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Sheet No 1.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOROTAI	1 Nov 45		Report on operation OBOE SIX forwarded to ALFSEA and SME.	
			Lt-Col WHITEHOUSE, SORE I (Int), returned from engr int recce LESSER SUNDAS via DARWIN.	
			Schedules submitted to G (SD) with copy to 'Q' of staff required in this office until 30 Nov.	
			Instr issued to 28 Fd Coy on body snatching procedure to be followed in obtaining trades and duties to fill vacancies in RAE AMF for JAPAN, from details volunteering from MOROTAI.	
	2 Nov 45		E in C, HQ AMF, asked for clarification and direction re stores for JAPAN.	
			Issue of one 25 KVA lighting set authorised for 34 Inf Bde.	
			Rain during night 2/3 Nov will benefit roads in MOROTAI area appreciably.	
	3 Nov 45		E in C, HQ AMF, requested for a direction as regards the disposal of engr stores in this area to SEAC, BBCAU, NICA, Oil Coys, etc. Essential early advice received to effect economical and best disposal.	

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MOROTAI	3 Nov 45		RAE 1 Corps Tps authorised to dispose of engr stores to NICA & RNI "on payment".	
			E in C, Maj-Gen C S STEELE, awarded KERNOX MEMORIAL MEDAL for outstanding engineer achievements.	
			'A' Branch requested to obtain 100 bodies with specific trade qualifications where possible, for reinforcement RAE units on MOROTAI.	
	4 Nov 45		Request for att Maj D R CULLEN to 1 CRE (Wks) to understudy Lt-ColWALKER made to Mil Sec.	
			'A' Branch requested for mov of members of Engr Int Sec, which will have completed its work in this area by 8 Nov.	
			Recommendation for promotion to T/Maj, Capt K E ANDREWS, 2/11 A Tps Coy forwarded.	
			9,600 bags for cement requested LANDFORCES for LABUAN.	
			Engineer Stores "Accounting of Captured Enemy Stores and Plant" circulated to units under comd.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOROTAI	6 Nov 45		RAE OOB, Adv HQ AMF Comd, forwarded to E in C.	
			A33s and recommendation for promotion to T/Maj for Capt DOSSETOR, SORE 2	
			(S), submitted to Mil Sec.	
			Application made for mov Engr Recce Party for JAPAN, not before 8 Nov.	
			ETD MOROTAI 11 Nov.	
			11 Gp RAAF advised size of air strip at LANGOAN, size and condition	
			air strips at MAPANGET and LAHA.	
	6 Nov 45		Lt-Col McGOWAN, Capt BERRIMAN, Lt WILMOTT, CRE, Adjt and E&M Stores Offr	
			17 CRE (Wks) respectively, arrived 1430 hrs.	
	7 Nov 45		Weekly resume prepared.	
			Central heating system using standard Hot Water Boiler successfully	
			tested and OK.	
			E in C advised of arrival Col McGOWAN and party and ETD of engr recce	
			party for JAPAN ex MOROTAI as 11 Nov.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOROTAI	7 Nov 45		War Diary forwarded Aust Mil Hist Sec.	
	8 Nov 45		Authority for mov by air of Spr LAWSON F.C., typist, of this office,	
			requested from 'A'.	
			S & T advise further trouble with oil pipelines BALIKPAPAN, and RAE 7 Div	
			asked to report.	
			Instrs issued to Lt-Col WHITEHOUSE, Lt RUDD, re mov to AUST and duties	
			there in winding up Int Sec. CE,1 Aust CE (Wks), also asked to att	
			Lt-Col WHITEHOUSE and WO I GAMBLE, whilst they are in BRISBANE.	
			DDOS asked that machine trucks & tools ex 101 A Tps Coy be kept in	
			reserve pending arrival 13 A Tps Coy, to complete their W.E.T.	
	9 Nov 45		Drg of Mk II General Purpose Hut received from E in C. The design is	
			not considered adequate for conditions under which it will be used.	
			Att of Lt J T BELL, 17 CRE (Wks), to this office as LO requested.	
			'A' advised that Maj WHITE available for immediate release without replacement.	

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MOROTAI	9 Nov 45		Engr recce party for JAPAN departed by air 0600 hrs 9 Nov 45.	
	10 Nov 45		Maj L H WHITE marched out 1630 hrs to embark HMAS MURKA for mov to AUST and demobilization.	
			Advice received from E in C that he had recommended for incl in RAE OOB for JAPAN, one Corps Fd Pk Coy and two Welding Pls.	
	11 Nov 45		Armistice Day - 2 mins silence observed in the HQ at 1100 hrs. Generally quiet day and little incoming correspondence. HQ AMF closes down 1200 hrs on Sats.	
			'A' Branch advised surplus pers from this office available for release.	
			Recce report MANDAI airstrip MAKASSAR received from RAE 7 Div.	
			Further representations made to 'Q' for camp sites for 5 Mech Eqpt Coy.	
			Units circulated of principles to be followed re disposal of mech eqpt pending definite policy from HQ AMF.	
	12 Nov 45		E in C requires CE to mov to MELBOURNE after return 17 CRE (Wks) from TOKIO. Staff authority and priority requested from LANDFORCES.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOROTAI	12 Nov 45		CE First Army asked to sup details of deficiencies or surpluses of RAE OR volunteers for JAPAN , FAA area.	
			Further request submitted to 'A' for RAE reinfts (now 120) for units in MOROTAI.	
			Supplementary list of stores required for JAPAN ex LABUAN forwarded to RAE 9 Div.	
	13 Nov 45		Our ESL 4841 of 10 Nov in connection with disposal mech eqpt cancelled by direction E in C. The matter still however is obscure as no clear cut policy has yet been declared.	
			E in C advised particulars work required on MAKASSAR airstrip and that it is not considered beyond RAAF and/or AMF if shipping is available.	
			Recommendations for posting of officers in RAE AMF for JAPAN forwarded to Mil Sec.	
	14 Nov 45		Advice received from E in C in connection with disposal of engr stores.	

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There still remains certain points for clarification e.g. what do ALFSEA require?

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOROTAI	14 Nov 45		Weekly resume prepared.	
			RAE 7 Div asked time required for repairs to MANDAI airfd also shipping measurement of bitumen fuels etc required to be shipped to MAKASSAR.	
			Maj P S L COOPER marched out to GDD for return to AUST and demob.	
			Capt E DOSSETOR evacuated 2/9 AGH with dermatitus.	
	15 Nov 45		Weekly resume read at conference.	
			RAE 7 Div have now been given the task of repairing MANDAI airfd.	
			E in C advised that Q(Mov) LANDOPS, anticipate saving of 14 days in time of delivery of stores ex AUST, if they are shipped direct to TOKIO.	
			E in C asked for detailed list of items of stores and plant of American origin. This is necessary to expedite arrangements for disposal.	
			E in C also asked to reconsider the cancelling of our ESL 4841 as this is in accordance with staff directions and only logical approach to matter of disposal to date.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOROTAI	16 Nov 45		No signals received from E in C.	
			Cpl MUSGRAVE, engr stores clerk recommended for promotion to Sgt.	
			DGAD memo 144502 received covering disposal of stores in this area.	
			Number of points are vague and it is hoped they will be cleared up at	
			conference 0900 hrs, 17 Nov, with CDC and other service reps.	
	17 Nov 45		CE, E1, & S, attended conference convened by CDC reps Messrs SABEY & BOWES	
			and DGAD disposal rep Lt-Col GOYNE. Extremely satisfactory and a	
			clear and simple policy will evolve if clarification on disposal lend-	
			lease eqpt obtained. CE with these reps later visited mech eqpt and	
			stores parks to inspect types of surpluses.	
			Col 'Q' advised at conference, present estimated dates/evacuation of AMF from	
			TARAKAN as 31 Jan, LABUAN end of Feb, BALIKPAPAN approx 15 Apr.	
	18 Nov 45		'Q' asked to have engr stores for JAPAN ex LABUAN and BALIKPAPAN called	
			forward at earliest.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOROTAI	18 Nov 45		CE & El inspected modified Mk II Hut and improvised oil burning heating stove. Both satisfactory and design of hut being submitted to E in C.	
	19 Nov 45		Col McGOWAN signalled to advise his ETA MOROTAI from JAPAN.	
			Labour constants for erection Steele Br Mk II forwarded to E in C.	
			Further delay and procrastination in regard to matter of disposals in this area. There still has been no clear cut procedure enunciated, and to prepare any useful instructions for tps in the firld is out of the question.	
	20 Nov 45		Engr Depot Location statement forwarded to E in C.	
			Letter received from ALFSEA referring to sig 2674 RE of 7 Nov purporting to contain ALFSEA requirements of engr stores. This signal NOT received this HQ and sig despatched requesting repeat.	
	21 Nov 45		Position re disposals still obscure, but some action can now be taken in regard to mech eqpt.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOROTAI	21 Nov 45		Details of bulk oil stores etc held in areas of this comd forwarded to E in C.	
			Deficiencies in engr tradesmen for RAE units for JAPAN advised to 'A' as 109 and recommendations that 150 tradesmen volunteers from FAA and BORNEO be moved to MOROTAI to fill existing vacancies and meet anticipated wastage.	
	22 Nov 45		Recommendation submitted for promotion to WO II of S/Sgt BURNS, Chief Clerk.	
			Details of stores for JAPAN held in depots in BORNEO and for which mov is required to MOROTAI for concentration, submitted to 'Q'.	
			Weekly resume read at conference..	
			The fire and counter-fire in reference to policy and procedure for disposals of surplus stores has now reached a stage that it is completely incomprehensible.	
	23 Nov 45		Drg of modified design of Mk II Hut for use in JAPAN forwarded to E in C, as "constructive suggestions".	

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Date and Time.—From: 1 NOV, 1945 To: 30 NOV, 1945

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOROTAI	23 Nov 45		CE signalled E in C suggesting he be called forward to MELBOURNE forthwith.	
	24 Nov 45		'Q' conference on Disposals attended by CE, E1, & SORE (S) - still no action can be taken. CDC reps expected to return to MOROTAI, Sun, 25 Nov.	
			E in C recommended to incl in engr stores for JAPAN, 3 free chlorine pressure injectors for water purification.	
			150 copies ES 62 requested from E in C.	
			Units advised that all mech eqpt not required for current use to be transferred to RAE Depots and treated for prolonged storage before placing under adequate coverage.	
	25 Nov 45		E in C, LANDFORCES, again asked to call CE forward or advise.	
			Instrs for new office procedure published and all signals in future will be prefixed by RE, as from 260001I Nov 45.	
			RAE AMFORCE and 2/13 FD COY advised to apply for disbandment of pls 5 Mech Eqpt Coy att and absorb pers and eqpt.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOROTAI	25 Nov 45		Units advised to prepare all D7 and D8 tractors and No 12 Autopatrols for anticipated return to AUST.	
	26 Nov 45		Communications despatched RE 101 - RE 115 excl RE 108.	
			New office procedure established and ref numbers of all correspondence sigs, etc., are prefixed by RE. SD approved and subordinate units advised.	
			Units advised that all outstanding demands for stores ex AUST are to be cancelled, unless they otherwise advised.	
			Recommendation for promotion to Sgt of Cpl MUSGRAVE and S/Sgt BURNS to WO II submitted.	
			Additional stores required from RAE 7 Div and RAE 9 Div for Aust Forces for JAPAN advised to respective HQs.	
	27 Nov 45		Communications out RE 116 to 134 incl, less RE 119.	
			Demand for T & G machine for 13 A Tps Coy forwarded E in C.	

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MOROTAI	27 Nov 45		Comd and Location of RAE units under comd forwarded to E in C.	
			LANDFORCES SD approval received for CE to proceed to MELBOURNE for	
			discussions with E in C on disposal matters.	
	28 Nov 45		Communications out RE 136 to 144 incl.	
			Cpl BINGLE recommended for promotion to Sgt.	
			Further conference on Disposals attended by CE, E1, & S. Draft instrs	
			considered and should be satisfactory when published.	
	29 Nov 45		Communications out RE 148 to 157 incl.	
			Weekly resume read at conference.	
			Draft appendix for RAE surpluses to 'Q' LANDOPS instr on disposals,	
			forwarded to AQMG Maint.	
			Recommendation from FORLAND TOKIO for incl a Corps Fd Pk Coy less E & M	
			pl, received. E in C advised posn re eqpt and pers and asked to advise.	
			Enquiries by units for cost prices of items of eqpt re negotiations for	
			disposal referred to E in C.	

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MOROTAI	30 Nov 45		E in C advised to cancel all stores on outstanding demands and awaiting shipment this area except stores for JAPAN.	
			Further request made to E in C to supply tongue and grooving machine for 13 A Tps Coy.	
			Approval given transfer further items mech eqpt & engr stores to NICA at TARAKAN. 2/13 Fd Coy advised.	
			Engr Int Recce Report Central and SW CELEBES by Capt GREGORY, SORE 3 Int, forwarded to E in C.	
			Communications out RE 158 to 179 incl.	

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DEMOBILIZATION.

"G" Branch, (SD)
Adv HQ AMF.

Ref AQ 408 of 30 Oct 45.

In accordance with para 7 of the above-mentioned memo, the following attached Appendices are submitted:

Appendix "A" - Officers required in the office of the E in C, until 30 NOV 45.

Appendix "B" - Other Ranks required in the office of the E in C, until 30 NOV 45.

Appendix "C" - Nominal Roll of pers to be retained indefinitely.

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for Col.
Chief Engineer.

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OFFICERS REQUIRED IN THE OFFICE OF THE E IN C, ADV HQ ANF. UNTIL 30 NOV 45

No.	Rank.	Name.	Demob points	Posting	Duties	Remarks
VX 164	Lt-Col(T/Col)	J G WILSON	268	Chief Engineer	RAE policy & planning.	A333 submitted for retention. Could probably be replaced by a Lt-Col in DEC '45.
VX 46722	Maj	A G ROBERTSON	246	SORE I	Executive officer and assistant to CE.	A333 submitted for retention till 15 JAN '46.
SX 24198	Capt	D F COLLINS	200	SORE 2	Advice concerning Corps of RAE.	A333 submitted for retention till 15 JAN 46.
NX 53578	Capt	E DOSSETOR	279	SORE 2 (S)	General engr stores matters.	Member of the PMF.
NX 102081	Capt	A R TAYLOR	150	SORE 3 (S)	Assistant to SORE2(S)	
VX 114171	Lt	I R O DEAN	184	SORE 3 (W)	General engr works matters.	A333 submitted for retention till 15 DEC '45.

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APPENDIX "B" to RE 9A.37

OTHER RANKS required in the Office of the E in C, ADV HQ AMF.
UNTIL 30 NOV 45

No.	Rank.	Name.	Demob Points	Posting	Duties	Remarks
NX 147695	S/Sgt	BURNS B C	136	Chief clerk	Responsible for files, filing, system, & supervision of typists and registry.	
NX 48409	Sgt	FOWLER L A	144	Draughtsman		
NX 126298	Cpl	ETHERINGTON J	176	Registry clerk	Filing & indexing incoming and outgoing correspondence	A333 for retention till 15 DEC, submitted.
NX 136842	Cpl	MUSGRAVE J K	130	Stores clerk	(Filing, shipping records & (compilation of stores	
WX 25309	Spr	WORTLEHOCK E A	142	" "	(returns.	
SX 20911	Cpl	WHITE G B	130	Typist	-	
VX 126286	Cpl	ANGELETTO S W	168	Typist	-	May be released forthwith subject to replacement being made available.
VX 139571	L/Cpl	HIDE N F	171	Runner	-	" " "
NX 113787	Cpl	BINGLE RC	142	Clerk	Assistant to SOsRE, officer records & assistant registry clerk.	~~May be released forthwith subject to replacement being made available.~~

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APPENDIX "C" to RE 9A.37

NOMINAL ROLL OF PERS TO BE RETAINED IN THE OFFICE OF THE E IN C, ADV HQ AMF INDEFINITELY

No	Rank	Name	Posting	Duties	Remarks
NX 53578	Capt	E DOSSETER	SORE 2 (S)	General engr ~~duties~~ stores matters	Member of the PMF.

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Office of the Engineer in Chief.

ADV HQ AMF.

1 Nov 45.

ADV HQ AMF RAE WEEKLY RESUME NO 35

PART I - RAE

1. ENGR INT SEC

(a) Engr recces of the following areas of Adv HQ AMF comd, have now been completed and reports are being collated.

(i) LESSER SUNDAS - Lt Col WHITEHOUSE, SORE I (Int).

(ii) AMBON - Lt A E RUDD, SORE III (Int).

(iii) DUTCH N.G. (SORONG, SARMI, BABO to KEKWA, and MANAKWARI - MOMI) - Lt E T J COOK, 5 Mech Eqpt Coy.

(iv) HALMAHERA GROUP - Capt DOSSETER, SORE II (Stores).

(b) Capt C E GREGORY, SORE III (Int), is conducting an engr recce in the SOUTH CELEBES.

(c) Movement of officers:

(i) Lt-Col WHITEHOUSE ETA MOROTAI from TIMOR, via DARWIN, 1 Nov.

(ii) Lt RUDD returned MOROTAI from AMBON 28 Oct.

(d) Reports:

Collation of reports on the above recces, other reports from formations and data from Allied Geographical studies, is proceeding.

2. AMF FOR JAPAN

(a) 17 CRE (Wks).

(i) CRE, Lt-Col J M McGOWAN, with two officers, one WO II draughtsman and two clerks, are to proceed to JAPAN as engr recce party for BRITISH COMMONWEALTH FORCE. Lt-Col McGOWAN in command.

(ii) Early advice of Lt-Col McGOWAN's ETA MOROTAI is expected from First Army.

(b) 28 Fd Coy.

(i) OC, Maj H S HARPER, scheduled to leave BRISBANE by air 28 Oct, has not yet arrived this area.

(ii) Adv party of 3 offrs and 113 ORs from BALIKPAPAN disembarked MOROTAI 28 Oct, and at present preparing camp site at RED BEACH.

(iii) Names of officers with adv party:-
Maj D R CULLEN, A/OC.
Capt H W ROUSE
Lt L D DUNSMORE

(c) 13 A Tps Coy.

(i) Adv party of 2 offrs and 57 ORs of the WEWAK detachment disembarked MOROTAI 29 Oct, and at present preparing camp site at RED BEACH.

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(ii) Names of officers with adv party:
Capt B D COOPER
Lt L W TROUT

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3. RAE REDUNDANT UNITS

Those units to be declared redundant under Phase II, have now been fixed, but further declarations can be expected in respect of units under command 9 Div, after the RAE personnel required for winning timber for JAPAN is known.

4. ACCIDENT - SAWMILL MOROTAI

The death of WX 12737 S/Sgt LILLEY C F, 1 Pl 2/3 Forestry Coy, occurred on 24 Oct as a result of an accident at the sawmill at MOROTAI. S/Sgt LILLEY was assisting in unloading logs from a transporter and a log rolled off and crushed him. He died at 2/9 AGH some three hours after the accident occurred.

PART II - WORKS

Sec I. - FIRST AUST ARMY

1. 3 Aust Div, BOUGAINVILLE.

(a) Normal maintenance.

(b) Liberty wharf 50 %.

2. 6 Aust Div, WEWAK.

(a) Big Road open.

(b) Normal maintenance.

3. 11 Aust Div, RABAUL.

(a) 105 CCS complete.

(b) 118 AGH; EDC 10 Nov.

(c) VUNAKANAU Airstrip extension - South 100%. North 70 %.

Sec II. - Adv HQ AMF Comd

4. BALIKPAPAN.

(a) Sealing SEPOELOEH Road 80 %.

(b) Construction of Broadcasting Station 5 %.

5. LABUAN.

(a) Transport strip 5,000 ft serviceable, routine maintenance continued.

(b) Bomber strip EDC 13 Nov, dependant on weather. Major WHITE reports that strip will be usable 6 Nov, despite weather.

(c) Slipway BROOKETON complete.

(d) LAWAS sawmill output for week 38,430 super feet.

(e) Sawmills at LUMADEN, BEAUFORT, and KIMANI; total output for week 26,600 super feet.

(f) Oil line to Liberty wharf complete.

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PART II - WORKS (Cont)

6. MOROTAI

(a) Other Ranks and Officers Clubs.

Additions and alterations proceeding, EDC 7 Nov.
ORs Club in continuous use, Officers Club usable.
Maintenance of plant has been detailed and accepted as an AEME responsibility.

(b) 34 Aust Inf Bde Accm.

Progress not up to schedule, due to reduction in availability of working parties.

(c) General road maintenance continues.

(d) Wharves.

Windy weather on 26 Oct caused extensive damage to Nos 1 and 2 docks.
Repairs to No 1 Dock EDC 30 Oct.
Repairs to No 2 Dock EDC 10 Nov, subject to no further bad weather in the interim.

(e) Broadcasting Station 26 KVA stand-by set EDC 1 Nov.

7. MAKASSAR

Nothing to report.

8. AMBON

(a) Repair of oil tanks and pipe lines 50 %.

(b) LAHA airstrip can now take C47 aircraft. It is thought that strip will be able to handle heavier aircraft early in Nov.

9. TIMOR

(a) Repair to main routes KOEPANG Town Area 55 %.

(b) Repair of 3 bridges KOEPANG - TENAN Road 75 %.

(c) Barge unloading facilities TENAM beach - Nil.

(d) General maintenance.

PART III - ENGINEER STORES

1. SHIPPING IN

MOROTAI - MERRIMAN ex Aust 1400 tons (M)

TARAKAN - PHILADELPHIA ex MOROTAI 64 tons (M)

2. SHIPPING OUT

MOROTAI to TARAKAN - PHILADELPHIA - 64 tons (M)

3. REQUIREMENTS AMF FOR JAPAN

(a) Arrangements made for shipment of stores ex BORNEO to MOROTAI, as follows :-

ex LABUAN	550 tons (M)
ex BALIKPAPAN	550 tons (M)
	1,100 tons (M)

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PART III - ENGINEER STORES (Cont)

3. (b) It may be necessary for RAE 9 Div to mill 30,000 super feet of timber per week and concentrate it at LABUAN for subsequent shipment to MOROTAI. This is additional to the 550 tons of general stores mentioned above.

(c) 1 CRE (Wks) has been instructed to place into reserve for Aust Force JAPAN, 20,000 super feet per week ex MOROTAI saw mill production.

4. GENERAL.

Stores position all areas unchanged.

J. G Wilson

(J G WILSON) Col.
Chief Engineer.

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RE 155.9

Office of the E in C.
ADV HQ AMF.

CHANGES OF POSTINGS AND PROMOTIONS - OFFICERS RAE 7 DIV.

VX 100072 LT M CASON (D) 21 FD COY; TX5652 LT R R McGIE (D) 2/11 FD COY

Mil Sec.
ADV HQ AMF.

Ref your minute attached HQ 7 Div memo AG 7574 of 22 Oct.

1. The aspect of supercession has again been examined as regards the promotion to T/Capt of the above two officers, as Adm Comd of ... (D) 21 Fd Coy and (D) 2/9 Fd Coy, respectively. Appx "A" attached, shows the lieutenants in the RAE (Fd) list for Adv HQ AMF comd, senior to Lts CASON and McGIE and gives the explanation why they were not considered for these appointments.

2. The promotions are considered necessary on the following grounds :-

(a) Although these two units have been declared redundant, they are still functioning in the field and may continue to do so for sometime.

(b) Under the demob plan a unit strength is likely to be increased to 150 % of its T.E. with high priority demob personnel, for return to the mainland. It would be very difficult for a lieutenant to command over 350 men and it is considered not in the best interests of the service to ask a lieutenant to do so.

(c) Lts McGIE and CASON are the two most senior and suitable officers available to Adm Comd of the two units mentioned above.

3. Accordingly and under the terms of DAMS 277 of 7 Oct, it is certified that in the interests of the service the promotion to T/Capt of Lts CASON and McGIE in the appointments proposed, is necessary and is recommended.

2 Nov 45.

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(J G WILSON) Col.
Chief Engineer.

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APPENDIX "A" to RE 155.9

Serial	Army No	Rank	Name	Unit	Reason for NOY being recommended
1	NX 77173	Lt	W R HARDY	(D) 14 FD COY	This officer is being recommended, by CRE 9 DIV, for posting 2 i/c 18 FD COY, and his A33s will be submitted.
2	NX 120648	Lt	J J DOBBINS	(D) 2/16 FD COY	This officer desires release to promotion, and CRE 9 DIV is submitting a special report under GRO 280/44, para 27(b), through comd channels to this effect.
3	VX 100062	Lt	K W BLACK	(D) HQ RAE 7 DIV	CRE 7 DIV in a special report under GRO 280/44, para 27(b), (HQ RAE 7 DIV A/61/2869 of 15 Oct to 7 Div), states that this officer, who is otherwise suitable for promotion, has expressed his desire for early release rather than promotion.
4	VX 100064	Lt	W L IRWIN	(D) 2/4 FD COY	CRE 7 DIV in a special report under GRO 280/44, para 27(b), (HQ RAE 7 DIV A/62/2870 of 15 Oct 45 to 7 DIV), states :- "This officer has only been under my command for a short period and to date has not shown sufficient ability to justify a recommendation for promotion to Captain. I am not prepared to recommend his promotion at present."
5	VX 100063	Lt	I W DENNISS	(D) 2/25 FD PK COY	CRE 7 DIV in a special report under GRO 280/44, para 27(b), (HQ RAE 7 DIV A/61/2471 of 15 Oct to 7 DIV), states that this officer lacks the ability and assurance to carry out the duties of a higher rank. His diffidence and nervousness make him suitable only for limited postings in his present rank.
6	VX 100065	Lt	F K RABLING	18 FD COY	This officer is being recommended by CRE 9 DIV for posting of Fd Engr 18 FD COY, and his A33s will be submitted

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RE 148,178

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LANDFORCES

DEC 403 unclassified . gen STEELE from WILSON . your RE 89526 accommodation in JAPAN . one . we will prepare and forward demand for 2400 RAAF on same basis as my RSL 4748 of 27 oct which assumes barracks available . two . have you received RSL 4748 and RSL 4742 . three . latest information here whether our component will be in barracks is FORLAND TOKIO signal CA 441 of 13 oct . which quote . anticipated AUST forces will be accommodated in buildings . unquote . no later confirmation of this and in my opinion position still very vague . four . will pass information in your RE 89526 to MCGOWAN but am NOT able to brief MCGOWAN especially concerning engineer recce for british commonwealth force exclusive AMF and RAAF refer LANDFORCES SD 88630 of 30 oct . five . MCGOWAN ETD for LAE to MOROTAI 3 nov refer FIRST ARMY SD9430 . Suggest immediate staff direction MCGOWANS brief in clarification of SD 88630 . alternatively MCGOWAN

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SHEET 4 OF DEC 405

can hopefully seek information on arrival in TOKIO .
six . consider addition of one corps field park
company to R.E. OOB for JAPAN absolutely essential

Col.
3 Nov 45.

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ESL 4787

3 Nov 45.

HQ RAE 1 CORPS TPS
TARAKAN

Copies to:
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CRM Adv HQ AMF
Col (CA) Adv HQ AMF
Office of E in C, HQ AMF.

DISPOSAL OF ENGR STORES TO NICA AND RNI FORCES

Further to my signal ESL 4774 of 30 Oct concerning disposal of engineer stores at TARAKAN.

1. In view of the possibility of the withdrawal of all Australian troops from TARAKAN, it is desirable that you should dispose of any stores that will not be required by the AMF at TARAKAN. When the date of evacuation is more definitely known, you will be able to estimate more accurately your requirements.

I understand that NICA at TARAKAN are anxious to acquire many of the stores held in your engr depot.

2. This letter is the authority of this HQ for you to issue to NICA or RNI Forces any of the engr stores items as follows :

(a) Engr stores as per stock return of 10 Oct 45.

(b) Bridging Eqpt as per stocks return of 10 Oct 45.

(c) Engr stores since shipped to you ex MOROTAI per "CITY OF PHILADELPHIA", as per AAF 27 No SA/66 of 22 Oct.

except those items enumerated below, which are to be shipped to MOROTAI when no longer required at TARAKAN -

(i)	Vocab B129/1 to B129/9	-	Bits wood borer.
(ii)	" B584/1 to B594/7	-	Stocks and dies.
(iii)	" P615/5	-	Pump sets, centrifugal 2"
(iv)	" W107/5	-	Wire, steel 8 g.
(v)	" C585/1 to C585/7	-	Empty gas cylinders.
(vi)	" R55/15 to R45/3	-	Refrigerators.
(vii)	" C7/11 to C7/3	-	Refrigerant Gases.
(viii)	" O29/2	-	Oil refrigerator.

3. When you make issues to NICA or RNI Forces AA Form S27 I.T.V. will be used, endorsed "ON REPAYMENT" and will be signed by the appropriate officer of NICA or RNI Forces. If the stores issued are broken or damaged so as to reduce their remaining life, you will estimate percentage of remaining life and state this on the AA Form S27.

Please distribute copies of S27 as laid down in my letter ESL 4745 of 26 Oct.

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4. I understand that the CO NICA at TARAKAN is Capt JENZER, and that he has been instructed to contact you concerning acquisition of engineer stores under your control.

5. It is regretted that the basis of price for settlements is not known, but we are endeavouring to ascertain this information so that your negotiations would be facilitated.

6. This letter is an authority to dispose above mentioned stores to NICA and/or RNI Forces, but is not to be construed as an authority to dispose stores to any other authority such as oil companies or private individuals. We have no authority to sell stores to these latter until disposals Commission arrive.

7. Please acknowledge.

(J.C. WILSON) Col.
Chief Engineer.

Approved by Coe 'D'
before despatch

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Advanced AMF.
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ESL 4792

3 Nov 45.

Maj Gen C S Steele,
E in C,
HQ AMF.

Subject : DISPOSAL OF ENGR STORES

1. In my opinion, it is most desirable to start immediate action to dispose of surplus engineer stores in this area for the following reasons :-

(a) There are now ready buyers available, such as SEAC, BBCAU, RNI Forces, NICA, Oil Coys, and private individuals.

(b) Many of these buyers will shortly cease to be buyers, because, due to the uncertainty of purchases from AMF, they will have ordered their requirements from other sources, such as US Engineers in the Philippines, and civilian firms in Australia or England.

(c) As a result of (b), there will soon cease to be a ready market for many of our engineer stores in this area. As results, there will be financial loss to the Commonwealth, and RAE detachments will have to remain behind for months to safeguard AMF stores.

2. I realise that there are many factors affecting this problem, some of which are :-

(a) Preference to SEAC, and procrastination and evasion by them in stating what they want. Although it is abundantly clear that they will want only minor portions of many of the commodities we hold.

(b) What stores are required to be returned to Australia, and what not.

(c) What is the basis of price for sales to NICA, Oil Coys, private individuals, etc. Without this, it is very difficult to make any negotiations.

(d) Stores required for JAPAN.

(e) Disposals Commission activities.

3. Nevertheless, it appears to me that many points of policy and detail can be fixed now, and I would instance:-

(a) The return to Australia of mech eqpt (ref your RE 86562, and my ESL 4733 of 23 Oct, to which there has been no reply).

(b) The return to Australia of mines, in reference to which please refer to my signal ESL 4773 and your office reply RE 89480. As far as we are concerned, RE 89480 is quite unsatisfactory because it does not answer ESL 4773, nor give authority from HQ AMF to dump the mines. In my opinion, a 'Q' or MGO direction from HQ AMF is required.

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3. (c) The distribution of a priced vocabulary of engineer stores, which would appear to be the basis for any sale. Also this would greatly facilitate preliminary negotiations with prospective buyers (please refer my ESL 4763, to which we await reply).

It may be argued that some of above matters are purely the concern of Finance and the Disposals Commission, and not of RAE, but RAE are definitely involved indirectly to see that some millions of pounds worth of engineer stores are disposed of promptly, and at proper prices. Furthermore, authorities do exist to issue or dispose stores to SEAC, BBCAU, RNI Forces, and NICA, and in this respect the action is primarily by RAE.

4. To start something moving, I have just issued letter ESL 4787 of 3 Nov (copy to you) concerning stores at TARAKAN.

5. Recommendations

To permit the disposal of stores, I recommend the following early action by your office :-

(a) Promulgate a list showing, in respect to all engineer stores, what are desired to be returned to Australia and what are NOT. All stores must be in one category, or the other.

(b) Arrange to have issued the necessary staff authority for the dumping of serviceable mines and explosive which are not required back in Australia, provided they are not required by SEAC or RNI Forces.

(c) Send this office, up to six copies of a priced vocabulary of engineer stores, to facilitate disposal to BBCAU, RNI Forces and NICA, and to assist preliminary negotiations for sales to other authorities.

(d) Arrange to have issued through staff or finance channels, the price basis, based on the priced vocabulary, for disposals to BBCAU, RNI Forces and NICA, and if possible to other authorities. Presumably this will be vocabulary price plus some arbitary percentages.

(e) Removal of the restriction on disposals to BBCAU, RNI Forces and NICA, which is imposed by second part of your RE 74829 of 15 Oct. This, in my opinion, is too cumbersome as it is impossible for us to ascertain from SEAC what they want and what they do not want. The only practical answer appears to be for this office to decide what we think SEAC may want.

6. These are all the aspects of this rather involved subject that occur to me, but there may well be others.

(J G WILSON) Col.
Chief Engineer.

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Office of the Engineer in Chief

ADV HQ,
AMF,
4 Nov 45.

CE, ADV HQ

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E in C, MACDHA.
DMI
COMD TIMFORCE.

TIMOR ISLAND

Report on Engr Aspects

Supplementary Note to Reports Nos 1 & 2

1. Reports Nos 1 & 2 of the Engr aspects of TIMOR dealt only with those regions that it was possible to visit during the recent recce period.

2. A series of Annotated Jap maps ~~were~~ was obtained from GOC 48 Jap Div giving considerable details of rds, brs, landing beaches, potential airfields, parachute landing places etc throughout the island of TIMOR.

3. Similar maps that were received from other parts of this Jap Comd and which were tested were found to be reliable; so that all this data should be valuable.

4. These and other relative documents have been submitted to DMI for translation. This may take some time to complete; but when they are ready and distributed by DMI they will complete the data on Engr aspects of TIMOR in so far as it is possible to do so at this stage.

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Lt-Col
(F.M. WHITEHOUSE)
SCRE I (Int)
for Colonel
Chief Engineer.

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RE 139.511

Office of the E in C
Adv HQ AMF.

TX 2022 Lt-Col(T/Col) J M McGOWAN - RETENTION OF RANK OF T/COL.

Mil Sec
Adv HQ AMF.

1. Further to the discussion of the above of Col HURLEY and Col WILSON, 0930 hrs 4 Nov.

2. To expedite advice to this HQ, it would be appreciated if you would despatch a signal on the following lines:

To : LANDFORCES

From : LANDOPS

MS unclassified . understaad from engineer signals C in C agrees in principle that Lt-Col McGOWAN 17 CRE WKS to retain colonelcy . please expedite authority as McGOWAN due MOROTAI today and will depart for TOKIO in about 2 days time

IMPORTANT

3. A copy of the engineer signal referred to above is attached.

Maj.
for Col.
Chief Engineer.

4 Nov 45.

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2 Nov 45.

ESL 4786

HQ RAE 7 DIV	(3)
HQ RAE 9 DIV	(3)
HQ RAE 1 CORPS TPS	(2)
1 CRE (WKS)	(2)
RAE TIMOR FORCE	(2)
RAE AMBON FORCE	(2)
RAE MAKASSAR FORCE	(2)

Copies for infm to :
'Q' Branch, Adv HQ AMF
CPM, Adv HQ AMF.
Office of E in C, HQ AMF.

Subject : ENGINEER STORES - ACCOUNTING OF CAPTURED ENEMY STORES & PLANT.

1. Attached hereto is copy of Adv HQ AMF ADM INSTN NO 51, AQ 324 of 9 Jul 45.

2. If not already done, action will be taken immediately to have Jap engr stores and plant (e.g. generating sets, pumps, rollers, etc.,) fully accounted for as laid down in Instn No 51.

3. Separate bin tally cards will be used to record receipts, issues, and stock holdings. Method of issue will be as laid down for normal engr stores.

4. Issues of these stores to RAN, RAAF, UK FORCES, BBCAU, US FORCES, RNI FORCES, NICA, AACS, PHILANTHROPIC BODIES, will be dealt with in accordance with our instn ESL 4745 of 26 Oct.

5. You will prepare covering AAF S27's (ITVs) for all stores and plant already issued to, or taken over by, any of the above authorities, and forward copies of these S27's, with consolidated schedules of such issues, to CPM Adv HQ AMF, Office of E in C HQ AMF, and Office of E in C Adv HQ AMF, as at 30 Nov.

6. Issues made to Public Coys, private individuals, etc., are 'chargeable'. Notify this office particulars of stores, plant, etc., already issued to, or taken over by, public coys, individuals, etc., and we will advise what action you are to take to acquit these transactions.

7. Action, as required in para 6, will be completed prior to preparation of Nov returns of issues to other services. This office will be advised of actual date of completion.

8. Please ack.

J. G. Wilson

(J G WILSON) Col.
Chief Engineer.

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Allied Land Forces

Southwest Pacific Area

Advanced LHQ
AQ 324
9 Jul 45.

Adv LHQ Administration Instruction No 51

Subject: Accounting for Enemy Property and Requisitioning of Civilian Property in OBOE Operations

Enemy Property

1. Property of the Japanese Armed Forces or of the Japanese Government or any Japanese public authority recovered in areas occupied by the AMF will be treated as booty. It becomes the property of the Commonwealth, and not of the individual member or the unit taking it into possession.

2. Where a reasonable doubt exists as to whether Japanese property is public or private property, it will be treated as public property (i.e., as booty) until the contrary is proved.

3. Captured enemy equipment will be disposed of as directed by GROs 473/43 and G 238/44, All other booty will be dealt with as prescribed in the following paras.

4. Japanese machinery and equipment erected in sites of any oilfields will not be dismantled except under the orders of a Div or Bde Comd., who will only give permission for it to be dismantled for urgent operational reasons.

5. (a) All other Japanese materials and supplies which fall within the category of booty will be collected and where practicable, delivered as soon as possible to nearest Eng, S&T, Ord or Salvage depot or dump, as may be appropriate, by the unit occupying the area in which the materials and supplies are. In the event of large quantities of supplies or stores being captured it may be more practicable to place a guard and the appropriate Service personnel at this site, than to attempt to move the booty to a Service dump, An inventory of it will be made at the depot or dump and the materials and supplies taken on charge.

(b) Where there is no appropriate Service dump or depot, the unit recovering the materials and supplies will collect them into one salvage dump and make an inventory by appropriate classifications - e.g., engineer stores, ordnance stores, miscellaneous .

(c) As soon as completed, the unit making the inventory will forward a copy through normal channels to the appropriate Base Sub Area.

6. (a) After being taken on charge, the materials and supplies may be issued for Army purposes in the normal manner.

(b) If any of the materials and supplies are required by BBCAU or NICA, the Div Comd or any service representative authorised by him may approve of the issue of all or part of the requirements of BBCAU or NICA, as the case may be.

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Private Property

7. Subject to paras 9, 10 and 11 of this Instruction, private property of civilians will not be taken or requisitioned except through BBCAU or NICA, as the case may be.

8. (a) Notwithstanding para 7, in the case of urgent operational necessity, a Div or Bde Comd may authorise the requisitioning of private property.

(b) An inventory of the property so requisitioned will be made, recording the nature, description, quantity and condition of the property, and the name of the owner, where known, or where the name is not known, the location of the property at the time of requisitioning.

(c) A copy of the inventory will be forwarded forthwith to BBCAU or NICA, as the case may be.

9. In all other cases, requisitions for private property will be submitted to BBCAU or NICA, as the case may be, which will take the necessary action to complete the requisition and make the property available to the unit for which it is requisitioned.

10. Where it is necessary to remove private property which has been damaged during the course of Operations, the property will be treated as salvage and will be collected in a salvage dump. It may be issued from the salvage dump as required by any of the Services or by BBCAU or NICA as the case may be.

11. Where practicable and the property can be readily identified, an inventory will be made giving the description, quantity and condition of the property, the name of the owner, if known, and the location in which the property was. A copy of the inventory will be forwarded to BBCAU or NICA, as the case may be.

(Sgd.) V. C. Secombe Brigadier.
Deputy Adjutant and Quartermaster General.

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LHQ	(3)
1 Aust Corps	(10)
1 Base Sub Area	(2)
7 Base Sub Area	(6)
8 Base Sub Area	(6)

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RE 139.501

Office of the E in C
Adv HQ AMF.

APPOINTMENT OF OC 2/11 A TPS COY : MX118216 CAPT K.E. ANDREWS -
(D) 2 FD COY

Ref Mil Sec, HQ AMF 140159 of 25 Oct 45.

Mil Sec
ADV HQ AMF

Copy to:
E in C, HQ AMF
1 CRS (Wks).

1. All the Captains senior to Capt ANDREWS, on the RAE (Wks) list of Adv HQ AMF comd, were considered before this officer was recommended for the above appointment and Appx 'A' attached, sets out the reasons why they were not recommended for it.

2. In reference to Capt J.B. SLEE see serial 5 Appx 'A', the reasons why ANDREWS was chosen for 2/11 A Tps Coy in preference to SLEE are as follows:-

(a) 2/11 A Tps Coy is engaged on important work and required urgently the best OC available, due to the poor condition of the Coy.

(b) Information was available about ANDREWS, but little was known of SLEE, who had only just come to this comd from AUSTRALIA.

(c) It was considered that another appointment would soon be available where SLEE could be tried as an OC.

When the reply is received to your MS 1622 of 1 Nov, it is proposed to recommend SLEE as OC 101 A Tps Coy at AMBON.

3. The appointment of Capt ANDREWS to command 2/11 A Tps Coy is still considered necessary then, for the following reasons;

(a) he is the most senior suitable officer with the particular regimental and technical ability required for the Commander of 2/11 A Tps Coy.

(b) he has actually taken over command from Maj A.G.BOND since his arrival at the Coy, vide your signal MS899 of 11 Oct 45 and it would not be in the best interests of the unit to post another officer to command it now.

(c) 2/11 A Tps Coy is likely to continue in its present role for some time.

4. Accordingly and under the terms of DAMS 277 of 7 Oct it is certified that, in the interests of the service the appointment and promotion to the rank of T/Maj of Capt K E ANDREWS as OC 2/11 A Tps Coy, is necessary and is recommended.

(J G WILSON) Col.
Chief Engineer.

5 Nov 45.

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APPENDIX "A" to RE 139.501 of 3 Nov 45.

Serial No	Army No	Rank	Name	Unit	Reason for not being recommended.
1	NX 18229	Capt	J A GILCHRIST	(D)12 CRE (WKS)	Eligible for release under Longser Plan & has elected release to promotion.
2	NX 112105	Capt	F G D STONE	(D) 12 CRE (Wks)	High priority Demob points (247) and has expressed his desire for early release.
3	NX 66384	Capt	M A BERG	-	Has now been transferred to the Office of the E in C, HQ AMF.
4	NX 70390	Capt	A L COOK	5 CE (WKS)(disbanded)	Occ R approved & has M/O for movt to Aust.
5	VX 111277	Capt	J E SLEE	1 CRE (WKS)	To be recommended as OC 101 A Tps Coy.
6	VX 108022	Capt	S R CARR	(D) 4 A TPS COY	Has been recommended for OC 18 FD COY. Your DAMS 548 of 29 Oct 45 refers.
7	VX 112166	Capt	A H COOPER	(D) 9 CRE (WKS)	High priority Demob points 232 and has expressed his desire for early release. He also has an Occ R application pending. He is to be recommended to Adm Comd (D) 14 FD COY.
8	NX 53578	Capt	E DOSSETOR	ADV HQ AMF	Has been recommended for SCRE 2 (S) in the office of the E in C, ADV HQ AMF. Your DAMS 287A of 15 Oct 45 refers.
9	VX 114023	Capt	C W S FRASER	11 WKSP & PK COY	CRE 7 DIV considers that on account of this officer's age and experience, he is suitable only for the following postings: SCRE (Works), SCRE (Stores), DCRE, OC WKSP & PK COY. A special report under CRO 280/44, para 27(b), was accordingly submitted by CRE 7 DIV through command channels. HQ RAS 7 DIV memo A/61/2368 of 15 Oct refers.

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Serial No	Army No	Rank	Name	Unit	Reason for not being recommended
10.	WX 148566	Capt	H A WEBB	11 WKSP & PK COY	CRE 7 DIV considers that this officer, at this stage, lacks drive & initiative necessary in a unit comd and that he is suitably posted at present. A special report under GRO 280/44, para 27(b), was accordingly submitted by CRE 7 DIV through command channels. HQ RAE 7 DIV memo 32/A/61 of 16 Oct 45 refers. Your office also advises that his Occ R has been approved.
11.	SX 25196	Capt	W A LOWREY	9 A TPS COY	Has been recommended for OC 9 WKSP & PK COY. Your DAMS 523 of 25 Oct 45 refers.
12.	QX 58242	Capt	J D McKENZIE	(D) 9 CRE (WKS)	This officer has high demob points (194) and elects to take early release. He is to be recommended Adm Comd (D) 9 CRE (WKS).
13.	WX 109265	Capt	W H PENHALIGON	57 DCRE (WKS)	CRE 7 DIV considers that this officer is deficient in the technical trg and experience necessary to comd in RAE and that he is suitably posted at present. A special report under GRO 280/44 para 27(b) was accordingly submitted by CRE 7 DIV through command channels. HQ RAE 7 DIV memo 2135/A/61 of 16 Oct 45 refers.
14.	SX 24193	Capt	D F COLLINS	ADV HQ AMF	Has been recommended for SORE 2 in the office of the E in C, ADV HQ AMF. Your DAMS 287A of 15 Oct 45 refers.
15.	WX 33936	Capt	J J G PUNCH	(D) 2 PORT CONSTR COY	High priority Demob points 209 and has expressed his desire for early release. He also has an Occ R application pending. He is to be recommended to Adm Comd (D) 2 PORT CONSTR COY.

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RE 32.103

Office of the E in C
Adv HQ AMF

DEMOBILIZATION : ENGR INT SEC - OFFICE OF E IN C, ADV HQ AMF

'A' Branch

Copy to:
E in C, HQ AMF (your EC1584 of 12 Oct refers)
G (SD) Adv HQ AMF

1. The work of the Engr Int Sec for this office will be complete not later than 8 Nov, with the exception of a report on the CELEBES by Capt C E GREGORY, not yet returned from that area.

However, certain further compilation and co-ordination work is required to be done in AUSTRALIA by members of the section before their demobilization.

2. It will be necessary for the Sec to disperse in three detachments as follows :-

(a) Capt GREGORY to remain at Office of E in C, Adv HQ AMF, complete the report on the CELEBES and take his release after 15 Nov. Our RE 9.30 with attached A333 also refers.

(b) Lt-Col WHITEHOUSE with WOI GAMBLE, proceed to BRISBANE to confer with Lt-Col B. HUTTON of M.I. LANDBRIS who is in charge of the compilation and co-ordination of all int data for Navy, Army and Air Force. On completion all documents etc to be forwarded to E in C, HQ AMF and Lt-Col WHITEHOUSE and GAMBLE, take Occ R and normal demob releases respectively, in BRISBANE.

(c) Lt RUDD and WOII WESTLAKE proceed to E in C, HQ AMF to finalize and hand over the records of the Sec and assist in the co-ordination of engr int data for all areas of HQ AMF comd. It is estimated 7 days will be required for this work and on completion Lt RUDD can take his release under normal demob. WO WESTLAKE, 132 demob points can remain attached E in C HQ AMF until release under normal priority demob.

3. The disposal of Lt RUDD vide 2 (c) above necessitates cancelling ~~of~~ our recommendation for this officers release shown on Camp CFD 89.

4. Accordingly it is requested please, that authority be issued for air movement from MOROTAI on 9 Nov for the following members of Engr Int Sec, Adv HQ AMF.

Number	Rank	Name	To	Remarks.
QX22008	Lt-Col	F.W.WHITEHOUSE	BRISBANE	Report to Lt-Col B. HUTTON of M.I. LANDBRIS and be att 1 CE (Wks) BRISBANE. Subsequently take OCC R vide MS 111807.

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Number	Rank	Name	To	Remarks.
QX19783	WOI	L.N. GAMBLE	BRISBANE	Report to M.I. LANDBRIS and be att 1 CE (Wks) BRISBANE, subsequently take discharge high priority demob (203 points).
NX149482	Lt	E.A. RUDD	MELBOURNE	Report E in C HQ AMF for finalizing Engr Int Data and subsequently take release on high priority demob (166 points).
SX31129	WOII	N.L. WESTLAKE	MELBOURNE	Report E in C HQ AMF to assist Lt E. RUDD. Demob points 132.

5. Your advice of approval and any further action required by this office would be appreciated please.

Maj.
for Col.
5 Nov 45. Chief Engineer.

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RE 59.8

6 Nov 45.

E in C, HQ AMF.

Subject : RAE - OOB ADV HQ AMF.

Ref Adv HQ AMF G 213.11 SD of 31 Oct 45.

... 1. Attached hereto and marked Appendix "A", is schedule containing the following infm concerning the RAE units under command ADV HQ AMF.

(a) RAE Units to remain on the OOB after Phase II of demobilization.

(b) RAE Units already declared redundant in Phases I and II of demobilization.

2. RAE Units belonging to 34 Inf Bde, viz: 17 CRE (Wks), 28 Fd Coy and 13 A Tps Coy, are at present concentrating at MOROTAI.

... 3. Attached hereto and marked Appendix "B" is map showing locations of RAE Units under command Adv HQ AMF, as at 6 Nov 45.

(J G WILSON) Col.
Chief Engineer.

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APPENDIX "A"
to RE 59.8 of 6 Nov 45.

RAE - OOB ADV HQ AMF

Formation or Force	RAE Units remaining on the OOB after Phase II. (a)	RAE Units already declared redundant (b)	Remarks
1 BASE SUB AREA	1 CRE (Wks) 2/11 A TPS COY 9 WKSP & PK COY 5 MECH EQPT COY (less two Pls) 7 MECH EQPT SPARE PARTS SEC 1 PL 2/3 FORESTRY COY 27 MAINT PL	21 MECH EQPT PK COY (less Det)	(No 1 Pl u/c 26 BDE ((No 2 Pl u/c AMFORCE u/c ADV HQ AMF. Det in Australia.
7 DIV	57 DCRE (WKS) 11 WKSP & PK COY 9 A TPS COY 2 MECH EQPT PL	HQ RAE 7 DIV 2/4 FD SQN 2/4 FD COY 2/5 FD COY 2/6 FD COY (less one Pl) 2/25 FD PK COY 12 CRE (WKS) 2/9 FD COY 2/11 FD COY 21 FD COY 2/2 RLY CONSTR COY 1 PORT CONSTR COY 5 MECH EQPT SPARE PARTS SEC 2 BEACH GP STORES PL 3 WELDING PL 5 WELDING PL 1 BOMB DISPOSAL PL	One Pl u/c MAKFORCE.
9 DIV	HQ RAE 9 DIV- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 73 DCRE (WKS) 2/15 FD COY- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 18 FD COY 60 CORPS FD PK COY No 1 Pl 2/1 MECH EQPT COY	2/3 FD COY 2/7 FD COY 2/16 FD COY 2/24 FD PK COY 9 CRE (WKS) 14 FD COY 4 A TPS COY 2 PORT CONSTR COY 2/1 MECH EQPT COY (less No 1 Pl) 1 MECH EQPT PL	Recommended by CE to be declared redundant. Recommended by CE to be declared redundant. No 1 Pl to remain on OOB.

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Formation or Force	RAE Units remaining on the OOB after Phase II. (a)	RAE Units already declared redundant (b)	Remarks
9 DIV (Cont)		1 BEACH GP STORES PL 1 WELDING PL 2 WELDING PL 5 BOMB DISPOSAL COY 2/1 BORING PL 4 MECH EQPT SPARE PARTS SEC	
26 INF BDE	2/13 FD COY No 1 Pl 5 MECH EQPT COY	HQ RAE 1 CORPS TPS 2 FD COY	
MAKASSAR FORCE	One Pl 2/6 FD COY		
TIMOR FORCE	One E & M Pl, 101 A TPS COY One Pl 22 FD COY		Incl Dets 65 DCRE (Wks) and 7 WKSP & PK COY
AMBON FORCE	101 A TPS COY (less one E & M Pl) No 2 Pl 5 MECH EQPT COY		(One E & M Pl (u/c TIMFORCE.
34 INF BDE	17 CRE (WKS) 28 FD COY 13 A TPS COY		)Being concen-)trated at)MOROTAI.

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ADV HQ AMF.

8 Nov 45.

ADV HQ AMF WEEKLY RESUME NO 86

PART I - RAE

1. ENGR INT SEC

(a) Lt-Col F.W. WHITEHOUSE SORE (Int) returned from recce LESSER SUNDAS 1 Nov, and has since been engaged in completing engr int reports on that area.

(b) Capt C.E. GREGORY, SORE II Int still in SOUTH CELEBES conducting engr int investigations with MAKFORCE.

(c) All reports and work of the section, with the exception of Capt Gregory's report on the CELEBES, will be complete by 8 Nov as far as Adv HQ AMF is concerned and the section will be dispersed after that date as follows:-

(i) Lt-Col WHITEHOUSE, WOI GAMBLE and Cpl HANDY move to BRISBANE to confer with M I sec, BRISBANE Sec HQ AMF and subsequently be demobilized.

(ii) Lt RUDD and WO II WESTLAKE move to E in C HQ AMF to hand over records of Sec and assist in compilation and co-ordination of Engr Int Data for all areas and subsequently be demobilized.

(iii) Capt GREGORY after completion of report on CELEBES remain attached E in C Adv HQ AMF and take demobilization in normal priority.

2. AMF FOR JAPAN

(a) 17 CRE (Wks)

(i) CRE, Lt-Col J.M. McGOWAN, Capt J.A. BERRIMAN and Lt WILMOTT arrived MOROTAI from LAE 6 Nov.

(ii) Application for movement engr recce party to JAPAN forwarded and ETD MOROTAI 11 Nov.

(iii) CRE making final selection of officers and firm recommendations for appointments will be made to Mil Sec shortly.

(b) 28 Fd Coy and 13 A Tps Coy - Concentration and organisation proceeding, also supervision of construction of 34 Inf Bde camps at RED BEACH.

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PART II - WORKS

Sec I. First Army Area

1. 3 Aust Div BOUGAINVILLE

(a) Liberty wharf 65% - 50% of wharf usable for November.

(b) General Maintenance.

2. 6 Aust Div WEWAK

(a) Construction of protective sea wall near WEWAK POINT 50%.

(b) General Maintenance.

3. 11 Aust Div RABAUL

(a) VUNAKANAU airstrip extension to 5,000 ft complete.

(b) 118 AGH Stage 2. - 65%.

Sec II. ADV HQ AMF COMD

4. BALIKPAPAN

(a) Sealing SEPOELOEH Road 90%

(b) War Cemetery complete.

(c) PANDASRI saw mill 90%

(d) Broadcasting Station 10%.

5. LABUAN

(a) Inspection of works projects and airstrips has been made by SORE II W, Maj WHITE of this office and his ETA MOROTAI 7 Nov.

(b) Bomber Strip:

(i) The progress of this work is disappointing and whilst essentially a RAAF project, RAE 9 Div are now assisting in an effort to complete it. By way of comparison for the week ending 4 Nov, RAE have carted 2460 c.yds of coral and RAAF 3100 c.yds.

(ii) Various EDsC have been advised by RAE 9 Div on information supplied by RAAF as follows:-

EDC	Date Advice Received.
15 Oct	10 Oct
30 Oct	17 Oct
3 Nov	23 Oct
13 Nov	27 Oct
13 Nov	30 Oct
23 Nov	2 Nov

(iii) Bad weather has attributed to the delays, but in my opinion, based on demi-official advice, the main delay has been due to the lack of effort on part of RAAF Construction Engineers to get the job done. At this stage no useful purpose would be achieved by official representations to RAAF.

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5. LABUAN (Contd)

(c) 9 AF Broadcasting station complete.

(d) 2/10 C.C.S. Dysentary and VD wards, latrines and Mental house 20%.

(e) LAWAS Sawmill output for week 37,000 super ft.

(f) JESSELTON wharf repairs 70%.

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PART II CONTD

Sec II. ADV HQ AMF COMD (Contd)

6. MOROTAI

(a) Other ranks club, all major works completed, minor additions are still being undertaken. Man days for whole project 3300.

(b) Officers club completed. Man days for whole project 2300.

(c) Red Camp SABATAI, completed accommodation Scale 'A' for 1800 troops, not now required owing to earlier evacuation of USA Troops from Red Beach Camp.

(d) 34 Inf Bde -
Work on Red Beach Camp proceeding with Inf Working Parties under RAE supervision. 28 Fd Coy assumed responsibility for uncompleted work on 3 Nov.

(e) Reconstruction on bad section of Route 1, Map Ref 162194 to road junction 173188. Road at present closed. Extensive culvert and drainage is involved.

(f) Normal maintenance continues.

(g) Saw Mill production -

Oct	198,806 super ft)	Total for 3 months
Sep	208,055 " ")	572,711 super ft.
Aug	165,850 " ")	

Working single eight hour shift on a 6 day week, production due to changes in personnel made necessary on account of discharges may fall below 35,000 super ft per week.

(h) Repair to No 2 Dock EDC 10 Nov subject to good weather.

(j) Repairs to No 3 Dock and oil jetty are of a minor nature only and have been suspended until No 2 Dock repairs have been completed.

7. MAKASSAR

Nothing to Report.

8. AMBON

(a) LAHA Airstrip 4420 ft at NE end of strip is usable in all weather. The 1150 ft at the SW end is being re-surfaced and sealed. EDC 10 Nov.

(b) LIANG Airstrip. No attempt has been made to repair.

(c) Roads. PASO to LOELEHOE and LIANG. This section is in bad condition, passable to 3 Ton Traffic, repairs will be effected as plant becomes available. Remaining roads satisfactory with the exception PASO - LAHA road, which is closed for repairs.

9. TIMOR

General Maintenance only.

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PART III - ENGR STORES

1. SHIPPING IN

NIL

2. SHIPPING OUT

NIL

3. REQUIREMENTS FOR JAPAN

(a) Advice received that the 1600 tons of engr stores required ex AUST will be concentrated in SYDNEY.

(b) Contract order placed by E in C for supply of 2,000 No stoves barrack heating.

(c) Flywire treated with 2 coats of DULUX Clear RC147 has proved satisfactory substitute for glass. E in C has placed orders for supply of 200 galls of DULUX.

J. G. Wilson

(J.G.WILSON) Col.
Chief Engineer.

DISTRIBUTION

E in C, HQ AMF	(2)
File	(1)
War Diary	(3)

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES RE 46.41

Office of the Engineer in Chief.

Adv HQ AMF.

7 Nov 45.

RAE 7 Div
RAE 9 Div

Copy to:
17 CRE (Wks).

1. Further our RE 46.40 of Nov 45.

2. It is desired to equip each RAE unit in the AMF Occupation Force to JAPAN with a complete library.

3. From the libraries of redundant units it is requested that each addressee assemble, crate and despatch to 17 CRE (Wks), MOROTAI, by 20 Nov, complete set as listed herewith.

(a) E in C Technical Instructions (as listed in E in C Int Summary 26).
(b) E in C Intelligence Summaries 1 - 26.
(c) E in C Bomb Disposal Technical Instruction.
(d) Text books as per attached list.

4. Please advise this office, copy 17 CRE (Wks), your deficiencies as soon as possible.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES RE 46.42

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34 INF BDE

Subject: TEXT BOOKS FOR RAE UNITS

1. Further discussion Maj ELDRIDGE - Maj ROBERTSON.

... 2. Herewith list of text books required by RAE units. Endeavours are being made to furnish each unit with a complete library.

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LIST OF ARMY PUBLICATIONS FOR RAE UNITS

ENGINEER TRAINING

Bridging Equipment, H'book of Repair and Maintenance of,	1942
Drawing, notes on Engineering	
Drives, Flexible (12 mm & 17.5 mm) h'book of	1939
Engineer Training Pt 1 (Modified for Aust)	1940
Engineer Training Pt II War	1941
Engineer Services War, Manual of	1940
Field Engineerint (RE), Manual of,	
Vol II	1936
Pt III Bridging and Watermanship	1943
Pt IV Demolitions and Mining	
Pt VI Accommodation and Water supply	1942
Vol VIII Transportation Pt VIIB, Port Operating	1944
Field Engineering Pamphlets,	
No 1 The German Heavy Anti Tank Mine	1940
No 6 German Employment of Mines	1940
No 9 H'book of British Booby Trap Mechanisms	1943
No 10 Passage of Artificial Obstacles	1941
No 12 Construction of Petroleum Installations in Fd	1943
Mechanical Engineering, Text Book of	1940
Military Engineering,	
Vol II (Supp) Coast Defence	1943
Vol III Pt 1, Bridging	1941
Vol III Pt 1, Bridging, Supp No 1, Load Classific.	1940
Vol III Pt 1 Pam 13, Military Engineering	
Vol III Pt II Pam 2, Folding Boat Eqpt Mk II	1939
Vol III Pt II Pam 3, Pontoon Bridging	1940
Vol III Pt II Pam 4, Tubular Scaffolding	1938
Vol III Pt II Pam 5 & 5a, SBG Bridge Mk II & Mk III.	1939
Vol III Pt II Pam 5b, SBG Bridge Mk III (Aust)	1943
Vol III Pt II Pam 7, Unit Construction Bridge	1939
Vol III Pt II Pam 8, Stock Spans	1940
Vol III Pt II Pam 10, Motor Boats Mk 1 & Mk 1^{X}	1940
Vol III Pt II Pam 11, Inglis Bridge Mk III	1941
Vol III Pt II Pam 12, Bailey Bridge	1942
Vol III Pt II Pam 13, Bolding Boat Eqpt Mk III	1941
Vol III Pt II Aust Pam 108, Stock Spans 33'	1943
Vol III Pt II Aust Pam III, Steele Tubular Br Mk II	1944
Vol III Pt II Aust Pam 112, Aust Panel Br, Fixed	1944
Vol III Pt III, Bailey Bridge, Normal Uses	1944
Vol III Pt V, Repair & Maint of Bridging Eqpt	1942
Vol IV Pt 1, Demolitions	1942
Vol V Pt 1, Roads	1935
Vol V Pt II, Airfields	1943
Vol VI, Water Supply	1936
Vol VII, Accommodation and Installations	1934
Vol VIII Pt 1, General	1929
Vol VIII Pt II, Railway Construction	1940
Vol VIII Pt IIA, Railway Survey	1940
Vol VIII Pt III, Railway Bridging (with supps)	1940
Vol VIII Pt IV, Railway Operating	1942
Vol VIII Pt V, Railway Depots, Layout & Planning	1943
Vol VIII Pt VIII, Port Construction Supp No 1	1943
Vol X, Electrical Engineering	
Vol XI, Mechanical Engineering	
Vol XIV Pt 1, Concrete	1944
Pump Set No 4, Provisional H'book of	1939
Pump Set No 5, H'book of	
Saw Portable, Petrol Driven, H'book of	
Generating Sets RE 25 KVA 240V Single Phase 50 cycle	1944
Railways, Engineering Recce of Captured	1943
R E Recce Pocket Book	
Royal Engineers Pocket Book	
Pam 1, General data	1936
2, Coast Defence and Beach Landings	1936

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Royal Engineers Pocket Book (Contd)

Pam 3, AA Defence	1938
4, Defences	1936
5, Bridging?	1941
6, Demolitions and Mining	1940
7, Roads	1936
8, Accommodation and Installations	1936
9, Electrical Engineering	1936
10, Mechanical Engineering	1936
11, Railways	1936
12, Survey	1941
13, Water Supply	1941
14, Concrete Works in the Field	
Supplement, Notes on RE Organisation	1941
Standing Orders for War (Divisional Engineers)	1942
Training (R E), Standard Tests of Elementary	1942
Water Transportation, Stevedoring & Stowing	
Dissembly & Loading of Caterpillar Diesel No 12 for Transport by Air	

SURVEY TRAINING

Meridian Distances, Tables of	1934

ADMINISTRATION

Defence Act and Aust Military Regulations and Orders	1937
Discipline on War Service, Notes on Administration of	1943
Financial (Military Forces) Regulations, War	
Law, Manual of Military (Aust Edition)	1941

GENERAL TRAINING

Details of Combined Operations, Watercraft, Vol II, (ALC)	
Notes on Training of Crews (Small craft)	1944
Combined Operations Pamphlets (Provisional),	
No 1, General	1942
2 Beach Organisation & Maintenance	1942
3 Air Aspect of Combined Ops	1942
4 Planning of Combined Ops (B) Army (Secret)	1943
4C, RA Heavy AA Regt (3 in mobile)	1941
4D, RA Light AA Regt (40 mm Bofors)	1941
6, R Signals	1941
6B, The Beach Signal Unit	1942
6, Landing Tables & Loading of Craft	1942
9, Responsibilities for Loading and discharge of Ships & Craft	1942
31, Driving Instructions for Combined Ops	1944
33, Armoured Fighting Vehicles	1943
34A, RHA and Field Artillery	1942
35A, RE, Other than Transportation Units	1944
35C, R E, Transportation Units	1943
37, Infantry	1942
38, RASC	1943
39A, Medical	1943
40, RAOC	1942
41A & 41B, RTVE	1942
Field Service Pocket Book,	
Pam 1, Glossary of Military Terms etc.	1944
2, Orders and Communications	1939
3, Intelligence, Information and Security	1939
4, Appreciations, Orders, Messages and Intercomms	1944
5, Billets, Camps and Bivouacs etc	1939
7, Field Engineering	1944
9, Supply and Replenishment of Material in Fd	1939
9A, Ammunition Abbreviations	1941

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Field Service Pocket Book (Contd)
Pam 10, Medical Services in the Field 1939
11, Discipline & Office Work & Burial Parties 1939
13, Notes for Staff Officers 1940
Part 1 Pam 3, Abbreviations (reprinted Aust appx) 1943
Part 1 Pam 9, Movement by Road and Rail 1943
Part 1 Pam 10, Gas (Aust) 1943
Part 11 Pam 5, Movement by Road & Rail 1943
F S R Vol 1
F S R Vol 11
F S R Vol 111
Gas Training (Aust) & Appendices F,G & H 1942
Map Reading, Photo Reading & Field Sketching, Manual of 1939
Map Reading, Supplement to ATM (War) Aust No 13
Military Intelligence in the Field, Manual of,
Pam 1, General Principles 1938
2, Intelligence in Formations, Units & Areas 1939
3, Engineer and Signal Intelligence 1939

Military Training Pamphlet,
No 2, Offensive 1943
No 3, Defence 1943
No 4, Withdrawal 1943
No 18, Dismounted Drill (All Arms) Aust
No 21, & Supps 21A & 21B, Dannert Concertina Obstacles
No 21C, Barb Wire Concertina Obstacles Constn (High Fence)
No 23, Operations,
Pt 1, Gen Principles, Fighting Tps & Characteristics
Pt 111, Appreciations, Orders, Intercomms, Mvts. 1939
Pt 1V, Protection 1939
Part V, Use of Gas in the Field & Supp 1940
Pt V111, Inf & Armd Divs in Opposed Crossing of a Water obstacle 1942
Pt XX, (Aust) Jungle Warfare & Addendum 1943
No 30, Field Engineering (All Arms),
Pt 1, Assault Bridging 1943
Pt 111, Obstacles 1943
Pt 1V, Booby Traps 1941
Pt V, Protective Works 1944
No 31, Notes on Orgn & Tactical Handling of M.G's 1940
No 32, Tactical & Technical Handling of Chem Weapons (Pt V1- The 6 lb Ground Bomb) 1940
No 33, Training in Field Craft & Elementary Tactics
No 37, Training of an Inf Bn 1940
No 39, Infantry Rifle Battalion,
Pt 1, Organisation & Characteristics 1940
Pt 11, Carrier Pl (Modified for Aust) 1941
No 40, Mines and Booby Traps,
Pt 1, (All Arms) How to Deal with Individual Mechanisms 1943
Pt 11, (All Arms) Laying & Recording of Brit Mines
Pt 111, (All Arms) Breaching of Minefields 1943
No 42, Tank Hunting and Destruction
No 43, Constr of Gun Emplacements for Medium Fd & A/Tk Arty 1940

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GENERAL TRAINING (Contd)

No 45, Bomb Recce & Protection against UXB	1942
No 46, Camouflage,	
Pt 1, General Principles (Modified for Aust)	1942
Pt 11, Field Defences	1941
Pt 111, Huts, Camps & Installations (Mod for Aust)	1942
Pt 1V, Vehicles, Wheeled and tracked	1941
Pt V, Artillery with Field Army	1942
Pt V1, Notes on Screens	1941
Pt V11, Anti-Aircraft Arty	1943
No 47, Movement by Road	1943
No 50, Pt 1, Defence Against Airborne Tps	1941
No 53, Flame Warfare, Pt 1, Barrel Flame Traps	1942
No 54, Guerilla Warfare	1942
No 57, Aids to Visual Deception	1943
No 74, Rafting & Bridging, Pt 111, Assault Crossing Bopt	1944
Movement by Air (Aust)	1944
Movement within Australia and its Territories, SO's for	1942
Physical & Recreational Training	1941
Specimen SO's for Protection against Gas & Air Raids in Billets, Camps & Bivouacs for all HQ's & Units	
Tents (Aust), Erection, Care and Preservation of	
Tropical Warfare Pams 1 & 11 (Aust)	1944

SMALL ARMS TRAINING

Pamphlet 1, Weapon Training	1944
2, Application of Fire (Aust)	1943
3, Rifle (Aust)	1943
4, LMG (Bren)	1943
6, AA Training, (Modified for Aust)	1942
8, Mortar 2 in	1942
9, Mortar 3 in	1939
10, Infantry Range Finder	1937
11, Pistol (.38 in) (Modified for Aust)	1943
12, Bayonet	1937
13, Grenades (Aust)	1943
14, Small Arms Practices	1943
15, Sub Machine Guns (Austen, Owen, Thompson)	1943
16, Projector Infantry Tank Attach (Aust)	1943

SIGNAL TRAINING

Signal Training Vol 111,	
Pam 5, (Aust) W/T Set No 108 Mk 1 & 11	1941
" 6, " Wireless Set No 11	
8, " Wireless Set No 208	1942
17, " Wireless Set No 108 Mk 111	1943
23, Telephone Set "D" Mk V	1939
Wireless Set No 19 Mks 1 & 11,	
Pt 1, Working Instructions Etc.	
Pt 11, Technical Description & First Line Maintenance	

INFANTRY TRAINING

Infantry	1937
Infantry Training, Supp, Tactical Notes for Fl Comd	1941

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INFANTRY TRAINING (Contd)

Infantry Training Supp, Nos 2 & 3 Design and layout of Field Defences	1941
Infantry Minor Tactics	1941

ARMY MEDICAL CORPS TRAINING

Military Hygiene, H'book of (Modified for Aust)	

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES RE 32.112

Office of the Engineer in Chief.

ADV HQ AMF

8 Nov 45.

1 Aust CE (Works)
BRISBANE

Copies to : E in C, HQ AMF.
Lt-Col F W WHITEHOUSE.

Subject : DEMOBILIZATION - ENGR INT SEC - OFFICE OF E IN C ADV HQ AMF.

The Engr Int Sec of this office is about to be disbanded.

2. However, before the officers of this Sec disperse, it is essential that general Engr Intelligence infm be co-ordinated with M I at HQ AMF, and Rear Echelon, ADV HQ AMF, BRISBANE.

3. To this end, Lt-Col F W WHITEHOUSE accompanied by WO I GAMBLE, will shortly be leaving MOROTAI by air for BRISBANE for liaison with Lt-Col B HUTTON, LANDERIS.

4. It would be appreciated if you would attach Lt-Col WHITEHOUSE and WO I GAMBLE on the holding strength of your unit, whilst they are engaged on the above-mentioned task.

5. On completion of this task would you please march out the above named pers to the Discharge Centre BRISBANE; Lt-Col WHITEHOUSE on special priority Demob upon Occupational grounds (authority for release MS 111807 of 25 Aug 45) and WO I GAMBLE under ordinary Demob procedure.

6. Your co-operation would be appreciated.

(J G WILSON) Col.
Chief Engineer.

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RE 38.11/

Office of the E in C
Adv HQ AMF

Demobilization - Engr Int Sec - Office of E in C Adv HQ AMF

Lt N.A. RUDD

Copies to:
'A' Branch Adv HQ AMF
'C' (SD)
Camp
E in C, HQ AMF.

Ref LANDOPS AC 5180 of 6 Nov 45.

1. The above signal authorizes the movement by air of yourself and WO II WESTLAKE to MELBOURNE for the purpose of finalizing Engr Intelligence data with the Office of the E in C, HQ AMF.

2. On arrival in MELBOURNE please report to Camp Commandant HQ AMF for the attachment of yourself and WESTLAKE to the Office of the E in C for the period you will be engaged on the abovementioned task.

3. On completion of task to the satisfaction of the E in C please arrange with Camp Commandant HQ AMF to march you out to the Demob Centre of your state of enlistment for finalization procedure under Demob.

4. WESTLAKE is to be transferred to HQ AMF and on completion of duty to be disposed of in accordance with HQ AMF instructions.

5. Please advise this office of the date upon which you complete your task and march out from HQ AMF.

(J.C.WILSON) Col.
Chief Engineer.

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RE 58.110

Office of the E in C
Adv H[illegible] MF

DEMOBILIZATION - ENGR INT SEC - OFFICE OF E IN C ADV H[illegible] MF

Lt-Col F.[illegible] WHITEHOUSE

Copies to:
'A' Branch, Adv H[illegible] MF
'C' (SD), Adv H[illegible] MF
Comp
E in C, H[illegible] MF.

Ref LANDOPS AG 5179 of 6 Nov 45.

1. The above signal authorizes the movement by air of yourself and WO I C[illegible]BLE to BRISBANE for the purpose of liaison with Lt-Col B. HUTTON of M.I. [illegible] in the general compilation of engr intelligence on the N.E.I.

2. On arrival in BRISBANE please report to 1 CE (Wks).

3. 1 CE (Wks) has been requested to attach you and C[illegible]BLE to that unit for the period that you will be engaged on the above-mentioned task.

4. On completion of task to your own satisfaction, please forward to E in C H[illegible] MF copies of all relevant Engr Intelligence documents, records etc and make arrangements with 1 CE (Wks) to march you out to the Discharge Centre BRISBANE for the completion of finalization procedure under your Ocs H.

5. Similarly please arrange with 1 CE (Wks) to march out WO I C[illegible]BLE for discharge under normal Demobilization procedure.

6. Please advise this HQ (Copy to E in C, HQ AMF) of the date upon which you complete your task and march out to the Discharge Centre.

(J.C.WILSON) [illegible] Col
Chief Engineer.

6 Nov 45.

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Adv HQ AMF.

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9 Nov 45

Office of E in C, HQ AMF.

Copies:
1 CRE (Wks)
17 CRE (Wks)

ENGINEER STORES - REQUIREMENTS FOR RAAF COMPONENT OF AUST FORCE JAPAN

Ref your RE 89526 of 2 Nov.

1. An estimate of engr stores required for RAAF JAPAN has been prepared, details of which are shown on ESL 4836 attached.

2. (a) In general it is considered that construction plant, tools etc already provided for AMF as per stores list ESL 4749 will be adequate to cover RAAF committments.

(b) Quantities of materials such as coverage, hardware, electrical, piping, fire fighting etc have been estimated on the basis of 40% of AMF requirements.

(c) Timber and insulation materials include a proportion for AMF. This is being supplied ex MOROTAI in lieu of quantities not available ex BORNEO as ordered against ESL 4749.

(d) In the absence of any advice on the matter, wiles cookers, Ranges, Heating Stoves, Refrigeration and Lighting sets have been included on the basis of 40% of AMF requirements.

(e) Hot water systems have not been included as total stocks available in AUST, viz 140 were included in ESL 4749.

3. (a) Stores as per Appendix 'A' attached aggregate some 2600 tons (M) of which major components are :-

Miscellaneous plant	43	tons (M)
Mesh, pickets	176	"
General hardware	47	"
Iron and steel	101	"
Piping and tanks	126	"
Paper materials and sheeting	118	"
Cement	133	"
Timber	1020	"
Refrigeration	296	"
Stoves heating	214	"
Wiles Cookers and ranges	40	"
Misc.	34	"
	2348	"
Plus 10%	252	"
TOTAL	2600	Tons (M)

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3. (b) Portion of stores are available in this area as follows:-

MOROTAI	1390
BALIKPAPAN	540
LABUAN	120
TOTAL	2050 Tons (M)

(c) Balance of 550 tons is required ex AUST and is covered by our demand ESL 4829 of 9 Nov.

4. The quantities to be supplied ex this area are based on stocks held as at 10 Oct 45. It is therefore probable that some of these stores may not now be available in which case supplementary demand for stores ex AUST will be forwarded, when we know inabilities.

5. Advice in regard to items mentioned in para 2 (d) would be appreciated.

6. Please acknowledge.

(J.G.WILSON) Col.
Chief Engineer.

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Office of the Engineer in Chief.
Adv HQ AMF

9 Nov 45.

ESL 4834

1 CRE (WKS) (2)

AUST FORCE FOR JAPAN - CONCENTRATION AT MOROTAI OF - ENGR STORES REQUIRED

Ref ESL 4828 of 9 Nov.

1. Attached hereto is schedule of Engr Stores to be transferred to reserve for JAPAN from general stock, Engr Depot MOROTAI.

2. Where any items listed are not available, substitute near sizes. Advise this office of any final disabilities early as possible.

3. Stores on the attached list are additional to those covered by our ESL 4752 of 27 Oct.

4. Stores to be supplied from LABUAN and BALIKPAPAN as per schedule ESL 4836 forwarded under cover of ESL 4828 will be branded respectively -

RAE/ESL4839/APUS

RAE/ESL4840/APUS

5. Please ack.

Capt.
for Col.
Chief Engineer.

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RE 8.76

Office of the E in C
ADV HQ AMF

TRANSFER - VX 61390 SPR LAWSON F.C.

"A"

1. Further our RE 8.64 and RE 8.65 of 1 Nov 45.

2. It is requested that VX 61390 Spr LAWSON F.C., 5 Mech Eqpt Spare Parts Sec, be transferred to this office as a clerk TG3.

3. This soldier is a typist and is urgently required to replace Cpl ANGELETTO S.W., who is eligible for demob and has applied for compassionate release. The unit has advised that Spr LAWSON is available for immediate transfer and has low priority demob points.

4. Could his movement by air be arranged please.

Maj.
for Col.
Chief Engineer.

8 Nov 45.

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RE 148.211

LANDOPS 09/1030 I

LANDFORCES

DEC 441 unclassified . general STEELE from WILSON . have discussed with MCGOWAN engineer works by civil contractors in JAPAN . one . refer manual of engineer services war section 41 and appendices 11 to 15 . two 17 CRE WKS will require full machinery for letting contracts and directly employing labour . three . finance and director of hirings and director of labour are involved . four . CRE works or his commander will require power to let contracts . five . CRE WORKS will require . A . supply of australian contract forms equivalent to british AFK 1277A and B and C and D . these forms should also be reproduced in JAPANESE language . B . supply of standard specifications for construction work by carpenter plumber bricklayer electrician and similar . C . supply of ~~xxxx~~ dimension books for measuring up work done . D . supply of deviation order forms . E . any other relevant instructions and stationery .

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six . we brought back from the LEBANON a full set of all this data and this is filed in your office somewhere . seven . please advise



Col
9 Nov 45.

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CRE 7 Div (4)
CRE 9 Div (4)
1 CRE (Wks) (3)
HQ RAE 1 Corps Tps (2)
RAE TIMOR FORCE (2)
RAE AMBON FORCE (2)
RAE MAKASSAR FORCE (2)

Copy to : E in C, HQ AMF. (3)

Subject : MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT - DISPOSAL

1. Introduction

Pending the publication of some policy by HQ AMF, the following principles and instructions will apply to cope with the matters now arising in this area.

2. Segregation of Machines

The policy concerning the segregation of machines into two categories is set out in my RE 73.110 of 11 Oct 45.

3. Shipment to Australia

The policy concerning the return of surplus mechanical equipment is defined by Adv HQ AMF signal Q 1981 of 19 Oct which reads:-

" Surplus RAE mechanical equipment required in AUSTRALIA for civil purposes . arrange load proportion surplus mechanical equipment on suitable ships proceeding to AUSTRALIA . some mechanical equipment will be required by SEAC but for the present you can assume that mechanical equipment of units so far declared redundant will NOT be allocated to SEAC . these machines therefore available for shipment to AUSTRALIA . requirements of SEAC can be met later as further units declared redundant".

4. Transfers to Allied Forces and Civil Government Administration

(a) Sundry requests are being received and may be received, for transfers of machines to British Army Forces, BBCAU, RNI Forces and NICA. In total, these requests are not likely to be a major portion of the mechanical equipment held by RAE, and, in my opinion, most of the requests could be met by RAE.

(b) So that there will be a standard procedure for dealing with these requests, addressees will take the following action :-

i. Discuss the actual machines available with the representative of the organization making request, and finalise exactly what machines and attachments are required.

ii. In respect to each request, forward the following information to this office:-

(1) Name of organization making request, together with appointment, name and rank of officer who is the representative.

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(2) Make, Model, and serial numbers of each machine and/or attachment.

(3) Percentage of remaining life in each machine, as estimated by addressee.

(4) Recommendation by addressee as to when each machine can be made available for transfer.

iii. Advise the representative of the organization, who is making request, that details are being forwarded to this office, and that the decision as to transfer will be notified in due course.

iv. Record on subsequent Mech Eqpt Census returns, AAF S69A Part B, what machines and attachments are earmarked for transfer.

(c) On receipt of applications for transfer, this office will advise addressee concerned what action to take.

(d) If, and when, this office approves transfer, addressee will arrange transfer in accordance with procedure set out in my ~~V~~ ESL 4745 of 26 Oct 45.
The transfer document will show Make, Model, and Serial Number of each machine, together with percentage of remaining life as estimated by addressee. All documents connected with these transfers will be serially numbered and have 'P' before the serial number, as instructed in my signal ESL 4826.

5. Transfers to Public Coys and Private Individuals

Addressees will deal with requests for machines in the same manner as in para 4, but applications received in this office have to be referred to HQ AMF and there is likely to be more delay in their finalization.

6. Please acknowledge.

J. G. Wilson

(J G WILSON) Col.
Chief Engineer.

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RE 9A.47

Office of the E in C
Adv HQ AMF.

DEMOBILIZATION.

G(SD)
"A" Branch

Ref your AQ 408 of 30 Oct.

... 1. Attached as Appx "A" please find the nominal roll of personnel of this office, surplus to requirements and available for immediate release.

It will be noted that two additional officers are shown surplus to the one shown in Appx "A" to your AQ 408. These are :-

(a) Maj L H WHITE - absent on duty in LABUAN and therefore not on strength on 4 Nov, now returned and available for release forthwith. Our RE 9A.44 of 9 Nov 45 refers.

(b) Capt A R TAYLOR - now available for immediate release, vide our RE 9A.42 of 6 Nov.

... 2. Appx "B" attached is the nominal roll of Engr Int Sec personnel available for immediate release and disposal.

Your attention is invited to the fact that the strength of the Engr Int Sec is, and has been for some considerable time, 3 offrs and 4 ORs and not 4 offrs and 5 ORs, as shown in Appx "A" to your memo referred to above.

... 3. Attached as Appx "C" is a nominal roll of personnel from this office available for release subject to replacement. It will be noted that in the case of :-

(a) Lt I R O DEAN: this officer can be released 5 days after the arrival of Lt K H BRADSHAW from 2 APWRG, SINGAPORE. ETD SINGAPORE 14 Nov.

(b) Cpl ANGELETTO: this NCO can be released immediately on arrival of Spr LAWSON F C from BALIKPAPAN, our RE 8.76 of 8 Nov refers.

M. Robertson Maj.
for Col.
Chief Engineer.

14 Nov 45.

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APPENDIX "A".
to RE 9A/47 of 10 Nov 45.

OFFICE OF THE E IN C, ADV HQ AMF - PERS AVAILABLE FOR RELEASE

Serial No	Army No	Rank	Name	Demob Points	Posting	Remarks
1.	NX 160742	Maj	COOPER P L S	238	Acting DDES	
2.	NX 70787	T/Maj	WHITE L H	211	SORE 2 (W)	Our RE 9A.44 of 9 Nov refers.
3.	NX 102081	Capt	TAYLOR A R	150	SORE 3	Our RE 9A.42 of 6 Nov refers.
4.	NX 90497	Sgt	LAMBERT A F	188	Registry Clerk	
5.	WX 32320	Cpl	MARSHALL A W A	187	Stores Clerk	
6.	WX 21320	Cpl	MACPHERSON J	185	Library Clerk	
7.	QX 15356	Spr	NICHOLLS A	214	Runner	

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APPENDIX "B"
to RE 9A.47

OFFICE OF THE E IN C - INT SEC - PERS AVAILABLE FOR RELEASE

Serial No	Army No	Rank	Name	Demob Points	Posting	Remarks
1.	QX 22008	T/Lt-Col	WHITEHOUSE F W		SORE I (Int)	Moving to BRISBANE on duty prior to special priority Demob on occ grounds. LANDOPS AG 5179 of 6 Nov refers.
2.	NX 149482	Lt	RUDD E A		SORE 2 (Int)	Moving to MELBOURNE on duty prior to Demob. LANDOPS AG 5180 of 6 Nov refers.
3.	QX 19783	WO I	GAMBLE L N		Acting SORE 3 (Int)	Moving to BRISBANE on duty prior to Demob. LANDOPS AG 5179 of 6 Nov refers.
4.	SX 31129	WO II	WESTLAKE N L		Clerk	Moving to MELBOURNE on duty to be transferred to HQ AMF. LANDOPS AG 5180 of 6 Nov refers.
5.	QX 52748	Cpl	HANDY H M		Clerk	Discharge under AMR 184A (i)(h) with air movt approved. LANDOPS AG 4977 of 2 Nov refers.

NOTE: (a) Capt C E GREGORY is still absent on an engr int recce in the CELEBES.

(b) Sgt L A FOWLER, draughtsman (144 Demob points) to remain with this office replacing S/Sgt MORRIS who is to be transferred to 17 CRE (Wks), 34 Inf Bde Gp.

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APPENDIX "C"
to RE 9A.47 of 10 Nov 45.

OFFICE OF THE E IN C, ADV HQ AMF - PERS AVAILABLE FOR RELEASE SUBJECT TO REPLACEMENT

Serial No	Army No	Rank	Name	Demob Points	Posting	Remarks
1.	VX 114171	Lt	DEAN I R O	184	SORE 3 (W) super	Available for release 5 days after the arrival of Lt BRADSHAW K H from 2 APWRG. ETD SINGAPORE 14 Nov. Our RE 9A.42 of 6 Nov refers.
2.	VX 126286	Cpl	ANGELETTO S W	168	Typist	Available for immediate release subject to replacement. Our RE 8.64 of 1 Nov refers. A replacement from within the service has been arranged, our RE 8.76 of 8 Nov refers.
3.	VX 139571	L/Cpl	HIDE N F	171	Runner	Available for immediate release subject to replacement. Our RE 8.64 of 1 Nov refers.

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Office of the Engineer in Chief.

ADV HQ AMF

10 Nov 45.

ESL 4842

1 CRE (WKS) (2)

Subject : TIMBER FOR AUST FORCE JAPAN AND SAWMILL PRODUCTION.

1. Attached hereto as Appendix "A" is a schedule detailing reserves of timber to be built up and maintained ex MOROTAI resources for Aust Force JAPAN and ships dunnage.

2. Appendix "B" sets out tables showing sawmill production schedule to assist in meeting these reserves.

3. Pro-forma of Weekly Return to be submitted to this office showing progress made each week in the assembly of timber reserve for JAPAN is attached as Appendix "C"

4. Although specific quantities for reserve for JAPAN, dunnage and local use, have shown in these appendices, all surplus timber in the sizes shown will be added to reserve for JAPAN.

Capt.
for Col.
Chief Engineer.

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APPENDIX "A"
to ESL 4842 of 10 Nov 45.

TIMBER COMMITMENTS AND STOCKS - MOROTAI DEPOT

(Stocks as at 3 Nov 45.)

Serial	Description	Unit	ESL 4752 STORES FOR JAPAN	ESL 4834 STORES FOR JAPAN	DUNNAGE RESERVE	TOTAL REQUIRED	TOTAL STOCK	REMARKS
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)
1	Timber HW 9 x 9	L.ft.	300			300	3350	S 3000
2	" " 12 x 12	"	300			300	600	S 300
3	" " 12 x 6	"	2000			2000	5700	S 3700
4	" " 16 x 8	"	300			300	1500	S 1200
5	" " 2 x 2	"	(As available ex Demand ESL 4361 of 27 Aug) 250,000 Lin.ft ordered			250000		ex Aust.
6	Flooring T & G	Sq.ft	(As available ex demand ESL 4361 of 27 Aug - 30,000 sq.ft ordered).			30000	8400	ex Aust.
7	Planks HW 8"-12" x 1½"	"	2000	800		2800	715	D 2100
8	" " 6"-12" x 4"	"	-	-			7800	S 7800
9	Scantlings 3 x 1	Lin.ft	30000	40000		70000	72000	S 2000
10	" 4 x 1	"		40000	6000	46000	46000	
11	" 5 x 1	"		10000		10000	10000	
12	" 6 x 1	"	10000	33000	10400	53400	53800	
13	" 7 x 1	"		12000		12000	12800	
14	" 8 x 1	"		70000	12000	82000	82800	
15	" 9 x 1	"		15000		15000	15400	
16	" 10 x 1	"		15000	2500	17500	17800	
17	" 12 x 1	"		14000	2400	16400	17000	
18	" 3 x 1½	"	→	-			14500	S 14500
19	" 2 x 2	"		42000		42000	3100	D 39000
20	" 3 x 2	"	2500	1000		3500	26400	S 23000
21	" 4 x 2 or 4 x 1½	L.ft	480000	50000	-	530000	439000	D 91000
21A	" 4 x 2	"				20000 Sup.ft per week.		
22	" 5 x 2	"	2000	800	-	2800	7700	S 4900
23	" 6 x 2	"	-	-	-	-	1500	S 1500
24	" 3 x 3	"		20000		20000	22200	S 2200
25	" 4 x 3	"	2500	1000	-	3500	2000	D 1500
26	" 6 x 3	"	6000	31000	-	37000	8000	Rip 9 x 6 = 9200 ft. to 6 x 3 = 27600 ft. NETT D 2000
27	" 4 x 4	"	-	-	-	-	8200	S 8200
28	" 6 x 4	"	-	-	-	-	2400	S 2400

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APPENDIX "B"
to ESL 4842 of 10 Nov 45

CUTTING SCHEDULE - MOROTAI SAWMILL

TABLE 1 - First 3 weeks

Serial (A)	Description (B)	Unit (C)	Local requirements including crating (D)	Dunnage (E)	Reserves for Japan (F)	Remarks (G)
1.	Timber mixed sizes	Super Feet	27,000	18,000	-	(a) Q'ties in col 'F' will cover deficiencies shown in Appx "A" of this memo.
2.	" 2" x 2"	" "	-	-	13,000	
3.	" 8 - 12" x 1½"	" "	-	-	3,150	
4.	" 4" x 2"	" "	-	-	45,500	
5.	" 4" x 3"	" "	-	-	1,500	(b) Portion of 4" x 2" shown in col 'F' has already been cut.
6.	" 6" x 3"	" "	-	-	3,000	
	Totals	" "	27,000	18,000	66,150	

GRAND TOTAL 3 WEEKS - 111,150 sup ft.

TABLE 2 - Weekly after first 3 weeks

1.	Mixed sizes	Super Feet	9,000	6,000		
2.	Timber 4" x 2"	" "	-	-	17/20,000	Additional to 4" x 2" shown table 1. ESL 4812 of 6 Nov refers.

AVERAGE TOTAL per week - 32,000/35,000 sup ft.

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APPENDIX "C"
to ESL 4842 od 10 Nov 45.

PRO FORMA

WEEKLY RETURN OF TIMBER HELD IN RESERVE FOR JAPAN ex MOROTAI RESOURCES

To be submitted as at 1830 hrs each SUNDAY

Serial	Description		Unit	Total req'd for JAPAN ex MOROTAI resouces ESL 4752 ESL 4834	Total Stocks held in reserve as at	Amount added to reserve during week.	Remarks.
1	Baulks	9 x 9	Lin.ft	300			
2	"	12 x 12	"	300			
3	"	12 x 6	"	2000			
4	"	16 x 8	"	300			
5	Battens	2 x 1/2	"	(Maximum available) (ex AUST demand) (ESL 4361 of 27 Aug.)			
6	Flooring T & G		Sq.ft.	(ditto.) ( )			
7	Planks HW	8" - 12" x 1 1/2	"	2800			
8	" "	6" - 12" x 4"	"	-			
9	Scantlings	3 x 1	Lin.ft	70000			
10	"	4 x 1	"	40000			
11	"	5 x 1	"	10000			
12	"	6 x 1	"	43000			
13	"	7 x 1	"	12000			
14	"	8 x 1	"	70000			
15	"	9 x 1	"	15000			
16	"	10 x 1	"	15000			
17	"	12 x 1	"	14000			
18	"	3 x 1 1/2	"	-			
19	"	2 x 2	"	42000			
20	"	3 x 2	"	3500			
21	"	4 x 2 (or 4 x 1 1/2)	"	530000			
21A	"	4 x 2	"	(20,000 Sup.ft. per Week.)			
22	"	5 x 2	"	2800			
23	"	6 x 2	"	-			
24	"	3 x 3	"	20000			
25	"	4 x 3	"	3500			
26	"	6 x 3	"	37000			
27	"	4 x 4	"	-			
28	"	6 x 4	"	-			

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Office of the Engineer in Chief.
Adv HQ AMF

9 Nov 45.

ESL 4839

HQ RAE 9 DIV (2)

ENGR STORES - AUST FORCE JAPAN - SUPPLEMENTARY LIST

1. Further to ESL 4753 of 27 Oct, a supplementary list of stores ex LABUAN for Aust Force JAPAN is attached.

2. Please arrange for despatch of these stores (approx 120 tons (M) to 9 Wksp & Pk Coy MOROTAI as early as possible, and as shipping becomes available. Advise by signal 'ETD' of these stores.

3. Where items listed are not available, substitute near sizes and advise this office immediately particulars of items which you are unable to supply in full.

4. Stores are to be branded -

RAE/ESL 4839/APUS

and ITV's, Bs/L etc distributed as follows :

Originals - 9 Wksp & Pk Coy
Copies - CE Adv HQ AMF
1 CRE (Wks)
17 CRE (Wks)

5. Please acknowledge.

Capt.
for Col.
Chief Engineer.

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ATTACHMENT TO ESL 4839
of 9 Nov 1945.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND FOR ENGR STORES TO BE SHIPPED TO MOROTAI FOR AUST FORCE JAPAN

Vocab No	Description	Unit	Quantity
P624/3	Pump Set : High lift HD DA piston, belt driven by 8 HP tank cooled diesel eng. 800 gph to 500 ft 2" S and D with footvalve and strainer.	No	2
P191/3	Pickets steel, star(tag) 8' (or near size)	"	2500
B220/75	Bolts and Nuts, engine (or carriage or service) whit - 1/4" x 3-1/2"	"	100
N5/11	Nails, clout, galv, 3/4" x 12 g. (or 1" x 12 g).	Cwts	10
T8/2	Tacks, cut, blued, 1/2"	"	1
H170/7	Happs & Staples, galv, 6" (or near size)	No	15
H221/6	Hinges, butt, steel 3" (or near size)	Prs	200
H232/6	Hinges, scotch tee, 12"	Prs	400
B463/4	Bases, electric surface type, 3 flat pins (10 amp)	No	90
C29/5	Cable VIR taped and braided, single (red and black 50% each) (wts per 100 yds) 7/.029 (20 amp)	Yds	1200
I34/5	Insulators, shackle porcelain 3-1/2" x 2-3/4" complete with ironwork (or near size)	No	100
R110/-	Roses, ceiling, surface type	No	100
S815/2	Switches, ironclad, D.P. 250V, 15 amp	No	20
S838/3	" tumbler, 10 Amp S.P.	"	50
E267/10	Extinguishers, fire, 35 gal foam, wheeled	"	2
E268/3	Extinguishers, fire, refills for foam, 35 gal.	"	10
E268/5	" " " "soda acid 35 "	"	5
I39/28	Iron, corr, galv (tanks 24 g. 8', at 102 sheets per ton	Tons	2
S566/226	Steel bars, flat 4" x 1/2"	Ft	40
T23/4	Tanks, iron, sq 400 gall	No	4
T23/2	" " " 200 "	"	10
P270/15	Piping, wrought iron, galv (or black) with one socket per length. Fittings will be demanded separately. 4" inside diam.	Ft	7000
B427/6	Building paper, sisalkraft, 60/60 (in rolls of 100 yds, 5' wide)	Rolls	200
C58/10	Cansite (or similar) 8' x 4' x 1/2" sheets (or near size)	Sheets	300
T69/4	Tarpaulins, 16'9" x 16'9" or 20' x 15'	No	10
T210/35	Timber plywood (3 ply) 6' x 3' x 1/4" (or 3/16")	Sheets	10
M66/-	Methylated spirits	Gals	30
T162/351	Timber planks, decking, widths - 6" x 12" x 4"	Sq.ft	2500
	Gases (100/150 lb cylinders) weights etc per 150 lb cylinder) -		
G7/14	Methyl Chloride	lbs	50

PIPE FITTINGS

B85/-	Bends 4"	No	10
V26/-	Valves, foot 4"	"	1
B85/-	Bends 2"	"	100
N67/-	Backnuts 3/4"	"	60
B85/-	Bends 3/4"	"	200
C76/-	Caps 3/4"	"	65
N46/-	Nipples, hex 3/4"	"	120

N.N.S. ITEMS

Sub Sec.			
S31B	Cable DB. WP 7/.064	Yds	1400
	" TRS flat twin 1/.044	"	7000

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RE 8/79

Office of the E in C
ADV HQ AMF

REINFORCEMENTS - RAE UNITS MOROTAI

"A" Branch

Copies to : "Q" (Mov & Tn)
1 CRE (MKS).

Ref our RE 8.68 of 3 Nov.

1. Further to the above minute requesting the provision of reinforcements for RAE units on MOROTAI.

2. Since the date this minute was forwarded, a more complete census has been made and it is now advised the number of personnel required has increased to 120, made up as shown in Appx "A" attached.

3. It is pointed out that until most of these reinforcements are available, it will be necessary for units to retain high priority personnel to meet the engineer commitments in the area. This is not in the best interests as regards maintaining morale in the units concerned.

4. It is again requested that action be taken to obtain low priority demob personnel, as the reinforcements required, from units in BORNEO. It is desirable, but not necessary, that they be RAE.

5. Your early advice will be appreciated.

Maj.
for Col.
Chief Engineer.

12 Nov 45.

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APPENDIX "A"
to RE 8.79 of 12 Nov 45.

REQUIREMENTS BY TRADES - REINFORCEMENTS RAE UNITS MOROTAI

			Totals
TG 1			
	Blacksmiths	2	
	Boiler Makers	2	
	Carpenters & Joiners	5	
	Fitter Engine	2	
	Fitter General	3	
	Fitter Mech Eqpt	1	
	Mech Refrig	3	
	Op Mech Eqpt	14	
	Plumbers	2	
	Saw Doctors	2	
	Welders	4	
		40	40
TG 2			
	Axemen	2	
	Carpenters	9	
	Mech Eng	4	
	Miners	1	
	Painters	2	
	Sawyers	4	
		22	22
TG 3			
	Clerks	4	
	Dvr Mechs	2	
	Engine Hand IC	5	
	Tech Storeman	4	
	Tinsmith	1	
		16	16
Non specialists			
	Batman Dvrs	5	
	Dvrs MT	16	
	Pioneers	12	
		33	33
Att Personnel			
	AACC - Cooks	8	
	AAMC - RAP Cpl	1	
		9	9
	TOTAL - all trades.		120

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ALLIED LAND FORCES
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS

LANDOPS 13 1100 I

LANDFORCES

ESL 4863 unclass . for gen STEELE . from WILSON . your RE 91473 of 12 nov . have again read RE 91281 and RE 91397 and now comment as follows . one . a LANDOPS unlikely to accept these disposal arrangements without a direction from LANDFORCES because arrangements are contrary to principle GRO 229/45 part 17 and contrary to existing demobilization procedure . two . at present unit cadres of redundant units normally return to australia with their war equipment which includes mechanical equipment . reason for this is that depots here cannot hold all the equipment involved . three . if mechanical equipment to be left this area when redundant units depart we will have to adopt one of following alternatives for custody and maintenance of machines pending their removal under CBC direction . A . retain unit cadres and attach them to engineer stores depots . B . improvise detachments of mech eqpt park coy within each engineer stores depot . C . treat machines to make them suitable for static storage without maintenance so that machines could be held by engineer stores depots . four . am investigating last alternative C . five . for information we have in this area approx 650 items of mechanical plant which would require 100

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SHEET NO TWO OF ESL 4863 .

thousand square feet of coverage . six . request you have suitable Q staff direction sent to LANDOPS by LANDFORCES . seven . please advise

Col.
13 Nov 45.

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APPENDIX "A" to RE 148.224

RECOMMENDED OFFICER POSTINGS - 17 CRE (WKS)

Serial No	Posting	Army No	Rank	Name	Present Posting	Officer's whereabouts	Reference	Remarks
1.	CRE	TX 2022	Lt-Col	McGOWAN J M	RAE (Wks),17 CRE (Wks)	MOROTAI	Your MS 981 of 16 Oct.	
2.	Adjt (Capt)	NX 114182	Capt	BERRIMAN J A	RAE (Wks), 17 CRE (Wks)	MOROTAI	MS 85303 of 16 Oct.	
3.	Fd Engr (Capt)	NX 148488	Lt	VENN R A	RAE (Fd), 2/8 Fd Coy	First Army Area		Transfer to RAE (Wks)
4.	Stores Offr (Capt)	DX 856	Capt	CURRALL J H	Adv HQ AMF, AEME	MOROTAI		
5.	E & M Offr (Capt)	NX 130546	Capt	COCKS J H	2/4 Armd Regt Wksp, AEME	FIRST AUST ARMY AREA		Transfer to RAE (Wks)
6.	Stores Offr E & M (lt)	QX 60054	Lt	WILMOT C G	RAE (Wks), 17 CRE (Wks)	MOROTAI	Landforces RE 86627 of 22 Oct.	
7.	Cam Offr (Lt)	NX 147491	Lt	BELL J T	RAE (Fd), 2/3 Ind Fd Sqn	MOROTAI	MS 89105 of 31 Oct	Transfer to RAE (Wks)
8.	Svyr (Wks)(Lt)	VX 69629	Lt	DAVIES R	RAE (Wks), 4 Army Tps Coy	MOROTAI		

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APPENDIX "B" to RE 148.224 of 12 Nov 45.

RECOMMENDED OFFICER POSTINGS - 28 FD COY

Serial No	Posting	Army No	Rank	Name	Present Posting	Officers whereabouts	Reference	Remarks
1.	OC (Maj)	VX 1350	T/Maj	HARPER H S	RAE (Fd), 28 Fd Coy	MOROTAI	MS 86408 of 20 Oct	
2.	Capt	NX 58264	Capt	ROUSE H W	RAE (Fd), 2/4 Fd Coy	MOROTAI		
3.	Capt	NX 146497	Lt	GORDON A C	RAE (Wks), 101 A Tps Coy	MOROTAI		Transfer to RAE (Fd)
4.	Lt	NX 176211	Lt	YONGE P D	RAE (Fd), HQ RAE 1 Corps Tps	En route from TARAKAN to MOROTAI		
5.	Lt	VX 92254	Lt	ROBINSON E P	RAE (Wks), 11 Wksp & Pk Coy	MOROTAI		Transfer to RAE (Fd)
6.	Lt	NX 138186	Lt	DUNSMORE I D	RAE (Fd), HQ RAE 7 Div	MOROTAI		
7.	Lt	NX 12913	Lt	COLLINS L J	RAE (Fd), 2/4 Fd Coy	MOROTAI		

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APPENDIX "C" to RE 148.224 of 12 Nov 45

RECOMMENDED OFFICER POSTINGS - 13 A TPS COY

Serial No	Posting	Army No	Rank	Name	Present posting	Officers whereabouts	Reference	Remarks
1.	O.C. (Maj)	QX 22567	Maj	FITZGERALD A T	RAE (Fd), 7 Fd Coy	En route to MOROTAI from 3 Div area. ETD 1 Nov.		Transfer to RAE (Wks)
2.	Capt	NX 140280	Capt	COOPER B D	RAE (Fd), 8 Fd Coy	MOROTAI		Transfer to RAE (Wks)
3.	Capt	VX 27846	T/Capt	JONES V W	RAE (Wks), 17 CRE (Wks)	MOROTAI	MS 89105 of 31 Oct approves posting to 17 CRE (Wks)	
4.	Lt	NX 50164	Lt	DEERY J B	RAE (Fd), 8 Fd Coy	FIRST ARMY AREA		Transfer to RAE (Wks)
5.	Lt	TX 9133	Lt	COLQUHOUN-KERR D G	RAE (Wks), 9 CRE (Wks)	MOROTAI		
6.	Lt	VX 16048	Lt	MORAN L P	RAE (Fd), R of O (being posted to 2/6 Fd Coy)	En route to MOROTAI from Aust.		E in C, HQ AMF, is arranging movt of this officer to MOROTAI. Transfer to RAE (Wks)
7.	Lt	QX 61800	Lt	TROUT L W	RAE (Fd), 8 Fd Coy	MOROTAI		Transfer to RAE (Wks)
8.	Lt	VX 104780	Lt	FORBES I C	RAE (Wks), 53 Fd Pk Coy	FIRST ARMY AREA		
9.	Lt	NX 203247	Lt	SHARPE H L C	RAE (Fd), 2/8 Fd Coy	FIRST ARMY AREA		Transfer to RAE (Wks)

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Office of the Engineer in Chief.

ADV HQ AMF

15 Nov 1945.

ADV HQ AMF WEEKLY RESUME NO 87

PART I - RAE

1. Engr Int Sec

(a) Lt-Col F W WHITEHOUSE, WOI GAMBLE and Cpl HANDY departed MOROTAI for BRISBANE 12 Nov, to correlate engr int data with MI Sec, BRISBANE Sec, HQ AMF, and subsequently be discharged.

(b) Lt RUDD and WO II WESTLAKE awaiting mov MOROTAI to E in C, HQ AMF.

(c) Capt C E GREGORY not yet returned from CELEBES.

2. AMF for JAPAN

(a) 17 CRE (Wks)

(i) CRE, Capt BERRIMAN, Capt CURRALL, with 3 ORs departed MOROTAI 9 Nov for TOKIO as engineer recce party, ETA TOKIO 13 Nov. No reports yet received.

(ii) Final selections of officers for RAE units, made by CRE and recommendations for postings forwarded to Mil Sec, Adv HQ AMF.

(b) 28 Fd Coy

(i) Present strength 6 offrs and 135 ORs.

(ii) Of 180 ORs originally posted to the unit from BALIKPAPAN and MOROTAI area, 42 have now withdrawn applications as volunteers for JAPAN and have been marched out to GDD. It is considered this state of affairs will continue unless troops are signed on for a specific period for service in JAPAN. Whilst they have the option of withdrawing at any time under the present conditions of enrollment, it is going to be difficult to enforce any disciplinary measures that may be necessary.

(iii) 117 ORs from ARD MOROTAI and ex 9 Div area will march into 28 Fd Coy 15 Nov 45. Any surplus personnel will be transferred to 13 A Tps Coy to fill existing vacancies, or to RAE reinforcement pool.

(iv) 1 offr and 33 ORs en route to MOROTAI from TARAKAN, ETA 16 Nov.

(c) 13 A Tps Coy

(i) 4 offrs and 52 ORs concentrated at MOROTAI.

(ii) Further 2 offrs and 55 ORs en route from LAE to MOROTAI, ETA 17 Nov 45.

(iii) CE First Army asked to advise deficiencies or surpluses by trades and duties from First Army area.

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FRONT

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(d) Engr Stores

It is still impossible to give firm estimates of requirements of engr stores until definite advice is received as to actual accommodation and coverage that will be available for the force to take over.

(e) Accommodation - plan of modified Mk II General Purpose Hut - Temperate Type, received from E in C, HQ AMF. A pilot model has been constructed with modifications and recommendations for improvement will be forwarded shortly.

PART II - WORKS

Sec I. First Aust Army

1. 3 Aust Div - BOUGAINVILLE

General maintenance work only.

2. 6 Aust Div - WEWAK

(a) Slipway 98 %.

(b) ORs Club 20 %.

(c) General maintenance.

3. 11 Aust Div - RABAUL

(a) VUNAKANAU strip, drainage 30 %.

(b) 118 AGH, stage 2, 90 %.

(c) Minor works.

Sec II. Adv HQ AMF Comd

4. BALIKPAPAN

(a) Sealing SEPOELOEH Rd 90 %, work held up due to rain.

(b) PANDANSARI Sawmill 97 %.

(c) Broadcasting Station 60 %.

(d) MANGGAR water supply 80 %.

(e) Minor works.

(f) Oil pipe lines - maintenance and patrolling continuous. Some delays in the discharge of tankers have been reported, due to the line regularly developing leaks under pressure. This is so and due to the badly corroded nature of the pipe.
Since the pipe available in the area for replacement is in a similar condition, no renewment is contemplated. The line is patrolled by RAE when tankers are discharging and if working pressures are kept below 70 lbs per sq in, these will be the most practical measures that can be taken at the present time.

5. LABUAN

(a) Bomber strip. Estimate 6000 ft ready for use 14 Nov, dependant on fine weather. No advice received of any alteration to EDC 23 Nov for whole strip. RAE carted 2500 cu yds coral and RAAF 2400 cu yds.

(b) 300 T slipway cradle 80 %, EDC 15 Nov.

(c) 2/10 C.C.S. Dysentery & VD wards, latrines and Mental House EDC 16 Nov

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PART II - (Cont)

Sec II Adv HQ AMF Comd (Cont)

5. LABUAN (Cont)

(d) LAWAI sawmill output for week 55,000 s.ft.

(e) JESSELTON wharf usable.

(f) General maintenance throughout area and minor works.

6. TARAKAN

(a) War cemetery gates 30 %.

(b) General maintenance.

7. MOROTAI

(a) Other Ranks and Officers Clubs. Erection of fences and grading of sports areas.

(b) Roads. Reconstruction Route 1. Formation gravelling and culverts complete. Route open to traffic.

(c) Roads. General maintenance continues.

(d) Water supply for week: MOROTAI area 4,436,000 Gals
SABATAI area 63,000 Gals.
No interruptions, 4" main began supply to Stick Dock No 3 from boosted main.

(e) Wharves. Repairs to No 2 Dock, EDC now 15 Nov. Repairs and maintenance to remaining wharfage continues.

(f) Sawmill production for week - 37,626 super feet.

8. MAKASSAR

(a) MANDAI Airfield.

(i) There are two strips at MANDAI:

One natural surface runway 4,700 ft by 200 ft. Poorly drained and unserviceable even after 60 points of rain due to the muddy surface. Not worth while developing or repairing.

One concrete surfaced runway with crushed rock and bitumen sealed sections either end. Length 5,270 ft by 200 ft and extension possible to 6,500 feet. Badly cratered as result of Allied bombing, and to repair, provide hardstandings and drain adequately, would require the equivalent of Mech Eqpt Pl, probably for approx one month - shipping space would be required from BALIKPAPAN for some 700 tons (M) of eqpt and 45 personnel.

(ii) Repairs to concrete strip to provide a 5200 ft by 100 ft runway proceeding by pl 2/6 Fd Coy and native labour. Proposed repairs now 75 % complete and strip should be serviceable 25 Nov, but not necessarily all weather. There is likely to be trouble with filled craters due to poor filling and lack of consolidation. Craters would be improved by a waterproof seal coat.

(b) Accommodation complete.

(c) Minor works continue.

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PART II. (Cont)

Sec II Adv HQ AMF Comd (Cont)

9. AMBON

(a) LAHA airstrip. Additional works complete.

(b) Repairs to oil tanks and pipe line 99 %.

(c) Clearing cemetery site 85 %.

(d) Repair of bridges LAHA 40 %.

(e) General maintenance and minor works.

10. TIMOR

(a) Barge unloading facilities TENAU beach 100 %.

(b) Sealing old bomb craters PENFOEI airstrip.

(c) General maintenance and minor works.

PART III - ENGR STORES

SHIPPING IN

NIL

SHIPPING OUT

NIL

STORES FOR JAPAN

Advice received from E in C's office that stores ex Aust requested for shipment to MOROTAI for JAPAN FORCE, will not arrive before end of December 1945.

Demands have been placed on Aust for supply of 495 tons (M) of stores required for RAAF accommodation for JAPAN. Supplementary lists have also been sent to 7 Div and 9 Div for stores to be shipped to MOROTAI, which are required for RAAF accommodation.

J. G. Wilson

(J G WILSON) Col.
Chief Engineer.

DISTRIBUTION

E in C, HQ AMF	(2)
File	(1)
War Diary	(3)

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LANDOPS 15 1235 I

LANDFORCES

ESL 4874 unclassified . personal general STEELE from WILSON . your RE 92060 of 14 nov re disposal . one . have got LANDFORCES DOAD 91959 but memo no 144502 of 7 nov NOT available at LANDOPS . please send urgently copy of 144502 . two . note arrangements concerning shipping of surplus equipment from redundant units . three . preparation lists of surplus material and mechanical equipment stating whether american australian or combined origin . this difficult for us without detailed information from procurers in your office . for example following items may be american or combined origin . mechanical equipment . generators . electric motors . air compressors and pneumatic tools . hand tools . refrigerators . welding sets . electrodes . pumps . engines . prime movers of assembled machines . four . consider essential your office provide me with list and means of identification

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of all items which are either purely american origin or combined origin . with items of combined origin please state which component parts are of american origin . please advise whether this can be done and ETA of list . consider if your office cannot do this that task will be very difficult or impossible for us . or in other words if you cannot do this we cannot . five . your RE 91607 and my ESL 4841 . consider ESL 4841 should be reinstated and that it is useful and constructive approach which sooner or later we must undertake for disposal commission . desire you appreciate that it is most definitely to our advantage to dispose of maximum plant and stores as soon as possible to obviate the need for custody and maintenance . ESL 4841 completely covered by existing staff authorities which have NOT been cancelled . procedure of ESL 4841 recently

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SHEET 3 OF ESL 4874

worked satisfactorily at TARAKAN for transfer to NICA of eight major items of mech eqpt . would appreciate advice of reasons for cancellation ESL 4841 . six . now consider essential WILSON visit MELBOURNE concerning disposal matters

Col
15 Nov 45.

IMPORTANT

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RE 10.48

RE 10 48

Office of the Engineer in Chief
ADV HQ AMF

15 Nov 45.

E in C, HQ AMF.

Subject : LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

... 1. Ref your EC 1982 of 10 Nov, the attached list shows the additional publications which have been forwarded to your office.

2. The remaining publications are being forwarded to S.M.E.

Lt.
for Col.
Chief Engineer.

ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
ALLIED LAND FORCES

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SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS

Attachment to RE 10.48 of 15 Nov 45.

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS FORWARDED TO E IN C OFFICE, HQ AMF.

Serial		Title
1.		ATLAS VAN INDIE
		STRATEGIC ENGINEER STUDIES
2.	SE 79	SUMATRA Vol II - TERRAIN INTERPRETATION.
3.	SE 105	NETH N.G. Vol I - LANDING BEACHES
4.	SE 117	CUBU P.I.
5.	SE 122	SULU ARCH P.I.
6.	SE 123	PANAY P.I.
7.	SE 133	FORMOSA (TAIWAN) Vol II - RAILWAYS
		TERRAIN STUDIES
8.	TS 90	-
9.	TS 101	PANAY
10.	TS 107	KENDARI
11.	TS 108	S E BORNEO
12.	TS 112	BATAVIA - BANDOENG
		TERRAIN HANDBOOKS
13.	TH 25	HOLLANDIA
14.	TH 51	PANAY
15.	TH 60	SANDAKAN
		ENGINEER ANNEX
16.	46A	SORONG GEFMEN AND SAMATE AREAS - NW DUTCH N.G.
17.	82A	TALAUD IS
18.	29A	CAPE OF GOOD HOPE TO DORE HOEM BAY
		PHOTOGRAPHIC ANNEX
19.	29B	CAPE OPMARAI TO WESAN R
20.	82B	TALAUD AND MANOESA IS
		SPECIAL STUDY
21.		TIMBER RESOURCES OF THE P.I.
22.		VEGETATION STUDY OF THE P.I.
		SPECIAL REPORTS
23.	SR 42	AROE IS
24.	SR 49	KAI IS
25.	SR 54	APPARI AREA
26.	SR 69	BANDJERMASIN
27.	SR 74	STRAAT LOMBOK
28.	SR 75	WATER SUPPLY JAVA Vols I, II & III
29.	SR 80	MAKASSAR
30.	SR 82	CENTRAL CELEBES
31.	SR 85	BANDA SEA IS

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		J.A.N.I.S.
32.	75	Chapt III KOREA
33.	76	CHINA E. COAST
34.	80	KURILE IS - PLANS
35.	154	PHILLIPINES
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	T3	" " RESOURCES

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ESL 4876

Office of the Engineer in Chief
ADV HQ AMF

15 Nov 45.

RAE 9 Div.
57 DCRE (Wks).
1 CRE (Wks).

Subject : MECH EQPT MAINT CHARTS

Please find enclosed copies of Maintenance Charts No 8 and Maintenance Charts No 9, as follows, for distribution to units under command.

	Chart No 8	Chart No 9
RAE 9 Div	27	1 ~~5~~
57 DCRE (Wks)	57	1 ~~3~~
1 CRE (Wks)	12	2 ~~11~~

Capt.
for Col.
Chief Engineer

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ESL 4375 unclass . engineer stores for JAPAN . one . your RE 91473 of 12 nov last part . Q movements here estimate that shipping stores direct from SYDNEY to TOKIO would save some 14 days compared to offloading and reloading at MOROTAI . suggest you get the planners to investigate . please advise . two . LANDFORCES signal Q 91752 of 13 nov and first army QS 3716 of 14 nov reference refrigerators . please watch the interests of the troops to see that they get their refrigerators . three . your RE 91726 . agree putty not essential but would be nice for stuffing cracks in JAPAN

Col.
15 nov 45

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RAE 7 Div	(3)
RAE 9 Div	(3)
2/13 Fd Coy (for CRE)	(2)
1 CRE (Wks)	(2)
RAE TIMOR FORCE	(2)
RAE AMBON FORCE	(2)
RAE MAKASSAR FORCE	(2)

Subject : ACCOUNTING OF JAP EQUIP

1. Attached hereto is copy of Adv HQ AMF Adm Instr No 85, AQ/301.2/Q2 of 15 Nov 45.

2. This will be read in conjunction with our ESL 4786 of 2 Nov 45 and dealt with through staff channels only.

for

Col.
Chief Engineer.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Advanced Headquarters
AQ/301.2-/Q2
15 Nov 45.

ADV HQ AMF ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO 85

TRANSFER OF STORES, EQPT AND SUPS FROM JAPS TO BBCAU OR NICA

1. Attention is directed to Adv LHQ Adm Instr 51 of 9 Jul 45 which prescribed the procedure to be followed in accounting for property captured from the enemy during the OBOE ops.

The procedure laid down in Adm Instr 51 will continue to be applied in the present circumstances both in areas under direct control and in those supervised by surveillance parties.

2. Particular care will be exercised to ensure that inventories in as much detail as practicable are made of all sups, stores and material and that receipts are obtained from BBCAU or NICA as the case may be.

3. If it should be necessary to arrange for NICA or native chiefs to take-over custody of sups, stores and material from Japs it should be made clear that such sups, stores and material are taken-over for custody only and are not to be distributed without the approval of the Force Commander.

4. In order that any claims as to ownership can be decided subsequently, the following instructions will apply in all cases:

(a) Four copies of all inventories and receipts will be made, and will be distributed as follows:
one to BBCAU or NICA
two to Adv HQ AMF
one held by formation which arranged hand-over.

(b) Records will be maintained as far as practicable of all sups, stores and material handed-over, as to
(i) quantity,
(ii) quality,
(iii) location,
(iv) condition,
(v) disposition,
(vi) evidence of ownership, and
(vii) any other pertinent facts.

G H Woodward, Brigadier
Deputy Adjutant and Quartermaster General

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List 'C' less serials 8 to 18, 20 to 22, 42 to 44 plus:
34 Inf Bde — PA to C of S — RNIA (LO) — Copy to: HQ AMF (6)
MANADO FORCE — DA & QMG — War Diary (2)

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ESL 4897 Unclassified (.) personal gen STEELE from WILSON (.) disposals further to my ESL 4874 (.)

ONE (.) LANDFORCES SD92169 of 15 Nov noted and is fairly satisfactory but is rather too restrictive (.) Writing in detail about this (.)

TWO (.) disposals representatives GOYNE SABEY and BOWE arrived here and provided copy of LHQ memo 144502 and ESM42 and ESM43 (.)

THREE(.) impressed with apparent efficiency of SABEY and if his promises eventuate most of our difficulties are solved(.) generally SABEYS proposed methods of solution are exactly as suggested in my letters and signals(.) main points arising in discussion with SABEY follow as items four to eight hereof(.) refer also LANDOPS signal Q2175 of 18 Nov and HQ167 of 19 Nov (.)

FOUR (.) SEAC requirements (.) in my opinion SEACs approximate maximum requirements in engineer items and Mech Eqpt can be estimated by us from general knowledge obtained from ALFSEA mission engineer rep(.) my proposal is that we should estimate SEACS approx maximum requirements and earmark these items for SEAC (.) my ESL4895 of 18 Nov shows general basis (.) the object of doing this is to permit early negotiations with and sales to BBCAU RNI forces NICA and civil businesses (.) SABEY commends this this principle (.)

FIVE (.) Stores of Land Lease origin (.) disposals reps agree that a workable basis must be found and that LANDFORCES DGAD 91959 NOT practicable (.)

SIX (.) disposals reps have asked me to accept certain responsibilities for assisting them to estimate values of both engr stores and engr works for sale (.) this office has agreed to assist for the following reasons (.) A (.) that disposals here will have only about one representative who will require technical assistance (.) B (.) that giving our assistance in negotiations and valuations will expedite sales and therefore assist RAE to clear their depots (.) C (.) that so doing is to the national advantage (.) LHQ memo 144502 paras 4 and 8C also refer (.) to this end please despatch earliest ten copies of priced vocabulary of engineer stores and mech eqpt (.) please advise if these available and ETA (.)

SEVEN(.) disposal reps state that sales should be negotiated between army service representatives and prospective purchasers such as BBCAU NICA or civil business orgs (.) Settlements prices will be fixed by regional manager CDC whom we will assist to estimate value (.) this corroborates my ESL 4841 (.) we are preparing comprehensise instruction following same general lines as ESL 4841 to cover all engineer stores plant and mech eqpt (.) hope to issue this under Staff authority LANDOPS(.)

EIGHT (.) disposal reps consider that earth moving eqpt which cannot be profitably sold here should be returned to AUSTRALIA for civil use (.) they state ready sale available in AUSTRALIA and that shipping to AUSTRALIA well justified (.)

COL IMPORTANT

19 Nov 45

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RE 148.260

Office of the E in C
Adv HQ AMF.

AMF FOR JAPAN - DEFICIENCIES OF PERSONNEL, RAE UNITS.

'A' Branch
Adv HQ AMF

Copies:
E in C, HQ AMF
17 CRE (Wks)

1. There are 109 deficiencies by trades and duties and 93 deficiencies by numbers existing in 28 Fd Coy and 13 A Tps Coy, 34 Inf Bde Gp. This has been caused to a great extent by the large incidence of withdrawals that have occurred and are still occurring since volunteers were first called for. As an example of this, the number of withdrawals in 28 Fd Coy has increased from 42 to 61 in the past 6 days.

2. It is essential in view of the known engr committments for the Force, that the above RAE units proceed to JAPAN at full strength, incl the 10% additional numbers to cover wastage.

3. CE First Army advises there are ~~61~~ 64 surplus volunteers in that area and it is believed a similar position may exist in units in BORNEO. It is therefore recommended that :

(a) A further call for RAE volunteers be made in units in both both First Army and fmns under command this HQ.

(b) Up to 150 of these volunteers be moved to MOROTAI and be made up to the nearest equivalent of the trades and duties specified in Appx 'A' attached, column (d).

It is pointed out that a number of the surplus trades and duties can probably be re-classified to fill actual vacancies existing against the respective WEs, but it is again stressed that in order to carry out the work that will be required in JAPAN the maximum possible number of engr tradesmen should move with these units. It is not necessary that these tradesmen strictly comply with those specified by WE.

4. Appx 'A' attached shows :

(a) present deficiencies by trades and duties for both units.

(b) the desired no of trades and duties to make up the 150 additional personnel recommended vide 3(b) above.

(c) the known surplus existing in First Army area as at 1 Nov 45.

5. It is requested please that you take the necessary action to obtain the 150 RAE personnel recommended, and advise this office of the action taken.

20 Nov 45.

(J.G. WILSON) Col.
Chief Engineer.

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APPENDIX 'A' TO
RE 148.250 of 20 NOV 45.

AMF JAPAN FORCE - RAE

Sheet 1 of 2.

Serial No	Trades	Present Deficiencies	Numbers Required	Surplus existing First Army as at 1 Nov.	Remarks.
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
	TG 1				
1	Blacksmiths	2	2	5	
2	Bricklayers	1	1	-	
3	Carpenters and Joiners	22	30	-	
4	Fitters Engine	4	6	6	
5	Plumbers	8	10	-	
6	Draughtsmen Arch	1	1	-	
7	Draughtsmen Eng	1	1	-	
8	Mech Refrig.	2	2	-	
9	Surveyor	1	1	-	
10	Electricians	2	2	-	
11	Operators M.E.	-	-	9	
12	Turner	-	-	1	
13	Shipwright	-	-	2	
	TG 2				
14	Carpenters	12	16	-	
15	Elec. Wiremen	4	5	-	
16	Miners	6	8	1	
17	Riggers	4	5	-	
18	Sawyer	1	1	-	
19	Well Borer	1	1	-	
20	Painters	2	3	1	
21	Signwriters	2	3	-	
22	Driver Operators	5	6	2	
23	Axemen	-	-	5	

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Serial No	Trades	Present Deficiencies	Numbers Required	Surplus existing First Army as at 1 Nov 45.	Remarks.
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
	TG 3				
24	Concretors	2	2	-	
25	Tailors	2	2	-	
26	Tinsmith	4	5	-	
27	Clerks	3	4	-	
28	Op Refrig	2	2	-	
29	Storemen Tech	2	2	-	
30	Driver Mech	1	1	3	
31					
	NON SPECIALISTS				
31	Batmen	1	2	-	
32	Drivers MT	2	5	12	
33	Pioneers	-	11	8	
34	MC Orderlies	5	6	-	
35	General Duties	-	-	9	
	ATTACHED BY WE.				
36	AAMC Cpl	1	1	-	
37	AA Postal S Cpl	1	1	-	
38	AACC Pte Bootmaker	1	1	-	
39	AACC Cpl	1	1	-	
	TOTAL	109	150	34	

Advanced AMF.

ESL 4899

21 Nov 45.

E in C,
HQ AMF.

Subject : AMF FOR JAPAN - BULK OIL STORES.

1. The bulk oil stores available in areas under this command for the above force, are listed in Appendix 'A' attached.

2. Stores at Morotai

(a) The two 1,000 bbl bolted tanks are complete except for :-

(i) Column support 8" x 11.5 lb/ft channel x 2' 6"	- 2
(ii) Gauge Board 1-1/4 x 6" x 18" oregon	- 1
(iii) Roof rafter int end support 4" x 5.4 Lb/ft channel x 5'4-11/16"	- 1
(iv) Roof rafter int end support connection 3" x 3/8" x 1'10" welded	- 2

(b) The major deficiencies in the erection gear are :-

(i) Plate lifting spreader assembled.
(ii) Come-along for pulling steel by hand.

3. Will you please advise what stores are required so that they can be assembled ready for shipment from their various locations to MOROTAI.

JGW.

(J G WILSON) Col.
Chief Engineer.

Hqrs.

APPENDIX TO ESL 4899
OF 21 NOV 45.

BULK OIL STORES

Item	AVAILABLE FOR FUTURE USE			
	MOROTAI	TARAKAN	BALIKPAPAN	LABUAN
Valves, check, flanged 6"	-	-	3	-
Valves, gate, water 6"	-	-	11	-
" " (Aust) 6"	-	-	8	-
" plug, flanged (U.S.) 4"	-	-	21	-
" " screwed (US) 4" with V/G adaptors	-	-	24	-
" gate (US) 4"	-	-	4	-
" " (Aust) 4"	-	-	18	-
" " screwed 4" with V/G adaptors	-	-	10	-
Flanges, screwed 12 hole 6"	-	-	4	-
" blank Aust 6"	-	-	8	-
" slip on, 8 hole, 6" pairs	-	-	3	-
" V'd for weld 6"	-	-	8	-
" slip on, Aust 6"	-	-	140	-
" " " " 4"	-	-	252	-
" blank " 4"	-	-	7	-
" screwed 5 hole, 4" spairs	-	-	18	-
" slip on, 8 hole, 8" pairs	-	-	5	-
Adaptors flange to V/G 4"	-	-	33	-
Tees, flanged, Aust 6"	-	-	6	-
" " 4"	-	-	20	-
" V/G 6"	-	-	6	-
" " 4"	-	-	7	-
Nipples, V/G short 6"	-	-	3	Crate -
" " long 6"	-	-	2	-
" " short 4"	-	-	4	-
Bends, 90° flanged Aust 6"	-	-	9	Crate -
" " V/G 6"	-	-	1	Crate -
" 45° V/G 6"	-	-	5	-
Reducers, 6" to 4", 8 hole fl to V/G	-	-	36	-
" 6" to 4" flanged Aust	-	-	3	-
Hose, gasoline, fillstand 4" x 6" with V/G nipples	-	-	21	-
" " unloading, flange, arm'd 6" x 15'	-	-	4	-
" " drum filling, arm'd, 1½" x 5'	-	-	9	-
" " unloading 4" x 30'	-	-	6	-

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Item		AVAILABLE FOR FUTURE USE			
		MOROTAI	TARAKAN	BALIKPAPAN	LABUAN
Scooters, 8"		-	-	3	-
Nozzles, "Penflex" 1-1/2"		-	-	9	-
" trigger 1-1/2"		-	-	48	-
" bulkwaggon filling 2"		-	-	6	-
Swivels, COR type 2"		-	-	6	-
Ends V/C 4"		-	-	70	-
Water strainer and interceptor 6"		-	-	2	2
Main line, valve section 6"		-	-	3	-
" " check valve section 4"		-	-	3	-
Regulator sections 4"		-	-	3	-
" " valves , only 4"		-	-	1	-
Main line, check valve sect valves only 4"		-	-	1	-
Arrestors, flame 6"		-	-	2	-
Vents, pressure vacuum,		-	-	2	-
Pumps, "PUP", 4" x 4"		-	-	4	-
" Gilbert & Barker, 2-1/2" x 2-1/2"		-	-	1	-
" " " 2" x 2"		-	-	1	-
" Thompson, cent, with Cadillac Engine 4" x 3"		-	-	3	-
" cent, with Waukesha eng. 4" x 3"		-	-	1	-
McDonald Diesel (Pump)		-	-	1	-
Couplings, V/C 6"		-	-	150	-
" " 6"		-	15	4940	-
Tanks, 14000 bbl welded		-	-	1	-
" 2300 " "		-	-	3	-
" 1000 " bolted		2 (incomplete)	-	2	-
Piping V/C 6"	Ft.	-	600	-	-
" std. 6"	"	-	750	-	3000
" " 4"	"	-	-	-	5000
Connectors 6"		-	-	-	235
" 4"		-	-	-	520
Erection Gear	Sets	1 (incomplete)	-	-	-

LANDOPS SI 1520 I

LANDFORCES

ESL 4909 unclassified . personal for general STEELE from WILSON . DISPOSALS . your RE 93078 of 19 Nov and my ESL 4897 of 19 Nov . following is submitted with respect and is a request for assistance . resulting from order and counter order disposal position here becoming more chaotic each day . for some examples refer LANDFORCES . 93307 ADM of 20 Nov which is largely meaningless . incompatibilities between 93041 of 19 Nov and SD 92169 of 15 Nov and RE 92060 and RE 91473 and others . DOAD 91959 of 14 Nov is specific staff direction and until varied we cannot act on your RE 93078 . verbal advices from SABEY CDC rep contradict parts of LANDFORCES instructions . in my opinion much confusion arises because LANDFORCES failed to apply field service regulations volume two sec 14 paras 1 and 2 . we are now exasperated to point of despair and consider no useful purpose in

interchanging further signals or letters until one workable instruction is issued by LANDFORCES . request your concurrence to suspend action until WILSON arrives MELBOURNE or a workable instruction issued whichever happens first . have signalled MCGOWAN on 19 Nov to ascertain date of his return MOROTAI but no reply as yet

COL
21 Nov 45

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Office of the Engineer in Chief.

Adv HQ AMF.

22 Nov 45

SD, Adv HQ AMF.

Copies to : E in C, HQ AMF (2)

ADV HQ AMF WEEKLY RESUME NO 88

PART I - RAE

1. Engr Int Sec

(a) Lt RUDD & WOII WESTLAKE marched out for mov by air to E in C, HQ AMF, 19 Nov 45.

(b) Capt GREGORY not yet returned from CELEBES, but latest ETA MOROTAI now 25 Nov.

2. AMF for JAPAN

(a) 17 CRE (Wks)

Recce party still in JAPAN, and no reports yet received.

(b) 28 Fd Coy

(i) Present strength with unit	7 offrs	198 ORs
Volunteers expected ex TARAKAN	1 "	33 "
Total	8 offrs	231 ORs
Deficiency against WE & 10 %	-	37 ORs
Deficiencies by trades & duties	-	53 ORs
Total No of volunteer withdrawals	-	61 ORs

(ii) Regimental & weapon training commenced and proceeding satisfactorily.

(c) 13 A Tps Coy

(i) Present strength with unit	6 offrs	212 ORs
Volunteers expected ex First Army	2 "	25 "
Total	8 offrs	237 ORs
Deficiency against WE & 10 %	-	31 ORs
Deficiencies by trades & duties	-	56 ORs

(ii) Unit engaged settling in, and drawing WE etc. Regimental & weapon training commenced & proceeding satisfactorily.

(d) Deficiencies in Personnel - 28 Fd Coy and 13 A Tps Coy.

(i) 'A' Branch, Adv HQ AMF, has been advised of the deficiencies IN THESE UNITS in numbers and by trades and duties as 93 and 109 respectively, if these units are to proceed to JAPAN with full WE plus the 10 % allowed for wastage.

(ii) In view of a known surplus of 64 RAE personnel in First Army and the possible surpluses that may exist in BORNEO, it has been recommended that a further call for RAE volunteers be made and up to 150 of these be moved to MOROTAI, to meet the above mentioned deficiencies and the anticipated wastage before the force embarks.

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(iii) It has also been pointed out in the minute, that it is essential that the RAE units proceed to JAPAN with the maximum number of engineer tradesmen and that these tradesmen need not strictly comply with those specified by WE.

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PART II - WORKS

1. LABUAN

(a) Bomber Strip

(i) Ready for limited Liberator traffic, 22 Nov.

(ii) The strip has been completely surfaced but has a bad wet and springy subgrade in vicinity of 4700 ft.

(iii) Over-run at North end rough and no over-run on South end due to cemetery.

(iv) Coral carted - RAAF 2,000 c.yds., RAE 1,900 c.yds.

(b) 300 T Slipway

Ready for trial loading 15 Nov, but trials not yet carried out.

(c) LAWAS Sawmill

Output for week 42,000 super ft.

2. MAKASSAR

HQ & 2 pls 2/6 Fd Coy at BALIKPAPAN have been re-designated an interim army unit and embarked for MAKASSAR 21 Nov, to complete repairs to strip to make if all weather 6,200 x 200 ft.

3. AMBON

Oil installations are in good order and ready to receive tankers.

4. MOROTAI

(a) Electric Supply Adv HQ AMF. Rewiring defective installations in AEME & staff offices 100 %. The replacement of unsafe bare aerials has commenced.

(b) Wharves. Repairs to Avgas Jetty 80 %.

(c) Sawmill production for week 32,784 super feet.

PART III - ENGINEER STORES

5. SHIPPING IN

MOROTAI	- KANIMBLA	ex Aust	6 tons (M)
LABUAN	- PASLEY	ex Aust	357 tons (M).

6. SHIPPING OUT - NIL.

7. STORES FOR JAPAN

(a) The assembly of stores for JAPAN is proceeding and 'Q' Landops have been asked to call forward to MOROTAI, as soon as possible, the stores required from BALIKPAPAN and LABUAN aggregating 1,085 tons(M) and 840 tons (M) respectively.

(b) The 840 tons from LABUAN includes approx 80,000 super ft of timber cut by RAE 9 Div for some of the anticipated hutting requirements.

8. DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS ENGINEER STORES

Until such times as a comprehensive staff writing covering both the policy and procedure for the disposal of engineer stores, is received by this office, little, if any, worthwhile action can be taken. Individual instructions received to date are inconsistent with one another and no positive action that can be taken is apparent.

(J G WILSON) Col.
Chief Engineer.

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Office of the E in C
ADV HQ AMF

AMF FOR JAPAN - MOVEMENT OF ENGR STORES.

ESL 4912

'Q'

Copies to : 17 CRE (Wks)
NAE 7 Div
NAE 9 Div
1 CRE (Wks)

1. Further to our ESL 4808 of 17 Nov and your minute thereon.

2. Certain engineer stores required for the above force are held in NAE Depots in BORNEO, and are required to be shipped to MOROTAI for concentration. The table below sets out the approximate break up.

Ser	Break up of stores	ex BALIKPAPAN	ex LABUAN
1	Miscellaneous plant	85 tons(M)	21 tons (M)
2	Miscellaneous stores	35	48
3	Cement	-	110
4	Timber	307	272
5	Refrigeration	157	13
6	Piping Tanks, etc	107	185
7	Iron & Steel sheets, sections wire mesh, etc.	137	34
8	Builders hardware & sisal-craft etc	161	80
9	Electrical fittings & plant	20	-
	Totals	987 tons(M)	763 tons (M)
	plus 10 % contingencies	98	77
		1,085 tons(M)	840 tons (M)

It should be noted that the timber ex LABUAN includes 160 tons (M) which has been cut in accordance with LANDOPS Q 2044 of 31 Oct. Other shipments of this timber will be required from time to time as it becomes available.

3. It is recommended that the above stores be moved to MOROTAI at the earliest and it is requested please that this office is advised of the respective ETAs.

Maj.
for Col.
Chief Engineer.

22 Nov 45.

Office of the E in C
Adv HQ AMF
22 Nov 45

ESL 4913

A/CRE
2/13 Aust Fd Coy

ENGINEER STORE - TARAKAN

1: Ypur RET3 of 13 Nov and RET 4 of 16 Nov.

2: It is regretted that a definite policy for the disposal of the balance of engineer stores cannot be given at present. A complete writing will be distributed as soon as one is available.

3: However to minimise the work in finally closing the depot , it is suggested that the following action be implemented in accordance with E in C Technical Instruction No. 60.

(a) Make a physical stocktake of all stores, in depot and on loan, and adjust all records.

(b) Write off all unserviceable stores.

(c) Return stores as requested to Morotai.

(d) Subdivide remaining stores into three categories.

(i) serviceable stores in stock

(ii) Serviceable stores on loan still to be returned.

(iii) serviceable stores which will remain in situ when AMF troops evacuate.

4: Until further notified, the procedure for finalising the depot. after the disposal of stores referred to in para 3 (d) is as follows :-

(a) pack and despatch all records to E in C Office Adv HQ AMF.

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(b) send a certificate to

CPM Adv HQ AMF

Army Audit Staff 1 Base Sub Area

E in C Adv HQ AMF (2)

stating that all stores have been accounted for, records adjusted and forwarded to E in C Adv HQ AMF for Army Audit Staff or CPM as required.

Capt
for Col
Engineer in Chief

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RE 122.110

LANDOPS 24 0900 I

RAE 7 DIV RAE 9 DIV 1 CRE WKS
2/13 FD COY

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DEC 500 . unclass . troop movement priority lists .
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return of unit eqpt of engr origin to RAE depots . LANDOPS SD 2693 of 23 nov amends . LANDOPS G640 point 3 SD of 21 nov tp mov priority lists . para 7 last sentence to read . quote . disposal of engineer equipment of ordnance origin will be in accordance with CRO 229/45 as amended . mech eqpt of engineer origin (that is items listed on army form S69) will be transferred by engineer units to the engineer depot in each area . mech eqpt will be held in depots pending disposal instrs . unquote . engr pers from redundant RAE are authorised by SD 2693 to be posted supernumerary to est engr units operating depots for purpose maint mech eqpt so returned . two . action will be taken by addressees to ensure that . A . adequate coverage for all eqpt is provided in deps . B . before eqpt is placed in storage preservative treatment is applied in accordance with MEO EQUIPMENT ORDER No 159 appendicies A E and K . three . addressees will arrange with their headquarters for posting necessary personnel ex redundant units to engineer depots units for purpose maint mech eqpt . four . ack

Col
24 Nov 45.

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ESL 4922 . unclass . for general STEELE from WILSON . disposals of engineer stores to chief engineer ALFSEA in accordance with his letter 63368 E3 and signal 2674 RE . am endeavouring to take action on this but there are some difficulties . one . concerning para 2 of 63368 E3 which quote . only sufficient stocks for our occupying forces in BORNEO will be retained . unquote . these quantities should have been stated by chiefengineer ALFSEA but we propose guessing them as one CRE depot at LABUAN and one CRE depot BALIKPAPAN . will you please confirm with ILOTT that this is satisfactory . unless these quantities are fixed action cannot be taken on 63368 E3 para 2A . two . according to LANDFORCES letter 144502 of 7 Nov these transfers to ALFSEA should be declared to regional manager commonwealth disposals commission but in anticipation of approval to LANDOPS Q2211 of 22 Nov second part this office proposes to ignore 144502 . three . according to LANDFORCES DGAD 91959 of 14 Nov . all lend lease material which is to be transferred to chief engineer ALFSEA must first be listed on a schedule and then be transmitted to DGAD HQ AMF for action with appropiate authorities . your signal RE 93078 is not an order to LANDOPS and cannot be acted on by me until such time as DGAD 91959 is varied to

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agree with your RE 93078 . therefore my action on 63368 E3 and 2674 RE is virtually stopped until DGAD 91959 is varied . in accordance with your RE 93936 am now advising you this instance where staff orders are contrary to your instructions . four . although it is not my business following are several constructive suggestions concerning 63368 E3 and 2674 RE . ABLE . apparently ALFSEA want unlimited supplies of air compressor tool kits saw benches welding equipment generators etcetera . much of this equipment is available at MOROTAI as engineer stores and could be shipped to BORNEO by AMF if ALFSEA could not collect in MOROTAI which seems ridiculous . BAKER . ordnance equipment in BORNEO comprises many compressore generators tool kits and the like which presumably chief engineer ALFSEA could obtain . CHARLIE . ALFSEA propose shipping out of LABUAN complete surpluses of some items and appear to have forgotten BBCAU andothers who will become ALFSEA responsibilities . five . please advise

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RE 142.16

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HQ AMF

Copy to:
Mil Sec, Adv HQ AMF

OFFICER POSTING RETURN

1. Herewith officer posting return for Adv HQ AMF and units under comd as at 15 Nov 45.

Number	Rank	Name	Posting	Remarks
ADV HQ AMF				
E in C Office				
VX164	Lt-Col (T/Col)	J.C. WILSON	CE	
SX24198	Capt (T/Maj)	D.F. COLLINS	SORE 2	
NX102081	Capt	A.R. TAYLOR	SORE 3	
DX856	Capt	J.H. CURRALL	SORE 3 (S)	Det to 17 CRE (Wks)
VX114171	Lt	I.R.C. DEAN	SORE 3	Super to WE.
QX42381	Capt (T/Maj)	J.C. CARTER	SORE 2 (W)	Det to 73 DCRE (Wks)
QX22008	T/Lt-Col	F.W. WHITEHOUSE	SORE I (Int)	Det to 1 CE (Wks)
SX26377	Lt (T/Capt	C.E. GREGORY	SORE 3 Int	Det to MAKFORCE
NX149482	Lt	E.A. RUDD	SORE 3 Int	Det to HQ AMF
VX46722	Maj	A.G. ROBERTSON	SORE I	Att from 2/11 Fd Coy
27 Aust Maint Pl				
VX146833	Lt	M.T. HORWOOD	Adm Comd	Att from 2/11 A Tps Coy
26 AUST BDE				
2/13 Aust Fd Coy				
NX35041	Maj	F.C. STEVENS	A/CRE	Release approved. Att from RAE 1 Corps Tps.
NX6826	Capt (T/Maj	W.H. BRENNEN		Awaiting movt to 2 ESBD.
VX112170	Capt (T/Maj)	R.W.J. DART	OC	
QX50537	Lt	A.B. FORBES	Fd Engr	
VX91016	Lt	R.McN. BRAZIER	Pl Comd	
VX78098	Lt	W.N. WEBSELEY	Pl Comd	
NX176539	Lt	C. BUTLEDGE	Reinft Offr	FLOAT

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26 AUST BDE (Contd)				
(D) 2 Aust Fd Coy				
NX175609	Lt	R.G. WALKER		OC Cadre
NX115816	Lt	H.J. HUTTLE	Adm Comd	
NX35080	Capt	G.V. HUTHWAITE		Att from (D) RAE 1 Corps Tps. Occ R approved.
NX118216	Capt	K.B. ANDREWS		Det to 2/11 A Tps Coy
1 ME Pl 5 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy				
NX46784	Lt	K.J. OEDING	OC	
7 AUST DIV				
(D) HQ RAE 7 Aust Div				
VX15214	Lt-Col	N.T. JELBART	CRE	
QX22563	Capt	C.E. MAY	Fd Engr	
VX100062	Lt	K.W. BLACK	IO	
WX41554	Lt	D.O. TIMBY	Reinft Offr	
NX138186	Lt	I.D. DUNSMORE		Det to 28 Fd Coy
(D) 2/4 Aust Fd Coy				
WX8275	Capt	R.D. HAWKINS	Adm Comd	Att from (D) 2/9 Fd Coy
NX93947	Lt	B.W. WITTMAN	Pl Comd	
VX100064	Lt	W.L. IRWIN	Pl Comd	
NX12913	Lt	L.J. COLLINS		Det to 28 Fd Coy
NX58264	Capt	H.W. ROUSE		Det to 28 Fd Coy
(D) 2/5 Aust Fd Coy				
VX57398	Capt	E.A. COULSON	Fd Engr	
NX115818	Lt	D.F. KRAMFFT	Pl Comd	
NX79743	Lt	J.R. HUNTER	Pl Comd	
NX80404	Lt	A.J. SAGE	HQ Offr	
2/6 Aust Fd Coy (~~D less one Pl~~)				
NX110937	Capt	J.O. MARTIN	Adm Comd	Att from 2 ME Pl
NX91233	Lt	O.H. WEGG	Pl Comd	
NX200962	Lt	A.J. PORTER		Det to MAKFORCE
NX200428	Lt	G.L. SILVERSIDES		" " "
VX64914	Lt	H.D. DAVEY		Att from (D) 2/6 Fd Coy
NX125138	Lt	A.W. KERLE		Att from (D) 21 Fd Coy
NX110944	Lt	C. INCH		Att from (D) 2/25 Fd Pk Coy
(D) 2/9 Aust Fd Coy				
TX5632	Lt	R.R. McCHIE	Adm Comd	Att from (D) 2/11 Fd Coy
SX19500	Lt	R.F. MOLINEUX	Pl Comd	
NX177248	Lt	H.J.B. WARDLAW	Pl Comd	
VX64914	Lt	H.D. DAVEY		Det (D) 2/6 Fd Coy
WX8275	Capt	R.D. HAWKINS		Det to (D) 2/4 Fd Coy as Adm Comd

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7 AUST DIV (Contd)				
(D) 2/11 Aust Fd Coy				
NX140154	Capt	H.E. MUNTZ	2 IC	Compassionate Leave.
SX17992	Lt	W.F.K. COLEBATCH	Pl Comd	'X' List evac 2/2 CCS 15 Nov.
NX138184	Lt	R.G. FAGG	Pl Comd	Det to (D) RAE 7 Div
VX46722	Maj	A.G. ROBERTSON		Det to SORE I Adv HQ AMF
TX5652	Lt	R.R. McGHIE		Det to (D) 2/9 Fd Coy
VX114220	Lt	R.G. PEARSON		Det to (D) 9 A Tps Coy
NX115529	Lt	R.A. DICKSON		Det to 11 Wksp & Pk Coy
NX135072	Capt	E.T. CALTHORPE		OC Unit Cadre att from (D) 2/25 Fd Pk Coy
SX5666	Lt	C.R. McMILLAN		Att from (D) 2/4 Fd Sqn.
(D) 2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy				
WX30806	Capt	S.F. FELDMAN	Adm Comd	
VX100063	Lt	I.W. DENNISS		Det 11 Wksp & Pk Coy
NX115815	Lt	J.E. BALMAIN	Fd Stores Pl Comd	
NX135072	Lt (T/Capt)	E.T. CALTHORPE		Det to (D) 2/11 Fd Coy
VX94198	Lt	D.G. OSBORNE	Reinf Offr	
NX110944	Lt	C. INCH		Det to (D) 2/6 Fd Coy, MAKASSAR
(D) 1 Aust Bomb Disposal Pl (Disbandment Order issued) (Auth: ADV HQ AMF AQ225-17 of 19 Nov)				
VX114174	Lt	G.R. MEREDITH	OC	
(D) 12 Aust CRE (Wks) (Disbandment Order issued) (Auth: ADV HQ AMF AQ225-17 of 19 Nov)				
NX112105	Capt	F.C.D. STONE	Fd Engr	
PX50	Lt	G.E. MARTIN	E&M Stores Offr	Det to 57 DCRE (Wks)
NX42318	Lt	J.T. GOODWIN	Svr Wks	
VX108385	Lt	J.R. JOHNSTONE	Com Offr	
57 Aust DCRE (Wks)				
NX34824	Maj	G.R.B. PATTERSON	DCRE	
NX170417	Lt	N.A. MOSELY	GE (Stores)	
PX50	Lt	G.E. MARTIN		Att from (D) 12 CRE (Wks)
(D) 2/4 Aust Fd Sqn				
VX58947	Maj	R.A. HORSFALL	OC	
QX38745	Lt	A.McD. FRASER	Fd Engr	
QX38742	Lt	A.E. DEAN	HQ Offr	
SX5666	Lt	C.R. McMILLAN	Tp Comd	Det to (D) 2/11 Fd Coy
NX116286	Lt	N.H. MARTIN	Tp Comd	
NX115819	Lt	P.K. OLIVER	[illegible]	Att from (D) 21 Fd Coy
VX90927	Lt	G.T. PLUMLEY		Att from (D) 2/2 Rly Constr Coy

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7 AUST DIV (Contd)				
9 Aust Army Tps Coy				
VX111879	Capt	J.M.McILDOWIE	Adm Comd	Att from (D) 21 Fd Coy
VX114176	Lt	D.W. MAY	E&M Pl Comd	
QX35026	Lt	E.R. BALDWIN	E&M Pl Comd	
SX13792	Lt	L.E. MUDGE	Wksp Pl Comd	
SX37241	Lt	W.A. STOKER	Wksp Pl Comd	
NX167828	Lt	H.K. ARNOLD	Wksp Pl Comd	
VX90966	Lt	L.B. PETTIGROVE	Fd Engr	
NX75221	Lt	S.L. FREW	Reinft Offr	
SX15930	Capt	J.A. LIGHTWOOD		Det to 60 Corps Fd Pk Coy
VX92016	Lt	D.H.V. DAVIES		Att from (D) 1 Port Constr Coy
VX100072	Lt	M. CASAN		Att from (D) 21 Fd Coy
SX25196	Capt	W.A. LOWREY	2 IC	Det to 9 Wksp & Pk Coy
(D) 2/2 Aust Rly Constr Coy				
SX1483	Maj	E.L. WALPOLE	OC	
WX19456	Capt	L.C. BRODIE-HALL	2 IC	
NX143276	Lt	H.R. VALIENTINE	HQ Offr	Det to 2 Mech Eqpt Pl
VX90927	Lt	G.T. PINNINGTON	ME Pl Comd	
NX86923	Lt (T/Capt)	F.G. FRANKLYN	Tip Truck Pl Comd	
NX54788	Lt	C.H. CONSYDRARE		Compassionate Leave.
(D) 1 Aust Port Constr Coy				
WX11109	Maj	P. BESSELL-BROWNE	OC	
NX110941	Capt	C.B. PRYOR	HQ Pl Comd	
VX64257	Lt	T.V. LEWIS	Pl Comd	
WX28460	Lt	R.G. BECHER	Pl Comd	
VX100752	Lt	C.H. WILKS	Pl Comd	Temporarily Det to 1 CRE (Wks)
11 Aust Wksp & Pk Coy				
WX33391	Maj	J.E. PARKER	Adm Comd	Att from (D) 21 Fd Coy
VX114023	Capt	C.W.S. FRASER	2 IC	
QX50125	Lt	L.J. MERRILL	HQ Offr	
VX112060	Lt	H.L. PITTARD	Pk Pl Comd	
QX50527	Lt	G.M. CAMPBELL	Pk Pl Comd	
SX19510	Lt	E.H. WRIGHT	Pk Pl Comd	
NX20066	Lt	J.A. KERR	Wksp Pl Comd	
NX126974	Lt	L.M. SHAW	Wksp Pl Comd	
VX92254	Lt	E.P. ROBINSON		Det to 28 Fd Coy
WX34394	Capt	F.H. BOTTRELL	HQ Offr	Att from (D) 21 Fd Coy
NX115529	Lt	R.A. DICKSON	A	Att from (D) 2/11 Fd Coy
NX177241	Lt	E.F. DICKSON		Att from (D) 21 Fd Coy
WX34733	Lt	G.T. CLEMENTS		Att from (D) 5 Mech Eqpt Spare Parts Sec.

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7 AUST DIV (Contd)				
(D) 3 Aust Welding Pl				
QX59773	Lt	L.C. BIRD	OC	
(D) 5 Aust Welding Pl				
VX150526	Lt	H. HUTTON	OC	
(D) 5 Aust Mech Eqpt Spare Parts Sec (Disbandment Order Issued). (Auth: ADV HQ AMF AQ225-17 of 19 Nov).				
WX34733	Lt	G.T. CLEMENTS	OC	Det to 11 Wksp & Hk Coy
2 Aust Mech Eqpt Pl				
NX110937	Capt	J.O. MARTIN		Det to (D) 2/6 Fd Coy
NX145876	Lt	H.R. VALLENTINE	Adm Comd	Att from (D) 2/2 Rly Constr Coy.
(D) 2 Aust Beach Gp Stores Pl (Disbandment Order Issued) (Auth: ADV HQ AMF AQ225-17 of 19 Nov).				
-	-	-	-	-
9 AUST DIV				
(D) HQ RAE 9 Aust Div				
NX34748	Maj	C.H.D. HARPER	CRE	
NX12191	Lt-Col	W.A. CHADWICK		Release Approved.
NX76372	Capt	B.F. SMITH	Fd Engr	Att from (D) 2/16 Fd Coy
WX36746	Lt	R.H. LEE	Adjt	Att from (D) 2/7 Fd Coy
NX149473	Lt	H.D. TURNER	Fd Engr	Att from 60 Corps Fd Pk Coy
VX92358	Lt	L.F. CHEFFERS	-	Att from (D) 2/7 Fd Coy
(D) 2/3 Aust Fd Coy				
QX21401	Capt	P. WYCHE	Fd Engr	Adm Comd
NX87018	Lt	J.W. POLLITT	Pl Comd	
VX61048	Lt	C. RISPIN	Pl Comd	
NX40095	Lt	E.B. UNDERWOOD	Pl Comd	
NX202705	Lt	J. ZEMANCHEFF	Fd Engr	
NX202733	Lt	R.L. CHAMPION		Det to (D) 1 Mech Eqpt Pl.
(D) 2/7 Aust Fd Coy				
NX76566	Capt	L.D.F. GEER	Fd Engr	Adm Comd
VX92358	Lt	L.F. CHEFFERS		Det to Hq RAE 9 Div
NX170897	Lt	A.A. COOPER		
WX36746	Lt	R.H. LEE		Det to Hq RAE 9 Div

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9 AUST DIV (Contd)				
(D) 2/16 Aust Fd Coy				
SX10697	Capt	L. STEELE	Adm Comd	
VX130322	Lt	F.F. FITRIDGE	Pl Comd	
VX100067	Lt	A.M. HOLDSWORTH	Pl Comd	
NX120646	Lt	J.J. DOBBINS	Pl Comd	
NX176623	Lt	G.R. BAILEY		Det to (D) 2/24 Fd Pk Coy
NX76372	Capt	B.F. SMITH		Det to HQ RAE 9 Div
(D) 2/24 Aust Fd Pk Coy				
NX149676	Capt	R. IRVDALE	Adm Comd	Att from (D) 14 Fd Coy
QX45155	Capt	H. GEHRMANN	2 IC	
QX38724	Lt	R.J. DANIELS	Mr Pl Comd	
NX152534	Lt (T/Capt)	A.W. BIRD	ME Pl Comd	
NX176623	Lt	G.R. BAILEY		Att from (D) 2/16 Fd Coy
2/15 Aust Fd Coy				
NX130709	Lt (T/Capt)	W.B. LAWSON	Adm Comd	Att from (D) 14 Fd Coy
NX34287	Lt	I.W.L. WYLIE	Pl Comd	
NX42419	Lt	P.G. GEE	Pl Comd	
NX170899	Lt	J.D. FISHER	Pl Comd	
QX25804	Capt	T.J. ABBISS	2 IC	~~Specia l Ops E approved.~~
(D) 1 Mech Eqpt Pl				
NX203733	Lt	E.C. CHAMPION	Adm Comd	Att from (D) 2/3 Fd Coy
(D) 1 Aust Beach Gp Stores Pl				
VX117271	Lt	D.S. LANGHORNE	Adm Comd	Att from 16 Fd Coy
(D) 9 Aust CRE (Wks)				
NX111946	Capt	J.A.Y. RUTTER	D&M Offr	
NX21312	Lt	A.L. GARDNER	Cam Offr	
VX112166	Capt	A.N. COOPER		Det to (D) 14 Fd Coy
TX9133	Lt	D.G. COLQUHOUN-KERR	D&M Stores	Det to 13 A Tpt Coy
73 Aust DCRE (Wks)				
QX42381	Capt (T/Maj)	J.C. CARTER	Adm Comd	Att from Adv HQ AMF.
QX34537	Capt	N.F. CUSACK	CE 1	
NX170418	Lt	E.W. HARRISON	Stores	Att from (D) 2 Port Constr Coy

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9 AUST DIV (Contd)				
(D) 14 Aust Fd Coy				
VX112166	Capt	A.N. COOPER	Adm Comd	Att from (D) 9 CRE (Wks)
VX90903	Lt	A.L. RUSSELL	Pl Comd	
NX77175	Lt	R.W. HARDY		Det to 18 Fd Coy
NX99041	Lt	J.D. PALMER		Det to (D) 2/1 Mech Eqpt Coy
NX149676	Capt	R. IREDALE		Det to (D) 2/24 Fd Pk Coy
NX130709	Lt (T/Capt)	W.B. LAWSON	Fd Engr	Det to 2/15 Fd Coy
NX191136	Lt	J.W. NEWMAN		Det to (D) 4 A Tps Coy
18 Aust Fd Coy				
VX108022	Capt	S.R. CARR	Adm Comd	Att from (D) 4 A Tps Coy
SX25099	Capt	L.V. DRAKIN	[illegible]	
VX117225	Lt	A.W. PERRY	Fd Engr	
VX100065	Lt	F.K. RABLING	Fd Engr	
VX117271	Lt	D.S. LANGHORNE		Det to (D) 1 Bch Gp Stores Pl
NX148697	Lt	K.A. BOND	Pl Comd	
VX94168	Lt	N. RICH	Reinft Offr	
NX122308	Lt	R.R. ASH	Reinft Offr	
NX77175	Lt	R.W. HARDY	2 IC	Att from (D) 14 Fd Coy
(D) 4 Aust A Tps Coy				
NX143669	Maj	J.J. BUDGE	OC	
NX109586	Lt	G.N. JUSTICE	Fd Engr	
VX63406	Lt	W.B. GUY	ESM Pl Comd	
NX193452	Lt	M.N. LEPPINUS	Wksp Pl Comd	
VX108022	Capt	S.R. CARR		Det to 18 Fd Coy
VX69629	Lt	R. DAVIES		Det to 17 CRE (Wks)
NX130539	Lt	W.D. FORREST		Det to (D) 5 B.D. Pl
NX191136	Lt	J.W. NEWMAN		Att from (D) 14 Fd Coy.
(D) 2 Aust Port Constr Coy				
WX33956	Capt	J.J.G. PUNCH	Adm Comd	
NX119206	Lt	J.H. CARR	HQ Pl	
WX21271	Lt	I.F. CROWE	Lt HQ Pl	
NX124437	Lt	B.W. KING	Pl Comd	
NX165944	Lt	R.M. BLACK	Reinf Offr	
SX26540	Maj	A.W. SLATER		Det to (D) 2/1 Mech Eqpt Coy
NX170418	Lt	E.W. HARRISON		Det to 75 DCRE (Wks)
VX92203	Lt	D.V. SHORE		Det to (D) 2/1 Mech Eqpt Coy

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9 AUST DIV (Contd)				
2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy (D less one Pl)				
SX26540	Maj	A.W. SLATER	Rec OC	Att from 2 Port Constr Coy
NX110939	Capt	N.S. DUNCAN	ME Pl Comd	
VX59371	Capt	H.E. GRIFFITHS	ME Pl Comd	
VX68782	Lt	F.A.B. HEYWARD	Plant Holding Pl Comd.	
NX170407	Lt	A.J. TRY	T T Pl Comd	
WX35107	Lt	J.A. MITCHELL		Det to 5 Mech Eqpt Coy
NX99041	Lt	J.D. PALMER		Att from (D) 14 Fd Coy
VX92203	Lt	D.V. SHORE		Att from (D) 2 Port Constr Coy
60 Aust Corps Fd Wk Coy				
SX13930	Capt	J.A. LIGERTWOOD	Adm Comd	Att from 9 A Tps Coy
NX146628	Capt	J.L. REYNOLDS	2 IC	
VX110278	Lt	R.W. HODGSON	Fd Engr	
NX173654	Lt	D.T. HUTCHESON	Wksp Pl Comd	
TX12058	Lt	P.T.A. GRIFFITHS	E&M Pl Comd	
VX92965	Lt	A.A.L. EBERBACH	Reinf Offr	
NX149473	Lt	D.H. TURNER		Det to Hq RAE 9 Div
(D) 2/1 Aust Boring Pl				
NX72000	Capt	B.J. HARRISON	OC	
VX112245	Lt	D.L. MURRELL		Att from 5 B.D. Pl
(D) 5 Aust Bomb Disposal Pl				
VX112098	Lt	R.J. SEBASTIAN	OC	Posted but not yet marched in.
VX112245	Lt	D.L. MURRELL	2 IC	Det to (D) 2/1 Boring Pl
NX130539	Lt	D.W. FORREST	Adm Comd	Att from (D) 4 A Tps Coy
(D) 1 Aust Welding Pl				
VX114169	Lt	A.J.R. BINGLE	OC	
(D) 2 Aust Welding Pl				
NX128354	Lt	F.A. GIBSON	OC	
(D) 4 Aust Mech Eqpt Spare Parts Sec (Disbandment Order Issued) (Auth: ADV HQ AMF AQ225-5 of 10 Nov)				
WX58247	Lt	G. DICK	OC	

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Number	Rank	Name	Posting	Remarks
1 AUST BASE SUB AREA				
1 Aust CRE (Wks)				
NX34749	Maj	D.R. CULLEN	CRE	
VX1574	Capt	A.N. BARWICK	Adjt	
VX114218	Capt	A.W. CLARKE	E&M Offr	
VX100066	Lt	D.R. LAMBERT	E&M Stores Offr	
NX181883	Lt	S.G. HIRST	Cam Offr	
NX202700	Lt	E. PATTERSON		Super
NX168325	Lt	L.C. BOOKER	Stores Offr	Att from 9 Wksp & Pk Coy
VX100752	Lt	C.H. WILKS		Att from 1 Port Constr Coy
2/11 Aust Army Tps Coy				
NX118216	Capt	K.E. ANDREWS	Adm Comd	Att from 2 Fd Coy
NX76468	Capt	A.G. McDOWALL	2 IC	Det MANADO FORCE
VX92252	Lt	D.S. GIBSON	HQ Offr Comd	
NX170155	Lt	R.B.M. DIGBY	E&M Pl Comd	
NX146693	Lt	R.M. URE	Wksp Pl Comd	
NX170154	Lt	W.B. GASTON	Wksp Pl Comd	
VX130280	Lt	J.B. FINNEY	Wksp Pl Comd	
VX94267	Lt	J.W. LAVARACK		
VX146833	Lt	M.T. HORWOOD		Det to 27 Maint Pl
WX22700	Lt	R.J. ROCKLIFF		Det to 1 Pl 2/3 Forestry Coy
5 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy				
NX10070	Capt (T/Maj)	R.M. TURNBULL	OC	
VX94191	Lt	G.S. GORDON	HQ Lt	
NX132758	Lt (T/Capt)	D.W. GORDON	ME Pl Comd	
NX202958	Lt	G.E. McDOWELL	ME Pl Comd	
VX94680	Lt	A.T. TAYLOR	T/T Pl	
NX38785	Lt	J.C. ARMSTRONG	ME Pl Comd	Det to AMBON Force.
NX48784	Lt	K.J. OEDING	ME Pl Comd	Det to 26 Inf Bde
WX35107	Lt	J.A. MITCHELL		Att from 2/1 Mech Eqpt Coy
9 Aust Wksp & Pk Coy				
SX25196	Capt	W.A. LOWERY	Adm Comd	Att from 9 A Tps Coy
VX114241	Capt	H.A. GOODSON	2 IC	
PX71	Lt	C.W. MARTIN	Stores Offr	Evac 2/9 AGH
NX127449	Lt	L.L. JONES	Wksp Pl Cpmd	
NX85524	Lt	D.M. PROVAN	" " "	
VX92309	Lt	C.A. HAMILTON	Pk Pl Comd	
NX191255	Lt	J. McDOUGALL	Pk Pl Comd	
NX32725	Lt	R.A.C. ROGERS	Pk Pl Comd	
VX94164	Lt	K.R. MacPHERSON	Rft Offr	
QX40574	Lt	H.M. BECK	Pk Pl Comd	
NX168325	Lt	L.C. BOOKER	Pk Pl Comd	Det to 1 CRE (Wks)
1 Pl 2/3 Aust Forestry Coy				
VX101616	Lt	J.C. GRIGG	OC	
WX22700	Lt	R.J. ROCKLIFF	Rft Offr	
QX60004	Lt	A.R. HOLCOMBE	Rft Offr	

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1 AUST BASE SUB AREA (Contd)				
7 Aust Mech Eqpt Spare Parts Sec				
NX149480	Lt	J.H. CHAPMAN	Rec OC	Att from 21 Mech Eqpt Pk Coy
(D) 21 Aust Mech Eqpt Pk Coy				
NX73276	Capt	J. ADAIR	Adm Comd	
NX149480	Lt	J.H. CHAPMAN		Det to 7 Mech Eqpt Spare Parts Sec.
RAE TIMOR FORCE				
VX112061	Capt	F.R. KING	OC	Att from 101 A Tps Coy
NX76371	Lt	C.E. OLIVER		Att from 22 Fd Coy
VX104820	Lt	H. GRIFFITHS	E&M Offr	Att from 101 A Tps Coy
NX170903	Lt	R.M. ROBSON		Att from 22 Fd Co
RAE AMBON FORCE				
101 Aust Army Tps Coy				
VX11277	Capt	J.E. SLEE	Adm Comd	Att from (D) HQ RAE 1 Corps Tps
VX133242	Lt	L.E. BRAY	HQ Offr	
NX156212	Lt	B. NELSON	E&M Pl Comd	
WX11045	Lt	G.H. BUNCE	Wksp Pl Comd	
PX179	Lt	M.V. BUTLER	Wksp Pl Comd	
SX24491	Lt	B.W. ANDREW	Wksp Pl Comd	
VX112061	Capt	F.R. KING		Det to TIMOR Force
VX104820	Lt	H. GRIFFITHS		Det to TIMOR Force
VX146497	Lt	A.C. GORDON		Det to 26 Fd Coy
WX35643	Lt	B.S. PEARCE		Att from SME HD Wing
2 ME Pl 5 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy				
NX38785	Lt	J.G. ARMSTRONG	OC	
RAE MAKASSAR FORCE				
NX200962	Lt	H.J. PORTER		Att from 2/6 Fd Coy
NX200428	Lt	G.L. SILVERSIDES		Att from 2/6 Fd Coy

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TOKIO FORCE				
17 Aust CRE (Wks)				
TX2022	Lt-Col	J.M. McGOWAN	CRE	
NX114182	Capt	J.A. BERRIMAN	Adjt	
NX148488	Capt	R.A. VENN	Fd Engr	
DX856	Capt	J.H. CURRALL	Stores Offr	Att from Adv HQ AMF.
NX130546	Capt	J.H. COCKS	E&M Offr	Att from 2/4 Armd Regt Wksp AEME. (NOT yet with unit).
QX60054	Lt	C.G. WILMOT	Stores Offr E&M	
NX147491	Lt	J.T. BELL	Camflg Offr	Att from (D) 2/3 Ind Fd Sqn.
28 Aust Fd Coy				
VX1350	Capt (T/Maj)	H.S. HARPER	OC	
NX58264	Capt	H.W. ROUSE	2 IC	Att from 2/4 Fd Coy
NX146497	Lt	A.C. GORDON	Fd Engr	Att from 101 A Tps Coy
NX176211	Lt	P.D. YONGE	HQ Lt	Att from (D) HQ RAE 1 Corps Tps (NOT yet with unit)
VX92254	Lt	E.P. ROBINSON	Pl Comd	Att from 11 Wksp & Pk Coy
NX138186	Lt	I.D. DUNSMORE	Pl Comd	Att from (D) HQ RAE 7 Div
NX12913	Lt	L.J. COLLINS	Pl Comd	Att from (D) 2/4 Fd Coy
13 Aust Army Tps Coy				
QX22567	Maj	A.T. FITZGERALD	OC	Att from 7 Fd Coy
NX140280	Capt	B.D. COOPER	2 IC	Att from 8 Fd Coy
VX27846	Lt (T/Capt)	V.W. JONES	Fd Engr	
NX50164	Lt	J.B. DEERY	HQ Lt	Att from 8 Fd Coy. (NOT yet with unit).
TX9133	Lt	D.G. COLQUHUON-KERR	E&M Pl Comd.	Att from (D) 9 CRE (Wks)
VX16048	Lt	L.P. MORAN	E&M Pl Comd.	Att from R of O. (NOT yet with unit).
QX61800	Lt	L.W. TROUT	Wksp Pl Comd	Att from 8 Fd Coy
VX104780	Lt	I.C. FORBES	Wksp Pl Comd	Att from 53 Fd Pk Coy
NX203247	Lt	H.L.C. SHARPE	Wksp Pl Comd.	Att from (D) 2/8 Fd Coy (NOT yet with unit).

(J.C. WILSON) Col.
Chief Engineer.

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Adv HQ AMF.

RE 122. 112

25 Nov 45.

A/CRE, 26 Inf Bde

Subject: DISPOSAL OF PERS AND MECH EQPT - PL 5 MECH EQPT COY ATTACHED 26 INF BDE

1. I consider that the Pl of 5 Mech Eqpt Coy should now be disbanded and the remaining pers and mechanical and other equipment absorbed by, and operate as part of, 2/13 Fd Coy.

2. Will you therefore request 26 Inf Bde to recommend to this HQ that the Pl be disbanded forthwith.

3. Approval will also have to be obtained to hold the pers super to the WE of 2/13 Fd Coy.

4. All mechanical and unit equipment belonging to the Pl 5 Mech Eqpt Coy which will NOT be required by 2/13 Fd Coy for the continuance of normal road, etc., maintenance should be returned - the mech eqpt to the Engr Depot and other eqpt to RSD.

5. I do not yet know the policy for the disposal of RAE Mech Eqpt in TARAKAN, but will notify you as soon as policy is known.

J.G. Wilson

(J.G. WILSON) Col.
Chief Engineer.

Copies to:
E in C, HQ AMF
1 CRE (Wks)

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Adv HQ AMF.

RE 122. 111

25 Nov 45.

101 A TPS COY
AMFORCE

Subject: DISPOSAL OF PERS AND MECH EQPT - 2 PL 5 MECH EQPT COY ATTACHED TO AMFORCE

1. I consider that the Pl of 5 Mech Eqpt Coy should now be disbanded and the remaining pers and mechanical and other equipment absorbed by, and operate as part of, 101 A Tps Coy.

2. Will you therefore request 33 Inf Bde to recommend to this HQ that the Pl be disbanded forthwith.

3. Approval will have to be obtained to hold the remaining personnel of this Pl supernumerary to the WE of 101 A Tps Coy.

4. Similarly, approval to take over its mechanical and other equipment will be necessary.

5. It is intended that Lt ARMSTRONG, OC 2 Pl 5 Mech Eqpt Coy, will return to MOROTAI, to rejoin his unit when the disbandment is finalized.

6. I will advise you in due course concerning the ultimate disposal of the mech eqpt.

J G Wilson

(J.G. WILSON) Col.
Chief Engineer.

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E in C, HQ AMF
1 CRE (Wks).

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Advanced AMF

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25 Nov 45.

E in C, HQ AMF

Copies to:
1 CRE (Wks)
17 CRE (Wks)

ENGR STORES - AUST FORCE JAPAN - SUPPLEMENTARY LIST

1. Further to our ESL 4829 of 9 Nov.

2. Attached is a supplementary list of engr stores required from Aust. These stores were to have been supplied from this area but are now not available.

3. Please consign these stores at earliest to 9 Wksp & Pk Coy MOROTAI, brand cases etc RAE/ESL4928/APUS and distribute ITV's Bs/L etc as under :-

Original - 9 Wksp & Pk Coy
Copies - CE, Adv HQ AMF
1 CRE (Wks)
17 CRE (Wks)

4. Early advice of items being supplied against this demand would be appreciated.

5. Please ack.

Capt.
for Col.
Chief Engineer.

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Attachment to MSL 4928
of 26 Nov 45.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND OF ENGINEER STORES TO BE SHIPPED TO MEROTAI FOR AUST FORCE JAPAN - FROM AUST

Ser No.	Description	Unit	Quantity
1	Pump set : Centrifugal pump screwed for 2" suction and delivery pipes 850 gph to 50 ft.	No	5
2	Hinges back flaps steel 2"	Prs	100
3	Hinges tee galv 6"	"	100
4	Locks night latch (Yale type) w/keys	No	12
5	Locks cupboard brass w/keys 2½"	"	160
6	Locks pad iron galv w/keys 1½"	"	160
7	Fuses factory damper type 250V 10A	"	750
8	Roses ceiling surface type	"	100
9	Shades conical iron enamel 10"	"	110
10	Extinguishers fire CTC 1 quart	"	10
11	" " " 1 gallon	"	10
12	" " CO2 4-lbs charged	"	5
13	Steel angles equal 3" x 3" x 3/8"	Lin.ft	800
14	Tanks iron square 400 gall	No	5
15	" " " 200 "	"	40
16	Hammers sledge (double faced) heads only	"	80
17	" spalling (mason) handled 6 lbs	"	100

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Adv HQ AMF

ESL 4930

25 Nov 45.

HQ RAE 7 DIV

Copy:
1 CRE (WKS) (2)

ENGINEER STORES - AUST FORCE JAPAN - SUPPLEMENTARY LIST

1. Further to our ESL 4754 of 27 Oct and ESL 4840 of 9 Nov.

2. Attached is a supplementary list of Engineer stores required from BALIKPAPAN for Aust Force Japan. These stores were to be supplied from MOROTAI but are now not available.

3. Please arrange for despatch of these stores (approx 135 tons (M)) to 9 Wksp & Fk Coy MOROTAI as early as possible and as shipping becomes available. Advise this office by signal - ETD of these stores.

4. Where items listed are not available substitute near sizes and advise this office particulars of items which you are unable to supply in full.

5. Stores are to be branded RAE/ESL 4930/APUS and MTVs, Bs/L etc distributed as follows.

Originals - 9 Wksp & Fk Coy
Copies - CE, Adv HQ AMF
1 CRE (Wks)
17 CRE (Wks).

6. Please ack.

Capt.
for Col.
Chief Engineer.

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ATTACHMENT TO BSL 4930
of 25 Nov 45.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND FOR ENGINEER STORES TO BE SHIPPED TO MOROTAI FOR AUST FORCES JAPAN - FROM BALIKPAPAN

Item No	Description	Unit	Quantity
1.	Compressors, air trailer mounted 100 cu ft	No	1
2.	Engines petrol complete 6 HP	"	4
3.	Pump set: Centrifugal pump screwed for 2" suction and delivery pipes 850 gph to 50 ft	No	4
4.	Mesh ARC 3" x 3" x 8g	Tons	12
5.	Bolts & Nuts 2" x 1/4"	No	130
6.	" " " 2½" x 1/4"	"	100
7.	" " " 6" x 5/8"	"	1300
8.	Nails, clout galv, 3/4" x 12g	Cwts	24
9.	Screws wood csk 1"	No	3650
10.	" " " 2"	"	2968
11.	Bolts gutter galv 1" x 1/4"	"	473
12.	Hasps & Staples 6"	"	25
13.	Locks rim double handed w/keys 6"	"	41
14.	Fuses factory damper type 250V 10A	"	500
15.	Insulators pin 1" 3½" type B	"	211
16.	Lamps electric clear GES 240V 500W	"	41
17.	Roses ceiling surface type	"	78
18.	Extinguishers fire 2 gall foam reversible type	"	6
19.	Extinguishers fire 35 gall foam wheeled	"	1
20.	Extinguishers fire CTC 1 quart	"	20
21.	Cordage Sisal 4" circ.	Feet	4000
22.	Iron corr black 27 g 8'0"	Tons	21
23.	" " " " 9'0"	"	33
24.	" " galv (tank) 24g 8'0"	"	8
25.	Steel beams I (rolled steel joists) 10" x 4½" x 25 lbs	Lin ft	529
26.	Cylinders gas empty oxygen	No	66
27.	Building paper Fibreen	Rolls	70
28.	" " Sisalcraft	"	103
29.	Tarpaulins 16'9" x 16'9"	No	15
30.	Timber Plywood (3 ply) 6'x3"x¼"	Sheets	15
31.	Paint MFU Flat RAF Blue stencilling	Gals	6
32.	Cement Portland	Tons	50
33.	Glue powder	Lbs	5
34.	Packing & Jointing lagging asbestos white fibre rope	Feet	150
35.	Extinguishers fire refills for foam 2 gall	No	16

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Adv HQ AMF

ESL 4929

25 Nov 45.

HQ RAE 9 DIV

Copy :
1 CRE (Wks) (2)

ENGINEER STORES - AUST FORCE JAPAN - SUPPLEMENTARY LIST

1. Further to our ESL 4753 of 27 Oct and ESL 4839 of 9 Nov.

2. Attached is a supplementary list of engr stores required from LABUAN for Aust Force Japan. These stores were to have been supplied from MOROTAI but are now not available.

3. Please arrange for dispatch of these stores (approx 20 tons (M)) to 9 Wksp & Pk Coy MOROTAI as early as possible and as shipping becomes available. Please advise this office by signal, ETD of these stores.

4. Where items listed are not available substitute near sizes and advise this office particulars of items which you are unable to supply in full.

5. Stores to be branded RAE/ESL 4929/APUS and ITVs, Bs/L etc distributed as follows:

Original - 9 Wksp & Pk Coy
Copies to - CE, Adv HQ AMF
1 CRE (Wks)
17 CRE (ks).

6. Please ack.

Capt.
for Col.
Chief Engineer.

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SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND FOR ENGINEER STORES TO BE SHIPPED TO MOROTAI FOR AUST FORCES JAPAN - FROM LABUAN

Item No	Description	Unit	Quantity
1	Cordage sisal 4" circ.	Feet	3000
2.	Iron corr galv (Tank) 24 g. 6'0"	Tons	15
3.	Scaffolding, steel tubular, 5" outside dia.	Sets	2
4.	Dogs logging 9" x 4"	No	50

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RE 122

27 Nov 45.

E in C,
HQ AMF.

COMMAND AND LOCATION OF RAE UNITS UNDER COMMAND ADV HQ AMF AS AT 1 DEC 45.

1. Ref EC 1925 of 2 Nov 45.

2. Herewith command and location return of RAE units under command Adv HQ AMF, as at 1 Dec 45.

3. In accordance with the precedent set by you in your last Location Statement, only those commanders, who have been actually posted, are shown. For the names of officers who are Administering Command of the other units see our Officer Posting Return RE 142.16 of 23 Nov 45.

(J G WILSON) Col.
Chief Engineer.

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UNITS UNDER COMMAND - ADV HQ AMF (CE COL J G WILSON)

Attachment to RE 122

Ser	Formation	Unit	Commander Posted	Location	Remarks
1.	1 BASE SUB AREA	1 CRE (Wks) (AIF)	Maj D R CULLEN	MOROTAI	
		9 Wksp & Pk Coy (AIF)	-	"	
		D 21 Mech Eqpt Pk Coy (Type B) (AIF)	-	"	
		5 Mech Eqpt Coy (AIF)	Maj R Mc TURNBULL	"	(One Pl TARAKAN (One Pl AMBON
		2/11 A Tps Coy	-	"	
		27 Maint Pl (Type A)	Lt M T HORWOOD	"	
		7 Mech Eqpt Spare Parts Sec (AIF)	Lt J H CHAPMAN	"	
		Pl 2/3 Forestry Coy	Lt J C GRIGG	"	
2.	7 DIV	D HQ RAE 7 Div	Lt Col N T JELBART	BALIKPAPAN	
		D 2/4 Fd Coy	-	"	
		D 2/5 Fd Coy	-	"	
		2/6 Fd Coy	-	MAKASSAR	Det BALIKPAPAN
		D 2/9 Fd Coy	-	BALIKPAPAN	
		D 2/25 Fd Pk Coy	-	"	
		D 2/11 Fd Coy	-	"	
		2 Mech Eqpt Pl (AIF)	-	"	
		57 DCRE (Wks) (AIF)	Maj G R PATTERSON	"	
		D 2/4 Fd Sqn	Maj R A HORSFALL	"	
		9 A Tps Coy (AIF)	-	"	
		11 Wksp & Pk Coy (AIF)	Maj J E PARKER	"	
		D 2/2 Rly Constr Coy (ME)	Maj E.L. WALPOLE	"	
		D 1 Port Constr Coy (AIF)	Maj P BESSEL-BROWN	"	
		D 3 Welding Pl	Lt L G BIRD	"	
		D 5 Welding Pl	Lt A HUTTON	"	

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Ser	Formation	Unit	Commander Posted	Location	Remarks
3.	9 Div	HQ RAE 9 Div	Maj C D H HARPER	LABUAN	
		D 2/3 Fd Coy	-	KUALA BELAIT	Pls BRUNEI, LABUAN
		D 2/7 Fd Coy	-	LABUAN	
		D 2/16 Fd Coy	-	"	
		D 2/24 Fd Pk Coy	-	"	
		2/15 Fd Coy	-	JESSELTON	Rear details LABUAN
		D 1 Mech Eqpt Pl (AIF)	-	LABUAN	
		D 1 Beach Gp Stores Pl (AIF)	-	"	
		D 5 Bomb Disposal Pl	-	"	
		D 9 CRE (Works)(AIF)	-	"	
		73 DCRE (Works)(AIF)	-	"	
		D 14 Fd Coy (AIF)	-	"	
		18 Fd Coy (AIF)	-	"	One Pl KUCHING
		D 4 A Tps Coy (AIF)	Maj J J BUDGE	"	
		60 Corps Fd Pk Coy (AIF)	-	"	
		D 2/1 Mech Eqpt Coy	-	"	One Pl to remain on OOB.
		D 2 Port Constr Coy (AIF)	-	"	
		D 1 Welding Pl (AIF)	Lt A R J BINGLE	"	
		D 2 Welding Pl (AIF)	Lt F A GIBSON	"	
		D 2/1 Boring Pl	Capt E J HARRISON	"	

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Ser	Formation	Unit	Commander Posted	Location	Remarks
4.	26 Inf Bde Gp	2/13 Fd Coy	Maj R W J DART	TARAKAN	
		D 2 Fd Coy	-	TARAKAN	
5.	Timor Force	% 22 Fd Coy	Lt C E OLIVER	TIMOR	Det NT
6.	Ambforce	101 A Tps Coy	-	AMBON	One E & M Pl TIMOR
7.	34 Inf Bde Gp	17 CRE (Works)	T/Col J M McGOWAN	MOROTAI	
		28 Fd Coy (AIF)	Maj H S HARPER	MOROTAI	
		13 A Tps Coy	-	MOROTAI	

27 Nov 45.

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Adv HQ AMF

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CRE 7 DIV

Subject : PROMOTION OF OFFICERS

1. It is noted that in the paragraphs containing your recommendations, to post NX 110941 Capt C B PRYOR and VX 114023 Capt C W S FRASER as OsC 9 A Tps Coy and 11 Wksp & Pk Coy, respectively, you state that :

"it is presumed that E in C will submit A33s for....." these offrs.

2. In the past, the E in C did initiate promotions for to the rank of Major; but now, owing to the increasing difficulty that is being encountered, I consider that there is a greater prospect of achieving success if A33s are submitted by CsRE through command channels.

3. It is now necessary to include in an accompanying memo a certificate in the following terms: "it is certified that, in the interests of the service, the promotion to T/..... of ..... is necessary and is recommended."

4. The reasons why the promotion is considered necessary should be made as strong as possible. The following suggestions, where applicable, might assist:

(a) Unlike, say, Infantry Battaltions, Engineer units, which are retained as Interim Army Units, are kept fully occupied on their normal tasks. Consequently, the responsibility of engineer officers is a continuing one.

(b) The role of X Fd Coy in an Occupation Force, renders it necessary for the OC to be frequently away from Coy HQ and it is essential that an officer with higher status than LT should be available to administer command.

(c) There is NO immediate prospect of X Fd Coy being declared a redundant unit.

(d) This unit is in control of the engineer stores depot in this area, and is still performing its normal functions, which involve much responsibility.

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ADV HQ AMF WEEKLY RESUME NO 89

PART I - RAE

1. AMF for JAPAN

(a) 17 CRE (Wks)

(i) Recce party still in JAPAN.

(ii) Present Strength : 7 Offrs 13 ORs

(b) 23 Fd Coy

(i) Regimental and weapon training proceeding.

(ii) Present strength: 7 Offrs 204 ORs

(c) 13 A Tps Coy

(i) Regimental and weapon training proceeding.

(ii) Present Strength: 7 Offrs 204 ORs
Volunteers expected
ex First Army: 2 Offrs 25 ORs
9 Offrs 229 ORs

(d) Deficiencies in Personnel

It is understood further volunteers are being called for.

2. RE-INFORCEMENTS RAE UNITS - MOROTAI

The reported deficiencies by ranks and trades in RAE units on MOROTAI were 120.

The position now is generally satisfactory as 64 personnel from redundant units in 9 Div and 46 ex volunteers for JAPAN have, or are being posted to fill the vacancies for which the 120 reinforcements were required.

PART II - WORKS

1. LABUAN

(a) Bomber strip 100%. (limited traffic only)

(b) 2/1 CCS. Further VD ward complete.

(c) TAGAI sawmill output for week 52,930 super feet.

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PART II - WORKS (Contd)

2. TARAKAN

(a) Gates war cemetery 80%.

(b) General Maintenance.

3. MOROTAI

(a) Officers club Tennis courts 100%.

(b) 5 Mech Eqpt Coy new camp Scale 'A' 25%.

(c) Adv HQ AMF New overhead mains 30%.

(d) Sawmill production for week 34170 super feet.

(e) No 1. NL Pontoon Wharf, welding work started to limit lateral movement.

(f) LST hards Red Beach - plans issued for concrete filled NL Pontoons in lieu of 3 ton ships anchors.

(g) General Maintenance.

4. MAKASSAR

MANDAI airstrip 6,000 ft x 100 ft serviceable all weather 30 Nov.

5. AMBON

(a) LAHA airstrip, additionnal works 100 %.

(b) Repairs to bridges 65%.

(c) Minor works.

(d) General Maintenance.

6. TIMOR

(a) Repairs to bomb craters PENFOEI airstrip 55%

(b) KOEPANG - TEMAU road repairs 36%.

(c) Minor works.

7. BALIKPAPAN

(a) Sealing SEPOSLOEH road 95%.

(b) Broadcasting Station 98%.

(c) Road Dutch Army area 50%.

(d) Minor Works.

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PART III - STORES

1. SHIPPING IN

MAKASSAR ex BALIKPAPAN	POYANG	20 Tons
MOROTAI ex TARAKAN	LST 346	10 Tons.

2. SHIPPING OUT

NIL

3. MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

All mech eqpt not in use is being withdrawn from units ~~and prepared~~ and being placed under cover in engineer depots and treated for semi permanent storage pending final decisions as to disposal.

4. STORES GENERAL.

All outstanding demands for stores from Australia are being reviewed so as to cancel as many as possible. The maintenance of the forces will be maintained as far as possible by transfer from one area to another.

5. DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS ENGINEER STORES AND EQPT

The proposed Adv HQ AMF instructions on this subject are satisfactory and will meet the requirements of RAE in this area.

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RAE 9 DIV

RS 155 unclass . your RAW 974 of 27 nov ref RL pontoon eqpt . one . understand there are only two strings at LABUAN and that these were brought there by american LSTs and probably of american origin . two . please advise number of pontoon cells involved and how assembled . three . please examine pontoons for makers brands to give indication of origin . look for BHP steel . advise any results . four . what is percentage of remaining life of pontoons . five . are there any prospective purchasers in your area . if so on what basis would they negotiate . six . if no chance of sale pontoons would be abandoned

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ENGR INT NOTES - CELEBES

1. Herewith report by Capt C E GREGORY on Engineer Intelligence Recce work undertaken in S.W. and Central CELEBES.

2. The originals of appendices only are included as all original files of the Engr Int Sec are now held by E in C Office.

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REPORT ON ENGINEER INTELLIGENCE RECCES -
CENTRAL AND SOUTHWEST CELEBES
OCT - NOV 45.

SCOPE.

1. The general area covered is that portion of the CELEBES bounded as follows:-

North	- 1° S	Latitude
South	- 6° S	Latitude
East	-121° E	Long.
West	-119° E	Long.

2. Portions of this general area which were not covered are:

(a) West coast area N of MADJENE and central mountainous sector W of Lake POSO.

(b) East coast areas in vicinity of WATAMPONE and SINDJAI.

(c) Southern mountain areas other than MAKASSAR - MALINO road.

(d) Southern coastal areas in vicinity of BONTHAIN and BOELOKKOMBA.

DETAILED INFM

1. Detailed infm on all phases of engr int are tabulated in Recce Proforma Reports attached (Appendix 'A' and 'B').

2. These reports divide the area between them, the SW Report dealing with the sector south of ENREKANG and the Central CELEBES report, with that north of ENREKANG.

3. Portion of the data collected in the MAKASSAR area will be furnished by 2/6 Fd Coy.

TOPOGRAPHY

1. North of ENREKANG this area is chiefly mountainous (with many peaks of the order of 10,000 ft) except for coastal plains (a) east of MADJENE and (b) north of PALOPO.

2. South of ENREKANG the area is chiefly open plain or undulating country, except for a major mountainous belt extending from PARE PARE to near BONTHAIN (with peaks from 3200 near PARE PARE to 9420 north of BONTHAIN) and a smaller parallel subsidiary belt to the east (peaks about 2500 ft).

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TOPOGRAPHY (Contd)

3. Mountainous areas are very rugged with sharply dissected valleys and razor backed ridges.

4. The coastal falls of the SW peninsula drain into the sea; the central valley is drained by the River WALANAE into Lake TEMPE.

GEOLOGY

1. The geology of the area has, in general, been fairly well mapped in the past, some areas having been mapped in detail.

2. In addition to the Geological Map contained in Strat. Engr Study No 120 the following are attached :

(a) Two Japanese Geological Maps - (Appendices 'C' and 'D' att).

(b) Publication "VERSLAG OVER DE RESULTATEN VAN GEOLOGISCH MIJNBOUWKUNDIGE VERKENNINGEN EN OPSPORINGEN IN ZUID-WEST CELEBES" by HOEN and ZIEGLER (1917) complete with maps (Appendix 'E' attached).

3. Raised coral reef limestone was observed in the MADJENE area at altitudes in excess of 300 ft.

4. The mountain masses of the SW peninsula and in the ENREKANG - RANTEPAO sector are volcanic rocks of widely differing types and phases but chiefly volcanic tuffs, breccias and boulder beds. Owing to the wide range of volcanic types however it was impossible to make other than a very cursory check.

5. From north of WOTOE to Lake POSO the rocks are mainly altered slates, schists, quartzites and limestones. From Lake POSO to POSO along the POSO River Valley, volcanic types predominate.

6. Along the western margin of the SW mountain belt, and particularly, east of MAROS there are rugged sheer cliffs of crystalline limestone, rising to 300 - 500 ft, and cavernous in nature.
This is excellent rock for concrete, building or road making purposes.

7. Coral Seams at PANKADJENE (N of MAROS)

Details are attached to Pro formas (Appendix 'A').

SOILS

1. The soils of the plains are grouped as follows:-

(a) MAKASSAR plains - grey silty loam with some clay - fairly high cohesion - slightly permeable - intermittently flooded rice padis - would not sustain military traffic in any season.

(b) PARA PARE - RAPPANG - SINGKANG Area - grey to brown sandy clay loam - average cohesion - intermittently flooded areas - would not sustain military traffic.
This type of soil also occurs east of MADJENE and between MASAMBA and WOTOE

(c) PALOPO - MASAMBA Area - brown sandy silt - no cohesion - permeable - movement off roads would be hazardous in wet season.

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ROAD METAL DEPOSITS

1. Although excellent potential quarry sites exist east and north of MAROS no organised effort seems to have been made by the Dutch to make use of them.

2. Suitable road metal sites are tabulated in proformas attached (Appendix 'A' and 'B').

3. Metal used for road building in the past was won chiefly :

(a) In mountain areas
from selected material from road cuttings.

(b) On the plains
from river beds (sand pebbles and shingles) or from loose floaters dispersed generally along the route.

4. Crushing, when done at all, was usually done by hand. Most road foundations were of cobble-paving laid by hand. Apart from a small stationary plant about 4 miles west of PALOPO, only two small portable crushing units were seen.

ROADS

1. Due to the poor traffic bearing capacity of the soils, it has been necessary in the past to build good roads in order to maintain traffic in wet season.

2. All roads have been built by hand and rolled by steamrollers.
In the plains areas, a formation embankment was built about 4 ft above the general level of the country, road foundation laid with cobblestone river shingles, and apparently surfaced with sand or gravel, watered (where necessary) and rolled.

3. Although there has been practically no road maintenance undertaken during the Jap occupation, roads generally are still in pretty fair shape. The chief cause of road deterioration during this period has been lack of adequate surface drainage. Grass, lawns, and other herbaceous borders are allowed to grow on the shoulders thus restricting the shedding of water.

4. Roads in MAKASSAR area, and north to PARE PARE are bitumen sealed, and except for some portions, are generally still in fairly good condition.

5. Colverts generally are in good shape.

6. Mountain roads throughout the area are of good general location and construction, but cross fall drainage is poor. Rain water falling onto the road surface is "boxed in", the only outlet being longitudinally down the roadway, thus washing it out badly.

7. A general road map of the area, compiled by the Dutch, is attached as Appendix 'F'.

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ROADS (Contd)

8. The only "mechanical equipment" seen in the area were a number of steam or diesel road rollers (of English, German, Dutch, American and Japanese manufecture).

9. Road mileages quoted in the Recce proformas are by speedometer.

10. Highest road altitude is probably of the order of 4000 ft in the WOTOE - PINDOLO section.

11. Attached as Appendix 'I' are four blue prints showing(in red) the roads improved or constructed by the Japanese. These blue prints were obtained from a Government Office in MAKASSAR.

BRIDGES

1. Bridges were generally well constructed.

2. The largest were either steel suspension or steel truss type.

3. In some areas there are quite a number of timber truss bridges of the order of 100 ft long. These are nearly all roofed, to prevent climatic deterioration of the timbers. Bridges of this type are generally very narrow and of limited clearance, but they will pass a GMC 6 x 6 truck with canopy raised.

4. Some of the longer bridges have been damaged by bombing, and temporarily repaired in timber.

5. The great majority of bridges were 16 to 30 ft spans, constructed of masonary abutments, tubular steel piers, RSJ girders, timber decked and macadam surface. There were a number of concrete arch and RC girder bridges.

6. Some steel bridges were noticeably corroded and pitted, especially in respect of those over river mouth crossings where salty water prevails.

7. The assessment of the Load Classification of bridges in the Recce proformas is on the generous side.

VEGETATION

1. This is generally dispersed as follows:-

(a) Swamp areas - Nipa and Sago palms and associated growth.

(b) Plains - under intense cultivation mainly rice. This is made possible by a comprehensive irrigation system.

(c) Uplands - secondary growths, bamboos etc.

(d) Mountain areas - rain forest.

2. In the SW peninsula the rain forest has been denuded everywhere except for mountain regions of difficult accessibility.

3. Rubber plantations near MASAMBA and WOTOE.

4. Coconut plantations in various coastal areas.

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VEGETATION (Contd)

5. A young pine forest at MALINO but appears badly cared for.

6. Timber for construction purposes is very scarce. Small Japanese sawmills were fed mainly by logging down the larger rivers from mountain forest areas.

WATER SUPPLIES

1. Reticulated supplies serve MAKASSAR, PARE PARE, PALOPO, and SINGKANG. The source of these supplies was generally from streams or springs.

2. All other towns are supplied from individual householders wells. Wells were generally well constructed with a collar and splash apron of concrete, thus minimising accidental pollution. All such water needs to be boiled.

POWER STATIONS

1. MAKASSAR

(a) This station (SOENGOEMINASSA) is generally in good condition.

(b) Boilers receive regular three monthly cleaning and overhaul. The need for this will be lessened when good quality firebricks are available.

(c) The turbines are rather old and have given good service but systematic overhauls will soon be required.

2. TEPPO

(a) This station serves PARE PARE, PINRANG and ENRENG.

(b) Manufacturer's drawings are attached - Appendices 'G' and 'H'

(c) Only one unit was ever completely erected; the turbine of the second set was held up in JAVA when war broke out. The gear pump on the oil circulation system of the existing set is in very poor shape. There is no spare available.

3. PARE PARE

(a) This originally served PARE PARE but now only operates as a standby to TEPPO.

(b) Three of the original five diesel units still remain, but only one is in working order but in poor shape.

(c) Injectors, fuel pumps and bearings are the weakest parts.

4. MADJENE - PALOPO

(a) Similar units to PARE PARE installation.

(b) Injectors, fuel pumps and bearings are in very poor shape.

(c) All sets need general overhaul.

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REFRIGERATION

1. MAKASSAR

(a) Potentially a good plant but has been cannibalised by Japs.

(b) Only one unit now operating and at restricted capacity.

2. PARE PARE - MADJENE - PALOPO

(a) Patent Sealed types - two units at each place.

(b) All running at very much reduced capacities due to:

i. Power available for only few hours per day.

ii. Only one unit operating because geared motor drive is US on the No 2 unit in each town.

iii. Shortage of ice cans.

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Appendix A - Recce Report - S.W. CELEBES
B - Recce Report - Central CELEBES
C - Jap Geological Map No 1
D - Jap Geological Map No 2
E - Geological Publication - S.W. CELEBES
F - Dutch road map
G - Drawing of Turbogenerator.
H - Drawing of Water Turbine
I - Four sheets of blueprints showing roads improved and constructed by Japanese.

COPIES OF APPENDICES

1. With the now depleted staff of the Office of the CE, Adv HQ AMF, it is not possible to make copies of appendices.

2. Therefore only the originals of Appendices are included.

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RE 161 unclass . your memo RET 97 of 26 nov . LANDOPS signal Q 2270 of 38 nov refers . concerning your list of stores which you are unable to dispose to NICA take action as follows . one . arrange shipment to AUSTRALIA items serial number 1 (one) to 21 (twenty one) and 30 (thirty) to 34 (thirty four) and 37 (thirty seven) and 41 (forty one) to 45 (forty five) and 47 (forty seven) to 49 (forty nine) and 52 (fifty two) to 66 (sixty six) . ship serials 35 (thirty five) and 36 (thirty six) only if required for packing . two . do NOT return to AUSTRALIA serials 22 (twenty two) to 29 (twenty nine) and 38 (thirty eight) to 40 (forty) and 46 (forty six) and 50 (fifty) and 51 (fifty one) . three . return remaining br eqpt to AUST vide your return of 10 nov except steel br cribs items one to 5 (five) . endeavour to transfer utility PENYAN to NICA but if unable ship the boat to AUSTRALIA .

four . method of consignment to AUST . provided you can ascertain definitely at what port ship will discharge in AUSTRALIA then consign stores to engineer store base depot BRISBANE SYDNEY or MELBOURNE . if you

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SHEET TWO of RE 161 of 30 Nov 45.

cannot ascertain at what port ship will discharge then consign to . quote . engineer store base depot at port of discharge unquote . use ITV AAF S27 or equivalent as advice note to consignee depot if known and send two copies of ITV to CE ADV HQ AMF . if consignee depot NOT known send five copies of ITV to CE ADV HQ AMF . brand all stores with orange flash and RAE triangle over consignment order number over destination .

five . arrange 26 EDE to signal recommendation for disposal of above items NOT to be returned to AUSTRALIA vide LANDOPS Q 2270 fifth part .

six . ack

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RE 163 unclass . disposal of mechanical equipment . one . ref, ~~RAE~~ RAE ONE CORPS TPC REC 1272 of 10 nov . LANDOPS signal Q 2270 of 28 nov authorizes the transfer to MICA of machines listed in your REC 1272 of 10 nov . take appropriate action . two . arrange shipment to australia of all remaining RAE mechanical equipment . consign and brand as per my signal RE 161 of 30 nov . ack

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