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Unit H.Q. Docks Control, L.H.Q. *Date and Time.—From* 1 Jan 43 *To* 11 Jan 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Melbourne	1 Jan		Notification from Military Secretary that NX 442 Lt-col J.A. McComb appointed C.R.E. H.Q. 1 Aust Docks Grp R.A.E.	Appendix 1
~~Melbourne~~	~~1 Jan~~		~~Returns forwarded to DFO S.A. L of C. Area covering work performed by soldier labour valued @ £103. 1. 3.~~	" 2
Melbourne	2 Jan		Returns forwarded to D.F.O. N.S.W. L. of C. Area covering work performed by soldier labour valued at £312.11. 0.	" 3
Melbourne	7 Jan		Weekly report No 7 as at 5 Jan covering	" 4
			1. Docks Operating Coys. 2. ~~Proposed training of D.O.Coy personnel.~~ 3. Stevedoring at Ports. 4. Employment Coys, with particular reference at Cairns. 5. Docks Control Detachments. 6. Salvage of Lighter QUASHA 7. Functions of CRE Docks Grp.	
~~Melbourne~~	~~7 Jan~~		~~Returns forwarded to D.F.O's N.S.W. and Vic.L. of C. Areas~~ covering work performed by soldier labour valued respectively at £353.13. 2. and £940. 3. 4.	" 5
Townsville	7 Jan		H.Q. & 1½ sections 2/3 Aust.Op.Coy. RAE AIF move from Townsville to Cairns.	
~~Melbourne~~	~~8 Jan~~		~~Returns forwarded to DFO Vic. L. of C.Area covering work performed by soldier labour valued at £1945. 8. 8.~~	" 6
Melbourne	11 Jan		Letter to Stevedoring Industry Commission with return showing value of work by soldier labour on ships @ £3,792.	" 7

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Unit H.Q. Docks Control, L.H.Q. *Date and Time.—From* 12 Jan 43 *To* 27 Jan 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Melbourne	12 Jan 43		No. 8 Weekly report covering ~~1. Docks Operating Coys.~~ 2. Proposed Docks Operating Wing at ETC. 3. Stevedoring at Ports. 4. Employment Coys. 5. Docks Control Detachments 6. Equipment 7. H.Q. Docks Grp. R.A.E. 8. Docks Control Overseas.	Appendix 8
	16 Jan 43		Returns forwarded to D.F.O. S.A. L of C Area covering work ~~performed by soldier labour~~ for S.A. Rlwys valued at £84.10. 7.	" 9
	19 Jan 43		Letter to D.F.O. Vic L of C Area stating Vic. Rlwys freight charge on salvaged cargo from S.S. "MAROSA" is £1290. 3. 5. This amount to be debited to Commonwealth Salvage Board	" 10
	20 Jan 43		Returns forwarded to D.F.O. S.A. and Vic. L of C Areas covering ~~work performed by soldier labour~~ and valued respectively at £10.4.7. and £2519.4.11.	" 11
	25 Jan 43		Minute from Controller of Docks to D.Q.M.G.II on Moreton Bay Tspt. Service. Complete file attached.	" ~~12~~
Melbourne	27 Jan 43		Weekly report No. 9 as at 26 Jan covering ~~1. Docks Operating Coys.~~ 2. Stevedoring at Ports 3. Employment Coys 4. Docks Control Detachments. 5. Plant and Tools. 6. Marking of Service Cargo. 7. Casing of Service Cargo. 8. Delivery Dockets.	" 13 "
Melbourne	27 Jan 43		Submission from Controller of Docks to D.Q.M.G. II ref ~~strengthening of Docks Operating Coys.~~	" 14

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H. 100M

Unit H.Q. Docks Control, L.H.Q. *Date and Time.—From* 29 Jan 43 *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Melbourne	29 Jan 43		Letter to Stevedoring Industry Commission with returns showing value of work by soldier labour stevedoring ships at £10244.17. 9. Townsville , £1372.11. 0. at Melbourne and £195. 6. 1. at Sydney.	Appendix 15.

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Appendix 1.

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1 Jan 1943.

Allied Land Forces

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N.G.Forces
1 Aust. Armd. Div.
Q.M.G.

Copies to:- 3 Aust. Corps
Eng.-in-Chief.
"Q" Movement.

ALLOTMENT FOR DUTY : NX 442 LT.-COL. J.A. McCOMB AND VX 15214 CAPT (T/MAJ) M.T. JELBART

Extracts:-

Approval has been given for the following changes in allotment for duty to date 30th December, 1942:-

(a) NX442 Lt.-Col. J.A. McComb from C.R.E., 1 Aust Armd. Div., to C.R.E., H.Q. 1 Aust Docks Gp. R.A.E.

2. Please arrange in accordance with the above.

3. Notifications to the following effect will be included in a Commander-in-Chief's list:-

R.A.E. (Field) 1 Aust. Armd. Div.

NX442 Lt.-Col. J.A. McComb relinquishes command, 30 December, 1942.

R.A.E. (DOCKS OPERATING)

NX442 Lt.-Col. J.A.McComb is transferred from R.A.E. (Field), 1 Aust. Armd. Div., and is appointed to command H.Q., 1 Aust. Docks Group, R.A.E., 30th December, 1942.

(SGD.)

Colonel.
MILITARY-SECRETARY,
For Adjutant-General.

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Appendix 2.

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ACCOUNTANCY INSTRUCTIONS PART VI - 4 Aust. Docks Control Detachment.

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H.Q. Docks Control, L.H.Q.
1 Jan 43.

D.F.O.
S.A. L of C Area.

Herewith A.A.F.'s T.106 as per summary hereunder, covering work performed by the above Detachment with Soldier Labour.

Lieut.
(N.C.COLES)
Accountant.

SUMMARY

A.A.F.'s	T.106	encl.	
Nos. 100	£50	2	8
100	45	-	-
103	5	14	10
104	2	3	9

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Appendix 3.

ACCOUNTANCY INSTRUCTIONS PART VI - 2 Aust. Docks Control Detachment.

H.Q. Docks Control, L.H.Q.
2 Jan 43.

D.F.O.,
N.S.W. L of C Area.

Herewith A.A.F.'s T.106 as per Work Order Nos. appended, covering work performed by the above Detachment with Soldier Labour.

Lieut.
(N.C.COLES)
Accountant.

W/O. Nos. 3268, 3270, 3272, 3274, 3276,
3269, 3271, 3273, 3275, 3277.

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Appendix 4.

Docks.

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DOCKS CONTROL WEEKLY REPORT As at 5 Jan 43.

H.Q. Docks Control, L.H.Q.,
7 JAN 43.

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1. DOCKS OPERATING COYS.

2/1 Coy. DARWIN. Request has been made for 100 reinforcements to make up the Section deficient through wastage at Darwin, where the unit has spent eight months.

No. 3 Section at CAIRNS is to be placed on normal allowance of leave on arrival of 2/3 Coy from TOWNSVILLE. Also directed that 8 hour shifts be adopted for this Section; civilian practice is 12 hour shifts, but the condition of the personnel warrants adoption of the shorter shift.

Ref refusal of shore duty at GIPOD, authority was received for the 30 Ptes to be dealt with by their CO; Court Martial of the 6 NCO's is proceeding. No further trouble has been experienced.

2/2 Coy. PORT MORESBY. No change.

2/3 Coy. TOWNSVILLE, HQ & 1½ Sections. Approval has been given for transfer to CAIRNS, and movement will commence at 12.00 hrs 7 Jan. by rail. The notice is short, but advantage is being taken by Mvts of rolling stock being available which would otherwise run empty.

Two Sections at MILNE BAY CONTINUE TO BE fully employed.

Half-Section at THURSDAY ISLAND is sufficient unless two ships are in port together.

4 Coy, TOWNSVILLE. HQ and two Sections fully engaged in stevedoring. To complete remaining two Sections, draft of 166 men moving from Brisbane will reach Townsville on 8 Jan, having been delayed by floods interrupting railways.

5 Coy, ENGR TNG CENTRE, WAGGA. This Coy is undergoing Engineer course.

Provision of detachments for three Assault Ships from this Coy is in mind totalling 1 Offr 35 OR's for each ship. It will be necessary to consider permanent replacement of such detachments.

LGA has directed the provision of 5 men for crew of Salvage Ketch "TERRALINNA", to be permanently detached; to Commonwealth Salvage Board. Steps are being taken to obtain from 5 Coy.

Two additional Coys Recommendation has been made for the formation of two additional Coys, Nos 6 and 7, after analysis of the present mainland and overseas tasks and future developments. It is clear that without extra Coys, provision cannot be made for the support of future landings and for the continued maintenance of present commitments.

2. Proposed Training Unit. Consideration is being given to the formation of a Docks Operating Wing at the Engineer Training Centre. This would provide a pool in which reinforcements and X List personnel would be trained, and from which replacements could be drawn as required. The absence of such an arrangement up to the present has resulted in Docks Operating Coys remaining short of personnel because of priority being given to the needs of Engineer

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field units. Moreover, men particularly suited to Docks Operating have been lost for lack of a unit in which to hold and train. The growing proportion of men on X List emphasises the need for such a Wing.

A further reason for creation of Training unit is the continual demands made on Docks Operating for detachments. The Navy requests one or more men for ship crews owing to default of merchant seamen and the necessity to maintain the ferry to Darwin or get a ship away in convoy to New Guinea. The Commonwealth Salvage Board calls for specialists as salvage crew, such as 16 men, for permanent detachment. In both cases, relief becomes necessary from time to time. Now the parties of 35 for Assault Ships have to be provided.

These continual removals of trained and selected specialists are destructive of unit organisation. The establishment of a pool in the Training Centre will enable immediate replacement, or alternatively permit suitable personnel to be devoted to the new task without depriving an existing unit.

Men of maritime experience are very useful in Docks Operating, but are hard to obtain. To have them frittered away in small parties reduces the ability of the Coys to deal with the wide variety of new responsibilities imposed at forward ports. For example, divers have great value in emergency. Riggers are essential for the manufacture and repair of gear. Both these types are rare. The few already in the units cannot be given away without serious effect on the general docks efficiency.

3. STEVEDORING AT PORTS

CAIRNS The deficiency in stevedoring labor continues, but will be considerably relieved by the arrival of 2/3 Coy from Townsville. This Coy is strong in proficient winchmen, and thus will be able to infiltrate more Employment Coy personnel for stevedoring gangs.

TOWNSVILLE. The port continues to be very busy, and all available men are required.

4. EMPLOYMENT COYS.

Cairns. The platoon of 20 Employment Coy, 109 all ranks, is reported to be under orders to move overseas within 48 hours. This removal will seriously deplete the already inadequate working strength at the port. 14 Employment Coy is working 24 hours per day, and can provide only 140 men per shift.

Lt-Col Wallis reports that if 14 Coy can be restored to full strength at Cairns, it will not be necessary otherwise to replace the Pl of 20 Coy now being removed. At last strength return, 14 Coy was deficient 90 men, and in addition had detachments of 54 at HUGHENDON, and 4 at CLONCURRY. It is requested that the unit be brought to full strength by adding 148 men as quickly as possible, in order to reduce the delay to ships now being experienced on account of lack of labor.

Employment Coy personnel are used to remove from docks to stores for all Services, and from stores to shipside, as well as to augment the army stevedores in forming hatch teams.

5. DOCKS CONTROL DETACHMENTS.

The proceedings of the Committee of Docks Organisation has

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delayed the submission of necessary amendments to WE, to provide the additional strength found necessary in OR's. The adoption of the duty of exact checking of service consignments for shipment compels the provision of additional staff, especially NCO's.

Similarly, the formation of Overseas Docks Control Detachment to fulfil requirements in New Guinea has been held up.

The utilisation of Freight Conducting Officers has established the need for providing officers and NCO's skilled in cargo practice.

The provision of artificers to operate cranes used by Docks Control Detachments is not covered by WE, and opportunity should be taken in the formation of Docks Maintenance Coy to cover this need.

CAIRNS. Major J. C. Hardie has been sent to this place to command the Detachment in view of the increased importance and traffic expected. He is working in collaboration with Colonel Cook.

BRISBANE On account of the distance from Townsville, and the inadequacy of the "A" Detachment WE to cover Brisbane in addition to Townsville, Cairns and Thursday Island, this place has been taken from 1 Docks Control Detachment and placed under Sydney (2 DCD). Sydney is the heaviest port concerned with despatches to New Guinea and Darwin, and the "A" Detachment is fully utilised. The Brisbane personnel are therefore being carried supernumerary until new WE, in affiliation with Mvt Control, can be arranged.

The Moreton Bay Water Transport Service has now been inaugurated under the control of Docks. The vessel "MIRRIMAR" is being used on regular service, and the "Mirabel" on special duty. Docks Control checks the cargo for conveyance to forward defence posts and provides Conductor to accompany to destination and ensure delivery. This has been arranged in collaboration with DWT.

FREMANTLE. It has been found necessary to widen the plans of 5 DCD to include Onslow, Port Hedland and Broome. Steps are being taken to obtain the additional personnel needed. These also will involve widening of Mvt Control WE and carrying supernumerary to establishment until adjustment can be made.

6. SALVAGE OF CRAFT. Major Ballantyne advises that the lighter "Quasha" has been salvaged, repaired, and is now in use.

7. HQ DOCKS GROUP. Lt-Col McComb has been appointed to command HQ Docks Group, RAE, with title of "CRE", as from 30 Dec 42. Formation of the Group is proceeding. The CRE will visit all Docks Operating Coys, which come under his command, and will be responsible for the administration thereof.

For the time being, the CRE will be located at HQ Docks Control. Future location is to be determined after study.

The technical training and equipment of the Docks Operating Coys are especially the duty of the CRE, and these, together with the officers and appointments, will be taken in hand at once.

Colonel.
(E.O.MILNE)
Controller of Docks.

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Appendix 5.

ACCOUNTANCY INSTRUCTIONS PART VI - 3 Aust. Docks Control Detachment

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H.Q. Docks Control, L.H.Q.
7 Jan 43.

D.F.O.,
Vic. L of C Area.

Herewith AAF's T.106 as per summary hereunder covering work performed by the above Detachment with Soldier Labour.

Lieut.
(N.C. COLES)
Accountant.

Summary
AAF's encl.
W/O Nos. 203, 205, 206, 207, 208,
209, 212, 213, 214, 215, 230.

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ACCOUNTANCY INSTRUCTIONS PART VI. 2 AUST DOCKS CONTROL DETACHMENT.

H.Q.Docks Control, L.H.Q.,
7 Jan 43.

D.F.O.,
NSW L of C Area.

Enclosed herewith AAF's T106 Work Orders Nos as under, covering work performed by the above Detachment with Soldier Labour.

Work Order Nos.

3278, 3280, 3282, 3284.
3279, 3281, 3283, 3285.
3286, 3287.
3288
3289-91.

Lieut.
(N.C.COLES)
Accountant.

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ACCOUNTANCY INSTRUCTIONS PART VI - 3 AUST DOCKS CONTROL DETACHMENT

106/33

H.Q.Docks Control, L.H.Q.,
8 Jan 42.

D.F.O.,
Vic L of C Area.

Enclosed herewith original AAF's T104 work order Nos 210 & 211 covering work performed by the above Detachment with Soldier Labour.

Lieut.
(N.C.COLES)
Accountant.

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Appendix 7.

"Q" Movements, L.H.Q.,
Victoria Barracks,

A/351

11 Jan 43.

The Secretary,
Stevedoring Industry Commission,
Collins Street,
MELBOURNE. C.1.

Dear Sir,

SOLDIER LABOUR.

Enclosed herewith details covering ships worked by soldier labour in the ports of Melbourne, Adelaide & Sydney, together with summary of amended costs of ships worked in the port of Sydney and previously reported on 25 Nov 42.

Yours faithfully,

Brigadier.

(R. H. NORMAN)
D.Q.M.G.II (M)

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SUMMARY OF SHIPS WORKED

Date	Agent	Ship	Men	Man Hrs.	Costs
Melb.					
Nov. 28	Burns Philp & Co. (Victorian Stevedoring Co.)	Marella	349	3099½	924 19 9
Dec. 3	Wm. Holyman & Sons Pty. Ltd.	Laranah	173	1404½	364 19 5
Dec. 18	Victorian Stevedoring Co.	West Point	40	180	48 7 6
Dec. 19	James Patrick & Co. Pty. Ltd.	Carlisle	791	6741½	1897 1 2
Adelaide					
Aug. 5	Elder Smith & Co. Ltd.	Elizabeth Baake	25	237½	48 3 -
Sydney					
Oct. 16	Port Line Ltd.	Port Auckland / Port Darwin	363	1674	472 19 8
Oct. 31	U.S. Army	Janssen	44	99	35 9 6

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No. 8 DOCKS CONTROL WEEKLY REPORT as at 12 Jan 43.

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D.Q.M.G.II

1. DOCKS OPERATING COYS.

2/1 Coy. DARWIN (less No. 3 Section). Request has been made for 100 reinforcements to make up the Section deficient through wastage at Darwin, where the unit has spent eight months.

No. 3 Section, CAIRNS. Owing to insufficiency of stevedore labor at this port, this Section could not be given the normal allowance of home leave on arrival from Darwin. Directions have been given for normal proportion to be given on arrival of 2/3 Coy. from Townsville, which has now been accomplished. Also directed that 8-hour shifts be worked, instead of following the civilian practice of 12-hour shifts, for the reason that the condition of the personnel from Darwin warrants the shorter shift.

The case of refusal of duty by members of this Section at BIPOD has been dealt with by court-martial of the six NCO's, and reference to C.O. of the 30 rank and file.

2/2 Coy. PORT MORESBY. No change.

2/3 Coy. TOWNSVILLE, H.Q. and 1½ Sections. Transfer to CAIRNS has been completed. Camp site selected in vicinity of North Cairns School.

Two Sections at MILNE BAY continue to be fully employed.

Half-Section at THURSDAY ISLAND is sufficient unless two ships are in port together.

4 Coy. TOWNSVILLE. The draft of 166 men to complete the remaining half-company, reached Townsville on 8 Jan, having been delayed in movement from Brisbane by floods interrupting railways.

5 Coy. Engineer Training Centre, WAGGA. The unit is still undergoing Engineer training.

Provision of detachments for Assault Ships is planned to be made from this Coy., 1 Offr 60 men to each, and to be permanent detachment as new units.

L.G.A. directed the provision of 5 men for crew of Salvage Ketch "TERRALILLA", to be permanently detached to Commonwealth Salvage Board. The party will be obtained from this Coy.

Two additional Coys. Recommendation has been made for the formation of two additional Coys., Nos. 6 and 7, after analysis of the present mainland and overseas tasks and future developments. It is clear that without extra Coys., provision cannot be made for the support of future landings and for the continued maintenance of present commitments.

2. Proposed Training Unit. It is planned by E-in-C to form a Docks Operating Wing at the Engineer Training Centre. This will provide a pool for the training of reinforcements and X List personnel, and to provide replacements as required. In the absence of such an arrangement up to the present, Docks Operating Coys. have not been supplied with replacements because of priority being given in the needs of Engineer field units. Men suited to Docks have been lost for lack of a unit in which to hold and train.

3. STEVEDORING AT PORTS.

Cairns. The arrival of 2/3 Coy., H.Q. and 1½ Sections has eased the position, particularly as the resources of this unit in hatchmen and winchmen allow of more Employment Coy. personnel being used in hatch gangs. There has been an increased offering of casual laborers at the pick-up, probably sugar-crushers released from the mills.

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A shortage of tally clerks is being taken up with shipping authorities.

Townsville. The port continues to be very busy and all labor available is utilised.

Melbourne. A new system in connection with civilian labor on the Waterfront is reducing absenteeism. Dockets are now returned from employers direct to the Bureau instead of to the man.

4. EMPLOYMENT COYS.

Cairns. The platoon of 20 Employment Coy., 109 all ranks, is reported to be likely to move overseas at short notice. This removal, if carried out, will seriously deplete the already inadequate working strength at this port. 14 Employment Coy. is working 24 hours per day, and can provide only 140 men per shift.

Lt.-Col. Wallis reports that if 14 Coy. could be restored to full strength at Cairns, it would not be necessary otherwise to replace the Pl. of 20 Coy. which is expected to be removed. 14 Coy. has been deficient 90 men, and in addition had detachments of 54 at HUGHENDON, and 4 at CLONCURRY. It is requested that the unit be brought to full strength by adding 148 men as soon as possible, to reduce the delay to ships caused by lack of labor.

General. A separate submission is being made that it is not economical to select "A" class personnel from Employment Coys. and form Employment units for overseas, and that it would be wiser to draft such personnel for training in Docks Operating, and use them for making up deficiencies in Docks Operating Coys, and forming new Operating Coys. This for the reason that Docks Operating is skilled work, requiring time and experience for proficiency, whereas Employment Coys are used for unskilled work, and can be improvised from native labor or forward troops. Lack of Docks Operators is more serious than unavailability of unskilled labor. The former can be used effectively both on ship and on shore, but the latter must be confined to shore work.

Wastage through illhealth assumes much higher proportions in hurriedly formed Employment Coys than in Docks Operating Coys. The latter has unit morale, sound organising and careful selection of officers, and inevitably attains greater loyalty and efficiency.

5. DOCKS CONTROL DETACHMENTS.

Cairns. Major J.C. Hardie is now at Cairns to command Detachment and is working in conjunction with Col. Cook, Area Commander.

The allocation of labor and berth priorities are now decided at a meeting daily of representatives of Movement Control, Docks Control, Navy, US Army, and representative of all shipping Coys.

Melbourne. This Detachment is supplying 9 men for training as AA. gunners for day call for one gun - at the end of No. 21 Dock. The men will be trained at a school and will be available within 20 minutes of an alarm. The Garrison guard will supply night gunners.

For checking "Westralia" cargo, 23 checkers were required to comply with Q.M.G.'s instructions. If two vessels were loading at same time, sufficient checkers could not be provided.

6. EQUIPMENT.

Thursday Island. A 2-ton mobile crane and a 1½ ton fixed crane were shipped to Thursday Island on 9 Dec.

Port Moresby. A 2-ton mobile crane and a Wiles Cooker were shipped to Port Moresby on 9 Dec.

Milne Bay. A 2-ton mobile crane was shipped on 9 Dec.

Cairns. There is need for the provision of a coal barge at Cairns, by reason of the amount of traffic handled and the lay-out of the docks.

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Townsville. A 6-ton converted fixed crane shipped to Milne Bay early in December is now to be taken off at Townsville and held for disposal. Only portable cranes are required at Milne Bay.

7. H.Q. DOCKS GROUP RAE.

Lt.-Col. McComb appointed to command H.Q. Docks Group, RAE, with title of C.R.E., from 30 Dec 42, is organizing the unit, and is about to visit New Guinea, for which approval has been obtained. He will visit all Docks Operating Coys., in pursuance of his responsibility for the technical training and equipment of these units.

8. DOCKS CONTROL OVERSEAS.

It had been proposed to form an Overseas Docks Control Detachment to provide for the needs of the ports in New Guinea and future theatres of operation. The plan is in suspense, pending the re-organisation of the Docks Service on the lines recommended by the Committee presided over by the E-in-C.

It is pointed out that at present certain overseas personnel is being carried on 1 Docks Control Detachment (Townsville) of which the W.E. is not sufficient to make proper provision. There are three officers at THURSDAY ISLAND, two at MILNE BAY, with very few O.R.'s in support, and at PORT MORESBY, one officer (Captain Allen) as Assistant Docks Superintendent to Major Ballantyne, who, appointed by H.Q. New Guinea Force to be Docks Superintendent for New Guinea, is also continuing in command of 2/2 Docks Operating Coy., and carries out the functions of Control with personnel of his own unit. Division of responsibility is necessary and when the absorption by Movement Control of the Docks functions is being arranged, provision should be made for staff independent of the Docks Operating Coy., to cover the requirements at all overseas ports, and capable of expansion to meet future additional requirements.

Col.
(SGD) (E.O.MILNE)
Controller of Docks.

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Appendix 9.

ACCOUNTANCY INSTRUCTIONS PART VI - 4 AUST DOCKS CONTROL DETACHMENT

106/35

H.Q. Docks Control, L.H.Q.,
~~14~~ 15 JAN 43.

D.F.O.
SA L of C Area

Herewith AAF's T106 as per summary hereunder covering work performed by the above Detachment with Soldier Labour.

Lieut.
(N.C.COLES)
Accountant.

AAF's T106 encl.
PF 100 £65.16. 0
PF 107 18.14. 7

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SALVAGE OPERATIONS - S. S. "MAROSA"

H.Q.Docks Control, L.H.Q.,
19 Jan 43.

JW.

A/363

D.F.O.,
Vic L of C Area.

Ref our A/329 of 30 Dec 42 in connexion with the above.

2. Herewith list of Victorian Railways freight charges on cargo salvaged from "Marosa" and forwarded per rail to destinations as listed.

3. Charges covering T2. Nos 629802, 628740 and 628749 have not yet been received, but will be forwarded immediately they become available.

(SGD) Lieut.
(N.C.COLES)
Accountant.

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Appendix 10.

Salvage A/c S.S. MAROSA.

FREIGHT CONSIGNED FROM FOSTER BY VICT. RLWYS.

DATE	AAF 2 No.	Siding.	
Oct. 17	248381	Montague	55. 4. 1.
" 19	248382	Tottenham	21.17. 4
" 19	629801	Montague	69.16. 0
" 20	248383	Montague	27. 8. 4
" 20	629803	Montague	53. 0. 0.
" 26	629804	Montague	39.15. 0
" 26	629805	Tottenham	36.18. 1
" 26	629806	Flinders St.	2.11. 8
" 27	629807	Tottenham	101. 2. 8
" 27	629808	Tottenham	15. 0. 8
" 27	629809	Montague	34. 9. 0
" 28	629810	Montague	34. 9. 0
" 28	629811	Tottenham	21.17.11
" 29	629812	Flinders St.	2.11
" 29	629813	Montague	67.11. 6
" 29	629814	Tottenham	21.17.11
" 30	629815	Montague	67. 7. 0.
" 30	629816	Montague	29. 5. 0
" 31	629817	Montague	13. 6. 8
Nov 2	629818	Tottenham	36.18. 0
" 2	629819	Montague	92.15. 0
" 2	629820	Montague	86. 2. 6
" 2	629821	Montague	45. 1. 0
" 2	629822	Montague	26. 9. 8
" 2	629823	Montague	94. 2. 6
" 2	629824	Montague	15.19. 0
" 3	629825	Montague	45. 1. 0
" 4	629826	Montague	15.18. 0
" 4	629827¾	Flinders St.	2.16. 8
" 6	629829	Kensington	13. 8. 4
" 6	629830	Mangalore	18.18. 4
" 6	629831	Montague	62. 6. 0
" 18	248360	Montague	21. 6. 8
			£1,290. 3. 5.

Amounts not yet received for

Oct. 20	629802	Foster to Montague
" 21	628740	Spencer St to Foster.
"	628749	Spencer St. to Foster.

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ACCOUNTANCY INSTRUCTIONS PART VI - 4 Aust. Docks Control Detachment.

106/36

H.Q. Docks Control, L.H.Q.
20 Jan 43.

D.F.O.
S.A. L of C Area.

Herewith AAF's T.106 Work Order Nos. as under, covering work performed for South Australian Railways by the above Detachment with Soldier Labour.

Lieut.
(N.C.COLES)
Accountant.

PF 114 £3.16.7
PF 115 £6. 8.-

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ACCOUNTANCY INSTRUCTIONS PART VI - 3 AUST DOCKS CONTROL DETACHMENT

106/37

H.Q. Docks Control, L.H.Q.,
20 JAN 43.

D.F.O.,
Vic L of C Area

Herewith AAF's as per summary hereunder covering work performed by the above Detachment with Soldier Labour.

Lieut.
(N.C.COLES)
Accountant.

Summary
AAF T104 No. 219
AAF T106 Nos. 217, 218, 220, 221,
223, 224, 246.

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Appendix 12.

MORETON BAY TRANSPORT SERVICE

H.Q. Docks Control, L.H.Q.
25 Jan 43.

D.Q.M.G.II

Ref attached file. As directed, matter has been discussed with DWT. While conscious of the principle involved in re AASC responsibility, we advise that in this case the arrangement be allowed to continue.

We take into account the personnel problem in S&T.

We also consider the present setup affords valuable experience of co-operation between Mvts. (incl Docks) and Water Transport.

Col
(Sgd) E.O.Milne
Controller of Docks

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2 DCD
Acct.

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2 Aust. Docks Control Detachment,
1 Bent Street,
SYDNEY.
18 Jan 43.

H.Q. Docks Control, L.H.Q.,
Victoria Barracks
MELBOURNE.

MORETON BAY WATER TRANSPORT SERVICE -
FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

With reference to your A/336 of 7 Jan 43 and our telegram to you of the 9 Jan 43 with regard to the subject matter.

2. Copy of arrangements made between O.C. 2 Docks Control Brisbane and Capt. J. Martin, D.F.O. Representative of H.Q. Q'ld L of C Area, is attached for your information.

3. The matter appears to be satisfactorily in hand and unless not approved of by you the arrangements will not be disturbed.

(Sgd) Roy Morell Lieut-Col
2 Aust Docks Control Detachment.

Copy for information to:-
Capt. Peyton - 2 Aust Docks Control
Sub-Detachment, Brisbane.

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MORETON BAY WATER TRANSPORT SERVICE

K/336

H.Q. Docks Control, L.H.Q.
7 Jan 43.

C.O.,
2 Aust Docks Control Detachment.

Further to your telegram advising that the above service is now under control of Brisbane Sub-Detachment, the question of the handling of any cash received either for freight or civilian passengers carried, has been referred to Finance.

2. D.F.O. Brisbane will be instructed to communicate with Captain Peyton in order that arrangements for handling and collection can be finalised on a satisfactory basis.

(Sgd) H.K.MacLean Major
A.Controller of Docks
for Controller of Docks.

Copy to 2 Aust Docks Control Sub-Detachment - Brisbane
for information.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

19 Dec 42.

MORETON BAY WATER TRANSPORT

The Army is taking over from the 2 Jan. 43 the Mirrimar, Mirribel, and Barton, to take stores, etc., for operational stations such as Bribie, Cowan and Amity plus some defended posts. In additional they will have to take stores for the civilian population where necessary.

PERSONNEL. Major Wrench, D.A.Q.M.G. (Adm.), has seen Major Howard of the W.T. and said for the time being he may use his W.E. The requirements are as follows:-

Master	-	Lieut
Engineer	-	W.O.1.
Deck Hands	-	Sprs.
Purser	-	Sgt.

I do not know whether this comes within the jurisdiction of the W.T. I have been asked whether Docks Control will take over the management of these vessels and it is suggested that we take over Hayles Wharf which is next to the Custom House and use it as the central office and Depot for receiving the cargo.

As this will mean divided control between Water Transport and Docks I would suggest a Port Detachment of say Docks to take over the whole thing running it as a business concern. The crew of the three vessels who have been working them for some considerable period will transfer to the Army.

(Sgd) C. BUCHANAN Major.

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Chief Telegraph Office,
Melbourne
6 Jan 43.

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CONTROLLER OF DOCKS

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VICTORIA BARRACKS MELBOURNE

MORETON BAY WATER TRANSPORT SERVICE NOW INAUGURATED UNDER CONTROL OF BRISBANE DETACHMENT STOP MIRABEL SPECIAL DUTY AND MIRRIMAR REGULAR SERVICE COWAN... MORELL

(MIRABEL MIRRIMAR)

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CARRIAGE OF CIVILIANS AND/OR CIVILIAN FREIGHT AND ARMY SMALL CRAFT.

C F O

Further to Formality signal FG 1229 of 31 Dec 42, and C P O endorsement thereon:-

Consequent to the Army having taken over, and continuing to operate what was previously a normal civil means of transport between Brisbane and outlying Islands, it is considered that no objection should be raised to the carriage of such civilians, and/or civilian freight as may be necessary for the maintenance of normal civil relations between those joints.

Present conditions necessitate the maintenance of a Military Service between Brisbane, Bribie and Moreton Islands: This may, with changes in the tactical situation, vary, and it should be pointed out that no guarantee of these services should be made to civilians, and that any service rendered to civilian traffic will, at all times, be subject to alteration or cancellation, without notice.

Passenger and freight charges of 2/6 per trip, and 20/- per ton respectively, appear to be reasonable.

Major-General
QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL
Jan 43.

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MORETON BAY SERVICES

Conference held in the Office of D.A.Q.M.G. (Adm) on 30 Dec 42.

PRESENT:

Major C.M.Wrench, D.A.Q.M.G. (Adm)
Major S. Perkins, D.A.A.G.
Capt. G.H. McQuie, Staff Captain.
Capt. T. Hellmuth, Camp Commandant
Capt. A.J.Peyton, 2 Aust Docks Control Brisbane Sub-Detachment
Capt. C. Hooper Do.

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The taking over of the "Mirimar" and "Mirabel" was discussed in detail, when the following main decisions were made:

1. Possession of "Marimar" and "Mirabel" to be taken on Sunday, 3 Jan 43. A.D.C.S. to be asked to detail an Officer for this purpose.

2. Personnel of crew to be enlisted by "A" Branch on Sunday, 3 Jan 43.

3. The necessary service to the various posts on Saturday, 2 Jan, to be provided by the present owners.

4. 2 Aust Docks Control Brisbane Sub-Detachment to administer and operate a service suitable for Military needs as from 3 Jan, to the Moreton Bay Posts with crews enlisted with and detached for service from 2 Aust Water Transport Group.

5. Such service for the conveyance of civilians as can be conveniently given subject to Military exigencies, to be continued by 2 Aust. Docks Control. This Unit to make arrangements with D.F.O. to cover details in this regard.

The following matters arising out of the Conference are to receive attention:

(a) The fixing of the price to be charged to civilians for the conveyance of personnel and cargo.

(b) L.H.Qs concurrence to be obtained to the provision of this civilian service.

(c) Units using the service to be advised of the change of control.

(d) P.M.G. to be advised also, and a contract made for the conveyance of public mail.

(e) A monthly report to be submitted to H.Q., Qld L of C Area by 2 Aust Docks Control, covering operations of the service.

(f) C.S.O. to be requested to make arrangements for telephone service at Hayle's Wharf to be taken over.

Forwarded for information to - H.Q. Docks Control, Melbourne.
H.Q. 2 Docks Control, Sydney.

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Appendix 13

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No 9 DOCKS CONTROL WEEKLY REPORT AS AT 26 JAN 43.

H.Q. Docks Control, L.H.Q.,
27 Jan 43.

D.C.H.G.II

1. Docks Operating Coys.

2/1 Coy - Darwin (less No 3 Section) Still below strength

- Cairns (No 3 Section) Now grouped with 2/3 Coy for administration and work. Only 33 effectives for stevedoring.

2/2 Coy - Port Moresby - No Change.

2/3 Coy - Cairns H.Q. & 1½ Section. Fully employed.
- Milne Bay 2 Sections Owing to sickness only 5 gangs are available for working ships.

- Thursday Island ½ Section. Fully employed.

4 Coy - Townsville Now up to strength and working. The 166 men in the latest draft have still to be attached to gangs as learners.

5 Coy - Wagga Still at Eng. Training Centre. Movement to Darwin is being planned. Owing to removal of 59 men for Assault Ship, 5 for salvage ketch "Terralinna" and 31 deficient, the Coy is 95 below strength.

2. Stevedoring at Ports.

Cairns. There is a shortage of civilian labour and soldier personnel are fully employed.

Townsville. Capt. Grey has been appointed Port Controller. This port is very busy and all available labour is required.

3. Employment Coys.

Townsville. No 16 Employment Coy has 39 men detached to Amm Depots, and is overall 61 below WE. The men available at Townsville are at full pressure constantly.

Cairns. No 14 Employment Coy has 56 men detached away from Cairns. Overall, the Coy is 160 below WE. There is an acute shortage of labour at this port.

Milne Bay. 32 Emp Coy is now 200 strong, and the reinforcements are reported to be of a better type.

4. Docks Control Detachments.

Thursday Island. The area under command Torres Straits Force (HQ Thursday Island) has been extended to include MERAUKE (Dutch New Guinea). This may be expected to increase the operations at Thursday Island, even if only in small measure for the time being, in the transhipment of personnel, equipment and stores.

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Brisbane

The Moreton Bay Water Transport Service is now in operation and satisfactory financial arrangement have been made with D.F.O. "Mirimar" is out of service through engine trouble.

X Sydney.

Extract. 10. DR.L. 27/1/43.

The use of army labour to discharge railway trucks loaded with wool at Darling Harbour has now ceased on the ending of the 1942 wool season. Between 10 Aug 42 and 20 Dec 42 in 109 working days totalling 72,313 man-hours, a total of 14,280 railway trucks was offloaded by Army labour. The bales numbered 703,174 weighing 118,000 tons.

For the conservation of jute and economy in rail, store and ship space, the bales were approximately 10% heavier than in former years. The bales handled therefore represent 775,000 of normal weight. The daily averages over the period were:-

Soldier personnel employed	88
Bales unloaded	6454
Approximate tonnage	1075
Trucks released	131

The soldier labour was mostly provided by 18 Employment Coy and 3 (Alien) Employment Coy. Both units gave excellent results in sustained effort and discipline and credit is due to them.

The army labour was used because of the inability of the NSW Railways Department to obtain the casual labour normally employed. Serious delays to rolling stock would have resulted if Army had not co-operated - equivalent to loss of vehicles. This would have been reflected in retardation of military movement of men and materials, as well as a general slowing of the flow of munitions and livestock and merchandise of all descriptions devoted to the national effort.

During the month of October, of the 3943 trucks offloaded at Darling Harbour, 2929 were immediately required by Army for outward loading - 74%. During another period, 89% of the trucks were loaded outward on behalf of all Defence Services. On many days, every truck so released was reloaded the same day with defence material. Military movement was expedited by thousands of truck-days, which but for the use of Army labour would have been lost.

Fremantle.

The Sub-detachment in charge of transhipment of stores at the Kalgoorlie break-of-gauge dealt with 969 tons during week ended 16 Jan. Earnings chargeable against Commonwealth Railways are £69. 2. 7.

5. Plant and Tools.

10 tons of cargo handling gear for pool were forwarded by rail to Townsville on 18 Jan.

At Milne Bay, all gear is pooled for joint use by US and Aust Docks staff. Each force has provided large quantities and continues to replenish. Gear is put on board ships to forward ports, of which some only comes back. Some of these ships do not call at Milne Bay on the return journey and the gear is not again sighted. Wastage (particularly of rope nets) is continuous. Riggers are at work constantly repairing and making new items.

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6. Marking of Service Cargo - Melbourne.

The loading of "Westralia" and "Canberra" showed that Army Instructions regarding the marking of cases are not being carried out.
R.A.A.F. packages were either poorly marked or not marked at all.
Y.M.C.A. goods were not marked.
R.A.N. packages bore no distinguishing marks other than initials.
In all of these instances marking was carried out at the wharf prior to loading.

7. Casing of Service Cargo.

Army stores sent down by B.O.D. Traffic Control for shipment on "Westralia" contained many crates which were damaged and unfit for loading. Other cases were broken when being offloaded, due to flimsy construction.

Ammo. crates containing 4 cartons of 3 - .75 mm shells were too fragile for the contents and were damaged. All of these cases were repaired at the wharf.

8. Delivery Dockets.

Experience has shown that the present A.A.B.66(Del.Docket) is too narrow for shipping work.

Col.
(E.O.MILNE)
Controller of Docks.

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Appendix 14

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PERSONNEL FOR DOCKS OPERATING COYS

Endorsement on HQ Docks Control letter of 27 Jan 43 to DQMG 11.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL

Forwarded for your consideration. It is suggested that members of 25 Employment Coy who in civil life have qualifications to become specialists in Docks Operating Coys, and are classed suitably for either Docks Operating Coys or the Docks Training Wing, should be made available where the services can be fully utilised.

Brigadier
(R.H.Norman)
DQMG II (M)

1 Feb 43.

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PERSONNEL FOR DOCKS OPERATING COYS
(With Nominal Roll 25 Employment Coy attached)

H.Q. Docks Control L.H.Q.
27 Jan 43.

D.Q.M.G.II

Further to submission in Weekly Report 12 Jan 43. There has not, up to the present, been any arrangement for regular provision of reinforcement personnel for Docks Operating Coys. The proposed establishment of Docks Wing at Engineer Training Centre would provide means for collection of "X" List men.

There remains, however, the problem of finding new men for replacement and for forming of new units.

2/1 DOC at DARWIN is approximately 100 men short, through wastage and absence of reinforcement. Efficiency has deteriorated through long continued pressure. As much as five weeks has elapsed between rest days. Had new men been available to build up the unit, such relief could have been given as would have avoiden evacuation in some cases.

5 DOC is proposed to be sent to train with 2/1 and release the latter for recuperation and rebuilding. 5 DOC, however, is being reduced by 1 Officer 59 men to form 1 Aust. Combined Operations Ship Detachment. Replacement to bring 5 DOC back to full strength cannot be given until bodies are found, and the situation at Darwin, now causing ships to be blocked back, will continue to be unsatisfactory.

The formation of two new Docks Operating Coys has been proposed. Nos. 4 and 5 DOC, authorised in September, were not completed until this month; the latter is actually still a few men short.

If for operations a DOC were demanded at the present moment, it could only be provided by stripping the ports on the mainland or overseas. In no case is there spare docks operating capacity. While 5 DOC is proposed to go to Darwin, 2/1 Coy. is not in condition to go overseas.

The point is therefore made that priority for suitable "A" class personnel should be given to Docks Operating, so that provision can be made for the demands that are certain to arise, and made early enough to permit training to be given.

A number of Employment Units (Coys. or detachments) have been sent into the tropics and overseas while there has been deficiency of Docks Operators.

The new Employment Coys. formed last year were all of "A" class in Queensland, but mainly "B1" and lower classes in the other States. To meet emergencies, drafts from the Coys. in Southern States have been sent North.

By reason of their origin, normal employment and physical grouping, and their organisation and method of officering, these units are a bad investment. Their efficiency and ability to endure contrasts badly with Docks Operating Coys. The latter are composed of skilled men, all A1. Their Officers are technically trained; their function is definite and regular; unit pride has something of accomplishment to feed upon; morale is assured because they are AIF and they are not hewers of wood and drawers of water; they attain loyalty and efficiency. For these reasons, the wastage under difficult conditions is low compared with the Employment Coys., whose function is unskilled, who have usually been thrown together

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at short notice with material from diverse sources, a "mixed grill" of willing and unwilling, and whose administration is not fully effective because the officering is unselected and time for preliminary training of Unit machinery cannot be allowed.

It is not economical to select "A" class personnel from Employment Coys. to form Employment units for overseas or the tropics. It would be a better plan to draft such personnel for training in Docks Operating, and use them for making up deficiencies in DOC's or forming new Coys. Docks Operating is skilled work, requiring time and experience for proficiency, whereas Employment Coys. are used for unskilled work and can be improvised from native labour or forward troops. Lack of docks operators is more serious than shortage of unskilled labor.

Employment Coys. are suitable for Docks Operating; infantry labor is not. Employment Coys. cane be improvised from native labor and low medical category whites.

Docks Operating Coys. are the more important in their function. It is therefore proposed that "A" class, AIF personnel should be used for such units rather than allowed to go to Employment Coys; and that, as a principle, it is preferable to maintain Docks Operating Coys. at full strength rather than Employment Coys.

Attached is a statement of the personnel in 25 Employment Coy. (S.A. L of C Area) shewing as follow:-

A1	61
A2	10

Of training suitable to Docks Operating:-

A1	11
A2	1
B	5
B1	6
B2	2
B3	10
Total	35

It is submitted that all the A1 men are suitable for Docks Operating, and even that a proportion of the others could be utilised in the Docks Training Wing to release A class by reason of their technical experience.

Col.

Sgd (E.O.MILNE)
Controller of Docks.

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KVH. Appendix 15.

QA/372

"Q" Movements L.H.Q.

29 JAN 43

The Secretary,
Stevedoring Industry Commission,
Collins Street,
MELBOURNE C.1.

Dear Sir,

SOLDIER LABOUR

Herewith summaries of ships worked by soldier labour in the ports of Melbourne, Vic, and Townsville, Q'ld, together with summary of stevedoring work performed by soldier labour on lighters in the port of Sydney N.S.W.

Yours faithfully,

Brigadier
(R.H.NORMAN)
D.Q.M.G.II (M)

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SUMMARY OF SHIPS WORKED

TOWNSVILLE - Q'LD

Date	Agent	Ship	Men	Man hrs.	Costs
27 Oct.	Adelaide S.S. Coy.	Cremer	60	462½	173 19 1
27 Oct.	" " "	Tasman	225	1945	626 6 7
29 Oct.	" " "	John B Ashe	102	930¾	317 10 7
30 Oct.	" " "	General Verepych	17	153	42 5 11
2 Nov.	" " "	Bontekoe	34	343¼	130 17 4
3 Nov.	A.U.S.N. Coy.	Yunnan	35	184	69 5 3
3 Nov.	Howard Smith	James R.Lowell	87	664	263 2 7
5 Nov.	" "	Burwah	34	185	51 6 3
5 Nov.	Adelaide S.S. Coy.	Wanaka	51	600	165 13 7
5 Nov.	" " "	Bantam	15	90	19 12 5
9 Nov.	" " "	Khoen Hoea	15	75	16 17 11
9 Nov.	A.U.S.N. Coy.	Fingal	102	1012½	301 5 5
10 Nov.	" "	Hilda Warling	12	48	10 16 -
12 Nov.	Howard Smith	Jesse Applegate	34	144½	31 11 -
12 Nov.	Adelaide S.S. Coy.	Balik Papen	18	72	15 14 5
12 Nov.	" " "	Maetsuycker	68	306	120 17 1
15 Nov.	" " "	Japara	17	102	55 9 9
15 Nov.	" " "	Bontekoe	69	344	187 3 11
15 Nov.	A.U.S.N. Coy.	Taroona	17	157½	85 10 3
20 Nov.	" "	Egbert Benson	4	34	7 12 5
22 Nov.	Howard Smith	Stephen Field	18	72	44 1 9
23 Nov.	Burns Philp	Mongana	30	126½	32 4 2
26 Nov.	Adelaide S.S. Coy.	Khoen Hoea	35	315	72 8 -
28 Nov.	" " "	Karsik	18	72	31 7 5
29 Nov.	" " "	Tasman	17	68	37 - 5
30 Nov.	" " "	Karsik	144	799	200 17 4
1 Dec.	" " "	Centaur	34	204	76 16 2
2 Dec.	Burns Philp	Ormiston	26	71½	15 13 -
2 Dec.	" "	Merkur	36	90	29 9 9
4 Dec.	Adelaide S.S. Coy.	Tambua	18	144	58 15 2
6 Dec.	" " "	Van der Lijn	18	72	32 7 -
6 Dec.	" " "	Van Heemskirk	138	1300	471 10 2
		C/Fwd.	1548	11186¾	3795 8 1

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SUMMARY OF SHIPS WORKED (cont'd)

TOWNSVILLE Q'LD

Date	Agent	Ship	Men	Man Hrs.	Costs
		B/Fwd.	1548	11186¾	3795 8 1
9 Dec.	Howard Smith	Poelan Laut	294	2200	1296 4 4
9 Dec.	" "	S.J. Field	16	72	27 17 9
11 Dec.	" "	Henry Dearbourne	250	2734⅖	909 7 3
14 Dec.	Adelaide S.S. Coy.	Van Heemskirk	17	127½	51 15 11
16 Dec.	" "	Van Heutsz	46	385	143 17 8
17 Dec.	Howard Smith	John Steele	93	845	255 15 -
20 Dec.	Burns Philp	Islander	17	68	37 - 4
24 Dec.	" "	Wannan	11	44	11 11 8
24 Dec.	Adelaide S.S. Coy.	Jacob	34	408	106 19 8
24 Dec.	" "	Jacob	36	432	117 7 -
24 Dec.	" "	Sibigo	102	716¼	323 2 11
24 Dec.	" "	Sibigo	118	1001¾	401 2 11
24 Dec.	Burns Philp	Waiwara	11	33	11 7 9
25 Dec.	Adelaide S.S. Coy.	Jacob	115	898¼	436 18 9
26 Dec.	Howard Smith	Geo Matthews	65	520	268 13 7
26 Dec.	" "	Robert G.Stockton	77	615	283 14 6
27 Dec.	" "	Robert F.Stockton	68	816	443 12 11
29 Dec.	" "	Duntroon	34	187	40 15 8
29 Dec.	Adelaide S.S. Coy.	Swartenhondt	16	144	38 6 4
29 Dec.	Burns Philp	Merkur	32	176	45 16 10
30 Dec.	Adelaide S.S. Coy.	Swartenhondt	17	136	55 9 9
31 Dec.	Burns Philp	Paine Wingate	19	152	62 - 4
31 Dec.	" "	Sarpen	138	828¼	277 - 3
1943 2 Jan.	" "	Merkur	34	255	103 11 10
2 Jan.	Howard Smith	Canberra	34	272	140 10 8
7 Jan.	Burns Philp	Montoro	133	1056½	306 12 8
7 Jan.	Adelaide S.S. Coy.	Khoen Hoea	69	795	252 15 5
			3444	27104 11/12	10244 17 9

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SUMMARY OF SHIPS WORKED

MELBOURNE Vic.

Date	Agent	Ship	Men	Man Hrs.	Costs
26 Dec.	Union S.S. Coy. of N.Z.	Waitaki	501	4623	£1372 11 -

SYDNEY

29 June	Atlantic Oil Coy.	Lighter	12	42	4 19 9
26 Aug.	Vacuum Oil Coy.	Lighter	13	26	4 11 -
27 Aug.	" "	"	13	52	9 2 -
16 Sep.	" "	"	13	74¾	13 7 10
17 Sep.	" "	"	13	84½	15 2 10
2 Oct.	" "	"	11	82½	14 15 7
5 Oct.	" "	"	20	102¼	32 12 1
7 Oct.	" "	"	34	250	44 15 10
7 Oct.	" "	"	7	22¾	4 1 6
12 Oct.	" "	"	11	82½	14 5 8
14 Oct.	" "	"	11	96½	17 5 9
19 Oct.	" "	"	11	46	8 4 3
1 Dec.	" "	"	11	66	12 2 -
			180	1027¾	£195 6 1

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C. 2118 (adapted.)

H. 100M

Unit H.Q. Docks Control, L.H.Q. *Date and Time.—From* 1 Feb 43 *To* 8 Feb 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Melbourne	1 Feb 43		Advice received from Cairns that - QX 23136 Spr. Evans, W.E. ~~NX 77774 Spr. Brines, A.J., NX 90430 Spr. Shulman, J., 2/3 Docks~~ Operating Coy. embarked to augment crew on s.s. "Poonbar."	
	1 Feb 43		Advice received from Movements Townsville that one OR embarked on "Wandana" as fireman to augment crew on trip to Thursday Island.	
	3 Feb 43		Returns forwarded to relative D.F.O's shewing value of work ~~performed by soldier labour:-~~ 2 Aust. Docks Control Detachment £7.19. 5. 3 " " " " £110. 3. 5. 4 " " " " £127. 5. 4.	Appendix 1
	3 Feb 43		No. 10 Weekly Report as at 2 Feb covering 1. Docks Operating Coys. 4. ~~Employment Coys.~~ 2. New Coys, for Combined Operations. 5. Docks Control Detachments. 3. ~~Stevedoring at Ports.~~ 6. Cranes	" 2
	4 Feb 43		Returns forwarded to D.F.O. S.A. L of C Area shewing value of work performed by soldier labour for S.A. Rlwys at £47.17. 8.	" 3
Wagga	5 Feb 43		H.Q. and 3 Sections 5 Docks Op. Coy. R.A.E. A.I.F. ~~entrained at~~ Wagga for Movement to Darwin via Adelaide.	
Melbourne	8 Feb 43		Copy of Extract from Q'ld L of C Area RO Pt I Serial No. 14. Nos. 88-92 of 29 Jan 43 circulated for information. This R.O. relates to Co-ordination by Docks Control of Labour & Tspt. for handling of service cargoes to and from wharves in the port of Brisbane.	Appendix 4

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WAR DIARY or ~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

(Erase heading not required).

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(adapted.)

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Unit HQ. Docks Control, L.H.Q. *Date and Time.—From* 9 Feb 43 *To* 15 Feb 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Melbourne	9 Feb 43		Letters to Stevedoring Industry Commission with returns shewing ~~value of stevedoring work performed by soldier labour on ships~~ at ports of Townsville and Cairns respectively at £8892.12. 9. and £1062. 3. 3.	Appendix 5
Melbourne	9 Feb 43		No. 11 Weekly Report as at 9 Feb covering 1. Docks Operating Coys. 2. Stevedoring at ~~Ports.~~ 3. Employment Coys. 4. Docks Control Detachments. ~~5. Combined Operations Mvt. Grp.~~ ~~6. Equipment~~	" 6
	9 Feb 43		SM2877 issued covering the raising of additional personnel for 5 Docks Op. Coy. R.A.E. A.I.F.	" 7
~~Melbourne~~	10 Feb 43		Return forwarded to D.F.O. Vic L of C Area shewing value of work performed by soldier labour amounting to £1634.2.5.	" 8
Melbourne	10 Feb 43		Instruction 28466 to H.Q. Qld. L of C Area covering charges and conditions for carriage of civilians and civilian freight on "Mirimar" and "Mirabel" Moreton Bay Water Transport.	" 9
~~Melbourne~~	10 Feb 43		Returns forwarded to D.F.O. Vic and S.A. L of C Areas shewing value of work performed by soldier labour at £10.13. 9. and ~~£168.16. -. respectively.~~	" " 10
Melbourne	13 Feb 43		Returns despatched to Stevedoring Industry Commission shewing details of stevedoring work performed by soldier labour at Townsville and Cairns amounting to £2059. 3. 0. and £1994.4.8. respectively.	" 11
~~Melbourne~~	15 Feb 43		~~Docks Control Detachments and sub Detachments advised of~~ "Organisation of Docks Service" Copy of CGS SM3111 attached.	" 12

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(adapted.)

H. 100M

Unit H.Q. Docks Control, L.H.Q. *Date and Time.—From* 15 Feb 43 *To* 24 Feb 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Melbourne	15 Feb 43		Return to Stevedoring Industry Commission showing details of stevedoring work performed by soldier labour at Sydney & Townsville amounting to £1632. 4. 8. and £141. 1. 7. respectively.	Appendix 13
~~Melbourne~~	~~15 Feb 43~~		~~SM3382 issued by A.G. covering raising of H.Q. 1 Aust. Docks~~ Group R.A.E. - W.E. IV/11B/1	" 14
Melbourne	17 Feb 43		Minute from Head of the A.C.O. Section covering draft instruction issued to Military Personnel concerned with A.C.O. Ship Detachment R.A.E.	" 15
~~Melbourne~~	~~17 Feb 43~~		~~No 12 Weekly report as at 16 Feb 43 covering~~ 1. Docks Operating Coys. 2. Stevedoring at Ports. 3. Employment Coys. 4. Docks Control Detachments.	" 16
Melbourne	19 Feb 43		Returns forwarded to D.F.O. Vic. L. of C. Area shewing value of work performed by soldier labour amounting to £176. 4. 7.	" 17
~~Melbourne~~	~~24 Feb 43~~		~~Claim from John Sharp & Sons for £30 covering transport of~~ ammunition salvaged from "MAROSA" from Derby to Melbourne. Passed to D.F.O. covering letter attached.	" 18
Melbourne	24 Feb 43		Advice to D.F.O. Vic. L. of C. Area to forward supplementary debit to Commonwealth Salvage Board covering transport of ammunition from wreck of "MAROSA" - Derby to Melbourne.	" 19
Melbourne	24 Feb 43		No 13 Weekly report as at 21 Feb 43 covering 1. Docks Operating Coys. 2. Docks Maintenance Coy R.A.E.A.I.F. 3. Stevedoring at Ports 4. Employment Coys. 5. Docks Control Detachments.	" 20

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(adapted,)

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Unit H.Q. Docks Control, L.H.Q. *Date and Time.—From* 24 Feb 43 *To* 28 Feb 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Iaformation	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Darwin	24 Feb 43		H.Q. and 2 Sections 2/1 Docks Op. Coy. R.A.E. A.I.F. entrain at Darwin for Engr Training Centre Wagga, for leave, training & reinforcement.	

Lieut.

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ACCOUNTANCY INSTRUCTIONS PART VI - 4 AUST DOCKS CONTROL DETACHMENT

106/39

H.Q. Docks Control, L.H.Q.
1 FEB 43.

D.F.O.,
SA L of C Area.

Herewith AAF's T106 Work Order Nos as under, covering work performed for South Australian Railways by the above Detachment with Soldier Labour.

Lieut.
(N.C.COLES)
Accountant.

W/O No.
118 £61.4.0
118 66.1.4.

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APPENDIX 1

ACCOUNTANCY INSTRUCTIONS PART V1 - 3 AUST DOCKS CONTROL DETACHMENT

106/41

H.Q. Docks Control, L.H.Q.,
3 FEB 43.

D.F.O.,
Vic L of C Area

Herewith AAF's T106 Work Order Nos. 222, 225, 229 and 235, covering work performed by the above Detachment with Soldier Labour.

Lieut.
(N.C.COLES)
Accountant.

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APPENDIX 1

ACCOUNTANCY INSTRUCTIONS PART VI - 2 Aust. Docks Control Detachment.

106/~~35~~40

H.Q. Docks Control, L.H.Q.
1 Feb 43.

D.F.O.
NSW L of C Area.

Herewith AAF T.106 Work Order No. 3412 covering work performed by the above Detachment with Soldier Labour.

Lieut.
(N.C.COLES)
Accountant.

COPY. APPENDIX 2 SECRET.

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No. 10 DOCKS CONTROL WEEKLY REPORT as at 2 Feb 43.

H.Q. Docks Control, L.H.Q=,
3 Feb 43.

D.Q.M.G.II

1. Docks Operating Coys. A.I.F.

2/1 Coy	- Darwin	(less No 3 Section), is to be relieved by 5 Coy, then proceed to Wagga for training, reorganisation, reinforcement to full strength by adding 100 OR's, and re-equipping to prepare for an operational role. The unit is not fully efficient, by reason of fatigue and sickness.
	- Cairns	(No. 3 Section) grouped at present for administration with 2/3 Coy, is to rejoin its unit at Engineer Training Centre. By reason of sickness, only able to provide one gang.
2/2 Coy	- Port Moresby	No change.
2/3 Coy	- Cairns H.Q. &	1½ Section. Able to provide only 4 hatch gangs because of insufficient Employment Coy labor for shore work.
	- Milne Bay	2 Sections. Fully employed: reduced by sickness.
	- Thursday Is.	½ Section. 33 effectives fully employed: reduced by sickness.
4 Coy	- Townsville	At full strength and fully employed.
5 Coy	- Wagga	Under orders to proceed to Darwin to relieve 2/1 Coy. Has lost 1 Offr 59 OR's posted to 1 Aust Combined Operations Ship Detachment. Also deficient 35 OR's. Replenishment is in hand. Although it is 9 weeks since the unit moved to Engineer Training Centre no stevedoring training has been given. Relief of 2/1 Coy will therefore be delayed until 5 Coy has had experience, notwithstanding the urgent need of bringing 2/1 Coy away for rest and preparation for next task. In the circumstances of urgency which characterise the formation of units, it is submitted that stevedoring training of Docks Coys should be commenced immediately succeeding the primary recruit training. As most men drafted to Docks Operating Coys are already trained soldiers, cargo handling experience should commence as soon as the unit is assembled and organised.

2. New Coys. for Combined Operations.

It is pointed out that the filling of 4 and 5 Coys occupied four months after approval had been given.
When 5 Coy was complete, authority was given to detach 1 Offr 59 OR's to form 1 Aust Combined Operations Ship Detachment. Consequently, the Coy is proceeding to its work at DARWIN deficient of one Section out of four. Several weeks must elapse after the additional men have been obtained before they can be brought up to the state of training of the unit.

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It is known that more Assault Ships are planned. It is therefore desirable that approval should be now given to raise the necessary 2 and 3 A.C.O. Ship Detachments in order that Engineer training may proceed and the men be ready immediately the ships are available.
It is understood to be policy that each Assault Ship serve one landing, and that each landing be provided with a Docks Operating Coy complete to handle disembarkation of all stores in succession to the Assault Ship. As previously pointed out, there is not a Docks Operating Coy spare from present commitments to provide for future additional operational ports.
It is therefore urged that approval be now given for the raising of one, at least, additional Coy.
Men already possessing the necessary experience are not plentiful, and time must be given for training in stevedoring. The withdrawal of existing trained Coys from present stations is dependent on the provision of trained units to release them.

3. Stevedoring at Ports.

Cairns - There is still a shortage of civilian labor and soldier personnel is fully employed. Daily average casual stevedoring labor declined from 130 to 60 through service personnel being debarred from offering as civilian labourers on their rest days.

Townsville- All available labor is employed. Of 538 registered Waterside Workers, 80 are at present sick and 50 are non-effective, leaving 408 normally offering for duty.

4. Employment Coys.

Townsville.
1 Aust. Employment Coy. 2 Off 78 OR's recorded in the weekly labor report as "handling stores, Docks Control have not been engaged under Docks Control in any way.
16 Aust Employment Coy. Total strength 4-384, deficient 1-66. Of this unit, 45 OR's are detached at BARONTA on ammunition, and 2-168 are engaged handling POL, (AASC) and on stores at the docks.
20 Aust. Employment Coy. Unit is at full strength, but divided between Townsville, Cairns and Innisfail. The 56 at Townsville are on stores, POL and mail.
The labor available from these units is insufficient for
(a) shore labor, and
(b) to infiltrate with 4 DOC to form additional hatch gangs for stevedoring.

Cairns.
14 Aust. Employment Coy is 110 under strength, and 59 OR's are detached at Hughendon and Cloncurry, not yet relieved by Javanese. 1 Off 123 OR's only available for depot and docks work. The shortage of labor is acute, and ships have been delayed.

Melbourne. During week ended 31 Jan, daily average (Sunds

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excl) labor used at Docks was 266.
50 men were made available to assist US Army in handling at docks equipment and stores of arriving Marine Div.

5. Docks Control Detachments.

Brisbane — "Miramar" of Moreton Bay Water Transport Service will be out of action for 6 to 8 weeks.

Townsville — 10 tons of cargo handling gear arrived by rail from Melbourne for pool from which overseas ports are replenished.

Cairns. — The Detachment has been strengthened to deal with the increased traffic now being experienced. Captain Grey has been appointed Port Controller.

6. Cranes.

The 6-ton fixed crane sent to Milne Bay was not taken off the ship, owing to the wharves being unsuitable for its erection. It has been returned to Townsville to be held for disposal.

(SGD) E. O. MILNE Col.
Controller of Docks.

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APPENDIX 3.

ACCOUNTANCY INSTRUCTIONS PART VI - 4 AUST DOCKS CONTROL DETACHMENT

H.Q. Docks Control, L.H.Q.,
4 FEB 43.

106/42

D.F.O.
SA L of C Area

Herewith AAF's T106 Work Order Nos as under, covering work performed by the above Detachment with Soldier Labour.

Lieut.
(N.C.COLES)
Accountant.

P.F. 118 £41. 5.4
P.F. 119 6.12.4

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EXTRACT.

APPENDIX 4

(Serial No. 14.)
Nos 88-92

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

QUEENSLAND LINES OF COMMUNICATION AREA

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

of 29 Jan 43.

Brisbane Docks - Co-ordination of Labour and Transport. (Q.C.R. 138/1/28).

Q.91. (1) As from Monday 1 Feb 43, all requirements of labour and transport for the handling of service cargoes on and to and from wharves in the Port of Brisbane will be co-ordinated by Docks Control.

(2) To enable this to be done, the following procedure will be followed:-

(a) Prior to loading or unloading commencing, notification will be given by Docks Control -

(i) To the consigning Service or Unit in the case of outward shipments, as to where, when and at what rate cargo is to be delivered.

(ii) To the receiving Service or Unit in the case of inward shipments, as to where, when and at what rate the cargo will be available for clearing.

(b) On receipt of this notification, Services and Units concerned will submit requisitions to H.Q., 2 Aust Docks Control, Brisbane Sub-Detachment, Wool Exchange Building Eagle Street, Brisbane (Telephones: B.5707, B.7014 and Victoria Barracks Extension 384), for transport and labour required. The requisition for labour will show the number of men required at both loading and unloading points.

(c) Docks Control will co-ordinate requirements and submit demands, for transport to Transport Office, S & T. Services (Telephone Extn. 277) and for labour to D.A.D. Labour (Telephone Extn. 411).

(3) Requisitions submitted in accordance with the above will show the following particulars:-

LABOUR (To be submitted on Form T.100):-

1. Number of personnel required.
2. Hours of work.
3. Location of task.
4. Description of task.
5. Name of representative of requisitioning unit at location of task.

TRANSPORT (To be submitted on Form C.1):-

1. Number and description of M.T. vehicles required.
2. Hours of duty.
3. Place of reporting and to whom.
4. Store or depot at which goods are to be delivered or received.

In urgent cases, requirements may be conveyed by telephone, but confirming requisitions will, nevertheless, be immediately submitted on the prescribed form.

(4) Services or Units delivering or receiving cargo will provide the necessary checking staff for the receipt and/or delivery of their goods, and will be responsible for the preparation of necessary vehicle load dockets.

(5) The above instructions only apply in respect of movement and handling of stores to and from the wharves. Other requirements of transport and labour will continue to be demanded as at present.

Copies sent
For information to
1 D.C.D. Cairns Sub-Detachment.
3 D.C.D. Maj. Ballantyne.
4 D.C.D. Lieut. Jelley.
5 D.C.D.

8 Feb 43.

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APPENDIX 5

NCC/JW. "Q" Movements, L.H.Q.

QA/390 9 Feb 43.

The Secretary,
Stevedoring Industry Commission,
Collins Street,
MELBOURNE. C.1.

Dear Sir,

SOLDIER LABOUR.

Enclosed herewith summary of ships worked by soldier labour in the port of Cairns, Queensland.

Yours faithfully,

Brigadier.

(R. H. NORMAN)
D.Q.M.G.II (M)

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SUMMARY OF SHIPS WORKED

CAIRNS Q'LD.

DATE 1942.	Agent.	Ship.	Men	Man Hrs.	Cost.
Nov 9	A.U.S.N. Coy	Wanaka	28	217½	£98.10. 3
" 20	" "	Sibigo	23	149½	62. 9. 1
" 21	" "	Montoro	22	143	55. 1. 7
" 21	Adelaide S.S.Coy	Sibigo	20	160	69.12. 6
" 22	" "	Dundula	27	216	120.14. 6
" 22	A.T.S. U.S.A.	Tung Song	21	84	45.14. 6
" 25	A.U.S.N. Coy	Mongana	7	28	6. 2. 3
" 25	Adelaide S.S.Coy	Larchbank / Nordness	75	600	133. 7. 6
" 25	S. Allen & Son	Veinauri	16	78	17. 0. 5
" 26	Howard Smith	Burwah	114	809½	225. 7. 9
" 27	" "	Burwah	88	648½	196. 6. 0
" 27	S. Allen & Son	Poonbar	11	44	9.12. 2
" 28	Adelaide S.S.Coy	Mako	17	85	22. 4. 9
			469	3263	1062. 3. 3

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QA/389

Q Movements, L.H.Q.,

NCC/JW.

9 Feb 43.

The Secretary,
Stevedoring Industry Commission,
Collins Street,
MELBOURNE. C.1.

Dear Sir,

SOLDIER LABOUR.

Enclosed herewith summary of ships worked by soldier labour in the port of Townsville.

Yours faithfully,

Brigadier.

(R. H. NORMAN)
D.Q.M.G.II (M)

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SUMMARY OF SHIP WORKED.

TOWNSVILLE - QLD.

DATE	AGENT	SHIP	MEN	MAN HRS.	COSTS.
25 Nov	A.U.S. N. Coy	Torrens	568	4887⅔	1788.13. 4
26 "	" "	Deeikoko	15	146½	35.18. 0
27 "	" "	Benjamin Franklin	123	862½	248. 5. 5
28 "	" "	Egbert Benson	19	128½	55.16. 7
28 "	Howard Smith	Ambrose Burnside	298	3040½	916.14. 5
1 Dec	" "	Canberra	108	693	276.11. 1
1 "	A.U.S.N.Coy	Wanaka	374	3651	1140.12.10
1 "	" "	Katoora	132	385	87.16.11
3 "	Howard Smith	David Bushnell	286	2486	790.10. 0
4 "	" "	George Taylor	51	405	155.14. 2
4 "	A.U.S.N. Coy	Yunnan	22	88	20.11. 7
6 "	" "	Anhui	36	432	242.10. 9
7 "	Howard Smith	Poelau Laut	334	2439¼	952. 0. 5
7 "	" "	Duntroon	233	1388½	457. 1. 9
7 "	" "	Henry Dearborn	245	2745½	943.13. 5
8 "	" "	Stephen Field	251	1271	418.13. 3
13 "	A.U.S.N.Coy	Coorobie	10	40	21.15. 5
15 "	" "	Ormiston	15	60	13. 2. 0
17 "	" "	Taroona	53	353	127. 7. 3
17 "	" "	Taroona	18	126	35. 8.11
17 "	" "	Wanaka	16	64	20.18. 8
26 "	" "	Gorgon	15	67½	22.17. 7
27 "	" "	Taroona	35	220½	119.19. 0
			3257	25980 5/12	£8892.12. 9

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JW. War Diary

APPENDIX 6

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No 11. DOCKS CONTROL WEEKLY REPORT AS AT 9 FEB 1943.

H.Q. Docks Control, L.H.Q.,
Feb 43.

D.Q.M.G. II

1. DOCKS OPERATING COYS A.I.F.

2/1 Coy	- Darwin	(less No 3 Section.) 5 Coy now en route to relieve. Change of OC being arranged.
	- Cairns	No 3 Section. No change.
2/2 Coy	- Port Moresby.	No change.
2/3 Coy	- Cairns,	H.Q. & 1¾ Sections. Fully employed.
	- Thursday Island.	½ Section. Fully employed.
	- Milne Bay	2 Sections. Fully employed.
4 Coy	- Townsville	No change. Change of OC planned.
5 Coy		H.Q. & 3 Sections, en route to Darwin to relieve 2/1 Coy. Entrained at Wagga on 5 Feb moving via Adelaide. Change of OC arranged. Recruitment of Section deficient now in progress, for assembly and training at Engineer Training Centre, Wagga.

2. STEVEDORING AT PORTS.

Cairns & Townsville. After consultation with Stevedoring Industry Commission, it has been directed that the following altered system for working of soldier stevedores is to obtain at these ports, viz:-

(i) Civilian labour to be exhausted before any Docks Operating personnel will be called upon to work.

(ii) Upon Docks Operating personnel being called upon to work, they will work complete ships and will work them through to a finish.

(iii) Should civil labour on exhaustion leave one or two hatches in the ship unmanned, Docks Operating personnel would work these hatches right through in the same manner as if it was a complete ship.

This arrangement will considerably ameliorate the conditions under which Docks Operating personnel have worked.

The Commission anticipates being able to build up the civilian stevedores at Cairns to over 500, and to considerably increase the number at Townsville, and thus reduce the demand on the army labour.

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3. [redacted]

No change at any port. Shortage is felt at CAIRNS and TOWNSVILLE during peak periods, accentuated by sickness rate. The deficiency in men militates against regular rest days and leave and contributes to increase in sickness.

Melbourne. The total amount earned by soldier labour and charged from 10 Aug to 31 Dec 42 amounted to £26,455. 8.11.

4. DOCKS CONTROL DETACHMENTS.

At Brisbane, the participation by Docks Control at the docks has been limited to inspection to detect retarded movement of cargo, except in certain inward and outward shipments where control of labour and checking on similar lines to those followed in Sydney and Melbourne was requested by Movements. All services made their own arrangements for transport and labour normally.

From 1 Feb 43, Docks Control has been made responsible for the co-ordination of labour and transport in the handling of service cargoes to and from the docks, vide attached copy of H.O. issued by H.Q. Queensland L of C Area on 29 Jan 43, following on discussions between the H.Q. and Movement Control.

Re-organisation. Preparation for the transfer of Docks Control to Movement Control have been initiated in all Detachments. Instructions have been given for analysis of personnel and duties in order to have everything in readiness.

Fremantle. The application by Lieut R. M. Macdonald of 20 Gen Bn., who has been in charge of rail transhipment at Kalgoorlie, for transfer back to his unit, clears the way for this duty to be taken over by R.T.O. or by D.A.D. Labour

5. COMBINED OPERATIONS MOVEMENT GROUP

Request has been received from Major Chapman (Hvts) for nomination of suitable personnel to take charge of the stowage and discharge of stores in amphibious operations.

6. [redacted]

One 2-ton mobile crane provided at TOWNSVILLE by Central Cargo Control Committee has been transferred to CAIRNS to supplement the equipment there.

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Central Cargo Control Committee placed for an order on Allied Works Council on 4 Feb / 12 Klondyke trolleys to be manufactured at Townsville for Cairns; to be completed in about 3 weeks.

Distribution:-
D.Q.M.G.II (M)
Capt. Kelsey. 2
C

Col. Milne.
War Diary.
File.

Col.

(R. O. MILNE)
Controller of Docks.

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APPENDIX 7

ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S W PACIFIC AREA.

SM2877

LHQ.

HQ Vic L of C Area
Vic L of C Area Records Office
2 Aust Mvt Control Gp
LHQ Records

Copies for information to: DQMG (I); E-in-C; CRE 1 Aust Docks Gp
DAD Labour; AAG (M)

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5 AUST DOCKS OPERATING COY R A E - ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL.

Referring to L.H.Q. telegram A8165 of 29 Jan 43, not to all addressees.

2. Approval is given to provide the 95 ORs required to complete 5 Aust Docks Operating Coy to W E by withdrawal of suitable personnel from 33 Aust Employment Coy.

3. The selection of these ORs will be made in conjunction with Maj Buchanan, Liaison Officer, 1 Aust Docks Gp, and as 5 Aust Docks Operating Coy is an A.I.F. unit, the personnel required must be enlisted A.I.F. prior to posting.

4. LHQ will be advised when these ORs are concentrated and available for movement to Engr Tng Centre, Wagga.

5. Attention is directed to GRO A492/1942 relative to personnel under the age of 20 years.

6. The personnel withdrawn from 33 Aust Emp Coy will be replaced by withdrawal of a corresponding number of suitable ORs from 9 Aust Grn Bn.

7. Separate instructions regarding movement are being issued by LHQ Movements Sec.

K. Dawson Lt Col
Major-General
for ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

9 Feb 43/

Copy by hand to:
"Q" Mvts (Maj Pretty)

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APPENDIX 8

ACCOUNTANCY INSTRUCTIONS PART VI - 3 AUST DOCKS CONTROL DETACHMENT

106/43

H.Q. Docks Control, L.H.Q.,
10 FEB 43.

D.F.O.
Vic L of C Area.

Herewith AAF's T106 Work Order Nos as per summary hereunder, covering work performed by the above Detachment with Soldier Labour.

Lieut.
(N.C.COLES)
Accountant.

Encl
W/O Nos. 234, 238, 241, 264, 269,
270, 271, 273, 274, 275,
276, 277, 280.

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APPENDIX 9

ARMY
299/1/15

AG3(b)1/IM

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Headquarters,
Queensland L. of C. Area

(Copy to DFO Q'ld L of C Area.)

MORTON BAY WATER TRANSPORT.

It is understood the above service has been inaugurated under control of Brisbane Detachment of 2 Aust. Docks Control, by the taking over of the "Mirimar" and "Mirabel" as from 3rd January, 1943.

No objection is raised to the carriage of civilians and/or civilian freight as may be necessary for the maintenance of normal civil services. No guarantee of such services should be made to civilians and any service rendered by Army is subject to alteration or cancellation without notice.

The Army will not accept any liability for death of or injury to personnel or loss of or damage to cargo arising out of such carriage and the necessary action should be taken to ensure that as far as legally possible the Commonwealth will not incur any such liability.

The usual passenger and freight charges of 2/6 per trip and 20/- per ton respectively are to be charged. It is desired that suitable arrangements be made between the District Finance Officer and the 2 Aust. Docks Control for the conditions to apply to the collection of these amounts, and that a copy of any detailed instructions in the matter be forwarded.

(SGD) ? Colonel.
for Adjutant-General
10/2/43.

(1 Copy Lieut. Coles.)

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APPENDIX 9 (CONTD)

H.Q. L of C AREA - WATER TRANSPORT SERVICE

Conference held at Hayles Wharf at 1530 hrs. on 3 Jan. Present:-

Capt. Martin - D.F.O. Representative
Capt. Peyton - 2 Aust. Docks Control Bne. Sub-Detach.

After a general discussion concerning the running of the "Mirimar" and "Mirabel" to Moreton Bay Ports it was decided that:-

1. (a) A Representative of the District Finance Office will be in attendance at Hayles Wharf to receive monies from 0700 hrs. to 0830 hrs. and 1400 hrs. to 1700 hrs. daily except Sundays.

(b) All monies for the sale of tickets and freight charges will be received by the representative of the District Finance Officer who will issue receipts for tickets and civilians. All monies received will be paid to receiver of Public Monies at District Finance Officer, Charges for Freight and tickets for goods and civilians will be collected on arrival of the vessel at Brisbane and no cargo will be delivered unless a receipt is produced to the delivery clerk.

2. (a) All goods were to be received on an Army Book 158.

(b) Convoy Notes accompanying freight must be made out in triplicate and distributed by the receiving clerk as follows. Original retained by Docks Control and when receipted attached to original copy of the Manifest. Duplicate to be handed to D.F.O. representative on wharf for attachment to duplicate copy Manifest. Triplicate copy to be retained at Hayles Town Wharf and attached to triplicate copy of Manifest.

(c) In the case of Civilian Cargo unaccompanied by a Convoy Note, these will be made out by the receiving clerk.

3. (a) All freight consigned will be entered on a Manifest, which will be made out in triplicate and distributed as follows:-

Original will accompany vessel.

Duplicate will be handed to representative of D.F.O.
Triplicate will be retained at Hayles Town Wharf.
All civilian tickets and freight charges must be prepaid at Hayles Wharf.

4. District Finance Officer will advise 2 Docks Control Detach. of any arrangements made for the payment of freight charges with any other Department or Firm.

(Sgd) A.J.PEYTON Capt.
2 Docks Control 8/1/43

(Sgd) J. MARTIN Capt.
D.F.O. Representative
8/1/43

Copies for information:
1 - D.A.Q.M.G. (Adm)
2 - 2 Docks Control Det., Sydney.

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APPENDIX 9 (CONT)

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CARRIAGE OF CIVILIANS AND/OR CIVILIAN FREIGHT AND ARMY SMALL CRAFT.

C.F.O. (per A.G.)

1. Further to Fomilitary signal FG 1229 of 31 Dec 42, and C.F.O. endorsement thereon:-

2. Consequent to the Army having taken over, and continuing to operate what was previously a normal civil means of transport between Brisbane and outlying Islands, it is considered that no objection should be raised to the carriage of such civilians, and/or civilian freight as may be necessary for the maintenance of normal civil relations between these points.

3. Present conditions necessitate the maintenance of a Military service between Brisbane, Bribie and Moreton Islands: This may, with changes in the tactical situation, vary, and it should be pointed out that no guarantee of these services should be made to civilians, and that any service rendered to civilian traffic will, at all times, be subject to alteration or cancellation, without notice.

4. Passenger and freight charges of 2/6 per trip, and 20/- per ton respectively, appear to be reasonable.

5. SO far as legally possible, action on the lines proposed should, in my opinion, be in such a form as to bring to the notice of passengers and consignors of cargo, that the Army will not accept any liability for death of, or injury to personnel, or loss of, or damage to cargo arising out of such carriage.

(SGD) J. H. CANNAN

Major-General,
QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.
8 Jan 43.

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APPENDIX 9 (CONTD)
299/1/15

MORTON BAY WATER TRANSPORT

Q.M.G. (Through A.G.)

With reference to your minute of 8th January, 1943, it is suggested that a memo on the following lines be forwarded to H.Q. Queensland, L. of C. Area.

"It is understood the above service has been inaugurated under control of Brisbane Detachment of 2 Aust. Docks Control, by the taking over of the "Mirimar" and "Mirabel" as from 3rd January, 1943.

No objection is raised to the carriage of civilians and/or civilian freight as may be necessary for the maintenance of normal civil services. No guarantee of such services should be made to civilians and any service rendered by Army is subject to alteration or cancellation without notice.

The Army will not accept any liability for death of or injury to personnel or loss of or damageto cargo arising out of such carriage and the necessary action should be taken to ensure that as far as legally possible the Commonwealth will not incur any such liability.

The usual passenger and freight charges of 2/6 per trip and 20/- per ton respectively are to be charged. It is desired that suitable arrangements be made between the District Finance Officer and the 2 Aust. Docks Control for the conditions to apply to the collection of these amounts, and that a copy of any detailed instructions in the matter be forwarded".

It is noted that a copy of decisions at a conference held on 8/1/43, is contained on the file.

When the memo is forwarded to H.Q. L. of C. Area, could an additional copy be typed please, and the file passed through me in order that such copy may be forwarded to D.F.O. Queensland L. of C. Area.

(SGD)
CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER
5/Jan./1943.

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APPENDIX 10

ACCOUNTANCY INSTRUCTIONS PART VI= 4 AUST DOCKS CONTROL DETACHMENT.

106/45

H.Q.Docks Control, L.H.Q.,
11 Feb 43.

D.F.O.,
S.A. L of C Area.

Herewith A.A.F's T106 Work Order Nos as under, covering work performed by the above Detachment with Soldier Labour.

Lieut.
(N. C. COLES)
Accountant.

Encl W/O Nos.

P.F.	100	£64. 8. 0
	118	81. 4. 0
	126	23. 4. 0

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APPENDIX 10 (CONTD)

106/44

ACCOUNTANCY INSTRUCTIONS PART VI - 3 AUST DOCKS CONTROL DETACHMENT.

H.Q. Docks Control, L.H.Q.,
11 Feb 43.

D.F.O.,
Vic L of C Area.

Herewith AAF's T106 Work Order Nos 287 to 296 incl., covering work performed by the above Detachment with Soldier Labour.

Lieut.
(N. C. COLES)
Accountant.

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APPENDIX 11

QA/391

"Q" Movements L.H.Q.
13 FEB 43.

The Secretary,
Stevedoring Industry Commission,
Collins Street,
MELBOURNE C.1.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed herewith summaries covering ships worked by soldier labour in the ports of Townsville and Cairns Queensland.

Yours faithfully,

Brigadier.
(R.H.NORMAN)
D.Q.M.G. II (M)

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SUMMARY OF SHIPS WORKED.

TOWNSVILLE. Q'LD.

Date 1942.		Agent	Ship	Men	Man Hrs.	Costs.
Nov	28	U. S. Army	A.M.4.	10	40	£13.14. 9
Dec	17	Samuel Allen & Son	Alagna	17	153	44. 8. 2
"	17	John Burke	Alagna	66	443	181. 6. 3
"	18	A.U.S.N.Coy	Wanaka	70	840	213. 5. 6
"	29	" "	Yu Chew	16	144	38. 6. 4
"	31	" "	Paine Wingate	80	732	227. 4. 5
1943						
Jan	2	A.U.S.N.Coy	Wanaka	225	1734½	741.19. 3
"	2	" "	Merkur	51	361½	152. 3. 2
"	3	" "	Wanaka	70	834½	283.18. 0
"	3	" "	Canberra	16	88	47.17. 7
"	5	" "	Junipero Serra	52	328	73. 7. 0
"	9	" "	Taroona	18	130½	41.12. 7
				691	5828½	£2059. 3. 0

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SUMMARY OF SHIPS WORKED.

CAIRNS Q'LD.

Date 1942.	Agent	Ship.	Men	Man Hrs.	Cost.
Dec 3	Adelaide S.S.Coy	CLAN MATHESON	25	94	20.10. 8
" 4	A.U.S.N. Coy	ORMISTON	27	240½	59.18. 8
" 5	" "	ORMISTON	53	212	52. 1. 1
" 6	" "	DARVEL / ORMISTON	25	162½	88. 7.10
" 7	ADELAIDE S.S.COY	CLAN MATHESON	24	96	22. 1. 8
" 8	A.U.S.N. Coy	ORMISTON	27	270	68.16. 6
" 8	" "	DARVEL	25	100	43.11. 5
" 8	" "	DARVEL	24	221	89.12.10
" 9	" "	ORMISTON	27	243	61. 3. 2
" 9	" "	DARVEL	23	92	35. 1. 9
" 14	Adelaide S.S.Coy	MAKO	13	52	17.11. 8
" 15	" "	ARKABA	22	187	45.10. 3
" 16	" "	KHOEN HOEA	36	144	49. 0. 2
" 17	" "	MONGOLIA	23	139½	32.17.10
" 17	" "	KHOEN HOEA	21	231	95. 9. 4
" 18	" "	DILGA	38	344	139. 7. 4
" 19	" "	DILGA	39	370½	190.17. 6
" 19	A.T.S. U.S.A.	NOORA	20	285	125.15. 2
" 21	Adelaide S.S.Coy	DILGA	42	336	146. 4. 6
" 21	" "	DILGA	35	332½	141. 1. 3
" 23	" "	DILGA	30	210	91.13. 6
" 26	A.U.S.N. Coy	MULIAMA	20	60	19.12.10
" 26	" "	ISLANDER	40	260	102. 6. 4
" 29	" "	ISLANDER	27	256½	108.16. 5
" 29	Howard Smith	GEORGE MATTHEWS	38	361	146.15. 0
			724	5300	£1994. 4. 8

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APPENDIX 12 SECRET

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ORGANISATION OF DOCKS SERVICE

H.Q. Docks Control L.H.Q.
15 Feb 43.

1 Aust Docks Control Detachment
2 Aust Docks Control Detachment
3 Aust Docks Control Detachment
4 Aust Docks Control Detachment
5 Aust Docks Control Detachment

Aust Docks Control Sub-Detachment at -
Port Moresby
Milne Bay
Thursday Island
Cairns
Brisbane

Forwarded herewith copy of C.G.S. Secret Memo No. SM3111 of 11 Feb 43 under heading - "Organisation of Docks Service".

For information.

(Sgd) J.L.Phillips Lieut
Adjutant
H.Q. Docks Control.

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15 Feb 1943

ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA

SM.3111

L.H.Q.

11 Feb 43

Adv LHQ (10)
HQ First Aust Army (10)
etc. etc.

ORGANISATION OF DOCKS SERVICE

It has been decided to re-organize the Docks Service, A.M.F. in accordance with the organization shown in Appendix "A" ... attached.

2. The following are the main changes involved in the re-organization :-

(a) Docks Control Dets will be deleted from the Order of Battle, A.M.F.

(b) HQ Docks Gps and Docks Maintenance Coys will be added to the Order of Battle A.M.F. as required.

(c) Under the re-organisation, such portion of the personnel at present serving with Docks Control Dets will be available for absorption in Movement Control Gps, the war establishment of which will be amended to include Cargo Transport Officers and staff.

3. Instructions defining the responsibilities of the Director of Docks, HQ Docks Gps, Docks Op. and Maint. Coys and Mvt Control Gps, in relation to movement by sea will be issued later. Instructions regarding the disbandment of Docks Control Dets and the raising of HQ Docks Gps, Docks Operating Coys and Docks Maint. Coys will also be issued.

(Sgd) D.W.White Col.

for Lieutenant-General
Chief of the General Staff.

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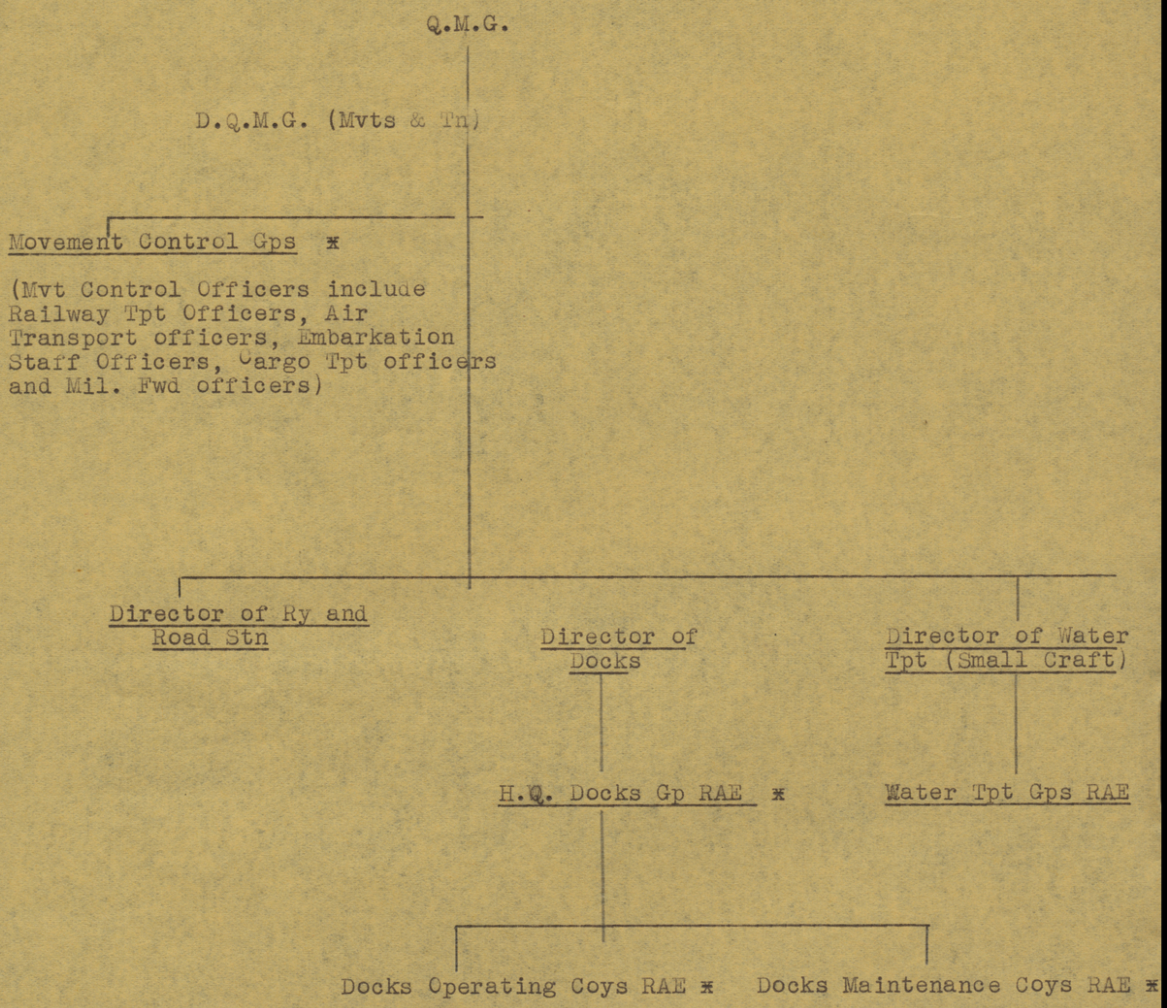
APPENDIX 12 (CONTD)

NEW ORGANIZATION TO BE ADOPTED FOR DOCKS SERVICE A.M.F.

APPENDIX "A" TO SM. 3111
OF 11 FEB. 43



NOTE: * Units raised as required

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APPENDIX "A"

Instructions for Docks Working in War

Chapter III Organisation and Duties of Docks Service
Sec II - The responsibilities of Docks Directorate G.H.Q.

1. The head of the Docks Service is the Director of Docks at GHQ. His general duties and responsibilities as head of a service are laid down in F.S.R.I., Sec 62.

2. The Director of Docks is responsible under the D.G. Tn for:-

(i) The organization of all the docks allotted to the Field Force, in conjunction with M.C., G.H.Q., and P.S.TO. The distribution of docks service personnel and general supervision of docks working.

(ii) Technical advice regarding technical and financial arrangements to be made with civil port authorities.

(iii) Estimates of capacity of docks, and proposals for development.

(iv) Preparation of stores shipment programmes in conjunction with M.C. (see Manual of Movement, 1933, Sec 71, and Instructions for Movement Control, 1938, Sec 43).

(v) The maintenance of adequate records and statistics.

3. The work of the Docks Directorate falls naturally into two main branches :-

(i) Administrative, and operating.

(ii) Engineering

The former is conveniently divisible into two main sections, the first dealing with general questions of policy, stores shipment programmes, the flow of traffic to the ports, selection, where applicable of the ports for different traffic, arrangements for homeward shipment etc., and the second with the actual docks work, methods, gear, applicances, etc.

Under the engineering branch falls the provision installation, working and maintenance of the cranes and other appliances and plant.

4. The Director of Docks has under his command one or more units, termed Docks Group, according to the number of docks requiring to be worked. Executive work in the docks is carried out by these Docks Group, which are composed of R.E. personnel, assisted by detachments of R.A.S.C. and R.A.O.C., and by Pioneer Corps or civilian docks labor.

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CHAPTER XII

ORGANIZATION OF THE SERVICES

FIELD SERVICE REGULATIONS - Vol. 1

62. Responsibilities of the head of a service

1. A head of a service is responsible for the following duties, so far as they are applicable to his service:-

i. For the administration of his service and subject to the provisions of Chapter V, for the distribution of personnel, and for the care and maintenance of animals and material allotted to his service.

ii. For the maintenance (Sec. 55, 2) of any article the supply of which is the responsibility of his service. For securing maximum economy in maintenance and ensuring that no material in excess of the authorised quantity is held by any unit.

iii. For furnishing the heads of other services with such estimates as may be necessary to enable them to supply his service with requirements, so far as they are responsible.

iv. For the application of the maximum financial economy in the working of his service. For the examination and prompt submission for settlement of claims against his service. For seeing that all transaction undertaken by his service are conducted honestly and in accordance with regulations, and are, so far as practicable, properly accounted for. For the administration of all allowances due to the troops in connection with the working of his service.

2. Economy both in regard to finance and other administrative duties throws on the head of a service a special responsibility in connection with the technical and financial methods employed by his service.

He must consequently ensure that the best use is made of local resources, but that where the full use of local resources is inconsistent with the policy of the principle staff officer concerned, or local resources are insufficient, the home authorities are notified of requirements in sufficient time to admit of the necessary items arriving in the theatre of operations before they are required.

He must also ensure that the fullest use is made of repair facilities, worked in conjunction with the salvage organization. He is responsible for the establishment and working of any necessary factories, workshops, or other installations, designed to deal with the material, the provision of which is the duty of his service. He is further responsible for advising the staff as regards the economy of salving old or abandoned stores and of by-products arising from the working of his service.

He must see that demands made on his service for material are duly examined, so far as the situation allows, and that cases of misuse or waste by the troops of animals or material supplied by his service, and of any wasteful method in the system of the service under his control, are brought to the notice of the staff. He will draft such orders to the troops as may be necessary for the efficient working of his service, and submit them to the staff for issue.

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APPENDIX 13

QA/396

'Q' Movements, L.H.Q.
15 Feb 43.

The Secretary,
Stevedoring Industry Commission,
Collins Street,
MELBOURNE, C.1.

Dear Sir,

SOLDIER LABOUR

Enclosed herewith summary covering ships worked by soldier labour in the ports of Townsville, Q'ld, and Sydney, N.S.W.

Yours faithfully,

Brigadier.
(R.H.NORMAN)
D.Q.M.G.II (M).

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SUMMARY OF SHIPS HONED

TOWNSVILLE Q'LD

Date	Agent	Ship	Men	Man Hrs.	Costs
28 Nov	A.U.S.N. Coy.	Torrens	36	234	123 7 7
18 Dec	" "	Mongana	17	68	16 14 -
			53	302	£140 1 7

SYDNEY N.S.W.

31 Dec	Birt & Coy.	Engadine	1095	5937½	£1632 4 8

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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA.

SM.3382.

HQ Vic L of C Area
Vic L of C Area Records Office
LHQ Records.

Copies for information to - HQ NSW L of C Area, Adv LHQ (3),
CGS, LGA, QMG, MGO, CFO, CP, MS (2), E in C (2),
DSD, DPSS, DAPS.

HQ 1 AUST DOCKS GROUP RAE - RAISING OF.

Consequent upon an amendment to the OOB AMF advice of which is contained in SM 20431 (Adv Amdt 26) dated 22 Oct 42, action will be taken by HQ Vic L of C Area to raise for LHQ:-

HQ 1 Aust Docks Group RAE - WE IV/11F/1 - 8 offrs 19 ORs 27 Total

2. The 8 officers will be selected by LHQ, and the 19 ORs, who will be withdrawn from existing units, will be selected in collaboration with CRE 1 Aust Docks Gp.

(SGD) K. DAWSON Lt-Col.
for Major-General
ADJUTANT-GENERAL
15 Feb 43.

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APPENDIX 15

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A.C.O. SHIP DETACHMENTS, R.A.E.

D.C.N.S.

I n order to make clear the role of A.C.O. Ship Detachments, R.A.E., and in order to ensure the necessary co-operation between naval and military personnel when these Detachments are embarked, it is requested that an "Instruction" on this subject may be issued to the Commanding Officers of ships. An instruction, similar to the draft given below, has been issued to the Military personnel concerned.

Draft Instruction.

A.C.O. Ship Detachments, R.A.E. form part of the Landing Group, the military personnel of which are commanded by the Principal Military Landing Officer (P.M.L.O.). Their role is to work ship's gear for loading and unloading vehicles and stores of all kinds. They will be assisted by the naval personnel of the ship, as required.

The P.M.L.O. is responsible for the efficiency of all Ship Detachments in the Amphibious Force. He is also responsible to the Military Commander of the Force for the efficiency of the Landing Organization as a whole. Thus, the P.M.L.O. will naturally be concerned with the training received by this Detachments when embarked and with the type and quality of the gear with which they will have to work when loading or unloading a ship.

When embarked, a Detachment will come under the command of the Commanding Officer of the ship in the same way as any other military personnel who may at any time be carried in the ship.

Notwithstanding the above, in order that the Commanding Officer shall be able to organise and control his ship in the most efficient manner for landing operations, it will be necessary for all concerned to regard the Detachment as a part of the ship's company. The Commanding Officer of the ship will, therefore, supervise the training and operating of the Detachment and may employ it for work about the ship as he considers necessary. He will, at all times, deal with the military personnel through their own officers or N.C.Os.

2. It must be realised that, under the circumstances, the relationship between the naval and military personnel is an unusual one and that it can only be made to work smoothly by good co-operation between all concerned.

Commanding Officers of ships will, as far as possible, allow the military officers to organise and train the Detachments on their own lines. They will also consult with P.M.L.O. or his technical officers, in regard to the type and rigging of the gear for handling cargo.

(SGD) T. K. WALKER.
Lt. Col.
for Head of the A.C.O. Section.

15 Feb 1943.

Copies to:-
D.E.N.
Cont. of Docks.
Major Chapman.
Lieut. Miller.

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APPENDIX 16

No. 12. DOCKS CONTROL WEEKLY REPORT AS AT 16 FEB 1943.

H.Q.Docks Control, L.H.Q.,
17 Feb 43.

D.Q.M.G. II

1. DOCKS OPERATING COYS RAE. AIF.

5 Coy. H.Q. & 3 Sections en route to Darwin to relief of 2/1 Coy.

No change in other Coys.

2. STEVEDORING AT PORTS

Port Moresby — Summary furnished by Major Ballantyne covering the operations of 2/2 Docks Operating Coy since 9th Sep 1942 to 31 Jan 1943 shews the following figures :-

Cargo handled	
Inward	352,598 tons
Outward	65,274
Total	417,872
Includes following lightered	
Inward	107,662
Outward	4,207
Total	111,869

Roughly 25% handled by lighter.

Ships completed	180
Daily average tons handled	2,662
Handled by U.S. at Tatana Island	
Inward	83,171
Outward	15,077
Total	98,248
Ships completed	24
Daily average tons handled	1,260

Cairns & Townsville — Dengue fever has lately considerably reduced the effective strength of the ports in both soldier and civilian labor.

Cairns — Total hatch gangs available compared with number required ranges from
17 supplied for 34 ordered;
16 " for 28 "
16 " for 34 "

Townsville — Average daily supply, 13 civilian gangs, 5 soldier gangs.

Melbourne. — 7 Soldier gangs provided for one ship.

3. EMPLOYMENT COYS. — Averages of labor used at ports for last week:-

Cairns	156	(Peak 173)
Townsville	130	(Peak 136)
Brisbane	174	(Peak 214)
Sydney	258	(Peak 271)
Melbourne	125	(Peak 158
Adelaide	77	

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4. DOCKS CONTROL DETACHMENTS.

Cairns. Major J.C. Hardie, Asst Docks Supt., 1 Aust Docks Control Detachment, is now at Cairns, in liaison with Capt. Gray, Port Controller.

Thursday Island. Major Hardie will shortly visit this Detachment.

Townsville Transfer of the Docks Control Detachment billet to the Commonwealth Hotel is expected to take place this week. The dengue epidemic is keeping a number of personnel ineffective.

Fremantle. The Lugger and Lighter services during the week conveyed 665 tons of cargo, including Rottnest, Garden Island and Rockingham. Weather prevented sailing of luggers on one day.
Daily ration lugger to Garden Island has been ordered; personnel up to 20 may be taken.

N.W. Ports. Cargo from Fremantle for N.W. Ports is handled by the Fremantle Detachment, tallied into shed, and manifest and cargo plan prepared. Service cargo is kept separate in the shed and the loading supervised. An assurance is given that all service stores delivered to the shed will be shipped.

Onslow. The Sub-Detachment has saved AASC and Shipping Coys much time by control of labor and rolling stock and supervision of cargo handling.

Potshot. Following report submitted by Major Hurcombe :-

"Lieut Tolmer visited this point on a craft that was used to transport cargo overcarried from Onslow. Offloading cargo was done on to U.S.N. Barges 1 x 50 tons self propelled 1 x 70 ton towed by launch. Apparently these are not 100% satisfactory as some bags of cement estimated at 90 were ruined by sea water, also 53 bags burst and were thrown overboard. The paper in these bags is very poor and they tear very easily. Offloading operation depends on rise and fall of tides. Ships crew do all stevedoring aboard and are reported to work very well indeed without relief from 0800 to 2400 hrs. Owing to slowness of barges two Minesweepers were brought in to assist. Cargo is reported to have arrived in good condition."

Kalgoorlie Totals of transhipment traffic at break-of-gauge superintended by the Detachment in successive weeks were:-
967 tons, 444½ labor hours, £61 earnings
384 260 £38

Colonel.
(E.O.MILNE)
Director of Docks.

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APPENDIX 17

ACCOUNTANCY INSTRUCTIONS PART VI - 3 Aust. Docks Control Detachment

106/46

H.Q. Docks Control, L.H.Q.
19 Feb 43.

D.F.O.
Vic. L. of C. Area.

Herewith AAF's T106 as per summary hereunder covering work performed by the above Detachment with Soldier Labour.

It is understood that the amended AAF T106 Work Order No. 235 has been received direct by your Office from 3 Aust. Docks Control Detachment.

Lieut.
(N.C.COLES)
Accountant.

AAF's T106 encl.

W/O	299	£164	3	11
	304	8	8	9
	305	1	17	6
	306	1	14	5
		£176	4	7

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APPENDIX 18

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NCC/JW.

CLAIM - JOHN SHARP & SONS PTY. LTD. £30.

H.Q.Docks Control, L.H.Q.,
24 Feb 43.

D.F.O.,
VIC L OF C AREA.

Herewith T.S. 1 Req No 5 (£30), together with T.S. 4 covering above claim.

2. The circumstances covering the above are outlined in the following paras.

3. During salvage operations undertaken by 3 Docks Control Detachment following the grounding of S.S. "Marosa" at Shallow Inlet on the Victorian coast near Derby, a quantity of timber was transported to the scene of the wreck for the Commonwealth Salvage Board by John Sharp & Sons Pty. Ltd. in two 8 ton semi-trailers.

4. These trailers, which would otherwise have made the return journey empty, were utilised by Lt-Col L.F.Pyke, C.O. 3 Docks Control Detachment, to transport a quantity of salvaged ammunition to Melbourne. Their use for this purpose enabled the retention of an equivalent capacity of Army M.T. for urgent salvage operations at the scene of the wreck.

5. A separate advice covering this matter has been forwarded to D.F.O. Vic L of C Area, requesting that the amount of the claim be debited to the Commonwealth Salvage Board as a supplementary claim to that already rendered for work undertaken on this job by Army.

6. It is requested that payment of this amount to John Sharp & Sons Pty. Ltd. be expedited.

Col.
(E.O.MILNE)
Controller of Docks.

Dear Diary

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NCC/JW.

APPENDIX 19

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SALVAGE OPERATIONS S.S. "MAROSA".

QA/407

H.Q.Docks Control,L.H.Q.,
24 Feb 43.

D.E.O.,
Vic L of C Area.

Herewith details covering cost of two loads of salvaged ammunition transported from Derby to Melbourne by John Sharp & Sons Pty. Ltd.

2. Account rendered by John Sharp & Sons Pty. Ltd. on Army has been certified and forwarded to your office for payment.

3. It is requested that supplementary debit covering this amount be rendered on Commonwealth Salvage Board.

4. Reference to the original cost of salvage operations undertaken by Army was forwarded under cover of our A/329 30 Dec 42.

Col.
(E.O.MILNE)
Controller of Docks.

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H.Q. DOCK CONTROL
L. H. Q.

SALVAGE OPERATIONS S.S. MAROSA.

Supplementary debit for Commonwealth Salvage Board.

31. Oct.	Cartage on two loads of shells from Derby to Melbourne - John Sharp & Sons Pty. Ltd. 2 - 8 ton semi-trailers.	£30. 0. 0.

War Diary

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APPENDIX 20

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No. 13 DOCKS CONTROL WEEKLY REPORT AS AT 23 FEB 1943

H.Q. Docks Control, L.H.Q.
24 Feb 43.

D.Q.M.G.II.

1. DOCKS OPERATING COYS. RAE, AIF.

2/1 Coy. H.Q. and 2 Sections at Darwin to entrain 24 Feb for Engr. Training Centre, Wagga, for leave, training and reinforcement.

No. 3 Section at Cairns is to move also to Wagga to rejoin unit.

Approximately 100 OR's to complete Coy. are now being sought.

4 Coy. An average 11 gangs per day, 6 days per week, has been provided at Townsville.

5 Coy. To replenish personnel detached to No. 1 Combined Operations Ship Detachment, 70 replacements moved to E.T.C. Wagga on 23 Feb; another 35 to bring unit to full strength is to leave Adelaide within a few days.

6 Coy. Authority to form has been given.

2. DOCKS MAINTENANCE COY. RAE, AIF.

Authority to form has been given. The personnel is to be obtained from tradesmen in excess of WE in present Coys.

3. STEVEDORING AT PORTS.

At both Cairns and Townsville, soldier gangs are now working a whole ship, or individual hatches, through to finish of cargo, instead of handing over to Waterside Worker gangs on completion of shift.

Cairns - The deficiency of hatch gangs continues to be high.
On successive days 18 gangs supplied for 28 ordered
16 " 34
19 " 32
15 " 30
18 " 30

Townsville - Average supply on heavy days -
32 gangs (including 12 soldier gangs).

Averages of labor used at ports during past week:-

Cairns	158	(peak 183)
Townsville	140	(peak 162)
Brisbane	152	(peak 201)
Sydney	249	(peak 326)
Melbourne	123	(peak 160).

4. EMPLOYMENT COYS.

Port Moresby - 30 Employment Coy. (3 Off 325 OR's) is reported to be carrying out practically all the stevedoring from ship to lighter. (2/2 DOC performs the stevedoring from ship to dock). Major Ballantyne recently reported the unit as being moderately efficient in stevedoring. It has been now brought to notice that there is some discontent in the unit on account of receiving no specialist pay as Hatchmen, Winchmen and Stevedores, although performing these duties, for which the Docks Operating Coy. personnel receive extra pay.

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5. DOCKS CONTROL DETACHMENTS.

All appointments and promotions are in suspense, pending the approved re-organisation.

Thursday Island - Major Hardie is now visiting this Sub-Detachment.

Fremantle - Lugger and Lighter services during week ended 13 Feb conveyed 409 tons of cargo.

Kalgoorlie - Service freight transhipped at break-of-gauge, for week ended 13 Feb 43,
931 tons. 335 labor hours, £52 earnings.

Col.
(H.O.MILNE)
Director of Docks.

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Unit HQ, 1 AUST DOCKS GROUP, RAE Date and Time.—From ..... To .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			INTRODUCTION TO WAR DIARY	
			On 28 Oct 42, pending authority to raise H.Q. 1 Aust Docks Group, R.A.E., NX 442 Lt.Col. J.A.McComb was attached Engineer-in-Chief's staff awaiting appointment as C.R.E. of the Group.	
			The following companies comprised the Group:	
			2/1 Aust. Docks Operating Coy., R.A.E. 2/2 Aust. Docks Operating Coy., R.A.E. 2/3 Aust. Docks Operating Coy., R.A.E. 4 Aust; Docks Operating Coy., R.A.E. 5 Aust. Docks Operating Coy., R.A.E.	
			During Nov 42, Lt.Col. J.A.McComb visited Queensland as E-in-C's personal representative to inspect and report upon 2/3 Aust. Docks Op. Coy., R.A.E., CAIRNS and 4 Aust. Docks Op. Coy., R.A.E., TOWNSVILLE, and the port facilities in the respective areas.	
			On 22 Nov 42, TX 6094 Capt. C.C.Rosenthal was posted to R.A.E. (docks operating) and attached E-in-C pending formation of H.Q. 1 Aust. Docks Group, R.A.E.	
			On 22 Nov 42, TX 6094 Capt. C.C.Rosenthal departed for SYDNEY and returned on 19 Dec 42.	
			A temporary office was set up in Room 18, D Block, Victoria Barracks, MELBOURNE.	

Clive Rosenthal Lt Col
LT. COL,
C.R.E, 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			Introduction to War Diary (Contd.)	
			On 15 Jan 43, Lt.Col. J.A.McComb departed by air to inspect 2/2 Aust. Docks Op. Coy., R.A.E., at PORT MORESBY, returning on 24 Jan 43.	
			On 7 Feb 43, NX 43114 Lieut. C.W.Willis reported to C.R.E. (authority Mil. Sec. signal MS. 3B/ANC) and was posted to R.A.E. docks operating, and attached E-in-C pending formation of H.Q. 1 Aust. Docks Group, R.A.E.	
			On 9 Feb 43, Lt.Col. J.A.McComb departed for DARWIN to inspect port facilities, and observe the relief of 2/1 Aust. Docks Op. Coy., R.A.E., by 5 Aust. Docks Op. Coy., R.A.E. On same date Capt. C.C.Rosenthal departed for ADELAIDE to select personnel for 5 Aust. Docks Operating Coy, R.A.E., returning on 14 Feb 43.	

Clive Hornbolle Lieut
for LT, COL,
C.R.E, 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A,E.

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Unit HQ, 1 AUST DOCKS GROUP, RAE Date and Time.—From 15 Feb 43 To 28 Feb 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Victoria Barracks (Melbourne)	15 Feb		Authority to Raise - H.Q., 1 Aust. Docks Group, R.A.E., issued - vide L.H.Q. Confidential Memo 251/755/303, W.E. IV/11F/1. 8 Officers and 19 Other Ranks, TOTAL 27.	App. 1.
			On this day the following officers were taken on strength: NX 442 Lt.Col. J.A.McComb TX 6094 Capt. C.C.Rosenthal NX 43114 Lieut/ C.W.Willis	
			NX 442 Lt. Col. J.A.McComb was appointed C.R.E. (Mil. Sec. authority 30 Dec 42).	
			Units under command and their locations on date of raising comprised:-	

	Estab.	Strength	Location
2/1 Aust Docks Op. Coy., RAE WE. IV/11D/1	7 Offrs. 430 ORs	9 Offrs 295 ORs	Darwin
2/2 Aust Docks Op. Coy., RAE WE. IV/11D/1	7 " 430 "	7 " 542 "	Pt.Moresby
2/3 Aust Docks Op. Coy., RAE WE. IV/11D/1	7 " 430 "	3 " 175)" 3 " 166)" 1 " 43)"	Cairns Milne Bay Thursday Is.
4 Aust Docks Op. Coy., RAE WE. IV/11D/1	7 " 430 "	6 " 408 "	Townsville
5 Aust Docks Op. Coy., RAE WE. IV/11D/1	7 " 430 "	6 " 317 "	In transit Darwin, relieve 2/1 Coy.

App. 11. WE. IV/11D/1

Lt Col
LT, COL,
C.R.E, 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Victoria Barracks (Melbourne)	15 Feb		Prior to authority to raise group headquarters, Lt.Col. J.A. McComb, Capt. C.C.Rosenthal and Lieut. C.W.Willis, had been carried as attached personnel of E-in-C Branch, from the following dates respectively: NX 442 Lt.Col. J.A.McComb 28 Oct 42 TX 6094 Capt. C.C.Rosenthal 22 Nov 42 NX 43114 Lieut. C.W.Willis 30 Jan 43	
			Lt. Col. J.A.McComb had previously been appointed C.R.E. of all docks operating companies as from 30 Dec 42.	
	16 Feb		VX 114523 Lieut. A.H.Stevenson was taken on strength pending formation of 1 Aust Port Maintenance Coy., R.A.E., and detached for duty, i/c Maintenance Section, attached 5 Aust Docks Op. Coy., R.A.E., DARWIN.	
			VX 114523 Lieut. A.H.Stevenson departed MELBOURNE for DARWIN by air.	
	22 Feb		VX 110344 Lieut. H.L.Gamon, 5 Aust Docks Op. Coy., R.A.E., who had been in MELBOURNE selecting personnel for 5 Aust Docks Op. Coy., R.A.E., departed for R.A.E. Trg. Centre, WAGGA.	
	25 Feb		Lt.Col. J.A.McComb returned from DARWIN, where he had been	

Lieut
for LT. COL,
C.R.E, 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Victoria Barracks (Melbourne)	25 Feb		since departing MELBOURNE on 9 Feb 43. During this period he inspected the port facilities at the port of DARWIN and observed the marching in to DARWIN of 5 Aust Docks Op. Coy., R.A.E., in relief of 2/1 Aust Docks Op. Coy., R.A.E.	
			W 3008 and W 3009 for month lodged by Camp Commandant, L.H.Q.	

Lieut
A/LT, COL.
C.R.E, 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E.

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HQ 1 AUST DOCKS GROUP RAE - RAISING OF

COnsequent upon an amendment to the OOB AMF advice of which is contained in SM 20431 (Adv Amdt 26) dated 22 Oct 42, action will be taken by HQ Vic L of C Area to raise for LHQ:-

HQ 1 Aust Docks Group RAE - WE IV/11F/1 - 8 Offrs 19 ORs 27 Tot

2. The 8 officers will be selected by LHQ, and the 19 ORs, who will be withdrawn from existing units, will be selected in collaboration with CRE 1 Aust Docks Gp.

Sgd. K.DAWSON Lt.Col.
for Major-General
ADJUTANT-GENERAL
15 Feb 43

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WAR ESTABLISHMENT
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IV/11F/1
WAR ESTABLISHMENT
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(i) Summary of ranks

Detail	Number
Lieutenant-colonel	1
Majors	3
Captain (adjutant)	1
Captains	2
Lieutenant (quartermaster)	1
Total, officers	8
Regimental Sergeant-major (warrant officer class I)	(a)1
Warrant officer class II (clerk)	1
Total warrant officers	2
Sergeants	2
Total, sergeants	2
Corporals	3
Sappers	~~12~~ 10
Total, rank and file	~~15~~ 13
Total, other ranks	~~19~~ 17
A.A.C.C.-Ptes(trade Group II)	2
Total, all ranks including attached	27

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties

Trade group I	
Draughtsman	1
~~Trade group III~~	
~~Clerks~~	~~2~~
Trade group III	
Clerks	3
Non-specialists	
Batmen	3
Drivers, M.T.	4
Pioneers	2
Total, rank and file	~~15~~ 13

(iii) Transport

Car, DS	1
Trucks, ¾-ton	2
Truck, 15-cwt.,GS.	1

(iv) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition - rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .38-inch	9	12	54	16
Rifles, .303-inch	~~18~~ 16	50	1,000	~~1,068~~ 1,000
A.A.L.M.G., .303-inch	1	1,000	500	1,500

(a) this appointment will only be made when two or more Docks Operating Companies R.A.E., are located at the same port as this headquarters

Insert;- Rifles, .303-inch for attached personnel 2/20/-/40.

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A DOCKS OPERATING COMPANY, R.A.E.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT
(Provisional)

(This establishment will be used by A.I.F. and C.M.F. units in Australia and will supersede No V1/14/1 in A.I.F. War Establishments Vol. V1, with effect from 17th September 1942).

(i) Summary of Ranks

Detail	Head-quarters	Four docks operating sections (each)	Total, docks operating company R.A.E.
Major	1	-	1
Captains	2	-	2
Lieutenants	-	1	4
Total, officers	3	1	7
Warrant officer class 1 (quay foreman)	1	-	1
Warrant officers class 11 (quay foremen)	-	1	4
Company sergeant major (warrant officer class 11)	1	-	1
Total, warrant officers	2	1	6
Company quartermaster-sergeant	1	-	1
Sergeant cook	1	-	1
Sergeant clerk	1	-	1
Sergeants	6	2	14
Total, staff-sergeants and sergeants	9	2	17
Corporals	11	11	55
Sappers	44	69	320
Drivers, MT	3	-	3
Total, rank and file	58	80	378
Total, other ranks	69	83	401
Total, all ranks	72	84	408
Attached			
A.A.O.C:			
Storeman -			
Staff-sergeants	3	-	3
Corporals	6	-	6
Privates	18	-	18
Shoemaker(Trade group 111.)	1	-	1
A.A.P.C.			
Sergeant	1	-	1
Total, all ranks, including attached	101	84	437

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties.

Detail	Head-quarters	Fourdocks operating sections (each)	Total, docks operating company R.A.E.
Trade Group 11			
Carpenters and joiners	3	-	3
Cooks	(a) 9	-	9
Hatchmen	-	(7)	28
Winchmen	-	13	52
Trade Group 111			
Clerks	(b) 4	(b) 4	20
Drivers (transportation plant)	5	1	9
Stevedores	-	(a) 35	140
Stokers	3	-	3
Butcher	1	-	1
Non-specialists			
Batmen	4	-	4
Brakemen and shunters	7	-	7
Checkers (railway or dock)	2	(c) 12	50
Drivers (crane)	(d) 2	(d) 4	18
Medical officers' orderlies	2	-	2
Motor cyclist orderly	1	-	1
Pioneers	(b) 9	(e) 4	25
Railway engine drivers	(d) 3	-	3
Drivers, M.T.	3	-	3
Total, rank and file	58	80	378

(iii) Transport

Bicycles	4
Motor cycle	1
Car, DS	1
Truck, 3 ton, GS	1

(iv) Table of Weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition - rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .38 inch	10	12	60	180
Rifles, .303 inch	389	50	20,000	39,450
Rifles, .303 inch (for A.A.O.C. personnel)	28	20	-	560
A.A.L.M.Gs., .303 inch	10	1.000	5,000	15,000
S.M.Gs.,	10	100	1.000	2,000

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(a) Includes four corporals
(b) Includes one corporal
(c) Includes two corporals
(d) Corporals
(e) One man will be trained in sanitary and water duties.

NOTES ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Details left at Base -

First Reinforcements -

Officer		1
Sergeants		2
Rank and file (including two corporals)		24
(includes		
Hatchmen (trade group 11)	2	
Winchmen (trade group 11)	3	
Clerk (trade group 111)	1	
Stevedores (trade group 111)	9	
Checkers	3	
Driver (crane)	1	
TOTAL		27

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Victoria Barracks (Melbourne)	4 Mar		Conference held by L.G.A. reference administration and command 1 Aust. Docks Group, R.A.E., Col. E.O.Milne, Director of Docks, and Lt.Col. J.A.McComb were in attendance.	
	5 Mar		L.H.Q. issued SM 4785 authorising raising of 6 Aust. Docks Op. Coy., R.A.E. - vide W.E. IV/11D/1, 7 Offrs. 430 Other Ranks	App. 1.
	10 Mar		2/1 Aust. Docks Op. Coy., R.A.E., marched into Eng. Trg. Centre, WAGGA, from DARWIN, for rehabilitation.	
	11 Mar		TX 6094 Capt. C.C.Rosenthal appointed T/Major - vide A.G. List 44.	
	15 Mar		DQMG 11. (Movements) held conference of L of C DQMG's to instruct on the role of Docks Op. Coys., R.A.E. Col. E.O. Milne, Director of Docks, and Lt.Col. J.A.McComb, CRE, 1 Aust Docks Group, R.A.E., were in attendance.	
	17 Mar		VX 108343 Capt. D.Reid, 2 i/c, 5 Aust. Docks Op. Coy., R.A.E.,	

LT. COL,
C.R.E, 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E.

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Victoria Barracks (Melbourne)	17 Mar		reported HQ, 1 Aust. Docks Group, R.A.E., en route to WAGGA, to act as draft conducting officer of balance of personnel of 5 Aust. Docks Op. Coy., R.A.E., to join main body at DARWIN.	
			QX 30274 Capt. V.R.Creighton, A/O.C., 2/1 Aust. Docks Op. Coy., R.A.E., reported H.Q. for instructions regarding rehabilitation of 2/1 Aust. Docks Op. Coy., R.A.E.	
			Q 119667 Capt A.S.Withers of 15 Garr. Bn. was interviewed by C.R.E. as potential training officer for docks operating recruits and personnel.	
			VX 77434 Lieut. D.McLennan, 2/1 Aust. Docks Op..Coy., R.A.E., reported H.Q. and conferred regarding amendments to War Equipment Table for proposed enlarged docks operating coy., Type "B". Lieut. McLennan then proceeded on leave.	
	19 Mar		Q 119667 Capt. A.S.Withers departed for R.A.E. Trg. Centre, WAGGA.	
	22 Mar		Lt.Col. J.A.McComb, C.R.E., 1 Aust. Docks Group, R.A.E., departed for SYDNEY to select personnel for 6 Aust. Docks Op. Coy., R.A.E.	
	23 Mar		DQMG 11. (Movements) verbally instructed that a docks operating unit or detachment be arranged forthwith for movement to GOODENOUGH ISLAND.	

Chas Horn Hall Lieut
for LT, COL,
C.R.E, 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E.

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Victoria Barracks, (Melbourne)	25 Mar		Lt.Col. J.A.McComb returned to H.Q. from SYDNEY and conferred with DQMG 11. (Movements) on formation of the docks unit required for GOODENOUGH ISLAND. It was decided to request the formation of a new type of docks operating coy., Type "C", to consist of 5 Offrs. and 280 Other Ranks.	
			WX 1559 Capt. G.U.Allan, 2/3 Aust. Docks Op. Coy., R.A.E., reported H.Q. and was advised that he would be appointed O.C. of the company to proceed to GOODENOUGH ISLAND. He was instructed to select personnel from 4 Aust. Docks Op. Coy., R.A.E., for the unit, and tradesmen for a port maintenance section.	
	26 Mar		WX 1559 Capt. G.U.Allan departed H.Q. for CAIRNS.	
	29 Mar		E-in-C made application to Mil. Sec. for secondment of Capt. A.S.Withers from 14 Garr. Bn. and attachment to R.A.E. Trg. Centre, WAGGA, as training officer for docks personnel.	
			C.R.E. made submission for reorganisation of docks service. The submissions were approved by Director of Docks, and forwarded to L.H.Q. for authorisation. It was recommended that - (i) that the existing W.E. for a docks operating company (IV/11D/1 - H.Q. and 4 platoons), be replaced by a W.E. of H.Q. and 6 platoons (9 Offrs. and 554 ORs) to enable two ships to be worked for THREE shifts (or 24 hours per day), on ship as well as on shore.	App. 11. 11a

Clive Lumbilla
for LT. COL.
C.R.E, 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E.

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Victoria Barracks	29 Mar		(ii) that a W.E. for a docks operating company, Type "C" (H.Q. and 3 platoons) be authorised, to work one (four hatch) ship for THREE shifts (i.e. 24 hours per day), for working smaller ports not requiring a 6 platoon company. This type of company was intended to overcome the anomalies arising from the practice of working small ports by detachments from larger type companies, by reason of their wide dispersion making H.Q. command and administration virtually impossible.	App.111. See also War Diary 4 Apr 43 and 8 Apr 43 for further submissions.
	30 Mar		VX 14107 Capt. H.R.Gowling taken on strength from 1 Aust Docks Control Det. pending posting to unit proceeding to GOODENOUGH ISLAND.	
			NX 209 Major J.C.Hardie taken on strength H.Q. 1 Aust Docks Group, R.A.E., from 2/4 Aust. Inf. Bn.	
			W 3008 and W 3009 for month submitted by Camp Commandant, L.H.Q.	

[signature]
LT, COL,
C.R.E, 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A,E.

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" Vic L of C Area	NSW L of C Area R.O.	3 Aust Mvt Control Gp
" S.A. L of C Area	Vic L of C Area R.O.	6 Aust Mvt Control Gp
	S.A. L of C Area R.O.	

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6 AUST DOCKS OPERATING COY - RAE - AIF - RAISING OF

Consequent upon an amendment to the OOB, AMF, advice of which is contained in SM.3507 (Adv Amdt No 19) dated 17 Feb 43, action will be taken by HQ NSW L of C Area to raise for LHQ -

6 AUST DOCKS OPERATING COY - RAE - AIF - WE IV/11D/1

7 Offrs, 430 ORs - Total 437 (inc attached).

2. The offrs will be selected and allotted by LHQ (E-in-C) and the O/R personnel will be provided as follows:-

(a) By withdrawal from 4 Aust Grn Bn in SA of 49 selected O/Rs. (2 sgts, 2 cpls, 45 ptes).

(b) The senior NCOs of suitable types for training in RAE specialist duties will be made available in NSW by transfer of NCOs unabsorbed or carried supernumerary to W.E. of units under command NSW L of C Area.

(c) By posting O/R personnel required to complete WE as and when available from suitable reinforcements under instruction from Qld, NSW & Vic L of C Area Records Offices.

3. The selection of O/Rs will be made in collaboration with a representative of CRE 1 AUST DOCKS GP. personnel with civil experience as stevedores, winch and crane drivers, and shipping and tally clerks will be released from civil resources in Qld, NSW and Vic and the respective L of C Area Records Offices will ensure that these tradesmen are posted to this unit.

4. The personnel raised for this unit will be concentrated for training at E T C, Wagga, NSW, and the 49 O/Rs referred to in para 2(a) hereof will be forthwith despatched to destination under advice to H NSW L of C Area.

5. As 6 Aust Docks Operating Coy is an AIF unit, all personnel will be enlisted AIF prior to posting.

6. HQ NSW L of C Area will arrange for the O/C this unit, or such offr as he may nominate to be instructed in "Unit Records" procedure.

7. Personal arms and equipment, and all unit equipment in accordance with WET E2/71, will be provided by NSW L of C Area.

8. LHQ will be advised upon implementation of this instruction.

Sgd. K.Dawson Lt.Col.
Major-General
for Adjutant - General.
5 Mar 43

Copies to - D of Org; D of PM; Contr of Docks; CRE 1 Aust Docks Gp; AGI - AG2. "Q" Mvts (Major Pretty); War Diary; File.

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A DOCKS OPERATING COMPANY, R.A.E.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT
(Provisional)

(This establishment will be used by A.I.F. and C.M.F. units in Australia and will supersede No V1/14/1 in A.I.F. War Establishments Vol. V1, with effect from 17th September 1942).

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(i) Summary of Ranks

Detail	Head-quarters	Four docks operating sections (each)	Total, docks operating company R.A.E.
Major	1	-	1
Captains	2	-	2
Lieutenants	-	1	4
Total, officers	3	1	7
Warrant officer class 1 (quay foreman)	1	-	1
Warrant officers class 11 (quay foremen)	-	1	4
Company sergeant major (warrant officer class 11)	1	-	1
Total, warrant officers	2	1	6
Company quartermaster-sergeant	1	-	1
Sergeant cook	1	-	1
Sergeant clerk	1	-	1
Sergeants	6	2	14
Total, staff-sergeants and sergeants	9	2	17
Corporals	11	11	55
Sappers	44	69	320
Drivers, MT	3	-	3
Total, rank and file	58	80	378
Total, other ranks	69	83	401
Total, all ranks	72	84	408
Attached			
A.A.O.C.			
Storeman -			
Staff-sergeants	3	-	3
Corporals	6	-	6
Privates	18	-	18
Shoemaker (Trade group 111.)	1	-	1
A.A.P.C.			
Sergeant	1	-	1
Total, all ranks, including attached	101	84	437

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(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties.

Detail	Headquarters	Fourndocks operating sections (each)	Total, docks operating company R.A.E.
Trade Group 11			
Carpenters and joiners	3	-	3
Cooks	(a) 9	-	9
Hatchmen	-	7	28
Winchmen	-	13	52
Trade Group 111			
Clerks	(b) 4	(b) 4	20
Drivers (transportation plant)	5	1	9
Stevedores	-	(a) 35	140
Stokers	3	-	3
Butcher	1	-	1
Non-specialists			
Batmen	4	-	4
Brakemen and shunters	7	-	7
Checkers (railway or dock)	2	(c) 12	50
Drivers (crane)	(d) 2	(d) 4	18
Medical officers' orderlies	2	-	2
Motor cyclist orderly	1	-	1
Pioneers	(b) 9	(e) 4	25
Railway engine drivers	(d) 3	-	3
Drivers, M.T.	3	-	3
Total, rank and file	58	80	378

(iii) Transport

Bicycles	4
Motor cycle	1
Car, DS	1
Truck, 3 ton, GS	1

(iv) Table of Weapons and Ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition - rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .38 inch	10	12	60	180
Rifles, .303 inch	389	50	20,000	39,450
Rifles, .303 inch (for A.A.O.C. personnel)	28	20	-	560
A.A.L.M.Gs., .303 inch	10	1.000	5,000	15,000
S.M.Gs.,	10	100	1.000	2,000

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(a) Includes four corporals
(b) Includes one corporal
(c) Includes two corporals
(d) Corporals
(e) One man will be trained in sanitary and water duties.

NOTES ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Details left at Base -

First Reinforcements -

Officer		1
Sergeants		2
Rank and file (including two corporals)		24
(includes		
Hatchmen (trade group 11)	2	
Winchmen (trade group 11)	3	
Clerk (trade group 111)	1	
Stevedores (trade group 111)	9	
Checkers	3	
Driver (crane)	1	
TOTAL		27

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A DOCKS OPERATING COMPANY, R.A.E.

TYPE B

Consisting of -

Headquarters
Six platoons, each providing the necessary personnel for one shift
The company thus provides for working two berths continuously for 24 hours

WAR ESTABLISHMENT
(Provisional)

(i) Summary of ranks

Detail	Head-quarters	Six platoons (each)	Total, docks operating company R.A.E. type B
Major	1	-	1
Captains	2	-	2
Lieutenants	-	1	6
Total, officers	3	1	9
WARRANT Officer class I (quay foreman)	1	-	1
Warrant officers class II (quay foremen)	-	1	6
Company sergeant-major (warrant officer class II)	1	-	1
Total, warrant officers	2	1	8
Company quartermaster-sergeant	1	-	1
Sergeant tailor	1	-	1
Sergeant	1	-	1
Transport sergeants	1	4	25
Total, staff-sergeants and sergeants	4	4	28

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A DOCKS OPERATING COY, R.A.E.
TYPE B

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WAR ESTABLISHMENT
(Provisional)

(i) Summary of ranks - continued

Detail	Head-quarters	Six platoons (each)	Total, docks operating company, R.A.E. Type B
Corporals	1	10	61
Sappers	18	69	432
Total, rank and file	19	79	493
Total, other ranks	25	84	529
Total, all ranks	28	85	538
Attached -			
A.A.C.C. -			
Sergeant	1	-	1
Corporals	-	1	6
Privates (trade group II)	1	2	13
A.A.M.C. -			
Sergeant	1	-	1
A.A.O.C.-			
Shoemaker (trade group III)	1	-	1
A.E.M.E. -			
Armourer corporal	1	-	1
A.A.P.C. -			
Sergeant	1	-	1
Postal services -			
Corporal	1	-	1
Total, all ranks, including attached	35	88	563

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties

Trade group II			
Carpenters	-	1	6
Driver-mechanic	1	-	1
Hatchmen	-	7	42
Mechanic, M.V.	1	-	1
Winchmen	-	13	78
Trade group III			
Butcher	1	-	1
Clerks	(a)4	(a) 2	16
Drivers, transportation plant	-	1	6
Stevedores	-	(b)35	210
Technical storemen	2	-	2
Non-specialists			
Batmen	5	-	5
Checkers (railway or docks)	-	(a)12	72
Drivers, crane	-	(c) 4	24
Drivers, M.T.	(d)4	2	16
General dutymen	-	(e) 2	12
Motor cyclist orderly	1	-	1
Total, rank and file	19	79	493

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A DOCKS OPERATING COMPANY, R.A.E. IV/11G/1
TYPE B WAR ESTABLISHMENT
(Provisional)

(iii) Transport

Detail	Head-quarters	Six platoons (each)	Total, docks operating company, R.A.E. - type B
Bicycles	4	-	4
Motor cycle	1	-	1
Truck, ¼ ton	1	-	1
Trucks, 15-cwt., G.S	1	1	7
Trucks, 3-ton, G.S.	1	1	7
Trailer, water	1	-	1
Total, vehicles (excluding bicycles, motor cycles and trailer	3	2	15

(iv) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition - rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .38-inch	12	12	72	216
Rifles, .303-inch	517	50	26000	51850
Rifles, .303-inch for, A.A.C.C., A.A.O.C. A.E.M.E. and postal services personnel	23	20	-	460
Sub machine guns	10	200	4000	6000
A.A.L.M.Gs., .303-in.	10	1000	5000	15000

(a) Includes 1 corporal
(b) Includes 4 corporals
(c) Corporals
(d) Includes 2 spare drivers, M.T.
(e) One will be trained in hygiene and water duties

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Details left at base -

First reinforcements -

Lieutenant		1
Sergeants		2
Rank and file (including 2 corporals)		26
(Includes -		
Hatchmen (trade group II)	2	
Winchmen (trade group II)	4	
Clerk (trade group III)	1	
Stevedores (trade group III)	18	
Checkers (railway or docks)	2	
Total		29

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NOTE

When this company is required to operate railways within the docks area, the following personnel will be added to company headquarters -

TRADE GROUP III	
Drivers, transportation plant	5
Stokers	3
NON-SPECIALISTS	
Brakemen and shunters	7
Checkers (railway or docks)	2
Drivers, railway engine (corporals)	3
Pioneers (wagon labellers)	6
Total	26

A DOCKS OPERATING COMPANY, R.A.E.
TYPE B

IV/11G/1
WAR ESTABLISHMENT
(provisional)

NOTE

When this company is required to operate railways within the docks area, the following personnel will be added to company headquarters -

TRADE GROUP III	
Drivers, transportation plant	5
Stokers	3
NON-SPECIALISTS	
Brakemen and shunters	7
Checkers (railway or docks)	2
Drivers, railway engine (corporals)	3
Pioneers (wagon labellers)	6
Total	26

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A DOCKS OPERATING COMPANY, R.A.E.

TYPE C

Consisting of -

Headquarters
Three platoons, each providing the necessary personnel for one shift.
The company thus provides for working one berth continuously for 24 hours.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT
(Provisional)

(i) Summary of ranks.

Detail	Hea d-quarters	Three platoons (each)	Total, docks operating company, RAE Type C.
Major ..	1	-	1
Captain ..	1	-	1
Lieutenants ..		1	3
Total, officers	2	1	5
Company sergeant-major (warrant officer class 11 ..	1	-	1
Warrant officers class 11 (quay foremen) ..	-	1	3
Total, warrant officers	1	1	4
Company quartermaster-sergeant	1	-	1
Sergeants ..	1	4	13
Total, staff-sergeants and sergeants	2	4	14
Corporals ..	1	10	31
Sappers	12	69	219
Total, rank and file	13	79	250
Total, other ranks	16	84	268
Total, all ranks	18	85	273

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(i) Summary of ranks - continued.

Detail	Head-quarters	Three platoons (each)	Total Docks Operating Company RAE - Type C.
Attached -			
A.A.C.C. -			
Sergeant ..	1	-	1
Corporals ..	-	1	3
Privates (trade group 11)	-	2	6
A.A.M.C. -			
Corporal ..	1	-	1
Postal services -			
Corporal ..	1	-	1
Total, all ranks including attached	21	88	285

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties.

Trade group 11			
Carpenters ..	-	1	3
Driver-mechanic ..	1	-	1
Hatchmen ..	-	7	21
Winchmen ..	-	13	39
Trade group 111			
Clerks ..	(a)3	(a) 2	9
Drivers, transportation plant ..	-	1	3
Stevedores ..	-	(b)35	105
Tailor ..	1	-	1
Technical storeman .	1	-	1
Non-specialists			
Batmen ..	3	-	3
Checkers (railway or docks)	-	(a)12	36
Drivers, crane	-	(b) 4	12
Drivers, M.T.	(c)3	2	9
General dutymen	-	(d) 2	6
Motor cyclist orderly	1	-	1
Total, rank and file	13	79	250

(iii) Transport

Bicycles ..	4	-	4
Motor Cycle ..	1	-	1
Truck, ¼-ton ..	1	-	1
Trucks, 15-cwt., G.S. ..	1	1	4
Trucks, 3-ton, G.S. ..	1	1	4
Trailer, water ..	1	-	1
Total, vehicles (excluding bicycles, motor cycle and trailer) ..	3	2	9

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(iv) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition - rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .38 inch	6	12	36	108
Rifles, .303 inch	262	50	13000	26100
Rifles, .303 inch for AACC and postal services personnel	11	20	-	220
Sub machine guns	5	200	2000	3000
A.A.L.M.Gs. .303	5	1000	2500	7500

(a) Includes 1 corporal
(b) Includes 4 corporals
(c) Includes 1 spare driver, M.T.
(d) One will be trained in hygiene and water duties.

NOTES ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Details left at base -

First reinforcements -
Rank and file (including 2 corporals) 14
(Includes -
Hatchman (trade group 11) 1
Winchmen (trade group 11) 2
Stevedores (trade group 111) 6
Checkers (railway or docks) 2)

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H. 100M

Unit HQ, 1 AUST DOCKS GROUP, RAE Date and Time.—From 2 Apr 43 To 30 Apr 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Victoria Barracks (Melbourne)	2 Apr		VX 108343 Capt. D.Reid, 2 i/c 5 Aust. Docks Op. Coy., RAE, reported H.Q., and was given instructions regarding movements of balance of personnel of 5 Aust. Docks Op. Coy., RAE, from RAE Trg. Centre, Wagga, to join main body at DARWIN. Movement Order (SM 6687) issued by Q.M.G. covering movement of above-mentioned personnel, ordering move on 6 Apr 43.	
	4 Apr		C.R.E. made submission (approved by Director of Docks) to L.H.Q. requesting the authorisation of a W.E. and the addition to the O.O.B. of a Port Maintenance Coy., R.A.E., consisting of Headquarters and four platoons (10 Offrs. and 270 ORs), each platoon being designed to work with one docks operating coy., RAE, and one platoon of water transport operating company. Extra platoons were to be added, subject to approval L.H.Q., when the group comprised more than four docks operating companies. The proposed company was to be responsible for the maintenance of wharves, cranes, and other port equipment, and also for the maintenance of craft e.g. tugs, lighters and launches. It was also to act as channel of provision, holding and distribution of transportation stores, cargo handling and mechanical equipment of the type not normally held by E.S.S. for the operating companies or detachments of a group.	Appendix 1. - See also War Diary 29 Mar 43.
	5 Apr		2 ORs taken on strength.	W.3011 - App. 11.

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H. 100M

Unit HQ, 1 AUST DOCKS GROUP, RAE Date and Time.—From 2 Apr 43 To 30 Apr 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Victoria Barracks (Melbourne)	6 Apr		Balance of personnel 5 Aust Docks Op. Coy., RAE, moved from RAE Trg. Centre, WAGGA, to join main body at DARWIN.	
	8 Apr		C.R.E. made submission (approved by Director of Docks) to L.H.Q., requesting the authorisation of a W.E. for a Docks Operating Detachment, Type "X" (8 Offrs. and 87 ORs). The detachment was to consist of H.Q., command, administrative and specialist personnel for the control and supervision of working parties provided from other arms or services for the loading and discharge of one four hatch ship continuously for three shifts (twenty four hours per day).	App. 111.
			VX 14666 Capt. G.J.Wright posted to H.Q. strength from 7 Aust. Inf. Bde.	
	10 Apr		VX 10166 Major R.C.Ballantyne, O.C., 2/2 Aust. Docks Op. Coy. RAE, reported H.Q.	
	11 Apr		Detachment of 4 Aust. Docks Op. Coy., RAE, under command Capt. G.U.Allan (later to be known as 6 Aust. Docks Op. Coy., RAE), embarked from CAIRNS (5 Offrs. 289 ORs) for GOODENOUGH ISLAND.	

Chief Hon. Wilder Lieut. for LT, COL,
C.R.E, 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E.

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H. 100M

Unit HQ, 1 AUST DOCKS GROUP, RAE Date and Time.—From 2 Apr 43 To 30 Apr 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Victoria Barracks (Melbourne)	12 Apr		WX 11109 Capt. P.Bessell-Browne taken on H.Q. strength, pending posting to 1 Aust. Port Maintenance Coy., RAE.	
			~~6 Aust. Docks Op. Coy., RAE, embarked from TOWNSVILLE for GOODENOUGH ISLAND.~~	
"	15 Apr		TX 6094 Major C.C.Rosenthal departed on recreational leave.	
"	17 Apr		The following War Establishments were issued for Docks Operating units:	
			~~IV/11G/1 A Docks Operating Coy., R.A.E., Type "B"~~	App. IV.
			~~IV/11H/1 A Docks Operating Coy., R.A.E., Type "C"~~	App. V.
			~~IV/11J/1 A Docks Operating Detachment, R.A.E. Type "X"~~	App. VI.
			~~IV/11K/1 A Port Maintenance Coy., R.A.E.~~	App. VII.
				Refer War Diary 29 Mar, 4 Apr and 8 Apr. (See App III)
"	23 Apr		VX 10166 Major R. Ballantyne, O.C., 2/2 Aust. Docks Op. Coy., RAE, departed H.Q. to rejoin unit at PORT MORESBY.	
			QX 119667 Capt. A.S.Withers, attached Eng. Trg. Centre, WAGGA, visited H.Q. and conferred with C.R.E. regarding training docks operating personnel in ship work.	
			Detachment of 4 Aust. Docks Op. Coy., RAE (later to be known as 6 Aust. Docks Op. Coy., RAE) arrived GOODENOUGH ISLAND.	
		1200	H.Q. 1 Aust. Docks Group, RAE, closed at Victoria Barracks, MELBOURNE, and reopened at 252 Swanston Street, MELBOURNE.	

for LT, COL,
C.R.E, 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E.

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Army Form C. 2118
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H. 100M

Unit HQ, 1 AUST DOCKS GROUP? RAE Date and Time.—From 2 Apr 43 To 30 Apr 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
252 Swanston St. (Melbourne)	29 Apr		VX 14666 Capt. G.J.Wright marched in from 7 Aust. Inf. Bde.	
			W 3008 and W 3009 attached as appendices. Previous W 3008 and W 3009 rendered by Camp Commandant, L.H.Q.	

Clive Campbell for LT, COL,
C.R.E, 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A,E.

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A PORT MAINTENANCE COMPANY, R.A.E.

Consisting of -

Headquarters
Four platoons, each being designed to work with one docks operating company, R.A.E., and one platoon of I.W.T. (Port) Operating Company.

Extra platoons may be added where a docks group controls more than four docks operating companies, R.A.E., but prior approval of L.H.Q. must be obtained.

A Port Maintenance Company is responsible for the maintenance of wharves, cranes, and other port equipment, and also for the repair and maintenance of craft, e.g., tugs, lighters and launches.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

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A PORT MAINTENANCE COMPANY, R.A.E.

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(i) Summary of ranks

Detail	Head-quarters	Four platoons (each)	Total, port maintenance company, R.A.E
Major	1	-	1
Captains	2	-	2
Lieutenants	3	1	7
Total, officers	6	1	(a)10
Warrant officer class I (technical)	1	-	1
Warrant officers class II (technical)	-	1	4
Company sergeant-major(warrant officer class II)	1	-	1
Total, warrant officers	2	1	6
Company quartermaster-sergeant	1	-	1
Transport sergeant	1	-	1
Sergeants	1	2	9
Total, staff-sergeants and sergeants	3	2	11
Corporals	4	4	20
Sappers	45	45	225
Total, rank and file	49	49	245
Total, other ranks	54	52	262
Total, all ranks	60	53	272
Attached -			
A.A.C.C. -			
Sergeant	1	-	1
Cooks (trade group II)	1	2	(b)9
A.A.M.C. -			
Corporal	1	-	1
Postal services -			
Corporal	1	-	1
Total, all ranks, including attached	64	55	284

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A PORT MAINTENANCE COMPANY, R.A.E.

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(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties

Detail	Head-quarters	Four platoons (each)	Total, port maintenance coy, R.A.E.
Trade group I			
Blacksmiths	-	2	8
Bricklayers	2	-	2
Coppersmiths	-	1	4
Draughtsmen(mechanical)	(c) 2	-	2
Draughtsmen(civil engineering)	(c) 2	-	2
Engine artificers	-	3	12
Fitters, electricians	-	2	8
Fitters	-	1	4
Operators, excavator	-	1	4
Plumbers	-	1	4
Turners	(c) 2	-	2
Welders(acetylene and electric)	-	2	8
Trade group II			
Boilermakers	-	2	8
Carpenters and joiners	-	4	16
Driver-mechanics	-	1	4
Machinists	2	-	2
Mechanics, M.V.	1	-	1
Painters and signwriters	-	2	8
Riggers	-	5	20
Trade group III			
Clerks	(c) 4	1	8
Engine hands I.C.	2	1	6
Fitters' mates	-	2	8
Hammermen	-	2	8
Platelayers	4	-	4
Riveters	-	1	4
Tailor	1	-	1
Technical storemen	1	1	5
Tinsmiths	-	1	4
Non-specialists			
Batmen	5	-	5
Checkers	14	-	14
Divers	-	1	4
Divers' attendants	-	1	4
Drivers, M.T.	2	2	10
General Dutymen	1	1	5
Hygiene dutyman	1	-	1
Motor cyclist orderlies	1	1	5
Pioneer	1	-	1
Shipwrights	-	5	20
Shipwrights' mates	-	2	8
Water dutyman	1	-	1
Total, rank and file	49	49	345

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A PORT MAINTENANCE COMPANY, R.A.E.

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(iii) Transport

Detail	Head-quarters	Four platoons (each)	Total, port maintenance company R.A.E.
Bicycles	1	1	5
Motor cycles	1	1	5
Trucks, 15-cwt., G.S.	2	1	6
Trucks, 3-ton, G.S. for -			
Air compressor, tools and equipment	-	1	4
Stores	-	1	4
Trailers, 2-wheeled -			
Air compressor	-	1	4
Welding plant	-	1	4
Total, vehicles (excluding bicycles, motor cycles and trailers)	2	3	14

(iv) Mechanical equipment

Tractors, D6, with 25-ft. jib and pile driving equipment	-	1	4

(v) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition - rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .38-inch	16	12	96	288
Rifles, .303-inch	251	50	13,000	25,550
Rifles, .303-inch for A.A.C.C and postal services personnel	11	20	0	220
Sub machine guns	5	200	2,000	3,000
A.A.L.M.Gs., .303-inch	5	1000	2,500	7,500

(a) Of the total captains and lieutenants, 1 will be a marine engineer and one a civil engineer. the remainder will be mechanical engineers.
(b) Includes 2 corporals.
(c) Includes one corporal.

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Details left at base -

First reinforcements -

Lieutenant		1
Warrant officer class II(technical)		1
Sergeant		1
Rank and file(including 1 corporal)		7
(Includes -		
Blacksmith (trade group 1)	1	
Engine artificer(trade group 1)	1	
Carpenter (trade group 11)	1	
Rigger (trade group 11)	1	
Clerk (trade group 111)	1	
Engine hand I.C.(trade group 111)	1	
Driver, M.T.	1	
Total		10

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A DOCKS OPERATING DETACHMENT, R.A.E.

Designed for the control and supervision of working parties provided from other arms for the loading and discharge of ships. It is self-contained and provides sufficient personnel to control and supervise the handling of one four-hatch ship working in three shifts per day.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT
(Provisional)

(i) Summary of ranks

Detail	Number
Captain	1
Lieutenant	1
Total, officers	2
Warrant officer class 1 (quay foreman)	1
Warrant Officer class 11 (quay foreman)	1
Total, warrant officers	2
Sergeants	7
Total, sergeants	7
Corporals	19
Sappers	55
Total, rank and file	74
Total, other ranks	83
Total, all ranks	85
Attached -	
A.A.C.C. -	
Corporal	1
Privates (trade group 11)	2
A.A.M.C.	
Corporal	1
Total, all ranks, including attached	89

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A DOCKS OPERATING DETACHMENT, R.A.E. . . WAR ESTABLISHMENT (Provisional)

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties

Detail	Number
Trade group 1	
Blacksmith	1
Trade group 11	
Carpenter	1
Hatchmen	(a)12
Riggers	(b) 2
Winchmen	(a)26
Trade group 111	
Clerk	(b) 1
Stevedores	(c)12
Technical storeman	1
Non-specialists	
Batman	1
Checkers (railway and docks)	(b)13
Driver, M.T.	1
Hygiene dutyman	1
Motor cyclist orderly	1
Water dutyman	1
Total, rank and file	74

(iii) Transport

Bicycles	2
Motor cycle	1
Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.	1

(iv) Table of weapons and ammunition

	Number	ammunition - rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .38 inch	4	12	24	72
Rifles, .303 inch	78	50	4000	7900
Rifles, .303 inch for A.A.C.C. personnel	3	20	-	60
Sub machine guns	3	200	1200	1800
A.A.L.M.Gs., .303 inch	5	1000	2500	7500

(a) Includes 2 corporals

(b) Includes, or is a corporal

(c) Corporals

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Details left at base -

First reinforcements -

Rank and file (including 1 corporal)

(Includes -

Hatchman (trade group 11)	1
Winchman (trade group 11)	1
Stevedore (trade group 111)	1
Checker (railway or clock)	1)

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A DOCKS OPERATING COMPANY, R.A.E.

TYPE B

Consisting of -

Headquarters
Six platoons, each providing the necessary personnel for one shift
The company thus provides for working two berths continuously for 24 hours

WAR ESTABLISHMENT
(Provisional)

(i) Summary of ranks

Detail	Head-quarters	Six platoons (each)	Total, docks operating company R.A.E. type B
Major	1	-	1
Captains	2	-	2
Lieutenants	-	1	6
Total, officers	3	1	9
WARRANT Officer class I (quay foreman)	1	-	1
Warrant officers class II (quay foremen)	-	1	6
Company sergeant-major (warrant officer class II)	1	-	1
Total, warrant officers	2	1	8
Company quartermaster-sergeant	1	-	1
Sergeant tailor	1	-	1
Sergeant	1	-	1
(Transport) sergeants	1	4	25
Total, staff-sergeants and sergeants	4	4	28

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A DOCKS OPERATING COY, R.A.E.
TYPE B

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WAR ESTABLISHMENT
(Provisional)

(i) Summary of ranks - continued

Detail	Head-quarters	Six platoons (each)	Total, docks operating company, R.A.E. Type B
Corporals	1	10	61
Sappers	18	69	432
Total, rank and file	19	79	493
Total, other ranks	25	84	529
Total, all ranks	28	85	538
Attached -			
A.A.C.C. -			
Sergeant	1	-	1
Corporals	-	1	6
Privates (trade group II)	1	2	13
A.A.M.C. -			
Sergeant	1	-	1
A.A.O.C.-			
Shoemaker (trade group III)	1	-	1
A.E.M.E. -			
Armourer corporal	1	-	1
A.A.P.C. -			
Sergeant	1	-	1
Postal services -			
Corporal	1	-	1
Total, all ranks, including attached	35	88	563

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties

Trade group II			
Carpenters	-	1	6
Driver-mechanic	1	-	1
Hatchmen	-	7	42
Mechanic, M.V.	1	-	1
Winchmen	-	13	78
Trade group III			
Butcher	1	-	1
Clerks	(a)4	(a) 2	16
Drivers, transportation plant	-	1	6
Stevedores	-	(b)35	210
Technical storemen	2	-	2
Non-specialists			
Batmen	5	-	5
Checkers (railway or docks)	-	(a)12	72
Drivers, crane	-	(c) 4	24
Drivers, M.T.	(d)4	2	16
General dutymen	-	(e) 2	12
Motor cyclist orderly	1	-	1
Total, rank and file	19	79	493

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A DOCKS OPERATING COMPANY, R.A.E. TYPE B — IV/11G/1 WAR ESTABLISHMENT (Provisional)

(iii) Transport

Detail	Head-quarters	Six platoons (each)	Total, docks operating company, R.A.E. - type B
Bicycles	4	-	4
Motor cycle	1	-	1
Truck, ¾ ton	1	-	1
Trucks, 15-cwt., G.S	1	1	7
Trucks, 3-ton, G.S.	1	1	7
Trailer, water	1	-	1
Total, vehicles (excluding bicycles, motor cycles and trailer	3	2	15

(iv) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition - rounds: On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .38-inch	12	12	72	216
Rifles, .303-inch	517	50	26000	51850
Rifles, .303-inch for, A.A.C.C., A.A.O.C. A.E.M.E. and postal services personnel	23	20	-	460
Sub machine guns	10	200	4000	6000
A.A.L.M.Gs., .303-in.	10	1000	5000	15000

(a) Includes 1 corporal
(b) Includes 4 corporals
(c) Corporals
(d) Includes 2 spare drivers, M.T.
(e) One will be trained in hygiene and water duties

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Details left at base -

First reinforcements -

Lieutenant		1
Sergeants		2
Rank and file (including 2 corporals)		26
(Includes -		
Hatchmen (trade group II)	2	
Winchmen (trade group II)	4	
Clerk (trade group III)	1	
Stevedores (trade group III)	13	
Checkers (railway or docks)	2	
Total		29

A DOCKS OPERATING COMPANY, R.A.E.
TYPE B

IV/11G/1
WAR ESTABLISHMENT
(provisional)

NOTE

When this company is required to operate railways within the docks area, the following personnel will be added to company headquarters -

TRADE GROUP III	
Drivers, transportation plant	5
Stokers	3
NON-SPECIALISTS	
Brakemen and shunters	7
Checkers (railway or docks)	2
Drivers, railway engine (corporals)	3
Pioneers (wagon labellers)	6
Total	26

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A DOCKS OPERATING COMPANY, R.A.E.

TYPE C

Consisting of -

Headquarters
Three platoons, each providing the necessary personnel for one shift.
The company thus provides for working one berth continuously for 24 hours.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT
(Provisional)

(i) Summary of ranks.

Detail	Hea d-quarters	Three platoons (each)	Total, docks operating company, RAE Type C.
Major ..	1	-	1
Captain ..	1	-	1
Lieutenants ..		1	3
Total, officers	2	1	5
Company sergeant-major (warrant officer class 11	1	-	1
Warrant officers class 11 (quay foremen)	-	1	3
Total, warrant officers	1	1	4
Company quartermaster-sergeant	1	-	1
Sergeants ..	1	4	13
Total, staff-sergeants and sergeants	2	4	14
Corporals ..	1	10	31
Sappers ..	12	69	219
Total, rank and file	13	79	250
Total, other ranks	16	84	268
Total, all ranks	18	85	273

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(i) Summary of ranks - continued.

Detail	Head-quarters	Three platoons (each)	Total Docks Operating Company, RAE - Type C
Attached -			
A.A.C.C. -			
Sergeant ..	1	-	1
Corporals ..	-	1	3
Privates (trade group 11)	-	2	6
A.A.M.C. -			
Corporal ..	1	-	1
Postal services -			
Corporal ..	1	-	1
Total, all ranks including attached	21	88	285

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties.

Trade group 11			
Carpenters ..	-	1	3
Driver-mechanic ..	1	-	1
Hatchmen ..	-	7	21
Winchmen ..	-	13	39
Trade group 111			
Clerks ..	(a)3	(a) 2	9
Drivers, transportation plant ..	-	1	3
Stevedores ..	-	(b)35	105
Tailor ..	1	-	1
Technical storeman .	1	-	1
Non-specialists			
Batmen ..	3	-	3
Checkers (railway or docks)	-	(a)12	36
Drivers, crane	-	(b) 4	12
Drivers, M.T.	(c)3	2	9
General dutymen	-	(d) 2	6
Motor cyclist orderly	1	-	1
Total, rank and file	13	79	250

(iii) Transport

Bicycles ..	4	-	4
Motor Cycle ..	1	-	1
Truck, ¼-ton ..	1	-	1
Trucks, 15-cwt., G.S. ..	1	1	4
Trucks, 3-ton, G.S. ..	1	1	4
Trailer, water ..	1	-	1
Total, vehicles (excluding bicycles, motor cycle and trailer) ..	3	2	9

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(iv) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition - rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .38 inch	6	12	36	108
Rifles, .303 inch	262	50	13000	26100
Rifles, .303 inch for AACC and postal services personnel	11	20	-	220
Sub machine guns	5	200	2000	3000
A.A.L.M.Gs. .303	5	1000	2500	7500

(a) Includes 1 corporal
(b) Includes 4 corporals
(c) Includes 1 spare driver, M.T.
(d) One will be trained in hygiene and water duties.

NOTES ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Details left at base -

First reinforcements -
Rank and file (including 2 corporals) 14
(Includes -
Hatchman (trade group 11) 1
Winchmen (trade group 11) 2
Stevedores (trade group 111) 6
Checkers (railway or docks) 2)

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A PORT MAINTENANCE COMPANY, R.A.E.

Consisting of -

Headquarters.
Four platoons, each being designed to work with one docks operating company, R.A.E., and one platoon of I.W.T. (Port) Operating Company.

Extra platoons may be added where a docks group controls more than four docks operating companies, R.A.E., but prior approval of L.H.Q. must be obtained.

A Port Maintenance Company is responsible for the maintenance of wharves, cranes, and other port equipment, and also for the repair and maintenance of craft, e.g., tugs, lighters and launches.

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A PORT MAINTENANCE COMPANY, R.A.E.

IV/11K/1
WAR ESTABLISHMENT
(Provisional)

(i) Summary of ranks

Detail	Head-quarters	Four platoons (each)	Total, port maintenance company, R.A.E
Major	1	-	1
Captains	2	-	2
Lieutenants	3	1	7
Total, officers	6	1	(a)10
Warrant officer class I (technical)	1	-	1
Warrant officers class II (technical)	-	1	4
Company sergeant-major (warrant officer class II)	1	-	1
Total, warrant officers	2	1	6
Company quartermaster-sergeant	1	-	1
Transport sergeant	1	-	1
Sergeants	1	2	9
Total, staff-sergeants and sergeants	3	2	11
Corporals	4	4	20
Sappers	45	45	225
Total, rank and file	49	49	245
Total, other ranks	54	52	262
Total, all ranks	60	53	272
Attached -			
A.A.C.C. -			
Sergeant	1	-	1
Cooks (trade group II)	1	2	(b)9
A.A.M.C. -			
Corporal	1	-	1
Postal services -			
Corporal	1	-	1
Total, all ranks, including attached	64	55	284

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A PORT MAINTENANCE COMPANY, R.A.E.

IV/11K/1
WAR ESTABLISHMENT
(Provisional)

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties

Detail	Head-quarters	Four platoons (each)	Total, port maintenance coy, R.A.E.
Trade group I			
Blacksmiths	-	2	8
Bricklayers	2	-	2
Coppersmiths	-	1	4
Draughtsmen(mechanical)	(c) 2	-	2
Draughtsmen(civil engineering)	(c) 2	-	2
Engine artificers	-	3	12
Fitters, electricians	-	2	8
Fitters	-	1	4
Operators, excavator	-	1	4
Plumbers	-	1	4
Turners	(c) 2	-	2
Welders(acetylene and electric)	-	2	8
Trade group II			
Boilermakers	-	2	8
Carpenters and joiners	-	4	16
Driver-mechanics	-	1	4
Machinists	2	-	2
Mechanics, M.V.	1	-	1
Painters and signwriters	-	2	8
Riggers	-	5	20
Trade group III			
Clerks	(c) 4	1	8
Engine hands I.C.	2	1	6
Fitters' mates	-	2	8
Hammermen	-	2	8
Platelayers	4	-	4
Riveters	-	1	4
Tailor	1	-	1
Technical storemen	1	1	5
Tinsmiths	-	1	4
Non-specialists			
Batmen	5	-	5
Checkers	14	-	14
Divers	-	1	4
Divers' attendants	-	1	4
Drivers, M.T.	2	2	10
General Dutyman	1	1	5
Hygiene dutyman	1	-	1
Motor cyclist orderlies	1	1	5
Pioneer	1	-	1
Shipwrights	-	5	20
Shipwrights' mates	-	2	8
Water dutyman	1	-	1
Total, rank and file	49	49	245

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(iii) Transport

Detail	Head-quarters	Four platoons (each)	Total, port maintenance company R.A.E.
Bicycles	1	1	5
Motor cycles	1	1	5
Trucks, 15-cwt., G.S.	2	1	6
Trucks, 3-ton, G.S. for -			
Air compressor, tools and equipment	-	1	4
Stores	-	1	4
Trailers, 2-wheeled -			
Air compressor	-	1	4
Welding plant	-	1	4
Total, vehicles (excluding bicycles, motor cycles and trailers)	2	3	14

(iv) Mechanical equipment

Tractors, D6, with 25-ft. jib and pile driving equipment	-	1	4

(v) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition - rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .38-inch	16	12	96	288
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A.A.L.M.Gs., .303-inch	5	1000	2,500	7,500

(a) Of the total captains and lieutenants, 1 will be a marine engineer and one a civil engineer. the remainder will be mechanical engineers.
(b) Includes 2 corporals.
(c) Includes one corporal.

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Details left at base -

First reinforcements -			
Lieutenant			1
Warrant officer class II(technical)			1
Sergeant			1
Rank and file(including 1 corporal)			7
(Includes -			
Blacksmith (trade group 1)		1	
Engine artificer(trade group 1)		1	
Carpenter (trade group 11)		1	
Rigger (trade group 11)		1	
Clerk (trade group 111)		1	
Engine hand I.C.(trade group 111)		1	
Driver, M.T.		1	
	Total		10

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

...../.....(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17/4/1943. .....(Unit)

W.E. IV/IIF/1. OFFRS. 8 O.R's. 19 + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E.

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

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

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
	A.		8									
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17/4/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt. Col	NX 4420	McCombe	J.A.	C.R.E.	Yes		-
Capt. - T/Maj	TX 6094	Rosenthal	C.C.	"	Yes.		
Lieut	NX 43114	Willis	C.W.	Adjt	"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
T/Major	NX 447	T. Ledgerwood	R.A.E.	16/4/43	Indulg.

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Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

.....(Unit) 17. 4. 19 43. (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I. 1			1
W.Os. Class II. 1			1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants	1	1	
Serjeants 2			2
Corporals 3			3
Troopers, Privates, &c. 13	3		9
19 TOTALS	4	* 1	* 16

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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

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.....Unit.

PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks TG III 3		1	Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks TG II 2		2	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen TG I. 1		1	Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
Non Specialists								
Batmen		3						
Drivers MT		3						
Pioneers		2						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)		12						

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

.....
Unit.

.....
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 17/4/43.

252 Swanston St. Melby
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 24 / 4 /1943. HQ. 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E. (Unit)

W.E. IV / 11F / 1. OFFRS. 8 O.R's. 19 + OFFRS. – O.R's. – ATT. BY W.E.

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

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

	DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	A.		5									5
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
WX 11109	Capt.	Bessell-Browne, P.	7th Aust Fd Pk Sqn RAE 1 Armd Div.	8/4/43.	Transferred In.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 24/4/194.3 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	2 Army Number.	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
Lt. Col.	NX 442	McComb	J H	CRE	Yes		
Capt. T/Major	NX 209	Hardie	J.C.	2 i/c	"		
" "	TX 6094	Rosenthal	C.C.		"		
Lieut. T/Capt.	WX 11109	Bessell-Browne	P		"		
Lieut.	NX 43114	Willis	C.W.		Adj.		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

24/4/43
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ. 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E. (Unit) 24 4. 1943. (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required. Total - All A.I.E

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I. 1			1
W.Os. Class II. 1	1		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1	1	
Serjeants 2			2
Corporals 3			3
Troopers, Privates, &c. 12	3		9
19 TOTALS	5	* 1	* 15

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
NX 94869 Sgt. Murlese HR	2/1 Aust Docks	NX 24609 Spr. Sanderson J	2/1 Aust Docks
QX 21358 Cpl Stockdale RH	Op Coy RAE	VX 58695 · Brophy PL	Op Coy RAE
NX 88872 Spr. Holder G	"	VX 70308 · Hutton T	"
NX 88927 · Graham G	"		
VX 76215 · Conway H.	"		
NX 44086 · Price J	"		
VX 69978 · Hanger R	"		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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

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HQ. 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E. Unit.

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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks TG III 3		1	Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks TG II 2		2	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen TG.1. 1.		1	Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
Non Specialists	1	11						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	1	15						

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

HQ. 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E.
Unit.

[signature]
for Signature of Commander.

252 Swanston St. Melbourne
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

Date of Despatch 24/4/43.

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H. 100M

Unit HQ, 1 AUST. DOCKS GROUP, RAE *Date and Time.—From* 0900 - 1 May 43 *To* 31 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
252 Swanston Street, (MELBOURNE)	5 May		TX 6094 Major C.C.Rosenthal rejoined from leave and was evacuated to 115 A.G.H. (Influenza).	
"	9 May		NX 87643 WO (11) Weston B.E. entrained for SYDNEY to survey land situated at RYDE, NSW L of C Area, for a projected site for HQ, 1 Aust. Port Maintenance Coy., RAE.	
"	10 May		QX 30274 Capt. V.R.Creighton, O.C., 2/1 Aust. Docks Op. Coy, RAE, reported H.Q. for instructions from C.R.E. on building up strength of his unit.	
"	11 May		QX 30274 Capt. V.R.Creighton returned to 2/1 Aust Docks Op. Coy, RAE, RAE. TRG. CENTRE, WAGGA.	

Lt. COL.
C.R.E. 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E.

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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H. 100M

Unit HQ, 1 AUST. DOCKS GROUP, RAE. Date and Time.—From 1 May 43 To 31 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
252 Swanston Street, (MELBOURNE)	12 May		NX 87643 WO (11) Weston B.E. returned to H.Q. with survey of land situated at RYDE, NSW L of C Area.	App. 1.
			QX 119667 Capt. A.S.Withers visited H.Q. and reported on the obtaining of a hulk suitable for the training of docks operating personnel.	
	19 May		NX 442 LT.COL. J.A.McCOMB, C.R.E., departed for RAE Trg. Centre WAGGA, to inspect 2/1 Docks Op. Coy., RAE, and to select personnel, thence to SYDNEY to inspect projected site for 1 Aust. Port Maintenance Coy., RAE.	
	24 May		VX 102670 Lieut. R.S.Holland reported H.Q. pending posting to 1 Aust. Port Maintenance Coy., RAE.	

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C.R.E, 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E.

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H. 100M

Unit HQ, 1 AUST. DOCKS GROUP, RAE *Date and Time.—From* 1 May 43 *To* 31 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
252 Swanston St., (MELBOURNE)	25 May 43		NX 442 LT.COL. J.A.McCOMB returned from SYDNEY.	
	26 May		L.H.Q. issued SM 12766 authorising reorganisation of 2/1 Aust. Docks Op. Coy., RAE, from WE. IV/11D/1 to IV/11G/1	
	27 May		L.H.Q. issued SM 12859 authorising raising of 1 Aust. Port Maintenance Coy., RAE, vide WE. IV/11K/1.	App. 11. For functions of a port maintenance company, see Appendix III.
	28 May		The following officers, formerly of 2 Aust. Motor Div., reported H.Q. pending posting to docks units :	
			VX 43013 Lieut. A. Adamson	
			SX 24545 " L.N.Ellis	
			SX 21831 " W.T.Kidman	
			NX136360 Capt. R.C.Neville	

Chas Fenwick Lieut
for LT. COL.
C.R.E, 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E.

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H. 100M

Unit HQ, 1 AUST. DOCKS GROUP, RAE *Date and Time.—From* 1 May 43 *To* 31 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
252 Swanston St., (MELBOURNE)	28 May		SX 20830 Major L.E.Crispe SX 24898 Lieut. L.H.Thring	
			Training Cadre in loading and unloading of ships, commenced for above named officers.	
			W.3008s and W.3009s attached as Appendices.	

Chas Hunkell Lewis
for LT, COL,
C.R.E, 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E.

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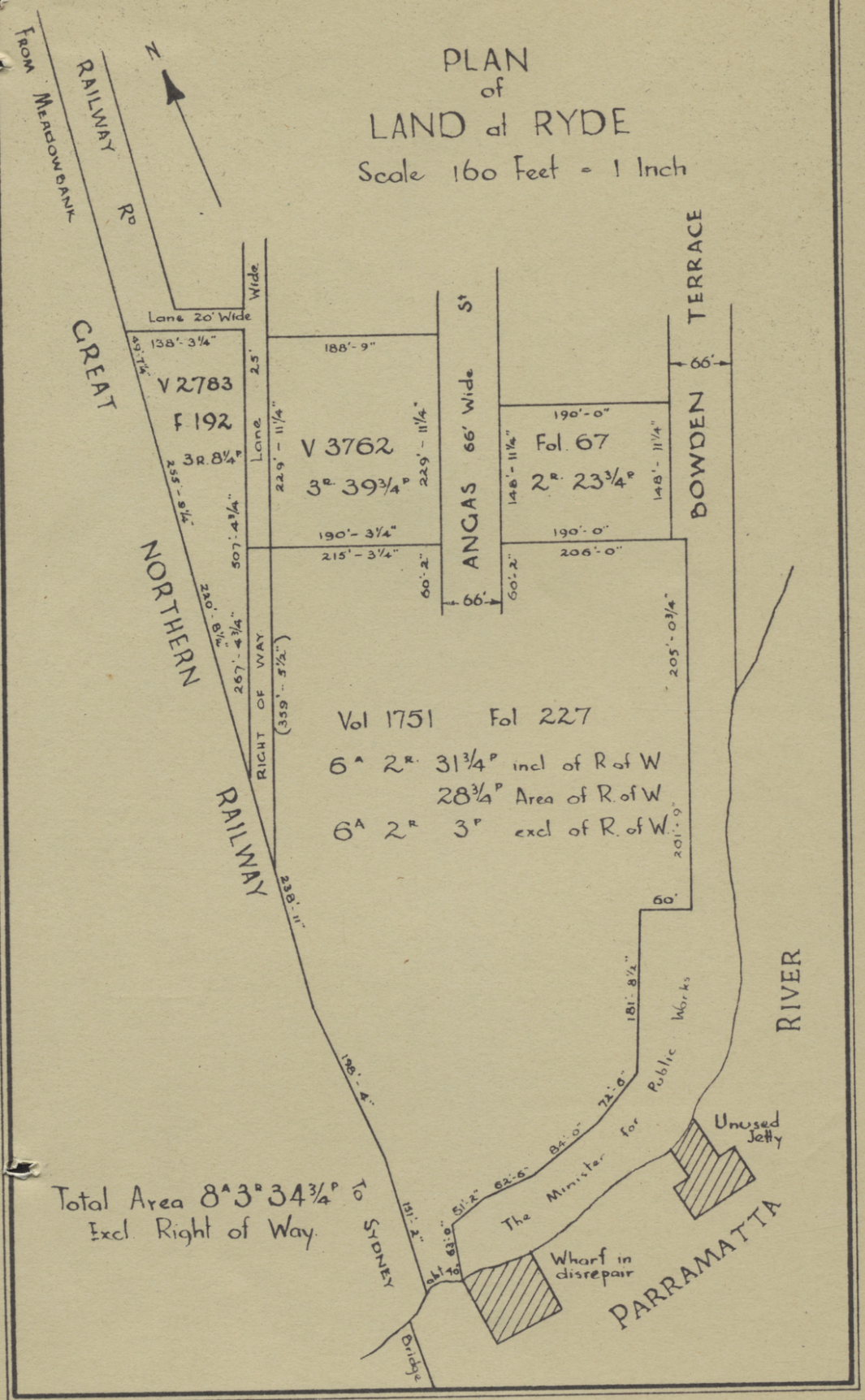
App I

PLAN of LAND at RYDE

Scale 160 Feet = 1 Inch



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NOTE ... The site is represented by the shaded portion.

SCALE ... Railway Lines shown thus ...



PROPOSED CAMP AND WORKSHOP SITE ... — 1ST. AUSTRALIAN PORT MAINTENANCE COMPANY...

Date – 17·5·'43 — Traced. — G. W. S.

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UNITED LAND FORCES IN SW PACIFIC AREA

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (2) NG L OF C AREA RO
" SECOND AUST ARMY (2) QLD " " "
" N.G FORCE (2) NSW " " "
" N.T FORCE (2) DET S.A " " " MATARANKA
2 ECH

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1 AUST PORT MAINTENANCE COY RAE - RAISING OF

Consequent upon an amendment to the OOB, AMF, advice of which is contained in SM11114 dated 6 MAY 43 (Adv Amdt No 35), action will be taken by HQ SECOND AUST ARMY in collaboration with HQ FIRST AUST ARMY, HQ NG FORCE and HQ NT FORCE as follows:-

Raise for L.H.Q.

1 AUST PORT MAINTENANCE COY RAE W.E IV/11K/1

10 Offrs 274 ORs 284 Total.

2. The officers will be nominated by L.H.Q.

3. The O/R personnel, who may be AIF or CMF, will be obtained as follows:-

(a) Administrative personnel will be selected by HQ SECOND AUST ARMY from personnel ex 3 AUST MOTOR TRG REGT recently transferred or in course of transfer to RAE TRG CENTRE, WAGGA, for posting to Docks units vide SM.12766 of 26 MAY 43 (not to all addressees).

(b) Certain selected tradesmen will be transferred to 1 AUST PORT MAINTENANCE COY from AUST DOCKS OPERATING COYS, ORE 1 AUST DOCKS GROUP or his representative will visit the latter units at the earliest possible date and select such personnel for withdrawal.

Those so selected will remain with the unit from which they are to be withdrawn and shown as attached to that unit and detached from 1 AUST PORT MAINTENANCE COY. Such attachment will continue until instructions are issued for their concentration with Coy HQ, or movement elsewhere.

Nominal rolls by ranks and trades of the selected tradesmen will be forwarded to LHQ (2 ECH) and copies to HQ SECOND AUST ARMY, NOT later than 1 AUG 43. The total number of such tradesmen transferred will NOT exceed those provided for by WE IV/11K/1 (A PORT MAINTENANCE COY).

Replacement of personnel withdrawn from DOCKS OPERATING COYS will be through the normal channels by submission of AAF's 3009.

(c) The remainder of the personnel required to complete the new unit will be selected by HQ SECOND AUST ARMY from personnel ex 3 AUST MOTOR TRG REGT as referred to in sub-para (a) above, and/or from general DPI reinforcements in RAE TRG CENTRE.

4. As it may not be possible to obtain all the appropriate tradesmen, HQ SECOND AUST ARMY in making selections will ensure that those selected outside the trades required are suitable for conversion.

5. NSW L OF C AREA RO will issue instructions for the release of personnel required vide sub-paras 3(a) and (c) above.

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6. Personnel selected in accordance with sub-paras 3(a) and (c) will be concentrated at RAF TRG CENTRE, WAGGA pending further instructions from LHQ.

7. The Comdr 1 AUST PORT MAINTENANCE COY, or such officer as he may nominate, will report to NSW L OF C AREA RO for instruction in "Unit Records" procedure.

8. Personal arms and equipment will be retained by the personnel being transferred. Unit equipment in accordance with WRO 44/42 will be issued by HQ SECOND AUST ARMY.

9. HQ SECOND AUST ARMY will advise LHQ upon the implementation of this instruction.

K. Dawson-Lee
Major-General,
for ADJUTANT-GENERAL.
27 MAY 43

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App III

1 AUST DOCKS GROUP RAE

TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION No 1

NOTES ON DUTIES OF PORT MAINTENANCE COY., RAE

1. The constitution of a Docks Group is shown in "Instructions for Docks Working in War (Overseas), 1941", viz:-

Headquarters,
One Docks Maintenance Coy.,
Four to seven Docks Operating Coys.

2. This organisation is designed for concentration of the complete Group in a large European port, and functions of the docks maintenance company include, manning and maintenance of docks gates, pumping machinery, fixed shore cranes, and other port facilities. It also carries out centralised documentation of the freight handling of all sub-units, in a similar way to that of the main offices of a civil shipping company, in respect to its several wharves.

3. The organisation does not meet conditions in S.W.P.A., where the Group will invariably be widely dispersed with individual coys. or detachments in separate ports.

4. The alternative organisation shown below for a Docks Group in British textbook "Combined Operations, pamphlet 5c, (R.E.Transportation Units) 1941" is more applicable to local conditions, viz:-

Headquarters,
One Port Maintenance Coy.,
Four Docks Operating Coys.

5. It will be noted that the Port Maintenance Coy is described as follows, (vide page 16, para 4 (ii)):-

".....consists of headquarters and four sections, each section being designed to work with one docks operating company and one section of an I.W.T. (Port) Operating Company.

".....is responsible for the maintenance of quays, cranes, and other port equipment, and also for the repair and maintenance of craft, e.g. tugs, lighters and launches.

6. The proposed application to local conditions would be:-

(a) Allocation of a maintenance detachment to each docks operating company on similar basis to the above, but size and composition of detachment adjusted to suit local conditions in the port concerned.

It is obvious that, in non-operational ports (e.g. CAIRNS or TOWNSVILLE) where facilities and cargo handling gear are owned and maintained by civilian organisations, maintenance needs of the docks operating company are limited to small amount of repair work on their own equipment.

On the other hand, in full operational ports (such as DARWIN or MORESBY) repairs and improvements to wharves, lighter berths, cranes and all port gear, and the maintenance of fleets of lighters (including periodical slipping or docking) lie within the responsibilities of the detachment provided. First and second line maintenance of attached small craft of W.T., Port Operating Coys., may also be included.

(b) Provision of personnel, equipment and facilities to carry out the duties laid down in following extract from Engineer-in-Chief's Instruction E.C. 4821, viz:-

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"Transportation stores such as cargo handling equipment not normally held by E.S.S., will, if available from ENGINEER DUMPS be demanded by.....docks operating from port maintenance coys.....who consolidate demands and forward them through normal channels to L.H.Q. if the stores are not available."

The unit will therefore perform the same duties with respect to docks operating companies of the Group as those carried out by a Field Park Coy with respect to field companies of Divisional Engineers.

In detail, these duties include:-

(i) Consolidation of demands, indenting, holding and distribution to docks operating companies of transportation stores, cargo handling equipment, etc.

(ii) Indenting, maintenance and holding of a reserve pool of mechanical equipment, such as fixed and mobile cranes, air compressor plants, welding, diving, and fire fighting equipment, etc., for issue to detached section of the maintenance company to meet operational demands as they arise.

(iii) Manufacture of the wide variety of specialised stevedoring tackle and equipment, the majority of which is not available commercially and must be made up or assembled by the unit.

(iv) Provision and distribution of spares, equipment and repair material for punts, lighters and small craft (if required).

7. It is proposed that the requirements of (b) and (c) be met by locating the Headquarters and a technical detachment in a convenient mainland base port, for the manufacture of cargo handling equipment on a standardised basis.

8. It will obviously be more economical in mainpower to make up such equipment centrally within easy access of sources of raw materials and means of direct shipment than to forward the supplies for manufacture in the field with limited facilities.

9. Installation envisaged includes the following buildings and stores:-

(i) Blacksmiths' shop.
(ii) Boilermakers' and Welders' shop.
(iii) Carpenters' and Shipwrights' shop.
(iv) Riggers' shop.
(v) Machine and fitters' shops.
(vi) General gear store for holding finished equipment.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/5/1943. HQ. 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E. (Unit)

W.E. IV/IIF/1. OFFRS. 8 O.R's. 19 + OFFRS. - O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

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

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

DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.		6									6
E.(1)											
E.(2)											

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX 114666	Capt	Wright G.J.	7 Aust Inf Bde	29/4/43	Transferred In

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

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Q 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E.
Unit
252 Swanston St Melb.

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/5/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt. Col.	NX 442	McComb	J. A	CRE	Yes		
T/Major	NX 209	Hardie	J. C.	2 1/2	"		
"	TX 6094	Rosenthal	C. C.		No	Leave	
Capt.	VX 14666	Wright	G. J.		Yes.		
T/Capt.	WX 11109	Bessell-Brown	P.		"		
Lieut.	NX 43114	Willis	C. W.	Adjt	"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

1/5/43.
Date of Despatch

(Sgd) P Bessell Brown Capt for
Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ. 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R,A.E. (Unit) 1 5 1948 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required. All ranks A.I.F.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I. 1			1
W.Os. Class II. 1	1		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1	1	
Serjeants 2			2
Corporals 3			3
Troopers, Privates, &c. 12	4		8
TOTALS 19	6	* 1	* 14

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt 1 Cpl	2/1 Aust Docks		
& 8 Spls	Op Coy RAE		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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

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HQ. 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E. Unit. IV/115/1.

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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks TG III 3		1	Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks TG II 2		2	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen TG I 1		1	Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
Non Specialists	1	10						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	1	14						

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

HQ. 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E. (2gd)
Unit.

P Bettell-Browne Capt for CRE
Signature of Commander.

252 Swanston St Melbourne
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

Date of Despatch 1/5/43

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8/5/1943. HQ. 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R,A.E. (Unit)

W.E. 14/11F/1. OFFRS. 8 O.R's. 19 + OFFRS. - O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

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

DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A.		6									6
E.(1)											
E.(2)											

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
TX 6094	T/Major	Rosenthal C.C.		4/5/43	Leave

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
TX 6094	T/Major	Rosenthal C.C.		5/5/43	Hospital
NX 43114	Lieut	Willis A.W.		3/5/43	Leave

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

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

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Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8/5/194[illegible] (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	2 Army Number.	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
Lt. Col.	NX 442	McComb	J A	CRE	Yes		
T/Major	NX 209	Hardie	J. C.	2 I/C	"		
"	TX 6094	Rosenthal	C.C.		No.	Hospital	9/5/43
Capt.	VX 14666	Wright	G J		Yes		
T/Capt	NX 11109	Bessell-Browne	P.		"		
Lieut.	NX 43114	Willis	C.W.		No	Leave	7/5/43.

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

8/5/43.
Date of Despatch

T/Capt
LT. COL.
CRE, 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.F.
Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ. 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E. (Unit) 8. 5. 19 43 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.) AIF 6
CMF 1
7

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I. 1			
W.Os. Class II. 1	1		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1	1	
Serjeants 2			
Corporals 3	1		
Troopers, Privates, &c. 12	4		
TOTALS 19	7	* 1	*

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt, 1 Cpl & 7 Sgts	2/1 Aust. Docks Op. Coy RAE.		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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

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HQ. 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E. Unit.

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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks TG III 3		1	Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks TG II 2		2	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen TG I. 1		1	Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
Non Specialists	1	9						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	1	13						

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

HQ. 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E.
Unit.

Date of Despatch 8/5/43.

Bugh Capt for.
Signature of Commander.

252 Swanston St Melb
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15/5/1943. HQ. 1 Aust. Desks Gp. R.A.E. (Unit)

W.E. 14/115/1. OFFRS. 8 O.R's. 19 + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E.

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

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

DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A.		6									6
E.(1)											
E.(2)											

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
TX6094	Maj	Rosenthal C.C.		11/5/43	Hospital

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX16666	Capt	Wright G.J.		14/5/43	Detached R.S.C. Wagga

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15/5/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt. Col.	NX 442	McComb	J A	CRE	Yes.		
T/Major	NX 209	Hardie	J. C.	2 I/c.	"		
"	TX 6094	Rosenthal	C.C.		"		
Capt.	VX 14666	Wright	G J		No	Detached EIC Wagga	14/5/43.
T/Capt	WX 11109	Bessell-Browne	P.		Yes.		
Lieut.	NX 43114	Willis	C W	Adjt	"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

15/5/43.
Date of Despatch

[signature] for LT. COL.
Signature of Commander
CRE, 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

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HQ. 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E. (Unit) 15/6/42 19.. (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

AIF-6.

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I. 1			1
W.Os. Class II. 1	1		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1	1	
Serjeants 2			2
Corporals 3	1		2
Troopers, Privates, &c. 12	3		9
TOTALS 19	6	* 1	* 14

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt, 1 Cpl & 8 Sprs	2/1 Aust Docks Op Coy RAE		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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

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HQ. 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R,A.E. IV/11F/1.

.....Unit.

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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks TG III. 3.		1	Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks TG II 2		2	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen TG. 1.		1.	Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
Non Specialists	1	10						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	1	14						

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

HQ. 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R,A.E.
Unit.

Date of Despatch 15/5/43

LT. COL.
C.R.E. 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E.
Signature of Commander.

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Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

...../..... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/5/1943. HQ. 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R,A.E. (Unit)

W.E. IV/11F/1. OFFRS. 8 O.R's. 19 + OFFRS. — O.R's. — ATT. BY W.E.

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

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

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
	A.		6									6
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX 4421	Lt Col.	McComb J A		18/5/43	Leitachea Duty.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/5/194[3] **(Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)**

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	2 Army Number.	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
Lt. Col.	NX 442	McComb	J. A.	CRE	No	Detached Duty	18/5/43.
T/Major	NX 209	Hardie	J. C.	2 I/C	Yes		
Capt - T/Maj	TX 6094	Rosenthal	C. C.		"		
Capt.	WX 11109	Bassett-Browne	P		"		
"	VX 14666	Knight	G J		No	Detached Duty	14/5/43.
Lieut	NX 43114	Willis	C W	Adjt.	Yes.		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

22/5/43
Date of Despatch

Lt. Col.
C.R.E., 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E.
Signature of Commander.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ. 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E. (Unit) 22/5/ 1943 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

ALL A.I.F.

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I. 1			1
W.Os. Class II. 1	1		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1	1	
Serjeants 2			2
Corporals 3	1		2
Troopers, Privates, &c. 12	3		9
TOTALS 19	6	* 1	* 14

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt, 1 Cpl & 6 Sprs	2/1 Aust Docks Op Coy RAE.		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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

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HQ. 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R,A.E. Unit. IV/11F/1.

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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks TG III. 3.		1	Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks TG II 2		2	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen TG I. 1		1	Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
Non Specialists	1	2						
Batmen		2						
Drivers MT.		4						
Pioneers		2						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	1	14						

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

HQ. 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R,A.E.
Unit.

[signature] C.R.E. I.T.C.R.E. Gp. R,A.E.
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 22/5/43.

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Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

...../.....(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29/5/1943 HQ. 1 Aust. Docks Op. R.A.E. (Unit)

W.E. IV/IIF/1. OFFRS. 8 O.R's. 19 + OFFRS. ~~2~~ O.R's. ~~4~~ ATT. BY W.E.

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

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

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

DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.		5									5
E.(1)											
E.(2)											

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX 114296	T/Capt	Chalmers J.C.	2/4 Aust Tank Wphops AEME	29/5/43	Transferred in
NX 4442	Lt Col	McComb J.A.		25/5/43	Rejoined from duty

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX 114296	T/Capt	Chalmers J.C.	1 Aust Port	28/5/43	Transferred Out
WX 11109	"	Bessell Browne P.	Maintenance Coy RAE		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
VX ~~114296~~	~~T/Capt~~	~~Chalmers J.C.~~	~~1 Aust~~

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HQ. 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E. Unit IV/11F/1.

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt Col.	NX 442	McComb	J A	CRE	Yes		
Capt-T/Maj	NX 209	Hardie	J.C.	2 I/c	"		
" "	TX 6094	Rosenthal	C.C.		"		
Capt.	VX 14666	Wright	G.J.		No	Detached duty	4/5/43
Lieut	NX 43114	Willis	C.W		Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt-T/Maj	NX 136360	Neville RC	6 Mot Regt	28/5/43	Pending transfer
Lieut-T/Capt	VX 43013	Adamson A	14 Arma "	"	
Lieut	SX 24898	Thring LH	9 Mot Regt	"	
"	SX 21831	Kigman WT	"		
"	SX 24545	Ellis LM	12 Arma "	"	

29/5/43
Date of Despatch

[signature] Lieut
Signature of Commander
CRE, 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

HQ. 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E. (Unit) 29. 5. 1943. (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I. 1			1
W.Os. Class II. 1			1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1	1	
Serjeants 2			2
Corporals 3			3
Troopers, Privates, &c. 12	3		9
TOTALS 19	4	* 1	* 16

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt 1 Cpl	2/1 Aust Docks		
2 Spr	4th Coy RAE		
1 Spr	6 Aust Mot Regt		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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

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HQ. 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R,A.E. Unit.

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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks TG III 3		1	Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks TG II 2		2	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical TG I		1	Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
Non Specialists	1	4						
Batmen		2						
Drivers M.T.		4						
Pioneers		2						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	1	16						

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

HQ. 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R,A.E.
Unit.

Signature of Commander.
[illegible] COL.
HQ. 1 Aust. Docks Gp. R.A.E.

Date of Despatch 29/5/43

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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