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D/E IN C BRANCH

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WAR DIARY

for

MONTH OF MAR. 45



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Army Form C.2118
(adapted)

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit D/E in C's Branch ADV LHQ *Date and Time.—From* 1 Mar 45 *To* 31 Mar 45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOLLANDIA	1 Mar		DE in C issued report on tour of FAA Area	Appendix A
	2 Mar		Maj Whitehouse (SORE INT) returned to Adv LHQ.	
			DE in C attending conference on OBOE's I, II, III and establishment	
			of MOROTAI Sub Base	
	3 Mar		Instn that LANDOPS move to MOROTAI.	
			DE in C in conf with DA & QMG on priorities and nominations	
			engr units for MOROTAI	
	5 Mar		Official advice received that Adv LHQ would move to MOROTAI.	
			Lt.Col COLES (LHQ) arrived to discuss engr stores position with DE in C.	
			News received of plane crash near CAIRNS. Gen VASEY and Lt.Col BERTRAM	
			missing.	
			Engr review of hospital water supply at MOROTAI issued.	See Appendix B
	6 Mar		Branch gear loaded on SS "BONTEKOE".	
			Preliminary appreciation of accommodation Staging area 2 issued	See Appendix C

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HOLLANDIA	7 Mar		Lt.Col MUELLER (CRE 9 Div) reports to DE in C	
	8 Mar		Lt Cols COLES & MUELLER departed by air for mainland.	
			First Flight of DE in C Staff (incl Maj GORDON & Capt CURRALL)	
			embarked for MOROTAI.	
	10 Mar		C in C and party arrived HOLLANDIA.	
	11 Mar		Brig L C LUCAS admitted to 66 Camp Hospital.	
			C in C and party departed for LAE	
	16 Mar		Maj W J MOULDS (SORE W) left by plane for MOROTAI.	
			Brig LUCAS discharged from 66 Camp Hospital.	
	17 Mar		Command Party DE in C's Staff comprising Col MEYER & WO MATTHEWS left	
			by plane for MOROTAI. On arrival branch opened. Personnel of	
			Adv LHQ engaged in unloading shipping and preparing camp site.	
			3 Offrs and 2 ORs of this branch engaged in siting and supervision	
			of erection of camp buildings. Raining hard.	

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MOROTAI	18 Mar		DE in C left for MOROTAI by sea	
	19 Mar		DDS & W and CRE Corps Tps on inspection of Staging Area sites and storage facilities. Raining heavily	
	22 Mar		Air Raid. 2 planes raided PIVA Strip and dropped several bombs.	
	23 Mar		Alert. No results	
	24 Mar		SS"GORGON " arrived MOROTAI. Brig LUCAS & Maj WATSON disembarked	
			Brig RISSON (CE 1 CORPS) disembarked and reported to DE in C for conference on OBOE I	
	25 Mar		Lt Col MUELLER (CRE 9 DIV) reported to DE in C.	
			5 CE (Wks) and party arrived by sea but under order to return Mainland by same vessel, leaving one Offr with CE 1 Corps.	
			Conference at LANDOPS on OBOE I & II, present DE in C, CE 1 Corps, 5 CE (Wks) and DDW & S.	

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MOROTAI	26 Mar		Lt Col BELL (SORE I Fwd Ech) arrived from LEYTE for conference with	
			DE in C, CE 1 Corps and DDW & S on OBOE I.	
			CRE 9 Div and CRE 1 Corps Tps called on DE in C.	
			Maj W FRAME (OC 2/15 Fd Coy) reported in.	
	28 Mar		Conference held at DE in C's Branch on OBOE I. Present were	
			Brig LUCAS, Brig RISSON, Col MEYER, LT Cols BELL & BREWER, Maj GORDON	
			Wing Comdr TREWIN, Wing Comdr MAUNDER RAAF.	
		1500	Spr of Maint Pl buried at 1500 hrs	
	29 Mar		Gp Capt ROONEY (61 Wks Wing RAAF) called and discussed OBOE I with	
			DE in C and DDW & S	
			DDW & S and Lt Col BELL visited and inspected works in Staging Area.	
	30 Mar		Pte HOWARTH M O joined staff of DE in C from Registry.	
			CGS arrived at Adv LHQ. DA & QMG referred question of relief Lt Col	
			BELL which was not approved and problem of supply on NL pontoons by GHQ.	

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MOROTAI	31 Mar		CGS departed for LEYTE.	
			D/O letter posted to E in C dealing with Staging Area progress and	
			bad loading of troopers and cargo carriers on mainland.	

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App. A

RE7.8/45

MAR 2 1945

REPORT ON DE IN C's VISIT TO FIRST AUST ARMY

DQ & QMG ADV LHQ
CE FIRST AUST ARMY

Herewith DE in C's report on his visit to First Aust Army Area, for your information.

Brig
DE in C

FLOAT

REPORT ON DEPUTY ENGINEER IN CHIEF's VISIT

TO FIRST AUST ARMY.

1. On arrival at LAE 14 Feb, discussed general Engr problems with GOC and later conferred with DCE in absence of CE, on detail. Out of that discussion, the following points arose :-

(a) Stores demands by FIRST AUST ARMY would be sent direct to LHQ (4 copies) with two copies to D/E in C. This eliminates time lag averaging five days and still allows D/E in C to exercise veto or approval by signal to LHQ.

(b) D/E in C's office had not received FIRST AUST ARMY Engr Dump Location Statement since Oct 44. Arranged that one copy be sent direct to D/E in C monthly in future. Current statement handed to D/E in C.

(c) DCE asked backing of LANDOPS and LANDFORCES on shipping priorities for Engr stores to FIRST AUST ARMY, and particularly AITAPE. This had been previously discussed with E in C some few days previously.

(d) Experience in FIRST AUST ARMY reveals a general shortage of nails. ES 61 stocking in this article is not adequate and could well be doubled particularly in 6" and 4" sizes. At AITAPE it has been necessary to resort to lawyer vine lashings.

(e) It is essential that Engr Base Stores Depots keep FIRST AUST ARMY and D/E in C informed as to holdings of ME spares and also provide prompt and progressive infm as to fate of demands.

(f) There does not appear to be in existence a Scale of Stocking for Mech Eqpt Spare Parts Secs. This is very desirable. A graph of stock position, supply and demand prepared by 3 Aust Spare Parts Sec is attached.

(g) Complaint was made that refrigerants were not coming forward with units - sending guns without ammunition!

2. JACQUINOT BAY was visited on 16 Feb and discussions were held with CRE 5 Aust Div and 6 CRE WKS. The problems arising were few and both Div and Base works are well in hand. Advice was requested on the following matters :-

(a) Does the use of Form AA P26 apply to NEW BRITAIN and the SOLOMONS? Will E in C please advise?

(b) Explosives, though plentiful on the mainland, are not getting fwd to FIRST AUST ARMY areas in sufficient quantities. Can E in C advise?

(c) The continual drain in officers and NCO's through attendance at schools on the mainland is embarrassing C'sRE and Coy Comdrs. This particularly applies to NCO's - many promising and efficient NCO's never return to units and have to be replaced by comparatively inefficient and poorer types. The relief pools of Officers and NCO's designed to meet this situation does not appear to function.

(d) CRE 5 Aust Div suggests a system of packaging ARC mesh to facilitate handling and offloading. ARC mesh to be put up in bundles of five sheets and three bundles to a lot, each separated by and the whole stacked on attached scantling dunnage. This facilitates dragging off landing craft etc by tractor or truck.

3. In the WIDE BAY operations, interesting bridging expedients and construction of Jeep tracks are being carried out by 12 Aust Fd Coy. A bridge over the IP river consists of some five or six spans of approx 20' of round timber stringers and round capsills on rubble filled ARC cylindrical piers; decking of ARC mesh.

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4. At WUNUNG an interesting device for even chlorination of the Bde Water Supply was seen. It consists of a small pelton wheel driven by the inflow into the first of three 400 gal tanks actuating by cord drive and pulley a horizontally revolving paddle in the bottom of a 44 gal chlorine container. The paddle ensures an even chlorine solution which is fed back into the stream of water actuating the pelton wheel by means of a small dia rubber suction tube operated on the jet pump principle.

5. AITAPE was visited on 24-25 Feb where, after a short interview with the GOC 6 Aust Div and CRE, a visit was made to 3 Aust Base Sub Area to inspect beach operating and unloading facilities. The problem of handling stores across the beach was discussed with the Base Comdr.

The immediate impression gathered (biased by highly coloured reports) was that facilities were NIL, and that under existing circumstances sufficient tonnage adequate to maintain the force could not be handled. The Base Comdr's own statements and an analysis of figures, however, indicated that the position is not nearly as bad as is generally believed. At date of visit, 35 days maint in all except Engr Stores were held, and Engr Stores to the extent of 2000 tons were on ship and due off the beach before approx 15 March. No great difficulty was anticipated in handling these stores. Surf conditions were improving daily and for the next few months should remain reasonably good. The only really serious problem in evidence is the tying up and rapid deterioration of mechanical eqpt employed in mooring LST's to beach. Attempts to moor vessels to fixed holdfasts have failed due to hawsers parting through sudden strain and to shifting beach conditions. Friction winches (5 ton) should meet the first difficulty and it should be possible to provide by leading tackle, for the second condition.

My own impression is that the base is badly located although dictated by the existing tactical situation and lack of any better conditions nearer than WEWAK. However, it is reasonable to assume that operations are progressing sufficiently well to anticipate a relatively short life to the Base in its present location. Major and long term Engr works such as would be required to overcome the admittedly meagre port facilities would appear unjustified and beyond the resources of available Engr tps, stores and equipment. GOC 6 Aust Div and Base Comdr concur in this opinion.

6. CRE 6 Aust Div has asked through staff channels for the acquisition of American mech eqpuipment at present at AITAPE and understood to be available for transfer to AMF. Although not in first class condition the plant available would be good enough to release plant now locked up in port operating and have sufficient life to materially assist in maintaining the very long Div L of C. To date, little progress has been made in negotiations for release of this American plant, due, it is understood, to LHQ insistance on obtaining the items on a salvage basis.

7. A visit to BOUGAINVILLE was cancelled owing to activity at LANDOPS on projected ops and the projected move of LANDOPS to MOROTAI.

D/E in C returned to HOLLANDIA on 25 Feb.

1 Mar 45

Brigadier.
Deputy Engineer in Chief.

Distribution :
E in C LHQ
DA & QMG Adv LHQ
CE First Aust Army

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Appx B

RE 64.8/45

DE in C's Branch

5 Mar 45

Subject : MOROTAI - ENGR REVIEW
WATER SUPPLY - HOSPITALS

Ref : ECW 7386

E in C

1. The question of daily demand for hospitals Stage I has been debated with staff & medical here. It is now agreed that the requirement can be reduced to max. 30,000 gals per day.

2. On this question the matter of stage of reticulation has been under review. The main points based on Stage I or Stage II water supply development are :-

(a) Disadvantages

Internal cartage as in Stage I to storage points within the hospital has the following disadvantages.

(i) Dust nuisance & noise.
(ii) Commitment of tpt which cannot be supplied from hospital WET and therefore necessitates S & T vehs.
(iii) Consequent higher standard of rd construction & maintenance.

(b) Advantages

(i) Reduced commitment materials, piping & fittings.
(ii) Reduced commitment labour, plumbing excavation.

3. It is considered that, on the above, Stage II reticulation is justified for water supply coincident with Stage I accommodation development.

The gross spr hours in construction of tanks, stands and rd construction are balanced by the requirement in 2(b) above, providing the materials are available.

4. It is proposed to order materials on this basis for future operational requirements.

For your concurrence or comment.

Brig
DE in C

Float

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Appx C.

RE 12.18/45

SECRET

STAGING AREA S2 - ACCOMMODATION.

DA & QMG

1. A preliminary appreciation indicates that, owing to the time factors for the staging of the Bde Group, coupled with the insufficient component of RAE allowed for the construction, the accommodation for tps & the coverage will not meet the requirement. It is intended to submit shortly a dissected Work Table to substantiate the above statement as soon as the shipping plan is reasonably firm.

2. Considerable assistance would be afforded in the construction program, if an instruction could be issued to the Sub-Area Comd at S2 to attach under comd CRE C Tps any available balance of Works Coy personnel consistent with the maximum off-loading rate of ships.

In this regard it is noted on the priority lists of arrival of staging area tps that the Works Coy component appears to allow of this arrangement on the basis of one Works Coy per Docks Operating Coy.

3. Submitted for your concurrence or comment please & the issue of the necessary instructions, if approved.

Brig
DE in C

6 Mar 45.

Float

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RE 148 Staging Area One RE 148

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SECRET

TS 12A - 61

ENGR STORES - SHIPPING - TASK FORCES

Q Maint

		Bde Group	Tons (M)	Port	Identification LUKE ONE
1.	(a)	Ops Stores	4400	CAIRNS	DEC 175
	(b)	Base Constr	1700	BRISBANE	" 180
	(c)	Reserves	2500	SYDNEY	" 182
					" 179

Div Group less Bde

LUKE TWO

2.	(a)	Ops Stores	4000	TOWNSVILLE	DEC 156 refers.
	(b)	Base Constr	5500	BRISBANE	
	(c)	Wharfage	3100	Sydney or Newcastle	

-----Special pile ship

(d) Reserves — Not specified.

Staging Area Two

3. General Stores — 3700 — BRISBANE

Note: 1000 already shipped.

4. Accuracy - to nearest 100 tons (M).

Col
for Brig
Deputy Engineer in Chief

1 Mar 45

Plost

TS 124 -60

LANDOPS 01 2130 I

LANDFORCES

FORLAND LANDBRIS 1 AUST CORPS.5 AUST CZ WKS

DEC 182 SECRET . ref engr stores LUKE ONE . ref DEC 175 as amended by DEC 180 . FORLAND advise shipping posn now firm . first . stores for part one ops . required to load at CAIRNS . serials one and two ECS 3397 x appx A plus BAILEY br incl serial two to total two pl sets . this now comprises total op stores requirements . second . base constr and airfield constr stores to load BRISBANE remain as advised . total ops stores now 4850 tons incl 20 per cent contingencies and crating

Col

1 Mar 45

LANDFORCES +
1 AUST CORPS
Immediate
~~ALL IMPORTANT~~
All others Important

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TS 13A - 56

LANDOPS 011235Z

LANDFORCES

DEC 179 . SECRET . RE 14563 of 281400K refers . first . consider unable to handle full base dump concurrently with staging and operational stores now totalling 20,000 tons approx . tenure and shipping forward SUGAR TWO doubtful . second . action . load one corps dump progressively as ~~as~~ storage is available . mark reserves

Col IMPORTANT
L Mar 45

Copy to G maint

F/OAF

TS12A-57

LANDOPS 01 1510 I

LANDFORCES FORLAND

LANDBRIS 1 AUST CORPS 5 CB WKS

DEC 180 . SECRET . ref LUKE ONE . shipping NOT firm . may be available CAIRNS ~~or~~ and TOWNSVILLE . ref DEC 175 of 2820501 . amendment as follows . QUOTE . part one ops . required to load at TOWNSVILLE . first . serials one and two ECS 3397 appx A plus two pl sets BAILEY br . second . from serial nine ECS 3397 . UNQUOTE . should read . QUOTE . [part one ops . required to load at CAIRNS or TOWNSVILLE . first . serials one and two or nine and ten ECS 3397 appx A plus total two pl sets BAILEY br . second . from serial nine or one ECS 3397] . UNQUOTE . ack

Col.
Mar 45

ALL IMMEDIATE

FLOAT

TS 13A-47

LANDOPS

012025 I

GHQ SWPA

DEC 181 . CONFIDENTIAL . for lt col COCKBURNE asst engr LO GCS GHQ . ref LG253 of 18 Feb 1945 and FARLAND engrs 1871 of 2714001 fourth para . require earliest infm definite ruling in referred GHQ op instr re provision and op of ML pontoons

Maj.
1 Mar 45

FIOAT

22/2265

ALLIED LAND FORCES
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

DE in C's Branch
ADV LHQ.

FORWARD ECHELON

ESL 2560

1 Mar 45

Subject : ENGINEER STORES - PUMPS FOR TASK FORCE
AMENDMENT TO RE 149.32/45

E in C

Copy to : Engr Rep Fwd ~~RSH~~ LHQ
CE 1 Aust Corps
5 Aust CE Wks
RE Brisbane Sec LHQ
1 Aust CE Wks

1. RE 149.32/45 of 25 Feb 45 is amended to read :-

Delete - all reference Appendix "B", para 2, sub-para "b".

Insert - Schedule as per MCS 4376 Appendix "A" of 9 Feb 45 (Reference Pump Sets) amended by ESL 2358 of 8 Feb 45.

2. Will 5 Aust CE inform CE 1 Aust Corp Tps & 1 Aust CRE (Wks) of details.

[signature]
DE in C

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RE149.46/45

LANDOPS 01/1630 I

1 CRE Wks
STAGING AREA TWO

DEC 177 • RESTRICTED • ref CRE20 of 260900I • your last line correct • remainder eqpt 2 aust fd coy 2/1 aust mech eqpt coy first priority from mainland port

Maj
1 Mar 45.

DRLS.

Floyd

RE86-61/45

LANDOPS 01 1155 I

LANDFORCES

FORLAND LANDERIS
1 AUST CORPS 5 AUST CE WKS

DEC 178 . SECRET . ECS 3397 appx C refers . refrigeration stores for LUKE ONE and LUKE TWO . first . for LUKE ONE . two number 5000 cubic ft branded RAE over OBOE . second . FOR LUKE TWO . two number 5000 cubic ft branded RAE over SUGAR ONE OBOE which are NOT now required for SUGAR ONE plus one number 5000 cubic ft branded RAE over SUGAR TWO OBOE . this last will have been installed at SUGAR TWO but will be dismantled and carried forward . third . add as reserves for LUKE ONE and LUKE TWO . six number 300 cubic ft branded RAE over OBOE to be shipped with last consignment SUGAR TWO staging stores . fourth . above plan may be affected by availability refrigerator lighters at SUGAR TWO . SD 374 of 192230I refers . fifth . assumed refrigeration allotted hospitals will move with hospitals

[signature]

Col IMPORTANT
1 Mar 45

Float

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RE143.8/45

DE in C's Branch

2 Mar 45

Subject: AMENDMENT TO WET MECH EQPT FL

E in C

Copies to:

CE First Aust Army
CE 1 Aust Corps

1. Ref EC4829 of 20 Feb 45.

2. It is recommended that a blacksmiths kit of tools be added to the WET of a Mech Eqpt Fl.

3. Experience has shown that a Mech Eqpt Fl in the field carries out a certain amount of rough blacksmith jobs. If tools are provided, a forge can always be improvised or borrowed.

Brig
DE in C

FLOAT

NE 49.3/45

DE in C's Branch

2 Mar 45.

Subject : LATRINES FLUSHING

B in C
CE First Aust Army (2)
CE 1 Aust Corps
1 Aust CE Wks
5 Aust CE Wks

Herewith copies of Plan No. DES Latrines Flushing, for your information & retention.

Brig
DE in C

F1004

TS 12a-63

SECRET

DE in C's Branch
ADV LHQ

2 Mar45

Subject : PROVISION ENGR STORES
[illegible] - [illegible] 1

E in C
Engr Rep, Fwd Ech LHQ
Engr Rep, Brisbane Sec LHQ
CE 1 Aust Corps
5 Aust CE (Works)

1. Appendix A ~~[illegible]~~ CONFIRMS. & summarises the engr stores requirements in amplification of DEC 175 of 282050I, DEC 180 of 011510I and DEC 182 of 012130I. AD 1867 of 271220I also refers.

2. All addresses will in future refer to this schedule in making amendments or additions, referring in detail to serials, items and columns. This schedule will be referred to as LUXE ONE in all correspondence, NSL 2363 of 282145I refers.

3. All references made in this schedule to correspondence previous to DEC 175 are for reference purposes only.

4. The followup stores referred to in ENGRS 1769 of 222215I, DEC 150 of 241620I & DE 13608 of 241610K will not now be required.

5. PORLAND is to check & advise urgently the following :-

(a) Concurrence
(b) Date by which LANDFORCES will have replacements as shown in col. j completed.

[signature] Col
Engr
DE in C

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Serial a	Type of Stores b	Item c	Dissection d	Tons M e	Tons D W f	Shipped from g	Reference h	Remarks j
1.	Operational Stores	A	3/4 CS DEPOT plus operational stores	2150	1400	CAIRNS	ECS3397 appx A Serial 1	Stores to be taken from gp A and to be replaced by LANDFORCES.
		B	1/2 LBM BR PARK	1700	600	CAIRNS	ECS3397 appx A Serial 2	Stores to be taken from gp A and to be replaced by LANDFORCES. CS07808 of 282045 from 1 AUST CORPS advises approx 1/2 LBM Br Pk held at each port.
		C	BAILEY BR. Total incl quantity held in item B to be two pl sets	175	85	CAIRNS	ENERS1769 of 222151	As for Item A.
2.	BASE CONSTR STORES	A	One 600 bed ACH to stage 1 incl water supply	220	250	BRISBANE	ENERS1750 of 202230I	To be allotted from Base Constr stores (ESL1645). LANDFORCES to replace as soon as possible.
		B	50,000 sq ft coverage (MK II D huts)	140	170	BRISBANE	ENERS1750 of 202230I	As for Item A
		C	Refrigeration. Two 5,000 cub ft knockdown refrigerators	160	70	BRISBANE	ENERS1750 of 202230 I and DEC 178 of 011156I	As for Item A. Each refrigerator to incl one 60' x 20' SS hut.
		D	Fifty piles 30 to 40 ft length	100	60	BRISBANE	ENERS1845 of 252200I	LANDFORCES to arrange supply. No pile ship required.
		E	One JACQUES portable stone crusher complete with prime movers	50	15	BRISBANE	ENERS 1817 of 252203I	As for Item D

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a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
3	Airfield Constr Stores	A	160,000 sq ft coverage (82 II D huts)	420	820	BRISBANE	ENGRS 1760 of 2023301	To be alloted from Base Constr stores (NSL 1845) LANDFORCES to replace as soon as possible.
		B	Armco culverts 15" 1,000 lin ft	6	6	BRISBANE	ENGRS 1760 of 2023301	As for item A.
		C	Armco culverts 24" 1,000 lin ft	12	9	BRISBANE	ENGRS 1760 of 2023301	As for item A.
		D	Cement 165 tons	100	165	BRISBANE	ENGRS 1760 of 2023301	As for item A.
		E	Gelignite 80% 7 tons with proportion safety fuze & detonators.	10	7	BRISBANE	ENGRS 1760 of 2023301	As for item A.
4.	Monthly Maint-enance from D + 30	A	1/2 GS Depot SS 61	1780	1520	SZ	ENGRS 1817 of 2322001	This serial will be supplied from reserves held at SZ. DEC 179 of 0112351 to LAND-FORCES only, copy of which is attached to this appx. LANDFS consider 1/2 GS DEPOT sufficient for this requirement.
5.	Reserves	A	1/2 GS DEPOT SS 61	1150	850	SZ	DEC 179 of 0112351 to LANDFORCES only (copy attached).	This serial will be supplied from reserve stores held at SZ

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TS 12A - 65

LANDOPS G2 1200 I

1 AUST CORPS

LANDFORCES FORLAND LANDERIS

DEC 184 . SECRET . ref CEO7887 of 011810K . LUKE ONE .
DEC 182 of 012150I answers all queries except as follows .
DEC 176 of 010930I refers . it is assumed that 2 Aust Beach
Gp will still carry out successive ops . stores in serial one
appx A MCS 3397 are to cover both ops

Col
2 Mar 45

FLOAT

TS 12A-66

LANDOPS 02 1110 I

FORLAND

LANDFORCES LANDBRIS 1 AUST CORPS

DEC 185 . secret . ref LUKE ONE . is any surfacing material such as bitumen reqd for airfield construction

Col
2 Mar 45

IMPORTANT

FLOAT

16D

DE in C's Branch
ADV LHQ
xmxmxmxmxmxmxmxmxmxmm

ESL 2365

1 Mar 45

Subject : ENGINEER STORES - KITS TOOL FILLED - LISTS OF CONTENTS.

CE First Aust Army

1. Herewith two copies of list of Kits, tools, filled, (various) despatched ex SYDNEY STEPHEN HOPKINS, CEA 5411 and CEA 5847 refer.

2. Type & quantity of kits forwarded -

Blacksmiths	4	No.
Plumbers	7	"
Electricians	2	"
Carpenters	24	"
Fitters & Turners	7	"

3. Quantities of attached schedule show total number of items in each type and where no quantities are shown signifies no stocks available.

4. On review of the kits forwarded from Sydney & the discrepancy lists forwarded by CE First Aust Army the figures showing deficiencies in kits, tool, electrician require some clarification as two (2) only kits electrician were forwarded.

5. Forwarded for your information and action please.

J H Hurrell
Capt
SORE(S)
for Brig
DE in C

Hoat

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REF.GS/45

LANDOPS

GS 2245 I

1 AUST CORPS

FORLAND

DEC 196 . SECRET . ref GSO 20 of 0512558 . infn from Aust LO GCS GHQ xxxfx confirms both your queries . lieut LIDDY now fit and well ready to move south with some 7000 lbs of cargo . confirm to FORLAND any alteration his original return destination . letter follows

Maj

3 Mar 45

FLOAT

TS12-78

LANDOPS 63 2225 I

LANDFORCES
1 AUST CORPS

D G 195 . SECRET . ref CXO 85 of 031640 K .
no dissection engr stores gp A given movements
LANDOPS . all detailed shipping executed by
LANDFORCES . LANDFORCES to take action on CXO 85

CXX ALL IMMEDIATE

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TS13-70

LANDOPS 03 1900 I

FORLAND

LANDFORCES

DEC 194 . SECRET . LUKE TWO wharfage stores . ref DEC 156 of 2311251 . first . superstructure for repairs . can you now indicate detailed requirement in terms of girder lengths . is standard superstructure for say half liberty wharf head satisfactory . page 50 X in c 47 revised refers . second . temporary fuelling berth . have assumed mooring and fender dolphins for Y tanker . confirm details

Col
3 Mar 45

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TO
FORLAND

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RE 82.9/45

LANDOPS OS 1220 I

FORLAND

DEC 193 . SECRET . S/471.2/SD 1 Mar refers review OOB in three parts . part one staging area tps . part two OBOE ONE . part three OBOE TWO . part one . first . the potential of the two fd coys and two mech eqpt coys cannot be related to the requirement of works to receive the force in the time laid down . approx ten days is available with 2 fd coy and 5 mech eqpt coy both partially equipped before the arrival of the hospitals and bde group . this early accommodation requirement is approx 3000 mandays covering water supply 600 beds of the first 1200 bed hospital coverage 12000 sq ft accommodation 10000 tps . an additional fd coy or A Tps has been requested urgently . second . units remaining MORATAI . have suggested addition one workshop and pk coy . role to maintain water supply and hospitals and adm flow of stores and possible reserves . to be available for OBOE four . part two . first . query tptn and handling br . NO suitable veh with S & T . suggest incl div fd pk . to be withdrawn with beach gp for OBOE TWO . second .

Floyd

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base construction commitment estimated approx 15000 mandays based on stores ordered . assuming NO op commitment bde two fd coys output 9000 mandays to D+30 . additional fd coy or A Tps coy at least essential . your D/O 1 Mar refers . part three . first . base construction commitment excl bulk oil wharfage rds for which specific units allotted leaves one A Tps coy only against estimated 50000 mandays requirement 1200 bed hosp incl . DSC 187 refers . assuming completion of base by D plus 50 consider minimum addition one fd coy and one A Tps coy essential . all above for your support and comment

Col.

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3 Mar 45.

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LANDOPS CS 1130 I

FORLAND

LANDFORCES

D C 168 . SECRET . LUKE TWO . ref DEC 156 of 251128I . bulk oil stages two and three . first . LANDFORCES advises replacement possible by mid JUL . second . in view life of base is stage three warranted . if only stage two used replacement may be possible earlier . your decision

Col
Mar 45

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TS 12A - 77

LANDOPS 03 1130 I

FORLAND

LANDFORCES LANDBRIS 1 AUST CORPS

5 AUST CE WKS

DEC 192 . SECRET . bridging requirements . LANDOPS appreciation . first . LUKE ONE . serial two appx able of ECS 3397 incl BAILEY BR to total three pl sets . second . LUKE TWO . nil . serial ten appx able of ECS 3397 NOT now reqd as surplus bridging from LUKE ONE will provide for LUKE TWO . third . confirm urgently all addressees . confirmation will amend DEC 182 of 012130I TS12A63 and DEC 156 of 251125I . all ack

Col [illegible] INMEDIATE

3 Mar 45

to FORLAND
1 AUST CORPS
remainder
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03 0930 I

DEC 187 . SECRET . LUKE TWO . hospital 1800 bed
incl . S/471.2/SD 1 Mar refers . stores for one
600 bed hospital only ordered . DEC 186 SECRET
refers . do you require stores for one 1800 bed
hospital to stage one added

Col IMPORTANT
Mar 45

F/OAT

TS 13A - 83

LANDOPS 042115 I

1 AUST CORPS 5 AUST CE WKS

LANDFORCES FORLAND CRE 1 AUST CORPS TPS

DRC 199 . SECRET . ref CEV 2009 of 031300K . first . CE 1 aust corps to arrange trg requirements direct with 5 aust CE wks . second . RE 15350 of 031045 I answers problem availability of tks . third . CE 1 aust corps to nominate and train one fd coy or one fd sqn corps tps . fourth . 5 aust CE wks to train 21 aust fd coy

Col ALL IMPORTANT
4 Mar 45

Plowright

RE 7.10/45

Engr comments on Notes A & Q Branch discussion at MOROTAI 3 Mar.

'Q' (Maint)

1. Mvt of hospitals (para 2)

The completion dates for hospital constr are acceptable but are dependant upon the early arrival of the A Tps Coy recommended for staging area tps.

2. RAAF Wks Sons (para 4)

Could the matter of comd be conveyed to 1 Aust Corps through staff channels. CE 1 Aust Corps is awaiting infm on this matter.

Brig
DE in C

4 Mar 45.

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RE 128.12/45

DE in C's Branch

4 Mar 45

Subject : Visit of Lt. Liddy to Leyte

Ref : CEO 20 of 031255A.

CE 1 Aust Corp

1. The attached letter has been received concerning the a/n officer. A copy of this letter has gone to the E in C.

2. In view of the alteration in staging areas, where is Lt. Liddy now to report?

Brig
DE in C

Float

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RE86.65/45

LANDOPS

OS 1400 I

STAGING AREA TWO

DEC 197 . RESTRICTED . for CMR refer maj WHITE .
can you give estimate usage rate per month SWR steel
core for mech eqpt coy

Maj

4 Mar 45

FLOAT

29/2265

LANDOPS

04 0830 I

1 AUST CORPS

ESL 2368 . restricted . CE016 of 031150K refers . ESL 2302 QUOTE . ECS 4530 refers . con order 54/450 of 23 Jan 45 NOT shown on appendix A . is this con order cancelled by ECS 3830 of 22 Jan 45 . UNQUOTE

. ack

Capt

3 Mar 45

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RE 86.68/45

DE in C's Brach

5 Mar 45

Subject : FLOATING PILE DRIVER - PORT CONSTR COYS

Ref : CRA 2367 of 25 Feb.

CE First Aust Army

1. Your comments are dealt with in the same order.

2. Use of ALC 120.

(a) Experience has indicated that the longitudinal stability is the important factor for pile driving.
It is considered that an ALC 120 trimmed to float at the full load plimsol by storing oil & water in the bilge tanks will be adequately stable laterally.
However, this can be overcome by the addition of NL Pontoon outriggers at the bow fixed to welded brackets but removeable for movement.

(b) The trim is adjustable as mentioned above.

(c) Agreed. This however must be balanced against the time lag in assembling a similar outfit with NL Pontoons sections at the objective area. The target dates for completion of piled liberty wharfs laid down in all planning so far does not allow the above lag.
Further, the method of towing an NL Pontoon barge with pile driving gear already constructed is not operationally satisfactory owing to the lower speed imposed on the LST or AKA etc., in the assault convoy.
The Americans have solved the problem by mounting the UNpropelled eqpt in an LSD. This is satisfactory. It is thought unlikely that any Aust op will be blessed with sufficient LSDs to carry out this method.

3. In regard to the detailed arrangements, it is pointed out that DEC 12 is essentially schematic. It is agreed that detailed and thorough design is required. The proposal has been forwarded to E in C for this purpose.

(a) It is considered that the manipulation of the frame is more important than the CG considerations as the frame will not weigh in excess of 3 tons approx it will not affect the stability of the whole craft. However wind stress is probably the limiting factor in mvt and some advantage is gained in this regard by lowering the frame.

(b) Agreed this is not important and can be eliminated. It does allow flexibility for driving batter piles.

(c) This is not born out by American experience. The average piles/shift rate for steam hammer and normal monkey are respectively 24 and 8. This coupled with the target dates mentioned above command the steam HAMMER method. Without practical knowledge it is considered that electric winch method could not be expected to achieve the same rate as the steam hammer.

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(d) Agreed. It is doubtful if a five drum winch will be available.

(e) Yes.

(f) Agreed. The compressors however are intended for a dual role.

(i) Standby for steam hammers.

(ii) To run wood borers pneumatic saws and other pneumatic tools.
The normal sequence of superstructure will allow this use.

The gearing of the five 100A's is considered a novelty.

(g) & (h) Agreed - allotted to the brain trust at E in C branch.

4. Agreed.

5. Para 2 above refers.

6. The interest shown and points raised are most stimulating.

Col
for Brig
DE in C

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LANDOPS

05 2000 I

FORLAND

DEC 206 . SECRET . hospitals stage II water supply . analysis of standard plans indicates comparable spr effort expended in laying additional piping or pruducing tanks and maintaining rds . additional advantages internal admin and lack of water cart traffic . stage two water stores are therefore asked for . DEC 200 of 050915I refers

Col
5 Mar 45

IMPORTANT

F/OAA

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RE 86.67/45

LANDOPS 05 1400 I

LANDFORCES

FORLAND LANDBRIS 1 AUST CORPS 5 AUST CE WKS

DEC 205 . SECRET . ref CEO 7 of 031045 K .
amend DEC 178 fifth part to read . QUOTE .
ensure 100 and 300 cu ft refrigerators allotted
hospitals will move with hospital engr stores .
UNQUOTE . ack

Maj
5 Mar 45

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RE 68.15/45

MOVEMENT OF ADV LHQ.

Ref : G 651.111SD of 4 Mar.

Camp

Nominal roll of personnel in flights.

First Flight

VB 69067	Maj.	P.H. GORDON
NX 22006	"	F.W. WHITEHOUSE
QX 6233	"	W.J. MOULDS
DX 856	Capt.	J.H.CURRALL
NX 32323	S/Sgt.	G. Macfarlan
NX 147695	Sgt	B.C. BURNS
QX 41943	"	R.T. PICKERING
VX 18073	Cpl	R.W. ALEXANDER
SX 20911	"	G.B. WHITE
VX 88264	Spr	D.A. TODD

Main body

Qx 6079	Maj.	K.R. WATSON
WX 21320	Cpl.	J. MACPHERSON
NX 113787	"	R.C. BINGLE

Comd party

DX 200	Brig.	L.C. LUCAS	- 186 lbs
NX 384	Col.	O.G. MEYER	- 180 lbs
VX 15829	WO.II.	S.F.MATTHEWS	- 130 lbs

Maj
for Brig
DE in C

5 Mar 45.

F104/

RE149.55/45

LANDOPS 05 1215 I

1 AUST CORPS

DEC 204 . SECRET . for CE . ref SD 468 of 0413221 . NO dissection bde gps or beach gp made . due shortage engrs staging area tps suggest you press for priority fd coys in such gp

Maj
5 Mar 45

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TS 13A. 86

LANDOPS 05 1100 I

FORLAND

LANDFORCES

DEC 803 . SECRET . LUKE TWO . temporary fuelling berth . ref engrs 1952 of 041530 I and DEC 194 of 031900 I . NO design prepared by E in C . which of the following is reqd and who is to supply engr stores . first . anchored mooring buoys with submerged pipeline . second . piled fenders and dolphins with submerged pipeline . third . piled fenders and dolphins with piled catwalk and supported pipeline . NO submerged pipeline stores available AUST sources . essential for shipping stowage that detailed store list and supplying agent be forwarded urgently

Col
5 Mar 45

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FORLAND
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RE 2.68/45

SECONDMENT TO AIF - DX 856 CAPT. CURRALL J.H.

DA & QMG

1. The above officer, a substantive capt. on this branch, is required to go forward with this branch if it moves. He is overage for his rank and his secondment to the AIF therefore becomes a special case under the terms of GRO 355 of 1944, Part II, para 7(b).

2. He is required to remain in this branch because he is part of the stores team and has been working in this capacity for over 7 months. His omission at this stage would seriously affect the working efficiency of the stores sec.

3. Please find attached the following :

(a) Particulars required under GRO 355/44, para 4, showing Capt. CURRALL fulfils conditions required for secondment to AIF.

(b) Completed AAF A 200.

4. I have no hesitation in confirming that Capt CURRALL fulfils the requirements laid down in GRO 355, Part II, para 7(b).

Brig
DE in C

5 Mar 45.

Floot

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ATTACHMENT (a) to RE 2.68/45

PARTICULARS OF DX 856 CAPT. J.H. CURRALL

AS REQUIRED UNDER GRO. 355/44, para 6.

(i) Medical category - A.1.

(ii) Passed X-Ray

(iii) Not applicable

(iv) Completed AAF. A200 (Attached)

(v) Certificate for form. comd. signature att.

(vi) Recommendation for secondment on special grounds as shown in the covering letter.

(vii) Capt. CURRALL will be employed on full time continuous service.

AMF

CANDOPS G5 1020 I

CG 1 AUST CORPS

DEC 202 . SECRET . leading DOCKWEILER with gp A stores . understand proceeding now . shipping plan indicates these stores arrive ahead of bde gp but approx coincident with beach gp . suggest you advise beach gp fd coy cond of stacking plan related to combat loading for stacking at S2 to avoid double handling . for your infm . ETA DOCKWEILER S2 25 MAR

Col
5 Mar 45

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RE 2.67/45

LANDFS 85 1010 I

LANDBRIS

LANDFORCES FORLAND 1 AUST CORPS
5 AUST CORPS

DEC 201 . RESTRICTED . capt SCANLON to remain LANDBRIS until return lt col COLES from LANDFS . RTD capt SCANLON for LANDFS 15 Mar

Maj
5 Mar 45

IMPORTANT

Float

TS13A-85

LANDOPS 05 0915 I

LANDFORCES

FORLAND LANDERIS 1 AUST CORPS
5 AUST CS WKS

DEC 200. SECRET . engr stores LUKE TWO . DEC 166 of 251125 refers . add stores one 1200 bed hospital to stage one incl water supply to stage two

Col
5 Mar 45.

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LAND OP

05 1030 I

FIRST AUST ARMY

LANDFORCES

BSL 2371 . RESTRICTED . RE15050 of 021500K and ECS 5178 of 27 Feb 45 refers . first . approx shipping space for Apr demands to be forwarded direct LANDFORCES . secondly . approx shipping space all future demands to be included . ack

Capt
5 Mar 45

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TS 10A.91

LANDOPS 072225 I

LANDFORCES 1 AUST CORPS

FORLND LANDBRIS

DEC 214 SECRET . ref RE 16077 . ack . 1 AUST CORPS action . assume bridging incl three pl sets BAILEY has been loaded ref DEC 192 of 031130I

7 Mar 45 Col

IMPORTANT
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RE 1/49

IA ND OES 07 2220 I

STAGING AREA TWO

DEC 215 SECRET . for CRE . engr stores . EMBERICOS consignment . understand unloading slow . permission granted use 185 tons general engr stores ex GORGON to be allotted for staging area construction . to be replaced ex EMBERICOS

7 Mar 45 Col Important

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RE 44

DE in C's Branch

7 Mar 45

Subject : WATER SUPPLY IN OPS - WATER FILTRATION PLANTS

CE 1 Aust Corps

1. Reference previous correspondence on this subject, herewith are answers from the Aust Engr LO to a request from this office for further infm on the types of filters used.

2. Reference cannot be made to our files at present.

3. The TMs referred to are being obtained.

Brig
DE in C

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LANDCOPS 07 0955 I

1 AUST CORPS

LANDFORCES

DEC 813 • SECRET • FORLAND advise LA LIDDY and baggage proceeding MOROTAI earliest

Maj

7 Mar 45

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LANDOPS 06 I

LANDBRIS

LANDFORCES STAGING AREA TWO

ESL 2373 . RESTRICTED . engr stores SUGAR TWO . explosives . consign one hundred and forty thousand feet CORDTEX by shipping now loading . brand RAE/ESL2373/S2

Kennaton Maj
6 Mar 45

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LANDOPS 06 I

STAGING AREA TWO

ESL 2374 . RESTRICTED . ESL 2373 refers . cannot arrange airfreight explosives . shipping direct by ship now loading

K H Watson
Maj
6 Mar 45

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TS13A-93

LANDOPS

06 1120 I

FORLAND

DEC 211 • SECRET • ref CEV 2014 of 031715K • action required by you to provide necessary NL pontoon berges and outboard motors

Maj
5 Mar 45

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LANDOPS 07 0900 I

STAGING AREA TWO

BSL 2376 • restricted • reference BSL 2373 • explosives • 10000 feet CORDTEX going forward in shipment for staging areas • CORDTEX in short supply can you nominate alternatives

K F Watts Maj
7 Mar 45

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LANDOPS 08 I

LANDBRIS

LANDFORCES

ESL 2378 . restricted . engr stores for staging SUGAR TWO . if possible ensure machettes to total 1000 incl 750 listed appx D to ECS 1238 be loaded with staging stores for SUGAR TWO

W.J. Moules
Maj
8 Mar 45

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TS13A-106

LANDOPS 08/1545 1

5 AUST CE WORKS

LANDERIS 1 AUST CORPS

DEC 280 . SECRET . LUNE II . wharf construction . engr stores cmd NET port constr coys . CBV 2014 para one 031715 refers . first . arrange loading with base construction stores . tonnage has been allowed

Col IMPORTANT

8 Mar 45

AR PASSAGE QX6235 MAJ MOULDS W J

'Q' (Mov)

1. The visit of Lt Col COLES from DES LHQ has involved the drawing up of a large stores schedule.

2. Permission is therefore requested for Maj MOULDS who was originally on the Adv Party to remain behind and travel up by air on 15 Mar to MOROTAI as his presence will be required as soon as the DE in C's Branch is established there.

3. Could the necessary authority be completed on the attached proforma which should be returned to this office.

8 Mar 45.

Brig
DE in C

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TS 13A - 104

LANDOPS

08 1215 I

LANDFORCES

FORLAND

DEC 217 . SECRET . ref RE 16253 of 071630 K . bulk oil LUKE TWO . first . original stage two and stage three required with no increase road tank waggons or kerbside pumps . second . DEC 210 referred suggestion repeat suggestion by DOST LANDOPS that no kerbside pumps were required and additional road tank waggons necessary . this to be a staff decision

Col
8 Mar 45

Distribution -

'Q' (Maint)
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RE 141

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO WE III/1A/6 - HQ FIRST AUST ARMY

Ref : First Aust Army G/1536/SD of 24 Feb 45.

SD

1. The proposal for amending the WE of HQ First Aust Army by upgrading the Chief Draughtsmen from WO II to WO I, has been examined and is approved.

2. The Chief Draughtsman holds a most responsible posn and controls a staff of experts. Any mistake by these in a drawing going out from CE First Aust Army might cause a great waste of material. It is considered that this required responsibility warrants the increase in rank.

8 Mar 45.

Brig
DE in C

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RE 149

LANDOPS 08 0905 I

STAGING AREA TWO

DEC 216 . SECRET . for CRE CORPS TROOPS . reference previous request boring reconnaissance report . based on RMO 31 of 2 march paragraph 3 . signal information to establish date 2 stroke 1 boring platoon required STAGE TWO in relation staging arrangements

Col.

8 Mar 45

LANDOPS 06 1120 I

LANDFORCES

FORLAND

DEC 210 . SECRET . ref ECW 7301 of 21 Feb .
LUKE TWO . FORLAND advises increase of tank waggons and kerbside pumps should NOT be made for stores listed in DEC 156 . DDST LANDOPS suggest NO kerbside pumps necessary for this stores list but additional tank waggons necessary . decision through staff channels

Internal distribution :

Col 'Q'
DDST

Col
6 Mar 45

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LANDOPS 09/1615 I

LANDFORCES

FORLAND

BDO 223 . SECRET . bulk oil stores . replacement in AUST .
AE 14821 of 011700K and AE 15736 of 061000K refer . requirement
for further ops excl bulk oil stores allotted LEND END . one
installation capacity one hundred and ten thousand barrels .
target not later than 1 jun . first . LANDFORCES to take
replacement action and advise max capacity available by target
date . second . FORLAND to advise further details requirement
in terms of tank components BDO 11985

Mar 45

Col All Important

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TS 13A-110

LANDOBS 09 1030 I

LANDFOCES

FORLAND LANDBRIS 1 AUST CORPS 5 AUST CE WKS

DEC 222 RESTRICTED . LUKE TWO . ref TS13A-101 of 7 Mar appx A serial 3 item B only . amend col K to read detailed stores list will be forwarded

W.P. Mould
Maj

9 Mar 45

DIRECT BAG

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RE 49

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE.

MINUTE PAPER.

D/E in C's Branch,
Adv LHQ.
10 Mar 45.

SUBJECT:— LATRINES - FLUSHING DEVICE

E in C, LHQ	Encl	5
CE, 1 Aust Corps	"	2
5 Aust CE (Wks)	"	5
CE, First Aust Army	"	5
CE, 1 Aust Corps Tps	"	2
1 Aust CRE (Wks)	"	2

1. Attached is an illustration of an automatic flushing device used successfully in conjunction with a trough latrine, drawings issued previously, connected to a septic tank for more permanent installations.

2. The principle depends on a regulated and continuous flow into the storage vessel, one 44 gal drum, mounted on trunnions slightly below C G for tipping when full and counterpoised with concrete in the bottom for return to the vertical.

3. Regulation of water flow to tip every two hours has been found satisfactory for a seven holer.

Brig
Deputy Engr in Chief

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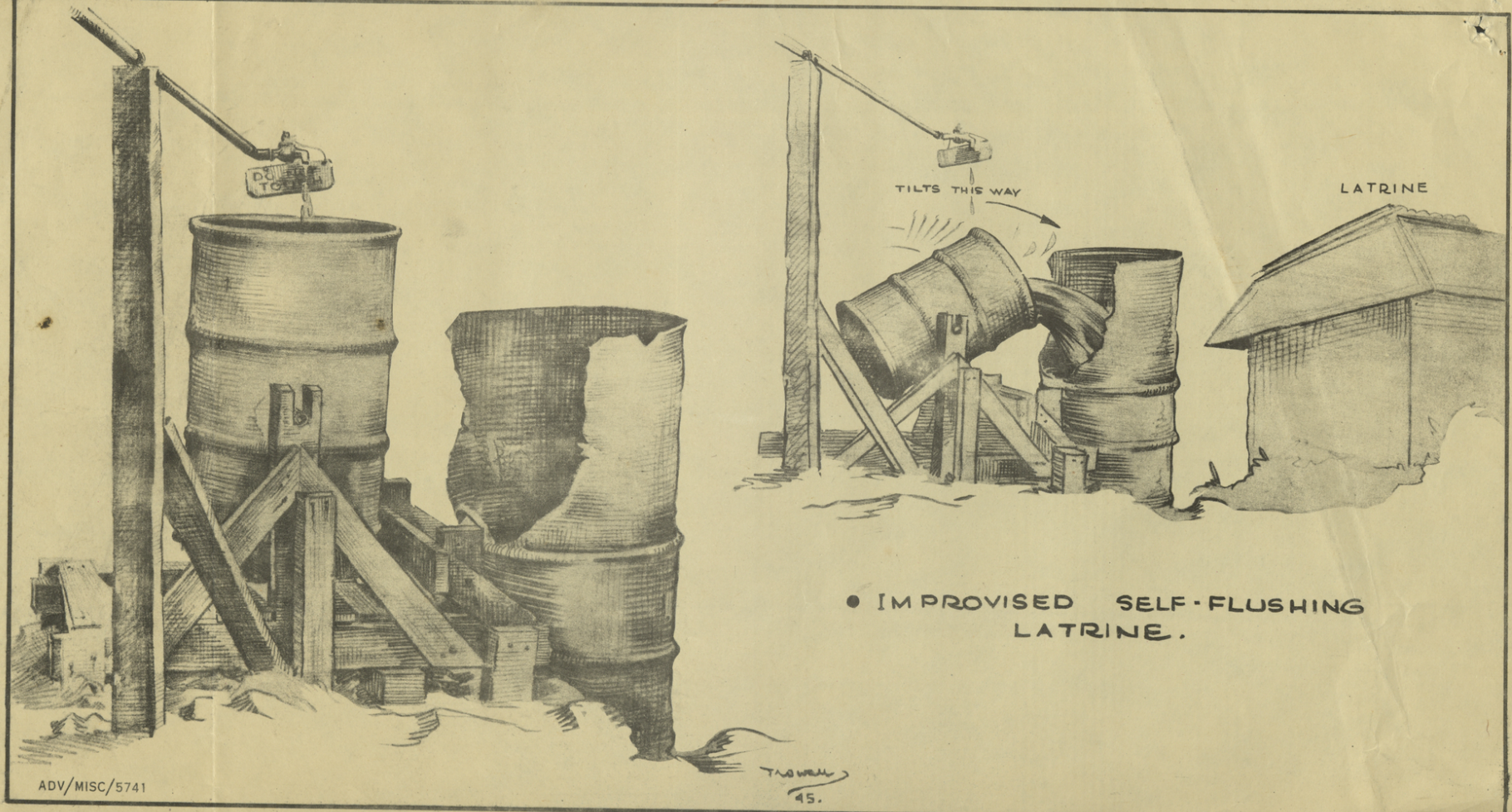

• IMPROVISED SELF-FLUSHING LATRINE.

ADV/MISC/5741

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LANDOPS 12 1100 I

1 AUST CORPS

DEC 237 . SECRET . COBs for ops . CEO 438 9 mar refers . first . increase in corps tps para 6 . late infm FORLAND indicates reduction base constn and UO br . on this basis additional fd coy NOT required . second . for infm . all br . ECS 3397 appx A serials 2 and 10 . now allotted all to LUKE 11 . DEC 235 of 112140 I refers . this may affect your view regarding det fd stores pl

IMPORTANT

Col

12 Mar 45

RE 149

LANDOPS 12 1100 I

5 AUST CE (WKS)

1 AUST CORPS STAGING AREA TWO

DEC 238 . SECRET . hospital constn stage 1 at SUGAR TWO . nomination 4 army tps staging area tps . suggest above coy be advised of details and carry additional copies your tech instn 24 tropical hospitals . constn time tight

IMPORTANT
Action addressee

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12 Mar 45

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

MINUTE PAPER.

SUBJECT:—

LANDOPS 11 2140 I

LANDFORCES

FORLAND

DEC 236 . GEORET . stores LUKE I and II . stores and method cleaning existing pipe lines ten inch eight inch and six inch dias in situ which have carried black oil to be used for av gas subsequently . advise first . availability two sets . second . dissection and shipping tonnages . FORLAND letter S472.0666 ENGRS of 19 feb para 48 refers

11 Mar 45 Col

IMPORTANT
Action addressee

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

MINUTE PAPER.

SUBJECT:—

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LANDOPS 11 1015 I

LANDFORCES LANDBRIS

STAGING AREA 2 ~~LANDBRIS~~

DEC 234 . RESTRICTED . Mngr stores staging area . dummage supports ARC mesh . quantity required early to cover one hundred and fifty thousand sq ft . add to staging stores now loading less quantity already shipped

IMPORTANT
Action addressees
only

Col

11 Mar 45

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SUBJECT:—

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LANDFORCES LANDOPS 11 2140 I

LANDFORCES

FORLAND LANDERIS 1 AUST CORPS 5 AUST CE (NEB)

DEC 235 . SECRET . LUKE TWO . ref DEC 230 of 1012301 and TS 13A 101 of 7 mar appx A serial one . FORLAND advise bridging requirements LUKE TWO greater than anticipated . add to ops stores all bridging approx 1700 (M) held TOWNSVILLE gp B . ops stores from TOWNSVILLE now total 3050 (M)

11 Mar 45 Col

IMPORTANT
Action addressee

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE.

MINUTE PAPER.

SUBJECT:—

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SECRET

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

MINUTE PAPER.

Ref. 2581
D/E in C's Branch,
Adv LHQ.
11 Mar 45.

SUBJECT:— ENGINEER STORES : LUKIN GUN

E in C,
L H Q.

copy to:-

ENGR REP, FWD ECH, LHQ.
ENGR REP, BRIS SEC, LHQ.
CE, 1 AUST CORPS.

1. Ref ES 12A-63 of 2 Mar 45.

2. Engr Rep, Fwd Ech, LHQ has submitted further information concerning the dates and centres of replacements of stores listed on the above schedule.

3. Will E in C please take action as required as follows :-

(a) It is possible that serial 1, appx "A" will have to be replaced at TOWNSVILLE by mid/May 45. Engr Rep, Fwd Ech, LHQ will advise as early as possible when firm.

(b) Similar stores to those listed in serials 2 and 3 will be required at BRISBANE by mid/May 45.

W. J. Moulds Maj
for Brigadier
Deputy Engineer in chief

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AB 63

LANDONS 10 1945 I

LANDFORCES

DEC 233 . CONFIDENTIAL . allotment 1 MOB GAS GENERATING SEC ARMS to 1 AUST BASE . SD 16415 of 081405K refers . understand acetylene generators NOT available . can these be ensured early 0 if necessary from RAE sources

[signature] Col
10 Mar 45

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SECRET

B.13A-113

D/E in C's Branch,
Adv LHQ.
10 Mar 45.

ENGR STORES : SHIPPING : TASK FORCES

Q MAINT

This memo cancels TS.12A-61 of 1 Mar 45.

The following are the shipping requirements as at this date:-

1. OBOE ONE

Serial	ENGR STORES	TONS(M)	TONS(DW)	SHIPPING PORT
1.	Operational	5000	2500	CAIRNS
2.	Base Constr	1200	1300	BRISBANE

2. OBOE TWO

Serial	ENGR STORES	TONS(M)	TONS(DW)	SHIPPING PORT
1.	Operational	2150	1400	TOWNSVILLE
2.	Base Constr incl Airfield Constr. Note:- Includes pile ship to load from BRISBANE with 2935 tons (M) or 2655 tons (DW).	6620	6224	BRISBANE
		712	714	SYDNEY AND NEWCASTLE
3.	Monthly Maint	1540	1550	SYDNEY
4.	Reserves (not yet firm)	2000	1500	SYDNEY

3. Signal DEC.230, copy attached has been despatched to E in C confirming Q.199 of 061455I.

Copy Q Maint
by hand
Dm 10/3

Col
for Brig
Deputy Engineer in Chief.

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LANDOPS 10 1550 I

FORLAND

DSC 232 . SECRET . additional base constr CBOE ONE . your memo 7 and refers . wharf rehabilitation and bulk oil . advise decision urgently . affects stores shipping and priority units loading early

10 Mar 45 Col Imp

BSL2379

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

MINUTE PAPER.

D/E in C's Branch,
Adv LHQ.
10 Mar 45.

SUBJECT:— ENGINEER STORES : LUKE TWO

1 AUST CE (WKS)
for 1 AUST ENGR STORE BASE DEPOT.

copy to

E in C, LHQ.
ENGR REP, FWD ECH, LHQ.
ENGR REP, BRIS SEC, LHQ.
CE, 1 AUST CORPS.
5 AUST CE (WKS).

The following Engineer Stores will be assembled at BRISBANE. As LHQ are now responsible for shipment of LUKE TWO stores, will E in C please advise 1 Aust ESBD the date by which the stores are required to be ready for shipping.

1. One 600 bed hospital to stage 1, including water supply to stage 11.
Engr Rep. BRIS SEC, LHQ, is to arrange for detailed stores list to be supplied by 5 Aust CE (Wks) and submitted to 1 Aust ESBD with copies to E in C, D/E in C, and CE 1 Aust Corps.
TS.13A-101. appx A, serial 2, item A refers (not to all addressees).

Branding to be $\frac{2A}{\frac{RAE}{12}}$.

2. One 1200 bed hospital to stage 1 including water supply to stage 11. Engr Rep, BRIS SEC, LHQ is to arrange as for para 1.
TS.13A-101, appx A, serial 2, item B refers.

Branding to be $\frac{2B}{\frac{RAE}{12}}$.

3. One base medical store as per col "A", appx A, TS.13A-101. Appx A, serial 2, item C refers.

Branding to be $\frac{2C}{\frac{RAE}{12}}$.

4. Two 5000 cub ft refrigerators including stage 1V huts, at present branded $\frac{RAE}{\frac{S6/0126}{S1/0}}$.

TS 13A-101, appx A, serial 2, item D refers.

Now branding to be $\frac{2D}{\frac{RAE}{12}}$

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5. One piled liberty ship wharf already assembled on demand ESL 1677. TS 13A-101, appx A, serial 2, item E refers.

New branding to be $\frac{2E}{KAE}{12}$

6. Temporary fuelling berth as per col "D" appx A. TS 13A-101 appx A, serial 2, item G refers.

Branding to be $\frac{2G}{KAE}{12}$

7. 130,000 sq ft coverage using 50% iron and 50% fibreen as per Col "B", appx A. TS 13A-101, appx A, serial 2, item H refers.

Branding to be $\frac{2H}{KAE}{12}$

8. 370,000 sq ft coverage using 50% iron and 50% fibreen as per col "C" appx A. TS 13A-101, appx A, serial 3, item B refers.

Branding to be $\frac{3B}{KAE}{12}$

Copies of itemised lists to be forwarded to:-

E in C, LHQ
D/E in C, Adv LHQ
CE 1 Aust Corps
5 Aust CE (Wks)

Will E in C please issue consignment orders for any controlled stores involved in the above.

Major
for Brig.
Deputy Engineer in Chief

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COPY

TS.13A-115

LANDOPS 101230 I

LANDFORCES

FORLAND LANDBRIS 1 AUST CORPS 5 AUST CE WKS

DEC 230 . SECRET . engr stores for ops . AQ 26 of 061115I and Q 199 of 061455I refers . your action . first . LUKE ONE . understand shipping already allotted all engr stores for LUKE ONE . schedule TS 12A 63 of 2 mar and DEC 225 of 100950I refers . second . LUKE TWO . following tonnages required ready for loading not later than 24 apr appx to TS 13-101 of 7 mar refers . ops stores TOWNSVILLE 2150 M. base stores incl airfield constr BRISBANE 6620 M incl pile ship 2935 tons M SYDNEY and NEWCASTLE 712 tons M comprising wharf rehabilitation . latter to be combat loaded at SUGAR TWO , monthly maintenance SYDNEY 1540 tons M and reserves SYDNEY approx 2000 tons M . dates to be advised . ESL 2379 of 10 mar giving detailed list stores for LUKE TWO follows direct bag . all previous is in addition to CE DEPOT previously requested move SUGAR TWO bottom stowage DEC 179 of 011235I to LANDFORCES only refers

Col

16 Mar 45

IMPORTANT to action addressee only

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TS 12A-97

LANDOPS 10 1220 X

1 AUST CORPS

LANDFORCES LANDERIS FORLAND

DEC 229 . SECRET . BAILEY br deficiencies . CEO 402 of 091700K refers . suggest make up from br at TOWNSVILLE and ~~xxxx~~ replace from reserves SYDNEY . do not anticipate use gp B br early

10 Mar 45 Col Important to action addressee only

TS 12A-96

LANDOPS 10 1215 I

FORLAND

DEC 228 SECRET . ref [illegible] 1972 . 35 foot pile frame held SUGAR TWO staging stores will be available SUGAR TWO for ops . 1 AUST CORPS requested ensure inclusion shovel with light pile driving eqpt moves ex mainland . DEC 227 refers

[signature]
10 Mar 45 Col Important

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TS 12A-95

LANDORS 10 1225 I

1 AUST CORPS

FORLAND

DEC 227 SECRET . LUKE ONE . ensure inclusion shovel with light pile driving attachment when 2 AUST BEACH GP fd coy moves ex mainland

10 Mar 45 Col IMMEDIATE to action addressee only

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LANDOPS 10 1550 I

LANDFORCES

FIRST AUST ARMY

DNC 226 . RESTRICTED . eqpt forestry corps . EC 5157 of 7 mar refers . advise . ~~first~~ . EF availability mills para 3 for allotment to 2/1 and 2/3 coys

Maj

LANDFORCES 10 0950 I

LANDFORCES LADDERIS

FORLAND 1 AUST CORPS 5 AUST CE WES

DIG225 . SECRET . LUKE ONE . ref TS.12A.63 of 2 mar . LANDFORCES action to assemble stores appx A serials two and three ready for shipment by 18 mar . if possible LADDERIS to arrange that 5 CE who supply list stores required for serial 2 item A incl water supply to stage two . ook

IMMEDIATE
ACTION ADDRESSES
ONLY

Col.

10 Mar 45

LANDOPS 10 1000 I

FORLAND

DH0224 . SECRET . mvt stores holding units to S2 . D/O 7 Mar refers . first . for infn . 60 aust corps fd pk coy complete already warned for mvt . for allotment ops your discretion . second . 11 aust wksp and pk coy . adv LHQ G213.183 SD 68 8 Mar LANDOPS to FORLAND recommends addition above coy . role store handling and subsequent maintenance SUGAR TWO . NOT available CBOS I or II . essential recommendation be confirmed early view first above and to finalise stores plan . third . for action . ensure FORLAND endorsement of second above and advise

IMPORTANT

10 Mar 45 Col

SECRET

ALLIED LAND FORCES
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

ESL 2382

D/E in C's Branch
Advanced Headquarters
12 Mar 45

Subject: ENGR STORES : LUKE ONE - MONTHLY MAINTENANCE

E in C LHQ
4 Aust CRE (Wks) for 2 Aust Base Engr Store Depot
copy (without appx) to:
Engr Rep Fwd Ech LHQ
Engr Rep Brisbane Sec LHQ
CE 1 Aust Corps
5 Aust CE Wks.

1. Ref TS 12A-63 of 2 Mar, appx A, serial 4 (not to all addressees).

2. The shippingplan for LUKE ONE for monthly maintenance from D + 30 is not yet firm. It is possible that stores referred to in above letter will be shipped direct from SYDNEY to the objective area as a result of which action in col J could not be taken.

3. The following is required:-

2 Aust Base Engr Stores Depot will be prepared to load stores listed in COL 'A' appx A at SYDNEY not later than 25 Mar 45. No action should be taken until this is confirmed or otherwise by signal.

Branding to be 4A / RAE / L1

Itemised lists will be forwarded to:-
E in C
D/E in C
CE 1 Aust Corps
5 Aust CE Wks (2 copies)

W. J. Moulder
Major
for Brigadier
Deputy Engineer in Chief

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28 134-151

LANDOPS 13 ~~0945~~ 1000 I

FORLAND

DEC 243 . SECRET . LUKE TWO . ref ANOR 1990 of 112145I . first . tonnages based on two CE depot scaled down to essential and available items . second . LANDOPS consider unallotted reserves held SUGAR TWO ref DEC 243 of 130945I will provide stores for miscellaneous projects . liberty wharf and temprary fuelling berth full capacity pile ship . LANDOPS appreciation wharf rehabilitation first requirement for wharfage to be combat loaded assault craft SUGAR TWO . your comments

13 Mar 45 Col Important

LANDOPS 13 1525 1

LANDFORCES

FOR LAND

1 AUST CORPS LANDBRIS

DIO 250 . SECRET . ref RE 16553 of 081630K . liberty wharf forty ft worth head two necks each three hundred ft plus ten per cent . ESL 1677 refers

IMPORTANT
Addressee only

Col

13 Mar 45

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LAINDOPS 12 2025 I

... 1 AUST CORPS

DEC 210 . SECRET . additions to OOB . GHQ 438 para 3 a of 9 Mar refers . letter 7041.173 Ops of 3 Mar NOT held or known here . NO approval from FORLAND this addition as yet . for your comment

Col Important

13 Mar 49

RE 15

LANDOPS 12 2030 1

LANDFORCES

DEC 242 . CONFIDENTIAL . provision three SHERMAN TANK DOZERS . Aust RAE LO advises US army instructors available shortly with Sixth and Eighth Armies with above eqpt . first . are RAE personnel required to attend demonstrations . from what units . second . SD LANDOPS have no record of provision or allotment to units this eqpt . clarify

Col

12 Mar 45

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RR 86

LANDFOR 13 0920 I

5 AUST CD (MS)

1 AUST CORPS LANDFORCES

DEC 245 . SECRET . assembly ML PONTOON COMPONENTS into strings and barges .. advise . first . says your coml trained in above . second . efficiency in terms time to construct . causeway strings two by thirty . barges three by seven or three by twelve

Col
13 Dec 45

REPORTSENT
Action Addressees

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TS 12 A

LANDOPS 13 0945 I

LANDFORCE

FORLAND Landbris

DEC 243 . SECRET . task force reserves for SUGAR TWO . ref DEC 179 of 0112351 . LANDOPS approved maximum 5000 (M) and have included in shipping plan for bottom stow to SUGAR TWO . LANDOPS Q 221 refers. above allows early shipment one CE depot additional to one CE depot ordered DEC 179 . total now two CE depots. special demand in detail to balance full requirement follows

ALL IMPORTANT

Col
13 Mar 45

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LANDOPS 13 1415 I

STAGING AREA TWO

FORLAND LANDFORCES

DEC 249 . SECRET . for CRE . FORLAND advise early arrival lieut LIDDY with samples JAP mines your area . action . ensure despatch FAM . samples fuses anti tank and anti personnel mines to DES . advise consignment particulars by signal to E in C copy LANDOPS

IMPORTANT
Action Addressee

13 Mar 45 Col

TS 13A-135

LANDOPS

13 1205 K

5 AUST CE (WKS)

DEC 248 . SECRET . ref TS 13A-118 of 10 mar . forward stores lists required para one and two - earliest

IMPORTANT

Col

13 Mar 45

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LANDOPS

13 1150. I

LANDFORCES

FORLAND

DEC 847 . SECRET . provision bulk oil stores . replacement . further to DEC 225 of 091515Z and fourth para RR 18399 of 121700Z . FORLAND engrs 1986 of 112015Z . quote . FORLAND unable advise firm requirements yet . unquote

IMPORTANT
Action Addressees

col

13 Mar 45

TS 13A-133

LANDOPS 13 1145 I

FORLAND

LANDFORCES

DEC 246 . SECRET . provision bulk oil stores replacement . RE 1859 of 1R1700K . assume provision detailed first ~~first~~ second and third paras above satisfactory on information available ~~for~~ ditto . advise addressees . advice on fourth para as soon as possible

IMPORTANT
~~Action~~ Addressee
All

Col
13 Mar 45

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RE 149

3x

LANDOPS 14 1930 I

FORLAND

DEC 256 . SECRET . constn staging area . units available . 2 fd coy plus 5 mech eqpt coy latter arrived 10 mar . mech eqpt and stores EMBERICOS slow offloading ETC 20 mar . this precludes any general commencement before 15 mar . coverage commenced for planning teams .. all areas rds surveyed and pegged . water supply recce complete . clearing staging maint areas commenced with NICA natives . late arrival engr units will affect scale of accommodation provided . propose using fd coy and pnr bn of beach gp to assist . issue engr stores direct to units for self help accommodation constn early stages envisaged . coverage essential stores assured with tarpaulins . hospitals tight

Col
14 Mar 45

IMPORTANT

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LANDOPS

14 1515 I

STAGING AREA TWO

DEC 253 . SECRET . for CRE . br SABALA R . para 3 appx B G/11 10 mar refers . consider adequate BAILEY available from pl set to bridge both SABATAI and SABALA . consequent saving engr labour . for infm and your decision

Col
14 Mar 45

IMPORTANT

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LANDOPS 14 1400 I

LANDFORCES

FORLAND

DEC 252 . SECRET . FORLAND emgrs 1999 of 131030I quote . ref DEC 236 of 112140I . stores and method cleaning existing pipe line . please arrange add LUKE TWO one set stores for cleaning five inch diameter pipe line . if possible add similar set to LUKE ONE stores . unquote . your action

IMPORTANT
Action Addressee

Col

14 Mar 45

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3A

D/E in C Adv LHQ 14 10001

E in C LANDFORCES

FORLAND LANDBRIS 1 AUST CORPS MILBASE SYDNEY 5 AUST CE (WKS)

ESL 2384 RESTRICTED . ref ESL 2382 of 12 Mar . approx tonnage 460 (M)
350 (M)

Major

14 Mar 45

Direct Bag

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL AWM2020.71.1180

TS 12 A

LANDOPS 14 1100 I

FORLAND

LANDBRIS

DEC 251 SECRET . ref ENCR 2004 of 1320131 . ESL 2538 not received LANDOPS . DEC 175 of 2820501 and TS 12A 63 appx A serial 2 item D of 2 Mar 45 requests LANDFORCES to supply fifty number not thirty number piles . LANDBRIS to advise number piles shipped

[signature] Maj.
14 Mar 45 Col All Important

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TR13-155

LANDOPS 15 14440 I

FORLAND

ONE CORPS

DEC 260 . SECRET . additional units . your memo 11 Mar refers . consider one army tps coy and one fd coy additional justified CORPS TWO . one army tps coy essential . works table . comments . first . accomodation . no allowance refrigeration or major water supply . suggest coverage too late . hospitals tight . miscellaneous tasks discounting boring pl not provided for . additional army tps coy essential . second . wharfage . suggest liberty wharf too late . fd coy and port construction constitute balanced team . all above assumes div fd coys continuously supporting fd tps irrespective of role

15 Mar 45 COI Important action addressee only

ALLIED LAND FORCES
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS

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LANDOPS

15 1215 I

FORLAND

DEC 259 . SECRET . ref engrs 2011 of 142135I . CE depots have been scaled down to provide essential items only . LANDOPS considers these stores can be supplemented from . unalotted reserves totaling 5000 (M) DEC 243 of 130945 refers . an alotted reserve of 2000 (M) has also been indicated this can be called forward for first monthly maintenance . your comments

IMPORTANT

Col

15 Mar 45

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LANDOPS 15 1100 I

FOR LAND

DBC 253 . SECRET . RE 18631 of 131615K from LANDFORCES for infn . quote . ref DBC 236 equipment available for cleaning six eight and ten inch pipe lines . immediate tests being conducted to prove suitability for your purpose . further advice following . unquote

15 Mar 45 Lt Col IMPORTANT

RE 149

LANDOPS 16 1010 I

HYANDEX AUSTAGE

DRC 261 SECRET . coverage . appx Baker to AQ326.134 of 15 Mar note b . roofing tarpaulins arriving by 24 Mar will provide 100000 sq ft approx nett coverage against total requirement 200,000 sq ft incl engr stores . suggest you give priority this type to achieve targets . to be mounted Mk II D type frames

Col Important
16 Mar 45

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ALLIED LAND FORCES
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS

TS 13A-161

SECRET.

D/E in C's Branch
Advanced Headquarters
19 Mar 45

'Q' Maint (2)

ENGINEER STORES - TASK FORCES

1. Attached is a copy of TS 13 A-149 of 15 Mar which lists the engr stores requirements for shipping.

2. v From the allocation of shipping known to date, it appears that the bulk of serial 1 has been allotted.

3. No allocation is yet known of serial 2 which is required to arrive at MOROTAI not later than 5 Apr 45.

4. It is essential that portion of serial 6 as shown be loaded on a pile ship. This pile ship is not required to be unloaded at MOROTAI but is required to arrive at the objective area at the same time as the remainder of the base construction stores.

5. Serial 7 is the first monthly maintenance and is required to arrive at the objective area by D + 15. The second and subsequent monthly maintenance stores will be approx 4000 (M) each. The second monthly maintenance is required to arrive at the objective area by D + 45.

6. Serial 8 is required to arrive at the objective area by D + 15.

7. Approx 2000 (M) of serial 9 is required to arrive at MOROTAI before 1 May 45.

Colonel
for Brigadier
Deputy Engineer in Chief

Copy for infm to:

E in C LHQ
CE 1 Aust Corps

Flopt

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TS13A-169

LANDOPS

20 1045 I

FORLAND

DEC 287 • SECRET • ref ENGRS 2032 of 1615000 • stores supply for OBOE TWO now arranged to conform to shipping plan • memo TS13A-161 of 13 Mar follows direct bag • LANDOPS will allot general reserves from SUGAR TWO as required

Col Important

20 Mar 45

Flood

LANDOPS 19 2115 I

LANDFORCES

CRE ONE CORPS TPS

ESL 2391 . RESTRICTED . ref RE 197220 of 091500K .

PRIMACORD for SUGAR TWO . cannot be carried air freight .

suggest send 20000 tropic proofed and not tropic proofed to

total 140000 ft with first available engr unit moving mainland

for SUGAR TWO

COL

19 Mar 45

Important

TS13A-162

LANDOPS 192120 I

LANDFORCES

FORLAND LANDBRIS ONE CORPS

DEC 266 . SECRET . pile ship LUKE TWO . ref RE 19226 of 151400K . Q 239 of 191430I from LANDOPS to FORLAND information LANDFORCES asks FORLAND for urgent action of allotment

W J Morellen
Col Important action addressee only
19 Mar 45

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AE 15.10/45

D/E in C's Branch
Advanced Headquarters
20 Mar 45

Subject: SHERMAN TANK DOZERS

Aust Engr LO
OCE GHQ

Copy to: SD Adv LHQ

1. Ref LO 282 of 7 Mar 45 and the release of three Sherman Tank Dozers to the AMF.

2. These tanks will be an Armoured Corps responsibility. The matter of sending personnel to demonstrations held by the expert instructer teams from War Dept, WASHINGTON, will be taken up through Staff channels.

3. LHQ advise that G Armoured Corps LHQ are taking action.

Major
for Brig.
Deputy Engineer in Chief

Float

55/2626

LANDOPS 202135 I

FIRST ARMY

LANDFORCES 54 DCRE WKS

ESL 2400 . RESTRICTED . ref CBA 6269 of 172100K . lease lend must be arranged by LANDFORCES except in case of urgent operational necessity . in future arrange through Q channels . Q LANDOPS requesting LANDFORCES to take action required

W.J. [illegible]

Major

20 Mar 45

Float

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LANDOPS 202135 I

LANDFORCES

FORLAND LANDBRIS ONE CORPS 5 CE WKS

ESL 2393 . RESTRICTED . LUKE TWO . add 2000 ft 15 inch armco culvert to serial 3 item E appx A to TS 13A 101 of 7 Mar . total 15 inch armco now 4000 ft

W J Donald
Major
20 Mar 45

Important action
addressee
only

Float

ALLIED LAND FORCES
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS

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SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS

LANDOPS 20/2130 I

FIRST AUST ARMY

DEC 271 . SECRET . BULK OIL AT PERSECUTION . CRA 6026 of 1 Mar refers . first . what is condition for re-erection and size of installation . second . can time completion ~~xxxxxxiling~~ dismantling be reduced from 1 Jun without interference ops . third . what is commitment for reconditioning and replacements required for recreation . material is required for future AUST ops

20 Mar 45 Important

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AE 22.30/45

LANDOPS 20 1945 I

FORLAND

DRC 270 . SECRET . AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION . Engrs 2037 of 16[illegible]OI . discussed with staff LANDOPS . decision move 7 ACS considered dependent on G appreciation future relative importance GREEN ESPIRAU JACQUINOT . in addition move 6 ACS cancels arrangements FIRST ARMY . for FORLAND decision on staff plane

Col Important
20 Mar 45

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SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

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11A

ESL 2396

D/E in C's Branch
Advanced Headquarters
20 Mar 45

Subject: ENGR STORES : WOODBORER PNEUMATIC

CE
First Aust Army

1. Woodborers pneumatic (22-JW) and bitsauger, woodborer pneumatic are in short supply, and until outstanding demands are fulfilled, no further demands for these stores will be made.

2. For your information.

Capt
SORE(S)
for Brig D/E in C.

FLOAT

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ESL 2394

D/E in C's Branch
Advanced Headquarters
20 Mar 45

Subject: ENGR STORES : LUKE TWO : FIRST MONTHLY MAINTENANCE

E in C, LHQ

Copy to: Engr Rep Fwd Ech LHQ
Engr Rep Bris Sed LHQ
CE 1 Aust Corps
5 Aust CE Wks.

1. Ref ESL 2383 of 14 Mar 4 .

2. The shipping plan is now firmer and these stores, together with LUKE TWO RESERVES (ref ESL 2393 of 20 Mar), will move direct to the objective area from SYDNEY.

3. Would E in C please arrange for these stores to be assembled at SYDNEY ready for shipping approx 15 May 45.

4. Brand as previously notified to be 4A / RAE / L2

5. Copies of itemised lists to be forwarded to:-

E in C
D/E in C, Adv LHQ
CE 1 Aust Corps (2)
5 Aust CE Wks.

W. J. Moulder
Major
for Brigadier
Deputy Engineer in Chief.

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ESL 2393

D/E in C's Branch
Advanced Headquarters
20 Mar 45

Subject: ENGR STORES : LUKE TWO : RESERVES

E in C, LHQ

Copy to: Engr Rep Fwd Ech LHQ
Engr Rep Bris Sec LHQ
CE 1 Aust Corps
5 Aust CE Wks.

1. Ref TS 13A-101 of 7 Mar 45 and TS 13A-149 of 15 Mar 45.

2. The requirements for these stores are now firm. Would E in C please arrange for 2 Aust Base Engr Dtore Depot to assemble stores similar in all respects to those ordered on ESL 2383 of 14 Mar 45.

3. These stores are required to be assembled ready for shipping at SYDNEY at the same time as those ordered on ESL 2383, approx date 15 May 45.

4. Branding to be

5A
RAE
L2

5. Approx tonnage is 1540 (M) or 1550 (DW).

6. Copies of itemised lists to be forwarded to:-

E in C, LHQ
D/E in C, Adv LHQ
CE 1 Aust Corps (2)
5 Aust CE Wks

Major
for Brigadier
Deputy Engineer in Chief

float

RE 22.41/45

D/E in C's Branch
Advanced Headquarters
21 Mar 45

Subject: MARSDEN MATTING FOR FIRST AUST ARMY

CE
First Aust Army.

1. Ref CEA 6214 of 13 Mar 45.

2. Ref para 4, is action being taken to obtain permission to lift old matting on the PIVA strip? Through what channel was permission to lift original 315,000 sq ft obtained?

Major
for Brigadier
Deputy Engineer in Chief

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL AWM2020.71.1180

RE 22.40/45

D/E in C's Branch
Advanced Headquarters
21 Mar 45.

Subject: REQUEST FOR MARSDEN MATTING FOR FIRST AUST ARMY

Aust Engr LO,
OCE GHQ.

1. Ref LO 254 of 14 Feb 45.

2. 315,000 sq ft already authorised to be lifted from PIVA strip is sufficient for 2 Aust Corps requirements.

3. CE FIRST AUST ARMY considers that sufficient matting for two op AUSTER strips should be held at LAE.

4. NORCOM have advised that these strips should be 400 yds x 100 ft and that arc mesh is not suitable.

5. This would require release of an additional 240,000 sq ft of mat for LAE. CE FIRST AUST ARMY considers that permission to lift old matting on PIVA strip could be obtained.

6. Reconditioned mat is not required.

7. CE FIRST AUST ARMY will be asked how permission was obtained to lift the first 315,000 sq ft and action will be taken to obtain the second demand.

Major
for Brigadier
Deputy Engineer in Chief

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RE 13.7/45

D/E in C's Branch
Advanced Headquarters
21 Mar 45

Subject: TESTING OF BAILEY BR PANELS

E in C, LHQ

Copy to: Engr Rep Fwd Sch LHQ.

1. Ref ECS 5695 of 13 Mar 45.

2. The arrangements being made in para 4 (i) would appear satisfactory.

3. It is essential that all panels should be interchangeable in the field and, if possible, no panels should go forward until altered.

4. It is suggested that a clear instruction be issued to all concerned as to the maximum and minimum sizes of male lugs and female jaws which should be attained before panels are issued for fd use.

Colonel
for Brigadier
Deputy Engineer in Chief

Float

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LANDOPS

21 1235 I

MILBASE BRISBANE

LANDFORCES LANDBRIS 1 AUST CORPS TPS

ESL-2401 RESTRICTED (.) REQUIRED URGENTLY AIR FREIGHT FOR TRACTOR TD 9 SERIAL NO. TDCB 9D63T4 (.) CAT NO. 52216D FIRST AND REVERSE GEAR 19 TEETH (.) CAT NO. 63517D FIRST AND REVERSE SHIFT RAIL (.) CONSIGN 5 M.E. COY. RAE (.) BRAND RAE/ESL.2401/NOROTAI (.) AIR PRIORITY SERIAL LANDOPS Q.251 (.) WEIGHT APPROX. 10 LBS.

FLOAT

Col.

21 Mar. 45

IMPORTANT

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TS13A-178

LANDOPS

81 1225 I

FORLAND

DEC 274 . SECRET . BULK OIL LOKB TWO . Engrs 2060 of 1081001 . first . advise approx dispersion required between tanks . second . reticulation installation to airfields can 100 ft static head be assured . third . is one 1000 bbls at each airstrip considered adequate . fourth . your specifications indicate considerable reduction original requirement as listed TS 13A101 of 7 Mar appx ABLE serial two item j . do you prefer to bring forward reduced requirement ONLY to SUGAR TWO view commitments 04 . advise fifth . what is target date base on D day . advise

FLOAT

CA1 Important
21 Mar 45

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SUBJECT :—

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TS13A-187

LANDOPS 22 1945 I

LANDFORCES

DEC 280 . SECRET . LUKE OPS RESERVES . BAILEY PONTOON BR . ref DO letter of 13 mar . are two sets available for shipping by approx 10 apr . infn held states six sets ex UK production due arrive AUST Mar.

Col Important
22 Mar 45

Float

42B

LANDOPS 22 2015 I

LANDFORCES MILBASE BRISBANE

FORLAND LANDBRIS

ESL 2403 . RESTRICTED . LUKE TWO stores . add the following.
ESL 2279 of 10 Mar refers . six number water purifier five thousand gal per hour vocab P658 . eight thousand yards bare copper cable HD 7064 vocab C2/10 . two hundred canopies latrine incerator type vocab C535

W. Fitzgerald
22 Mar 45 Major

Important action addressees only

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RE128.18/85

LANDOPS

22 2000 I

GHQ SEPA

FORLAND

DEC 282 . SECRET . for CUCKBURN RAE LO . first . visit col LANE . DE in C NOT available MOROTAI before 25 Mar . second . inspection bulk oil . 2 fd coy offr nominated in terms of LANDOPS SD 562 of 1920201.

Col IMPORTANT action
22 Mar 45 addressee only

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TS13[illegible]-185

LANDOPS 22 R45 I

LANDFORCES

FORLAND 5 CE WKS

DEC 278 . SECRET . bulk oil stores LUKE TWO . FORLAND advises under Angrs 2049 of 1818151 not to you . quote . OBOE TWO firm information from GHQ states bulk oil requirements as follows . motor spirit eleven thousand barrels aviation spirit sixteen thousand barrels . GHQ directive requires firstly motor spirit five tanks each two thousand three hundred barrels secondly aviation spirit one tank fourteen thousand three hundred barrels one tank two thousand three hundred barrel . consider replacement action outlined LANDFORCES NE18359 of 121700K will provide all foreseen requirements for 1945 . unquote . first . details possible layout follow . second . suggest action amend assembly of stores accordingly and not as stated TS18A101 appx A serial 2 item J . third . suggest WICKENS visit LANDOPS on completion design based on first para and action second para to finalise stores details . anticipated date loading stores not before 1o Apr

Col
12 Mar 45

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RES. 21/45

LANDOPS 22 1230 I

GHQ SWPA

FORLAND

DEC 278 . SECRET . for COCKBURN RAE LO . bulk oil stores for PERSECUTION . further to DEC 277 of 12ESI . first . unlikely FIRST AUST ARMY capable sealing plates and pipes owing lack of tools. second . consider use second hand tanks be restricted if possible to base construction not associated with tight time factors . your comment

Col IMPORTANT action
22 Mar 45 addressee only

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EE26.20/45

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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SUBJECT:—

LANDOPS 22 1225 I

GHQ SXPA

FORLAND

DEC 277 . SECRET . for COCKBURN RAE LO . bulk oil stores for PERSECUTION . LO 286 of 16 Mar refers . discussed with staff who view requirement favourably . suggest reply to AQ736.042 QE of 9 Mar stating target date and emphasising operational aspect . further action will then be taken by LANDOPS

Col IMPORTANT action
22 Mar 45 addressee only

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RE26.17/45

LANDOPS 220640 I

LANDFORCES FORLAND

LANDBRIS ONE CORPS 5 CE WKS

DEC 275 . SECRET . LUKE TWO temporary fuelling berth . ref RCW 7690 of 15 mar received today . LANDFORCES to advise if stores available as per drawing with spare chain and anchors in time for loading for LUKE TWO . FORLAND to advise which type required as per RCD 11612A or TS 13A101 of 7 mar appx ABLE serial 2 item 6

RECEIVED 22 MAR AM

Col
Mar 45

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TS 130

LANDOPS 2135 I

FORLAND

DEC 283 . SECRET . bulk oil stores LUKE TWO . booster rising main . suggest ships pumps ocean going or Y type will cope without boosting . characteristic approx 2000 bbls per hour at 80 to 125 lbs per sq in . if booster essential can USASOS provide . not included EEF 11 of 16 Mar appx A . advise

Col Important
23 Mar 45

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Ts136

LANDOPS 23 1120 I

LANDFORCES

FORLAND 5 CB WKS

DEC 281 . SECRET . bulk oil stores LUKE TWO . further to DEC 279 of 231945I first para . information . first . length pipe lines . ship to installation not exceed 4000 ft . installation to farthest of two airfields eighteen miles . dispersion tank farm normal 500 ft . second . heights from sea level . installation not to exce d 150 ft this to apply worst case rising main boosting requirement not for delivery advantage . airfields 10 ft . action . first . advise detailed quantities stores required and available Aust holdings and required from USASOS in terms ECW 5746 of 16 Nov appendices C and G . second . advise dates amended stores requirement available shipping . third . advise date Capt WICKENS xxxxxxx available visit LANDOPS in terms DEC 279 last para with information

Col IMPORTANT ~~action~~
23 Mar 45 addressees only

Floyd

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RE 2.95/45

LANDOPS 24 1230 I

LANDFORCES

DEC 285 . SECRET . for Gen STEELE . Adv Ech GHQ QA61172 of 2311272 states . quote . general CASEY requests conference at BRISBANE twenty sixth if possible relative supply and operations matters . unquote

~~Brig~~ Mai IMPORTANT
24 Mar 45

FloAt

RE 86.101/45

LANDOPS 241610

LANDFORCES

1 CORPS

DEC 287 . SECRET . ref RE 20335 of 201600K .
5 MECH EQPT COY advise four D6 retained on WET
on instructions of CORPS . action is required
ref DEC 263 of 181025I urgently . when LANDOPS
signals for requirements ops this theatre urgent
action is requested please

Col IMPORTANT
24 Mar 45

Float

ME 2.97/45

LANDOPS 24 1610 I

FIRST AUST ARMY

DEC 268 . restricted . for brig TOMR . ref CEA 2669 of 16/145K . regret unable spare col MEYER at present . will arrange date later . NOT before 24 APR

24 Mar 45 Maj

Float

LANDOPS 24 1945 I

FORLAND

LANDFORCES

DMC MO . RESTRICTED . for lt col BELL .
ref lt LIDDY . please infm progress return .
his move should be operational urgency . suggest
moves ahead main cargo with selected new
mine fuzes . LANDFORCES requires details and
later samples latest bomb fuzes . letter
following

FLOAT

TS 12A - 127

LAHDOPS 25 2100 I

1 CORPS

DEC 300 . SECRET . from RISSON . explosives .
CEO 1160 of 250550K refers . does NOT contain infn
required . what is present position group A explosives
railed from BRISBANE 8 mar

Maj IMPORTANT

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SUBJECT:—

RE78.11/45

LANDOPS R5 2015 I

LANDFORCES

DEC 198 . SECRET ref RE/2428 of 241200K .
concur move HASKER . 5 aust CE wks returning
BRISBANE . will act as link

Maj IMPORTANT
25 Mar 45

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SUBJECT:

TS 13 G

LANDOPS 25 1630 I

LANDFORCES

FORLAND 5 CE WKS

DEC 290 . SECRET . bulk oil stores LUKE II . RE 21344 of 24110CK refers . layout reviewed with 5 CE WKS . consider stage II stores as per RCW 6258 appendix A plus one t tank only fourteen thousand three hundred barrels adequate . balance requirements from US resources . for your check and amendment for shipping

Plott

RE 149.109/45

DE in C Branch
ADV LHQ
26 Mar 45.

CRE 1 Aust Corp Tps
c/o HQ MOROTAI Satging Area

Subject: Arrival of Units Staging Area

1. Please find attached latest infm held this HQ re arrival of RAE units.

2. QM 415 of 242130I states as follows :-

(a) Females 2/5 AGH 110 CCS and 1 blood transfusion unit total 248 also max 100 males 2/9 AGH with own accn stores and max tented wards embark WANGANELLA to arrive MOROTAI 20 Apr.

(b) Females 2/9 AGH 2/1 CCS and 4 facio max plas surg unit total 248 embark MANUNDA to arrive MOROTAI 15 May.

Maj
for Brig
DE in C

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FIRST CONVOY - ETA 24 MAR 45

		Pers.	Vehs.	Unit Eqpt Cargo/Tons	Maint Stores
2823	FELIX NATHANAY ex BRISBANE				
	14 Aust Fd Coy	234	7	132	
	2/1 M E Coy	59		42	
	2 Mech Eqpt W/shop	2		109	
	340 LAD AEME	2	1	7	
	Engrs.				2251
Y122	CARLOS CARILLO ex T'ville 13/3				
	2/10 Docks Op Coy	281	16	515	
	GORGON ex Hollandia 18/3				
	General Engr Stores			80	
2675	SEA RAY ex Brisbane 13/3				
	2/1 Mech Eqpt Coy	186			
	2 Mech Eqpt W/shop AEME	49			
	340 LAD AEME	15	1	108	
	1 CRE (Wks)	19		23	
	60 Corp Fd Pk Coy	59		22	
	5 Docks Op Coy	287		138	
	8 Pl 1 Port Maint Coy	34		42	
	4 Aust Army Tps Coy	265	2	192	

SECOND CONVOY - ETA 28 MAR 45

2820	SEA BARB ex T'ville & Cairns 18/3				
	2/11 Fd Coy	230			
	2 Mech Eqpt Pl	33			
	1 Bomb Disposal Pl	20		18	
	2/3 Docks Op Coy	163		31	
	RAE 1 Aust Corps			5	
	2/11 Fd Coy			8	
	5 Mech Eqpt Coy	40	28		
	2/4 Mech Eqpt Wshop	20	8		
	2 Fd Coy	6	10		
	2 Aust Beach Op Stores Pl	26			

THIRD CONVOY - ETA 31 MAR 45

2590	CHAS GOODNIGHT ex Sydney 8/3, Brisbane 16/3				
	8 Maint Sec		1		2
	1 Port Maint Coy		7	44	
	RAE		5		658
	5 Docks Op Coy	7	18	5	
	2/1 Mech Eqpt Coy	3	94		
	2 Mech Eqpt Wshop AEME		5		
	340 LAD AEME		3		
	14 Fd Coy	2	30		
	4 Army Tps Coy		21		

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SUBJECT :—

THIRD CONVOY (Cont) ETA 31 MAR

2654 JOHN DOCKWEILLER ex Cairns 19/3

	Pers.	Vehs.	Unit Eqpt Cargo tons.	Maint
2/10 Docks Op Coy	3	1		
1 Bomb Disposal Pl		4		
2/11 Fd Coy		53		
2 Beach Gp Stores Pl		4		
R/E 1 Corps		6		
Engrs Stores - timber				193
2 Mech Eqpt Pl		24		

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SUBJECT:

RE5.12/45

LANDOPS 25 1035 I

2/1 TOPO SURVEY COY

HQ STAGING AREA No 2

DEC 292 . RESTRICTED . s/sgt MACFARLAN engrs LANDOPS proceeding 2/1 TOPO SURVEY COY today by air . he carries urgent order for reproducing maps authorised by SD survey LANDOPS . please do all possible expedite reproduction and ensure speedy return NCO and prints . ack

Maj
25 Mar 45

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IMPRTANT

Float.

Internal

distribution: Copy to Survey

128.20/45

DE in C's Branch
ALV LHQ
25 Mar 45

Subject: Technical Instrs & Weekly Resumes CE 1 Aust Corps

CE 1 Aust Corps

Copies to:

E in C
Engr Sup Wed Sch LHQ
Aust Engr LO OCE GHQ

1. Aust Engr LO to OCE GHQ has arranged that the forthcoming GHQ op instrs require RAE reports to be submitted in accordance with the understandings and practices presently established with Engineer in Chief Allied Land Forces.

2. It is requested that when such reports are instituted, two copies should be forwarded to the Aust Engr LO OCE GHQ.

Brig
DE in C

FLOAT

D/O

LANDOPS

25 1200 I

LANDFORCES

FIRST AUST ARMY

DEC 297 . CONFIDENTIAL . ref RE20C21 of
211545K . agree release SAMBELL . WESTLAND
suitable

Float

RE5.13/45

NX20164 Pte HOWARTH M O : Transfer to DE in C Branch

Camp

It is desired to obtain the services of the above member to fill a vacancy as orderly on the WE of this Branch.

It is understood that Registry are prepared to release him.

Maj
for Brig
DE in C

25 Mar 45

Internal distribution: Registry

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RE143.11/45

Recommendations for Amendments to WET Adv LHQ

G (SD)

1. Ref conversations Col PATTERSON - Col MEYER, the following addition to the WET Adv LHQ are suggested as a result of experience in the moves HOLLANDIA and MOROTAI.

2. It is recommended that the Maint Pl be increased from Type B to Type A. This gives an increase of over 20 personnel, tools and an extra officer.

3. It is recommended that the following eqpt be added :

(a) One Wiles Cooker trailer type.
(b) Two water carts 400 gal
(c) One generator 33KVA diesel
(d) Two pumping sets No 4 or equivalent
(e) Sufficient tools to be held surplus to WE of Maint Pl to provide for a working party of 80 attached personnel.

Suggested list below :

(i)	Claw hammers	No 24
(ii)	Saws hand 26 in	No 12
(iii)	Bars pinching with claw 30in.	No 12
(iv)	Shovels RE	No 30
(v)	Picks	No 10
(vi)	Axes felling	No 10
(vii)	Machettes	No 10

25 Mar 45

Brig
DE in C

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LANDOPS 25 1445 I

B13G58

LANDFORCES

FORLAND 5 CE WKS

DEC 294 . SECRET . bulk oil stores LUKE II .
visit WICKENS . staff approval in terms signal
A 28 of ~~25 Mar~~ 25/12/21

Col IMPORTANT

25 Mar 45 Float

(COPY) RE 15.12/45

LANDOPS 251145 I

GHQ

FORLAND

DEC 293 . SECRET . for COCKBURN RAE LO . provision twelve no cranes revolving crawler 3/4 or 1/2 cub yd . AG 413.8 (18 Mar 45)D . spare parts para 3 . action . advise . first . trade name eqpt to be supplied and forw rd catalogues . second . what is constitution of initial maintenance spare parts and for what approx period do they cover . third . do major assemblies mentioned include pile driving attachments draglines etc . fourth . can you suggest approx make up of additional spare parts based on six months usage in terms second para

O G MEYER Col IMPORTANT

Flight

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MINUTE PAPER

SUBJECT:

MEM.32/45

DE in C's Branch
ADV LHQ
25 Mar 45

Subject: Coverage

CE First Aust Army
CE 1 Aust Corps

Copy to :

E in C LHQ

1. Owing to the small quantity of corr iron allocated to MAE from production and the considerable quantity of coverage required for future operations, consideration has been given to the use of 50% iron and 50% fibreen or equivalent with wire netting.

2. In future all engr stores demands will be made on this basis.

3. It is suggested that in the use of Mk IID type huts to ensure the stability of the structure the side shillions could be covered with iron and the centre gables with fibreen etc.

Brig
DE in C

Float

Copy to SORE(S)

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DE in C Branch
Adv LHQ

ESL 2418

26 Mar 45

Subject : Engineer stores : LUKE TWO Shipment.

1 Aust CE (Wks)
Old L of C Area
For 1 Aust Engr Stores Base Depot

Copy to: E in C, LHQ ((2)

1. Further to ESL 2405 of 2220151 and ESL 2379 of 10 Mar 45, please supply the following fittings with the 8,000 No. yds cable HD 7/.064 vocab No CZ/10 demanded.

(a)	F201/3 Fuses pole, watertight 15 amp	No.	12
(b)	S781/5 Switchfuses ironclad TP 500 V 30 amp	"	4
(c)	I31/7 Insulators pin LT 3¼" type B	"	200
(d)	I32/2 " pin straight 5/8"	"	150
(e)	I32/4 " swan neck 1/2"	"	50
(f)	I34/5 " shackle porcelain complete w/iron work	"	24
(g)	R43/- Reflectors 15" - 18"	"	12
(h)	S815/2 Switches ironclad DP 250 V 15 amp	"	12
(j)	T32/- Tape Insulating	Lbs	10

2. Please forward with LUKE TWO Base Construction stores branded 2K/RAE/L&.

Capt SORE(S)
for Brig
DE in C

FLOAT

49A/2642

LANDOPS 26/100 I

LANDFORCES MILBASE BRISBANE

5 CE WKS

SECRET

BSL 2419 . LUKE ONE STORES . if stores NOT loaded essential include one fifty six ft pile driver complete vocab P 221/2 . BSL 2538 of 6 MAR refers

J. [illegible] Lt-Col
26 Mar 45

IMMEDIATE
to action addressees only

PLOAT

49A/2642

LANDOPS 26 2105 I

LANDFORCES

MSL 2410 • SECRET • ref MSL 2419 of 262100I • if action requested NOT possible ensure pile driver on first ship ex mainland for SUGAR TWO

Lt Col

IMPORTANT

26 Mar 45

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AE 3.6/45

Officers Suitable for Command & Staff Appointments.

Ref : G4?1.05/SD of 1 Feb 45.

GS (SD)

Serial	Name	Unit	Present Appoint-ment	Appt recommded	Remarks
	COMMAND				
1.	Col. O.C.MEYER.	Adv LHQ.	DDS & W.	CE (WKS).	

Brig
DE in C

26 Mar 45

Floyt

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SUBJECT:—

RE 2.99/45

Move TX6094 Maj. C.C. ROSENTHAL

SD.

Copy to : A Branch
Q Branch

1. 5 Aust CE (Wks) has applied for the return of TX6094 Maj. C.C. ROSENTHAL to the mainland.

2. This officer commands 18 Fd Coy and has been up in this area as a recce element for over 6 weeks. This unit is 223 b on the priority list into this area and it is considered that he should return to his coy before it leaves the mainland. 5 Aust CE (Wks) is concerned at the effect his long absence may have upon the coy and in all fairness to this officer he should be enabled to return to check over his unit.

Brig
DE in C

26 Mar 45.

FLORA

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RE2.100/45

LANDOPS 26 1200. I

LANDFORCES

DEC 302 . CONFIDENTIAL . for e in c . request .
one . advise when major VARNEY fit return to unit .
two . that you arrange air movement here earliest

PM

IMP.

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TS13L

LANDOPS 26 1100 I

FORLAND

DEC 301 . SECRET . BAILEY pontoon bridging . ref ENGRS 2028 of 161045I . LANDFORCES advises NO pontoon bridges yet arrived AUST ex UK and NO advice re shipping

W J Moubray

Maj

26 Mar 45

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ESL 2412

DE in C's Branch
ADV LHQ
25 Mar 45

E in C LHQ (2)

Subject: Engineer Stores : Refrigeration

1. Ref the 1 No 300 c ft refrigerator forwarded to Adv LHQ as WE ex SYDNEY on con order S6/0125.

2. For information - The refrigerator has now been unpacked and is being erected. The walls have been found to be rather badly perished in places and efforts are being made to patch them. The precut timber was badly warped and necessitated re-boring and re-fitting. On inspection of crate and packing it was found that the walls etc had been wrapped in sisalkraft and that packing was not sufficient to ensure waterproofing.

3. Whilst it is realised that a considerable period has elapsed between the forwarding of above and the unpacking and erection, it is unavoidable that, under existing conditions, crates are exposed at times to the weather.

4. It is felt therefore that such valuable stores should be tropic-proofed and water-proofed as far as possible.

R.J. Scanlon Capt
SORE(S)
for Brig
DE in C

FLOAT

RE2.102/45

LANDOPS 27 2020 I

LANDFORCES

ADV 1 CORPS
1 CORPS
5 CE WKS

DEC 303 . SECRET . NX147965 maj BURROWS G oc 60 c fd pk coy . secondment to AIF . understand NOT approved and NOT allowed embark with HQ det of unit . matter taken up with CE 1 CORPS for representation ~~with~~ DY 1 CORPS in terms GRO 355.6 (a)(vi) . action . for your support and to arrange air mvt if approved

Col
27 Mar 45

Flood

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SUBJECT :—

SECRET

52

DE in C Branch
Adv LHQ

ESL 2427

27 Mar 45

E in C, LHQ.

Copies to :
Engr Rep, Fwd Ech LHQ.
CE 1 Aust Corps

Subject : Replacements of Groups A and B.

1. The location and time for replacement of the above stores is now firm and all previous relative correspondence is cancelled.

2. Would E in C please take the following action :
(A) Assemble in TOWNSVILLE not later than the 1 May 45 stores similar to one gp.

(B) Assemble in SYDNEY or BRISBANE not later than 1 May 45 stores as for (A).

It is assumed that Gp A and Gp B stores were identical in detail including bridging.

3. Please advise :

(a) Branding to be used for each group.

(b) Progress of assembly on the first & fifteenth day of each month for each group.

4. Please forward detailed list for each group as supplied to the E.S.D.D's.

W. J. Maj.
for Brig.
DE in C

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SECRET

DE in C's Branch

27 Mar 45

ESL 2422

E in C

Copies to :-

Engr Rep Fwd Ech LHQ
CE 1 Aust Corps
5 Aust CE (Wks)

Subject: GENERAL RESERVES : LUKE OPS

1. 8 Aust ESBD are assembling one CE DEPOT at SYDNEY for movement bottom stow to MOROTAI as shipping becomes available (ref con order S4/750).

Branding is :

RAE
DEC 179 RESERVES
S4/750

These stores are required at MOROTAI not later than 1 May 45, TS13A-161 of 19 Mar refers.

2. DEC 243 of 130945I advised that Adv LHQ had approved of a total of 5,000 tons(M) engr stores being moved to MOROTAI as an unalloted general reserve for LUKE operations, and requested para 1 to be increased to two CE DEPOTS.

TS13A-149 of 15 Mar 45 suggested that these general reserves could be assembled at either SYDNEY or BRISBANE as required by LHQ.

No advice has been received that either ESBD are assembling this additional CE DEPOT.

It is suggested that branding be :

RAE
ESL 2422 RESERVES
APUS

3. The balance to total 5000 tons (M) will be submitted in detail as soon as possible.

Branding will be :

RAE
ESL2423 RESERVES
APUS

4. RE 21341 of 241 010K advised that the stores for temporary fueling berth as per ECD 11612A will be available MELBOURNE by 20 Apr 45.

These stores were required for LUKE TWO but will not be available in time for shipping from mainland with LUKE TWO stores.

Will E in C please assemble stores as requested by DEC 275 of 220930I as soon as posible after availability and ship to MOROTAI by first available shipping.

Branding to be :

RAE
ESL 2423 RESERVES
APUS

5. Copies of itemised lists for all general reserves should be forwarded to the following :-

E in C LHQ
DE in C ADV LHQ
CE 1 Aust Corps (2)
5 Aust CE (Wks)

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SORE (S)

Capt SORE(S)
for Brig
DE IN C

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SUBJECT:—

29 G.

LANDOPS

27 1600 I

LANDFORCES

ESL 2428 . SECRET . shipping engr stores SUGAR TWO . advise any allotment and ETD . first . LUKE ONE base and airfield constr stores ex BRISBANE . second . CE depot reserves ex SYDNEY

W J Moyle Col IMPORTANT
27 Mar 45

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HEADQUARTERS
NEW GUINEA FORCE

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TS 12A-134

LANDOPS 28 2155I

FORLAND

DEC 308 . SECRET . reference N L pontoons for OBOE ONE . unofficial advice from navy representative this area states only four pontoon strings being prepared for this operation . request FORLAND contact navy and confirm that fourteen strings being provided . see GHQ ~~xxxxxxxx~~ directive forwarded with FORLAND S699Q of 23 Mar . advise

Lt Col Important
28 Mar 45

Suggest Lt Col Muller knows about this.
PY.

P/OAt

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HEADQUARTERS
NEW GUINEA FORCE

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LANDOPS 28 2000 I

FORLAND

AUV CORPS

DEC 207 . SECRET . stores LUKE ONE bulk oil storage . [illegible] one corps to provide against worse case propose use submarine pipeline with submerged terminal . drawings of standard construction SWPA issued by base engineers USASOS july 1944 refer . request FORLAND arrange supply at MOROTAI from american sources by ten april following stores ~~xxxxx~~ firstly . drawing number sugar charlie ninety nine stroke six point one . [illegible] anchors one ton cast steel fluke type four number . anchor chain approx one inch diameter fitted each length with two shackles ten number ten fathoms lengths . buoys one hundred to one hundred and seventy five gallon capacity ~~four~~ six number . secondly . drawing number sugar charlie ninety nine stroke six point three refers . six inch diameter submarine hose one hundred feet . five eighth inch diameter chain forty feet . three quarter inch diameter chain twenty feet . ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ branding of stores for delivery .

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PAGE TWO OF DEC 207.

NAE over LUKE ONE over APUS . letter with copy dressing follows . advise

Col IMPORTANT
28 Mar 45

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SUBJECT :—

TS 13E 14

LANDOPS 28 1550 I

FORLAND

ADV 1 CORPS

61 RAAF WORKS WING

DEC 305 . SECRET . airfield construction OBOE ONE . supply MARSDEN MAT . confirm procurement and consignment agreed sixteen hundred tons ex USASOS to MOROTAI by 10 april . advise

Col IMPORTANT

28 Mar 45

Flash

RE15.17/45

TRANSFER OF CRANES, REVOLVING, CRAWLER TO AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Ref : AG413.8 (18 Mar 45)D.

Q (Maint)

1. Could contact be made with New Guinea Base Sec USASOS to ascertain the trade name of the cranes to be transferred. If makers catalogues are available, they should also be obtained.

2. A list is required of the spares to be provided so that investigation can be made into the spare parts posn and any extra required demanded.

Maj
for Brig
DE in C

29 Mar 45.

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RE61.6/45

LANDOPS 29 2030 I

ONE CORPS

LANDFORCES

DEC 312 . CONFIDENTIAL . take action RE 22961 of 271100K. LANDFORCES requires detailed list and later samples latest bomb fuses and new type mines found

FLOAT.

Maj
29 Mar 45

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TS12A137

INSPECTION OF BULK OIL INSTALLATIONS

REF: SD562 of 192205I and CX13140 of 281632Z

SD

The name of the officer nominated VX62716 Capt NEVILLE W F of 2 Aust Fd Coy at present this area attached HQ RAE 1 Aust Corps Tps.

Maj.
for Brig
DE in C

29 Mar 45

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS
NEW GUINEA FORCE

RE86.120/45

LANDOPS 29 2030 I

LANDFORCES

ADV CORPS

DEC 313 . RESTRICTED . ref RE 22875 of 271000K and DEC 263 of 181025I . spare parts requirements are additional to those already allocated please advise action to supply at SUGAR TWO

FLOAT

W. P. McCulloch
Col
29 Mar 45

IMPORTANT

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TS 12A-135

SECRET

DE in C's Branch
Adv LHQ.

29 Mar 45

Subject : OBOE ONE - COASTAL TANKER FUELLING BERTH

Fwd Ech LHQ.

Copy to : Adv 1 Aust Corps.

1. Further to Adv LHQ signal DEC 307 of 262000 I, GHQ Operation Instruction No. 99 for OBOE ONE requires 1 Aust Corps to provide one small fuelling jetty or submerged line by P plus 20, for receiving fuel from a coastal tanker.

2. 1 Aust Corps considers that it is probable that sufficient piling will remain from at least one of the existing wharves to carry the necessary pipe lines. Despite this, however, 1 Aust Corps considers that the task force should carry the necessary stores to lay a submarine pipeline, if required.

3. The drawings "Standard Construction in SWPA", issued by OCE Base Section USASOS in July 1944, show two suitable arrangements in drawings SC99/-6.1 and SC99/-6.3. It is proposed to use the anchoring arrangement for the coastal tanker shown in drawing SC99/-6.1 and the submerged terminal for the pipeline as illustrated in drawing SC99/-6.3. The drawings are attached as Appendices A and B to this letter.

ACTION.

4. Since these stores cannot be delivered to MOROTAI from AMF resources before 7 May, it is requested that Fwd Ech LHQ arrange for the supply from American resources of the stores listed in Appendix C to this letter. The stores should be branded RAE over LUKE ONE over APUS and delivered to MOROTAI by 10 Apr 45.

Appx A, B and C att.

Brigadier
Deputy Engineer in Chief

Float

SECRET

Appendix 'C' to
TS 12A-135 of 29 Mar 45.

STORES FOR CONSTRUCTION - SUBMARINE PIPELINE - OBOE ONE

(see Construction Standards SWPA, OCE USASOS - July 1944).

Ref Drawing SC 99/-6.1

	Items		No.
1.	Anchors one ton cast steel fluke type	-	4
2.	Anchor chain approx one inch diameter, each length fitted with two shackles, in 10 fathom lengths.	-	10
3.	Buoys - 100 to 175 gal capacity.	-	4

Ref Drawing SC 99/-6.3

4.	Buoys 100 to 175 gal capacity	-	2
5.	Submarine hose 6 inch diameter	-	100 ft
6.	Anchor chain 5/8 inch diameter	-	40 ft
7.	" " 3/4 inch "	-	20 ft

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RE50.10/45

DE in C Branch

ADV LHQ
29 Mar 45

Subject: 5000 cu ft Refrigeration DID Area

1 AUST CRE WKS

Copy to :

DDST ADV LHQ
HQ Staging Area Two

Ref conversation Lt Col WESTLUND Maj GORDON, an EDC as the 20 Apr has been given to S & T for the erection of the first 5000 cu ft refrigerator.

2. Will you please inform this office urgently if anything should occur to delay this time as S & T are basing demands on US for space on refrigeration ships on this estimate.

Maj
for Brig
DE in C

. FLOAT

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS
NEW GUINEA FORCE

35/2638B

LANDOPS 29 I

MILBASE SYDNEY

LANDFORCES FIRST AUST ARMY

ESL 2431 . restricted . ESL 2416 and CEAS 432 refer . item C556/2 cutters bolts 3/8 inch to read quantity 20 . CMA 6391 not to you refers

Capt

29 Mar 45

IMPORTANT

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LANDOPS 290915 I

LANDFORCES

FORLAND
ONE CORPS

ESL 2430 . RESTRICTED . ref ESL 2422 of 27 mar 45
para 1 . amend 1 mar 45 to read 1 may 45

K H Scanlon
Capt
29 Mar 45

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS
NEW GUINEA FORCE

RE 86.116/45

LANDOPS 29 0940 I

LANDFORCES

ADV 1 AUST CORPS

1 AUST CORPS 5 CE WORKS

DEC 310 . SECRET . RE 12801 of 271230K .
NL PONTOONS for 1 aust corps . three liberty
wharves NOT required for earlier ops . twenty
eight LST causeways are to be salvaged to
form liberty wharves . method . suggest .
first . use six by eighteen barges for head .
second . three by twelve barges or two by
thirty strings initially single then doubled
to four by thirty for approaches . all to be
hinged . writing follows . trg . suggest
1 port constr coy be provided with eqpt and
commence training forthwith in these methods

Col IMPORTANT

29 Mar 45

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

MINUTE PAPER.

SUBJECT:—

SECRET.

RE 7.14/45

DE in C's Branch

29 Mar 45

Subject : Minutes of Conference

CE 1 Aust Corps
G1 RAAF Airfield Constr Wing
G2 RAAF Airfield Constr Wing

Herewith the minutes of conference held at D/E in C's office, Adv LHQ, on Wednesday 28 March 1945.

Maj
for Brig
DE in C

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NEW GUINEA FORCE
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS
NEW GUINEA FORCE

SECRET.

CONFERENCE AT D/E IN C, ADV LHQ, WEDNESDAY 28 MAR 45.

D/E IN C, CE 1 AUST CORPS & RAAF CONSTR WING.

Present :	Brig L.C. LUCAS	-	D/E in C, Adv LHQ.
	Brig R.J. RISSEN	-	CE 1 Aust Corps.
	Col O.G. MEYER	-	DDS & W, Adv LHQ.
	Lt.Col A.T.J. BELL	-	SORE I, Fwd Ech LHQ.
	Wing Comd C.J. TREWIN	-	Observer.
	Wing Comd C.D.B.MAUNDER	-	61 RAAF Constr Wing.
	Maj P.H. GORDON	-	Adv LHQ.

1. Spare Parts. Sqns take in 30 days maint. Short of certain items for Ford dump trucks. Necessity to fly in essential items.

2. Wksps. Col MEYER to see Col CAMPBELL, AEME, Adv LHQ, to fix up arrangements.

3. RAAF will require 1600 short tons DW of Marsden Mat on strip before D + 5 progressively from capture of strip. Marsden matting provided in ½ or 1 ton bundles.

4. One airfield constr sqn plus 30 days complete stores (POL, eqpt & vehs) can travel on 4 LST's. (DW tonnage sqn 1700 DW tons). 61 Wing to work out combat loading & see what eqpt can be omitted.

5. Tactical loading detail to be prepared and submitted to CE 1 Aust Corps to show what Marsden matting can be loaded, in addition to unit eqpt. CE 1 Aust Corps to inform 61 Constr Wing by what date this will be required.

6. RAAF suggested that an engr plan be submitted to Wing by 1 Aust Corps as early as possible. Infm given to 61 Wing at conference :

   (a) Copy No 4 Engr Plan OBOE ONE.
   (b) Engr Appreciation of the island of TARAKAN.
   (c) Copy of Airfield Constr annexed to GHQ Op In 99.

7. Responsibility for roads is Army, but as Army resources are limited, RAAF will consider maint of the access road to the strip in their engr plan.

8. Suggested that Constr Sqns should be brought in early to prepare for work even before the airfield is captured. Survey parties must be in very early to check plans on ground (str. 15, all ranks; 2 jeeps and covering party).

9. Coverage. GHQ instr states 16,000 sq ft by D + 6, 45,000 sq ft as soon as possible. The decision required is how much coverage can be left to the follow up phase. RAAF stated that this would have to be decided by the RAAF users. The Control Tower to be erected by D + 6 to be taken in prefabricated by RAAF and erected.

10. CE Corps rep. to go with a rep. from Constr Wing to contact RAAF to finalize TAF. RAAF requirements in target dates, sizes of buildings, etc. CE Corps stated only buildings available are 18 ft or 45 ft wide in 10 ft bays.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

MINUTE PAPER.

SUBJECT :—

11. CE 1 Aust Corps to ensure time for Constr Sqns for training in laying of Marsden Mat in staging area. No extra work committments to be given to the sqns and dock working to be investigated.

12. Adv LHQ will approach Fwd Ech LHQ to ensure Marsden Mat is delivered to MOROTAI by 10 Apr in ½ ton bundles.

13. Suggested that complete water proofing will be necessary. RAAF suggested provision of waterproofing material should be given early consideration.

CE 1 Aust Corps thought that Army had not made allowance for RAAF requirements. In past, US Army concerned has supplied RAAF requirements.

Brig.
DE in C.

Copy to :

Group Capt. DALE, 62 Airfield Constr Wing, RAAF.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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SUBJECT :—

RE 149.125/45

ADDITIONAL STAGING AREA TPS : 1 AUST CORPS

SD

1. CE, 1 Aust Corps, has requested that 7 Aust Mech Eqpt Spare Parts Sec be brought fwd to the Staging Area. It is required to remain in the staging area to look after 5 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy, less one Mech Eqpt Pl, which remains behind after the task force leaves.

2. This unit consists of 13 all ranks and 3 vehs.

Brig.
DE in C.

29 Mar 45

Copy for infm : CE 1 Aust Corps

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS
NEW GUINEA FORCE

TS 13G64

LANDOPS 29 10/5 I

LANDFORCES

FORLAND
5 CE WKS

DEC 311 . SECRET . BULK OIL STORES LUKE TWO .
RE 22999 of 271600K . supply extra items arranged
with GHQ . forward one number booster pump only
with above stores

Col
29 Mar 45

IMPORTANT

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RE22.44/45

LANDOPS 29 10/5 I

MILBASE BRISBANE

LANDFORCES

DEC 309 . SECRET . CER 154 of 261840K . RAAF wks sqns conference 61 wks wing and TRENIN RAAF LO . first . consider sqns for first op adequately equipped and are carrying initial maint spares all types . stated that additional spares carried 23 ASP mech eqpt spares details NOT known MT parts deficient . latter supply by army . wks wing will investigate and report further . wks sqns wksp equipped to handle up to third ech repairs . consider maj repair in situ NOT operationally sound in view short duration first exercise

Col
26 Mar 45

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

MINUTE PAPER.

SUBJECT:—

RE 26.27/45

LANDOPS 30 2025 I

LANDFORCES

DEC 316 . restricted . ref ECW 7748
of 20 MAR para 4 . advise when available
shipping ex mainland

Maj
30 Mar 45

IMPORTANT

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TS 13065

PROVISION OF ENGR CONSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

FOR OBOE OPERATIONS.

Ref : AQ 740.02 QE of 28 Mar.

DA & CMG.

1. The attached schedule summarises and consolidates the total engineer constructional materials for the operation OBOE ONE to be supplied by USASOS.

2. The schedule has been submitted to CE 1 Aust Corps, who endorses the requirement.

Brig
DE in C

30 Mar 45.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS
NEW GUINEA FORCE

SCHEDULE ENGINEER CONSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS : OBOE ONE

Serial	Item	Type Eqpt	Detail	No.	Date Reqd	Place	Remarks & References
1	(a)	NL Pontoons, Causeway Strings.	2 x 30 NL causeways slots Total cubes 840.	14	10 Apr	MOROTAI	Loaded on LSTs. AG 417(8 Mar 45)E.
2	(a)	Marsden Mat, Bundles.	Plank sections with accessories	1600 tons	10 Apr	MOROTAI	Supplied 1/2 ton bundles. Authority AG 411(21 Mar 4
3		BULK OIL -					
	(a)	Tankage	(10,000 bbl bolted tank.	1			)or as arranged by
			(1,000 bbl bolted tanks with fittings and tools.		10 Apr	MOROTAI	)USASOS to the
				5			)objective area.
	(b)	Barges	3,000 bbl complete.	5			
	(c)	Reticulation -					)Authority :
		(i) Shore	6" victaulic pipe with fittings	6000 ft			)AG 411(21 Mar 45)D.
			4" " " " "	4000 ft			
		(ii) Submarine	6" flexible submarine pipe with fittings.	100 ft			
		(iii) Filling Points.	Drum and Tanker filling pts complete.	1 off each			
	(d)	Anchorage -					
		(i) Anchors	Cast steel, 1 ton,	4			
		(ii) Buoys	100 to 175 gal capacity.	6	10 Apr	MOROTAI	
		(iii) Mooring chain.	Chain 1" dia. approx., lengths 10 fms with 2 D shackles.	10			
4	(a)	CRANES, crawler Revolving.	3/4 yd seven to ten ton, or in lieu -				Two to be fitted with pile driving attachments.
			1/2 yd five to six ton complete with first and second echelon spare parts.	12	10 Apr	MOROTAI	Authority : CGUSASOS GSCES 1581 of 2705 10 2

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RE 86.123/45

LANDOPS 30 2130 I

FIRST AUST ARMY

DEC 317 . CONFIDENTIAL . ref CFA 6447 of 272200K . please give more infm authority this supply NL pontoons . pontoons for FIRST AUST ARMY to come from AUST sources . suspect this supply for one aust corps .

Col

30 Mar 45.

F/OA+

29/2265

LANDOPS 30 1600 I

LANDFORCES

BEL 2434 . RESTRICTED . tanks 200 gals nesting .
please advise availability and production figures .
consign 500 No SUGAR TWO area first available shipment

Maj
30 Mar45

IMPORTANT

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RE 5.16/45

VX 88864 SPR. TODD D. - TRANSFER TO 27 MAINT PL

Camp

Copy to : 27 Maint Pl.

1. Spr TODD is at present an orderly on the strength of this Branch. He is a qualified carpenter & it is felt that his services could be utilised to greater advantage in the Maint Pl.

2. It is requested that action be instituted to transfer Spr. TODD to 27 Maint Pl where a vacancy exists for a Trade gp II Carpenter.

3. 27 Maint Pl is prepared to accept him.

Maj.
for Brig.
DE in C.

20 Mar 45.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS
NEW GUINEA FORCE

SSL 2432

86/2160

LOSS OF PACKAGES ex "BORTEKEO" " & "GORGON"

Q (Maint)

Copy to:
Camp

1. Enclosed are two loss reports by 27 Maint Pl on transhipment of stores and unit eqpt from HOLLANDIA - MOROTAI. Ref 29/45 and 30/45.

2. Despite DQ & QMG's direction re handling, shipping, checking and guarding Adv LHQ stores there appears to have been yet further mishandling, carelessness and disregard of instructions laid down, but it is realised that quite a lot of this confusion may have arisen through circumstances beyond control of camp.

3. It is requested that a check be made by camp QM or whoever was in charge of checking in of Adv LHQ stores and eqpt at MOROTAI to camp dump to establish if these packages were actually checked into camp dump from ship.

4. Tool cases were found to have been forced and looted when picked up by Maint Pl on arrival at Camp; vide report attached.

5. To date this unit losses in transit, despite every care in crating, branding and padlocking of eqpt is in the vicinity of £A200 mostly in almost irreplaceable tools and stores - which almostly completely nullifies their role in providing essential services and facilities for Adv LHQ Camp.

6. The most serious view is taken of these losses and thefts of essential eqpt by Engrs Branch and it is hoped that any future arrangements involving shipment of stores will be on a vastly improved organization.

K J Motion

Maj SCRE(S)
for Brig
DE in C

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RE 5.15/45

VX 107324 SGT. L.A. MARTIN.

C.

Copy to : 'A' Branch.
27 Maint Pl.

1. The a/m NCO has been posted to 27 Maint Pl; Queensland L of C Authority QCR/227/10/1527 of 5 Mar 45.

2. This NCO is urgently required due to the heavy commitment of the Maint Pl on work for which it was not designed, and it therefore needs its complete establishment.

3. He is at present held at 16 A.P.S.C.

Brig.
DE in C.

30 Mar 45.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS
NEW GUINEA FORCE

RE 86.122/45

LANDOPS

30 1600 I

LANDFORCES

DSC 315 • SECRET • OUTBOARD MOTORS ALL SIZES • required for LUKE ONE and LUKA TWO • advise first • number available excluding groups A and B • second • total weight and size for air movement

Col
31 Mar 45

IMMEDIATE

Float

LANDOPS 30 1040 I

FORLAND

DEC 314 . SECRET . ref DEC 307 of 262000I and GHQ letter A6411 of 21 Mar . provision engineer stores for OBOE ONE . bulk oil facilities . LANDOPS does NOT propose forward immediately detailed list stores required OBOE ONE . request FORLAND . firstly . ensure all necessary stores made available for stages one and two . stage two to include also all necessary stores as in DEC 307 of 262000I plus necessary tanker hose couplings for use either with submerged line or for a pipeline on existing jetty . secondly . forward as soon as possible to LANDOPS detailed list of stores being provided by USASOS . to assist FORLAND LANDOPS will forward detailed stores list later

Lt.Col
30 Mar 45.

Flot

42/1628

DE in C's Branch
Adv LHQ

ESL 2427

31 Mar 45

1 Aust CME (Wks)

Copy to : S in C LHQ.
CE 1 Aust Corps.

Subject : ENGINEER STORES : EXPLOSIVES
In accordance with ECS 5410 of 5 Mar 45 (not to you).

1. Attached hereto please find approved requisition on ESO, U.S. Forces, MOMOTAI, for -

Dynamite - Lbs 2,240

2. ESO approval has also been given for the delivery to MOMOTAI by air from "HugSec" by 15 Apr 45, of the following items -

1,000 Caps, blasting, non-electric No 8.
1,000 " " electric No.8

Branded RAF LANTOPS, ESL 2433.

3. Will 1 Aust CME (Wks) please arrange for collection and storage of items vide para 1, & collect stores vide para 2 on arrival.

4. Explosives will be held for CE 1 Aust Corp pending further instructions.

Capt SOME(S)
for Brig
DE in C

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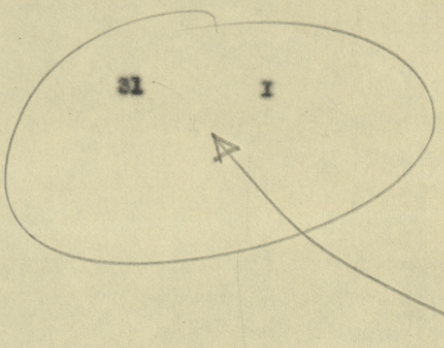
49B/2655

LANDOPS 31 I

LANDFORCES



what was the time (?)

ORE CORPS

ESL 2438 . SECRET . LUKE TWO TEMP FUELING BERTH . Ref DEC 275 of 220980I RE21341 of 241010K ESL2422 of 27 MAR para 4 and RE22936 of 271500K . RE21341 advises available MELBOURNE 20 APR . RE22936 advises all material available except buoy . cancel ESL 2422 para 4 and ship all available material ex mainland first available shipping NOT later than LUKE TWO base construction stores ESL 3379 of 10 MAR refers . confirm availability and advise when shipped . branding to be 2J over RAE over L2

Maj IMPORTANT

31 Mar 45.

FLOAT

RE 22.47/45

DE in C's Branch

31 Mar 45

Subject : MARSDEN MATTING - PIVA STRIP

Aust Engr LO,
OCE GHQ,
SWPA.

1. Ref RE 22.40/45 of 21 Mar 45.

2. Permission to lift mat was obtained by 2 Aust Corps from Comd U.S. Air Centre, BOUGANVILLE.

3. No action is being taken to obtain remainder of matting.

L Brig.
DE in C

NEW GUINEA FORCE
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RE 22.46/45

DE in C's Branch

31 Mar 45.

Subject : MARSDEN MATTING - PIVA STRIP

Ref : CEA 6448 of 280910K.

CE First Aust Army.

1. No action is required by this HQ re remainder of matting on PIVA STRIP.

Brig.
DE in C

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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NEW GUINEA FORCE

LANDOPS 31 1500 I

LANDFORCES

ONE CORPS

BSL 2426 . RESTRICTED . ref com order 84/488 of 24 jan 45 . cmnars tanks Op A stores . understand NOT shipped with Op A stores . please forward SUGAR TWO arcn earliest . required NLT later than LUKE TWO base constr stores . BSL 2378 of 10 mar 45 refers . advise

B S Scanlan Capt
31 Mar 45

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35/2666

DE in C's Branch

ADV LHQ
31 Mar 45

BSL 2441

1 Aust CE (Wks) for 1 ESBD

Copies to :

E in C LHQ
CE First Aust Army

Subject: Engineers Stores - Spare Parts Demand CEAS620

1. Herewith necessary copies of above demand received from First Aust Army on 31 Mar 45.

2. Will 1 Aust CE (Wks) please arrange supply.

3. Consign to 11 Aust CRE (Wks).

4. Brand RAE/CEAS620/PRIM.

5. Advise all concerned re despatch quoting CEAS620.

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Capt
for Brig
DE in C

Enclosures : 1 Aust CE (Wks) 3
E in C LHQ 1

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NEW GUINEA FORCE

77 A.

LANDOPS 31 1900 I

FIRST AUST ARMY

MILBASE SYDNEY MILBASE BRISBANE

LANDFORCES

MSL 2439 . restricted . please ensure LANDOPS on distribution list of monthly bridging returns . ack

Capt

31 Mar 45

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35/2633

LANDOPS 31 1900 I

LANDFORCES

FIRST AUST ARMY

TSL 2442 . restricted . RE 19[illegible] refers . CEA 3372 informs CEAS 100 local demand FAA . please cancel ESL 2377 and any further action

JAC Capt
31 Mar 45

IMPORTANT

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35/2833A

LAIDOPS 31 1600 I

LAIDFORCES

FIRST AUST ARMY

BSL 2440 * RESTRICTED . CMAS 6444 refers . your action please

FLOAT

Capt
31 Mar 45.

IMPORTANT

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42/2625

Deputy Engineer in Chief
Advance Land Headquarters

ESL 2433

30 March 1945

To:

Base G4 L.O.
31 Div
US Forces
MOROTAI

Subject: ENGINEERS STORES : SUPPLY OF EXPLOSIVES

1. In accordance with US A Engineer Liason Officer, Allied Land Forces Headquartersmemorandum (copy attached), approval is requested for the issue of the following items from US Engineer's Depot MOROTAI.

(a)	TNT 1 lb or ½ lb blocks	lbs	2240
(b)	Caps Blasting TETRYL Non electric	No	1000
(c)	Caps Blasting TETRYL Electric	No	1000

2. It is advised that the stores as requisitioned are urgently needed for operational action and early procurement would be appreciated.

3. This Headquarters will arrange to take delivery from US Engineers Depot.

Brigadier
Deputy Engineer-in-Chief
Advance Land Headquarters

FLOAT

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL AWM2020.71.1180

49B/2658

LANDOPS

31 0900 I

LANDFORCES

BSL 2435 . restricted . con order S4/313 of 22 mar 45 . LUKE ONE maintenance . BSL 2583 of 14 mar 45 refers to LUKE TWO maintenance . for which group are stores intended

R.W. Scanlon Capt
31 Mar 45.

FLOAT

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LANDOPS 31 1140 1

LANDFORCES

FIRST ARMY

DEC 319 . SECRET . american mech eqpt . your RE23819 refers . allotment ME pl from ~~DEC~~ CORPS NOT repeat NOT proper answer . your proposal amounts to sabotage of ops

Maj
31 Mar 45

Float

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LANDOPS 31 1140 I

FORLAND

DEC 318 . RESTRICTED . MAIL returning FORLAND sunday
1 apr

Maj
31 Mar 45

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