDs.

SUMMARY BY UNITS AND RANKS DISEMBARKED KX" CANNON BAR " 7 DEC 42

Unit	Offrs.	Sgts	Cpls	Ptes	TOTAL OR	TOTAL AR
Sigs NG L of C		2	2	5	9	9
8 Aust Mov Con Gp				4	4	4
MPO				3	3	3
ANGAU	2					2
E Sec 2/1 Dental	1	1	1	2	4	5
Milne F Provost		1	1	[illegible]	2	8
2/6 Inf Bn	1	1			1	8
61 Inf Bn	1	1			1	8
2/5 Inf Bn	1	1			1	8
2/7 Inf Bn	3	1			1	4
HQ 18 Inf Bde	1			1	1	2
25 Inf Bde	1					1
	11	8	4	15	27	38

A.R. EWIN Lieut
Records Liaison Office

REPORT FOR WAR DIARY - 1 - 7 Dec 42.

HQ MILNE FORCE

On 1 Dec all Wkshop personnel changed over to R.E.M.E. Corps. Wkshop Units and specified tradesmen with Units now come under control of the ADME - Maj. Billis.

21 Reinforcements arrived on Dec 4 for 4 Adv Ord Depot. The reinforcements do not cover evacuations and further personnel who are awaiting transport on mainland are urgently required. Temporary relief has been obtained from some personnel of Lilliput Force who are in transit.

Good progress has been made at 4 Adv Ord Depot and the benefit of the last months ground work is now being reaped.

Some progress is being made with reconditioning of Amn but work is very much delayed by lack of personnel.

MAJOR
ADOS MILNE FORCE

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WAR DIARY

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SUMMARY OF ABC NEWS BULLETIN 1900L/7

RAF RAIDS ON GERMANY

R.A.F. heavy bombers last night switched their attack from Italy to Germany. BERLIN radio went off the air for a few hours last night. Details of the damage inflicted have not been released.

A total of 100 R.A.F. bombers raided important targets in Holland and American planes were over France. Nearly 200 fighters from Allied squadrons escorted the bombers. For the raid on Holland, the RAF bombers flashed 60 miles across the sea to the Dutch coast and inflicted severe damage on an important munitions factory. The factory is the latest and most important of its kind in Europe, employing more than 15,000 people. The factory is well defended but the planes came down at a low level.

United States Flying Fortresses made an attack on munition works in France. Seven German aircraft were destroyed. Two Allied bombers and one fighter are missing.

ATTACKS ON TUNIS AND BIZERTA

While British and American airmen were making these attacks, Allied aircraft were giving good support to the 1st Army. Heavy raids were made on TUNIS and BIZERTA. Docks and airfields at BIZERTA were attacked and docks at TUNIS were damaged.

The latest bulletin concerning the 1st Army deals only with air activity. The troops are well entrenched and are strongly protected from dive bombers and tanks.

It is reported from CAIRO that the 8th Army is preparing to strike at the Axis forces. Paris radio reports that the 8th Army has opened up a big artillery bombardment.

GERMAN AIR FORCE SUFFERS LOSSES

The war in the air also received prominence in the bulletin from MOSCOW. During the last week, 103 German aircraft were destroyed in Russia. They include many planes which tried to supply hard-pressed German troops in the DON-VOLGA elbow. 103 planes were lost by the Red Air Force.

South-west of STALINGRAD, the Red Army is pushing on towards an important railway. On the Central front, heavy fighting has taken place. It is not clear yet whether RZHEV has been completely surrounded by the Russian forces. The Germans are fighting back hard.

AMERICAN SUCCESSES IN SOLOMONS

American marines on GUADALCANAL have wiped out five Japanese bases. This is the result of raids lasting several weeks. The enemy lost 400 men and only 17 American marines were killed.

NEW GUINEA

Our troops advanced to the coast east of BUNA.

OTHER ITEMS IN BRIEF

The Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) and the Minister for External Affairs (Dr. Evatt) have sent messages to CHINA, praising the splendid resistance of the Chinese people during the long war against JAPAN. "When victory is achieved," Mr. Curtin said," our nations will be able to cooperate in the maintenance of peace in the Pacific."

A campaign is being conducted by the Government against S. bookmakers in Australia and the system of place betting cards . .

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EVACUATION OF CASUALTIES

Some doubt seems to exist as to what is the normal manner in which casualties are treated in the Medical Services in the Army.

The normal sequence of such treatment is evidenced by the procedure in force in MILNE BAY.

Sick are collected from unit R.A.Ps by vehicles from Field ambulances and are evacuated via ADS or MDS to a Casualty Clearing Station (CCS) where they are held until evacuation to a hospital is possible. This evacuation may be by motor ambulance convoy, hospital train , hospital ship or by air.

In MILNE BAY , cases are held in CCS's in larger numbers than normally because of difficulties in shipping. This increases the congestion in CCS, already congested by rather large numbers of soldiers suffering from malaria, who would normally be sent on to a General Hospital without delay in a CCS.

Ofcourse, as in most other things in life, there is a lot of luck about it : for instance, a soldier may be admitted to a CCS and discharged cured before a hospital ship calls here, while his more fortunate friend contracts his complaint just in time to get a sea trip to Queensland and back. Who would begrudge him his trip?

After treatment in a General Hospital, the soldier is discharged to a convalescent depot where he is "pepped up". He then goes to a Details Depot for re-equipment and is staged on to rejoin his friends in the old unit.

Those who have done the "round trip" all tell the same story:-

"It is better to remain well in MILNE BAY than contract Manunda Malaria with QUEENSLAND as a complication."

BN. STRENGTHS AS AT 7/12/42

BN.	AX	AY	AZ	B	C	E	F	G
9	- - -	4	- -	- -	28 615	1 5	1 6	5 170
25	- - -	13	1 1	- -	32 565	1 7	2 40	4 190
61	- - -	9	- -	- -	28 541	1 8	1 1	4 153
2/5	- - -	7	2 3	- -	24 642	1 9	3 27	12 181
2/6	- - -	10	- -	- -	25 657	2 8	- -	7 148
2/7	- - -	6	1 1	- -	25 573	2 8	- 4	5 155
2/9	- - 1	10	- -	- 12	32 557	2 11	- 23	5 81
2/10 (Hatforce	- - -	-	- -	- -	14 308	- 3	11 174	2 8
(Hansom	- - -	-	- -	- -	10 134	1 2	15 140	17 541
2/12	- - -	-	- -	2 186	37 799	2 12	2 21	2 23

W/E STRENGTH:	306	-	7494
BN. " :	255	-	5391
DEFICIENCY:	51	-	2103

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PERSONNEL EVACUATED -- TSS "KATOOMBA" - 5 Dec 42

AQ2999 HQ MILNE FORCE 6 Dec 42

1. The under-named personnel were evacuated to Australia per T.S.S. "KATOOMBA" and will be transferred to 'X' list to date 6 Dec 42.

Col
AA & QMG, MILNE FORCE

ARMY NO.	RANK.	NAME	CORPS	WOUND OR SICKNESS
Q121349	Pte	HALPIN,J.A.	9 Aust Inf Bn	Neuritis Cacheria M.S.
Q22555	"	O'SHEA,D.J.	25 do	Dermatitis of feet M.S.
Q113050	"	NEWBIGGING,L.G.	11 Aust Fd Amb	Pernit Mal. M.S.
Q113040	"	BLOOMER,R.	do	Hemorrial Anaemia
VX86413	S/Sgt	BARRETT,N.W.E.	33 Aust A/A Bty	N.Y.D.N. Debility
VX11962	Pte	WRIGHT ,A.E.	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	Bilat. Chronic Otitis Media M.S.
NX53417	L/Cpl	O'BRIEN,P.J.	2/1 Pioneers	Chronic Otitis
QX55	Dvr.	MONEYPENNY,E.C.	2/6 Coy AASC	Malaria,M.S.
Q113348	Dvr	CONNOLLY,H.B.	11 Aust Fd Amb	Glycosuria, M.S.
QX37980	Pte	KIDD,W.D.	HQ 7 Bde	Malaria,M.S.
Q122658	Spr	GOULD,K.G.	24 Fd Coy RAE	Malaria Debility
VX8642	Pte	JOHNS,L.	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	I & L hand infection,MS
QX37912	"	BOALER,L.	9 Aust Inf Bn	Dyspepsia M.S.
NX78565	Spr	BEGGS,E.J.	2/3 D.O.C.	Peptic ulcer,M.S.
WX1192	Sgt	EATON,E.V.	HQ 17 Bde	Dermatitis of face,M.S.
Q100354	Pte	CROWTHER,L.J.	9 Aust Inf Bn	Arthritis of L.foot,M.S
Q75660	L/Bdr	HANCOCK,L.R.	101 A/Tank	Malaria Debility,M.S.
QX37991	Pte	ATKINSON,W.S.	9 Aust Inf Bn	Malaria Debility,M.S.
WX29034	L/Cpl	JOYCE,J.	Sigs MILNE FORCE	Malarial Anaemia,M.S.
Q113009	Pte	WALSH,J.P.	11 Aust Fd Amb	Malarial Anaemia,M.S.
WX13308	"	ALLISON,W.C.	2/5 Bn	Malarial Anaemia,M.S.
WX13451	Gnr	Bell,J.	"A" Hvy Bty	Malarial Anaemia,M.S.
WX15400	Pte	DONOUGHOE,G.	Nl Sec 2/1 Aust Fd Butchery	Malarial Anaemia,M.S.
QX531541	Lieut.	CAMPBELL,L.J.	32 Aust Employ Coy.	Unsuitable service in tropics, M.S.
V19528	Lieut.	HUGHES,A.G.	do	N.Y.D. N. M.S.
QX19499	Spr.	MANN,A.G.	24 Fd. Coy.	Advanced Pyrrhoea Alveolaris,M.S.
QX31333	Pte	SIMPSON,C.A.	11 Aust Fd Amb	Malaria,M.S.
Q113024	"	CROUGH,V.J.	do	Malaria,M.S.
V13378	Sgt	CLARKE,J.H.P.	23 Hvy A/A	N.Y.D. N. M.S.
W23054	Sig.	ABRAHSOM,L.B.	Sigs Milne Force	Follicular Conjunctivitis,M.S.
NX87193	Pte	PEMBERTON,K.	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	Malarial Anaemia,M.S.
QX32143	Gnr.	THORPE,J.	235 Lt A/A	Malaria M.S.
NX21967	Pte.	MORRIS,A.E.	17 Bde W/shops	Malaria M.S.
VX77233	Spr.	FROST,M.	2/3 D.O.C.	Malaria,M.S.
Q64060	L/Cpl	QUINN,D.	241 L.A.D.	Malaria Debility,M.S.
QX146816	Gnr	RICHARDSON,E.G.	A Hvy Bty	Malarial Anaemia,M.S.
NX28020	"	POSTOCHKA,M.	2/5 Fd Regt	Malaria Debility,M.S.
VX27151	Pte	DAVIES-FIDLAY,L.	2/5 Bn	Malaria M.S.
QX19012	Sig.	O'DEA,C.	2/5 Fd Regt	Malaria Debility,M.S.
NX86303	Spr.	LONGMORE,H.W.	2/3 D.O.C.	Debility-unsuitable service in tropics.M.S.
Q23248	Sgt.	SAMSON,A.B.	61 Inf Bn	N.Y.D. N. M.S.
W37063	Sig.	CLIFTON,C.E.	Sigs Milne Force	Malarial Anaemia,M.S.
Q35808	Pte	BARRY,H.R.	61 Bn	Malarial Anaemia,M.L.

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Q100828	Bdr	EVANS,R.	4 Bty 101 A/ Tk	Malarial Anaemia,M.S.
N243737	Pte	PHILLIS,E.	32 Aust Employ Coy	Malarial Anaemia,M.S.
QX37932	Sgt	BUTCHART,G.A.	9 Aust Inf Bn	Typhus,M.S.
Q16451	"	BECK,A.H.	9 do	Debility,M.S.
Q33617	Cpl	KIRKING,L.A.	101 Fd Park	Dermatitis,M.S.
NX16987	Bdr	DICKEY,W.A.	2/5 Fd Regt	Infected arm, M.S.
Q28530	Pte	McINTOSH,G.M.	61 Aust Inf Bn	Malaria,M.S.
Q16558	"	HUMBLE,T.H.	9 do	Malaria,M.S.
V236012	"	PROVIS,N.H.	32 Aust Emp.Coy.	Malaria,M.S.
QX2290	"	HARPER,A.J.	18 Bde HQ	Malaria,M.S.
Q129525	"	DEATH,H.R.	9 Aust Inf Bn	Malaria,M.S.
NX272564	Gnr	TUTTY,R.E.	A Bty RAA	Malarial Anaemia
V197028	Pte	McCRORIE,T.A.	32 Aust Emp Coy	Debility,M.S.
Q111428	"	HANNAN,P.W.	25 Aust Inf Bn	Malarial M.S.
NX168673	Gnr	UNDERWOOD,A.J.	A Bty RAA	Malarial Anaemia
NX26045	A/Cpl	HUNT,J.V.	2/7 Dir Prov Corp	Malaria,painful feet,MS
NX1346083	Dvr.	MULLER,C.T.	HQ Milne Force	Malaria,M.S.
NX19530	Bdr.	NOLAN,B.	2/6 Fd Regt	Malaria,M.S.
QX29986	Gnr.	SIMPSON,F.N.	101 A/Tk	Malaria,M.S.
Q125073	Pte	CAMPBELL,J.A.	25 Aust Inf Bn	Malarial Anaemia,M.S.
NX113106	Lieut	BISELL,H.H.	32 Aust Emp Coy	Unsuitable service in tropics,M.S.
Q15479	Pte	NEAVE,E.P.	HQ 7 BDE	Chronic Pulmon. Tuberculosis,M.S.
QX35541	Pte	LORRIMER G.	61 Bn	M.T. Malaria
Q102259	Pte	BROSNAN F.	61 Bn	" "
NX46880	Pte	LEHMANN,R.	61 Bn	B.T. Malaria
NX10562	Pte	ANDREWS,M.	2/1 Pioneer Bn	M.T. Malaria
Q102275	Pte	CLOHERTY,F.	61 Bn	B.T. Malaria
QX122	Sgt	WOCKNER,H.	2/9 Bn	M.T. "
QX493	Pte	HARRIS,L.	2/9 Bn	M.T. "
QX34799	Pte	EVANS,A.	Milne Force Tpt Pool	" "
Q103259	Pte	BOWDEN,H.	25 Bn	" "
Q31056	Pte	YARWOOD,H.	25 Bn	" "
N427130	Pte	BATEMAN,L.	32 Employ Coy	" "
S44085	Pte	MORRISON,T.	32 Employ Coy	" "
NX21331	Gnr	McKee ,J.	2/5 Fd Regt	" "
Q104387	Pte	MERKER,C.	25 Bn	" "
Q103364	Pte	THORNBER,S.	25 Bn	" "
Q21877	Pte	WICKHAM,H.	25 Bn	" "
Q106646	Pte	WOODGATE,E.	25 Bn	" "
Q128830	Pte	KUHLBROW,A.	25 Bn	B.T. "
NX17303	Gnr	GALLOWAY,R.	2/5 Fd Regt	M.T. "
Q22260	Pte	GORMAN,J.	25 Bn	" " Lumber Fibrositis.
NX105183	Pte	GUEST,N.	2/6 Bn	M.T. Malaria
Q22519	Pte	FRITH,C.	25 Bn	" "
NX95766	Pte	HOPE,R.	4 A.O.D.	" "
BV41	TEL.	HOUSTON,J.	N.I.C.A. ANGAU	" "
SX12664	Pte	SINCOCK,R.	2/6 Bn	
N162163	Pte	TITCUME,N.	32 Emp Coy	Inj. knee
VX32941	Pte	VIRGONA,A.	2/1 CCS	Renal colic
QX37479	Cpl	HUSHTON,A.	25 Bn	M. . Malaria
VX11579	Cpl	HUNT,A.	2/1 CCS	Mal. Malaria
Q22547	Sgt	STAY,E.	25 Bn	" "
NX2410	Gnr	LYNCH,G.	2/5 Fd Regt	" "
QX35696	Pte	HOCKINGS,V.	25 Bn	" "
VX4522	Pte	PIROIS,F.	2/5 Bn	" "
Q107925	Pte	HODKINSON,T.	61 Bn	" "
Q28348	Sgt	HOLDWAY,C.	61 Bn	Chron. Malaria
Q107991	Pte	Evans,G.	61 Bn	" "
QX15517	Pte	DURAN,G.	2/9 Bn	M.T. "
QX22559	Pte	McKnight,R.	2/9 Bn	

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Q28038	Pte	BURGE,A.	61 Bn	B.T. Malaria
Q28766	Pte	PAVEY,H.	61 Bn	" "
Q28077	Pte	STACEY,S.	61 Bn	M.T. Malaria
NX14619	Sig	BYRON,J.	Sigs,MILNE FORCE	" "
Q128465	Pte	LESKE,G.	9 Bn	" "
Q75731	Bdr	MORTON,R.	101 A/Tk Regt	" "
Q100173	Pte	O'BRIEN,O.	61 Bn	" "
Q28408	Cpl	LARSON,N.	61 Bn	" "
Q28523	Cpl	LUTTEREL,J.	61 Bn	" "
VX53690	Spr.	WHITNEY,C.	2/8 Fd Coy	" "
NX73695	Gnr.	McDONALD,A.	'A' Hvy Bty	" "
WX28522	Sig.	BURSILL ,W.	Sigs MILNE FORCE	" "
Q17115	Pte	HOOPER,S.	9 Bn	" "
NX22114	Gnr	WOOD,R.	2/9 Lt A A Bty	B.T. "
NX79196	Spr	DILLANO,S.	2/4 Fd Coy	M.T. "
SX1648	Pte	LEE,J.	HQ Qd Bn att 18 Bde	" "
NX8717	Sgt	FITZSIMMONS,R.	"A" Hvy Bty	" "
Q100008	Pte	GORDON,W.	9 Bn	" "
Q108442	Pte	HENRICK,F.	9 Bn	B.T. "
QX35167	Pte	DONOHUE,J.	25 Bn	Recd. "
				N.Y.D. EYES
Q13738	Cpl	BORN,A.	24 Fd Coy	B.T. Malaria
Q17178	Pte	ZAHL,H.	9 Bn	" "
Q22675	Pte	WREN,F.	25 Bn	M.T. "
NX59020	Spr.	LEUENBERGER,W.	2/4 Fd Coy	B.T. "
NX18417	Spr	BURKE,M.	2/4 Fd Coy	M.T. "
WX11522	Pte	KENNY,P.	2/6 Bn	" "
VX3394	Sig	STRIBE,R.	2/5 Bn	" "
NX94202	Gnr	LOGUE,G.	2/5 Fd Regt	" "
Q22581	Pte	HYE,A.	25 Bn	" "
VX25766	Pte	TATE,R.	2/5 Bn	" "
VX30703	Dvr.	SHERIDAN,G.	2/6 Coy AASC	" "
Q128573	Spr.	COSTIN,K.	24 Fd Coy	" "
VX59570	Pte	WHYBROW,A.	2/5 Bn	" "
N151796	Cpl	WILLS,C.	32 Emp Coy	Q.T. "
QX23261	Spr.	OGDEN,D.	2/4 Fd Coy	M.T. "
S44102	Pte	SHANNON,F.	32 Emp Coy	" "
N32814	Pte	COOPER,F.	32 Emp Coy	" "
VX26337	Pte	STEVENSON,J.	2/6 Bn	" "
N198402	Pte	COUGHLAN,G.	32 Emp Coy	" "
NX166019	Pte	BOURKE,D.	2/6 Bn	" "
QX40233	Pte	FLORENCE,G.	61 Bn	" "
Q28793	L/Cpl	CROWTHER,E.	61 Bn	" "
QX35166	Cpl	DOHERTY,V.	25 Bn	" "
Q28300	Sgt	McDONALD,D.	61 Bn	" "
Q100427	Pte	COULTHURST,F.	9 Bn	" "
VX45984	Sgt	ROSS,J.	2/9 Lt. A.A. BTY	" "
VX86421	S/Sgt	SUMMERS,P.	Base Postal	" "
Q16170	Pte	HARRIS,M.	9 Bn	" "
VX101269	Pte	GLEESON,L.	23 F.A.D.	" "
Q16454	Cpl	BENJAMIN,C.	9 Bn	" "
VX25181	Dvr.	JONES,G.	2/6 Coy AASC	" "
SX1602	Pte.	BROWNE,G.	2/10 Bn	" "
Q126110	Pte	JARMAIN,J.	61 Bn	" "
Q121757	Pte	LAWRENCE,B.	25 Bn	" "
Q21819	Cpl	DUNNE,E.	25 Bn	M.T. & B.T. Malaria
Q103221	Pte	WALTER,H.	25 Bn	M.T. Malaria
QX34447	Cpl	JOHNS,L.	25 Bn	" "
Q28703	Pte	WILKINSON,N.	61 Bn	" "
Q22570	Pte	SCHNITZERLING,A.	25 Bn	" "
Q103523	Sig	LYNCH,B.	25 Bn	B.T. "
Q105678	Pte	DWYER,J.	9 Bn	M.T. "
QX1286	L/Cpl	BROSE,F.	47 L.A.D.	" "
QX38042	Pte	WALSH,H.	9 Bn	" "
Q121970	Pte	BANKS,S.	9 Bn	" "
Q121970	Pte	WALKER,S.	9 Bn	

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Q103143	Pte	SMITH, R.	25 Bn	M.T.	Malaria
Q103108	Pte	SNOOK, S.	25 Bn	"	"
NX17036	Gnr	DUNN, D.	2/9 Lt. A.A. Bty	"	"
Q22619	Cpl	THORPE, T.	25 Bn	"	"
Q22696	Pte	ROSSITER, H.	25 Bn	"	"
Q22089	Pte	ASKIN, T.	25 Bn	"	"
VX28101	Pte	HATTAN, J.	2/1 CCS	"	"
Q120576	Spr	DOYLE, K.	2/5 Fd Coy	"	"
VX29300	Gnr	PETTITT, J.	2/6 Hvy A A Bty	"	"
Q104146	Pte	DIPPLE, R.	25 Bn	"	"
V47235	Cpl	CADDY, A.	32 Employ Coy	"	"
NX30314	Pte	HITCHCOCK, L.	2/25 Fd Pk	"	"
Q119587	Cpl	MURPHY, J.	4 A.C.D.	"	"
Q136029	Pte	THORPE, G.	2 Lt	"	"
V74073	Sgt	DONOGHUE, J.	32 Employ Coy	"	"
QX151	Pte	WHYTE, T.	2/9 Lt	"	"
VX11402	Cpl	GODFREY, R.	Sigs, MILNE FORCE	"	"
NX19674	Dvr	SUTHERLAND, J.	2/8 Coy AASC	"	"
W243599	Pte	KENT, H.	4 A.C.D.	"	"
NX[illegible]19	Gnr	KING, J.	2/6 Fd Regt	"	"
NX17963	Cpl	HAYHOE, C.	2/5 Fd Regt	"	"
NX87316	Spr	HIGGINS, H.	2/5 D.U.C.C.	"	"
NX20264	Sgt	MOSS, A.	2/4 Fd Coy	"	"
N105020	Pte	COLFAX, L.	2/8 Bn	P.U.O.	
QX15472	Pte	SADLIER, C.	2/7 Bn	"	
N236174	Pte	MOORE, F.	101 F.C.D.	M.T.	Malaria
NX95590	Pte	TAYLOR, B.	4 A.C.D.	"	"
NX10066	Gnr	HILL, F.	2/6 Fd Regt	"	"
VX69607	Pte	FLYNN, D.	H.Q. Armd Regt Ord Group	"	"
S2997	Pte	HYLE, G.	32 Employ Coy	"	"
N160220	Pte	COX, A.	32 Employ Coy	"	"
NX155653	Pte	PHILLIPS, N.	2/8 Bn	"	"
NX105003	Pte	THOMSON, J.	2/8 Bn	"	"
Q1149727	Pte	SUTCLIFFE, J.	25 Coy AASC	"	"
VX30743	Gnr	HOWE, F.	2/6 Hvy A A Bty	"	"
VX33604	Gnr	POWELL, J.	2/6 Hvy AA Bty	"	"
[illegible]110193	Cpl	HANRAHAN, K.	9 Bn	"	"
WX6390	Spr	SHEPHERD, S.	'A' Hvy Bty	"	"
Q104245	Pte	ROSENTHAL, L.	25 Bn	"	"
WX28962	Sig	CARTER, D.	Sigs Milne Force	"	"
NX14726	Gnr	HEYDE, I.	2/5 Fd Regt	"	"
NX73161	Pte	SKEEN, A.	101 F.C.D.	"	"
Q63709	Pte	HENDRICKSON, J.	25 F.A.D.	"	"
S56525	Pte	ELLIS, H.	32 Employ Coy	"	"
VX38046	Gnr	OLIVER, L.	2/5 Fd Regt	"	"
V175436	Pte	WILLIAMS, W.	32 Employ Coy	"	"
TX302	Pte	KINGSTON, D.	HQ 1st Bty	"	"
N166435	Pte	MORRIS, G.	32 Employ Coy	"	"
NX52304	Gnr	WEST, G.	2/5 Fd Regt	"	"
NX46113	Pte	McKillop, W.	4 A.C.D.	"	"
QX1055	S/Sgt	COTTRELL, M.	2/9 Bn	"	"
Q28492	Pte	ANDREWS, [illegible]	2/9 Bn	"	"
NX17705	Pte	DU-PILLE, K.	7 Div 18 Bde W/S	"	"
QX9159	Pte	BOREHAM, A.	2/9 Bn	"	"
QX2737	Pte	JACKSON, A.	2/9 Bn	"	"
QX15278	Pte	HOSKING, L.	2/9 Bn	"	"
WX12356	Dvr.	McCAULEY, L.	2/4 Coy AASC	"	"
QX16040	Gnr.	RUEGG, F.	101 A/Tk Regt	"	" Bronchitis
VX54301	Pte	STUART, G.	2/5 Bn	"	"
VX7617	Pte	McFARLANE, A.	2/5 Bn	"	"
TX4072	Pte	TURNER, T.	2/5 Bn	"	"
NX296662	Pte	HILES, T.	2/5 Bn	"	"
QX34128	Cpl	SAMMY, A.	25 Coy AASC	"	"
VX16906	Lcr	MORRALL, H.	2/6 Coy AASC	"	"
VX17078	[illegible]	LINGATT, W.	2/8 Coy AASC	"	"
NX24442	Pte	MOFFATT, J.	32 Employ Coy	P.U.O	
QX1102	Pte	CHRISTIE, J.	2/9 Bn.		

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MX12610	Pte	WALDOCK,W.	6 Div Ord Fd Pk	M.T. Malaria
VX3652	Dvr	BLACK,J.	2/6 CoyAASC	" "
VX1894	Cpl	DREW,H.	HQ 17 Bde	Scabies
Q147373	Pte	SPILLER,R.	25 Bn	Scabies M.T Malaria
M196079	Pte	SUNNINGHAM,L.	2/5 Bn	M.T. Malaria
Q104543	Pte	O'SHEA, P.	23 F.A.D.	" "
VX100620	Pte	SMITH,T.	B.I.B.O.D.	" "
VX54934	Pte	QUINLIVAN,L.	2/6 Bn	" "
NX60499	Dvr	HODGSON,N.	2/2 Fd Amb	" "
N214836	Spr	FUZ,A.	24 Fd Coy	" "
N256643	Cpl	GREENUP,S.	Prov MILNE FORCE	" "
SX14037	Pte	SHANNON,J.	2/6 Bn	" "
VX5647	Cpl	LESLIE,H.	2/5 Fd Amb	" "
VX11558	Sgt	NANKIVELL,J.	2/5 Bn	" "
Q22885	Lieut	BAKER,A.	25 Bn	Malaria
Q28330	Lieut	O'KEEFE,T.	61 Bn	"
N293511	Lieut	BENSTED,F.	ANGAU	Ulcer of leg
QX56035	Capt	CAMPBELL,K.	61 Bn	Haemorrhoids,Dermatitis Malaria.
SX526	Dvr	MAY,L.	2/2 Coy AASC	Urethritis
QX40698	Gnr.	BUTTLER,E.	235 Lt AA Bty	M.T. Malaria
Q104244	Pte	ROUGHEAD,M.	25 Bn	" "
VX9008	Pte	ROPER,H.	2/6 Bn	Disch. lt. ear
Q16778	Pte	OLLENBURG,C.	9 Bn	M.T. Malaria
Q136534	Pte	HENNEY,H.	61 Bn	" "
VX35833	Pte	LAMBOURNE,R	2/5 Bn	" "
NX10865	Pte	GENTLE,E.	Ind. Armd, Regt. Ord Group	" "
QX32748	Spr	HOOPER,L.	24 Fd Coy	" "
QX30690	Gnr	HOLM, L.	235 Lt AA Bty	" "
Q64072	L/Cpl	WILLIAS,C.	241 L.A.D.	" "
VX30044	Pte	WEST, L.	2/5 Bn	" "
VX52708	Pte	SHOESMITH R.	2/5 Bn	" "
TX4545	Pte	DONOHUE,D.	2/7 Bn att 2/1 CCS	" "
Q104190	Pte	HILL,A.	25 Bn	Clin malaria
NX105039	Pte	HENDY,N.	2/6 Bn	M.T. "
NX49751	Tpr	DAVIS,W.	2/6 Armd Regt	" "
NX111784	Pte	POPE,R.	2/7 Bn att 2/1 CCS	" "
VX17271	Dvr	SMITH,S.	2/6 Coy AASC	" "
VX3724	Dvr	LUNDBERG,R.	2/5 Bn att Milne Force Trans. Coy.	" "
VX3556	Pte	HULL,K.	2/6 Bn	" "
TX4946	Pte	BROWN E.	2/6 Bn	" "
N15408	Pte	AYRES,K.	2/6 Bn	" "
VX58332	Pte	BELLETT,F.	2/5 Bn	" "
VX34390	Pte	LYSAGHT,F.	2/6 Bn	" "
QX7444	Pte	LINTOTT A.	2/2 Fd Bty	Arthritis
VX42122	Pte	RATCLIFF,C.	2/5 Bn	M.T. Malaria
WX12570	Pte	EELES,L.	2/5 Bn	" "
N151895	Pte	PARMENTER,D.	2/6 Bn	" "
VX5580	Sgt	MUDIE,J.	2/7 Bn	" "
VX29631	Pte	HAYES,T.	2/7 Bn	" "
WX28979	Sig	BRIGGS,C.	Sigs Milne Force	P.U.O.
SX3147	Pte	McMAHON,B.	2/2 Fd Amb	M.T. Malaria
S 3147	Pte	POWELL,H.	HQ MILNE FORCE	" "
Q126254	Cpl	DONNIE,J.	2/8 A.M.C.U.	" "
VX6509	Pte	McDOUGALL,D.	2/1 CCS	" "
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NX86943	Pte	McLEOD,G.	2/5 Bn	" "
N151829	Pte	HUGHES,G.	2/6 Bn att 2/1 CCS	" "
NX57875	Pte	SPIVEY,W.	2/2/ Fd Amb	" "
VX53937	Pte	MURPHY,J.	2/6 Bn	" "
Q104279	Pte	TWIGG,E.	25 Bn	" "
VX12436	Pte	SWALLOW,G.	2/5 Bn	" "
Q101357	Pte	GORMAN	4 A.C.D.	" "
VX53230	Pte	DOBBIE,N.	2/5 Bn	" "
Q100627	Pte	WHITTOLE,H.	9 Bn	" "

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F466	Pte	HOCKING,E.	32 Employ Coy att 2/1 CCS	M.T. Malaria
QX31728	Pte	ROPE,F.	9 Bn	" "
Q121329	Pte	ENGLISH,W.	9 Bn	" "
Q22568	Sgt	PORTER,W.	25 Bn	" "
WX14238	Pte	McWHIRTER,W.	2/1 Pnr Bn	" "
QX28726	Pte	NORTH,J.	25 Bn	" "
Q100164	Pte	ROGERS,A.	9 Bn	" "
W77763	Sig	MOILER,F.	Sigs Milne Force	" "
Q28895	Pte	MOHR,K.	61 Bn	" "
NX110914	Pte	HORNE,W.	HQ CASC M. Force	" "
Q16971	Pte	RUSKA,A.	9 Bn	" "
NX92015	Pte	KELLY,R.	HQ 17 Bde	" "
Q16955	Pte	STOKES,W.	9 Bn	" "
Q28952	Pte	OSWIN,W.	61 Bn	" "
Q103328	L/Cpl	BARNES,C.	25 Bn	" "
Q100503	Pte	FULLER A.	9 Bn	" "
Q124684	Cpl	LOWTHER S.	101 Wkshops	" "
VX55638	Pte	MASON,T.	2/6 Bn	" "
Q121268	Pte	HOCKADAY,H.	61 Bn	" "
SX2405	Pte	McNAMARA,L.	2/10 Bn	" "
N263909	Pte	GARBUTT,N.	32 Employ Coy	" " & Chr. Bronchitis.
S41461	Pte	HINDES V.A.	"	Feet,old injury to ankle
S731	Pte	BUTLER,C.H.J.	"	Neurasthenia
S47603	"	FISK J.K.	"	Leg ulcer
S58150	"	PRYOR,A.W.H.	"	Asthenia
S62967	"	VILES,W.	"	Old head injury
S77407	"	BAKER,C.	"	Old head injury
S61295	"	MILLS,F.K.	"	Asthenia
S57577	"	CROWE,A.B.	"	Asthenia
S45612	"	TOMKIN,C.L.	"	Varicose veins
S61339	"	JOHNSTONE,H.C.	"	Leg planus, debility
S51532	"	COFFEY,T.M.	"	Chronic Bronchitis
N241250	"	FIELDING,P.G.	"	Old arthritis,left elbow
N413500	"	BABEKUL,L.	"	Old fracture, R knee
N161376	"	WHOLOHAN,W.G.	"	Peptic ulcer
N196914	"	VANE,R.R.	"	Asthma- old injury ankle
V17099	"	PORTER E.S.	"	N.Y.D.N.
V4672	"	FLANAGAN P.	"	To be examined- X ray
V186542	"	MESSENGER,W.	"	N.Y.D.N.
V101974	"	WILSON,H.E.	"	Old rheumatic fever
V286028	"	PEARL,W.B.	"	" " "
V506372	"	ADAM,W.B-K.	"	Bronchial asthma
V20930	"	ROCKSTRAW,G.G.	"	" " "
V175858	"	WILKINSON,L.C.	"	For investigation
V350706	"	CURRIE,C.K.	"	Hypertension
S9351	"	COX G.R.J.	"	"
S42218	"	SMITH,B.	"	Silicosis
S43394	"	CONNOLLY,P.J.	"	Liable in AMO
S1170	"	RYAN J.R.	"	Peptic ulcer
S58547	"	HARRIS M.	"	Asthenia
S212522	"	MANNING J.W.	"	(?) gastric ulcer (O/age)
N187770	"	LLOYD E.A.	"	(?) Kochs
S60081	"	JACKSON H.C.	"	(?) Kochs
N151336	"	PEET J.C./	"	N.Y.D.N.
V167444	"	BERRY E.W.	"	Asthenia 47 yrs
N211478	"	DIXON C.T.	"	Chronic bronchitis
N394413	"	ELLIOTT K.C.	"	Inguinal Hernia
N294176	"	LITTLE W.	"	Rheumatic fever

ARMY NO	RANK	NAME	CORPS	WOUND OR SICKNESS
N290155	Pte	HILL D,T A	32 Employ Coy	Lt Ing Hernia
N56312	"	POWER,E.O.	"	? T.B. Pulmon.
N127068	"	CARRINGTON?R	"	Pituitary dystraphy
N155986	"	HUGHANEY R	"	? Kochs infection
N248855	"	SHELEY,R.	"	Asthma
N151691	"	PALMER,A.T.	"	Testicle removed T B
N161574	"	TOGNINES E J	"	Chron bronchitis
S73528	"	FISHER L H	"	Cartilage rt knee
S485105	"	PERRY F.B.	"	Hypertension
S20838	"	DAVIS R A	"	Chron synovitis L knee
V6450	"	BOWYER F S	"	Pituitary Dystraphy
N16960	"	BROWN A S	"	Peptic ulcer
N187767	"	HUDSON J C	"	N Y D N
N54080	"	RILEY J R	"	Ingss deformity lt hand
N54086	"	HENT J A A	"	N Y D N
S18010	"	PFITZNER H R	"	N Y D N
S56024	"	McMULLEN H	"	Old injury ankle
N256380	"	BAIN T C	"	N Y D N
N211640	"	DIXON C T	"	Flat feet
N155651	"	McMULLEN?E.	"	N Y D N
N228575	"	WRIGHT A E	"	N Y D N
S9660	S/Sgt	RADCLIFF	"	Haemorrhoids & asthma
V6722	Sgt	OAKLEY	"	Arthritis of hip
S58547	Cpl.	HARRIS	"	Age 55. Asthenia
S215426	L/Cpl	GRIFFITHS J S	"	Asthenia
N191964	"	BUDD	"	Early graves disease N Y D N
N22307	Sgt	BUTLER B J J	HQ Milne Force	Nerve deafness
Q22708	Bte	McMILLAN, A.J.	25 Aust Inf Bn	Bilateral ingrowin toenails
VX61537	Pte	ISHERWOOD,R.	2/5 A I B	Ac Nasal synovitis
TX2488	Pte	LETTS,W.J.	2/6 A I B	Varicose veins
QX104168	Pte	HARWOOD,C.T.	25 A I B	Rec. synovitis knee
VX25796	Pte	RIGBY T O'C	2/5 A I B	Bronchitis
S50750	Pte	WILLIAMS H E R	32 A E C	N Y D N.
NX107225	Pte	ROBERTSON, R.B.	HQ MILNE FORCE	Varicocele
N1101718	Pte	JONES,T.P.	2/6 Bn	Recurrent dislocation Rt shoulder
VX1929	Cpl	SULY A	2/2 Aust Coy AASC	Sacro-iliac arthritis
VX85686	Cnr	SMITH P L	XXX 55 Aust AA Bty	Post malarial anaemia & debility
N16695	Pte	COLLAN J J	2/7 A I B	Hydrocele
NX19626	L/Cpl	CASHIN	2/2 Aust Fd Bakery	Dengue & debility
NX110883	Sgt	McWILLIAM	Field Cash Office	Hernia
N166539	Pte	REMMERS,A.R.	32 Aust Emp Coy	N Y D N (Personality defect)
Q28500	L/Cpl	POTTER L G	61 Bn	Left inguinal hernia
NX69670	Pte	BLANCHE A E	2/1 Pioneers	Ingrowin toenail
Q123547	S/Sgt	JUDD K F	81 Dental	
Q100131	Sgt	SUDMAN,C.O.T.	AAPC attd 7 Bde	
VX101718	Pte	JONES T P	2/6 Bn	
VX85686	Cnr	SMITH R L	55 A/A Bty	
VX12651	Pte	CARLYON E W	2/6 Inf Bn	
QX15449	Bte	EVERY J A	C Coy HQ Guard Bn	
Q105275	"	DORRIES, C.V.	25 A I B	
QX51858	Cnr	COVERLY C E	235 A A Bty	
NX77807	Sig	RAMSEY A J	Sigs Milne Force	
QX21791	Pte	LOFT E L	61 Bn	
Q125067	"	BARSDEN R	25 Bn	
QX1775	"	MURPHY E J V	2/12 Bn.	
VX53161	"	MURPHY,T.W.	2/5 Bn	

DISTRIBUTION.

HQ B Sqn 2/6 Arm Regt	1
HQ 2/5 Aust Fd Regt	1
HQ 'A' Fly Bty RAA	1
AADC	4
HQ RAE MILNE FORCE	5
" SIGS " "	1
" 7 Aust Inf Bde	5
" 17 Aust Inf Bde	5
" 18 Aust Inf Bde	5
HQ 2/5 Docks Op Coy	1
" 32 Aust Emp Coy	1
HQ Milne Force Provost	1
HQ Cond AASC	5
ADOS	4
ADME	4
ADMS	5
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HQ MILNE FORCE
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REINFORCEMENTS FOR MILNE FORCE

Further to HQ MILNE FORCE ADM INSTRUCTION NO. AQ 2650 of 1 Dec. '42.

Rftments other than Inf will be drafted to Units by Specialist Trades in accordance with the following schedules:-

ENGINEERS

U N I T:	GENERAL DUTIES	CARPENTERS	CONCRETERS	COOKS	BLACKSMITHS	BRICKLAYERS	DRAUGHTSMAN ARCHITECTURAL	DRAUGHTSMAN TOPOGRAPHICAL	ELECTRICIANS	ENGINE ARTIFICERS	ENGINE HANDS I/C	FITTERS	MECHANICS M.T.	MINERS	PAINTERS	PLUMBERS	STOREMEN TECHNICAL	SURVEYORS	TINSMITHS	TOTAL	A.I.F. or C.M.F.
HQ RAE MILNE FORCE				1				1												2	AIF
2/4 FD COY	17	8	2		2	2			1	7	4	2	1	8	2	2		1	2	55	"
2/8 FD COY	17						1													18	"
24 FD COY		4			1					4				3					1	14	CMF
T O T A L:	34	6	2	1	3	2	1	1	1	11	4	2	1	11	2	2		1	4	89	

A.A.S.C.

2/6 COY.,.A.S.C.	22	A.I.F.
25 COY A.S.C.	93	C.M.F.

ARTILLERY FIELD

UNIT:	GEN. DUTIES	SIGS.,	BTY SURVEYORS	TOTAL
2/5 FD REGT.	34	8	2	44 AIF.
3 BTY 2/1 A/TK.	5			5 AIF.
4 BTY 101 A/TK.	22			22 AIF.

BALANCE OF 64 TO BE ATTACHED 2/5 FD REGT.

ARTILLERY HY A.A.

2/6 HY A.A. BTY	25	
33 HY A.A. BTY	5	
A.A. GP HQ	7	
A.A. OPS ROOM	12	

R A.M.C.

2/1 CCS	15	AIF
2/5 FD AMB	27	"
2/2 FD AMB	34	"

10 C.C.S.	20	C.M.F.
11 Fd Amb	16	"

BALANCE 6 A.I.F. REINFTS TO BE ATTACHED 2/1 C.C.S.

Casualty Returns regarding personnel taken On Strength will be forwarded, in duplicate, to Records Liaison Offr, MILNE FORCE, and appropriate adjustments made to 3006's, 3008's and 3009's, for the Units concerned.

J. W. Willis Gray
Col
for AA & QMG, MILNE FORCE

PERSONNEL FOR FORWARD MOVEMENT WITH SECOND FLIGHT LILLIPUT AS AT 8 DEC. '42.

UNIT	NO.	DISEMBARKED FROM	PRESENT LOCATION	UNIT	JESSE APPLEGATE Offrs	JESSE APPLEGATE OR's	GRAND TOTAL
Aust GL Det	17	JESSE APPLEGATE	Rear of Factory	Aust Gl Det	1	16	17
10 Aust Fd Amb	17	"	GILIGILI	10 Aust Fd Amb	2	15	17
2/106 Gen Tpt Coy	31	"	"	2/106 Gen Tpt Coy	1	30	31
2/2 A/Tk Regt and 2/52 LAD & H Sec 7 Div Sigs	22	"	"	2/2 A/Tk Regt and 2/52 LAD & H Sec 7 Div Sigs	1	21	22
2/1 MG BN	6	"	"	2/1 MG BN	-	6	6
2/4 Fd Regt	3	"	"	2/4 Fd Regt	-	3	3
162 Lt A/A Bty	8	"	"	162 Lt A/A Bty	-	8	8
18 Army Fd Coy	2	"	"	18 Army Fd Coy	-	2	2
T O T A L:	106	-	-	T O T A L S:	5	101	106

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NINE FORCE NEWS BULLETIN NO 100 8 DEC 42

SUMMARY OF AIR NEWS BULLETIN 1000L/ 8

JAPS LOSE 18 AIRCRAFT

Most of the activity on the PAPUAN front yesterday was in the air. Hostile aircraft tried to give the hard-pressed Japanese in the BUNA area strong support. Our planes destroyed 18 enemy aircraft, including 6 enemy bombers, five dive bombers and seven Zeros. Our losses were negligible. Only 20 of the 38 enemy machines escaped.

Medium bombers and fighters attacked an aerodrome at LAE and destroyed three planes on the ground. Yesterday's figure of 21 planes lost brings the total of Japanese planes destroyed in the past two weeks to more than 100. Beaufighters participated in the raid on LAE. The field at LAE is badly battered and is littered with smashed planes.

Along the BUNA front bitter fighting is proceeding. No report has been received of any progress by the Allies. Allied artillery is still hammering the Japanese positions.

BIGGEST BATTLESHIP AFLOAT

On the anniversary of PEARL HARBOUR, the United States has launched the largest battleship ever constructed. She is the NEW JERSEY. Her tonnage is 52,000 and her speed more than 30 knots. She has nine 16in. guns and more anti-aircraft guns than a regiment of artillery.

DAKAR AS ALLIED NAVAL BASE

An American correspondent in North Africa has reported that the Governor-General of French West Africa has agreed to allow the Allies to use the port of DAKAR as a naval base. Allied ships and men interned in French West Africa have been released.

In NORTH AFRICA news from Tunisia and Libya is still meagre. Twenty miles west of TUNIS the fighting is still going on. The Allied forces are receiving strong support from the air.

The 8th Army is getting close to the enemy positions in LIBYA. Artillery is being used to good effect by the 8th Army. Rommel is prepared to wait on strongly protected positions on the hills for the 8th Army. A strong frontal battle may be needed to remove him.

RUSSIANS MEET STERN RESISTANCE

The Red Army is driving hard on the Western and Southern fronts but is meeting with stronger German resistance. The Russians have consolidated their already substantial gains.

R A F RAIDS

The R.A.F. made raids on targets in France, Holland and Germany.

DAILY HEALTH NOTES No 4

The severity of an attack of malaria depends, amongst other things, on the number of times the individual is bitten by an infected mosquito. In general, it is true to say that the greater the number of bites the more likely is the attack to break through suppress ive quinine and the worse that attack will be.

RATION POSITION AS AT 1600 HRS- 6 DEC '42

AT HILLS FORCE

WHITE	Ration Strength	18,716
	No of rations held	See attchd list
	No of days	
NATIVE	Ration Strength	3,500
	No of rations held	See attchd list
	No of days	

AT HATFORCE

WHITE	Ration Strength	888
	No of rations held	26,016
	No of days	32
NATIVE	Ration Strength	450
	No of rations held	23,650
	No of days	55

AT DRAKE FORCE
AT DRAKE FORCE

WHITE	Ration Strength	888
	No of rations held	14,814
	No of days	16 (8,874) in transit
NATIVE	Ration Strength	500
	No of rations held	11,700
	No of days	59

Major
DAQ'G. HILLS FORCE
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NATIVE RATION HOLDINGS BY A.N.G.A.U.

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BASIS 3,500.

COMMODITY.	DAYS HOLDING.
RICE	13
WHEAT MEAL	1
MEAT PRES	4
SUGAR	26
SOAP	5
MATCHES	10
SALT	2
BISCUITS	11
TEA	10
TOBACCO	380
MEAT EXTRACT	3

Lt. Col.
(J. Talbot)
C.A.S.C. Milne Force.

RATION HOLDING BASED ON STRENGTH OF 19,000.

DATE. 8 DECEMBER 1942.

COMMODITY.	NO. OF DAYS.	GROUP NO. OF DAYS.
BACON	54	54
MEAT PRESERVED	37	
MEAT & VEGETABLES	18	
MUTTON DEHY.	12	
SAUSAGES	4	
~~MACKEREL~~ FISH	6	
PORK & BEANS	10	
CAMP PIE.	2	89
BISCUITS	80	
FLOUR	5	
OATMEAL	1	
RICE.	14	100
BUTTER	58	58
MARGARINE	Nil	
CHEESE	97	97
VEGETABLES TINNED.	14	
VEGETABLES DRIED.	1	
PEAS. GREEN	1	16
TOMATOES TINNED	8	
TOMATOE JUICE	5	
POTATOES DEHY	7	
POTATOES DICED.	3	23
PEAS BLUE	36	
PEAS SPLIT	43	
LENTILS	29	108
TEA	291	297
COCOA	6	
COFFEE	4	4
SUGAR	104	104
MILK	36	
MILK EVAP.	2	38
JAM	22	
GOLDEN SYRUP	--	
M & V EXTRCT.	1	23
SALT	81	81
PEPPER	22	22
MUSTARD	36	36
CURRY	87	87
FRUIT DRIED	36	
FRUIT TINNED	151	
CURRANTS	1	188
BAKING POWDER.	-	
EGG POWDER	30	30

J. Talbot. Lt. Col.
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MEDICAL EVACUATION - SAT "TAROOMA"

HQ MILNE FORCE
9 DEC 42

The undermentioned personnel were evacuated to Australia by the SAT SS "TAROOMA" on 5 Dec 42, and will be transferred to 'X' List as from that date.

J. W. Walker Maj
COL
AA & QMG MILNE FORCE

VX	4459	Lieut	WALKER S:R:	2/6 Aust Inf Bn Sick (Slight)
VX	35641	Gnr	ANDREWARTHA W/H	2/6 Aust Hy AA Bty do
VX	21516	Gnr	RUSSELL B.	2/9 Lt AA Bty do
Q	28283	Spr	THOMPSON R:A	24 Aust Fd Coy RAE do
Q	100476	Pte	BUSE R.	9 Aust Inf Bde do
Q	28647	Spr	PATRICK F/T	24 Fd Coy RAE do
Q	27702	Sgt	BUTSON H/S	61 Aust Inf Bn do
Q	32388	Pte	HEALY J:P	9 Aust Inf Bn do
Q	28756	Pte	HICHET R.	61 Aust Inf Bn do
Q	145440	Pte	MILLER F/C	61 Aust Inf Bn do
QX	10229	Pte	MARTIN S/H/	2/9 Aust Inf Bn do
QX	23071	Pte	MURPHY W/J/	2/9 Aust Inf Bn do
Q	108073	Pte	TEALL M.	61 Aust Inf Bn do
QX	1207	Pte	WILLIAMSON R.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn do
Q	76437	L/Cpl	MUNN H/R.	1 Bomb Disposal Squad do
Q	103112	L/Cpl	BIDDLE N/E.	25 Aust Inf Bn Malaria M.T.
QX	20726	Gnr	CANNON H/H.	25 Aust Inf Bn Hyd of Tun. Vagin.
NX	150365	Gnr	LINSLEY A/A.	2/1 A/Tk Regt 2nd deg burns rt arm
Q	28247	Pte	RYAN R/P.	7 Bde HQ Mal M.T.
VX	20300	Dvr	HAZLEHAN L/V.	2/5 Fd Amb do
VX	23441	Pte	PRITCHARD T/P.	2/5 Fd Amb do
QX	36423	Spr	LOUND E/D/	A Bty RAA do
VX	32837	Gnr	DENNISON J/F/	2/9 Lt AA do
Q	102413	Pte	VINCENT E/E/	61 Aust Inf Bn do
VX	54971	Cpl	WHELAN W/J/	2/8 Fd Coy do
N	150521	Spr	HUGHES G.	2/8 Fd Coy do
NX	81205	Spr	BRENNAN H.	2/8 Fd Coy do
NX	[illegible]	Sgt	GIBSON W/H.	2/6 Coy AASC do
NX	[illegible]	Gnr	MORAN J/A.	2/5 Fd Regt do
N	151425	Spr	GOSPER A/E.	2/8 Fd Coy do & anaemia
NX	80577	Pte	LOPEZ E.	2/2 Fd Bky Subnormal mentality
Q	100180	Pte	TIERNEY S.	9 Aust Inf Bn Mal M.T. recurring
Q	121359	Pte	SHARDLOW J/W.	9 Aust Inf Bn Mal M.T. P.M. Anaemi
N	165274	Pte	COWAN A/H.	2/5 Aust Inf Bn Clincial Malaria
TX	3170	Sgt	TRAILL A/J.	2/12 Aust Inf Bn Dermatitis
Q	45435	Pte	NELSON H/J.	25 Coy AASC Mal B.T. & Anaemia
QX	1043	Cpl	ANDERSON J/W.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn Mal M.T.
QX	19778	Pte	LEHR J.E.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn Mal M.T.
NX	17982	Spr	CHILDS T.	24 Fd Coy Mal M.T.& Anaemi
N	19012	Pte	WILKINSON J/E.	32 Aust Emp Coy do do
NX	87514	Spr	COOK K.	2/3 Docks Oper Coy do
N	167604	Pte	HALLIDAY C/G	32 Aust Emp Coy do
S	50582	Cpl	PHILLIPS C/F/A.	32 Aust Emp Coy do
Q	75565	Gnr	OTTAWAY S/L.	101 A/Tk Regt do
Q	102564	Gnr	STEWART C/E/	101 A/Tk Regt do
QX	30931	Pte	BURROWS T/H	25 Aust Inf Bn do
Q	15506	Pte	WELDON J.	7 Bde HQ do
Q	108330	L/Cpl	BURNHAM F/J.	61 Aust Inf Bn do & Anaemia
NX	38449	Gnr	GILL J/K/	2/5 Fd Regt Mal B.T.
QX	15633	Pte	SHELL R/J.	2/12 Aust Inf Bn Mal M.T.
Q	28282	Pte	MAURILUK V.	61 Aust Inf Bn do
Q	28016	Pte	O'DONOHUE V/T.	61 Aust Inf Bn do
N	[illegible]	Cpl	AULD H.	32 Aust Emp Coy do

VX	22584	Pte	SUTTON A/E.	2/5 Aust Fd Amb	Dyspepsia
VX	43149	Pte	HOXHAM H/A.	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	Chron. Bronchitis
VX	37610	Pte	ALLEN O.	2.9 Lt AA	Malaria M.T.
[illegible]		Pte	JURGENS W/H.	HQ 18 Bde	do
Q	126098	Pte	MOSS M.	61 Aust Inf Bn	do
W	40691	Sig	EASCOTT J.	Sigs Milne Force	do
Q	108063	Pte	SPOTTISWOOD G.	61 Aust Inf Bn	do
Q	125542	Gnr	KADEN K/L.	101 Aust A/Tk Regt	do
Q	2851	Pte	BLACKBURN L.	61 Aust Inf Bn	do
Q	103[illegible]13	Pte	BAKER C/W.	61 Aust Inf Bn	do
Q	107983	Cpl	McEVOY F.	61 Aust Inf Bn	do
QX	18184	Pte	WARD J/C.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn	do
NX	40084	Gnr	SWEENEY D/W.	2/5 Fd Regt	do
VX	37610	Gnr	MOYLE A/V.	2/2 AA 6 Bty	Clinical Malaria
WX	14310	Pte	CLARK H/C.	2/2 Fd Bty	Malaria M.T.
VX	4972	Pte	MORGAN J/W/	2/6 Aust Inf Bn	do
NX	20296	Gnr	HADLEY F/D.	2/9 Lt AA	do
Q	108461	Gnr	REEVE N/K.	101 A/Tk 4 Bty	do
NX	84615	Sgt	McRAE D.A.	2/3 Docks Oper Coy	do
QX	21797	Pte	COGHILL D.	2/12 Aust Inf Bn	do
QX	30533	Pte	MALCOLMSON T/J.	61 Aust Inf Bn	do
NX	17807	Gnr	COLLETT S.	2/5 Fd Regt	do
Q	28750	Pte	FORD J/A.	61 Aust Inf Bn	do
QX	20277	Pte	MELLING L/V.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn	do
QX	38827	Spr	PONTING L/A.	1 Bomb Disposal Coy	do & B.T.
N	200656	Pte	MORRIS V.	32 Aust Emp Coy	do
N	322481	Pte	INGRAM F/A.	32 Aust Emp Coy	do
QX	12479	Gnr	EVANS F/M/E.	2/1 A/Tk 3 Bty	Malaria B.T.
Q	102278	Pte	CORRIE E/K.	61 Aust Inf Bn	do M.T.
Q	28186	Pte	HOLMES D/H.	61 Aust Inf Bn	do do
QX	32204	Pte	JONES J.	61 Aust Inf Bn	do do
Q	27712	Cpl	GOUGH K.	61 Aust Inf Bn	do do
Q	107819	Sgt	BROWN B/P.	61 Aust Inf Bn	do do
Q	28[illegible]3	Pte	IMER E/C/	61 Aust Inf Bn	do do
Q	[illegible]	Sgt	FERGUSON A/W/	61 Aust Inf Bn	do do
Q	220[illegible]0	Pte	NEWLEY G/E/	25 Aust Inf Bn	do do
QX	31104	Pte	WARREN S/G/	25 Aust Inf Bn	do do
Q	103549	Pte	SMITH F/N.	25 Aust Inf Bn	do do
Q	22512	Pte	BYRNE T/Z	25 Aust Inf Bn	do do
Q	145588	Pte	YOUNG G.	81 Dental att 25 Aust Inf Bn	do d
QX	30002	Gnr	TAYLOR W/J.	2/5 Fd Regt	Malaria M.T.
VX	9021	Pte	WALL D/S	2/6 Inf Bn	do do
VX	1180	Pte	MILLS A/E.	2/6 Inf Bn	Clinical Malaria
Q	16598	Pte	McGAW R.G.	9 Aust Inf Bn	do do
QX	37917	L/Cpl	CAMPBELL G/A/	9 Aust Inf Bn	do do
QX	16010	Gnr	BOURKE W/H.	9 Aust Inf Bn	do do
Q	100353	Pte	CARMODY L/L.	9 Aust Inf Bn	do do
Q	34382	Sig	ADAMS B/J.	2 Air Support Coy	Malaria
Q	12301	Pte	ALDAM G/R.	9 Aust Inf Bn	do
WX	13598	Pte	ARMSTRONG W/J.	2/5 Aust Inf Bn	do
VX	13778	Pte	ADCOCK E/G.	Transport Pool	do
N	346936	Pte	ARCHER D/W.	2/5 Aust Inf Bn	do
Q	146226	Pte	ANDERSON R/W/	9 Aust Inf Bn	Diarrhoea
Q	107821	Pte	BROWNLEE D.	61 Aust Inf Bn	Malaria
Q	103471	Pte	BRUGGEMAN H/W.	25 Aust Inf Bn	do
Q	22004	Lieut	BATHERSBY J/T.	25 Aust Inf Bn	do
QX	40824	Capt	BOWNEY A/J.	9 Aust Inf Bn	do
QX	4115	L/Cpl	BELL A.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn	do
[illegible]	[illegible]	Spr	BARHAM E.	HQ RAE	do
Q	[illegible]	Pte	BEATIE D/E.	101 Workshops	do
Q	100765	S/Sgt	BROWN O.	9 Aust Inf Bn	do
QX	11265	Pte	BIRD R/K.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn	do
QX	37985	Pte	BAYLISS T/G.	9 Aust Inf Bn	do
Q	129453	Spr	BATSTONE A/H.	24 Fd Coy AASC	do
Q	107827	Pte	BUTLER J.	61 Aust Inf Bn	do
Q	104431	Pte	BAKER D/H.	101 Bde Wk/Shops	do
VX	88580	Spr	BEER J.	2/3 Docks Oper Coy	do
QX	30778	Pte	BUSTEED M/J.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn	do
NX	23083	Pte	BELL A.	2/1 Pioneers	do
QX	288919	Pte	BRINKLEY A/W.	25 Aust Inf Bn	C. Malaria

NX	24234	Bdr	BREEN J/W.	2/5 Fd Regt	Malaria
NX	24434	Gnr	BUCKINGHAM B.	2/5 Fd Regt	do
Q	104106	Pte	BRAUER E/C.	25 Aust Inf Bn	do
Q	100350	Pte	BEHRENS W.	9 Aust Inf Bn	do
NX	21672	Sgt	BROWN S/C.	2/14 RAE	do
QX	4315	Pte	BORWICK J.	17 Bde HQ	P.U.O.
NX	33681	Gnr	BURNS -	2/5 Fd Regt	Malaria
Q	151511	Cpl	BAZZO L/H.	24 Fd Coy RAE	do
Q	103191	Pte	BYERS M.	25 Aust Inf Bn	Bilateral Pteryiia
VX	15323	Dvr	BLACK W/J.	2/6 Coy AASC	Fibrositis hip
NX	16206	Gnr	CARPENTER C/J	10 Bty 2/5 Fd Regt	Appendicitis
NX	93304	L/Cpl	CALDWELL C/G/	HQ Milne Force	Malaria
Q	22678	Cpl	COMAN H/D.	25 Aust Inf Bn	Rec Malaria
Q	27769	Sgt	CHAPLAIN D/W.	61 do	N.Y.D. N.
NX	33293	Pte	CROCKER E.	2/1 Pioneers	Malaria
NX	88290	Pte	CLARKE W/H.	2/3 D.O.C.	Malaria& Adhesions
VX	53383	Cpl	CLELAND V/N.	2/7 Bn	Malaria
Q	45092	Pte	COOK G/W.	25 Coy AASC	Malaria
QX	28907	Pte	CUMINGS T/J.	61 Bn	Malaria
QX	22434	Gnr	CORSBEY N.	2/1 A/Tk	Malaria
Q	28534	Pte	CUNDERSON L/M.	61 Aust Inf Bn	do & debility
Q	28515	Sgt	CORRIE F/K.	61 do	Malaria
Q	104117	Pte	CONLEY A/E.	25 do	Malaria
VX	47847	Gnr	CUTTRISS N.	2/1 Hy AA	Rec Malaria
Q	104389	Pte	DAWNES E/J.	25 Bn	Malaria
Q	28149	L:Cpl	DOBRICH R/K.	61 Bn	Malaria
Q	100191	Pte	DELROY F.	9 Bn	Malaria
VX	19595	Bdr	DELAHUNTY T/T/	2/9 Lt AA	Malaria
QX	35695	Pte	DOLLAR M/J.	25 Bn	Malaria
NX	26327	Pte	DOLEY R.	2/25 Fd Park	Debility
QX	37925	Pte	DURHAM M/L.	9 Bn	Malaria
WX	11467	Pte	DAY R/J.	2/1 Pioneers	Malaria
Q	100493	Pte	DALLING I/G.	9 Bn	C. Malaria
QX	31048	Pte	DOBBIN M/C	25 Bn	Malaria
NX	21544	Gnr	DEARDEN B/G.	2/5 Fd Regt	Malaria
NX	52038	Pte	DULLAWAY T/J/H.	2/1 Pioneers	Malaria
QX	4432	Pte	DUNN W.	2/9 Bn	do & anaemia
Q	121348	Pte	ENSLEY R/M.	9 Bn	Malaria
QX	14872	Pte	EASEY L.	2/9 Bn	Malaria
Q	114438	Pte	EVANS H/J	61 Bn	do & anaemia
QX	26530	Spr	ELLIS A.	2/3 D.O.C.	Malaria
Q	128934	Pte	EASTWELL C/R.	25 Bn	Malaria
Q	126446	Pte	EVANS J/J.	25 AASC	Malaria
Q	28926	Pte	FERGUSON B/G.	61 Bn	Malaria
NX	60433	Spr	FRAZER W/A/D	2/14 Fd Coy	Malaria
Q	121487	Spr	FARLOW G/W.	24 Fd Coy AASC	Malaria
NX	69766	Pte	FISK P/J.	2/1 Pioneers	Malaria
QX	14237	Pte	FRANKLIN F/A/M.	2/9 Bn	Malaria
QX	7862	Sgt	FISHER C/H.	18 Bde W/Shops	Malaria
Q	28796	Cpl	FOLEY W/M.	61 Bn	Malaria
QX	37469	Pte	FITCH A/B.	25 Bn	Malaria
V	230492	Gnr	FORD D.	AA Op Rooms	Malaria
QX	560	Cpl	GREIG T/W.	2/9 Bn	Malaria
QX	28932	L/Cpl	GREENSILL D/W	25 Bn	Malaria
N	160624	Pte	GILBERT J/W.	17 Bde W/Shops	Malaria
QX	35686	Pte	GRAY C/J.	25 Bn	C. Malaria
Q	28966	Pte	GREGORY P/C.	61 Bn	Rec Malaria
QX	38001	Pte	GREEN E/R.	9 Bn	Malaria
Q	121491	Spr	GARRETT A/E.	24 Fd Coy RAE	do & Clin Dysentery
NX	69343	Pte	GRAY J/A.	2/1 Pioneers	Malaria
Q	22881	Pte	GORDON	25 Bn	Malaria
Q	103123	Pte	HANNIGAN K.	25 Bn	Malaria
Q	103388	Pte	HARTIG E/C.	25 Bn	Malaria
QX	21932	Pte	HUNT H/C.	18 Bde W/Shops	Malaria
NX	32739	Bdr	HILL L/A.	2/5 Fd Regt	Otitis Media
Q	22861	Pte	HODGSON A/H.	25 Bn	Malaria
QX	3536	Pte	HENNESSEY C/B.	2/9 Bn	Malaria
QX	31290	Pte	HAM W/J.	25 Bn	Malaria
QX	37475	L/Cpl	HUNTER K/E/	25 Bn	Malaria
Q	103085	Pte	HAWTHORNE D/H.	25 Bn	Malaria

Q 27198	Pte	HOWE J/M/A	25 Bn	Malaria
QX 3064	Cpl	HABERMAN C/F.	ANGAU	do & synovitis
Q 125087	Pte	HARDCASTLE R/A.	4 AOD	Malaria
QX 23068	Pte	HOGAN C.	2/9 Bn	do
VX 11867	Pte	HAYWARD S/J.	2/5 Bn	Rec Malaria
Q 6152	Pte	HOLDEN I/A.	25 Bn	Malaria
QX 22550	Pte	HUXLEY J/C.	2/12 Bn	do
Q 104701	Pte	HARVEY R.	25 Bn	Malaria & diarrhoea
NX1217963	Cpl	HELLMRICH N.	HQ AASC	Malaria
Q 121315	Pte	HODGSON W/J	9 Bn	Malaria & dysentery
QX 12531	Pte	HAYES D/A.	2/9 Bn	Malaria
Q 22804	Cpl	HOLDSWORTH K/F.	25 Bn	do
NX 24077	Gnr	HAZELTON C.	2/5 Fd Regt	do
NX 25104	Pte	IRELAND W/E/	2/1 Pioneers	do
Q 22171	Dvr	JONES W/J.	25 Bn	Rheumatism
Q 16895	Sgt	JORDAN F/C.	9 Bn	Malaria
Q 15665	Pte	JONES D/E.	9 Bn	Rec Malaria
V 41776	Pte	JENKINS H/J.	33 AA	Malaria
VX 86753	Gnr	JOHNSTONE M/J.	33 Hy AA	do & debility
VX 54660	Pte	JAMES F/J.	2/5 Bn	Malaria
Q 103434	Pte	KEISCHER P/V.	25 Bn	do
Q 28830	S:Sgt	KELK L/W.	61 Bn	Arthritis
Q 36360	Pte	KEATING C/J.	61 Bn	Malaria
Q 104205	Pte	KRANTZ C/J.	25 Bn	do
Q 100630	Pte	KUSCOFF B/R/	9 Bn	do
QX 11284	Pte	KELLY M/J.	2/9 Bn	C. Malaria
VX 35420	Pte	KERRY E/E/	2/6 AASC	Malaria
QX 18029	Pte	KELLY T/W.	2/9 Bn	Diarrhoea
Q 107951	Pte	KOGLER R.	61 Bn	Malaria
Q 107950	Pte	KIRBY J.	61 Bn	do
Q 31101	Pte	KEDDIE R/W.	25 Bn	do
Q 100324	Pte	KROLL E/A.	9 Bn	Rec Malaria
Q 103557	Cpl	LOOK G.	25 Bn	Malaria
VX 22233	Pte	LARGE A/L.	2/2 Butchery	do
NXM273054	Gnr	LANDY S/V.	HY AA	Rec Malaria NYDN
QX 3098	Pte	LATIMORE L.	2/9 Bn	Clinical Malaria
Q 103434	Pte	LATEMORE R.	25 Bn	Malaria & Anaemia
WX 14344	Pte	MEEHN G/E.	2/1 Pioneers	Malaria
QX 27721	Pte	MURPHY K/N.	25 Bn	do
Q 126060	Pte	MARKHAM F/R.	25 Bn	do
QX 4008	Pte	MUHLING G/C.	2/9 Bn	do
N 34377	Sgt	MALONE J.	32 Aust Emp Coy	PUO Malaria
VX 42972	Gnr	McERVALE C/T.	6 AA Bty	Fibrositis & Lumbago
N 210562	Pte	McPHERSON C.	32 Aust Emp Coy	Rec Malaria
Q 28360	Pte	MORAN E/J.	61 Bn	Malaria
Q 22038	Pte	McCOSTER A/J.	25 Bn	do
Q 100141	Pte	MONEY A/E.	9 Bn	do
Q 28046	Pte	MAHER W/J.	61 Bn	do
VX 78687	Cpl	MORAN J/J.	HQ Milne Force	do
QX 36039	Sgt	MORRIS W.	61 Bn	Malaria & Tonsillitis
VX 12340	Pte	MONTGOMERY J.	2/7 Bn	Malaria
QX 37987	Sgt	McKOSTER H/F.	9 Bn	Rec Malaria
QX 11462	Pte	McINTOSH D/B.	2/9 Bn	Malaria
Q 46390	Pte	MARTIN D/J.	25 Coy AASC	Rec Malaria
QX 31057	Pte	McGREGOR E/J.	25 Bn	Malaria
Q 126370	Pte	MURRAY K/J.	25 Bn	Malarial debility
Q 21[illegible]	Pte	McCUBBIN J.	9 Bn	Rec Malaria
WX 28906	Sig	MAHONEY T/J.	Sigs Milne Force	Malaria
Q 45982	Cpl	McLEAN R/G.	25 AASC	do
QX 28921	Pte	NIELSON R.	2/9 Bn	Malaria & haemorrhoids
Q 22554	Pte	NEWTON M/I.	25 Bn	Otitis Media
Q 60273	Pte	NEUENDORFF E/H.	25 AASC	Pains in stomach
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W 29030	Sig	ROBERTSON M/J.	Sigs Milne Force	do
Q 286230	Sgt	ROSS J/W/P.	61 Bn	Diarrhoea PUO
QX 37903	Pte	ROACH K.	9 Bn	Malaria
Q 16299	Pte	RUDD F/C.	61 Bn	do
Q 15765	WOII	ROBINSON B/A/	9 Bn	do

NX 29936	Pte	REBBECK J/C.	2/1 Pioneers	Con Enteritis
WX 10414	Cpl	RIDGEWELL D.	2/2 Bky	Rec Malaria
QX 611	Pte	ROXBURGH W/A.	2/9 Bn	Rec Malaria
NX 30990	Gnr	RYAN E/J.	2/5 Fd Regt	Malaria
WX 35348	Pte	ROSCOE S/L.	2/6 Bn	do
NX1071486	WOI	SHARPE W/F.	RAE Milne Force	Dengue & Debility
Q 31117	Pte	SURTEES R.	25 Bn	Malaria
QX 6749	Pte	SALISBURY R/E.	2/9 Bn	do
Q 100466	Pte	SMITH J/C.	9 Bn	do
Q 104258	Pte	SPRIGGS D/W.	25 Bn	do
Q 39829	Pte	STUART D/F/	25 Bn	do
Q 108056	Pte	SMITH W/A.	61 Bn	do
QX 37908	Pte	SHAW R.	9 Bn	do
Q 100174	Pte	SMALL C.	9 Bn	do
VX 35365	Pte	SMITH T.	2/1 Pioneers	do
Q 49326	Pte	SLACK J/J.	25 AASC	do
QX 31198	Pte	SMITH J/D/	25 Bn	do
Q 100051	Pte	SCHAFER R/C.	2/9 Bn	C. Malaria
NX 43680	Pte	SOUTH J.	2/5 Fd Regt	Malaria
QX 38019	Pte	STEBBINS W.	9 Bn	do
QX 35065	Spr	STEIN G.	Hy Bty RAA	do
QX 37896	Pte	SAWREY W/G.	9 Bn	Rec Malaria
Q 10038	Pte	STONEBRIDGE A/J	9 Bn	Rec Malaria
Q 128422	Pte	SURAWSKI C.	9 Bn	Rec Malaria
NX 45835	Pte	STUCKEY G/T.	2/1 Pioneers	Rec Malaria
Q 22858	Cpl	SPILLER M.	25 Bn	Malaria
Q 104235	Sgt	STEPHSON E/C/H	25 Bn	do
TX 471	Pte	THOMPSON L.	2/12 Bn	Anaemia
Q 104286	Pte	TRONG F/A.	25 Bn	Malaria
Q 102567	Gnr	TAYLOR W/C.	101 A/Tk	do
Q 103574	Pte	TOPFER H/J.	25 Bn	do
NX 22033	Gnr	TAYLOR A/R.	2/6 Hy AA	do
NX 54624	Cpl	VIEGEL J/T.	2/2 Fd Bky	Malaria & age
V 13180	Gnr	VAUGHAN F.	23 AA	Rec Malaria
Q 104286	Pte	WALKER J/W.	25 Bn	Malaria
Q 108280	Pte	WARTON Z/H.	61 Bn	do
Q 125273	Spr	WARREN W.	24 Fd Coy	do
W 56171	Sig	WOODLAND L.	Sigs Milne Force	C Frac R Thumb
Q 122061	Cpl	WREN O/W.	25 Bn	Malaria
QX 28619	Pte	WILLIAMS G/A.	2/9 Bn	do
Q 27676	Sgt	WATKINS T/H.	61 Bn	do
QX 9484	Pte	WALKER J/H.	2/9 Bn	do
VX 5111	Cpl	WARD R.	2/6 Bn	do
WX 12311	Pte	WILSON T.	2/9 Bn	C. Dysentery
NX171588	Gnr	WELSH F.	Hy AA	Rec Malaria
Q 108136	Pte	WILMOTT A/G.	61 Bn	Malaria
TX 3533	Pte	WALKER H/H.	2/12 Bn	Malaria
VX 40655	Dvr	WALKER J/W.	2/6 Coy AASC	do
Q 28378	Pte	WILKINSON J/H.	61 Bn	do
Q 45652	Pte	WHISTON G/J/P.	Transport Pool	do
QX 30629	Spr	WILSON A/G.	2/2 D.O.C.	do
Q 121321	Pte	WATTERSON W/C.	2/9 Bn	do
N 394622	Pte	WHITTLE L/V.	32 Emp Coy	do & Fibrositis
Q 121514	Spr	WALDCOCK J/C/	24 Fd Coy	do
WX 11774	L/Cpl	WHITE W.	2/6 Coy AASC	do
VX 63400	Spr	YARROW M/E.	25 Fd Coy	do
Q 8984	Pte	YOUNG DA	241 LAD	do
Q 75742	Bdr	YOUNGER W.	101 A/Tk	Rec Malaria
QX 14088	Pte	ZELOW B.	2/9 Bn	Malaria

N	165338	Pte	McINTOSH C.	2/5 Bn	Malaria
Q	103400	L/Cpl	NEWTON E/C/	25 Bn	do
Q	128959	Pte	NELSON C/A.	25 Bn	do
Q	115400	Pte	NEWMAN E.	25 Bn	C. Malaria
QX	24223	Spr	NEILSON E/J.	24 Fd Coy	Malaria
WX	28960	Sig	NEWSON G/E.	Sigs Milne Force	Malaria
WX	15344	Pte	OLSEN V/M.	2/5 Bn	Malaria
Q	103137	Pte	O'KEEFE L/M.	25 Bn	do
Q	22359	Pte	O'CONNOR P/L.	25 Bn	do
Q	121355	Pte	OATES G.	9 Bn	do
Q	28230	Pte	O'CALLAGHAN J/A	61 Bn	do
Q	10484	Spr	O'CONNOR F.	24 Fd Coy	do
Q	100269	Cpl	O'HALLOLAIN J.	25 Bn	do
Q	122659	Spr	O'SHEA J.	24 Fd Coy	Post Mal Dobility
N	223194	Pte	O'BRIEN J/S.	LAD	Malaria
Q	106472	Spr	O'KEEFE J/R/	24 Fd Coy	Rec Malaria
Q	108005	L/Cpl	OFFER A/R/	61 Bn	Malaria
N	168861	Pte	OXENFORD R/A.	HQ AASC	do
VX	24370	Lieut	PERLSTEIN L/H.	2/5 Bn	NYDH MALARIA (S.I.)
Q	34462	L/Cpl	PFINGST D/O.	25 Bn	Malaria
Q	60207	Pte	PITT A.	25 AASC	do
Q	22048	Pte	PETTIFORD J/A.	25 Bn	do
Q	125118	Pte	PREECE S.	61 Bn	do
QX	3773	Pte	PEARL R.	2/9 Bn	do
NX	53485	Spr	POWER C/C/	2/14 Fd Coy	PUO
Q	22013	Cpl	PARKER J/C.	25 Bn	Malaria

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COMPASSIONATE AND EMERGENCY LEAVE: MILNE FORCE

HQ MILNE FORCE
9 DEC 42

1. The attention of all Unit Commanders is directed to GRO A/559/42 in so far as it relates to Compassionate and Emergency Leave (paras 5 and 6).

2. It will be noted that the power of approving Compassionate and Emergency Leave is vested in Commanding Officers, subject to operational requirements.

3. Attention is particularly directed to the provisions of the above GRO with regard to proof of the bona fides of the case. Should a doubt exist in the mind of the CO concerned, and the urgency of the case permit, the application may be forwarded to this HQ, for investigation. In this case HQ of the appropriate L of C Area will be requested by signal to investigate and asked to forward a recommendation - also by signal.

4. For information, it is advised that of 74 cases dealt with in the past in the manner referred to above, after having been initially recommended by COs, it has been found the circumstances warranted leave in only 29 cases after thorough investigation.

5. Should proof of bona fides be NOT available or investigation impracticable, COs will ensure that para 5 (c) of GRO A 559 is complied with.

6. For the guidance of COs, attention is drawn to the following points which should be considered in connection with applications for leave:-

   (a) Do the circumstances exist, or has the soldier drawn a wrong inference from correspondence etc? (All soldiers tend to worry about home affairs during their absence);

   (b) Are the circumstances sufficient to warrant leave?

   (c) Will leave, if approved, ameliorate the circumstances?

   (d) Will the soldier's absence materially affect the operational efficiency of the unit?

7. When [illegible] leave etc has been approved, the application with all relevant documents will be forwarded to this HQ through normal channels for decision of Comd Milne Force with regard to operational requirements. Each successive Comd will endorse his recommendation on the correspondence.

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JAPANESE SUFFER HEAVY LOSSES

The Japanese are reported to have suffered heavy losses in their counter attack in the BUNA area. The attack was repulsed. Many Japanese dead were left on the field. The attack was made on Allied forces which had broken through between BUNA and Gona Mission some time ago.

The Japanese also failed at sea. An enemy naval force of six destroyers attempted to relieve their hard-pressed ground forces. Like previous efforts, it was a failure. Two direct hits with 500lb. bombs were scored on the leading destroyer which immediately burst into flames. The other destroyers turned and went north. There were a number of near misses which must have caused damage. A second destroyer was seen listing badly as the convoy turned tail. The attack on the destroyers was made by Flying Fortresses.

Over RABAUL, an Allied recce plane shot down two fighters.

RUSSIANS CONTINUE ADVANCE

In Russia heavy snow is falling. In spite of bad weather, the Russians have made further gains on the Central and Southern fronts. The Germans are resisting more strongly. On the Central front the Russians have continued to widen the wedge driven into the German lines. Soviet bombers have made effective attacks on railway junctions controlled by the enemy.

Around STALINGRAD, the Soviet troops are strengthening their positions. Inside STALINGRAD, the garrison has cleared the Germans from more strong points.

COUNTER-ATTACK IN TUNISIA

In TUNISIA, Allied armoured units of the 1st Army made strong counter-attacks. The Allied troops received good support from the air. Allied aircraft have continued their attacks on enemy positions. BIZERTA was bombed again on Sunday night.

The 8th Army is preparing in LIBYA for what General Montgomery describes as "one of the most decisive battles in history."

MORE RAIDS ON ITALY

British bombers again raided Italy last night. Details of the damage have not been released. British fighters were active over Northern France and Belgium.

ADVANCE OF CHINESE TROOPS

Chinese troops have carried out a successful attack on a railway junction in HONAN Province. Casualties were inflicted on the Japanese.

NEWS ITEMS FROM PRESS

Returned men of the Militia forces will be repatriated on the same basis as men of the A.I.F. Employment for 4,500 men has been found already .... A Bill to refer 14 new powers to the Commonwealth was introduced in the Victorian Legislative Assembly to-day. Debate was adjourned .... General MacArthur used strong language to-day when describing Japanese attacks on field hospitals in NEW GUINEA.

DAILY HEALTH NOTES No 5

A common place for the anopheline (malaria carrying) mosquito to bite is around the ankles. This it can do through thick socks and it will fly up the insides of the legs of trousers. Hence the necessity for wearing gaiters at night. Another common place is the forearm and wrist, hence the necessity for sleeves being rolled down to the wrist.

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Subject: Anti-Malaria Control

TO:- OFFICERS COMMANDING ALL UNITS ETC AMF
Copies to:- US and RAAF (for action as requested in para. 4).

HQ
MAINE FORCE

/0 Dec. '42.

1. I am most gravely concerned at the position in regard to malaria in this area. The incidence of cases is still increasing rapidly, indeed, at an alarming rate, and is producing a condition of affairs which will shortly become untenable unless the spread of the disease is considerably checked. The situation is really very serious, if NOT critical, as affecting the fighting efficiency of the troops in the area, and not only to the great loss of personnel but also to the lowering of the vitality of those who have been afflicted.

2. In spite of the frequently-repeated instructions regarding anti-malarial measures, it is apparent that some unit commanders and responsible officers are NOT taking these seriously. Many cases of contravention of these instructions are still occurring, demonstrating a most reprehensible lack of interest and sense of responsibility in this regard on the part of officers concerned. In particular, many instances have recently been noted of individuals being improperly dressed after the evening meal; in this connection it is obviously NO use insisting on men being properly dressed before receiving their evening meal if they are permitted to undress partly afterwards. In some cases men are even being allowed to lie almost naked in their bunks, without nets, during hours of darkness. These are only some of the faults noted. There are many others, and the impression usually gathered is that they are committed so blatantly and openly as to indicate absolute carelessness and lack of malaria-consciousness on the part of the individual offending, and a complete absence of supervision and sense of responsibility as regards the officer concerned.

3. I take a most serious view of this failure by many officers to exert themselves in this connection, and am determined to remedy the position. To this end a system of regular Provost patrols will be instituted under Force HQ arrangements. The duty of these patrols will be to visit at irregular intervals certain areas occupied by AMF troops and report offenders to Force HQ. Severe action will be taken by officers whose duty it will be subsequently to deal with such offenders, and disciplinary action, even to the extent of trial by Court-Martial, will be instituted against any officer considered by me to be responsible for prevention of offences brought to my notice.

4. I request that action similar to the above be taken by the responsible senior officers of US and RAAF troops in the area, and would be glad of written assurances from such officers that action on the lines indicated is being taken by them.

5. Comds all Units will personally ack receipt thereof..

Maj-Gen.,
COMMANDING, MAINE FORCE

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"A" Hy Bty RAA
"E" Hy Bty RAA
4 Bty 101 A/Tk Regt
A Tp do. do. do.
3 Bty 2/1 A/Tk Regt
J Tp 3 Bty 2/1 A/Tk Regt
AA Gp HQ
AA Gp Ops Room
2/9 Lt AA Regt
235 Lt AA Regt
33 Hy AA Regt
2/6 Hy Bty 2/1 AA Regt

HQ RAE
2/4 Aust Fd Coy
2/8 Aust Fd Coy
2/16 Aust Fd Coy
24 Aust Fd Coy
D Coy 2/1 Pnr Bn
5 Sec Bomb Disposal
M.F. Sigs

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde

9 Aust Inf Bn
25 Aust Inf Bn
61 Aust Inf Bn

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde

2/5 Aust Inf Bn
2/6 Aust Inf Bn
2/7 Aust Inf Bn

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde

2/9 Aust Inf Bde
2/10 Aust Inf Bde
2/12 Aust Inf Bde

HQ Comd AASC

2/2 Aust Coy
2/6 Aust Coy
25 Aust Coy
BIPOD
3 Base Supply Dep.
2/1 Aust Fd Butchery
2/2 Aust Fd Bakery
ADMS
2/1 CCS
ICCCS
2/2 Aust Fd Amb
2/5 Aust Fd Amb
2/5 Aust Fd Amb
11 Aust Fd Amb
2/2 Aust Anti Malaria Control
8 Aust Anti Malaria Control

2/3 Aust Con Depot
DADMS (D)
E Sec 2/1 Dental Unit
B Sec 81 Dental Unit
C Sec 81 Dental Unit
Adv Depot Med Stores
ADOS
17 Bde Ord Fd Pk
18 Bde Ord Fd Pk
101 Ord Fd Pk
23 FAD
4 AOD
ADME
2 Armd Regt Ord Gp
2/9 Lt AA W/S
2/6 Hy AA W/S
17 Bde Ord W/S
18 Bde Ord W/S
101 Ord W/S
2/46 LAD
2/47 LAD
2/52 LAD
241 LAD
292 LAD
2/13 AL Sec
9 AL Sec
2 A Sup Control
MF Aust Fd Cash Office
2 Aust A Salvage Unit
2/2 Graves Regis & Inq Unit
DAPM
MF Provost Coy
MF Concert Party
MF Postal Unit
NG L of C area Base Postal Unit MF
2/3 Aus Dock Op Coy
MF Marine Sec.
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MILNE FORCE

10 Dec 42

SUBJECT: EVACUATION - SS "MANUNDA"

1. The following personnel were evacuated from Milne Force area per the S.S. "MANUNDA" on 8 Dec 42, and will be transferred to "X" list as from that date.

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for AA & QMG MILNE FORCE

DISTRIBUTION

HQ B Sqn. 2/6 Aust Armd Regt.	(1)	HQ 32 Aust Emp Coy	(1)
HQ 2/5 Aust Fd Regt.	(1)	HQ Comd AASC MILNE FORCE	(5)
HQ "A" Hy Bty RAA	(1)	ADOS	(3)
AADC	(4)	ADMS	(5)
HQ RAE MILNE FORCE	(4)	Milne Force Field Postal Unit	(1)
HQ Sigs MILNE FORCE	(1)	R.L.C.	(1)
HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde	(5)	War Diary	(2)
HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	(4)	File	(1)
HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde	(4)		

EVACUATIONS

TEASLEY, LLOYD	PVT.	6665475	Port Det E	Malaria
BALLARD, ALLen	T 5	20469265	104th Ca AA	Malaria
MILLS, George	Pvt	20469348	104th CA AA	Malaria
MORGAN, Dale	Pvt	17034297	49th Ftr Sqn.	Malaria Dysentery
KARAS, Alem, A	SGt	6099908	35th Ftr Sq.	Synovitis Rt Knee
GINN, Lloyd, A.	Pte	20448742	104th CA AA	Malaria
THOMAS, Jesset.	Pvt	38029418	394th Q co A	Malaria sev.poss and typhus
ROSGUE, Marcel	Sgt	20204537	A.P.O. 928	Malaria re.
WILLIAMS, Lawrence L.	Pte	39154175	394th QM Coy A	Malaria re sev
HALL, Attwood	Pvt	35156759	27th Port Hosp	Malaria re
FORDEEN, Jessie	LCpl	17032387	80th Pur Sqn.	Malaria Sev sec anemia
TURNER, Howard J	Pvt	37130822	709th CA	Malaria re Lues
BOWDEN, Wm J.	Pvt	36153852	Det Sec PortHQ	Malaria re Spina Bifide coulte
WHITE, Tommie	Pte	39154077	394th QM Coy A	Malaria
KAUTZER, Nathan	Pte	20649275	Det 2d Port HQ	Malaria
HOOKER, Alfred	Pvt	39092012	Port Det E	Malaria
CRAFT, Eddie	Pte	20448734	104th CA AA	Malaria
HICKS, Descal	Pvt	14038389	Det 2d Port HQ	Malaria re sev
HIGHT, Thurman	Pfc	20513330	Det 2d Port HQ	Malaria re sev.

NX	42961	L/Cpl	GILLIGAN A.J.	2.6 Armd Regt	Epilepsy
Q	45751	Pte	YOUNG A.W.	25 Aust Coy ASC	Malaria
VX	35326	Cpl	CLAY K.W.	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	Malaria Debility
QX	41759	Gnr	SLACK S.M.	101 A/Tk 4 Bty	Malaria
Q	103465	Gnr	BANNERMAN D.R.	101 A/Tk 4 Bty	Malaria
Q	101187	Pte	BALL V.	25 Aust Inf Bn	Malaria
Q	21052	Pte	POWER J.D.	25 Aust Inf Bn	Malaria
Q	104216	Pte	MOGG H.R.	25 Aust Inf Bn	Unsuitable service in tropics - Backache.

Q	16502	Sgt	DE CANDIA K.	9 Aust Inf Bn	Malaria
QX	31018	S/Sgt	PENTECOST L.	9 Aust Inf Bn	Malarial Anaemia
QX	15326	Pte	HOOPER W.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn	Malaria
V	34516	Gnr	WILLIAM G.	23 Hy AA	do
VX	35877	Gnr	HEDDLE C.E.	2/9 Lt AA	do
VX	67514	Cpl	BURGOYNE H.C.	Aust A. Postal Unit	do
NX	70675	Capt	WALKER N.A.	2/5 Fd Regt	Clin Malaria & bacillary dysentery
NX	106	Capt	CONNELL S.H.	2/5 Fd Regt	Clin Malaria & bacillary dysentery
NX	23221	Gnr	KEARNS R.E.	2/5 Fd Regt	Mal MT & Anaemia
QX	21512	Pte	WRIGHT D.W.	25 Inf Bn	Malaria MT
Q	44963	Sgt	ANDERSON L.H.	25 Coy AASC	do do
VX	61731	Pte	LOUTTIT H.L.	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	Mal MT & BT
NX	32015	Cpl	CHARTERIS	2/2 AA Regt 6 Bty	Malaria MT
V	280528	Pte	McMAHON M.J.	32 Emp Coy	Inf finger
Q	121741	Pte	DOUGLAS F.H.	61 Aust Inf Bn	Malaria MT
Q	121288	Pte	LOW H.	61 Aust Inf Bn	PUO for invest & Anaemia
VX	54197	Pte	RYAN R.J.	2/6 Aust Inf Bn	PUO for invest & Anaemia
Q	128925	Pte	ROWLING L.	25 Inf Bn	Malaria MT
Q	22657	Pte	ZEMMERLE V.	25 Inf Bn	Tropical ulcers
VX	75442	Gnr	BROWN C.R.	2/3 Lt AA	Mal MT & BT
VX	53692	Pte	ALLAN J.A.	2/5 Aust Inf Bn	C. Dysentery
QX	36357	Pte	ANDREWS E.	61 Aust Inf Bn	Rec Malaria
Q	103067	Pte	BAKER G.P.	25 Aust Inf Bn	Malaria
Q	121311	Pte	BUTLER E.W.	9 Aust Inf Bn	Malaria
Q	104101	Pte	BRITTON V.R.	25 Bn	Boils back & Cellulitis
VX	45550	Pte	BEDSON R.	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	N.Y.D.H.
Q	100281	Pte	BOLTEN K.	9 Aust Inf Bn	Rec Malaria
Q	22213	Pte	BRAUER L.	25 Bn	do
QX	11554	Pte	BROWNE R.T.	2/12 Aust Inf Bn	C. Dysentery
N	240136	Pte	ARNES C.N.	25 Coy AASC	Lac Left Foot
QX	1931	Pte	CHAPMAN J.C.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn	Ch Simusitis
NX	111452	Pte	IONTHEW W.H.	2/6 Aust Inf Bn	Cerebral Malaria
Q	104159	Pte	DILLON M.J.	25 Aust Inf Bn	Carbuncle back.
Q	17150	Pte	DORNAT A.J.	9 Aust Inf Bn	Malaria
Q	106633	L/Cpl	ELLIS H.	61 Aust Inf Bn	Rec Malaria
Q	123418	Pte	ESS E.M.	25 Coy AASC	Malaria
QX	27765	Pte	ELNS R.C.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn	do
W	30787	Sig	FLEET E.H.	Milne Force Sigs	C. Typhus
Q	102530	Sgt	FRETTEY C.	101 A/Tk	Rec Malaria
Q	128444	Pte	FOX R.J.	61 Aust Inf Bn	Malaria
QX	38017	Sgt	GREVEN A.H.	9 Aust Inf Bn	Injury rt thigh
N	213565	WOII	GOLDING W.F.	32 Aust Emp Coy	Ch Bronchitis
QX	28035	Gnr	HODGSON A.F.	101 Aust A/Tk	Malaria
QX	15628	Pte	HAYDON F.D.	2/3 Fd Pty	do
W	1643	Spr	HANNAH E.C.	HMAS "HOBART"	Acute Appendicitis
Q	107926	Pte	HORSELL H.H.	61 Aust Inf Bn	Malaria
V	13589	L/Bdr	HENSON E.L.	23 Hy AA Bty	do
Q	114016	Pte	HORE D.C.	9 Bn	Rec Malaria
Q	130658	Pte	HAINEN H.T.	61 Aust Inf Bn	Rec Malaria
NX	10536	Gnr	IRWIN J.J.	2/5 Fd Regt	C. Dysentery
N	352227	Pte	JORDAN L.	32 Emp Coy	Flat foot
VX	15553	Pte	JAMES J.W.	2/2 Aust Fd Amb	Fract right internal malleolus tibia
VX	32550	Sgt	LISLE H.	235 Lt AA	C. Malaria
NX	93670	Gnr	LAMB R.	2/5 Fd Regt	Mal - Dysentery
QX	30310	Sgt	LIVERMORE A.	9 Aust Inf Bn	Bomb wound rt hip
Q	111512	Cpl	MUNRO L.W.	9 Aust Inf Bn	Malaria
Q	146041	Pte	McQUEEN E.R.	9 Aust Inf Bn	Rec Malaria
Q	106489	Cpl	MITCHELL V.C.	25 Aust Fd Coy	Fract left Astragalus
Q	45366	Dvr	MCORE S.R.	25 Aust Inf Bn	C. Malaria
NX	88605	Spr	MURDOCH H.	2/4 Fd Coy R&E	Rec Malaria
Q	28399	Pte	MAHONEY E.K.	61 Aust Inf Bn	Rec Malaria
Q	108248	Pte	MULLER K.	61 Aust Inf Bn	Rec Malaria

Q	193098	Pte	McPHERSON A.G.	25 Aust Inf Bn	Rec Malaria
Q	108398	Pte	MITCHELL E.J.	61 Aust Inf Bn	Malaria
QX	29896	L/Cpl	McMILLEN R.H.	61 Aust Inf Bn	Malaria
NX	53656	Cpl	NIXON R.H.	2/1 Pioneers	Malaria
Q	16606	Pte	NICOL F.J.	9 Aust Inf Bn	Malaria & frac left scaphoid
VX	42195	Pte	NICHOLSON J.	2/5 Bn	C. Dysentery
QX	31560	Gnr	O'MAY L.I.	235 Aust Lt AA	R.I. Hernia
Q	22493	Pte	OTTO A.W.	25 Aust Inf Bn	C. Malaria
Q	102405	Pte	ROSE A.J.	61 Aust Inf Bn	Malaria
Q	122266	Pte	SOMMERVILLE H.J.S.	25 Coy AASC	C. Malaria
QX	30458	Pte	SKUSE H.E.	9 Aust Inf Bn	Malaria
Q	17082	Pte	SIMPSON W.G.	9 Aust Inf Bn	Malaria
SX	13316	Pte	SILVY P.M.	2/6 Aust Inf Bn	C. Dysentery & P. Malaria
NX	83452	Spr	SIDAWAY D.	2/6 Aust Armd Regt	2nd deg burns
QX	37481	Pte	TOOHEY G.H.	25 Aust Inf Bn	Malaria
SX	10481	Cpl	THOMAS J.	2/10 Aust Inf Bn	Malaria
QX	31030	Pte	WINDRESS M.D.	25 Aust Inf Bn	Malaria
VX	53894	Pte	WATT A.J.	2/6 Aust Inf Bn	Rec Malaria
QX	15319	Pte	WILSON T.N.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn	C. Dysentery
Q	121306	Pte	WILKINS R.F.	9 Aust Inf Bn	Malaria
V	44139	Pte	WILLIAMSON W.J.	2/6 Aust Inf Bn	C. Typhus
VX	30303	Gnr	WALKER R.C.	Hy AA	Malaria
Q	28651	Pte	WHITE J.E.	61 Aust Inf Bn	Rec Malaria
Q	102415	Pte	WALKER W.J.	61 Aust Inf Bn	Rec Malaria
Q	35817	Pte	WISE F.H.	61 Aust Inf Bn	Rec Malaria
N	15545	Pte	BELLIS S.	32 Aust Emp Coy	Malaria
QX	1023	Pte	SLOAN G.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn	(Frac Rt ankle
VX	56060	Dvr	BEARD A.	2/3 Coy AASC	(MT Malaria
					....Pustular Dermatitis
Q	100610	Pte	ERNST G.	9 Aust Inf Bn	Blackwater Fever Malaria (DI List)
VX	35413	Cpl	INGRAM S.	HQ 17 Aust BDE	Typhus MT Malaria
WX	10652	Pte	McVEIGH T.	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	Typhus
Q	28558	Cpl	MEIKLE N.	61 Aust Inf Bn	MT Malaria
VX	45248	Gnr	PITMAN E.	2/9 Lt AA Bty	do do (SI List)
QX	32226	Pte	CRUIKSHANK A.	61 Aust Inf Bn	MT Malaria
QX	20106	Spr	PETERSEN L.	1 B.D. Coy	BT Malaria
Q	28625	Pte	ALLEN J.	61 Aust Inf Bn	MT Malaria
Q	114541	Pte	SINCLAIR W.	61 Aust Inf Bn	MT Malaria
S	1097	Sgt	MASON F.	32 Emp Coy	MT Malaria
Q	102366	Pte	VON-HOFF H.	25 Aust Inf Bn	MT Malaria
Q	108122	Cpl	DONALDSON C.	61 Aust Inf Bn	(MT Malaria &
Q	17015	Pte	LESLIE R.	25 Aust Inf Bn.	(Acute Rheumatism
					...MT Malaria
VX	12630	Pte	McKENZIE J.	2/5 Aust Inf Bn	MT Malaria & Typhus Fever
NX	64540	Sig	VILES J.	Sigs Milne Force & Hy Bty	MT Malaria
NX	285605	Gnr	FITCH H.	2/5 Aust Inf Bn	MT Malaria
WX	11573	Pte	DALZIEL J.	24 Fd Coy	PUO
Q	126251	Spr	MOIR P.	25 Aust Inf Bn	MT Malaria
Q	30049	Pte	POTTER L.	2/12 Aust Inf BN	Gen Dermatitis
QX	19952	Pte	RICHARDSON S.	25 Aust Inf Bn	MT Malaria
Q	21764	Cpl	STUART C.	15 R & SU	Bomb splinter left foot
	60501	ACI	RUTHVEN G.	9 Aust Inf Bn	MT Malaria
Q	16939	Pte	HARRISON T.	25 Aust Inf Bn	MT Malaria
Q	104136	Pte	CAMERON R.	23 FAD	Malaria
V	325657	Pte	HEALE C.	61 Aust Inf Bn	MT Malaria
Q	107949	Pte	DAVIDSON D.	25 Aust Inf Bn	MT Malaria
Q	126077	Pte	SMITH A.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn	MT Malaria
Q	1372	Pte	LEE I.	2/1 Pioneer Bn	MT Malaria
NX	23618	Cpl	HARRIS N.	61 Aust Inf Bn	MT Malaria
Q	108702	Pte	KENNEDY C.	25 Aust Inf Bn	MT Malaria
Q	108806	Pte	WHITE A.	61 Aust Inf Bn	Clin Malaria
Q	121897	Pte	RUTHER H.		

SX 174	Pte	BEECHAM G.	HQ 18 Bde	MT Malaria
Q 28772	Pte	SMITH W.	61 Aust Inf Bn	MT Malaria
NX 111808	Pte	AMBROSE P.	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	do
Q 100635	Pte	HOARE J.	9 Aust Inf Bn	do
QX 15562	Pte	DAVIES A.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn	do
QX 63	Pte	KENDALL J.	2/9 AUST Inf Bn	Rec Malaria
Q 22415	L/Cpl	TUTIN G.	2/5 Aust Inf Bn	MT Malaria
Q 13909	Spr	MULLINS M.	24 Fd Coy	do
Q 22307	Pte	KLEAS C.	2/2 Fd Bky	do
Q 128285	Pte	MOLLOY M.	61 Aust Inf Bn	do
Q 10798	L/Cpl	McCLUNE R.	61 Aust Inf Bn	do
QX 40173	Cpl	GOHDES R.	9 Aust Inf Bn	do
SX 5932	Pte	DANIELS L.	2/10 Aust Inf Bn	do
Q 99937	Pte	CLARKE J.	9 Aust Inf Bn	MT Malaria & Broncho-pneumonia
Q 46302	Pte	ROSIN G.	25 Coy AASC	MT Malaria
NX 58976	Gnr	BLACK H.	2/5 Fd Regt	do
Q 121416	Pte	LEIS T.	9 Aust Inf Bn	do
QX 35547	Pte	ROBINS J.	61 Aust Inf Bn	do
Q 28536	Pte	HORGAN K.	25 Aust Inf Bn	PUO
Q 17156	L/Cpl	CRANNEY E.	9 Aust Inf Bn	MT Malaria
Q 135741	Pte	PARKER E.	9 Aust Inf Bn	PUO
QX 30047	Pte	SUTTON M.	25 Aust Inf Bn	PUO
Q 100154	Pte	O'CONNOR D.	9 Aust Inf Bn	Malaria
Q 105044	Pte	CONNOLLY R.	61 Aust Inf Bn	PUO
NX 13177	Gnr	CREEK J.	2/5 Fd Regt	Rheum Arthritis
W 54536	Sig	CALDWELL A.	Sigs Milne Force	PUO
VX 52286	Pte	O'CONNOR R.	2/1 CCS	MT Malaria
Q 140594	Cpl	McINNES A.	4 AOD	MT Malaria
Q 27052	Pte	KEEGAN M.	25 AUST Inf Bn	MT Malaria
Q 15865	Pte	ANDREWS E.	9 Aust Inf Bn	Clin Malaria
VX 3357	Lieut	SMITH A.	2/5 Aust Inf Bn	Clin Malaria
SX 22156	Capt	SIMONS R.	32 Emp Coy	Clin Malaria
Q 21861	L/Sgt	STILES H.	25 Aust Inf Bn	? Rec MT Malaria
Q 28594	Pte	PARCELL R.	61 Aust Inf Bn	MT Malaria
Q 114165	Pte	ARCHEY L.	61 Aust Inf Bn	BT Malaria
Q 121510	Spr	NICHOLLS C.R.A.	24 Aust Fd Coy	MT Malaria
S 51688	Pte	HORN A.E.	32 Aust Emp Coy	? Rec Malaria
Q 17048	Pte	McGUINESS H.C.	9 Aust Inf Bn	MT Malaria
QX 12718	Pte	FLANNERY J.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn	MT Malaria
QX 3127	A/Sgt	WILLIAMS E.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn	MT Malaria
NX 83314	Pte	BAILEY O.	2/6 Aust Inf Bn	MT Malaria
Q 28505	Pte	BOWSER H.E.	61 Aust Inf Bn	MT Malaria
Q 28056	Pte	FLYNN R.G.	61 Aust Inf Bn	MT Malaria
WX 28981	Sig	SWIFT F.J.	Sigs Milne Force	MT Malaria
Q 128249	Spr	McMILLAN M.A.	24 Aust Fd Coy	MT Malaria
VX 100323	Pte	BLACKNEY L.	81 FAD	MT Malaria
WX 11931	Pte	ROBINSON J.	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	? Malaria
VX 59250	Pte	PORTER W.A.C.	2/6 Aust Inf Bn	Irr Dermatitis
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SUMMARY OF ABC NEWS BULLETIN 1900L/10

COMPLETE OCCUPATION OF GONA

The Prime Minister (Mr. J. Curtin) announced in the House of Representatives to-day that Allied forces had completely occupied GONA. He said the Japanese were now pinned in a narrow coastal strip around BUNA. Battle casualties in NEW GUINEA up to December 1,1942, amounted to 2,190, Mr. Curtin added. Of these, 640 were killed or had died of wounds. In NORTH AFRICA, the 9th Division had suffered 2,740 casualties, including 620 killed or died of wounds.

"The Owen Stanley Range still remains the front line defence of Australia," Mr. Curtin continued. "An enemy attempt to get around our flanks had been frustrated at MILNE BAY. Mopping up at MILNE BAY had finished. In the SOLOMONS the Allied naval victories had great significance for Australia."

A disastrous attempt by the Japanese to break out of GONA last night was described in General MacArthur's communique. 95 Japanese were killed and four Japanese were captured. In a second patrol skirmish, 18 Japanese were killed. It is thought that the Japanese made a desperate attempt to break through because they were short of supplies.

Zeros attacked Liberators and Flying Fortresses off the coast of NEW GUINEA. Ten enemy fighters were shot down and four others were damaged. All of our planes returned safely.

AIR ACTIVITY IN NORTH AFRICA

News from NORTH AFRICA is mainly about air activity. In TUNISIA, the RAF has caught up with the 1st Army. Spitfires, Lightnings and light bombers are operating overhead. One correspondent said he heard an officer calling for planes just as he would order a taxi.

The 8th Army and Rommel's forces are preparing for which has been described as "one of the most decisive battles in history."

Admiral DARLAN is reported to have ordered all Germans to go to the police with their identity papers , otherwise they will be liable to arrest.

RUSSIANS MEET STRONG OPPOSITION

The Red Army strengthened its newly won positions on the Central and Southern fronts. The Germans have recovered from their first surprise of the Russian offensive and are resisting strongly. Transport planes have managed to get supplies to the Germans, enabling them to try to strike back.

JAPANESE WAR AIMS

Japanese war aims in the Pacific were described in a broadcast from BERLIN. BERLIN radio said the Japanese were satisfied with their conquests in the Pacific and were not anxious to make another large-scale attempt to take the SOLOMONS. Japan's aim in the PACIFIC was to smash the Allies' naval power.

NEWS ITEMS IN BRIEF

When the Senate opened this afternoon, the amalgamation of the AIF and militia was urged. Senator McLeay objected to narrowing the sphere of the militia's operations to the SW Pacific. "The militia should carry on the drive north," he said. "It is useless leaving the militia in NEW GUINEA when the Japanese have been driven out."...

In the next five days, Australians must invest £15,000,000 to complete the quota of the £100,000,000 Austerity Loan. To date, 80,000,000 people have subscribed £85,000,000 .....

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10 Dec. '42.

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SERIAL NO.	UNIT	NO.	DATE COMPLETED	REMARKS
1.	9 Aust Inf Bn.	50	P L	Clearing
2.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn	30	P L	"
3.	61 Aust Inf Bn	100	P L	"
4.	Fd Bakery (Mataani)	12	P L	Woodcutting
5.	8 Fighter Gp (USA)	7	P L	Domestics
6.	Operational Bdge	12	P L	General
7.	Aust Water Tpt Sec	32	P L	Boat crews
8.	Cooks - [illegible]	2	P L	
9.	20 Sqn - USA	20	P L	Buildings
10.	HQ Sigs, Wards Camp	12	P L	
11.	24 Fd Coy RAE	70	P L	Road work
12.	Coy 2/ 43 Bde USA	32	P L	" "
13.	Comd Wilkinson HQ Mine Force	2	P L	Domestics
14.	Mr. Hill ACF Corrie	2	P L	"
15.	403 Bombardment Sqn.	30	P L	Roads & buildings
16.	HQ USA SOS	20	20 Dec	Steamann
17.	Slaughterhouse	6	P	General Duties
18.	Fd Bakery, Wagita	12	P	Woodcutting
19.	HQ Sigs	3	P	Runners Fice HQ
20.	2/1 CCS	1	P	Gardeyman
21.	10 CCS	6	P "	
22.	8 Fighter Gp USA	42	P	General Duties
23.	RAAF Sigs	20	30 Nov -	Building
24.	23 MAD	20	16 Dec	"
25.	ADCS	30	?	"
26.	AASC	12	30 Dec	"
27.	8 Aust Mal Con Unit	20	P	Malaria Control
28.	HQ Sigs	8	P	Line Party
29.	Force HQ Van Gordon	20	P	Clearing
30.	Road maintenance	60	P	Road work
31.	Native camp duties	15	P L	
32.	" " Boys	15	P L	
33.	2/3 Aust Fd Coy	20	P	Roads & buildings
34.	Red Cross Coomin	10	18 Dec	Buildings
35.	Native Labour Camp	108	Camp Buildings.	
36.	Force Control	257	(HQ) Buildings.....71	
			(Adv Hd Qrs).....25	
			(2/2 [illegible].....64	
			([illegible].....) 97	
			([illegible]..)	
37.	Lieut. Porter Timber Mills	100	P L	Work crews
38.	Force Defence Force	10		
39.	Sick	82		
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STATEMENT OF AMMUNITON AS A T 0900 HRS 10. 12. 42

ITEM	TYPE OF AMMUNITION	ON HAND	DEL'D	TOTAL	TO WHOM ISSUED
1.	.303 Ctn.	8,604,166	153,008	8,451,158	Special Issue
2.	.303 Cgr	1,842,820	68,000	1,774,820	do
3.	.303 Bdr	3,316,000	18,000	3,298,000	do
4.	.303 S'less Belt	1,241,250	20,000	1,221,250	do
10.	.55 AP Boys	17,791	2,880	14,911	do
11.	.45 TSMG	3,236,532	32,000	3,204,532	do
15.	3.7" AA Shrap	116	28	88	33 AA Bty
16.	3.7" AA HE	13,861	500	13,361	do
27.	Bombs ML 3" Mortar HE	94,396	1,512	92,884	Special Issue
28.	do do 3" Smoke	2,742	1,260	1,482	do
29.	do do 2" HE	109,043	720	108,323	do
30.	do do 2" Smoke	12,994	252	12,742	do
31.	do do Illum W/Para	5,640	234	5,406	(54 HQ 2/9 Aust InfBn (180 Special Issue
1[illegible]	Grenades Hand No 36M	46,096	180	45,916	Special Issue
3[illegible]	do Rifle No 36M	47,096	180	46,916	do
52.	Ctgs 1" Illum	35,292	432	34,860	do
53.	Sig Red (Ctgs)	11,244	144	11,100	do
54.	Sig Green do	17,512	144	17,368	do
72.	Primacord	199,000	6	198,994	HQ 2/9 Aust Inf Bn
92.	2" Mortar Sig Red	1,326	54	1,272	do
93.	do do Green	954	54	900	do
94.	Bickfords' Blue Fuse Safe No 2	24,049	256	23,793	do
102.	9 mm Parabellum	299,6-52	7,680	291,972	Special Issue

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NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE, FALL RIVER.

10TH DECEMBER, 1942.

COMMANDING OFFICER H.M.A.S. "POLARIS" AT FALL RIVER

Being in all respects ready for sea and to meet the enemy you are to depart from FALL RIVER at 0900/L 11 December, and escort 8 assault craft to ORO BAY via MACLAREN HARBOUR and PORLOCK BAY.

You will adjust your speed so as to arrive at MACLAREN HARBOUR at 0900L/12 December. The assault craft are to disperse and anchor in MACLAREN HARBOUR making every use of such cover as is available.

You will proceed alone to PORLOCK HARBOUR and take on board Lieut. VERDON, RANVR(Y), and such native pilots as you are able to obtain, returning to MACLAREN HARBOUR at approximately 1300L/12.

You will depart escorting the assault craft from MACLAREN HARBOUR at 2000L/12, for ORO BAY, adjusting your speed so as to arrive at ORO BAY at approximately 0300L/13. At ORO BAY the assault craft will discharge stores and personnel, and you will hand them over to Lieut. Commander LEGGE, RNVR Beachmaster at ORO BAY, for onward passage to SUDEST. Inform Lieut. Commander LEGGE that the assault craft are to disperse in HARVEY BAY during daylight on the 13th.

Assault craft are to leave HARVEY BAY so as to arrive off SOENA Plantation, SUDEST, DYKE ACKLAND BAY, at approximately 2130L/13.

On arrival at SUDEST, beach searchlights are to be landed and Lieut. VERDON is to take over as Beachmaster. Assault craft are to rendezvous with H.M.A.S. BALLARAT, BROOME and COLAC, at 2300L/13th. Corvettes will be approximately two (2) miles off the mouth of the SAMBOGA RIVER, and assault craft will be used to ferry approximately 700 tps ashore.

H.M.A.S. POLARIS will return to TUFI on completion of escort to ORO BAY. Assault craft will return to ORO BAY and await further instructions on completion of landing tps.

The Commanding Officer of "POLARIS" has discretion to alter this programme to avoid enemy air or surface ship activity, except that it is essential that the assault craft arrive at SUDEST at 2130L/13 December.

Sgd. ------- COMMANDER, R.N.
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE, FALL RIVER.

COPY:RER.

ORGANISATION & COMMAND COSC MILNE BAY

AQ3046.

H.Q. Movement Control
MILNE FORCE.

MOVEMENT CONTROL INSTRUCTION NO.1 11 Dec 42

MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL TO PORT MORESBY AND AUSTRALIAN MAINLAND

1. H.Q's and Units who have personnel to move will apply to H.Q. Milne Force through normal channels, and H.Q's and Units will ensure that THREE (3) copies of Movement Order are distributed as follows once authorisation is granted:-

Two copies Movement Order to H.Q. MOVEMENT CONTROL who will place the name or names of personnel to move upon 'Awaiting Transportation File".

One copy of Movement Order to be in possession of personnel waiting to move. (All particulars must be shown on Movement Order re the movement of the personnel).

When transportation is available H.Q. Movement Control will advise H.Q's and Units and personnel will be forwarded to EMPLANING or EMBARKATION points as directed by Movement Control.

(Specimen of Movement Order as attached to this Instruction will be used by Australian Forces. USA SOS will supply two copies of their Movement Order to H.Q. MOVEMENT CONTROL when personnel are to move).

2. EMPLANING

When H.Q's and Units are advised by H.Q. Movement Control that personnel are to be forwarded to Emplaning Point, said personnel will present his copy of Movement Order to Movement Control representative at Emplaning Point and arrangements will be made for personnel to emplane. TOTAL WEIGHT OF EACH PASSENGER AND BAGGAGE MUST NOT EXCEED 220 lbs.

As AIR travel interstate on the Mainland is under control of civil aviation companies, it must be borne in mind by all ranks in NEW GUINEA and PAPUA, that if they do NOT possess an authorisation from H.Q. N.G.F. or H.Q. MILNE FORCE to travel by AIR upon arriving the Mainland, MOVEMENT CONTROL will normally arrange onward move by rail.

AIR travel for USA SOS on the Mainland is arranged by T.M.O., (Troop Movement Office, USA SOS).

3. EMBARKATION

Upon receiving Movement Orders, and shipping is available to the Mainland, H.Q. MOVEMENT CONTROL will compile Nominal Roll, issue T.51 A (Summary of Strength Return) and T.51 (Strength Return).

Eight sets of above Forms will be made and distributed as under:

2 copies NGF	1 copy Records	3 copies
1 copy File	1 copy ATS USA SOS	O.C., Troops .

Movement of personnel to the Australian Mainland by SEA or AIR will normally be decided by Movement Control, unless otherwise directed by H.Q. MILNE FORCE.

When personnel are called forward to EMBARKATION POINT, which is in vicinity of wharves, said personnel will NOT proceed onto wharves or ship until called forward by E.S.O. (Embarkation Staff Officer).

The E.S.O. will appoint an O.C. Troops for the voyage, and acquaint the O.C., of his responsibilities during the voyage to the Mainland and final disembarkation at the port of call.

The O.C. appointed by the E.S.O., need NOT necessarily be the senior Officer or N.C.O. travelling.

When the O.C. is appointed, the E.S.O. will escort him aboard prior to embarking troops, and ensure that the O.C. Troops is

acquainted with accommodation and messing arrangements for his ips.

The E.S.O. will see that O.C. Troops interviews the Chief Officer, thus ensuring that all arrangements are made for embarking troops.

Once troops are embarked, the O.C. Troops will be responsible that all troops remain aboard and do NOT disembark until permission has been sought off the E.S.O.

When personnel are called forward onto the wharf, the senior member of the party will make sure that all of his party are present and ready for checking and embarkation.

When all troops have been embarked, the E.S.O. will hand three copies of Embarkation papers to the O.C. Troops as outlined in para. 3 of this instruction.

Upon arrival at Port of Call, the O.C. Troops will be interviewed by the Movement Control representative at that Port and will pass over Embarkation papers as required.

4. EVACUATION OF AUSTRALIAN AND USA SOS MEDICAL PATIENTS.

By arrangements with A.D.M.S. MILNE PORT and MOVEMENT CONTROL.

[signature] Major
D.A.D. Tn.

DISTRIBUTION:	Copies	DISTRIBUTION:	Copies
H.Q. Milne Force	4		
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H.Q. Sigs.	2	War Diary	2
A.D.O.S.	6	File	1
A.O.N.I.	5	Spares	6
A.A.D.C.	6		
7 Aust Inf Bde	5		
18 Aust Inf Bde	5		
17 Aust Inf Bde	5		
H.Q. R.A.E.	7		
Docks Control	2		
Docks Operating Coy	2		
Water Transportation Group	4		
A.D.C.S.	1		
30 Aust Employ Coy	2		
2 Aust Army Salvage Unit	1		
1 Aust Pr Cash Office	1		
Records Liaison Officer	1		
Base Postal Unit	1		
2/2 Aust Kit Store	1		
H.Q. Concert Party	1		
Milne Force Postal Unit	1		
Milne Force Concert Party	1		
Embrose Coy Milne Force	1		
2/2 Cranes Construction	1		
3 Lower 3 Bty 2/2 A/T Regt	1		
3 Bty 2/2 A/T Regt	1		
A Troop 101 A/T Regt	1		
4 Bty 101 A/T Regt	1		
E Bty 3 A.A.	1		
A Bty 3 A.A.	1		
2/3 and 2/4 Regt	1		
5 Sqd 2/3 Aust Mond Regt	1		
2 Air Support Control	1		
9 Air Liaison Sec	1		
2/12 Air Liaison Sect	1		
H.Q. USA SOS	5		
COSC MILNE BAY	6		
A.T.S. USA SOS			

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

MOVEMENT ORDER

TO _____ RANK _____ NAME _____

1. In connection with your movement from FALL RIVER to

_____

2. You will emplane/embark at _____

on _____ 42, at _____ (Time)

3. On arrival at PORT MORESBY, TOWNSVILLE, CAIRNS or Port of Call, you will report to MOVEMENT CONTROL who will arrange your onward move to destination.

4. If travelling by AIR, total weight passenger and baggage 220 lbs.
If travelling by SEA, personnel equipment and baggage.
Eating utensils MUST be carried by personnel.

5. Special Instructions:
Reason for Movement, full particulars must be supplied to enable Rail Warrant to be issued on Mainland.

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6. Authority: _____

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Commanding Officer

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MIINE FORCE NEWS BULLETIN NO 105 11 Dec 42

SUMMARY OF ABC NEWS BULLETIN 1900L/ 11

FIERCE FIGHTING AT BUNA

Since the complete occupation of GONA, fierce fighting has been reported in the BUNA area. A counter-attack was made by enemy forces against an American base. The Japanese used familiar methods of attack, shouting and screaming as they advanced, obviously trying to create as much confusion as possible. The Americans stood firm and the attack was repulsed. The Japanese left many dead on the field.

Enemy planes were over the BUNA area yesterday but no attack on our troops was reported. It is assumed that the planes were trying to drop supplies. The complete occupation of GONA was confirmed in a communique issued by General MacArthur's Headquarters to-day.

RED ARMY MAINTAINS INITIATIVE

The Red Army maintains the initiative on both the Central and Southern fronts in spite of fierce German resistance. The enemy is maintaining a strong defence to keep the Russians away from the Germans' second line of defence. NW of STALINGRAD, the Russians beat back more counter attacks and kept up their offensive . In STALINGRAD itself more ground was gained. Advances were made in the Northern factory sector and on the Southern outskirts of the city.

The Germans made a slight advance west of RCHEV but only with heavy loss of men and materials. The Soviet air force has been active along and behind the Central front.

It has been announced that during the past year Britain has sent Russia a large quantity of equipment and materials including 3000 planes, 4000 tanks and 30,000 vehicles.

8th ARMY PATROLS ACTIVE

Increased activity by 8th Army patrols is reported. Both sides are preparing for a large-scale battle near EL AGHEILA. For the second day in succession, Allied long range fighters have taken heavy toll of the enemy positions.

The RAF striking power in TUNISIA is growing. Referring to the struggle which lies ahead, the London "Times" says : "The task will be harder than it appeared at first."

PERSECUTION OF JEWS

Further details of the persecution of Jews in POLAND have been released. Brutal methods used in recent months make it clear that the Germans are determined to wipe out all the Jews in POLAND. The British Government is certain to condemn the latest atrocities.

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON CONSCRIPTION

The House of Representatives debate on themotion of the Prime Minister (Mr. J. Curtin) that the sphere of operations of the militia should be extended was adjourned to-day until not later than January 27. An amendment moved by Mr. Blackburn that Parliament should re-affirm its previous decision not to send the militia outside Australian territories was defeated. All Cabinet Ministers spoke in favour of the Prime Minister's motion. The only member of the Opposition who spoke was Sir Earle Page who said he favoured the extension of the sphere of the militia's operations. In the SENATE, a debate on the war position proceeded all day.

DAILY HEALTH NOTES NO 6

FLIES carry the germs of Dysentery from faeces to your food. Therefore, keep your latrines flyproof and your food protected.

FLIES breed in decaying vegetable matter. Hence the need to burn the food left in tins.

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ MILNE FORCE. (Unit)

A.I.F 11/0/3. 36 x 168 Attached 0 x 1.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	W.E Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Present Strength Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment). Surplus to Establishment.
Maj. General	1	1	
Brigadier	3	3	
Lieut.-Colonels	2	1	1
Majors	11	9	2
Captains	17	12	5
Lieutenants	12	14	2
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	36.	30	2 8.

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(I) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1 Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps. or Unit	5 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col T/Maj Gen	NX100053	Clowes C.A	HQ MILNE F	Yes	Commander
Lt Col T/Col	NX231	Chilton F.O.	"	"	G.S.O (Staff)
Maj T/Lt Col	NX100.54	Litchfield J.C	"	"	AA&QMG.
Lt Col T/Col	WX 1546	Maitland G.B.S.	"	"	ADMS
Capt T/Lt Col	NX120209	Moyes J	"	"	P.P. Courts Martial
Lt T/Maj	NX111821	Singe C.W	"	"	S.S.O (Ops)
T/Maj	SX 5018	Oldham F.S.	"	"	ADOS
T/Maj	NX 7402	Cook E.J	"	"	S.S.O II Arty
Lt T/Maj	NX100066	Willis J.W.	"	"	DAAG
Capt T/Maj	VX 7512	Billis P.A	"	"	DADOS E.
" "	SX 13118	Magarey J.R.	"	"	DAQMS
" "	N270696	Larkins A.	"	"	S.S.O
Lt T/Maj	N37329	Bailey K.S.	"	"	DAQMS.
Chaplain	VX 116590	Blake J	"	"	Senr Chaplain C of E
Capt	VX 58163	McQueen S.H	"	"	DADH
Lt T/Capt	NX 11161	Speight W.L	"	"	Liaison Offr (Am)
Lt T/Capt	NX 100065	Beddam-Whytham J.C	"	"	" "
Lt T/Capt	N 191440	Robertson W.E	"	"	" " (Ops)
Lt T/Capt	NX 100675	Thompson R.H.B	"	"	" "
Lt T/Capt	NX 105208	Atkin J.R	"	"	Camp Comdt
Lt T/Capt	NX 102726	Robinson E.D.	"	"	Asst Camp Comdt
Lt T/Capt		Borthwick J.M.	"	Leave	S.S.O (Chemical Warfare)
Lt T/Capt	NX 100069	Hawkaswood H.W	"	Yes	DAAG
Lt T/Capt	NX 100067	James C	"	"	Catering Adviser
Lt T/Capt	SX 24372	Mills E.W.	"	"	DADOS (Learner)
Lt T/Capt	NX 19127	Rosanquet S.S	"	Hosp	A Duties
Lt	NX 110844	Freeman W.H.	"	Yes	S.S.O Stocking (Learner)
Lt	N 149513	Clarke I.J.	"	"	Aide-de-Camp
Lt	VX 1845	McNally E.M.	"	"	DADOS (O)
Lt	N 232593	Beauchamp W.T	"	"	Hdq DADOS (Learner)

OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS or UNITS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt T/Maj	NX 191	Sullivan H.R.	HQ MILNE F	15.9.42	DADOS (Dental)
Lt	Q 18645	Turbayne M.	7 Inf Bde	16.9.42	S. Duties
Lt	SX 11337	Cowan R.W.T	21 Inf Bde	11.10.42	S. Duties
Lt T/Capt	NX 11009	Maloney R.R.	2/9 Bn	29.10.42	A Duties
Lt	Q 111647	Sharlock R.A.	ATS Sec	29.10.42	Int. Duties
T/Maj	NX 11199	McLeod A.C.	S Alor Control	6.11.42	A.C. officer
~~Lt~~	~~VX 3907~~	~~McBane~~			

(II) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
T/Capt		Wilson N.	Aircrew Sec		
Lt		Henderson L.	HQ Milne F	28.10.42	
Lt	QX 10556	Brebs AA	HQ 7 Bde	23.11.42	A Branch Duties
Maj	WX 6778	Henderson R.W.	Ex 16 AOD	2.12.42	
Lt	NX 115832	Mc Sullivan S.E.	Rejd Offr	7.12.42.	
Lt	VS 566	Henderson H.L.	HQ MFE		

HQ. MILNE Force. (Unit.)

7. 12. 42.

(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

Comd. Commandant.

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., to which Unit is serving.)

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MILNE FORCE ROUTINE ORDERS
PART 1
By
Major-General C.A. CLOWES
COMD MILNE FORCE

HQ
MILNE FORCE
AUSTRALIA
12 Dec 42

GENERAL STAFF

NIL

Col
G.S., MILNE FORCE

ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S STAFF

430. AIR RAID WARNING AND COAST WATCHING STATIONS

The following will be the scale for native labour and trade tobacco for the above stations :-

Native Labour - 1 boy for 3 spotters
Trade Tobacco - 120 sticks for station of 3 spotters for 3 months.

431. CONTINUATION PAYBOOKS

The following procedure will be adopted by all units requiring the issue of Continuation Paybooks :-

1. Reconcile the credit earnings with entries shown on page 2 of the pay book.
2. Check additions of all debit entries.
3. Ensure that all debit and credit entries are properly signed.
4. Ensure that requisite authorities are quoted to cover all promotions on page 2 of paybooks.
5. Submit pay books together with schedule, in duplicate, showing Army No , Rank, Name and Unit to Paymaster, MILNE FORCE.
6. Paymaster will acknowledge receipt of pay books on duplicate of schedule accompanying them and return to unit.

432. CONSERVATION OF CURRENCY

In view of the difficulty in obtaining currency from Australia, restrictions on the amount of cash to be taken from this area by personnel being evacuated are imposed.

Henceforth personnel, all ranks, prior to evacuation, will be paid a maximum amount of ten pounds and in no instance will members' paybooks be overdrawn.

433. PAY

Attention of all units is drawn to Milne Force R/O 277 of

433. PAY (continued)

3/10/42 . In many instances , soldiers are applying direct to Paymaster HILNE FORCE for pay without first enquiring from their own unit and in other cases have been sent to the Paymaster without a signed request from the O.C.

It is advised that pay facilities are available to all units and individuals should only be sent to the Field Cash Office in special circumstances, and then only accompanied with the authority referred to above.

434. PAYBOOKS - NOT TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM MEMBERS (SRO FC25)

The attention of all units is drawn to the above-mentioned S.R.O.

435. KITS AND EFFECTS OF ILLEGAL ABSENTEES AND KITS, EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT FOUND IN RAILWAY CLOAKROOMS, ETC (SRO QC33)

The attention of all units is drawn to the above-mentioned SRO which will be re-published in all unit orders.

436. STORAGE OF UNIT AMMUNITION

Units will take steps to ensure that ammn is properly stored. Ammn will be kept dry and shielded from the direct rays of the sun. Roofing iron is available for this purpose.

Suitable storage methods are as follows :-

(a) Built up sufficiently on palm logs or other dunnage, to keep stocks clear of any water after heavy rain.
(b) Roofing for protection of stocks from rain or direct rays of sun, may consist of a scillion roof of iron or, if procurable, sago leaf.
(c) Protective shelters can be built in a square of four palm trees, using the trees as supports for the roof.
(d) Sides must be left open to enable sufficient air to penetrate to restrict sweating to a minimum.

for Col
AA . QMG, HILNE FORCE

NOTICES

LOST

Discs Identification with cross attached (NX27937,Pte Jory). Finder please contact HQ , RAE.

Ring , gold band with initials W.R.H. engraved on outside. Finder please contact 101 I.B. G. Ord Fd Pk.

HIINE FORCE NEWS BULLETIN NO 104 12 Dec 42

SUMMARY OF ABC NEWS BULLETIN 1900L/ 12

ALLIES INCREASING PRESSURE ON JAP POSITIONS

The A llies are increasing the pressure on the remaining Japanese positions on the PAPUAN front. Heavy fighting has been reported in the SANANANDA and BUNA sectors. A n A llied force moving in towards BUNA encountered a Japanese unit astride the trail. Our forces spread out into the jungle and isolated the Japanese. The slaughter among the Japanese can be best described by the words of the official communique:- "They were bloodily repulsed."

Our bombers and attack planes are hampering the Japanese positions. Enemy planes came over BUNA yesterday and dropped supplies.

FORTRESS DESTROYS FIVE ZEROS

A United S tates message tells how a Flying Fortress recently dealt with 15 Zeros when the Fortress was on a recce flight over NEW GEORGIA ISLAND. The Fortress shot down five of the enemy fighters before returning to its base.

Washington announces the loss of a 6000-ton American auxiliary cargo ship in the SOLOMONS as a result of enemy action. Three members of the ship's crew are missing.

TWO GERMAN COLUMNS THROWN BACK

Last night's communique from Allied Headquarters in North West A frica reports fighting 40 miles south-west of TUNIS. Two enemy tank and infantry columns were thrown back by the 1st A rmy. One column was immediately counter-attacked and a number of tanks were destroyed. T he second column withdrew when it was attacked by the 1st Army's artillery and fighters.

A London correspondent says that a message from North Africa emphasises that Axis strength in TUNISIA is being increased by means of troop carriers supported by fighters. The Allies are taking toll of the German reinforcements.

The 8th Army is probing the enemy's positions in LIBYA.

RUSSIANS STAND FIRM

The latest S oviet communique indicates that strong German counter-attacks have been beaten back on all fronts. The Red Army is maintaining the initiative. Last night BERLIN admitted that powerful Soviet thrusts had broken through the German positions at some points but claim that counter-attacks have retrieved the position. There is little news of the fighting on the Central front.

RAF " WESTERN" RAID

Strong forces of RAF planes started streaming across the Channel to the Continent last night. They roared over the English coast for an hour. It is not known what the targets were , although alerts are known to have been sounded in some Swiss towns.

- ITEMS IN BRIEF -

The parade of Australian made weapons through Sydney streets to-day was five miles long and took an hour to pass one point... Parliament wants people to have vegetables all the year round and schemes to assure this are being investigated ..Commenting on a report that the Pope had appealed to Britain and America to spare ROME from aerial bombardment, President Roosevelt said "You can take it with a grain of salt."

-DAILY HEALTH NOTES NO 7-

WATER does not evaporate in the tropics like it does "Down South." Hence to avoid "tropical ears" spend a few seconds drying each ear with a towel or handkerchief after washing or swimming.

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SUMMARY OF ABC NEWS BULLETIN 1900L/13

ENEMY DEAD AT GONA

The fierceness of the battle which ended in the complete occupation of GONA by our troops is indicated in to-day's communique from General MacArthur's Headquarters. So far, 633 enemy troops killed in the final stages of the GONA battle have been buried. Our patrols destroyed a party of refugees west of GONA. In other sectors there has been only desultory fighting.

Both our Air Force and the enemy's were active over the field yesterday, the communique adds. Heavy tropical rains were making all operations difficult.

In addition to the 633 dead, many more enemy dead are scattered on the beach, in the jungle and coconut groves. The number of the enemy dead around GONA shows the stubbornness of their resistance. The Australians are now mopping up in the area and are menacing the Japanese positions at SANANANDA.

Devastating raids were made by our air forces over LAE and SALAMAUA. At LAE 57OLb bombs were dropped and many burnt and badly damaged planes were seen on the airfield after the raid.

MAJOR LIBYAN BATTLE REPORTED

The LIBYAN battlefront is in the forefront of the news again. There is no confirmation of a German report that General Montgomery has launched a large scale attack on Rommel's forces. It is reported that General Montgomery has struck far to the south of El Agheila and encircled. This news is not supported from British sources but CAIRO announced yesterday that British patrols had pushed on and had encountered Rommel's rearguard.

British paratroops dropped in TUNISIA a week ago have returned to the Allied lines after a hard trek of 80 miles over mountains and through rough country. These paratroops surprised the enemy everywhere. Ten miles from TUNIS , they raided an aerodrome and destroyed six enemy planes. They set fire to stores. In the Mediterranean ,British submarines scored hits on Axis ships carrying supplies to LIBYA.

HEAVY GERMAN LOSSES IN RUSSIA

MOSCOW has announced the German losses on the STALINGRAD front between November 9 and December 11. They are :- 75,200 Germans killed, 19,000 Rumanians killed, 72,400 Germans captured ,833 transport planes, 279 other aircraft, 848 tanks and 934 guns destroyed. The Russians captured 105 planes, 1510 tanks, 200 guns,1700 mortars and 20,000,000 rounds of ammunition.

The Russians have consolidated their positions on the Southern and Central fronts.

NEW JAPANESE AIRFIELD

Flying Fortresses bombed a new Japanese airfield on NEW GEORGIA ISLAND. Six Zeros were shot down in the Northern Solomons.

CHAOS LIKELY IN ITALY

In Italy , RAF raids may cause chaos later. It is suggested that the present civilian exodus from cities is not large enough yet to lead to the downfall of Mussolini. Many German troops are in Italy.

AUSTRALIAN LOAN

Lord Gowrie sent a birthday message to the King to-day. 135,000 more subscribers to the Austerity loan are needed to bring the total to 500,000. The loan closes on Tuesday.

DAILY ENEMY LOSS NO 2

Flies are your worst enemies. Kill them each day with every weapon..... They are JAPANESE ALLIES WHEN THEY BITE.

Circular No. AQ5172. WAR DIARY 42/1050 42

SUBJECT: Distribution of Christmas hampers provided by ACF.

HQ, MILNE FORCE
13 Dec 42

1. The following instructions are promulgated to facilitate the distribution of ACF Christmas hampers throughout MILNE FORCE.

2. It is intended that each member of the Aust Forces shall receive a hamper on Christmas Day if possible, and the Force Comd. would appreciate the active co-operation of all unit Comds and Administrative Offrs to attain this objective.

3. It is expected that the first shipment of hampers will arrive shortly and, as bulk storage is not available, they will be distributed in bulk as far as possible direct from the wharf to Bde H'q's and HQ's of Services for subsequent distribution in detail to units.

4. For this purpose, units will be grouped under respective HQ in accordance with the attached schedule.

5. Units NOT listed in the schedule will be issued with hampers from the ACF Store near Force HQ in accordance with a time table to be published ata later date.

6. The Comd of each HQ listed will arrange for a responsible Offr and an adequate loading party to report to Mr. Hill, ACF Commissioner, at the wharf at a time to be notified to take delivery of the hampers. Transport will be provided by MASC from vehicles normally on ship unloading work.

7. The Offr referred to above will bring with him a certificate signed personally by the Comd referred to above as to the ration strength of the units of the group as at the preceding day which will be the basis for issue of hampers.

8. Punctuality and accuracy in the ration state are essential.

9. After taking delivery individual Comds will be responsible for distribution to units and will return any surplus immediately to ACF Store. The distribution is to be ONE per Offr, NCO, or man.

10. Q Branch, Milne Force will be responsible for delivery of hampers to remote Forces and dets under Comd.

11. Red Cross representative will be issued with hampers in bulk as above for subsequent issue to all medical units and patients. He will be provided by C.O's of medical units with ration states, including patients for this purpose.

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A A & Q MILNE FORCE

GROUPING OF UNITS FOR PURPOSE OF COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ACF CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

AA GP HQ

AA Gp Ops
2/6 AA Bty
2/9 AA Bty
3[illegible] AA Bty
2[illegible] AA Bty
2/[illegible] AA Wkshop

[illegible] 17 BDE

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"[illegible]" Sec Sigs
2/[illegible] LAD
17 [illegible] Ord W/shops
17 [illegible] Div

RAA [illegible]

"[illegible]" Hy Bty x
"[illegible]" Hy Bty
Dev Fortress Coy
HQ 2/[illegible] Aust Fd Regt x

RAE HQ

2/4 Fd Coy
24 Fd Coy
2/[illegible] Fd Coy
2/10 Fd Coy
2/1 Pioneer
Bomb Disposal [illegible]

7 Bde HQ

9 Bn
25 Bn
[illegible] Bn
241 LAD
"J" Sec Sigs
4 Bty [illegible]
3 Bty [illegible]
" B" Sec [illegible] Dental Unit (31 Bn)

[illegible] Aust Ind [illegible] Pk
" " " " " Wkshops

18 Bde HQ

2/47 LAD x
18 Bde Ord Pk
18 Bde Ord Wkshop

HQ [illegible]

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[illegible]
3 [illegible] Supply
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SUMMARY BY UNITS AND RANKS PERSONNEL DISEMBARKED MILNE BAY EX SS "TAROONA" 14 DEC 42

UNIT	OFF	WO	SGTS	CPLS	PTES	TOTAL OR ALL RANKS	TOTAL
11 Fd Amb	1				1	1	2
2/5 Fd Amb					2	2	2
10 CCS					2	2	2
39 Bn (COSC)	1						1
HQ 18 Inf Bde			2		5	7	7
MILNE FORCE HQ				1		1	1
HQ N.G. F CYPHER			2	1		3	3
	2		4	2	10	16	18

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8 Hy AA Bty					5	5	5

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NINTH FORCE NEWS BULLETIN NO 106 14 DEC 42

SUMMARY OF ABC NEWS BULLETIN 1500L/ 14

ROMMEL'S ARMY IN FLIGHT

Rommel's army has been thrown out of EL AGHEILA and is now streaming towards TRIPOLI. The communique from CAIRO says : "Rommel has been driven from his strong positions at EL AGHEILA and is now retreating westward. The 8th Army occupies EL AGHEILA."

Yesterday the communique from CAIRO stated that the preparations for the attack on EL AGHEILA were proceeding according to plan and that our patrols had met no opposition. German sources circulated reports that the British 8th Army had started a big attack near EL AGHEILA.

It is considered that Rommel must have realised that a stand near EL AGHEILA was impossible. Rather than offer stubborn resistance, Rommel did not want to risk disaster. The Allied columns operated over a wide area but General Montgomery did not need to make a full scale attack. Correspondents point out that if Rommel had waited for the 8th Army, Rommel's African Corps may have been wiped out altogether. CAIRO correspondents were not surprised at the news. CAIRO is about 900 miles west of EL AGHEILA. There is no readily defensive position between EL AGHEILA and TRIPOLI.

It is now 52 days since General Montgomery began his offensive in NORTH AFRICA. It began on October 24 and by November 4 Rommel's army had been smashed. By November 24 the Allied forces had taken BENGHAZI. Many German prisoners were captured and the desert was littered with smashed tanks and planes.

More than 700 miles away to the west of the point where Rommel is making his escape, the 1st Army continues to make progress. One of the heaviest raids on TUNIS in the campaign was made by Flying Fortresses yesterday.

GERMAN COUNTER-ATTACKS IN RUSSIA

German counter attacks have been particularly heavy on the STALINGRAD front. A large number of German tanks have been trying to break through in an effort to relieve the encircled Axis forces. One correspondent says that the latest German offensive may be the final attempt to relieve the trapped armies.

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BN STRENGTH RETURN AS AT 0000 HRS 14/12/42

UNIT	[illegible]		SICK LOSSES OTHER CAUSES				REINFTS STRENGTH WITH UNIT		ATT ON W.E.		ATT NOT ON W.E.		UNIT STRENGTH DETACHED	
	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs
9 Bn	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	27	511	1	4	—	5	7	158
25 "	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	22	514	1	6	2	41	3	176
61 "	—	—	—	6	—	33	—	—	26	493	1	7	1	1	4	140
2/5 "	—	—	—	9	—	—	—	—	27	645	1	8	2	1	1	137
2/6 "	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	25	611	2	8	—	—	6	163
2/7 "	—	—	—	3	—	2	—	—	26	562	2	11	—	4	5	148
2/10 Halfonce	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	460	—	1	9	164	2	12
2/10 Hanson	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	17	283	1	5	17	162	19	520
2/12 Bn	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36	765	1	12	2	15	3	43

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	Offrs	O/Rs
W.E. Bn Strength	273	6682
Strength with Bns	234	4904
Strength Def.	39	1778

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MILNE FORCE NEWS BULLETIN NO 107 15 DEC 42

SUMMARY OF ABC NEWS BULLETIN 1900L/15

ALLIES CAPTURE BUNA VILLAGE

Allied troops in PAPUA have scored another victory. BUNA village was occupied by American troops at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The attack on the village was preceded by a heavy mortar barrage which was followed up by the infantry. This success cuts the enemy forces in two. The Japanese hold two strong salients and troops can only pass from one to the other by sea. The force which took the village stands firm. It must be realised that the enemy has had time to become well entrenched on either side of the village. There is still hard fighting ahead before the Japanese can be thrown out of PAPUA.

In another attempt by the Japanese naval forces to reinforce their ground troops in the BUNA area, the enemy launched a convoy of two cruisers and three destroyers for a landing at the MAMBARE and KUMUSI estuaries. Our air force intercepted the convoy. In heavy bombing and strafing attacks, the enemy's landing barges were sunk or disabled. About 20 barges operated between the ships and shore. Many of the barges were set on fire. The enemy tried to save supplies by putting them into nets in the water. Petrol drums and ammunition in the nets were blown up. Many Japanese troops were killed in the nets. Hundreds of Japanese dead were seen in the wreckage of the barges. Survivors tried to reach the land by swimming, suffering heavy casualties.

Several hits and many near misses were made on the warships. The warships broke off the engagement late yesterday and were last seen heading north, probably towards GASMATA.

It is believed that a major attempt by the enemy to relieve the position was parried. The largest enemy attempt to land reinforcements ended in disaster.

ROMMEL'S FORCES ATTACKED RELENTLESSLY

Rommel's fleeing army is being relentlessly battered by Allied fighters in what had been described as "the biggest fighter attack of the Libyan campaign." Lorries and equipment were blown to bits. Spitfires swooped to wipe out enemy stragglers. Three hundred sorties a day by our planes were not unusual. Rommel has dispersed his army over a wide area but the planes are taking heavy toll of the German and Italian forces. British infantry forces are having a hard time dodging many land mines.

Rommel has retreated to HOFILIA, 90 miles to the west of EL AGHEILA. It is thought that Rommel will try to get to TUNISIA. The German High Command knew that Rommel was retreating when it announced that the British forces had opened a new attack. Rommel retreated rather than risk the complete destruction of his entire force. Correspondents believe that Rommel cannot return to LIBYA, once he has withdrawn to TUNISIA.

BIZERTA, TUNIS and SFAX were heavily bombed yesterday. At TUNIS Flying Fortresses dropped bombs on docks and shipping.

RUSSIANS STAND FIRM

The Russians have stood firm against heavy German counter attacks and have captured important heights in a sector between MOSCOW and STALINGRAD. The heaviest fighting in Russia yesterday was in a sector SW of STALINGRAD. In spite of determined German assaults, the Russians are holding their lines. On the Central front the Russians smashed 20 enemy tanks and killed hundreds of Germans.

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CHINESE SCORE ANOTHER VICTORY

From CHUNG KING , it is announced that the Chinese have achieved another victory over the Japanese in the YUNNAN Province . A Japanese force of 5000 was thrown back.

GENERAL WAVELL'S WARNING

General Wavell has had something to say about India's preparations against attack. Drawing a picture of Japan's preparedness to attempt an Indian offensive, General Wavell said that the Japanese would get a warm reception if they attacked India now.

- [illegible] IN BRIEF -

Britain & United States have agreed to pool all their steel resources for the manufacture of munitions. It is expected that the production of munitions will be speeded up considerably in 1943.

The Australian £160,000,000 Austerity Loan closes to-day. On Saturday and yesterday, thousands of additional applications were received and the number of subscriptions received last week was a record.

The wheat season will be the best Australia has seen for many years. There will be sufficient for our own needs for export demands for the next 12 months.

The Prime Minister (Mr. J. Curtin) said to-day that he had heard nothing of reports of an early election.

DAILY HEALTH NOTES NO 10

"I" stands for INSECTS - the insects that carry disease. The commonest are the fly and the mosquito.

The soldier who thinks only in terms of the human enemy may ride for disaster. The most highly trained soldier is useless if he has dysentry or malaria.

In most of the country we now occupy, the fly and the mosquito will find us long before the Jap. Make it harder for the fly and the mosquito to live.

CHASE THEM! SWAT THEM ! TRAP THEM ! Even resort to chemical warfare and crack them with a fly spray.

RM/WB

PERSONNEL EVACUATED S.S. "TAROONA" - 15 DEC '42.

WAR DIARY

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HQ
MILNE FORCE
16 DEC '42.

Herewith is a nominal roll of personnel evacuated from MILNE FORCE Area per S.S. "TAROONA" on 15 Dec '42 and will be transferred to "X" List as from that date.

J. W. Willis Maj
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for AA & QMG MILNE FORCE.

DISTRIBUTION:-

HQ B Sqn 2/6 Aust Armd Regt	1.
HQ 2/5 Aust Fd Regt	1.
HQ 'A' Hy Bty RAA	1.
HQ RAE Milne Force	4.
HQ Sigs Milne Force	1.
HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde	4.
HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	4.
HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde	4.
HQ Comd AASC Milne Force	5.
ADOS	1.
ADME	1.
ADMS	1.
HQ 32 Aust Employ Coy	1.
HQ Provost Coy Milne Force	1.
Milne Force Postal Unit	1.
Movement Control Milne Force	1.
2/2 Aust Kit Store Det	1.
Camp Commandant Milne Force	1.
Copies to:-	
RLO	1
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File	1

ARMY NO	RANK	NAME	UNIT
Q16601	Pte	McKAY, C.	9 Aust Inf Bn
Q28483	"	GORDON, O.	61 " " "
Q165621	"	JONES, D.	9 " " "
Q28381	Cpl	BAIRD, C.	61 " " "
QX24376	Pte	HAMILTON, L.	" " " "
VX47308	Cpl	CLARK, F.	2/8 Aust Fd Coy
Q28251	Pte	SCOTT, J.	61 Aust Inf Bn
Q107812	Cpl	BOWMAN, J.	" " " "
VX50886	Pte	WASHINGTON, W.	2/6 " " "
QX36361	"	DUNCAN, J.	61 " " "
NX43615	Sjt	NICOL, R.	2/4 Aust Fd Coy
VX16956	Dvr	McKENZIE, J.	2/6 Coy AASC
Q104179	Pte	HAYDEN, P.	25 Aust Inf Bn
QX34460	"	SMITH, N.	" " " "
Q103461	"	KURTZ, D.	" " " "
Q104162	"	GURSKE, D.	" " " "
QX35683	Cpl	MORGAN, W.	" " " "
Q104180	Pte	HAYES, W.	" " " "
Q103087	"	JENSEN, D.	" " " "
TX3472	"	MUNDAY, L.	2/6 " " "
VX50753	"	FREELAND, C.	2/1 Aust Fd Butchery.
VX47218	Cpl	GRAY, W.	HQ Gd Bn
NX16651	Gnr	BLACKWOOD, G.	2/5 Aust Fd Regt
VX93588	Pte	CASTRAY, T.	Ind Armd Regt.

ARMY NO.	RANK	NAME	UNIT
Q103309	Pte	O'CONNOR, W.	25 Aust Inf Bn
W6535	Sigmn	COCKER, C.	Sigs Milne Force
NX25489	Pte	STRINGER, A.	2/2 Aust Fd Bakery.
QX25932	Cpl	O'BRIEN, C.	24 Aust Fd Coy
Q100585	Pte	HEEHAN, T.	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde.
SX2751	Cpl	KEARSLEY, G.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn
SX17817	S/Sjt	LIVERMORE, W.	W/S 18 Aust Inf Bde
QX27594	Pte	BRIGHT, J.	61 Aust Inf Bn
QX35546	"	BALLARD, C.	" " " "
Q28699	"	SCOTT, M.	" " " "
QX15148	Sjt	McDONALD, J.	W/S 18 Aust Inf Bde
TX4239	Pte	MIZEN, B.	2/12 Aust Inf Bn
TX1394	"	BUGG, L.	" " " "
QX11565	"	McGLINCHEY, L.	" " " "
TX357	"	BULLOCK, E.	" " " "
WX1917	"	ROGERSON, S.	2/1 AUST CCS
QX33364	"	DARCY, T.	61 Aust Inf Bn
QX21307	"	WILSON, L.	2/2 Aust Fd Bakery
VX51495	"	OATS, J.	2/5 Aust Inf Bn
Q27788	Cpl	CRANE, J.	61 " " "
Q149059	Pte	COURT, V.	" " " "
[illegible]	"	PETERS, R.	" " " "
[illegible]	"	DUGGUID, J.	2/9 " " "
QX10367	"	KING, E.	" " " "
[illegible]	"	JAMIESON, S.	" " " "
Q126678	"	HEALY, K.	101 Fd Pk
Q1584	Sigmn	HUMPHREYS, J.	'J' Sec Sigs.
NX36941	Spr	SUTHERLAND, R.	2/25 Fd Pk
S45017	Pte	FRIER, J.	32 Aust Employ Coy
N335557	Sjt	SCHELL, W.	Sigs Milne Force
N218174	Dvr	GOSPER, B.	" " "
Q121368	Pte	MORGAN, L.	9 Aust Inf Bn
Q22807	Dvr	O'BRIEN, C.	61 Bn att 2/1 CCS
WX29007	Sigmn	GILBERT, J.	Sigs Milne Force
Q100509	Pte	JOHNSON, F.	9 Aust Inf Bn
Q27707	Sjt	ANDREWS, R.	61 " " "
QX17158	Pte	UTZ, E.	W/S 18 Aust Inf Bde
Q173285	"	HARGREAVES, R.	9 Aust Inf Bn
Q151312	"	CAFFERY, K.	" " " "
QX3167	"	COX, T.	2/12 Aust Inf Bn
QX3030	"	[illegible], P.	" " " "
QX23865	"	JOHNSON, W.	" " " "
QX3679	"	REID, J.	" " " "
QX3592	"	MARTIN, W.	" " " "
QX16793	"	ROBINSON, W.	" " " "
NX11697	"	SYMON, A.	" " " "
QX3119	"	BRISKEY, H.	" " " "
Q107930	Sjt	HOWE, T.	61 " " "
Q28535	Cpl	BATTERHAM, D.	" " " "
NX59685	Gnr	DANIELS, W.	2/5 Aust Fd Regt
NX17203	"	TEMPLE, H.	" " " "
VX35010	Pte	ROSS, R.	2/5 Aust Inf Bn
Q15511	L/Cpl	SCHLORT, F.	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde
VX15835	L/Sjt	BLAKE, G.	2/7 Aust Inf Bn
Q16816	Pte	RODGERS, E.	9 Aust Inf Bn
Q149778	"	SAUL, R.	" " " "
VX57238	"	COBDEN, G.	2/7 " " "
NX23255	Bdr	D'HAGE, A.	2/5 Aust Fd Regt
QX3650	Cpl	NEILSON, B.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn
NX111434	Pte	ROGERS, R.	2/6 " " "
NX18509	Bdr	GASK, H.	2/5 Aust Fd Regt
QX38015	Pte	DURHAM, H.	9 Aust Inf Bn

ARMY NO.	RANK	NAME	UNIT
N36302	Cpl	COLLINS, H.	32 Aust Employ Coy
Q22131	"	LLOYD, C.	25 Aust Inf Bn
Q100299	Pte	GARRETT, D.	9 " " "
Q107373	Spr	NEUENDORFF, A.	24 Aust Fd Coy
QX37487	A/Cpl	MADSEN, H.	25 Aust Inf Bn
VX51120	L/Bdr	McCONNELL, R.	2/9 Lt AA Bty
NX39291	Sigmn	PAYNE, J.	2/6 Hy AA Bty
NX30545	"	MUNRO, C.	2/2 Hy AA Bty
Q108471	Gnr	DARGUSEH, R.	101 Aust A/Tk Regt
Q1742	Pte	ZOHN, A.	'J' Sec Sigs 7 Bde
N20797	"	HEATH, A.	32 Aust Employ Coy
Q1148	Sigmn	MORTENSEN, E.	'J' Sec Sigs 7 Bde
QX51106	Pte	ROBERTS, E.	25 Aust Inf Bn
SX342	"	LUKE, M.	2/10 " " "
Q15879	"	GATES, J.	9 " " "
NX1264037	Spr	RADBURN, H.	HQ RAE
QX9924	Pte	EVANS, C.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn
VX15716	Cpl	KEARNEY, J.	2/6 Coy AASC
N191839	L/Cpl	CARR, F.	32 Aust Employ Coy
QX31471	Pte	MURRAY, R.	9 Bn att Pk Trans
Q16894	Cpl	HUTCHINSON, J.	9 Aust Inf Bn
NX107737	Pte	NEILSON, E.	W/S 18 Aust Inf Bde
Q100009	"	DWYER, W.	9 Aust Inf Bn
Q149032	"	DUSCHA, V.	" " " "
Q100023	"	KRAUSE, C.	" " " "
QX51857	"	KIRBY, C.	" " " "
QX27765	Gnr	BLOOMFIELD, C.	2/5 Aust Fd Regt
Q107677	Pte	BUTLER, C.	61 Aust Inf Bn
TX5103	"	BRAMICK, V.	HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde
QX35159	"	CRIGHTON, W.	25 Aust Inf Bn
Q22047	"	NIXON, R.	" " " "
Q16115	"	MURPHY, B.	9 " " "
Q100880	Dvr	WILLIAMS, E.	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde
QX35663	Pte	FLANAGAN, N.	9 Aust Inf Bn
Q15859	"	REED, R.	9 Bn att Pk Trans
QX20249	"	QUINLAN, F.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn
QX37926	"	FAULKNER, E.	9 " " "
Q16174	"	HILL, C.	" " " "
VX24037	Spr	JENKINS, L.	2/6 Fd Coy
NX49268	Pte	ROBERTSON, B.	2/2 Aust Fd Bakery
NX59351	Gnr	MOIR, A.	2/5 Aust Fd Regt
Q107205	Pte	KING, A.	61 Aust Inf Bn
Q23538	Cpl	HANNAN, R.	" " " "
QX18389	Pte	WRIGHT, D.	2/12 " " "
Q127685	"	FORBES, T.	9 Aust Inf Bn
Q103493	"	LAWS, C.	25 " " "
QX20	"	GOZZARD, A.	2/2 Aust Fd Bakery
SX12355	"	RIDDLE, L.	2/10 Aust Inf Bn
N105194	"	SPENCER, H.	Advanced Med Stores
W52123	Sigmn	HENDERSON, J.	Sigs Milne Force
QX31966	Pte	WOOD, W.	2/12 Aust Inf Bn
NX24785	"	PENROSE, P.	2/1 Aust Pnr Bn
NX25257	Cpl	HOOK, R.	" " " "
QX39310	L/Cpl	DRENNAN, A.	1 B.D. Coy.
VX36475	Gnr	STEVENS, J.	2/9 Lt AA Bty
Q124308	Pte	WORLAND, R.	101 W/S.
NX14876	Bdr	TROLLOPE, A.	2/5 Aust Fd Regt
QX10518	Gnr	BOURNE, D.	2/1 Aust A/Tk Regt
VX20727	Pte	HAY, E.	2/5 Aust Inf Bn
VX29312	Gnr	O'REILLY, L.	'E' Hy Bty
VX33999	Pte	KEATING, T.	2/7 Aust Inf Bn
SX11605	"	TRESIZE, A.	2/6 Bn att 2/1 CCS

ARMY NO.	RANK	NAME	UNIT
VX7161	Sjt	MACKENZIE, J.	2/7 Aust Inf Bn
Q64012	Cpl	FLOYD, P.	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde
Q49376	"	LINDLEY, A.	61 Aust Inf Bn
V295073	"	EARL, K.	32 Aust Employ Coy
Q75639	Gnr	SWANSON, F.	101 Aust A/Tk Regt
NX72100	"	GOSPER, J.	2/5 Aust Fd Regt.
VX37549	Sjt	SHARPE, A.	2/6 Hy AA Bty
VX51075	Pte	DAVIE, J.	2/6 Aust Inf Bn
Q1770	Sigmn	SMITH, A.	'J' Sec Sigs 7 Bde
Q99086	"	DOLAN, J.	" " " " "
	Master	FRENCH, W.	S. 10.
QX3611	Lieut	FRANCIS, L.	2/9 Bn att Sigs Milne Force
QX654	"	WOODROOFE, J.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn
NX103930	Major	WILSON, M.	CASC Milne Force
QX12375	Lieut	GRIFFITHS, S.	2/12 Aust Inf Bn
VX21762	Gnr	JAMES, F.	2/6 Hy AA Bty
Q28394	Pte	DOWD, R.	61 Aust Inf Bn
QX36052	"	HOWIESON, W.	" " " "
QX4975	"	GRAHAM, L.	2/9 " " "
NX55313	"	MACARROW, H.	2/1 Aust Pnr Bn
SX10469	"	McCONNACHY, P.	HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde
Q105773	Spr	THOMPSON, J.	24 Aust Fd Coy
Q107889	Pte	GEORGHEGAN, R.	61 Aust Inf Bn
QX35966	"	TREDRATH, R.	" " " "
Q106060	Sjt	SMOOTHEY, R.	" " " "
Q121210	Pte	LOVE, W.	9 " " "
S8100	"	GOODMAN, F.	32 Aust Employ Coy
WX53437	Gnr	HARLAN, J.	'A' Hy Bty
S37869	Cpl	DUFFETT, W.	32 Aust Employ Coy
Q145461	L/Cpl	BERRY, A.	61 Aust Inf Bn
QX12381	Pte	MATHEWS, L.	2/9 " " "
Q28134	"	HILSDON, A.	61 " " "
NX15303	Bdr	NEWTON, H.	2/5 Aust Fd Regt
VX76109	Spr	GILES, W.G.	2/3 D.C.C.
NX18199	Gnr	MARTIN, N.P.	2/9 Lt AA Bty
QX396	S/Sjt	MONEY, E.L.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn
VX43802	Pte	CHIQUE, J.V.	2/7 " " "
NX59299	Gnr	BLAKE, A.E.	2/5 Aust Fd Regt
VX19306	Pte	QUINN, F.J.	2/6 Aust Inf Bn
VX5814	Sjt	BOWMAN, D.	2/7 " " "
Q106480	Spr	LOADER, J.H.	24 Fd Coy RAE
VX65507	Gnr	WALTERS, E.H.	33 AA Bty
VX53591	Pte	BROWN, G.W.	2/2 Aust Fd Bakery
QX34120	"	LOPEZ, J.	25 Coy ASC
NX110955	Spr	TURNER, R.	HQ RAE Milne Force
NX51232	Gnr	DAVEY, D.K.	2/5 Aust Fd Regt
QX1203	Pte	SHEEHAN, F.J.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn
NX116558	L/Cpl	YOUNG, M.C.	2/6 " " "
N243107	Pte	FUILAN, A.F.	AAMC Reinforcements
Q48613	"	KINCAID, G.E.	11 Aust Fd Amb
Q137109	"	PARKS, P.	9 Aust Inf Bn
Q126227	Gnr	BLACK, R.C.	101 Aust A/Tk Regt
VX33666	Sjt	McNEILL, C.	2/6 Hy AA Bty
QX8695	L/Cpl	FOUNTAIN, W.D.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn
VX22544	Gnr	WATSON, J.R.	2/6 Hy AA Bty
NX54170	Pte	JEFFRIES, H.	2/7 Aust Inf Bn
VX3517	"	MALCOLM, A.E.	Marine Sec
N180403	"	MITCHELL, C.F.	101 F.C.D.
Q46568	"	FREDIN, G.S.	25 Coy ASC
Q90611	Cpl	LEAF-MILLAR, G.	ADOS
QX5410	Pte	VINCENT, G.	HQ Guard Bn 18 Bde
NX92611	Sigmn	KING, W.	Sigs Milne Force

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N170863	Pte	MEYERS, A.K.	Milne Force Prov Coy
NX129954	"	PEARSON, R.K.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn
Q16544	"	GWYNNE, W.J.	9 " " "
V111003	"	BENSHER, S.D.	F.P.O. 080.
QX16713	"	TOWLER, S.	2/12 Aust Inf Bn
TX1406	L/Cpl	MORTON, J.K.	" " " "
N22246	Bdr	NICHOLSON, R.J.D.	23 Hy AA Bty
QX5661	L/Sjt	McDONALD, W.C.H.	2/12 Aust Inf Bn
TX157	Cpl	HOLMYARD, R.G.	" " " "
QX3004	Pte	ALLAWAY, A.W.	" " " "
QX4535	Sjt	LEIGH, R.	" " " "
QX31761	Pte	STONE, W.R.	9 " " "
NX39815	Gnr	PACEY, C.	2/9 Lt AA Bty
V70619	"	LYNCH, T.F.	23 Hy AA Bty
QX17999	L/Cpl	CLARKE-KENNEDY, J.C.	MFO Att Staging Camp
NX22960	Gnr	BUETTEL, W.	2/5 Aust Fd Regt
VP5774	Sjt	BURN, D.A.	23 Hy AA Bty
Q16607	Pte	DESSETTO, J.R.	9 Aust Inf Bn
QX38065	"	COLQUHOUN, E.C.	" " " "
Q106437	Gnr	PIPPER, M.H.	101 Aust A/Tk Regt
QX17050	"	BRIGGS, J.E.	" " " "
QX51051	Pte	WEEKES, E.T.	2/12 Aust Inf Bn
Q46111	"	WELLINGS, R.W.	25 Coy AASC
SX2407	"	[illegible], K.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn
N160061	Sigmn	DYSON, T.E.	Sigs Milne Force
Q100530	Pte	HOBBS, C.J.	9 Aust Inf Bn
Q148055	"	KIRBY, C.W.	" " " "
VX24272	Bdr	BOWLER, C.	2/5 Hy AA Bty
NX119042	L/Cpl	BRYERS, C.J.C.	101 F.O.D.
VX22410	Pte	WHITING, A.	" "
Q50011	Gnr	CAUDIES, E.	'E' Hy Bty RAA
VX5461	WO.II.	COLLIS, A.	2/7 Aust Inf Bn
QX34291	Cpl	ANDREWS, W.	9 " " "
W56261	Sigmn	GEORGE, D.G.	Sigs Milne Force
S41252	Pte	WALLIS, M.R.	32 Aust Employ Coy
WX29003	Sjt	TAYLOR, J.W.	Sigs Milne Force
NX21188	Gnr	NICHOLS, J.	2/5 Aust Fd Regt
NX51632	Pte	POCKLINGTON, R.	LAD Att 2/5 Aust Fd Regt
QX338	Cpl	BRIDGE, G.	2/10 Aust Inf Bn
Q45024	Pte	BYCROFT, C.	Hq CASC
S5194	WO.II.	THOMPSON, L.J.	32 Aust Employ Coy
QX20645	Pte	ARSENT, W.	2/12 Aust Inf Bn
TX500	Sjt	WILLIAMS, A.H.	" " " "
WX25090	Sigmn	LAVINE, J.	Sigs Milne Force
VX26480	Pte	MASON, A.	3 B.S. Depot
Q116598	"	WINNERS, G.M.H.	11 Aust Fd Amb
Q118525	Cpl	POWER, J.H.	AASC Att 11 Aust Fd Amb
Q128556	Spr	MURPHY, M.W.	24 Aust Fd Coy.
QX29279	Pte	SIMPSON, W.Y.L.	11 Aust Fd Amb
VX43097	Gnr	LACHAL, P.J.	2/5 Hy AA Bty
VX40252	Pte	WALLIS, C.	2/7 Aust Inf Bn
Q5156	Capt	CAMBLIN, L.J.E.P.	101 Aust A/Tk Regt
NX24561	Gnr	BROWN, M.J.	2/5 Aust Fd Regt
VX16799	Spr	MAYNARD, B.H.	2/8 Aust Fd Coy
QX4703	Pte	CLARKE, W.G.F.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn
NX13448	Sigmn	LONGHURST, A.M.	2/5 Aust Fd Regt
QX24263	L/Cpl	WOODFORTH, S.C.	Marine Sec Milne Force
Q131555	Lieut	ARNOLD, L.H.	NG Sigs
NX53908	Gnr	HALEY, P.	2/5 Fd Regt att 25 Bn
Q121886	Pte	GRAINGER, C.	9 Aust Inf Bn
Q100872	Dvr	SCHULZ, I.C.	25 Coy AASC
VX54897	Spr	WEBB, O.J	2/8 Aust Fd Coy

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VX42996	L/Cpl	CUSHING, F.H.	2/5 Aust Fd Amb
VX17745	Pte	PARKINSON, W.J.	2/9 Lt AA Wk/Shops.
Q99208	Dvr	STEPHENS, H.J.	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde
QX21352	Sjt	WINNING, A.C.	3 B.S.D.
QX40718	Gnr	LANE, W.F.	4 Bty 101 Aust A/Tk Regt
Q100475	Pte	BUCKLEY, A.C.T.	9 Aust Inf Bn
QX37471	L/Cpl	ALDIS, L.A.	25 Aust Inf Bn
NX129143	Pte	POOLE, J.	7 Aust Inf Bde att M.F.
Q46285	A/Sjt	MAUNSELL, A.P.	25 Coy A.A.S.C
Q121595	Pte	LYNCH, J.C.	9 Aust Inf Bn
VX85551	Gnr	O'BRIEN, W.J.	33 AA Bty
Q102215	Pte	MASTERS, J.E.	25 Coy A.A.S.C
QX6917	"	O'BRIEN, T.W.	2/2 Aust Kit Store
VX37012	Gnr	KENDALL, H.	2/6 Fd AA Bty
QX976	Pte	JACOBS, R.F.	2/12 Aust Inf Bn
QX23200	"	BREACHER, C.S.	81 F.A.D.
QX31086	"	JONES, B.P.	25 Aust Inf Bn
QX[illegible]681	Spr	MOLLER, R.	1 Aust Bomb Disp.
QX37941	Pte	AUSTIN, R.D.	9 Aust Inf Bn
Q104170	"	HORNER, H.V.	25 " " "
Q10609	"	ALLISON, R.D.	" " " "
Q28039	"	SANDELLS, F.E.	61 " " "
Q125247	Spr	SKINNER, C.E.	24 Aust Fd Coy P.E
Q127342	"	TIERNEY, M.N.	" " " " "
VX4010	Pte	ADDISON, L.R.	2/5 Aust Inf Bn
VX72685	"	STEWART, R.M.	A.A.O.C att 4 A.O.D.
VX76748	L/Cpl	STAFFORD, R.	3 Aust Base Sup Dep
VX7740	Cpl	CASTLE, F.C.	81 F.A.D.
VX66577	Pte	CARLISLE, L.F.	" "
NX19705	L/Cpl	COOPER, E.S.	2/1 Aust Pnr Det
NX72437	Pte	REID, J.W.	4 A.O.D.
NX110983	"	HOWE, R.C.	2/2 Aust Fd Amb
NX231729	Gnr	FURNER, R.K.	'A' Fd Bty R.A.
SX9549	Pte	TAYLOR, B.	2/10 Aust Inf Bn
TX4007	"	PETTIT, T.A.	2/6 " " "
Q147066	"	AUSTIN, V.E.	9 " " "
QX19547	"	MADIGAN, R.J.	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
S687	"	ALSOP, S.	32 Aust Employ Coy
Q17063	"	ANDERSON, T.C.R.	9 Aust Inf Bn
Q102177	"	AINSWORTH, R.	25 Coy A.A.S.C
QX7599	L/Cpl	ATKINSON, S.	2/6 Coy A.A.S.C
QX9653	Pte	ANDERSON, J.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn
Q121550	Spr	ANDERSON, R.	24 Aust Fd Coy
Q108322	Pte	BLACK, T.R.C.	61 Aust Inf Bn
VX56431	Dvr	BRENTWOOD, F.	2/6 Coy A.A.S.C
NX20712	Gnr	BARKER, L.R.	2/5 Aust Fd Regt
SX13285	Pte	BARNBY, B.R.	2/6 Aust Inf Bn
Q121486	Spr	BROWN, M.A.	24 Aust Fd Coy
Q15779	Pte	BLANDFORD, D.A.	9 Aust Inf Bn
QX100602	Gnr	BRAGG, A.E.	101 Aust A/Tk Regt
Q120828	Pte	BYERS, R.G.	25 Aust Inf Bn
NX8336	"	BUCKLEY, J.	2/6 Aust Inf Bn
Q63945	"	BAYADA, C.	61 " " "
QX30657	"	BRADFORD, D.L.	2/10 " " "
Q17020	"	BRENNAN, M.	9 " " "
QX35524	"	BRUCE, J.	61 " " "
Q105574	"	BLITZNER, A.	9 " " "
Q100258	"	BALDWIN, G.E.	25 " " "
Q21808	S/Sjt	BOWTELL, D.L.D.	" " " "
VX11843	Pte	BRYAN, L.T.	2/7 " " "
Q22169	"	BELLINGHAM, R.B.	25 " " "
N156554	Sigmn	BAKER, R.O.	17 Aust Inf Bde

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WX28965	Sigmn	BOWLAY, G.H.	Sigs Milne Force
VX516514	Cpl	BAIRD, L.J.	2/6 Aust Inf Bn
Q103143	Pte	BAKER, W.M.	25 " " "
Q13958	Sgt	BIRD, R.N.	24 Aust Fd Coy
Q22219	Pte	CUTCLIFFE, L.	25 Aust Inf Bn
VX19687	Dvr	COFFEY, G.	2/6 Coy ASC
NX10552	Pte	COX, E.W.	3/1 Aust Pnr Bn
VX30564	"	COLLINS, J.	2/7 Aust Inf Bn
QX19955	"	CRIBB, L.V.	2/9 " " "
QX31044	"	CARLYON, J.	25 " " "
Q40014	"	CRANE, A.	25 Coy ASC
Q125565	Gnr	CROSS, S.J.	101 Aust A/Tk Regt
QX35903	Pte	CUMMINGS, H.A.	61 Aust Inf Bn
QX20354	"	CASTLES, F.G.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn
Q16122	"	COLLIE, N.	9 " " "
Q103382	"	CHRISTENSEN, C.C.	25 " " "
Q128137	"	COYNE, D.T.	9 " " "
Q168784	"	CAHILL, H.W.	" " " "
Q104405	"	CUMNER, G.	25 " " "
QX1013	"	DARK, T.	18 Bde W/Shops.
Q102289	"	DUDLEY, R.	61 Aust Inf Bn
QX34432	Cpl	DYER, E.G.	25 " " "
NXM202323	Gnr	DAVIDSON, A.R.	'A' Hy Bty RAA
Q101664	Spr	FLANIGAN, D.N.	24 Aust Fd Coy
S42226	Pte	FOOTE, A.	2/10 Aust Inf Bn
Q46022	"	FRANKLIN, L.A.	25 Coy ASC
V350715	"	FORBES, D.	32 Aust Emp Coy
WX20350	Gnr	FINLAY, F.H.	2/9 Lt AA Bty
NX24366	Spr	FITZSIMMONS, E.J.	2/4 Coy RAE
VX35756	Pte	[illegible], P.	B.I.P.C.D.
QX38059	Lieut	FALCON-HOWES, F.W.M.	35 Coy ASC
Q127684	Pte	FORBES, E.L.	9 Aust Inf Bn
Q104152	"	GIBSON, H.B.	25 " " "
QX4502	"	GRAHAM, A.G.	18 Bde W/Shops
Q103746	"	GREEN, J.T.	25 Aust Inf Bn
NX53522	Gnr	GROUNDS, N.	2/5 Aust Fd Regt
Q107899	Cpl	GRANT, S.R.	61 Aust Inf Bn
NX114039	Pte	GREENTREE, W.S.	2/5 " " "
Q119871	"	GLYNN, P.	101 W/Shops.
VX23473	"	GORTON, J.A.	17 Aust Inf Bde W/Shops
VX35884	Gnr	GRANT, T.N.	2/6 Hy AA Bty
Q27267	Pte	GRAY, A.W.	25 Aust Inf Bn
Q128170	Spr	GRIEVES, D.W.	24 Aust Fd Coy
Q10094	Pte	GLEESON, B.	Milne Post Office
QX20101	"	HUGHES, N.F.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn
Q22274	Dvr	HILSDON, J.R.D.	25 " " "
QX32021	Pte	HILDRED, R.H.	61 " " "
Q1739	"	HILL, F.R.	" " " "
WX28958	Sigmn	HIGGS, R.D.	Sigs Milne Force
Q46277	Pte	HATTERSLEY, J.C.	25 Coy ASC
QX36053	"	HENSLER, F.W.	61 Aust Inf Bn
Q104192	"	HILL, C.J.	25 " " "
Q21737	"	HARDERS, G.G.	" " " "
VX11653	"	HITHCOCK, C.J.	2/6 Aust Inf Bn
Q107919	"	HARRISON, A.G.	61 " " "
Q16560	"	IVES, A.E.	9 " " "
NX17605	Gnr	JONES, S.E.	2/9 Bn AA Bty
QX7741	Pte	JONES, E.T.	2/12 Aust Inf Bn
Q100525	"	JACKSON, G.	9 " " "
NX17942	Cpl	JONES, N.	2/4 Aust Fd Coy
Q39930	Pte	JOHNSTONE, A.	25 Aust Inf Bn
Q28800	"	KENNRICK, G.	61 " " "

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Q20359	Pte	KIRBY, L.T.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn
Q107944	"	KADDATZ, L.	61 " " "
Q28641	"	KNIGHT, N.J.	" " " "
WX13350	"	KEARNS, M.	2/7 " " "
Q107368	Cpl	KITZELMAN, A.	24 Fd Coy R&E
Q128079	Spr	KAMP, L.V.	" " " "
N151845	Pte	KELLY, J.E.	2/6 Aust Inf Bn
Q108291	L/Cpl	KENT, R.B.	61 " " "
NX52318	Pte	LORD, R.W.	2/2 Hy A.A. Bty
QX2231	"	LEADBEATER, A.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn
WX27870	"	LAURIE, E.	2/1 Aust Pnr Bn
Q121307	"	LIHOU, H.J.	9 Aust Inf Bn
QX16843	A/Cpl	MICHAEL, E.	" " " "
Q121806	Pte	MORGAN, C.C.	" " " "
VX2605	Cpl	MATHEWS, A.G.	HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde
Q45406	Pte	MAYNARD, P.F.	25 Coy ASC
Q22544	Dvr	MCLAGLAN, J.H.	25 Aust Inf Bn
N16915	Pte	MILLIGAN, H.C.	2/7 " " "
QX37493	"	MALTMAN, H.W.	9 " " "
QX24211	Spr	MEINKE, R.	24 Aust Fd Coy
Q27701	"	MONTGOMERY, A.	9 Aust Inf Bn
NX33342	A/Cpl	MURRAY, T.	HQ Guard
Q41142	Cpl	MARSDEN, H.P.	25 Coy ASC
VX100780	L/Cpl	MILVAIN, A.G.	B.I.P.O.D.
NX46924	Gnr	MACKAY, E.A.	2/5 Aust Fd Regt
VX5294	Pte	MORRIS, R.J.	P...D.
Q28507	"	McALLION, A.	61 Aust Inf Bn
QX4837	Sjt	McWILLIAMS, R.J.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn
Q10434	Pte	MITCHELL, G.	9 " " "
Q129530	"	MOGGS, D.S.	" " " "
Q128086	Cpl	MOORE, L.H.	24 Aust Fd Coy
N197206	Sigmn	MORGAN, M.J.	Sigs Milnc Force
Q16495	Pte	MOORAN, E.P.	25 Aust Inf Bn
QX1194	"	MORRIS, M.	2/9 Aust Inf Bn
NX17569	Spr	MUNN, C.	24 Fd Coy R&E
NX56234	Gnr	MOLTS, S.H.	2/6 Hy A.A. Bty
QX26341	Pte	OSBORNE, H.W.	61 Aust Inf Bn
Q100156	"	OLSEN, F...	9 " " "
SX487	"	O'BRIEN, M.S.	2/10 " " "
Q12069	Spr	OWENS, A.	24 Fd Coy R&E
NX23390	Pte	PARRY, R...	17 Aust Inf Bde W/Shops.
Q121380	"	PRESTON, G.W.	9 Aust Inf Bn
Q22014	Sjt	PARKER, S.G.	25 " " "
Q127197	Pte	PAVEY, R.C.	9 " " "
N255596	"	PERRY, S.	33 Aust Emp Coy
VX12076	"	PEARCE, C.J.	2/6 Aust Inf Bn
QX5009	"	ROBINSON, L.G.	HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde
Q135069	"	PEACH, G.C.	9 Aust Inf Bn
NX33183	Spr	RANGE, W.	2/4 Fd Coy R&E
Q39735	Pte	RUNNE, V.C.	9 Aust Inf Bn
QX35555	"	ROADKNIGHT, H.	51 Aust Inf Bn
VX37453	"	ROSS, K.	2/6 " " "
VX11997	Cpl	ROSSER, E.T.	2/5 " " "
Q103559	Pte	SPERLING, E.J.	25 " " "
Q121361	"	STACEY, C.D.	9 " " "
QX5057	"	STUBBS, F.T.	18 Aust Inf Bde W/Shops
VX33758	Gnr	SUMMERS, J.H.	2/9 Hy A.A. Bty
Q109514	Pte	SEARLE, R.A.	61 Aust Inf Bn
NX41058	"	SIMONS, A.P.	2/1 Aust Pnr Bn
Q22696	"	SHORE, J.A.	25 Aust Inf Bn
QX38027	Cpl	SHEPPARD, W.	9 " " "
Q127212	Pte	STUBBINS, L.J.	" " " "

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VX7109	Pte	SMEDLEY, E.	17 Aust Inf Bde
Q101366	Sjt	SWITZER, C.	068 F.P.O.
N160573	Pte	TISDELL, N.	2/7 Aust Inf Bn
WX6624	Sigmn	TURNBULL, J.	7 Aust Div Sigs
VX43147	"	TWEEDLEY, S.	2/5 D.O.C.
QX51045	Pte	TURNER, L.J.	25 Aust Inf Bn
N82467	"	THOMSON, K.H.	33 Aust Emp Coy
W60616	Dvr	TAMES, R.C.	Sigs Milne Force
Q127194	Pte	TATNETT, R.H.	9 Aust Inf Bn
VX30799	Gnr	USHER, C.H.	2/5 Hy AA Bty
QX12063	Pte	VOXALL, R.	18 Aust Inf Bde W/Shops
N813752	"	WILLIAMS, D.G.	HQ Milne Force.
Q102904	Dvr	WISHART, T.A.	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde
Q121334	Pte	WOODFORD, A.W.	9 Aust Inf Bn
NX16547	"	WOOD, H.J.	2/4 Aust Fd Coy
Q104256	"	WALDRON, H.	25 Aust Inf Bn
Q104467	Cpl	WATES, H.K.	101 W/Shops.
Q102417	"	WELLBELOVE, D.	61 Aust Inf Bn
NX42099	Gnr	WELSH, I.	2/5 Aust Fd Regt
NX7433	Sigmn	WILKINSON, C.H.	18 Aust Inf Bde Sigs
VX55594	Pte	WOODS, A.K.	2/5 Aust Inf Bn
QX51202	Cpl	WREN, L.C.	25 " " "
VX45464	Gnr	WEBB, W.W.	2/9 Lt AA Bty
VX25540	"	WARD, S.	" " " "
VX35307	Cpl	WYATT, F.	2/6 Aust Inf Bn
QX52067	Pte	WILLIAMSON, E.R.	9 " " "
Q88705	"	YOUNG, H.A.	61 " " "
VX15524	Dvr	YOUNG, L.T.	2/6 Coy ASC
VX15997	Pte	PRATO, W.J.	18 Bde Ord Fd Pk

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MILNE FORCE
16 Dec 42

1. Ref HQ Milne Force circular AQ2640 of 30 Nov 42.

2. Attached hereto is a pro-forma received from HQ NZ Force on 12 Dec 42 and on which it is requested that recommendations of C.O's to give effect to the provisions of GRO 4566 of 20 Nov 42 will be submitted on or before 30 Dec 42 to this HQ please.

3. Paras 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the above memo will also apply to the compilation of this schedule.

4. Schedules previously forwarded are herewith returned.

J. W. Wellsted
Col
for A & DG, MILNE FORCE

DISTRIBUTION

2/5 Aust Fd Regt	1
A A D C	7
R A E	6
Sigs	2
7 Aust Inf Bde	5
17 Aust Inf Bde	5
18 Aust Inf Bde	5
HQ Comd AASC Milne Force	6
32 Aust Emp Coy	1
Milne Force Cash Office	1
Milne Force Provost Coy	1
War Diary	2
File	1
Copies for information to:	
ADMS	1
DDS	1
ADME	1

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROMOTION TO SUBSTANTIVE RANK OF OFFICERS IN PRESENT HOLDING APPOINTMENT

UNIT _____

DATE _____ 42

(1) Personal number	(2) Surname (Block letters)	(3) Christian names (in full)	(4) Arm of Service	(5) Date of birth	(6) Present Substantive rank & date	(7) Present temporary rank & date	(8) Date of transfer or appointment to present unit in present substantive rank	(9) REMARKS (incl recommendations envisaged by para 3 (e) of GRO 566

1. [illegible] that all officers who are being superseded in substantive rank and who were not previously notified of supersession in temporary rank have been informed.
2. [illegible] lists of officers concerned in each recommendation involving supersession are attached hereto.
3. In EACH CASE of officers holding staff appointments individual record of service is attached.

_____ C.O.

_____ Unit

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MILNE FORCE NEWS BULLETIN NO 108 16 DEC 43

SUMMARY OF ABC NEWS BULLETIN 10001/ 16

ALLIED PLANES HAMMER ENEMY REMNANTS

General Macarthur's communique to-day reported that Allied planes were hammering the remnants of the enemy at the MAMBARE RIVER. Unceasing bombing and machine gun attacks were made. The area was strewn with derelict barges, wreckage and enemy dead.

It is now certain that the greater part of the Japanese troops and supplies were destroyed on their attempt at landing on Monday. A limited number of Japanese managed to get ashore but their usefulness will be limited owing to the lack of supplies and equipment.

Heavy raids were made by our planes on LAE and GASMATA. The enemy made a useless raid on PORT MORESBY just after dark last night. Only one plane came over.

ROMMEL'S FORCES CONTINUALLY ATTACKED

There has been no break in the ceaseless bombing and strafing of the retreating Axis armies in Libya by our planes.

The 8th Army is closely pursuing the Germans and Italians. One correspondent states that Rommel's forces are straggled out between 50 and 100 miles from EL AGHEILA. He emphasises that the 8th Army's advance is not a gallop. Rommel may decide to make a stand soon because his retreat is not a rout. The enemy has laid mines which are as common as potatoes. Lack of water is causing difficulties to both Rommel's forces and the Allies. Rommel's retreat is orderly but it is known that he would not stop at EL AGHEILA because he feared the entire destruction of his forces.

Allied and Nazi aircraft were active over the TUNISIAN battle-front but the lull in the ground fighting continues.

STRONG GERMAN ATTACKS IN RUSSIA

Fierce fighting, the heaviest on the Russian front, continues SW of STALINGRAD. In an effort to break through the Red Army's ring of defences, the Germans are throwing in heavy forces of tanks and infantry. In spite of the fierceness of the engagement , very few details have been received. Although the Nazis hold the initiative in this sector, it is not extended to other areas. On other fronts the Russians are taking heavy toll of the enemy. In the factory area of STALINGRAD, the Russians have scored further successes.

NEWS ITEMS IN BRIEF

French sailors who escaped from TOULON say that the 10,000 German troops waiting to board the French warships were stupified when they were scuttled. These sailors are emphatic on the point that the entire fleet was scuttled.

It is reported from VICHY that the Germans are taking over control of the French Air Force.

The Austerity loan was a complete success. It has been over-subscribed by £8,000,000. It is the largest amount ever raised in Australia and more people subscribed to this loan than to any previous loan.

All steps are being taken to make Christmas as bright as possible for troops on active service. Special arrangements are being made to entertain the troops in NEW GUINEA. The daily ration allowance will be increased by 1/ a day to provide 'special drinkies' for troops.

DAILY HEALTH HINTS No 11

Dysentry may be due to dirty drinking water and the fouling of food by the filthy feet of insect feeding flies. The prevention of dysentery is largely a unit responsibility but also the responsibility of every man.

17 Dec 42

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NATIVE LABOUR 17 Dec '42.

NATIVES AVAILABLE - 1456

SERIAL NO.	UNIT	NO	DATE COMPLETED		REMARKS
1.	9 Aust Inf Bn	50	P	L	Clearing
2.	61 " " "	50	20 Dec	L.	"
3.	Fd Bakery (Waigani)	12	P	L	Woodcutting
4.	8 Fighter Gp (USA)	7	P	L	Domestics
5.	Operational Base	12	P	L	General
6.	Aust Water Tpt Sec	32	P	L	Boat crews.
7.	Cooks - Gili Gili	2	P	L	Buildings
8.	20 SQN - USA	20	?	L	"
9.	HQ Sigs Waga Waga	18	?	L	"
10.	24 Fd Coy RAE	70	P	L	Road work
11.	Coy F 43 Engr USA	22	P	L	" "
12.	Col Wilkinson HQ N.F.	2	P	L	Domestics
13.	Mr. Hill, ACF Contr'r	2	P	L	"
14.	403 Bombardment Sqn	30	P	L	Roads and Buildings
15.	HQ USA SOS	20	20 Dec		Storemen
16.	Slaughterhouse	6	P		General duties
17.	Fd Bakery Wagita	12	P		Woodcutting
18.	HQ Sigs	5	P		Runners Force HQ
19.	2/1 CCS	4	P		Laundrymen
20.	10 CCS	6	P		"
21.	8 Fighter Gp USA	42	P		General duties
22.	RAAF Sigs	30	30 Nov		Buildings
23.	23 FAD	20	16 Dec		"
24.	ADOS	30	?		"
25.	AASC	12	30 Dec		"
26.	8 Aust Mal Con Unit	20	P		Malaria Control
27.	HQ Sigs	8	P		Line party
28.	Force HQ Veg Garden	20	P		Clearing
29.	Road maintenance	60	P		Road work
30.	Native camp duties	15	P	L	
31.	" " cooks	15	P	L	
32.	2/6 Aust Fd Coy	90	P		Roads and buildings
33.	Native Labour Camp	54			Buildings
34.	Force Control	257			(HQ Buildings - 71 (Hospital buildings - 89 (Sago sawing) - 97 (Timber cutting) 257
35.	Timber Mills	150	P	L	Timber workers
36.	Force Defences	40	P	L	Defence works
37.	ADMS - Malarial Control Squad	100	P		Drainage and mosquito control
38.	615 US Ord Coy	20	20 Dec		Buildings
39.	103 SA AA Bty US	20.	27 Dec	L	Clearings
40.	3 Aust Fd Survey Coy	10	P	L	"
41.	33 Aust Hy AA Bty	12	27 Dec	L	Buildings
42.	Small Ship Section	14	P	L	Ships crews
		1456			
43.	PONTOON WHARF	6			
		1462	P	L	LABOURERS

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Major
DAAG MILNE FORCE.

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STATEMENT OF AMMUNITION AS AT 0900 HRS 17 DEC '42

Item	Type of ammunition	On hand	Received	Issued	Total	To whom issued
1	.303 Ctn	8,227,082	-	162,240	8,064,842	x
2	.303 Cgr	1,705,780	-	116,480	1,589,300	
3	.303 Bdr	3,275,000	-	28,000	3,247,000	
4	.303 S . Belt	1,201,250	-	45,500	1,155,750	
5	.303 Tcr	834,892	-	11,232	823,660	
8	.380 Revolver	100	-	100	-	
9	.455 "	10,714	-	720	9,994	
10	.55 AP Boys	11,471	-	1,920	9,551	
11	.45 TSMG	3,162,132	-	42,000	3,120,132	
26	40 M/M Bofors	4,957	-	13	4,944	235 Lt AA Bty
27	Bombs ML 3" Mortar HE	90,526	-	954	89,572	X
28	Bombs ML 3" Smoke	624	-	288	336	
29	Bombs ML 2" HE	106,985	-	972	106,013	
30	Bombs ML 2" Smoke	12,490	-	324	12,166	
31	Bombs ML 2" Illum	5,226	-	414	4,812	
33	Gren Hand 36M	45,544	-	1,200	44,344	
34	" Rifle "	46,256	-	804	45,452	
35	" " A Tk 68	4,841	-	102	4,739	
52	Ctgs 1" Illum "J"	34,344	-	432	33,912	
53	Ctgs Sig Red	10,908	-	288	10,620	
54	Ctgs Sig Green	17,176	-	144	17,032	
92	2" Mortar Sig Red	1,272	-	214	1,058	
93	2" Mortar Sig Green	900	-	108	792	

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DOMG MILNE FORCE

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DAILY RATION POSITION AS AT 1800 HRS 17 DEC '42

AT MILNE FORCE

WHITE	Ration Strength	18,664
	No of rations held	
	No of days	See attd list
NATIVE	Ration Strength	3,500
	No of rations held	
	No of days	See attd list

AT HATFORCE

WHITE	Ration Strength	679
	No of rations held	12,901
	No of days	19
NATIVE	Ration Strength	564
	No of rations held	15,920
	No of days	30

AT DRAKE FORCE

WHITE	Ration Strength	821
	No of rations held	16,420
	No of days	20
NATIVE	Ration Strength	300
	No of rations Held	9,000
	No of days	30

AT HANSOM

WHITE	Ration Strength	474
	No of rations held	9,006
	No of days	19
NATIVE	Ration Strength	150
	No of rations held	Not known
	No of days	

Maj
DAQMG MILNE FORCE

NATIVE RATION HOLDINGS BY A.N.G.A.U.

17 DECEMBER 1942.

BASIS - 3,500.

COMMODITY.	DAYS HOLDING.
Rice.	14
Wheatmeal.	17
Meat Pres.	13
Sugar.	20
Soap.	10
Matches.	9
Salt.	7
Biscuits.	10
Tea.	8
Tobacco.	371
Meat Extract.	3.

J. Talbot
Lieut-Col.
(J. TALBOT) C.A.S.C. MILNE FORCE.

RATION HOLDING BASED ON STRENGTH OF 19,000.

DATE. 17 DECEMBER, 1942.

COMMODITY.	NO. OF DAYS.	GROUP NO. OF DAYS.
BACON	45	45
MEAT PRESERVED	29	
MEAT & VEGETABLES	17	
MUTTON DEHY.	12	
SAUSAGES	2	
~~MEAT EXT.~~ FISH	~~12~~ 14	
PORK & BEANS	11	
CAMP PIE.	1	86
BISCUITS	90	
FLOUR	4	
OATMEAL	-	
RICE.	28	122
BUTTER	47	
MARGARINE	20	67
CHEESE	91	91
VEGETABLES TINNED.	7	
VEGETABLES DRIED.	-	
PEAS. GREEN	-	7
TOMATOES TINNED	6	
TOMATOE JUICE	3	
POTATOES DEHY	14	
POTATOES DICED.	1	24
PEAS BLUE	30	
PEAS SPLIT	40	
LENTILS	28	98
TEA	291	
COCOA	5	296
COFFEE	-	-
SUGAR	94	94
MILK	30	
MILK EVAP.	1	31
JAM	17	
GOLDEN SYRUP	3	
M & V EXTRCT.	-	20
SALT	79	79
PEPPER	161	161
MUSTARD	27	27
CURRY	90	90
FRUIT DRIED	32	
FRUIT TINNED	146	
CURRANTS	-	178
FRUIT JUICE	4	4
BAKING POWDER.	68	68
EGG POWDER	36	36

J. Talbot. Lt. Col.
(J. Talbot)
C.A.S.C. Milne Force.

NOTES FOR WAR DIARY - 7 - 18 DEC 42

During the period progress has been rather slow at 10 Adv Amn Depot owing to lack of personnel. This has just been somewhat alleviated by attaching 20 personnel from 2/5 Fd Regt and 25 from Emp Coy.

A great deal of stacking, inspection and re-conditioning of amn remains to be done. Progress at 4 Adv Amn Depot is more noticeable, but again the lack of personnel has retarded operations.

On 13 Dec two offrs and 26 o/rs from 101 Fd Ord Depot and one offr and 11 o/rs from 81 Fd Amn Depot were despatched with Lilliput Force.

On 14 Dec 15 o/rs were despatched from 101 Fd Ord Depot to Lilliput. On 15 Dec one offr and two o/rs from 101 Fd Ord Depot, and two o/rs from 81 Fd Amn Depot were despatched to Lilliput.

Seven days' WUR amn is being placed east of Haigita Ford for two bns of 17 Aust Inf Bde, and amn for a similar period is being prepared for other units east of Kaloni Creek.

76 tons of amn and 450 tons of ordnance stores have been received.

Col Stinson DDOS Adv LHQ and A/DDOS NG Force arrived in the area 17 Dec and returned 18 Dec.

H. Graham

MAJOR

ADOS MILNE FORCE

WAR DIARY

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HQ
MILNE FORCE.

18 December, '42.

MILNE FORCE PRO. COY.,
813 MP COY.

Herewith will be found an outline of the various duties to be performed by both MP Coys, under the ~~jurisdiction~~ direction of DAPM, MILNE FORCE HQ.

WHARVES.

All work in connection with duties at (i) Lyall's Wharf, (ii) Pontoon Wharf and (iii) Giligili Jetty, will be undertaken by both MP Coys, actual strength of personnel required being supplied half from MILNE FORCE PRO COY and half from 813 MP COY.

DAPM will notify by telephone OC's of both Coys—

(a) Expected times of arrival.
(b) Names of vessels.
(c) Whether vessels have tps aboard for disembarkation, or are required for embarkation of tps.
(d) Nature of unloading, i.e., whether Rations, Ordnance Stores etc.
(e) Approximate strength of MP personnel required, and period of time for such personnel to be on duty.

DUTIES.

Wharf or wharves to be used will be cleared of all unauthorised personnel ONE HOUR before vessel expected alongside, and picquet placed at entrance or entrances to stop all personnel (including Offrs) from entering unless they are in possession of a Wharf Permit—availabl at MILNE FORCE and US HQ's, and signed by their senior executive Offrs.

As soon as ship ties up—

(a) Picquets will be placed at foot of Companion-way, or rope ladders to prevent all unauthorised personnel from boarding the vessel.
(b) Offr or senior NCO in charge of MP on duty will notify Captain of vessel that—

(i) Ship's crew not allowed on shore except with a written permit, signed by ship's Captain or Chief Officer; and
(ii) that such members of ships crew going ashore are NOT allowed anywhere off or outside Route 1, between Lyall's Wharf and Giligili Jetty.
(iii) Picquets will be stationed in each hold to be unloaded, to prevent pilferage of cargo.
(iv) Officer or senior NCO in charge of MP personnel on duty, will take charge of traffic control, under direction only of the Officer-in-Charge of loading or unloading operations.

HOUR OF DUTY.

Until loading or unloading operation is completed, particular attention will always be paid to ships either embarking or disembarking tps, whether sick, wounded or combatant, bearing in mind the possibility of air attack and vital necessity, therefore, for quick embarkation or disembarkation.

OTHER DUTIES.

(1) Turnbull Aerodrome. 813 MP Coy will police this area, with assistance where needed from MILNE FORCE PRO COY, under directic of Major TAYLOR, 49 Service Sqn.

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Through traffic proceeding to KB Mission road (Route 5) is NOT allowed to cross strip, but must proceed round NW end of strip. Route 12 round the NW end of strip, and Route 5 round the SE end, both joining KB Mission road (Route 5), will be completed shortly, to solve this problem.

Speed limit of 20 mph will be strictly enforced for all vehicles, which will NOT travel on the metal strip unless side-tracks are NOT provided. Loaded trucks which under these circumstances have to use metal strip, will be restricted to a maximum speed of TEN miles per hour.

All vehicles wishing to travel beyond the strip to KB Mission Road (Route 5) must be in possession of a Permit, issued by HQ 7 Aust. Inf. Bde.

(2) GURNEY FIELD. Milne Force Pro Coy will police this area, with assistance where needed from 813 MP Coy, under direction of Major Taylor, 45 Service Sqn.

(3) COSSACK POSTS. Cossack Posts will be established immediately:-

(i) In or next door to ATS tent, Lyall Wharf.

(ii) In or next door to main shed, Giligili Wharf. OC's both MP Coys will detail a 24-hour tour of duty to provide one MP from each MP Coy, at each post. Road Patrols will contact Cossack Posts on at least one occasion during each hour of duty. Cossack Posts will advise Orderly Rooms of both MP Coys by telephone, of any unusual occurrences, calls for additional MP required, changes of plans regarding loading or unloading ships etc.

(4) ROAD PATROLS. Road Patrols will operate on the following routes, from dawn to dusk, and at such other times as may be directed or as conditions may warrant:-

(i) Between WEHURIA BRIDGE and GILIGILI JETTY, reporting to BOTH Cossack Posts.

(ii) Between GILIGILI JETTY and HAGITA FORD, reporting to GILIGILI JETTY Cossack Post.

(iii) Between HAGITA FORD and KANAPOKA CREEK, reporting to a Cossack Post to be established.

Road patrols will cover the entire area defined, a minimum of twice per hour, and will always be made up of at least one MP from each MP Coy. Tours of Duty to be arranged by OC's of both MP Coys.

DUTIES OF ROAD PATROLS.

(1) Charge all drivers exceeding speed limits, which are as follows—

TWENTY miles per hour on all Routes except where otherwise sign-boarded, such as Turn-Off into Milne Force HQ—FIVE MPH, Factory Area—FIVE MPH. "DEAD SLOW" through HAGITA FORD, which means not in excess of FIVE MPH.

(2) Charge all drivers guilty of dangerous driving.

(3) To check loads of vehicles, overloading, and to check that loads are properly secured.

(4) Order removal of chains, anti-skid, when conditions do not warrant their use.

(5) Check swinging tailboards, or swinging tail board chains.

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BATHING—PROHIBITED AREAS. 813 MP Coy will provide roving picquet to a distance of two miles above Water Point at WEHURIA CREEK, which will include a minimum of ONE MP from Milne Force Pro Coy.

MILNE FORCE PRO COY will provide roving picquet to a distance of two miles above Water-Point at HAGITA FORD, which will include a minimum of ONE MP from 813 MP COY.

Both picquets will place under open arrest all personnel found bathing in prohibited areas, and issue charge.

ANTI-MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS.

The high incidence of sickness demands the very strictest enforcement of regulations issued in regard to dress. Before 0515 hrs, and after 1900 hrs, all tps are not allowed to bathe, and MUST be fully dressed, i.e., Shirts with long sleeves buttoned at the wrist, long trousers MUST be worn, and in the case of Australian tps, gaiters MUST be worn.

It is the responsibility of OC's both MP Coys to arrange nightly patrols of MP's to visit Aust. units in the case of MILNE FORCE PRO COY, and US units in the case of 813 MP Coy, to take the names and numbers, details of Unit, of all offending personnel for report to HQ MILNE FORCE and HQ US FORCES respectively. Comd takes an extremely serious view of the tendency of tps to disobey these dress regulations, and every effort will be made by MP Coys to enforce them.

CONCERT PARTY & PICTURE SHOWS.

Comd has issued instructions, and all Units have been advised to implement them, that vehicles will NOT be used for transport of personnel to Picture Shows and concerts. OC's MP Coys will arrange patrols to examine all such entertainments and report breaches of this instruction to HQ of Force concerned.

[signature] Major
(H.W. HAWKESWOOD)
D.A.P.M., MILNE FORCE

18 Feb 42.

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Distribution:- OC 813 MP Coy
Milne Force Pro Coy
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AIRFORCE NEWS BULLETIN 18 Dec 42

SUMMARY OF ABC NEWS BULLETIN 1900Z/ 18

SAVAGE AIR SUPPORT AT BUNA

Our troops who are squeezing the Japanese in on the BUNA front are receiving very strong support from the air. The enemy resistance is strong in spite of severe air attacks.

Fighting developed again in the GONA sector. Yesterday an Australian patrol ran into a party of Japanese west of GONA. The enemy attacked but soon retreated leaving 15 dead on the field. Fighting is PROCEEDING in the coconut grove south of BUNA mission. Yesterday morning the Americans occupied the grove but the Japanese counter-attacked. They were repulsed. Our patrols are closing in on some villages near SALAMAUA. Attacks were made by our aircraft over NEW HANOVER and NEW BRITAIN.

ROMMEL IN DIFFICULT POSITION

The ABC London correspondent says that military commentators suggest that the loss of part of the African Corps in LIBYA would almost finish Rommel. Rommel's chances of making a counter-attack are slight. It is now revealed that General Montgomery's out-flanking movement caused Rommel's withdrawal, but his retreat was not swift enough. It is estimated that 10,000 Germans are trying to back their westward. They are being compressed into a smaller space by the 8th Army's advance.

A CAIRO report tells how American transport planes are rushing supplies to advance units of the 8th Army, and taking back wounded. Last Monday, 70 of the transport planes landed at one base alone. During November the planes carried 100,000,000lbs of supplies forward and brought back 1500 wounded without losing one plane.

A London military correspondent says that it cannot be overlooked that Hitler may try a new diversion to keep the minds of the German people off the setbacks in North Africa. Indications are increasing that the next move by the Axis may be in the Western Mediterranean. It is likely that Hitler is planning a new attack through SPAIN. It will be a costly venture but worth while.

RED AIR FORCE ACTIVE

Moscow announces that the Red Air Force was increasingly active on the Central Front. Deep snow is hampering progress on the Central front but, in spite of the difficulties, the Russians have made excellent advances. SW of STALINGRAD, the Russians pushed back a number of German counter attacks. More than 1200 Axis troops were wiped out in one engagement.

AUSTERITY LOAN A "COMPLETE SUCCESS"

An amount of £194,200,000 has been subscribed in the Austerity Loan. These are practically the final figures. There were 485,000 subscribers. Last night, the Prime Minister(Mr. J. Curtin) said the country was to be congratulated on the epochal achievement.

AUSTRALIAN ITEMS IN BRIEF

Four States, NSW, Western Australia, Tasmania and South Australia, at ALP meetings , voted in favour of the Prime Minister's proposal to extend the sphere of operations for militiamen. Victorian and Queensland ALPs voted against the proposal.

Home gardeners will have a big part to play in the Commonwealth Government's "Grow more Vegetables" campaign.

EXTRACTS FROM MEMO DATED 5 DEC '42 FROM B.C. 55
FD BTY ('E' TP) - (MAJ W.H. HALL).

NX6271 Gunner King, A.G., manned a Bren gun on the Jap barge which was sunk by enemy air strafing off Cape Sudeste on 16 Nov. He contimued to fire his gun throughout the whole of the three attacks made by the enemy planes, and by so doing prevented the enemy planes from carrying out a more concentrated attack on the personnel in the open barge. He did not stop firing until the barge was on fire when he wa ordered to abandon his post.

NX18459 Gunner T.H. Hale showed great courage subsequent to the sinking of the Jap barge off Cape Sudeste on 16 Nov. He spent over three hours in the water assisting wounded and exhausted man to reach the beach. He was personally responsible for the rescue of Gnrs Kingston, Mathieson, and Thompson, the latter man being wounded. Gnr Hale assisted these men to an empty oil drum and Bren gun box and by hooking one foot through the handle of the box swam ashore with the other Gunners supported by the oil drum and the Bren box. After seeing these men ashore he returned to the water and repeatedly swam out to assist exhausted men ashore.

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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War Diary.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

42/51/1

HQ Abiem Zora (Unit)

Tropical Scale A.I.F 11/1/4 38 x 180 and HOME temp WE. GRO 5/8/42.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1 Ranks.	2 WE Present Strength Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).		3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Maj Generals.	1	1		
Brigs.	1	3	2	
Lieut.-Colonels	4	1		3
Majors	14	8		6
Captains	13	13		
Lieutenants	2	4	2	
~~2nd Lieutenants~~ Chaplains	3	2		1
Quartermasters				
Totals	38	32	4	10.

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lt. T/Capt	Rider A.G.	HQ Abiem Zora	1.12.42	D.A.D.O.S.
Chaplain	Reynolds P.J.	"	9.12.42	R.C. Chaplain

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		Nil.		

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(I) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1 Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps. Or Unit	5 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt/Col T/Maj Gen	NX100053	Clowes. C.A.	HQ 16 Aust Inf	Yes.	Commander
Lt/Col T/Col	NX231	Chilton J.O.	"	"	G.S.O. (Staff)
Maj T/Col	NX100056	Litchfield J.C.	"	"	A.A. & Q.M.G.
Lt/Col T/Col	WX1546	Blackburn J.B.S.	"	"	A.D.M.S.
Capt T/Lt/Col.	NX120201	Mayes J.C.W.	"	"	A.D.C. to C.R.A.
Lt T/Maj	NX111821	Linde J.C.W.	"	"	G.S.O. (Ops)
T/Maj	DX5018	Oldham J.S.	"	"	A.D.O.S.
T/Maj	NX76402	Cook E.J.	"	"	G.S.O. to Maj Gen
Lt T/Maj	NX7000614	Willis J.W.	"	"	D.A.A.G.
Capt T/Maj	VX7512	Bilkis J.A.	"	"	D.A.D.O.S. (E)
Capt T/Maj	DX3668	Hagarey J.R.	"	Hosp	D.A.D.M.S.
Capt T/Maj	NX70896	Latham J.A.	"	Yes	I.O.
Lt T/Maj	NX77824	Bailey K.T.	"	"	D.A.A.G.
Chaplain	VX76690	Blake L.D.	"	"	Liaison Officer to Chaplain 6 Aust Div
Capt	VX58193	McCallum G.H.	"	"	D.A.D.H.
Lt T/Capt	NX8114	Speight W.L.	"	"	Liaison Officer (Part)
Lt T/Capt	NX100063	Bateson Whitham J.S.	"	"	" "
Lt T/Capt	NX79440	Robertson W.J.	"	"	" " (Ops)
Lt T/Capt	NX107675	Thompson R.H.B.	"	"	Camp Commandant
Lt T/Capt	NX108508	Aitken J.K.	"	"	Assist. Camp Comdt
Lt T/Capt	NX102775	Robertson C.D.	"	"	G.S.O. Chem Warfare.
Lt T/Capt	NX100050	Rothwell J.A.	"	Leave	D.A.D.M.
Lt T/Capt	NX100069	Hawkesworth H.W.	"	Yes	Entering Minister
Lt T/Capt	NX100067	James E.W.	"	"	D.A.A.G. Learner.
Lt T/Capt	SX24322	Sibbits E.W.G.	"	"	D.A.A.G. 3rd Aus. Corps Coy.
Lt T/Capt	NX19129	Rosenquest E.L.	"	No	D.A.D.O.S.
Lt T/Capt	NX100070	Rider A.G.	"	Yes	G.S.O. Fmn to Learner
Lt	NX100884	Freeman L.H.	"	"	Aide-de-Camp
Lt	NX19513	Cooke J.	"	"	D.A.D.O.S. (O)
Lt	VX Bus	McNally T.M.	"	"	A/g. D.A.Q.M.G. Learner
Lt	NX33573	Beamish W.J.	"	"	Lnr. R.C. Chaplain
Chaplain	NX70319	Reynolds P.J.	"	"	
	Officers	Attached from other Corps or Units		Attached	Nature of Attachment.
Capt T/Maj	NX4991	Sullivan H.R.	HQ N.G.F.	22.4.42	D.A.D.M.S. (Dental)
T/Maj	NX12099	McLeod M.C.	5 Aust Corps	6.11.42	Aust Corps Officers
Maj	VX67175	Henderson R.W.	10 H.A.D.	2.12.42	C.O.S.C.
Lt T/Capt	NX71069	Maloney L.R.	2/9 Bn	24.10.42	A Duties
T/Capt	WX17071	Taylor J.F.	2/3 Aust Comb Bde	17.12.42	A.D.A.G. Staff
T/Capt	QX6067	Hooper R.C.	2/9 Bn	10.12.42	A. Duties
Lt	QX18645	Turnbull M.	7 Inf Bde	16.9.42	I. Duties
Lt	SX21337	Cowan R.W.J.	21 Inf Bde	8.10.42	I. Duties

~~(II) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.~~

~~Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.~~	~~Personal Number.~~	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Lt	QX40647	Sherlock A.H.	AT & I Sec.	19.10.42	Inst. Duties.
Lt		Henderson L.	Aberens Sec	28.10.42	Aberens Duties
Lt	QX40880	Kneebone A.A.	HQ 7 Bde	23.11.42	A. Duties
Lt	NX115832	McGillivray J.E.	2/7 Bn	14.12.42	A & Q Duties
Lt	VX34660	Honeysett H.L.	HQ 11 Fd Amb	10.12.42	C.O.I.C
Lt	VX39728	White R.C.	6 Aust Div Sig	6.12.42	Orderly Duties

HQ Abiem Zora (Unit.)
19.12.42.
(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander)
Capt.
Camp. Commandant.
(Bde., Div., Area, etc. with which Unit is serving)

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MILNE FORCE ROUTINE ORDERS
PART I
BY
Major-General C.A. CLOWES
COND MILNE FORCE

HQ
MILNE FORCE,
AUSTRALIA,
19 Dec. '42.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

The Force Commander and Staff desire to convey to all Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men of MILNE FORCE, both Allied and Australian, their best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a victorious New Year

GENERAL STAFF

437. CAMERAS AND PHOTOGRAPHY (G.R.O. G.645).

Attention is drawn to the abovementioned Order which will be repeated in all Unit Routine Orders.

438. MORTAR AND FD FIRING RANGES.

Ref Map Milne Bay 2" Prov 2nd Edition.

The following ranges have been approved and are under the control of HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde.

997030	Fd Firing Range (300 yards) Direction of Fire 326° True.
032015	3" Mortar Range (approx 1300 yards) Direction of Fire 336° True. Target area 029029
034029	Fd Firing Range (400 yards) Direction of Fire 47° True.

Lt Col
G.S., MILNE FORCE

ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S STAFF

439. STRENGTH STATES—OFFICER BATTLE CASUALTIES (MMF 0573).

A.F.W. 3006—Daily Strength States will show in abbreviated form: Names of Officer Battle Casualties, for information not only of Commanders, but for reporting by O. i/c, 2nd ECH for notification to next of kin.

440. 'X' LIST PROCEDURE.

1. Attention is directed to Records Liaison Off's Circular dated 14 Dec. '42. The instructions promulgated therein are to be implemented forthwith.

2. MILNE FORCE R.O. No.253 of 15 Sep, '42 is cancelled and the practice of advising units of personnel evacuated from this area will now cease.

Units will NOT solicit the return of 'X' List personnel direct from Fd Ambs or CCS's.

441. FALSE STATEMENTS TO SECURE EXEMPTION, LEAVE, ETC. (G.R.O. A052).

(Continued)

The attention of all units is directed to the abovementioned Order which will be repeated in all unit Routine Orders.

442. IDENTITY DISCS (G.R.O. 4649).

Attention of all units is drawn to the abovementioned Order.

443. DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL EQUIPMENT OF CASUALTIES (Aust Army only).

(a) Attention of all unit Comds is directed to Milne Force R.O. No.406 of 21 Nov. '42 with regard to the above matter.
(b) Numerous instances are still being reported of casualties arriving at Medical Units for admission without complete equipment, or with ammunition still in their possession.
(c) Comds will be held personally responsible that adequate steps are taken to ensure that Milne Force Routine Order No.406 is complied with.
(d) R.O. No.406 referred to above will be repeated in all Unit Routine Orders.

444. CARRYING OF ARMS BY VISITORS TO HOSPITALS.

(a) Offrs and other ranks will NOT carry arms when visiting patients in Fd Ambs, CCS. or Hospitals.
(b) Arms may be left at the Medical Unit pack store for safe keeping if desired.

445. REQUISITIONS FOR CASH (FORMS WF 123).

Unit stamps are to be imprinted on all requisitions for Cash submitted to Paymaster, Milne Force. In cases where no Unit stamp is available the name of the Unit must be clearly written on the REQUISITION immediately under the signature of the Officer requesting the advance. The appointment of such offr will be shown in all cases.

446. MALARIA CONTROL.

Milne Force Routine Order No.392 of 21 Nov. '42 is amended as follows:-

(a) All swimming or bathing is prohibited after 1900 hrs.
(b) Protective measures as specified in the above R.O., will be taken between 1900 hrs and 0615 hrs.

It is recommended that the routine time for evening meal be 1800 hrs.

447. MOSQUITO CONTROL.

(a) Sufficient quantities of Sprayers Hand Small are now available for issue on the basis laid down in G.R.O. 308/42.
(b) Units will submit indents forthwith to ADOS Milne Force to bring present holdings up to 10% of unit strength.
(c) ADOS will be responsible that indents received are supplied without delay.
(d) Action pursuant to the above will be completed by 1800 L, 25 Dec. '42.
(e) Flysol is now available as an AASC issue and will be drawn and used in accordance with the following instructions:-
(f) All units will spray all tents and living huts on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, as under—

1. Tents to be sealed by lowering all flaps.

Huts to be sealed as much as possible by blankets etc.

447. MOSQUITO CONTROL (Contd).

2. Spraying to be carried out as early as possible after 0500 and before 0700. Concentration of spray to be 90 strokes with hand spray per R.D. tent, pyramidal tent and E.P.I. P 130 strokes, huts on basis of 100 strokes per 1000 cubic feet.

3. Tents to be left sealed for 15 to 30 minutes.

When larger quantities of Flysol become available the above spraying will be carried out daily.

448. EXAMINATION FOR DEFECTIVE VISION (Aust Army only).

All units having personnel with defective vision or suspected defective vision, who have not yet been tested will immediately submit to ADMS Milne Force, list of personnel requiring the services of Optometrist.

449. WATER CONTAINERS.

No tin or drum that is or has been used for storage of leaded petrol will be used as a container for drinking or cooking water. Use of such containers will be discontinued.

450. DRUMS - PETROL 44-GAL. EMPTY.

Units returning empty 44-Gal. drums will deliver and stack same at Lyle Wharf. In future empty drums will not be placed in area east of Route 3, previously used as a Staging Camp.

451. DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS. (NGF 0577).

Damage to or removal of buildings is strictly forbidden. Severe disciplinary action will be taken against all personnel disobeying this instruction.

(TO BE REPEATED IN UNIT ORDERS)

452. MONTHLY PETROL, OILS AND GREASE ACCOUNTS. (NGF 0578).

(a) The following Pro Forma will be used when submitting the return called for by N.G.F. O. 468.

Month of.....

UNIT DATE

	Petrol Gals.	Engine Oil Gals.	Trans. Oil Gals.	Oil other grades pts.	Grease lbs.	Remarks
Balance at end of (Oct.)						
Drawn in (Nov.)						
TOTAL						
Issued in (Nov.)						
Balance at end of (Nov.)						

Signature of C.O. .....

(b) The information will be taken from Unit A...F. G.6 which must be retained by unit for audit.

(c) Units which have not submitted the return for both SEP. and OCT., as above will submit the missing return forthwith. Future returns will be rendered to reach D.D.S.T. not later than the third day of each month.

453. MONTHLY CENSUS OF WARLIKE STORES - BINOCULARS.

Units are not showing binoculars held under the correct classifications on Monthly Census Returns. The attention of all COs is drawn to GRO 0.379 para 7 - "Where captured or alternative pattern weapons or equipment are held in lieu of British or Australian Service type of equipment, and such weapons or equipment are not shown on any Schedule A - N in Unit Master Cards, full details will be appended to the unit return slips."

An immediate physical check will be made of all binoculars held and future returns will be correctly submitted. Only binoculars definitely known to be of the types specified on the Master Cards under Serial Nos 891 to 896 will be shown thereunder, and a separate schedule of other types held will be attached. For information, binoculars, Galilean are Mks. III, IV and V. Units are reminded that binoculars all types privately-owned, will be shown under Serial No.936, vide GRO 0, 557.

454. AMMUNITION, USE OF .45" TSMG AMMUNITION WITH .455" MARK VI REVOLVERS.

(a) Cases have been reported in which .455" Pistols Revolver Mk VI have been damaged through the use of .45" TSMG ammunition, which is a rimless type.

(b) American-manufactured .45" Smith & Wesson revolvers have been issued to the service and the use of .45" TSMG ammunition is permissable under certain circumstances, namely, in conjunction with two small clips that are issued to retain the ammunition in the cylinder.

(c) The .455" Pistol Revolver, which is a standard service issue revolver, can only be used in conjunction with .455" Mk VI Ammunition. Its use with .45" TSMG ammunition is expressly forbidden.

J. W. Willis May
Col
for AA & QMG, MILNE FORCE

NOTICES

LOST: Wallet, Brown Leather containing photograph and £5/10/- and Pay Book No.447062, the property of NX.81062 Spr. J. NEILD. Finder please return to 2/8 Aust Fd Coy RAE.

FOUND: Discs Identity for WX.937 W.L. COUSINS and may be collected at HQ MILNE FORCE.

FOUND: Watch, wrist "Angus & Coote". Owner may have same by contacting 2/5 Aust Fd Amb.

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MIDDLE EAST NEWS BULLETIN NO 111 19 DEC 42

SUMMARY OF ARMY NEWS BULLETIN NO 2/19

ALLIED RAIDS ON AXIS

The Allied attack on the Japanese fleet at DARWIN is building up and both sides are using artillery and fighter guns. The Japanese now still concentrate at the airfield and Allied patrols have to face severe machine gun fire. Spitfires of 452 Squadron RAAF, flown only recently, destroyed but dropped only three bombs, causing no damage.

The Japanese made their 95th air attack on PORT MORESBY last night. A flying boat came over and dropped seven bombs. No damage was caused.

DIRECT HIT ON AXIS HARBOUR

Correspondents at Allied Headquarters in NORTH AFRICA say that a Flying Fortress scored a direct hit on an Axis warship, 60 miles from TUNIS. The vessel is believed to be a cruiser. The Fortress also set fire to an Italian carrier off BIZERTE. Escorting fighters shot down three enemy planes. One Fortress did not return to base.

Land fighting in TUNISIA was confined only to patrols. The 8th Army is following the remnants of Rommel's army 100 miles west of EL AGHEILA. There is no reliable information about the fate of the mechanised equipment of Rommel's forces.

The suggested German offensive move through Spain continues to cause interest in Madrid. Speculations in which form the fact that the Axis forces are changing control officials with alacrity - that the next period is one of defensive action. The Portuguese Peace phase are known as the visit of the Spanish Foreign Minister to Portugal. It is the first visit of the Foreign Minister to Portugal for 500 years.

SOVIET OFFENSIVE CONTINUES

Winter has not stopped the Soviet offensive. On Stalin pro ress on the Central front is making the position of the German troops difficult every day. The Germans attempted a counter-attack west of ROSLAV but were repulsed, the activity was greater yesterday - 90 German aircraft were destroyed in the air and many on the ground. Soviet troops made a further advance SW of STALINGRAD.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS IN BRIEF

+ Petain's return to VICHY has been flown and it is thought that he will be back by the middle of January.

+ The Germans made another night raid over Britain yesterday. Bombs were dropped on several towns in EAST AND SOUTH. Nine people were killed in one raid and some damage was caused. The planes attacked Christmas shopping crowds.

+ An appeal has been made to Australian Christmas shoppers to remember that the security and safety of the country depends on the Government loan. Subscription have been encouraged to break the million pounds, which of War Savings Certificates and Bonds now total £28,000,000

+ It is anticipated that American troops will be issued with war service badges and ribbons as soon as plans are made.

+ The Postmaster-General has announced that Christmas postal telephone calls be kept to a minimum this year.

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Records Liaison Office
Milne Force
20 Dec 42

20 DEC Recd

SUMMARY BY UNITS & RANKS OF PERSONNEL
DISEMBARKED EX "CHALON" 17 DEC 42

UNIT	OFF	WO	SGTS	CPLS	PTES	TOTAL O.R's	TOTAL ALL RANKS
1 Aust Water Transport Gp (Small Craft) RAE	2		8	20	81	109	111
DISEMBARKED EX "DAVID BUSHNELL" 17 DEC 42							
25 Coy AASC				3	22	25	25
EX "TUNG SONG" 17 DEC 42							
2/16 FD COY RAE					1	1	1
8 Mov Control Gp			1			1	1
2 Aust Base Supply Depot Type C	1				1	1	2
Gen Reinfts					3	3	3
A N G A B			1			1	1
	1		2		5	7	8

[signature] Lieut.,
RECORDS LIAISON OFFICER MILNE FORCE

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MILLE FORCE NEWS BULLETIN No. 112 20 Dec 42

SUMMARY OF ABC NEWS BULLETIN 1900L/20.

RED ARMY'S NEW ATTACK

The Red Army has struck again, this time 100 miles south of VORONEZH . The Russians have smashed through the German defences at several points and are still advancing. It has been reported that the Germans have lost 20,000 killed . More than 10,000 German prisoners were taken.

This new Russian drive will seriously imperil the German troops in the Don and Volga sector and around STALINGRAD. VORONENZH is roughly midway between MOSCOW and STALINGRAD. One force of Russians drove down from the north-west and broke through the German positions on a 60-mile front. Another force started off further south and made advances on a 12 mile front. MOSCOW reports that the Red Army has routed nine enemy divisions and one infantry brigade. The Russians have captured 84 tanks, 1000 guns and 1600 mortars.

German counter attacks on other sectors have been repelled. The Germans are keeping up their counter attacks on the STALINGRAD front and at one point drove a wedge into the Russian lines. The Russians retaliated and soon removed the German threat.

ROMMEL'S FLIGHT TOWARDS TUNISIA

From LONDON there is a suggestion that Rommel is hurrying to get in touch with the other German army in TUNISIA. The 8th Army has reached a point 120 miles west of EL AGHEILA. The British troops have to make difficult progress across extensive mine fields. In a raid on BIZERTA an enemy warship was hit.

JAP LIGHT CRUISER SUNK

Our planes made an attack on a Japanese convoy of two merchant ships and five warships which came south from the Admiralty Islands. Four direct hits were scored on a Japanese light cruiser which sank. Following the attack on the shipping, two Zeros were shot down. This is the largest convoy seen heading towards New Guinea.

It is officially reported from General MacArthur's Headquarters that our troops have captured an important area near BUNA after hard fighting. The fight for the area was started on Friday by a force of Americans and Australians. Our troops are still mopping up in the area and it is likely to be a tough job.

BRITISH ADVANCE INTO BURMA

A message from NEW DELHI states that the British advance into Western Burma is only a small patrol action. Another message says that air transports are carrying supplies of war equipment into CHINA.

ENEMY'S SHIPPING LOSSES

British submarines are causing great damage in the Mediterranean. Sir Andrew Cunningham has revealed that the enemy is losing, on the average, one ship a day in attempts to run supplies to TUNISIA.

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RETURN - UNIT TYPEWRITERS

CIRCULAR: AQ 3573

HQ
MILNE FORCE.

21 Dec. '42.

1. Units as named on list hereunder will submit to HQ MILNE FORCE a Return giving details of ALL typewriters on hand as at date of Return, and giving the following information:-

(a) Number of typewriters on hand by makes, types and width of carriage.

(b) From where issued or acquired.

(c) Approximate date issued or acquired.

2. The above Return is required to reach this HQ NOT later than the 25 DEC. '42.

[signature]
Col
A & QMG, MILNE FORCE

DISTRIBUTION:

HQ B Sqn 2/6 Aust Armd Regt	(1)
HQ 2/5 Aust Fd Regt	(1)
HQ A Hy Bty RAA	(1)
HQ E Hy Bty RAA	(1)
AADC	(6)
HQ RAE MILNE FORCE	(7)
HQ SIGS " "	(1)
HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde	(4)
HQ 17 " " "	(4)
HQ 18 " " "	(4)
HQ Comd AASC Milne Force	(8)
ADOS	(6)
ADME	(12)
ADMS	(10)
DADMS(D)	(1)
DAPM	(1)
HQ 2/3 Docks Oper Coy	(1)
HQ 32 Aust Emp Coy	(1)
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2/12 Air Liaison Section	(1)
Milne Force Aust Fd Cash Office	(1)
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2/2 Aust Graves Reg & Enq Unit	(1)
NG L of C Area Base Postal "	(1)
Milne Force Postal Unit	(1)
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BN STRENGTH RETURN AS AT 0000 HRS 21-12-42

UNIT	BATTLE CASUALTIES Offrs	BATTLE CASUALTIES O/Rs	SICK LOSSES OFFRS Offrs	SICK LOSSES OFFRS O/Rs	OFFRS Offrs	OFFRS O/Rs	REMOVED STRENGTH WITH UNIT Offrs	REMOVED STRENGTH WITH UNIT O/Rs	ATT ON W.E. Offrs	ATT ON W.E. O/Rs	ATT NOT ON W.E. Offrs	ATT NOT ON W.E. O/Rs	NET STRENGTH DETACHED Offrs	NET STRENGTH DETACHED O/Rs
9 Bn	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	1	24	472	1	4	—	4	6	109
61 "	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	25	443	1	7	1	1	5	92
2/5 "	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	25	603	2	9	1	1	8	132
2/6 "	—	—	—	9	—	—	—	—	27	567	2	8	—	2	7	103
2/7 "	2	8	1	5	—	10	—	—	27	530	2	10	—	4	4	116
25 Bn Halfpiece	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	232	—	3	9	153	—	—
25 Bn Hansen	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	10	17	253	1	3	13	201	17	387
2/12 Drakeforce	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36	742	2	12	2	14	2	65

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	Offrs	O/Rs
W.E. Bn Strength	240	5870
Strength with Bns	195	3842
Strength Def.	45	2028

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OFFICERS SUITABLE FOR APPOINTMENT TO COMD AND FOR STAFF APPOINTMENTS

AQ 3571

HQ, MILNE FORCE
21 Dec 42

1. Reference G.R.O. A544, it is requested that a list be submitted forthwith, of officers considered suitable for appointment to Command with the rank of Lieut-Colonel and above, and a separate list of officers considered suitable for staff appointments.

2. Lists will be submitted in duplicate giving the full particulars of officers in accordance with the pro-formas set out below.

3. Advice will be furnished to this HQ on 18th of each month, respecting any additions (with necessary particulars on pro-formas) and deletions (reason to be shown) desired.

4. First return to reach this HQ on or before 24 Dec 42.

5. This instruction must be treated as important and returns submitted regularly.

6. Appointments to Comds are by selection and an officer who is not recommended need not be informed, but should be shown and asked to initial any adverse report made against him.

7. APPOINTMENT TO COMMAND

The under-mentioned officers in order of priority are fitted for an appointment to command, carrying the rank of Lt-Col or higher and I am prepared to accept them as such.

Number	Rank	Name	Age	Present Appt	Recommended Appt	Remarks

8. STAFF APPOINTMENTS

The under-mentioned officers are fitted for staff Appointments and I am prepared to accept them as such.

Number	Rank	Name	Age	Present Appt	Staff appt for which recommended as suitable	Remarks

9. In remarks column will be shown whether officer is fitted for Staff Appointment without further training or should first attend a Staff School.

J W Willesley
for [illegible]

Distribution
HQ 2/6 Aust Fd Regt (responsible for return from RAA Btys)
AADC
HQ RAE MILNE FORCE
" Sigs " "
HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde
HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
HQ 2/12 Aust Inf Bn
HQ Comd AASC MILNE FORCE
ADOG DAPM
ADME ADMS

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MILNE FORCE NEWS BULLETIN No. 115 21 Dec 42

SUMMARY OF ABC NEWS BULLETIN 1900L/21

STRONG ALLIED ATTACKS AT BUNA

General MacArthur's Headquarters report sustained attacks on the right flank of the Japanese positions at BUNA. Allied tanks and infantry are moving in under cover of artillery fire. Twenty machine guns were captured. The enemy losses in men were heavy. This is the first time tanks have been used in action in New Guinea. The Japanese defence at BUNA is crumbling.

The Japanese Commander in Chief, Mat-Gen. [illegible], has been killed in action. His loss will be a heavy blow to the Japanese. He was an expert on South Sea landings and in the early stages of the battle for New Guinea urged his men to strike a hammer blow at MORESBY. Shortly after this, the Australians made their second crossing of the OWEN STANLEY RANGE and forced the Japanese to retreat to the beach-head at BUNA.

A reconnaissance was made over the area where the Japanese light cruiser was sunk. A wrecked Japanese plane was seen on the water and patches of oil could be seen.

HEAVY GERMAN LOSSES IN RUSSIA

In the first five days of the Russian's new offensive, 28,000 Germans were killed and 13,500 captured. The Russians advanced 20 miles west of the Don yesterday. They are giving the Germans no time to consolidate new defensive positions. The latest Russian drive has proved to be the best yet in planning and execution.

Russian troops on the Central Front have repelled enemy counter attacks. Fierce battles against enemy tank units are going on south-west of STALINGRAD.

BERLIN says the Russians are gathering their forces for another attack South of RCHEV.

BATTLE FOR TUNISIA

The Allies continue to strengthen their positions in Central Tunisia. There are signs that Mussolini intends to abandon Tripoly, the last fragment of the Italian Colonial Empire. The 8th Army is still pursuing Rommel's fleeing forces. The Germans are more than 200 miles from EL AGHEILA, and half way to TRIPOLY.

BRITISH THRUST INTO BURMA

The British thrust into BURMA is not to be regarded as a major operation but it will strengthen British prestige in India and will help considerably in strengthening India's defences.

CALCUTTA had its first air raid of the war. Enemy raiders dropped bombs over a wide area.

[illegible] ITEMS IN BRIEF

+ The Chinese are putting up a strong resistance to the new Japanese thrust over the [illegible] border in the YUNNAN Province region.

+ RAF bombers were again over Germany. Nearly 500 fighters took part in raids extending over German territory.

+ It has been known for some time that Hitler has been pressing France to help the Axis.

+ The Minister for the Army (Mr. Forde) said the Australian army was approaching maximum strength. The time had arrived for a stock taking of the army organisation. The cost of the war to Australia annually was £450,000,000. Waste and extravagance was not to be allowed. Steps were being taken to get rid of officers who were holding up progress and were creating bottlenecks.

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MOVEMENT ORDER NO/....

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COPY NO. 14

HQ MILNE FORCE

22 Dec 42

Appendix "A" sets out personnel and stores to move to ORO BAY by SS " JAPARA " 24 Dec 42. On arrival at ORO BAY further instruct-ions will be issued for onward movement.

1. EMBARKATION

The following sub-unit will embark :-

"B" Sqn less one tp 2/6 Armd Regt. Embarkation time will be notified later.

2. LOADING OF STORES AND EQUIPMENT

Units and services concerned will hold all stores ready for shipment and which will be called forward when required.

Unit stores will be reduced to essential equipment only.

2/6 Armd Regt will detail unit representatives to supervise the loading of technical equipment.

3. RATIONS

Seven (7) days rations for 100 men, including quinine will be supplied from unit reserve. Three days emergency rations and three days quinine will be carried on the man.

4. AMMUNITION

ADOS MILNE FORCE will be responsible for the supply of ammunition for each tank on the following basis:-

.455 Pistol	65 rds
TSMG	250 "
BROWNING .3 AP	875 "
BROWNING .3 Tr	750 "
37 mm AP	55 "
Grenades 36 Hand	15
Ctges Illum	24
" Sig Red	10
" Sig Green	10

In addition 2 gals gun oil, 2 gals recuperator oil will be supplied for each tank.

5. P O L

AASC will be responsible for the supply of POL for each tank on the following basis:

90-Octane Petrol	160 gls
60 " "	14 "
Oil DD 60	14 "
Grease DDFG	6 lbs

Two four gallon petrol drums and one petrol pourer will be supplied for each tank.

6. O.C. TPS

The senior combatant offr will assume control of all military personnel and will be responsible for such duties as he is called upon to perform both during and at the conclusion of the voyage.

7. SECURITY

The necessity for maintaining the strictest security in connection with the movement will be impressed upon all concerned.

Col
AA & QMG MILNE FORCE

Distribution

"B" Sqn 2/6 Aust Armd Regt (2)
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APPX A

UNIT	PERSONNEL	STORES VEHICLES	Total Wt Tons	Total CF
"B" Sqn less 1 Tp 2/6 Armoured Regt	113	11 Tanks	150	16,500
		4 Jeeps	4	1,600
		1 Slave carrier	1	120
		Ammo	20	560
		P O L	35	15,800
		Rations	1/3	40
		Unit eqpt	1	220

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SUMMARY BY UNITS AND RANKS OF PERSONNEL DISEMBARKED

UNIT	OFFR	WO	SGTS	CPLS	PTES	TOTAL ORs	TOTAL ALL RANKS
EX CANONBAR 22 Dec 42							
'X' LIST 2/10 INF BN					1	1	1
'X' LIST 2/9 INF BN			1			1	1
Total			1		1	2	2
EX PAYNE WINGATE 22 Dec 42							
No 1 Sec 2/7 Aust Hvy Bty RAA	2		1	2	11	14	16
FORTRESS SIGNALS PORT MORESBY			1	1	11	13	13
DET SIGS NG L OF C MILNE BAY SUB AREA	1		2	1	8	11	12
2/6 AUST ARMD REGT	5	1	7	14	84	106	111
13nAust Fd Regt	1	1		4	29	34	35
	9	2	11	22	143	178	187

(A.R. EWIN) Lieut
RECORDS LIAISON OFFICER, MILNE FORCE

Distribution
DRO WARWICK
'A' BRANCH
'G' BRANCH
POSTAL
FILE

AES HQ MILNE FORCE - REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

Tour of units:

During the period 1/21 December 30 units have been visited and the objects of the scheme explained, and limitations of present facilities pointed out.

Correspondence Courses.

During the above period 31 pers have been enrolled for correspondence courses.

Bde Education Staffs.

The advancement of the Scheme in the Bdes is being seriously retarded by the failure of Bdes, as yet, to fill vacancies for Education Officer and Sgt on their Establishments.

WO 1 Music

Applications were called through Milne Force Routine Orders for recommendations for the above appointment, four applications have been received.

Gramaphone & Records.

None have been received by this HQ.

Camp Library Service.

No books have yet been received by this HQ. A library of 125 books for HQ Milne Force pers has been "scrounged".

Projector 16mm and films - not yet received

Office equipment typewriter etc - not yet received

"Salt" and "C A B"

All units are now inrreceipt of these. Three issues of 2000 "Salt" have been received for Force HQ due to a lack of knowledge on the part of the publications branch of the size of Force HQ. This has now been rectified.

Discussion Groups.

Three of these gps have been formed.

.... Capt
(E.W.MILLS)
S/C Educ. MILNE FORCE

/GLG

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MILNE FORCE NEWS BULLETIN NO 1[illegible] 22 Dec 42

SUMMARY OF ABC NEWS BULLETIN 1900L/ 22

STEADY PROGRESS BY ALLIES AT BUNA

Steady progress is being made by the Allies in their attack on the main Japanese positions at BUNA. The attack is supported by tanks, artillery and aircraft. The troops over-ran a number of enemy strongpoints.

A War Correspondent says that the defensive system of the Japanese cannot cover more than three square miles. Allied forces are closing in on the enemt at SANANANDA. The enemy defences there are just as effective as those at BUNA and the enemy will be hard to dislodge.

The communique from General MacArthur's Headquarters reports a successful attack by Flying Fortresses on two cargo vessels in the harbour at FINSCHAVEN. Several direct hits were scored. The stern of one vessel was blown off and the other was left in flames.

RED ARMY CONTINUES PROGRESS

The latest Soviet communique states that the Soviet offensive in the Central Don continues to make progress. The Germans are retreating in disorder. The Russians have advanced [illegible] and have taken much booty and many prisoners. Some of the Soviet units have advanced 100 miles since the offensive began [illegible] days ago. The Germans are being thrown back in the middle Don along a front of 100 miles.

For the first six days the Russians have advanced through frightful gales and snow storms. Air activity is increasing in intensity now the blizzards have cleared. On the Southern front, the Germans have attempted to help the German [illegible] trapped between the the Don and the Volga.

The German military experts have not concealed the gravity of the position on the Southern front and have told the German people some unpleasant realities.

Berlin admits that the [illegible] is still increasing.

8th ARMY'S PROGRESS

Rommel's forces are being chased by the 8th Army along the road to TRIPOLI. The Axis forces are reported to be at a point 180 miles from TRIPOLI.

There has been no further news of the activity of the 1st Army since the receipt of news of the "[illegible]" of enemy raids on defensive positions.

SECOND RAID ON CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA had its second raid in 24 hours last night. A small number of enemy planes came over, causing slight damage.

[illegible]

Laval has returned to Paris [illegible] Hitler.

In BURMA, British and Indian troops continue their advance southward.

The RAF made raids on German towns last night. [illegible] are available.

ADM PLAN - MILNE FORCE

ADM POLICY

1. Adm is based on a strength of 3 Bde Gps and local adm of Allied Forces and Aust Air Forces to a strength of approx., 3500. Bde Gp System NOT adopted owing to restricted area and L of C functions of Services. Consequently virtually all Arms and Services, except Inf, directly adm by Force HQ.

Task forces adm direct from time to time.

2. 'A' SYSTEM normal in accordance with F.S.R. except that 'X' List has not functioned for personnel in hospital owing to absence of GDD or Depot Bn. Recently rectified by using Conv. Depot as Depot Bn.

Original Formations of Bdes under Comd kept advised as far as possible of matters affecting their records such as personal services.

3. RECORDS dealt with by Records Liaison Offr and small staff detached from 2nd Ech., Collates and forwards only to Q'land and NG L of C Records, WARWICK. Does NOT issue Part II orders or maintain personal records.

4. PHILANTHROPIC REPRESENTATION Normal attachments of Y.M.C.A., and Salvation Army but NOT to full establishment. Activities co-ordinated and supplies controlled by A.C.F. Commissioner, Milne Force. Position generally satisfactory.

5. SPIRITUAL WELFARE. Normal WE of Chaplains on strength. Owing to concentrated nature of area zone system of services and visits organised and controlled by Senr. Chaplains on HQ. Two Chaplains (C of E or O.P.D. and R.C.) usually sent with Task forces if action anticipated.

6. PAY Div Fd Cash Office draws money from canteen. Restrictions on taking or sending money out of area necessary to maintain supply.

7. GRAVES REGISTRATION Owing climatic conditions and lack transport facilities, bodies buried at scene of death during action. Small cemetery established near old site of 10 CCS. Map ref Milne Bay (Prov) 2" 982987.

GR & E Unit has since laid out War Cemetery at Map Ref Gili Gili 1" 957985 and commenced exhumation and re-burial. All scattered graves satisfactorily registered.

8. NATIVE LABOUR Normally a "Q" function, but owing abnormal set-up handled by 'A', labour recruited, organised and maintained by ANGAU in Labour Camps. Approved requisitions forwarded from this HQ to WO i/c Labour Camp each evening in list form. Average number available 1200. All buildings latterly placed under control of an Offr of this HQ experienced in handling natives.

9. LEGAL Incoming units from mainland usually bring a crop of applications for Courts-Martial—mostly AWL's. Dealt with by F.G.C.M. Very few Courts-Martial arising out of offences committed in this area. Fd Punishment Centres under Bde arrangements. Prisoners for detention sent to mainland.

10. REINFORCEMENTS Received in bulk by Corps from NGF ARD - drafted through Reception Camp in accordance with priority list supplied by 'G'.

11. ARMY EDUCATION SERVICE SC recently appointed. Organisation in its infancy.

12. CANTEENS Det ADCS runs bulk canteen. Supplies irregular and usually insufficient. Units buy in bulk at wholesale rates.

INSTALLATIONS	MAP REF.
Reception Camp	025006
D.I.D.	031996 983989
B.B.D.	031996 984985
P. P.	975993 030999
A. O. D.	946987
W.P.	988004 019006 897982 914994 050016

'Q' PLAN - MILNE FORCE

1. QUARTERING

Incoming units 'fostered' by units already in area. Reinforcements held in Reception Camp until allotted by 'A' Branch. Camp Sites are allotted on advance information from LHQ by 'G' and 'Q' Branch.

2. ACCOMMODATION

Construction native buildings well in hand. Priorities given to services, particularly medical.

Armco and Sydney Williams hut as received being erected by AASC and AAOC.

All tentage being raised above ground level.

US tentage being replaced where supplies available.

3. SUPPLY

(a) RATIONS

(i) Supply ex mainland received by BSD and passed to bulk transit sheds which in turn supply DIDS.

All units east of KALOHI CREEK supplied by DID Map Ref MILNE BAY Prov Sheet 031996.
All units west of KALOHI CREEK supplied by DID Map Ref MILNE BAY Prov Sheet 983989.
Units indenting on DID's on weekly basis - fresh meat supplied twice weekly - bread six days each week.

(ii) Units holding seven days reserve rations, regularly turned over.
Due lack green vegetables, area 50 acres cleared and prepared for sowing.

(iii) Detached forces are supplied by small craft on a fortnightly basis. Policy to establish 21 days reserve rations and then fortnightly maintenance holdings determined by daily signal.

(b) P O L

Received by BIPOD in bulk, supplied to units by AASC in 4-gall drums from PP's. RAAF and AAF handles own supplies after delivery by bulk from BIPOD.

(c) AMMUNITION

All units holding first and second line ammo in addition to seven days WUR in Bde areas.

(d) WATER

Water points constructed and in operation - see map attached.

4. POSTAL

Establishment FPO's to expedite mail distribution and relieve pressure on Base Post Office.

5. CANTEENS

Object to give units full benefit canteen stores, reduced by irregularity and short supply of commodities.

6. M T

Re-allotment of MT within the area proceeding making

possible withdrawal and return, of 4 x 2 WD Vehicles, to the mainland - unsuitable in this area.

7. SALVAGE

Shortage personnel precludes salvage on large scale. Special salvages proceeding at present. Propose thorough combing whole area on arrive additional personnel ex mainland.

SUPPLY — HOSTILITIES

RATIONS

Rations supplied from DID

All units east of KALOHI CREEK supplied by DID Map Ref: MILNE BAY Prov Sheet - 031996.

All Units west of KALOHI CREEK supplied by DID Map Ref: MILNE BAY Prov. Sheet - 983989.

AMMUNITION

All units east of KALOHI CREEK hold first and second line ammo plus seven days WUR.

Considered sufficient for lengthy period.

Further supplies as ammo expended sent forward by AASC vehicles.

Ten AAD established map ref MILNE BAY Prov Sheet 946987. Not considered advisable at present to establish FAD any further forward than KALOHI CREEK, owing to close proximity FDL's.

P O L 's.

POL's supplied from PP's map ref : MILNE BAY Prov Sheet.
975993 030999

WATER

Drawn by units from WP's map Ref: MILNE BAY Prov Sheet

983004
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897982
914994
050016

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H.Q. C.A.S.C. ADMINISTRATIVE INS. NO.1

REF. MAP: Milne Force Survey Map
Gili Gili - Waigani Sheet
1" - 1 mile.

OUTLINE OF SUPPLY PLAN - MILNE BAY AREA

1. OBJECT.

(a) To maintain a force of approx. 20,000.
(b) To lay down and maintain a reserve of 120 days supplies for 20,000.
(c) To lay down and maintain a reserve of 120 days P.O.L.
(d) To lay down a reserve, in conjunction with A.N.G.A.U. for 120 days for 3500 natives.

2. RESERVES.

(a) The following supply installations will build up to, and hold reserves over and above ordinary maintenance, on the following scale.

(b)	B.S.D. B.Sec. dump	(Map Ref:	966983)	20000 rations	x 35	days
(c)	B.S.D. C.Sec. dump	" "	912985)	20000 "	x 36	"
(d)	Factory D.I.D.	" "	030996)	8000 "	x 14	"
(e)	Hagita D.I.D.	" "	982994)	12000 "	x 14	"
x (f)	B.S.D. D Sec. dump	" "	025995)	20000 "	x 35	"

x To be established when sufficient stocks come forward

The above dumps to be built up to a balanced ration on existing scale as supplies come forward.

3. RESERVES.

All units to carry seven (7) days Reserve Rations and one (1) days Emergency Ration (DEHYDRATED).

4. P.O.L., RESERVES.

All P.O.L. Reserves to be held under B.I.P.O.D. Control in B.I.P.O.D. areas, Map ref: 944981.

5. AMMUNITION.

For the time being no ammunition to be held by A.S.C. vide:- Ordnance Outline Plan.

6. MAINTENANCE.

SUPPLIES - RATIONS AND EXPENSE STORES

(a) Supplies to be taken over ex ship by B.S.D., checked through Transit Depot and transferred to dumps according to quantities required to balance required holdings.

(b) D.I.Ds. will draw on B.S.D. dumps in quantities sufficient to maintain normal maintenance for number of tps in area serviced.

(c) Units will, until further notice, continue to take delivery of supplies on a weekly basis ex Hagita and Factory D.I.Ds.

(d) Native supplies to be drawn in bulk by A.N.G.A.U. on a monthly consumption basis.

6. MAINTENANCE. (Supplies - Rations and Expense Stores) (Contd).

(e) Fd Bakery unit to continue to operate as long as tactical and stock situation allows.

(f) Fd. Butchery as per Fd. Bakery.

(g) The present system of indenting and accounting for supplies to continue as per Appendix 'B' to Milne Force Adm Instns. No.1 27 Aug. '42.

7. P.O.L.

(a) Supplies to be taken on charge ex ship by B.I.P.O.D.

(b) Maintenance of P.Ps when and where laid down, will be effected by A.S.C. ex B.I.P.O.D.

8. AMMUNITION.

Maintenance and replenishment of A.Ps., to be effected by A.S.C., ex ordnance when tactical situation demands.

9. LOCATION STATEMENT.

A.S.C. Units and Supply Installations shown on Map Gili Gili - Waigani Sheet 1" to 1 mile : attached as Appendix 'A'.

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22/12/42.

HQ
MILNE FORCE.

OUTLINE OF EXISTING AEME WKSHOP FACILITIES - MILNE FORCE

1. The following AEME facilities have been planned to service technical equipment which falls within AEME scope for a force in Milne Bay area equivalent in size to that of Sep-Dec. '42.

	(i)	Ind Bde Gp Wkshop.
	(ii)	Bde Sect of Div Wkshop.
x	(iii)	Bde Sect of Div Wkshop.
	(iv)	Hy AA Wkshop.
	(v)	Lt AA Wkshop.
	(vi)	Ind Armd Regt Wkshop Sec.
	(vii)	L.A.D. - (Bde HQ)
	(viii)	L.A.D. - (Bde HQ)
	(ix)	L.A.D. - (Bde HQ)
	(x)	L.A.D. - (Fd Regt RAA)
x	(xi)	L.A.D. - (HQ Sigs)

2. Locations of above Wkshops, Wkshop Sect and LADs are shown on attached map (WAIOANI - GILI GILI 1 inch - 1 mile Aug 42).

3. x NOTE: One Bde Sect of a Div Wkshop and one LAD have not yet received any technical equipment but pending arrival of equipment personnel are usefully employed in other Wkshops and LADs.

Sgd. P.A. BILLIS - Major
ADME MILNE FORCE.

MILITARY POLICE

Steps to be taken in the event of further hostilities

(see maps attached)

1. Present Military Police Posts (called Cossack Posts) are:-

(a)	No. 1 Cossack Post at	LYALL WHARF	MR.054993	2nd Prov
(b)	No. 2 "	" GILI GILI JETTY	042993	
(c)	No. 3 "	" MP PRO COY HQ	973996	

2. Establish Cossack Posts at:-

(a)	No. 4 Cossack Post at	June Routes 3 and 9	MR.009977	
(b)	5 "	" " Ladava Mission	025983	
(c)	6 "	" " Wehurea Bridge	053003	

3. Establish Road Patrol linking up No's 3, 4 and 5 Cossack Posts.

4. ALTERNATIVE ROUTES

A. (i) Should Route 5 (now in course of construction via SE end of TURNBULL AIRFIELD) be put out of action, use Route 12 via NW end.

Shift No.6 Cossack Post to June Routes 12 and 2 - MR.044002.

(ii) Should Route 2 from start at Route 1 to junc of Route 5, or Route 1 from its start at LYALLS WHARF to its junc with Route 3, be put out of action, use Route 2 where it continues from Route 5 through to Route 8. Shift No.6 Cossack Post to MR.044002.

B. (iii) Should Route 3 between its start at junc with Route 1 and its junc with Route 9, be put out of action, use Route 3 between MR.009977 and 986992, thence Route 1, or (if completed) preferably use Route 16 to its junc with Route 1.

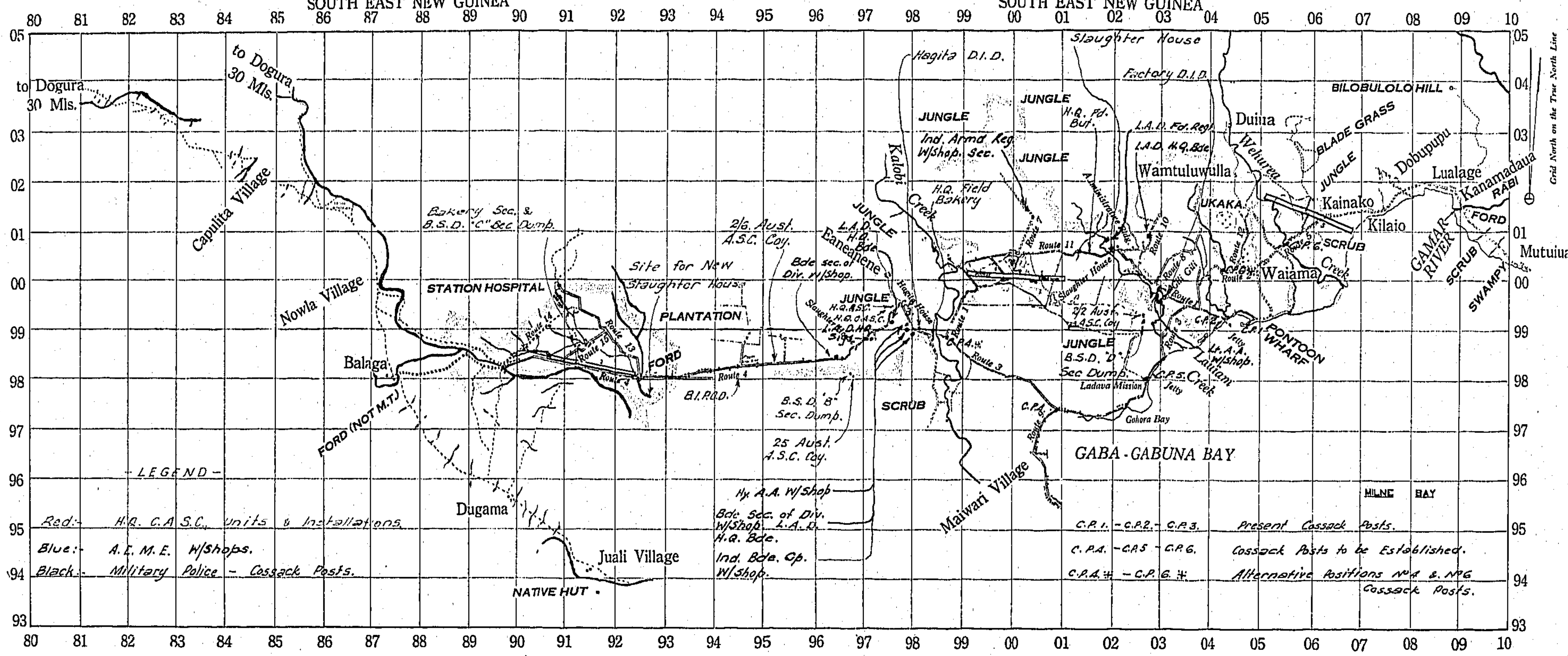
Withdraw No's 4 and 5 Cossack Posts, and establish at junc Routes 1, 3 and 4 (MR.986992).

Sgd. H.W. HAWKESWOOD, Major
DAPM., FORCE HQ.

23 Dec. '42.

WAIGANI
SOUTH EAST NEW GUINEA

GILI GILI
SOUTH EAST NEW GUINEA



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- Rivers
- Mission
- Observation Point
- Water Holes (W.H.)
- Wells (W.)
- House or Hut
- Coconut Plantation
- Rubber Plantation
- Swamp

- Formed Gravel Road
- Unformed Earth Road
- Native Track or Government Road
- Bridge
- Culvert
- Boundary Lines Plantation Etc.
- Fence Lines
- Creeks

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HQ MILNE FORCE

ORDNANCE INSTALLATIONS & UNITS - MILNE FORCE

(Ref. Map WAIGANI - GILI GILI 1" to 1 mile).

1. The plan for Ord Services in this area is as follows:-

STORES - 4 ADV ORD DEPOT

(a) Intention It is intended to hold 90 days' maintenance stocks for AMF units of MILNE FORCE.

(b) Locality The Depot has been moved to a new site at M.R. 945985 for the following reasons:-

(i) Safety distance from operational area.
(ii) To permit reasonable disperaion of store sheds.
(iii) Depot is mainly situated in rubber plantation, offering excellent cover from the air.

(c) Supply Unit requisitions are submitted through ADOS to Depot.

(i) Normal requirements are available at Depot Transit Shed 48 hours after submission of indent, and stores are collected by units.

(ii) Stores are available for immediate issue for urgent requirements and are met by unit requisition or ADOS issue order. Such stores are either collected by units or delivered by the Depot.

(iii) When reinforcements arrive to bring Depot to W.E, it is intended to institute a Depot bi-weekly delivery service to units.

This will effect a very considerable saving in unit veh mileage.

2. AMN - 10 ADV AMN DEPOT

HQ MAP REF 948990
NO.1 DEPOT MAP REF: 944995
do 919985

(a) Intention It is intended to hold 120 days' WUR amn for AMF units, distributed as follows:-

(i) Seven days' WUR in addition to first and second line held by all units east of KALOHI CREEK. This dist is taken as precautionary measure in view of possible difficulty in crossing creek at commencement of operations. This amn is maintained by units, but is under control of 10 Adv Amn Depot, who would direct issue in operations.

(ii) No.1 Depot - 60 Days WUR (less additional unit holdings as in Para. 2 (a) (i) above).

(iii) No.2 Depot - 60 days WUR.

(b) Locality Depot sites chosen for—

(i) Safety distance from operational area
(ii) Large area required to allow stacking at safety distances.

(iii) Both amn depots in coconut groves offering excellent cover from air.

(c) (i) Unit Trg amn is collected by units from No's 1 or 2 Depot.

(ii) Amn for shipment to operational areas - delivered to wharf by Depot with or without assistance of AASC, according to quantity to be moved.

(iii) In the event of operations, supply by AASC to Unit from either Depot. Distance from Depot to operational area is limited by available country in which vehs can operate. Being under 10 miles Depot acts in dual capacity of fwd Dumps and Depots.

3. ORD FD PKS

17 Bde Sec 6 Aust Div Ord Fd Pk	Map Ref:	963985
18 " 7 " " " " "	" "	979993
101 Ind Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk	" "	976992

(a) Intention Holding of 30 days' maintenance stock of MT, small arms and signal parts for eqpt in their respective Bde Areas.

(b) Locality Ord Fd Pks are located in immediate vicinity of corresponding Bde Wkshops.

4. MOBILE LAUNDRY & FWD DECON UNIT

Proposed site Map Ref 922976

(a) Intention The washing and decontamination of blankets clothing etc, with medical units requirements as first priority.

(b) Locality (i) On bank of river with ample supply of excellent water.

(ii) In centre of hospital area.

(iii) Outside operational area.

(iv) Cover afforded by coconut grove.

Sgd. ---- MAJOR
ADOS MILNE FORCE

ORDNANCE INSTALLATIONS & UNITS - MILNE FORCE.

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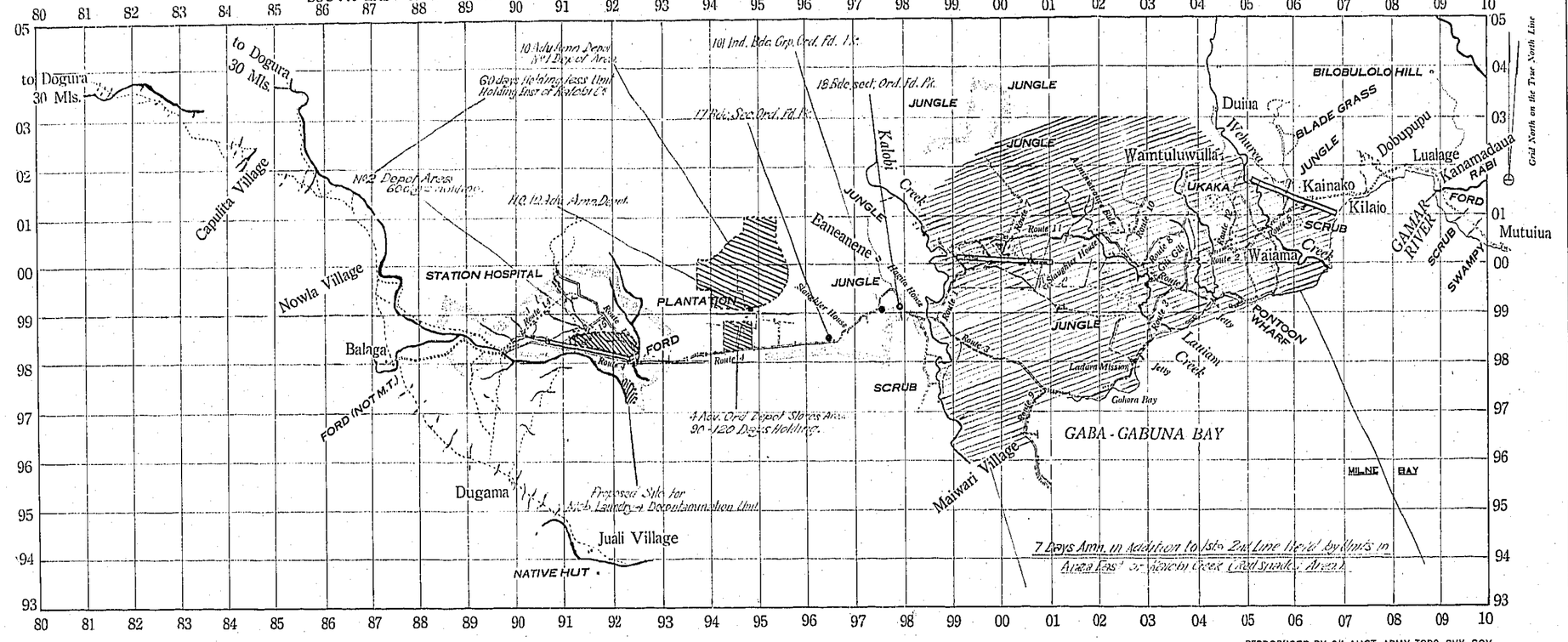

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22 Dec. '42.

MEDICAL SERVICES - MILNE FORCE

21 DEC. '42

1. Medical Units under Command A.D.M.S., Milne Force.

2/2 Aust Fd Amb.	Advance Dep Med Stores
2/5 Aust Fd Amb.	2/2 Aust Malaria Con Unit
11 Aust Fd Amb.	2/8 " " " "
2/1 Aust CCS	'B' Sec 81 Aust Dental Unit
10 Aust CCS	'C' " " " "
2/3 Aust Conv Depot	'E' " 2/1 " " "

2. LOCATION OF MEDICAL UNITS.

Vide location statement attached Appendix 'A'.
" " Map " " 'B'.

3. REASONS FOR SITING IN PRESENT LOCATIONS.

Area chosen for CCS's is in centre of perimeter. Exact location decided by nature of ground. Considered tactically unsound to site an hospital unit EAST of KALOHI CREEK. ADS's only are located EAST of THIS CREEK. MDS of Fd Ambs are sited at WAIGANI and in CCS area. Also in this area is Adv Depot Med Stores and Red Cross Hut - grouped for ease of administration and function.

4. SYSTEM FOR COLLECTION OF CASUALTIES.

Whole area is divided into Zones (Vide location map, Appx 'B'). Each Zone is the medical responsibility of a Fd Amb which has a Coy in that Zone. Fd Amb is responsible for clearing casualties from every RAP in its Zone, and for arrangements for sick parades for those units without MO's. The MO i/c Fd Amb Coy in each Zone acts as SMO to that Zone. Each ADS evacs light sick to its own MDS, all other cases are admitted to CCS which admit on alternate days.

All Dysentery cases are sent to 10 CCS Dysentery Ward. All other infectious cases are sent to MDS 2/2 Fd Amb which has an isolation block.

5. SYSTEM OF EVACUATION OF CASUALTIES TO MAINLAND.

(a) By Hospital Ship;
(b) By S.A.T.
(c) By Air Transport. (Not yet commenced).

Pooled Ambs and vehicles of all Med Units are used in role of M.A.C., to carry casualties to wharf or airfield.

6. HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.

1750 beds occupied 21 Dec. '42.
Excess of admissions over discharges averages 100 daily.

7. PROVISION OF DETACHMENT FOR TASK FORCES.

For all operational Med tasks Fd Ambs are Brigaded. 11 Fd Amb with 7 Aust Inf Bde, 2/2 Fd Amb with 17 Aust Inf Bde and 2/5 Fd Amb with 18 Bde.

Lt. Sections (1 M.O. and 6 or 8 O/R's) have been provided to move with each of 2/9 Bn, 2/10 Bn, 2/12 Bns.
Lt. Sections are located with 25 Bn at PORLOCK harbour, and WANAGELLA.
Lt Section is located at GOODENOUGH ISLAND with Det 2/12 Bn.

(over)

8. MALARIA CONTROL.

General Policy

2/8 A.M.C.U. carries out entomological work and checks the work of 2/2 A.M.C.U. which carries out practical control measures. Perimeter is Zoned, each Zone having its own responsible staff and native labour. This additional to Unit anti-Malaria Squad activities.

9. MEDICAL STORES.

Obtained on monthly indent on Base Depot Med Stores, LHQ.

System of issue:- SMO's of Med Zones are responsible for collection of indents from all units and Dets in the Zone. Indents are consolidated in MDS's which draw in bulk from Adv Depot Med Stores and distribute Stores by the same channels by which casualties are collected. Quinine and other anti-Malaria drugs are controlled stores.

Quinine for suppressive use by all troops is supplied to AASC from Adv Depot Med Stores on ration strength basis; it is counted into unit lots by Adv Depot Med Stores and issued to AASC weekly for distribution with the rations.

10. PROPOSED GENERAL HOSPITAL SITE.

A 1200 bed Gen Hospital could be well sited at WAIGANI, Map Reference 920090.

11. MEDICAL SERVICE FOR SHIPS AND SMALL CRAFT.

A Lt Section (1 Bearer and 6 O/R's) is located via GILI GILI wharf with task of collecting all casualties from incoming ships and small craft and of despatching Med Stores to outlying Dets. Each small craft carries a "Ketch Kit" a stock of which are held in reserve by this Lt. Section.

Colonel

Sgd. G.B.G. MAITLAND,
ADMS., MILNE FORCE

APPX 'A'.

LOCATION STATEMENT

MEDICAL UNITS

21 DEC. '42.

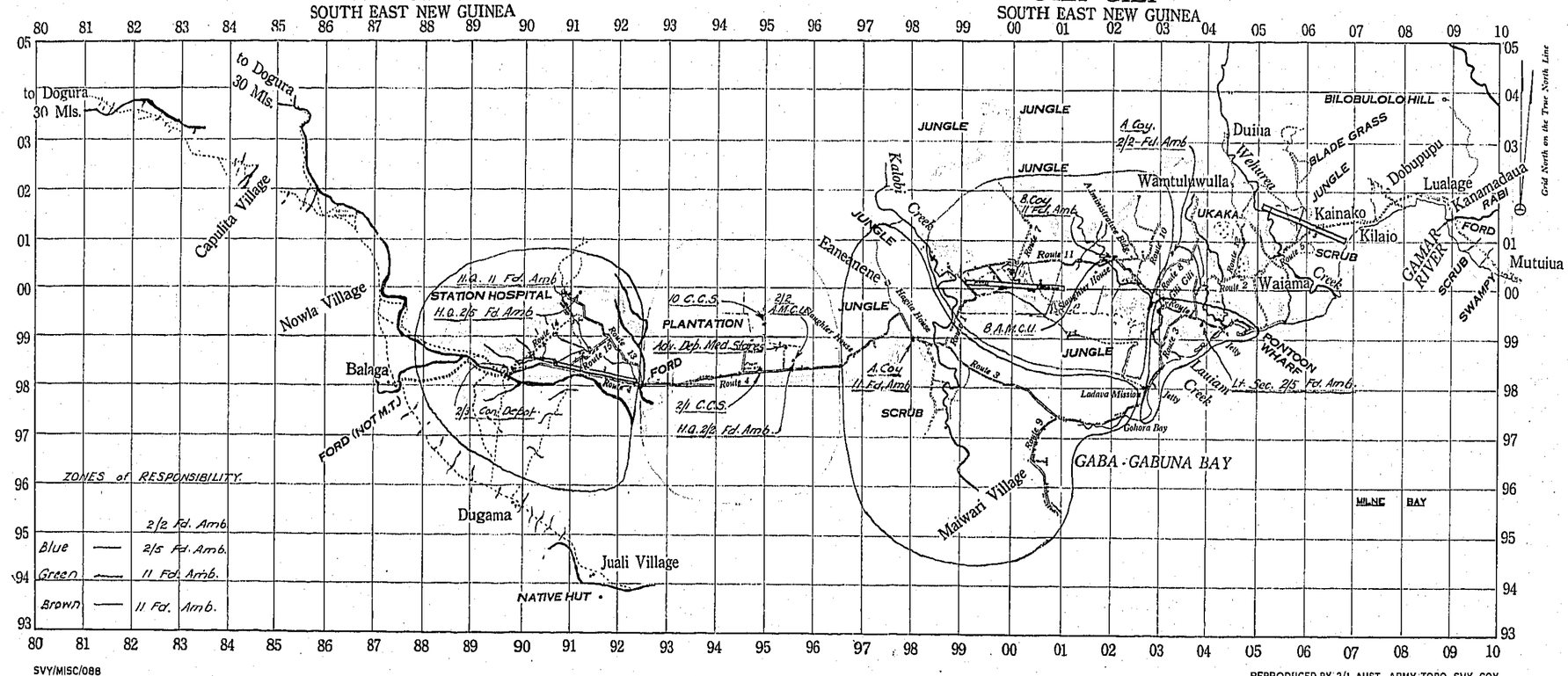
Map Reference: WAIGANI-GILIGILI Sheet - 1 inch to 1 mile.

2/2 Aust Fd Amb	A Coy.	032006
	B & H.Q. Coy.	956988
2/5 Aust Fd Amb	HQ Coy.	912998
11 Aust Fd Amb	A Coy.	980990
	B Coy.	019005
	HQ Coy.	909998
2/1 Aust CCS		947984
10 Aust CCS		950993
2/3 Aust Conv Depot		893984
Adv Depot Med Stores		955988
2/2 A.M.C.U.		956988
2/8 A.M.C.U.		019005

MEDICAL LOCATION MAP.

WAIGANI

SOUTH EAST NEW GUINEA



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Milne Force Survey Map

WAIGANI

Based on Compass Traverse by Units of
The Milne Force.
Distance - Pacing

Drawn by W. R. Piper Lieut.
Supervised by J. Grummett Lieut
Traced by A. J Sterling Sapper
24th Field Coy. R.A.E.

Produced by Intelligence
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SOUTH EAST NEW GUINEA

REPRODUCED BY 2/1 AUST. ARMY TOPO. SVY. COY. AUG. '42

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SCALE 1 INCH 1 MILE

Magnetic North 7°E TRUE NORTH

Rivers	
Mission	✝
Observation Point	⊙
Water Holes	W.H.
Wells	W.
House or Hut	■
Coconut Plantation	
Rubber Plantation	
Swamp	

Formed Gravel Road	
Unformed Earth Road	
Native Track or Government Road	
Bridge	
Culvert	
Boundary Lines Plantation Etc.	
Fence Lines	
Creeks	

NOTE: From Balaga Village tracks to Dogura are only Jungle Paths.
The country is particularly rough, the Grades very steep, and, except at Native Villages, there are no Camping Sites.

Country east of 980E appears flat

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MOVEMENT ORDER NO.....

HQ MILNE FORCE
22 DEC '42.

The following personnel, detailed in Appx "A", will embark on S.S. "JAPARA", 24 Dec to rejoin 18 Aust Inf Bde.

(a) Balance 18 Aust Inf Bde.

(b) Det 2/6 Aust Coy AASC

Embarkation time will be notified later.

Equipment:

(c) HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde.-

Equipment laid down in Appx "A" attached will be taken by HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde.

(d) 2/6 Aust Coy AASC:- Essential Stores only will be taken - MT will remain at Milne Bay.

Eqpt and personnel detailed by NGF Sig SD573 22 Dec will be taken forward with remainder HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde Stores.

All stores will be held ready for calling forward when required.

Rations:

7 days rations including quinine will be taken from unit reserve. Balance will be taken over by AASC.

3 days emergency rations and 3 days quinine will be carried on the man.

O.C. TROOPS:

Senior Combatant Officer will assume control of all military personnel and will be responsible for such duties as he is called upon to perform, both during and at the conclusion of the voyage.

THE NECESSITY OF MAINTAINING STRICTEST SECURITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE MOVEMENT WILL BE IMPRESSED ON ALL CONCERNED.

Col
for AA & QMG MILNE FORCE.

DISTRIBUTION:-

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde.
Det 2/6 Aust Coy AASC
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HQ NGF
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WAR DIARY.

APPX "A"

UNIT	PERSONNEL	STORES	DEAD WEIGHT	
Det 2/6 Coy AASC	51	Unit Eqpt and Rations	5 Tons	
HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde	30	Unit Eqpt, Rations, Amn	15 Tons	
		Jeeps POL	5 Tons	

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MILNE FORCE NEWS BULLETIN NO 115 ~~22~~ Dec 42

SUMMARY OF ABC NEWS BULLETIN 1900/22

ENEMY RESISTANCE AT BUNA

Progress of the Allied troops in BUNA isbeing slowed up by the desperate enemy resistance. General MacArthur's Headquarters' communique states that our troops are steadily moving in although the enemy is well entrenched. Tanks and mortars are battering against the Japanese positions. Our men have rebuilt a bridge destroyed by the Japanese.

The ABC War Correspondent says that mopping up is going on in some sectors. Allied aircraft are continuing to give the land troops strong support. There has been no activity in the neighbourhood of GONA for some time.

One enemy plane appeared over PORT MORESBY early this morning but did not drop any bombs.

RED ARMY'S OFFENSIVE CONTINUES

The Germans have not been able to hold the Red Army's offensive in the middle DON at any point. The Russians captured a large number of localities yesterday including some large towns. In last Monday's fighting , 20,000 Germans were captured and 7000 killed.

BERLIN has referred again to the weight of the Russian offensive. The Russians are launching one wave of tanks after another against the Axis lines.

The Russians have beaten back a number of German counter-attacks. Soviet guerrilla forces are operating at the rear of the Germans on the middle DON sector.

8TH ARMY PURSUES ROMMEL

The vanguard of the 8th Army is pressing close to the rear of Rommel's forces 150 miles west of EL AGHEILA. Ground fighting in LIBYA is confined to patrol activity.

The ABC London correspondent states that there are no indications from LIBYA that Rommel will make a stand shortly.

In TUNISIA both sides are preparing as quickly as possible for the big action bound to come soon. Some of the Germans fighting in TUNISIA are straight from the Russian front.

US AIRCRAFT RAID ALEUTIANS

United States bombers and fighters made a combined attack on a Japanese base in the ALEUTIANS.

AUSTRALIAN NEWS

The Minister for the Army (Mr. Forde) has sent Christmas greetings to Sir Thomas Blamey and the troops under his command. Mr. Forde said the achievements of the troops in NEW GUINEA had aroused the admiration of all Australians. Mr. Forde also sent a message to the troops of the 9th Division in the MIDDLE EAST.

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orders	to	report	by	1200 L/24	10
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for	DESIKOKO	before	L 26	request	20
permission	ultilize	DESIKOKO	convoy	25 Bn	25
spare	eqpt	and	100	natives	30
HANSOM	(.)	Could	leave	here	35
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Ration Position as at 1800 hrs 24 Dec 1942

At Milne Force

White	Ration Strength	17,875
	No of rations held	see attached list
	No of days	see attached list
Native	Ration Strength	3,500
	No of rations held	see attached list
	No of days	see attached list

At Hatforce

White	Ration Strength	411
	No of rations held	3,288
	No of days	8
Native	Ration Strength	600
	No of rations held	12,600
	No of days	21

At Drakeforce

White	Ration Strength	783
	No of rations held	10,179
	No of days	13
Native	Ration Strength	300
	No of rations held	6,900
	No of days	23

At Hansom

White	Ration Strength	490
	No of rations held	980
	No of days	2
Native	Ration Strength	150
	No of rations held	-
	No of days	-

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NATIVE RATION HOLDINGS BY A.N.G.A.U.

24 DECEMBER 1942.

BASIS - 3,500.

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COMMODITY.	DAYS HOLDING.
RICE	48
WHEATMEAL	21
MEAT PRES.	4
SUGAR	4
SOAP	18
MATCHES	2
SALT	19
BISCUITS	2
TEA	12
TOBACCO	348
MEAT EXTRACT	3

J. Talbot Lt. Col.
(J. Talbot)
C.A.S.C. Milne Force.

RATION HOLDING BASED ON STRENGTH OF 19,000.

DATE. 24 DECEMBER 1942.

COMMODITY.	NO. OF DAYS.	GROUP NO. OF DAYS.
BACON	41	41
MEAT PRESERVED	38	
MEAT & VEGETABLES	17	
MUTTON DEHY.	30	
SAUSAGES	2	
~~MEAT LOAF~~ Fish	20	
PORK & BEANS	10	
CAMP PIE.	2	119
BISCUITS	110	
FLOUR	3	
OATMEAL	4	
RICE.	18	135
BUTTER	41	
MARGARINE	33	74
CHEESE	91	91
VEGETABLES TINNED.	12	
VEGETABLES DRIED.	-	
PEAS. GREEN	-	12
TOMATOES TINNED	9	
TOMATOE JUICE	4	
POTATOES DEHY	11	
POTATOES DICED.	1	25
PEAS BLUE	25	
PEAS SPLIT	49	
LENTILS	40	114
TEA	290	
COCOA	4	294
COFFEE	43	43
SUGAR	99	99
MILK	27	
MILK EVAP.	-	27
JAM	32	
GOLDEN SYRUP	13	
M & V EXTRCT.	-	45
SALT	104	104
PEPPER	202	202
MUSTARD	21	21
CURRY	91	91
FRUIT DRIED	54	
FRUIT TINNED	159	
CURRANTS	-	213
Fruit Juice	32	32
BAKING POWDER.	74	74
Egg Powder	35	35

J. Talbot Lt.Col.

(J.Talbot) C.A.S.C. MILNE FORCE.

Statement of Ammunition as at 0900 hrs 24 Dec '42

Item	Type of Ammunition	Rmtd On Hand	Rec'd	Del'd	TOTAL	to whom issued
1.	.303 Ctn	8,059,406	-	113,508	7,945,898	(10857 2/12 Inf Bn 4992 Armd. Div.
2.	.303 Cgr	1,588,260	-	78,000	1,510,260	2/12 Inf Bn
3.	.303 Bdr	3,245,000	-	18,000	3,227,000	"
4.	.303 S Belt	1,155,750	-	30,500	1,125,250	"
5.	.303 Ter	1,038,316	-	7,488	1,030,828	"
9.	.455 Revolver	9,404	-	1,700	7,704	(480 " 1220 Armd. Div.
10.	.55 AP Boys	9,551	-	1,280	8,271	2/12 Inf Bn
11.	.45 TSMG	3,115,382	-	30,000	3,085,382	(28000 " 2000 Armd Div.
16.	3.7 AA HE	12,757	-	400	12,357	33 Hy AA Bty
17.	25 pdr Mk 1 & 2 (Normal)	87,640	-	2,928	84,712	X
19.	Shell 25 pdr HE SL	87,104	-	2,136	84,968	X
20.	25 pdr Smoke	5,120	-	544	4,576	(272 X 272 Armd. Div.
[illegible]	Shot 25 pdr	6,490	-	248	6,242	X
27.	Bombs ML 3" Mortar HE	89,572	-	636	88,936	2/12 Inf Bn
28.	Bombs ML 3" Mortar SMOKE	336	2,000	276	2,060	"
29.	Bombs ML 2" Mortar HE	106,013	-	1,044	104,969	"
30.	Bombs ML 2" Mortar SMOKE	12,166	-	450	11,716	"
31.	Bombs ML 2" Mortar Illum W/- para	4,812	-	252	4,560	"
33.	Grenades 36M Hand	44,104	-	432	43,672	(12 100 Sq. RAAF 120 2/12 Bn. 300 Armd Div.
34.	Grenades 36M Rifle	56,228	-	120	56,108	2/12 Inf Bn.
41.	Generators Smoke No 8	1,443	-	40	1,403	HQ 7 Inf Bde.
52.	Ctgs 1" Illum J.	33,912	-	576	33,336	(288 2/12 Bn 288 Armd Div.
53.	Ctgs Sig Red	10,620	-	264	10,356	(144 2/12 Bn 120 Armd Div.
54.	Ctgs Sig Green	17,032	-	252	16,780	(144 2/12 Bn 108 Armd Div.
92.	2" Mortar Sig Red	1,058	-	108	950	2/12 Inf Bn
93.	2" Mortar Sig Green	792	-	108	684	"
103.	37 M/M M63 HE	4,240	-	3,120	1,120	Armd. Div.
104.	37 M/M M74 AP W/- tracer	2,160	-	820	1,340	"
106.	Ctgs SA .30 AP M2 Ctn	216,000	-	13,500	202,500	"
107.	Ctgs .30 Tracer	229,500	-	31,500	198,000	"
108.	Ctgs .30 AP	103,500	-	39,000	64,500	"

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SUMMARY BY UNITS AND RANKS OF PERSONNEL
DISEMBARKED EX "TAROONA" AT MILNE BAY, 24 DEC. '42

UNIT	Off.	WO.	Sgt	Cpl.	Pte.	Total OR's	Total All Ranks
2/2 Sig Pk Sec			1	1	4	6	6
10 Aust Hy AA Sig Sec	1		2	2	30	34	35
HQ 10 Adv Amn Dep	1			2	6	8	9
18 Ord Amn Coy	2	1	4	8	47	60	62
4 Adv Ord Dep	1		4	5	4	13	14
2/2 Aust Hy AA Regt					3	3	3
Gen Details (GL Operators)					6	6	6
73 D C R E	3		2	1	10	13	16
G Hy Bty RAA	5	1	10	12	71	94	99
3 Aust Carrier Pigeon Lofts				1	1	2	2
Gen Inf Reinfts (CMF)			4	13	188	205	205
Gen Inf Reinfts (AIF)			2		7	9	9
Gen Arty Reinfts (AIF)			6	7	61	74	74
Gen Arty Reinfts (CMF)					10	10	10
Gen Reinfts Lt AA (AIF)			5	6	33	44	44
Gen Reinfts Lt AA (CMF)					18	18	18
'X' List HQ RAE					1	1	1
'X' List 2/8 Fd Coy					8	8	8
'X' List 24 Fd Coy					1	1	1
'X' List Inf Bn 2/5	1		1		1	2	3
'X' List 2/6 Inf Bn					3	3	3
'X' List 2/7 Inf Bn					2	2	2
'X' List 2/9 Inf Bn		1	1			2	2
'X' List 9 Inf Bn			1		4	5	5
'X' List 25 Inf Bn					9	9	9
'X' List 61 Inf Bn					4	4	4
'X' List ADCS					1	1	1
'X' List 32 Employ Coy					1	1	1
'X' List 2/2 Fd Amb					1	1	1
'X' List 2/5 Fd Amb			1			1	1
'X' List 10 Fd Amb				1	1	2	2
'X' List 2/46 LAD					1	1	1
'X' List MILNE FORCE POSTAL					1	1	1
'X' List 2/5 Fd Regt		2	1	2		5	5
'X' List 17 Bde Sec							
6 Div. Wkshop			1		1	2	2
'X' List 18 Bde Sec							
7 Div. Wkshop	2						2
25 Coy ASC			1		7	8	8
1 Aust Docks Control			2	1	1	4	4
'X' List MILNE FORCE Sigs	1						1
HQ MILNE FORCE	1						1
2/9 Inf Bn					1	1	1
Det Adv Dep Med Stores		1				1	1
Draft Conducting Officers	5						5
'X' List 2/10 Inf Bn					6	6	6
'X' List 2/4 Fd Coy					2	2	2
'X' List 2/1 Pnr Bn					3	3	3
'X' List 2/2 A/Tk. Regt					2	2	2
'X' List 101 Ind Bde Gp Wkshop				1		1	1
Gen Arty Reinfts			1	2		3	3
	23	6	50	65	561	682	705

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- CHRISTMAS NUMBER -

MILNE FORCE NEWS BULLETIN NO 116

25 DECEMBER 1942

SUMMARY OF ABC NEWS BULLETIN 1900 hrs/24

TO-MORROW IS CHRISTMAS DAY ! But it is a different and unusual CHRISTMAS this year. The keynote is austerity. Christmas advertisements have been cut out entirely ; shops have been short-staffed. The fighting forces are at their battle stations and civilians feel they should spend a quiet and thankful Christmas at home. Australians feel safer now than they did a year ago but they realise there is still a long way to go. It will be a subdued Christmas on the home front.

H.M.A.S. ARMIDALE SUNK

The H.M.A.S. ARMIDALE was sunk 250 miles off DARWIN after being attacked by Japanese bombers and torpedo planes. The sinking of the vessel was announced in a communique issued from General MacArthur's Headquarters to-day.

The ship was heavily attacked and one bomber and one fighter were brought down by the ship's guns before the Armidale sank. Thirty-three have been rescued out of a crew of 183 Officers and men. The others are now presumed to be lost. Another Australian naval ship, which went to the rescue of the men in life boats, was also attacked from the air.

The Prime Minister (Mr. J. Curtin) has expressed his sympathy with the relatives of the men who have been lost. He said the Armidale went down fighting. She was the first Australian mine sweeper sunk. She was constructed in Australia.

JAPANESE IN DESPERATE POSITION

The position of the Japanese in the BUNA area can now be described as desperate. The enemy's losses have been heavy. Allied troops made no further gains in the sector yesterday. The enemy forces are fighting back desperately. The column moving down the SANANANDA trail has made good progress. The enemy is using mountain guns. Allied aircraft continued their attacks on Japanese positions. Supply dumps in coconut groves and barges were shot up.

Three American Generals have been wounded in action at BUNA.

RED ARMY'S ADVANCE CONTINUES

In spite of severe weather, the Red Army continues to press on. Russian forces advanced another 15 miles in the Middle Don sector. Yesterday 8000 Germans were killed and 16,400 Germans captured. The Germans are retreating in disorder at many points. German newspapers find it hard to hide the seriousness of the position. The Russians have captured 143 tanks, 1800 guns, 3000 machine guns and 6000 horses and destroyed 85 Axis planes and 120 tanks.

ROMMEL'S FLIGHT TOWARDS TRIPOLI

Rommel's "advance" towards TRIPOLI, as the Germans describe it, continues at full speed. Yesterday the British troops were 50 miles west of SIRTE. As the Axis forces near TRIPOLI, Rommel is depending on mines and rains to delay the 8th Army. Severe patrol fighting is in progress in TUNISIA. To the south, French forces have been in close contact with the enemy.

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REVIEW OF WORLD EVENTS - 31 AUGUST - 25 DECEMBER 1942

The capture of KOKODA by Australian troops, the complete rout of Rommel's Army in the Western Desert, the major American Naval victory in the SOLOMONS and the determined Russian winter offensive are highlights of the events of a world at war in the past four months. A lull has followed the storm in recent weeks but the Allies maintain the initiative on all fronts.

The advance of the Australian troops in the OWEN STANLEY RANGE began late in September and on 2 Oct our troops recaptured a village 60 miles from PORT MORESBY. The Japanese were driven from the KOKODA GAP on 19 Oct and the Australians made slow, steady progress towards KOKODA. On 3 Nov the fall of KOKODA was announced, described by the Minister for the Army (Mr. Forde) as "an important step in the defence of Australia." The capture was made three months after the Japanese landed troops at BUNA and advanced on KOKODA. The Japanese rallied on Nov 5 but Australian bayonets drove them on. The landing of American troops in NEW GUINEA and their advance on BUNA was revealed on 8 Nov. The occupation of OIVI by Australians and the pursuit of the Japanese to the KUMUSI RIVER took place on 12 Nov. Australian troops advancing eastward drove the enemy from WAIROPI on 18 Nov and on 24 Nov our troops entered COIL. Several attempts by the enemy to land troops at BUNA were frustrated. The Japanese Navy suffered heavy losses off BUNA. The complete occupation of GONA was announced by the Prime Minister on 10 Dec and by 25 Dec the Japanese forces were squeezed into a narrow beach-head at BUNA. Allied forces are hammering strong enemy defences.

The smashing of the Japanese armada which tried to gain control of the SOLOMONS on 17 Nov was described as a major victory. The enemy lost 23 ships and many troops drowned. American ground forces captured a number of Japanese positions and maintained the initiative on GUADALCANAL.

American troops, supported by British naval and air forces, broke into French North and West Africa on 8 Nov. ALGIERS was captured and the French swing over in support of the Allies. The Axis forces in the Western Desert were in full retreat by 10 Nov. The retreat developed into a rout. EL AGHEILA was captured on 14 Dec and Rommel was in full flight towards TRIPOLI.

Three German divisions surrendered to the Russians on 25 Nov and the great Russian offensive swept on. German forces numbering 300,000 to 400,000 before STALINGRAD were in a perilous position. Despite German counter attacks, Russians maintained initiative and on 20 Dec the Red Army struck again in the DON sector.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

11 Nov : French resistance at CASABLANCA ceases. American troops enter ORAN.
German troops march into unoccupied France.

12 Nov : Announced that the transport and landing of American troops in NORTH AFRICA was greatest amphibious feat in history. Number of vessels in convoy was 500. They were accompanied by 360 warships.

26 Nov : Germans in danger of being enveloped not only before STALINGRAD but in the whole of the DON bend.

28 Nov : French fleet scuttled in the harbour of TOULON.

30 Nov : German auxiliary vessel scuttled off the coast of Australia.

4 Dec : Nine more Japanese ships sunk off the SOLOMONS.

8 Dec : Launching of the battleship, NEW JERSEY, the largest battleship ever constructed.

MILNE BAY OPERATIONS 25 AUG - 6 SEP 42

Just before midday 25 Aug, GOC MILNE FORCE was informed that a force of two (2) transports , escorted by seven (7) warships, had been sighted 120 miles north of MILNE BAY heading south. The two R.A.A.F. Fighter Squadrons then here, plus three Hudsons, immediately went out to attack and the troops of MILNE FORCE were placed in a position of readiness to repel any attack. Our planes attacked the enemy three times that afternoon , probably sinking one ship. In spite of this, the enemy landed his troops on the night 25/26 near LILIHOA, six (6) miles east of RABI.

The first onslaught was met by militia troops who inflicted heavy casualties and stopped the enemy east of KB Mission.

From then on the action can be divided into two phases. From 26 to 31 Aug, fighting swayed from K B Mission to No 3 Strip and back again, several bitter actions being fought. The enemy had landed two tanks which caused some trouble but were eventually bogged near RABI and put out of use.

From 1 Sep to 7 Sep is a story of resolute pushing forward by troops in the face of a stubborn enemy. Our troops, as they pushed forward along the northern coast of the Bay, had to mop up the jungle on either side of the track and had to leave small garrisons at every strategic point to cover their lines of communication.

Eventually , on the night 5/6 Sep, the enemy realised he was beaten and evacuated his troops by destroyer.

The weather for the week preceding 25 Aug had been nothing but heavy rain, which continued throughout the action. No vehicles could proceed near or east of No 3 Strip and all supplies of food and ammo had to be man-handled through heavy mud. All wounded, also, had to be evacuated in this manner, although after 1 Sep 42 a limited number of small boats was used in ferrying ammunition and food to K B Mission and further forward bringing back wounded who were attended to near GILI GILI Jetty. The roads were so bad at this time that it sometimes took several hours to get the wounded back from the jetty to HOGIT.

Our Air Force played a most prominent part. From dawn to dusk each day, taking off from a water-logged strip, they sought and straffed the enemy. The enemy's most unhappy position in regard to supplies was undoubtedly caused by the severe straffing his dumps and troops received on the morning of 26 Aug and afterwards. Sqn-Ldr TUNBULL, after whom the No 3 Strip is now named, was their only casualty. He crashed while attacking an enemy tank.

A feature of the action was the almost nightly visitation by enemy warships. Most afternoons, R.....F. would report sighting of enemy warships heading towards MILNE BAY and each night proof was received of their visit. Prisoners of War and documents captured have since proved that these warships landed reinforcements and supplies and took off wounded. The only lasting record of their visits is the vessel now lying at Panton Wharf - sunk on the night 6/7 Sep.

It is estimated that approx 1600 JAPS were landed in the original force , reinforced later by a further 600. Of these, at least 1000 were killed and a further 100 since. Possibly 450 were taken off and a further 50, at the outside, escaped to BUNA. Nine prisoners of war were taken.

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REPORT ON RATIONS - DAQMG 11 AUST DIV. 25 Dec 42

General position with regard to Rations and Supp rations greatly improved.

Xmas Hampers from ACF were distributed to all Australian troops in Milne Bay Area, and shipment made to all det--ached forces. Arrangements were made with the Air Force to drop from their recce plane, Xmas hampers, supp rations, and mail for spotting stations on Dawson, Misima, and Tarlsse Islands. Signals received later from these places state that parcels arrived in good condition and were greatly appreciated.

/JF

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MILNE FORCE NEWS BULLETIN

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SUMMARY OF ABC NEWS BULLETIN 1900 hrs ½25.

ASSASSINATION OF ADMIRAL DARLAN

A communique from Allied Headquarters in North Africa reports the assassination yesterday of Admiral Darlan. A young Frenchman armed with a revolver shot Admiral Darlan as he entered his office in ALGIERS. The Admiral died on the way to hospital. His assassin was captured and subjected to questioning. General Eisenhower reports that complete order reigns in ALGIERS notwithstanding general indignation at the outrage. President Roosevelt, commenting on the assassination described it as " Murder of the first degree."

SOLOMONS, NEW BRITAIN, BUNA, SANANANDA.

Heavy Allied bombers attacked and sank a 5000 ton transport at GASMATA, of 15 Zeros attempting to intercept the attack one was shot down and two damaged without loss to the Allied force.

American medium bombers attacked and sank one Japanese destroyer off the Solomons. MUNDA in the SOLOMONS has been attacked for the thirteenth time by bombers based on GUADALCANAL.

BUNA - The main Japanese position on the right flank at BUNA has collapsed and the enemy has been driven back to a last line of defence approx. one mile long and from 500 to 600 yds in depth. This enemy strip is protected by pill boxes and a net of trenches and barricades. Fighting is still going on in the SANANANDA sector where, as yet, there is no Allied advance. Allied air successes in the area in the last few days include one detroyer, two cargo ships, and 4 fighter planes , sunk and destroyed.

FURTHER RUSSIAN SUCCESSES.

TheRed Army has opened a new offensive in the Central Caucasus and after a few days fighting German resistance in the area has been broken - 3000 Germans have been reported killed as a result of the offensive.

Continuing an offensive begun a week ago in the Middle Don sector, the Russian Army has advanced 13/15 miles in one day capturing 5600 prisoners. Moscow communique reports a Russian advance of 85 miles on the Middle Don front during the last eight days during which 42000 German prisoners were taken.

German losses have been heavy in fighting south west of STALINGRAD

NORTH AFRICA

In TUNIS reports indicate patrol activity only although patrol movements are said to be warming up in anticipation of an attack by the First Army at an early date.

Patrols of the British Eighth Army have made contact with ROMMEL' forces in the SIRTE region halfway between EL AGHEILA and TRIPOLI

Recent improvements on the North African fronts have enabled convoys to arrive at MALTA unmolested, an enemy convoy recently attempted to sail east of MALTA but turned back on sighting the Royal Navy.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

In a Christmas Message to Australian troops and Womens' Auxiliaries everywhere, the Prime Minister, Mr Curtin, thanked those " whose courage, determination, and fearless gallantry had kept Australian shores inviolate"..... Mr Curtin indicated further that supplies would be maintained to enable final victory to be achie

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11 AUST DIV ROUTINE ORDERS
PART 1
By
Major-General C.A. Clowes
COMD 11 AUST DIV

HQ
11 AUST DIV
AUSTRALIA
26 Dec 42.

GENERAL STAFF

455. RE-DESIGNATION OF UNITS

As from 0001 hrs 26 Dec 42 MILNE FORCE became 11 Aust Div. Certain units are re-designated as under :-

Old Designation	New designation
HQ Milne Force	HQ 11 Aust Div
HQ RAE Milne Force	HQ RAE 11 Aust Div
Milne Force Sigs	Sigs 11 Aust Div
Milne Force Cipher Sec	11 Aust Div Cipher Sec
HQ Comd Milne Force AASC	HQ Comd 11 Aust Div AASC
Milne Force Pro Coy	11 Aust Div Pro Coy
Milne Force Fd Cash Office	11 Aust Div Fd Cash Office
Milne Force Postal Unit	11 Aust Div Postal Unit
Milne Force Sec Reception Camp	11 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp
Milne Force Salvage Unit	11 Aust Div Salvage Unit
Milne Force Mob Laundry and Fwd Decn Unit	11 Aust Div Mob Laundry and Fwd Decn Unit.

456. INFRINGEMENT OF POSTAL REGULATIONS

(a) The address of sender will NOT appear on parcels lodged at A.P.Os. The only information required is :-

(i) Address of addressee.
(ii) Full description of contents
(iii) Regimental number and name of sender.

(b) The sending by post of grenades, fuses, live cartridges or other explosives is strictly prohibited. It is not only a serious breach of regulations, but also a criminally lunatic act endangering the safety of postal personnel, aircraft, shipping and mails carried.

It should be noted that severe dermatitis and burns are likely to be incurred by inexperienced personnel removing the filling from bombs, shells, etc.

457. RIFLE RANGES

Ref Map Milne Bay 2nd Prov 2nd Edition

The following ranges are approved and are under the control of HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde.

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968018 Rifle range (30 yards) Direction of fire 302° True Firing intp butts.
(For use of 17 Aust Inf Bde W/Tng & Junior Leaders Schools)

968019 Field firing range (400 yards). Direction of fire 305° - 315° True (For use of 17 Aust Inf Bde W/Tng & Junior Leaders Schools).

032021 Rifle and Boys A/Tk Rifle Range (200^{x}) (Known as 2/6 Bn Ra) Direction of fire 60° True Firing into Butts. (Previously approved in RO 286 para (b) as 034014)

964992 Rifle Range (200^{x}) (Known as 2/5 Bn Ra) Direction of fire 360° True Firing into Butts. (Previously approved RO 318 as 964986 GILI GILI 3")

007018 Rifle Range (200^{x}) (Known as 2/7 Bn Ra) Direction of fire 55° True Firing into Butts. (Previously approved RO 318 at 997018 GILI GILI 3")

Notification regarding approval of 2" Mortar and Rifle Grenade Ra at 031018 (RO 351 Para (a) is cancelled. All tps must be warned of above ranges so that due care can be exercised by personnel.

Col
G.S. 11 AUST DIV

ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S STAFF

458. WEARING OF LONG TROUSERS - MILNE BAY AREA (42/365)

(1) The C in C directs that short trousers will be withdrawn from all ranks in the MILNE BAY area and that long trousers will be taken into continuous use.

(2) Short trousers withdrawn from use will be returned to Australia as salvage.

(3) A.D.Q.S. 11 Aust Div will -
(a) Arrange for issue to all units of sufficient long trousers to bring the total number of pairs on issue to ALL pers. to three per pers.
(b) Arrange for withdrawal of short trousers and return thereof to Aust as directed in para (2) above.

(4) All units will submit necessary requisitions to comply with (3) above and ensure that ALL pers. have three (3) pairs of long trousers on issue.

(5) All tps in MILNE BAY area will comply with direction contained in para (1) above as from 0600L/29 Dec 42.

(6) Any breach of this order that long trousers are to be worn continuously will be regarded seriously and severe disciplinary action will be taken against any member offending.

(7) Paras 1,5 and 6 of this Order will be repeated in all Unit R/O's and will be read on parade to all tps on at least three (3) occasions.

459. LEAVE (AUST ARMY ONLY)

The attention of all units is directed to N G Force Adm Instn No 49 of 19 Dec 42, a copy of which has been forwarded to all units.

460. TURNBULL AIRFIELD

The following regulations will apply forthwith to all veh traffic in this area :-

(a) Only vehs servicing aircraft are permitted to proceed on or to cross metal strip.
(b) All other vehs will NOT drive on nor cross metal strips of the revetment or dispersal areas.
(c) Until Route 5 via the SE end is completed, vehs going to the KILABO ROAD will proceed around the NW end.
(d) Within the precints of the Airfield speed of all vehs is restricted to TEN mph.

461. COURTS-MARTIAL

In future all cases will be tried by General or District Courts Martial and NOT by F.G.C.M. Care will be taken, therefore, that charge sheets are correctly drawn and signed by the accused's Commanding Officer.

462. MALARIA CONTROL

1. Read in conjunction with Force R.O. 447 . Spraying with Flytox to include slit trenches and any other cool dark area believed to be harbouring mosquitoes.

2. Times of spraying

Spraying now to be carried out between 2000 and 2200 hrs M n,Wed,Fri and Sat instead of between 0500 and 0700 hrs in the mornings.

463. ARMY EDUCATION SERVICE - UNIT EDUCATION OFFICERS (AUST ARMY ONLY)

Units will forward to this HQ immediately, personal number, rank and name of Unit Education Officer.

464. ACF- ISSUE OF COMFORTS

Further monthly issue of comforts from ACF Store will commence on 28 Dec 42. Unit representatives should take delivery of comforts on the day on which Canteen goods are purchased.

465. NOMENCLATURE - ORD INSTALLATIONS

The Ordnance Ammunition Installation at MILNE BAY has now been constituted as an Adv Ammn Depot and in future will be known as :-

"10 AUST ADV AMMN DEPOT".

[signature]
Col.
AS & ONGIT AUST DIV.

NOTICES

FOUND A bunch of car keys with metal label attached bearing the number 26300 and may be collected by owner at "A" Branch, HQ 11 Aust Div.

Payback of the under-mentioned member is urgently required by Paymaster 11 Aust Div. :-
VX18112 MURRAY, G.D.

LOST Between Nos 1 & 2 Cottages - night 18/19 Dec 42. One gold wrist watch inscribed "ALLN from Mother and Father" Finder please communicate with Lieut-Comdr. M. Andrewartha, P.A.N., No 1 House.

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 83

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.	IN	No of Groups GR.	OFFICE DATE STAMP
	OUT		

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO ADMS, 2/1 CCS, 10 CCS, 2/2 Fd Amb, 2/5 Fd Amb, 11 Fd Amb, DADMS, DAD.H., DADMS (D) 2/3 CON DEPOT, WAR DIARY (2) FILE

FROM 11 Aust Div	Originator's Number AQ 2386	Date 26	In Reply to Number

During	absence	of	Colonel	G	MAITLAND
in	hospital	Lt.-Col.	J.	BLAIR	11
FD	AMB	will	act	as	ADMS
11	AUST	DIV	(.)	ACK	

This message may be sent as written by any means. Col AA & DMG 11 AUST DIV.

Signed

If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CYPHER

Signed

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority
D R L S

Time of origin
1415/L

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

System In	Time In	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

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ANTI-MALARIA MEASURES.

HQ
11 AUST DIV

AQ.3800 — 26 DEC '42.

TO:- OFFRS COMMANDING ALL UNITS & SUB-UNITS AMF.

1. I am seriously concerned to note that full effect is NOT, even now, being given to the terms of my personal memo of 10 Dec '42. I take a very grave view of the omission by certain offrs dealing with offenders to make adequate awards in dealing with breaches of Anti-Malaria orders and instructions. Such omission discloses on the part of the offrs concerned lack of a proper sense of responsibility and a failure yet to realise that breaches of such orders and instructions MUST be treated as VERY serious offences.

2. Reports as to action taken on all charges for such breaches brought to the notice of Units etc., will in future be submitted to this HQ for my personal examination. In any cases where such charges are dismissed or where the punishments awarded are of an apparently light nature the reports submitted will include an explanation of the reason for the dismissal or as to why the breach has NOT been regarded as a very serious one and a severe award made.

3. Further, the OC or CO of the Unit - or Sub-Unit - concerned will in all cases furnish a report showing the disciplinary action taken against the offr or offrs responsible for preventing the commission of the offences. All such reports will indicate, for my personal information, any valid reasons as to why such offr or offrs should NOT be brought to trial by Court-Martial.

4. The above procedure will apply to all offences against any orders or instructions on Anti-Malarial measures. It will be ensured that all necessary action is directed to expedite the above reports for my early information.

5. The contents of this and of my previous memo of 10 Dec will be brought immediately to the notice of ALL offrs.

Maj-Gen
COMD 11 AUST DIV.

DISTRIBUTION:-

As for DRO's.

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

4/52.

HQ Allied Force. (Unit)

Tactical Scale N.I.F. 11/12 ROME Sheet WE 9.A.05 5/6/4.
38 X 180.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	WE Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Present Strength	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Major Generals	1	1		
Colonels	1	3	2.	
Lieut.-Colonels	4	1		3
Majors	14	8		6.
Captains	13	13		
Lieutenants	2	4	2.	
~~2nd Lieutenants~~ Chaplains	3	2		1.
Quartermasters				
Totals	38.	32	4	10.

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
T/Maj	Stevenson D W	HQ Allied Force (AAOC)	11.12.42	To fill vacancy of AAOC. Effective from 6/12/42.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
T/Maj	Magan J K.	AAOC	6.12.42	Evacuated to mainland.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1 Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps. Dept. Unit	5 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col T/Brig Gen	NX100053	Clowes C.A.	HQ Allied Force	Yes.	Commander.
Lt Col T/Col	NX231	Gruber F.O.	"	"	G.S.O.1 (Ops)
Maj T/Lt Col	NX13005	Littlejohn J.C.	"	"	AA & QMG.
Lt Col T/Col	WX1546	Abercrombie G.H.F.	"	No.	NDMS
Capt T/Lt Col	NX17201	Noyes J.	"	Yes.	DP. Grants Aberdeen
Lt T/Maj	NX111521	Jones J.C.W.	"	"	G.S.O.2 (Ops)
T/Maj	NX5015	Watkins Z.J.	"	"	ADC
T/Maj	NX76502	Cook S.J.	"	"	G.S.O.2 Hist.
Lt T/Maj	NX100061	Willis G.W.	"	"	DAAG
Capt T/Maj	VX7512	Hills J.A.H.	"	"	DA.QMG (Q)
Lt T/Maj	VX6175	Henderson R.W.	"	"	DAAG (OSC)
Lt Col T/Maj	NX90896	Fairbairn A.	"	"	G.S.O.
Lt T/Maj	NX77324	Hughes K.G.	"	"	G.S.O.2 (Int)
Lt T/Maj (Chaplain)	NX4690	Hook D.C.	"	"	Sen. Chaplain Corps
Lt Col	WX5895	AD Queen S.H.	"	"	DADOS
Lt T/Capt	NX81142	Speight W.L.	"	"	Interpreter (Fr.)
Lt T/Capt	NX100083	Bateman C.H.M.	"	"	
Lt T/Capt	NX74220	Robertson W.E.	"	"	
Lt T/Capt	NX107695	Thompson R.N.B.	"	"	G.S.O.3
Lt T/Capt	NX105508	Nissen G.R.	"	"	Camp Comdt.
Lt T/Capt	NX102775	Robinson C.B.	"	"	Assist.
Lt T/Capt	NX106150	Northcroft G.H.	"	Hosp.	Sick (Returned to Unit)
Lt T/Capt	NX100069	Newboldson H.W.	"	Yes.	DAPM.
Lt T/Capt	NX100067	Lewis E.	"	"	Ordering Officer
Lt T/Capt	NX74332	Wells G.W.	"	"	DAPM
Lt T/Capt	NX19127	Beaumont G.C.	"	No.	Detailed to Hosp.
Lt T/Capt	NX100020	Rider H.S.	"	Yes.	DADOS
Lt	NX110514	Freeman G.H.	"	"	G.S.O.3 Staff Coll. Camberley
Lt	NX19513	Lincoln J.F.	"	"	Aide-de-Camp
Lt	VX1348	McNally G.M.	"	"	ADC to C.C.
Lt	NX73253	Wyndham-Quin W.J.	"	"	Maj. DAAG Hist. Records
Chaplain	NX70219	Raymond S.B.	"	"	Senior Chaplain
	Officers attached from other Corps or Units				
Capt T/Maj	NX4491	Sullivan H.B.	HQ Allied Force	Yes.	A.D.C. (Aide-de-Camp)
T/Maj	NX17899	McLoughlin M.C.	Subordinate Bdes	6.11.42	M.C. Officer
Lt T/Capt	NX110079	Mahoney R.K.	78 Fd Bty	19.10.42	A Battery
T/Capt	WX17071	Taylor J.C.	78 Fd Bty	19.10.42	HQ RA Div.
T/Capt	QX6063	Keogh R.C.	78 Fd Bty	11.11.42	A Battery
T/Capt	VX39007	Carney R.J.	78 Fd Bty	22.11.42	A Battery
Lt	QX75645	Cunningham N.D.	7 Aust Bde	10.7.42	A Battery
Lt	QX4337	Cowan R.W.T.	21 Aust Bde	12.10.42	A Battery

(ii) ~~OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.~~

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Lt		Hardman L.	Marine Div	15.10.42	Assistant Secretary.
Lt	QXL0550	Rose A.R.	HQ 7 Bde	23.11.42	A Battery
Lt	NX115832	McSweeney G.B.	7th Bty	4.12.42	9th A Battery
Lt	V54660	Henderson R.L.	HQ N.S.T.	10.12.42	C.O.I.C.
Lt	NX37226	Grant R.C.	6 Aust Div Sigs	6.12.42	Signals Section.
Lt	NX15169	Harbanger J.H.	6 Aust Div	17.12.42	Assistant Adjutant

HQ Allied Force (Unit)
16.12.42. (Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)
Comp. Commandant.
(Bde., Div., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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HQ 11 AUST DIV NEWS BULLETIN NO 118 26 Dec 42

SUMMARY OF ABC NEWS BULLETIN 1900L/ 26

DARLAN'S MURDERER CONDEMNED TO DEATH

A message from ALGERIA reveals that Admiral Darlan's murderer has been tried and condemned to death. He will be executed within a couple of hours of this broadcast.

Darlan's assassin was a 20-year-old French youth, whose mother was an Italian. He confessed to the murder, and said he had no accomplices. Darlan's body lies in state in the ALGIERS Cathedral. A requiem mass will be held in the Cathedral and will be attended by high officials.

Vichy radio attacked Darlan almost as viciously as the Berlin radio.

PERIOD OF CALM AT BUNA

General MacArthur's communique to-day reports a period of calm in the BUNA fighting. A war correspondent, however, states that Allied forces strongly attacked theenemy on the west side of BUNA and scored further successes.

On the eastern flank there is also a calm while our forces rest and re-form. The Japanese will be hard to dislodge from their positions north-west of the old airfield. As the enemy is outnumbered, it is expected a victory for the Allied forces will be only a matter of time.

RED ARMY CONTINUES TO ADVANCE

MOSCOW has announced that the Russians have taken the initiative SW of STALINGRAD and have advanced 15 miles at great cost to the enemy. The Nazis assembled three tank divisions and infantry columns for a counter attack. They succeeded at first but the Red Army gradually pushed them back.

In yesterday's fighting, 9000 Nazi troops were killed. The Russians destroyed 268 planes, 500 tanks and 160 guns.

The Red Army developed a drive in the CAUCASUS and made a steady advance. Twelve localities were captured. In the DON sector, 7500 prisoners were taken making a total of 49,000 prisoners captured since the offensive began. On the Central front the Russians took an enemy strong point and smashed a GermanCounter attack.

ROMMEL STILL IN FLIGHT

Rommel is still speeding towards TRIPOLI. The 8th Army is making rapid progress. It is reported that the Axis Powers are using every means possible to get men and supplies into TUNISIA. They are using gliders to transport troops.

SUCCESSFUL RAID ON MUNDA

From WASHINGTON it is announced that another successful raid was made on MUNDA. Aircraft based on GUADALCANAL bombed and strafed the airfield at MUNDA. Fourteen Japanese planes were shot down in combat and another 10 destroyed on the ground. All the American planes returned safely.

GIRL TAKEN BY SHARK

A 16-year-old girl was attacked and killed by a shark in Middle Harbour to-day. The girl, whose name was Miss Birch, was only knee-deep in water when she was attacked. Her father and brother are prisoners of war in Japan and she arrived in Australia only a short time ago from HONG KONG.

NOTES FOR WAR DIARY to 27 DEC 42

10 ADV AMN DEPOT

Three offrs and 68 o/r reinforcements arrived December 24. Additional personnel are of tremendous assistance and considerable progress is now being made. Platforms are being erected at site adjoining No 2 Strip. Progress is also being made in re-conditioning and cleaning all ammunition.

PROVISION SECTION ATT 4 ADV AMN DEPOT

One offr and 13 o/rs arrived December 24. Although reinforcements are still urgently needed, the augmenting of the Provision Section will assist the Depot staff considerably.

4 ADV ORD DEPOT

Majority of the stores have been moved from the old site at the ridge to new Depot. Three Armco Huts and three Sidney Williams Huts are completed and floored - all being used to capacity.

17 BDE SECT ORD FD PK

Equipment has not yet arrived, so the section is being utilised in preparation of new camp and assisting in the constructing of huts at 4 Adv Ord Depot.

Holdham

MAJOR
ADOS 11 AUST DIV

/RER. War Diary HQ 11 AUST DIV. 88

4 Dec. '43.

MILNE FORCE ADMIN INSTN NO. AQ: 3739

1. The following instructions summarize and elaborate certain directions and instructions already issued in regard to measures to be adopted to control the breeding of mosquitoes and flies, and the disposal of waste and garbage in MILNE FORCE area.

2. ANTI-MALARIAL CONTROL

(i) Each individual unit will be directly responsible for ANTI-MALARIAL measures within its own area and for an additional half (½) mile around its boundary.

(ii) Where such areas overlap, the line of demarcation is to be determined and fixed by the Comds of the Units concerned.

(iii) All wheel tracks, puddles, pools of casual water etc., will be drained and/or filled in.

(iv) A thorough examination of all the unit area is to be systematically made after each and every main storm to implement (iii) above.

(v) Where special areas present major difficulties of drainage such units will consult RAE in reference to such drainage.

(vi) If, for some unavoidable reason, casual water of any kind remains in the unit area, such water is to be sprayed weekly with GAMMEXANE or an approved substitute.

(vii) All slit trenches will be filled in unless adequately drained by natural slope of ground or properly emptied daily by hand. Where any water is in evidence these trenches will be treated daily with fly spray.

(viii) Anti-Malarial measures on main roadside drains will be the responsibility of HQ RAE.

(ix) All existing overgrown drains will be cleared out and made to function.

(x) Any unit encamped on low lying ground which presents difficulty of drainage will be moved to higher ground if the tactical situation so permits.

(xi) It is emphasised that the prevalence of mosquitoes and flies in a unit's area is directly attributable to failure of the unit concerned to effectively carry out the foregoing instructions.

3. WASTE AND GARBAGE

(i) All waste and garbage will be disposed of by immediate incineration under unit control

(ii) Central incineration may be permitted where units are in a congested area or where necessary by the smallness of the grouped unit.

(iii) In the event of (ii) above, the senior unit, or the larger unit, as applicable, will be responsible for the enforcement of this order.

(iv) All tins will be first BURNED and subsequently FLATTENED and BURIED.

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(v) Units requiring a design for a satisfactory incinerator for unit or group service should refer to the HYGIENE or MEDICAL services.

(vi) HQ RAE will co-operate with ADMS and DAD of H II AUST. DIV., in the design of suitable incinerator and will also make available technical PERSONNEL to advise on the erection of the incinerators in question.

for Col.
AA & QMG, II. AUST. DIV.

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PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES
FROM NATIVE SOURCES.

HQ 11 AUST DIV

Circular No. AQ.3778

27 DEC '42.

1. To ensure continuity of supply and even distribution of native grown fruit and vegetables, ALL purchases will in future be made by ANGAU.

2. Fruit etc so purchased will be collected from ANGAU and distributed by AASC.

3. The practice of organisations, units or individuals buying such produce from native or any other sources will cease forthwith. In this regard it is pointed out that trading in Army rations is an offence, consequently any person who exchanges issue foodstuffs for fruit or vegetables is liable to a heavy penalty.

4. The single exception to the foregoing will be spotting stations which are allowed an issue of tobacco for the purchase of fresh fruit and vegetables.

5. To enable these instructions to be implemented, COSC will cause FOUR (4) luggers to be made available to ANGAU, to provide for the collection of fresh supplies to be proceeded with forthwith.

6. CASC 11 AUST DIV will co-operate with ANGAU in the establishment of a delivery point at GILI GILI jetty.

7. CASC 11 AUST DIV will further arrange for supplies to be picked up from the above delivery point and transported to a central supply depot where the distribution of such fresh fruit, vegetables, etc., as are collected by ANGAU will be made to unit representatives under a roster as determined by CASC.

Rolbaboney Capt.
for Col
AA & QMG 11 AUST DIV.

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HQ 11 AUST DIV NEWS BULLETIN NO 119 27 Dec 42

SUMMARY OF NEWS BULLETIN 19COL/ 27

DARLAN'S SUCCESSOR APPOINTED

It has been officially announced from ALGIERS that General GIRAUD has been appointed to succeed Admiral DARLAN as French High Commissioner in NORTH AFRICA. The decision was made at a meeting of the French Imperial Council.

It is not clear whether General Giraud will continue to hold his present position of French Commander in Chief in North Africa. General Giraud said, after his appointment, that he would co-operate entirely with the Forces of General De Gaulle. He maintained that his only aim was victory over the enemies of France General Giraud is 63 and is one of the most famous of French military leaders.

Just before the meeting of the French Imperial Council, Admiral Darlan was accorded a State Funeral from the ALGIERS cathedral.

JAPANESE IN A DESPERATE POSITION.

The Japanese forces in the BUNA area are fighting a last grim battle as the Allied Forces encircle their positions. A wide enveloping movement makes the plight of the Japanese appear desperate.

Twelve Zeros were encountered by Allied planes yesterday over the BUNA area. Eight were shot down for the loss of three of our own planes.

The ABC War Correspondentsays the Allied troops are now closing in on both flanks of the BUNA front.

.. party of American sappers digging a trench through "No Mans L Land" to the Japanese lines yesterday received a sudden surprise when they encountered four Japanese sappers digging a trench towards the Allied lines. The Americans were the best on the draw and the Japanese were killed. The Americans continued with their trench.

ALLIED SUCCESSES IN NORTH AFRICA

Allied forces in North Africa have had further successes on land, sea and air. General Anderson's 1st Army gained new positions and held them firmly in spite of strong enemy opposition.

After entering SIRTE, the 8th Army continued its pursuit of Rommel's forces towards TRIPOLI. Two enemy merchant ships were sunk off the coast of TUNISIA by a British submarine. The air battle covers a wide area. The RAF is being steadily reinforced.

RED ARMY'S ADVANCE CONTINUES

The Red Army has had further successes in the Middle Don SW of STALINGRAD and on the Central Front. Russian troops have advanced 92 to 125 miles in the Don sector since the offensive started and have captured a total of 56000 prisoners. West and south west of Stalingrad the Soviet Forces have smashed German counter-attacks. In the Central Caucasus, the Russians continue their advance and have captured more localities.

RAID ON SHIPPING AT RABAUL.

On Christmas Day flying fortresses raided RABAUL scoring a direct hit on a large merchant vessel and damaging others. All planes returned safely.

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FROM: 11 AUST DIV

Originator's Number: AQ 2391

Date: 28

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Report	of	ADMS	reads	quote
Maj Gen	CLOWES	admitted	8/1 Aust	GGS
1730 L/27	suffering	from	Malignant	Tertian
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no	unusual	anxiety	and	has
improved	overnight	(.)	He	should
be	in	hospital	for	seventeen
days	treatment	which	period	could
be	shortened	should	circumstance	demand
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HQ 11 AUST DIV NEWS BULLETIN NO 120 28 Dec 43

SUMMARY OF ABC NEWS BULLETIN 1900L/28

HEAVY RAID ON RABAUL

Aircraft based on Australia made a successful raid on RABAUL early on Sunday. One large enemy transport of 15,000 tons was left lying on her side and two medium vessels were left burning. Twelve P 38's made a surprise attack. They shot down 13 enemy fighters and two dive bombers. One P38 was lost, but the pilot is safe.

This was the first attack made by P 38's. They had been in New Guinea for some time but had been used for recce only. Their speed gives them great superiority in the air over Japanese planes. Their usual plan is to wait in the clouds for the Japanese planes , then swoop down suddenly upon them.

Land fighting in the BUNA area is confined to patrol clashes. Small but important gains have been made on the SANANANDA trail. A strong formation of Beaufighters shot up enemy installations on TIMOR.

RED ARMY'S IMPORTANT GAINS

The Russians have made further progress in their drive on the four fronts - West of MOSCOW, , Middle Don, SW of STALINGRAD and in the CAUCASUS.

MOSCOW gives news of more localities captured by the Russians. One Red Army unit took 30 of these localities after two days' fighting. The unit killed 3000 Germans and captured another 1500. SW of STALINGRAD the large army built up by the Germans is still on the run. It appears that the Germans have decided to leave their divisions west of STALINGRAD to their fate. In yesterday's fighting, the Russians advanced from six to ten miles. In four days, they have advanced 30 miles.

Inside STALINGRAD, the Russians are fighting with great vigour and have taken more localities in the factory area.

FIGHTING IN TUNISIA

Land fighting in TUNISIA has died down owing to bad weather. Continuous rain has made ground operations almost impossible. But the weather did not prevent Flying Fortresses making strong attacks on BIZERTA and SFAX.

It has been announced that in NORTH AFRICA, 276 enemy planes have been destroyed compared with 114 Allied planes lost. RAF short range fighters have been used in the raids on BIZERTA and TUNIS; American transport planes have been used to bring up men and supplies.

The 8th Army is about 50 miles west of SIRTE.

NEWS ITEMS IN BRIEF

In CHINA, eight of the 21 Japanese aircraft which raided YUNNAN Province on Xmas Day were shot down.
No Allied activity in BURMA is reported.

HEALTH NOTE - DENGUE

Some personnel have developed Dengue in this area.

It is considered that this disease is being carried by a mosquito called Armigeres Obturbas - a large black mosquito with white triangular patches on its body.

It breeds chiefly in water in old half coconut shells and comes into huts and tents in the afternoon and evening. The necessity for disposing of cocomut shells likely to hold water is again stressed.

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UNIT	[illegible] Offrs	[illegible] O/Rs	[illegible] Offrs	[illegible] O/Rs	[illegible] Offrs	[illegible] O/Rs	[illegible] Offrs	[illegible] O/Rs	[illegible] Offrs	[illegible] O/Rs	[illegible] Offrs	[illegible] O/Rs	[illegible] Offrs	[illegible] O/Rs
9 Aust Inf Bn			—	6	—	12	—		23	504	1	4	—	2	7	67
61 " "			—	4	—	1	—		20	547	1	7	1	1	6	88
2/5 "			—	13	1	9	—		26	562	2	10	1	—	8	89
2/6 "			1	4	—		—		24	551	2	8	—	2	8	97
2/7 "			2	3	—	17	—		23	507	2	8	—	4	7	121
25 Bn Halforce			—		—		—	2	9	152	—	1	10	166		
Hansom			—	2	—		—		17	255	1	—	13	205	17	383
Drakeforce 2/12 Bn			—		—		—		34	672	2	11	2	15	—	1
25 Bn.			—		—		—		5	80	—		—	3	—	
TOTAL			3	32	1	39	—	2	181	3830	11	49	27	398	53	846

Figures 27/12/42

Figures 27/12/42

	Offrs	O/Rs
[illegible] Bn Strength	240	5870
Strength with Bns	181	3830
Strength Def.	59	2040

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War Diary

HQ 11 AUST DIV NEWS BULLETIN NO 121 29 Dec 42

SUMMARY OF ABC NEWS BULLETIN 1900L/29

RABAUL HAMMERED AGAIN

Allied airmen had a good day yesterday in the NEW GUINEA battle-zone. Japanese shipping at RABAUL was hammered for the second day in succession. Liberators came in at low altitudes and dropped 500 lb bombs. A heavy cruiser was attacked. The Liberators scored three hits and the cruiser's heavy plating could be seen buckling. The 15,000 ton enemy transport, hit the previous day, was seen lying on her side.

At BUNA Mission the Japanese made a desperate attempt to break out at midnight. The attempt was smashed quickly and the enemy suffered heavy casualties. Enemy naval craft shelled the Allied troops in BUNA village. It is suggested that one or two submarines were used by the enemy.

RUSSIAN ARMY ADVANCES

The Russian forces in the Middle Don and SW of STALINGRAD are swinging on with unremitting dash. The Red Army SW of STALINGRAD advanced 12 to 15 miles yesterday . The forces in this sector have advanced 50 miles in four days in spite of bad weather. The enemy has lost 17,000 killed in 16 days

Last night's MOSCOW communique stated that the Germans have brought up reserves in an attempt to stem the Russian advance. They have been repelled with heavy losses.

London newspapers have mentioned the threat to the enemy base of ROSTOV. The London "Times" says " Rostov can no longer be immune from attack.The Russians are only 80 miles from the base and are advancing with vigour." The London "Telegraph" states : "Never has the prospect of a colossal Russian victory seemed more likely than it does to-day."

LITTLE ACTIVITY IN TUNISIA

The news from TUNISIA is still a story of mud. The ground has not dried up and land activity is limited. Both sides are building up their supplies of men and material. It is a toss-up as to which side will be ready first to launch an offensive.

The 8th Army is still pushing towards the west.It is reported that General Montgomery's forces are in contact with the enemy rear-guard 50 miles west of SIRTE.

NEWS ITEMS IN BRIEF

It is expected that General Giraud will meet General De Gaulle soon.

Fighting has broken out again in CHINA. The Japanese have captured two towns but they are meeting strong resistance. Two other attacks were beaten with severe losses to the Japanese.

Plans are being considered to withdraw 1,000,000 people from PARIS because of the food shortage.

One thousand magistrates in BELGIUM have gone on strike rather than subject to Nazi orders which make a farce of justice.

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HQ 11 AUST DIV NEWS BULLETIN No 122 30 Dec 42

SUMMARY OF ABC NEWS BULLETIN 1900I/ 30

CLOSE RANGE FIGHTING AT BUNA

With the Allied drive from left and light squeezing Japanese positions at BUNA, direct air support has slackened. The fighting is becoming so close at some points that bombs or bullets from the air might cause casualties among our own troops. On the right our forces are pushing through between the old BUNA airfield and the sea. It is believed that the defenders cannot last much longer.

Isolated Japanese forces and supply dumps are being shot up by our planes.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE KOTELNIKOVO

The latest Russian communique announces the capture of many German prisoners at KOTELNIKOVO , 95 miles South-west of STALINGRAD. Much war material was taken including aircraft equipment and a train load of tanks.

The capture of KOTELNIKOVO represents the biggest gain of the present Russian offensive. It is highly significant that the Russians have been able to capture such a large and extensive town.

The Nazis will attempt to hold MILLEROVO at all costs. To-day's reports indicate that the Red Army has tightened its grip around this town.

At STALINGRAD the Russians have made several small local advances in the factory area. North-west of the city they have taken more positions.

LITTLE LAND FIGHTING IN TUNISIA

Little land fighting is reported from TUNISIA. Allied patrols made night sorties . At the southern end of the Allied line ,French troops beat off a number of German counter-attacks.

American Lightning fighters have flown towards the Tunisian border and attacked supply trucks of Rommel's Army, setting many on fire.

ENEMY'S PLIGHT ON GUADALCANAL

A report from WASHINGTON states that Japanese forces on GUADALCANAL are suffering from starvation and disease owing to lack of supplies for six weeks. The enemy's position is rapidly becoming worse and many Japanese have been found dead of disease and malnutrition.

NEWS ITEMS IN BRIEF

The Air Ministry announces that the DSO has been awarded to Wing-Commander Hugh Edwards, an Australian now serving with the RAF. Wing-Comdr [illegible] already has the awards of VC and DFC and is the most decorated Australian airman in this and the last war.

A nine-storey building in SYDNEY has been converted into a hostel for troops on leave.

A National Security Order stopping the manufacture of wireless sets for civilian use has been issued. It will not prevent the normal servicing of sets.

President Roosevelt has confirmed earlier reports that General de Gaulle will soon visit the United States.

Further raids have been made by Allied planes on Japanese positions in BURMA.

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NATIVE LABOUR 30 Dec 42

Natives available - 1851

Ser.				
1.	8 Rec Stn RAAF	20		Buildings
2.	Fd Bakery (Waigani)	12		Wood cutting
3.	8 Fighter Gp USA	7		Domestics
4.	RAAF Ops Base	12		General
5.	Aust Water Tpt			
6.	(Badamama 82 (Lau Lau 18	100		Boat crews & general
7.	Cooks Gili-Gili Jetty	2		Domestics
8.	80 Sqn USA (KAINAKU)	20	4 Jan	Buildings
9.	HQ Sigs- WAGA WAGA	12		Clearing timber
10.	HQ USA SOS	20		QM Duties
11.	43 USA Engrs 'F' Coy	22		Road duties
12.	RAN(HQ 11 Aust Div)	2		Domestics
13.	ACF Comm'r	1		Domestics
14.	403 Bombardment Sqn USA	50		Roads & buildings
15.	Timber mills-Lt Dexter	115		Timber works
16.	Force Defences (DOWA DOWA	60		Defence works
	(Kanakope	60		" "
	(A Hy Bty	10		" "
17.	ADMS-Malaria Con Sqn (KAINAKI)	100		Malaria Control
18.	104 CA A/A Bty (WAIMA)	20	4 Jan	Clearing
19.	3 Aust Fd Coy (KAINAKU)	10		Clearing
20.	33 Aust Hy A/A Bty M5	12		Building
21.	SSS USA	21		Boat crews
22.	Pontoon wharf	6		Labourers
23.	Marine Sec GILI GILI	44		?
24.	2/16 Fd Coy -KAINAKU	70		
25.	24 Fd Coy-WAIMA	25		
26.	Force Control -2/3 Con Depot	150		
27.	11 Fd Amb	25		

Total sleeping on job 1008

ALLOTTED FROM CAMPS DAILY

28.	Slaughter house	6		General duties
29.	Fd Bakery,HAGITA	12		Wood cutting
30.	2/1 Aust CCS Laundry	4		Laundry boys
31.	10 Aust CCS-Laundry	6		" "
32.	8 Fighter Gp USA	42		General duties
33.	RAAF Runners	9		Runners
34.	ADOS (4 AOD)	30	16 Jan	Buildings
35.	ADOS (23 FAD)	20		do
36	AASC	12		do
37.	8 AMCU	20		Malaria Control
38.	HQ Sigs	8		Line parties
39.	Force garden	20		Clearing
40.	2/8 Fd Coy RAE	90		Road work
41.	ADMS M.C.U.	200		Malaria control
42.	17 Aust Inf Bde	30		Building
43.	11 Div Control HQ 71 10CCS 64 Sago 42	177		
44.	ADOS	20		To be allotted Fl-Lt Clare on 31 Dec 42 - 10 for perm duty 10 until 10 Jan 42.
45.	Native Labour Camp Blgs etc Cooks Sick	23 46 65	134	

Total allotted daily 840
1008
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RATION POSITION AS AT 1800 HRS 30 DEC '42

AT MILNE FORCE

WHITE	Ration Strength	16,519
	No of rations held	
	No of days	see attached list
NATIVE	Ration Strength	3,500
	No of rations held	
	No of days	See attached list

AT HATFORCE

WHITE	Ration Strength	339
	No of rations held	8,475
	No of days	2.5
NATIVE	Ration Strength	420
	No of rations held	10,290
	No of days	24.5

AT DRAKE FORCE

WHITE	Ration Strength	159
	No of rations held	3,816
	No of days	24
NATIVE	Ration Strength	486
	No of rations held	8,262
	No of days	17

AT HANSOM

WHITE	Ration Strength	476
	No of rations held	4,902
	No of days	10.3
NATIVE	Ration Strength	230
	No of rations held	2265
	No of days	5.5

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NATIVE RATION HOLDINGS BY A.NG.A.U.

30 DECEMBER 1942.

BASIS - 3,500/

COMMODITY.	DAYS HOLDING.
Rice.	43
Wheatmeal.	15
Meat Preserved.	5
Sugar.	1
Soap Common.	10
Matches	1
Salt.	14
Biscuits.	5
Tea.	6
Tobacco.	337
Meat Extract.	3

J. Talbot Lt-Col.
(J. TALBOT) C.A.S.C.
11 Aust. Div.

RATION HOLDING BASED ON STRENGTH OF 19,000.

DATE. 30 DECEMBER 1942

COMMODITY.	NO. OF DAYS.	GROUP NO. OF DAYS.
BACON	37	37
MEAT PRESERVED	37	
MEAT & VEGETABLES	17	
MUTTON DEHY.	29	
SAUSAGES	1	
[illegible] FISH	20	
PORK & BEANS	10	
CAMP PIE.	4	118
BISCUITS	110	
FLOUR	1	
OATMEAL	4	
RICE.	14	129
BUTTER	35	
MARGARINE	34	69
CHEESE	94	94
VEGETABLES TINNED.	9	
VEGETABLES DRIED.	-	
PEAS. GREEN	-	9
TOMATOES TINNED	10	
TOMATOE JUICE	4	
POTATOES DEHY	9	
POTATOES DICED.	1	24
PEAS BLUE	23	
PEAS SPLIT	48	
LENTILS	40	111
TEA	300	
COCOA	3	303
COFFEE	42	42
SUGAR	96	96
MILK	24	
MILK EVAP.	-	24
JAM	30	
GOLDEN SYRUP	13	
M & V EXTRCT.	-	43
SALT	109	109
PEPPER	201	201
MUSTARD	21	21
CURRY	93	93
FRUIT JUICE	34	34
FRUIT DRIED	51	
FRUIT TINNED	157	
CURRANTS	-	208
EGG POWDER	35	35
BAKING POWDER.	71	71

J. Talbot. Lt.-Col.

(J. TALBOT)

C.A.S.C. 11 AUST. DIV.

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HQ 11 AUST DIV NEWS BULLETIN No 123 31 Dec 42

SUMMARY OF ABC NEWS BULLETIN 1900L/ 31

CLOSE FIGHTING SLOWS AIR ACTIVITY

Allied airmen were prevented from giving much support to our troops in the BUNA area because of the close and confused nature of the fighting. Our planes shot up supply dumps and harassed Japanese workmen in isolated areas.

A war correspondent in NEW GUINEA says that the Japanese infantrymen are poor fighters but the Japanese marines are stubborn, cheeky fighters. They formed the backbone of the Japanese attack and were difficult to dislodge .

COMMANDOS AT TIMOR

The first eye-witness account of the gallant struggle being waged against the Japanese in TIMOR by a small band of Commandos has been released. These Commandos have been described as an "amazing band of warriors." They are modern Robin Hoods in the mountain fastnesses of TIMOR and have undergone great hardship to maintain the pocket of resistance against the Japanese. This resistance is of great importance because it hinders a Japanese attack on DARWIN.

It took technicians of the party 59 days to construct a wireless set, capable of transmitting messages. When the first message was sent to DARWIN, it was thought that it was an enemy subterfege. When identification was established and the needs of the men were made known, quantities of food and supplies were despatched to the men. How these were sent remains a military secret.

RED ARMY'S PROGRESS

The Red Army has made striking progress south-west of STALINGRAD. The capture of an important railway town 30 miles from KOTELNIKOVO has been announced by MOSCOW. Towards the DON the Russians have captured an important town and the position of the German forces just between the DON and the VOLGA has become more desperate than ever. The Nazis are using aircraft to try and relieve their troops. Thirty-two more of the huge German transport planes have been shot down.

LITTLE NEWS FROM LIBYA

No further news has been received from LIBYA since it was reported that General Montgomery's forces were in contact with the rearguard of Rommel's forces.

General Giraud has stated that when there is unity with General de Gaulle's followers and others , victory would be assured. He said the fighting in LIBYA would be hard but he was confident about the eventual result.

TWO ENEMY SUPPLY SHIPS SUNK

On Tuesday, United States aircraft sank two enemy supply ships off NEW GEORGIA ISLAND. The Japanese ships were trying to get supplies to their harassed forces on GUADALCANAL. A total of 114 Japanese were killed on GUADALCANAL last Monday for the loss of two American troops.

OTHER ITEMS IN BRIEF

Two waves of American heavy bombers raided enemy shipping in the harbour at RANGOON.

Mr. Harold McMillan has been appointed British representative in NORTH AFRICA. He will be accompanied to ALGIERS by a high official.

In a New Year message, the Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) said that the nation would have to take stock of itself and be prepared for a hard road ahead.

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AMENITIES REPORT

HQ
11 AUST. DIV.

31 Dec. '42.

D.A.A.G.,
11 AUST. DIV.

Herewith is a weekly resume of the work of two Concert Parties and the Mob. Cinema for the past month.

11 AUST. DIV. CONCERT PARTY

Week-ending	Number of Shows	Estimated Attendances
Dec 5	7	4350
" 12	6	2750
" 19	7	4100
" 26	6	2300
	26	13500

NEW GUINEA CONCERT PARTY

Dec 5	6	5700
" 12	7	5200
" 19	6	5650
" 26	6	3350
	25	19900

1 AUST. MOB. CINEMA UNIT

Dec 5	6	7500
" 12	6	11300
" 19	6	6000
" 26	5	5100
	23	29900

Besides the above shows the New Guinea Concert Party played for three (3) Church Parades and the 11 Aust. Div., Concert Party for four (4).

Very little rain fell during the month and the N.G.C.P., was prevented from showing on only two nights from this cause.

The Cinema was unable to play on one night because of rain and one other night because of a breakdown on the trailer whilst moving from one site to another.

On 8 Dec., the 11 Aust. Div., Concert Party left Gili Gili for Goodenough Island. The vessel on which they travelled stopped for a night at Dobu Mission. The Concert Party entertained the natives with band music and vocal items. They report that there was a very large and appreciative audience; but that it was impossible to estimate the number present.

They were away for seventeen days and gave sixteen shows. They returned on Christmas Day and that night gave a show at Div. H.Q., which was attended by the G.O.C., his principle Staff Officers and Colonel Burns, O.C., of the US Forces in this area, who all enjoyed the Concert. Just before its conclusion the Comd., speaking for himself and on behalf of the audience, expressed

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appreciation of the work done by the performers and thanked them for the entertainment that they gave their audience. He drew the attention of the audience to the fact that the Concert Party had NOT been equipped as a Concert Party when it came here, and had had to make many improvisations to put a show on, and that they had done a very good job.

The New Guinea Concert Party during the month of December lost four of its personnel who were evacuated, sick. Amongst these was the Producer and Compere. Since then these two jobs have been done by the Party C.O.

(Sgd.) CAMPBELL JAMES, Capt.
AMENITIES OFFICER.

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STATEMENT OF AMMUNITION AS AT 0900 HRS 31 DEC '42.

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Item	Type of ammunition	On hand	Received	Issued	Total	To whom issue
1	.303 Ctn	7,872,266	Nil	8736	7,863,530	3 Bty 2/1 A/TK
5	.303 Ter	1,017,100	Nil	1243	1,015,858	3 " " "
9	.455 Rev	7,416	Nil	100	7,316	HQ 17 Bde
11	.450 TSMG	3,057,382	Nil	2000	3,055,382	1000 17Bde 1000 3A/TK
12	2Pdr AP Shot	23,370	Nil	400	22,970	3 Bty 3/TK
17	25 Pdr CTGE	83,712	Nil	2920	80,792	Wharf
19	25 Pdr Shell	84,220	Nil	2880	81,340	Wharf
20	25 Pdr Smoke	4,376	Nil	40	4,336	Wharf
33	36 M Hand Grenade	65,032	Nil	900	64,132	9 Aust Inf Bn.

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