

1 Australian Bomb Disposal Platoon, Royal Australian Engineers. War Diary. October to December 1945.

As can be seen from this brief War Diary, just as in the UK within months of the War ending Bomb Disposal Units were being disbanded

Location	Date	Summary	References
	October 1945	Change of Command VI 57908 Lt J Liddy to SO3 (BD) LHQ Malb.	
Balikpapan, Indonesia	1 October 1945	Rendered Safe 17 mines all types, mainly HICA village.	
	2 October	VI 114174 Lt G H Meredith Admin Command. Rendered safe and disposes of quantity of ammo. Dumped in Bay.	
	3 October	Notified by 11 Workshops and Park RAE of bomb in dump. 6 uxb's rendered safe. RAAF notifies of sea mines on beach, whilst endeavouring to locate found another sea mines. Both sea mines rendered safe by 1500. General disposal of at sea mines etc rendered safe by 1500.	
	4 October.	Rendered safe prepared charges and depth charges (10). Prepared charges in refinery area, depth charges, Mobson Road. Nominal Roll of volunteer personnel (4) for Jap-Occ-Forces submitted.	
	5 October.	Rendered safe 4 UXB shells 2 land mines, dumped in bay quantity of ammo and uxb's.	
	8 October.	Report 100lb incendiary beach area. Rendered safe. Reports of mines NICA Village. 2 Land mines located and rendered safe. General check of all stores, WET commenced.	
	9 October.	2 UXB shells at POL issuing point. Personnel for Japan n/o 2/4 Fd Coy. Notified by RAE 7 Div that strength of redundant units WE plan 5%.	
	10 October.	General crating and packing of stores.	
	11 October.	General packing and crating, 4 UXB shells disposed of at the Oil Refinery. Afternoon cricket match against 2 Beach Stores Pl. BD won by 6 runs.	

	12 October	NICA notifies of further shells etc in refinery area. 4 shells and one prepared charge disposed of. General work packing and crating and preparing for disbandment.	
	13 October.	Unit cadre of 5 appt comprising O/C, ? Cpl, Cpl, 2 drivers. Quantity of explosives, ammo, and UXB mines dumped in sea.	
	14 October.	REST Day. Cricket match 2 Platoon 2/11 Field Coy Defeated badly.	
	15 October.	2 shells, Oil Refinery area disposed of. Afternoon general make and mend.	
	16 October.	Approval given to cadre submitted.	
	17 October.	2 mines NICA village rendered safe. Area in vicinity checked.	
	18 to 20 October.	General prep work for disbandment of unit.	
	21 October.	Rest Day.	
	25 October.	Warning order for movement of unit cadre to Aust. Received from 7 Div. Unit priority no 28.	
	26 to 31 October. November 1945	3 tradesmen transferred to other units. All low-priority personnel.	
	1 November.	All of RAA rest camp area gone over for mines and booby traps. None located large quantity of barb wire located by mine detectors, which were found NOT suitable in the area. Afternoon Sport Memo recd from Adv HQ AMF, disposal of Engr Tech Documents. Engr Tech Documents disposed of according to instructions.	
	3 to 10 November.	All units' store's now crated and ready for movement. Issue by 7 Div of 2 Jap swords to unit.	
	11 November.	Parade of unit 2 minutes silence. Armistice Day.	

	12 to 25 November.	Notification by 7 Div to disband unit. Action to be completed by 10 December 1945.	
	25 November.	Transfer for all WET to 4 RSD submitted to ADOS 7 Div.	
	26 to 30 November.	General work for disbandment of unit.	
	December 1945		
	1 December.	Financial clearance obtained from 7 Div Cash Office.	
	2 December.	All stores returned to 4 RSD. All finalised with stationery office.	
	3 December.	Vehicles returned to 10 AOV Pk. WET submitted to ADOS with all transfers for checking.	
	4 December.	Clearance from ADOS obtained. Clearance from D Det 2 Echelon and Rec obtained. Final Cas, return submitted. All high-priority m/o 2/5 Field Coy. A/c c m/o 2 August ME PI RAE. Final clearance submitted to RAE 7 Div. Unit disbanded.	