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Unit S & T Directorate, LHQ *Date and Time.—From* 1 Aug 45 *To* 31 Aug 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			ADMINISTRATION	
	Aug 1		Prevention of Damage to Stores and Equipment in Transit -	
			Custody during Transit	Appendix 1
	9		Storage accommodation - Golden Grove, Qld L of C Area	Appendix 2
	10		War Diaries - Preparation and Maintenance	Appendix 4
	13		Maintenance of Supplies - Morotai and Borneo Areas	Appendix 3
	25		Conference of DDsST and ADsST L of C Areas - WE of a BPS	
			Coy.	Appendix 5
			P.O.L.	
	Aug 1		Bulk Automotive Fuel Supplies in Darwin Area - Return to	
			Shell Coy.	Appendix 6
	2		Lubricants - Oil C.373 Medium and W.P.4 Graphited Grease -	
			P.O.L. Directive No. 8	Appendix 7
	3		Suggested transfer of C.373 oil and Grease W.P.4 Graphited	
			from AAOC to AASC	Appendix 8

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	Aug 7		Supply of Avgas to RAAF - Refuelling Arrangements at	
			55 OBU	Appendix 9
	20		Geletrol Supplies for Flame Throwers issued for training	
			to 1 Aust Para Bn	Appendix 10
	"		P.O.L. Maintenance at Lae	Appendix 11
	22		Bulk M.T.80 Petrol Stocks - Army Reserve Storage at	
			Toowoomba	Appendix 12
	"		Reserve Stocks M.T. 80 at 11 L of C Sub-Area	Appendix 13
	23		Return of 44-gall. heavy drums to Industry	Appendix 14
	24		Alice Springs Depot - Operation to remain in hands of Army	Appendix 15
	25		P.O.L. Reserves - Northern Territory	Appendix 16
	27		44-gall 16 gauge galvanised steel drums (1) Cancellation of	
			unexpired Army contract ex Brisbane plant except branded	
			heads (2) Reduction of Delivery Rate ex Sydney Plant	Appendix 17

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	Aug 28		Darwin Ocean Terminal - Handover to Industry	Appendix 18
	29		" " " " " "	Appendix 19
	"		P.O.L. Supply including Avgas - Timor and N.G. Theatres - Post War Responsibilities	Appendix 20
	30		Maintenance Commonwealth Owned Rail Tank Cars	Appendix 20A
	"		Disposal Surplus Drum Bungs and Washers	Appendix 20B
	31		Review and Reorganization No. 1 BIPOD - Qld L of C Area	Appendix 20C
			RATION COMMODITIES	
	Aug 7		Supply of Fresh Eggs - Packing and Transport	Appendix 21
	11		Storage and Transport of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables - Food Directive 19	Appendix 22
	21		Hospital Supplies - Special Reserve - (1) Equivalent to be Shipped (2) Local Purchases (3) Short Shipments	Appendix 23
	"		Loading of vessels for Singapore	Appendix 24

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	Aug 22		Requirements of Processed Milk for 6 mos. ending 31.12.45	Appendix 25
	23		Allied Works Council to Ration CCC in Qld, NSW and Vic as	
			from 10/10/45	
	29		Transfer to Royal Netherlands Navy of Surplus Foodstuffs	
			ex Vic L of C Stocks and Western Command stocks	Appendix 26
	"		Packing of Flour in Bags	Appendix 27
	"		Disposal of 6-lb. tins Beef Preserved	Appendix 27A
	30		Transfer of Supplies to RNI Army	Appendix 27B
	"		Transfer of M & V to U.S. Forces	Appendix 27C
			FARM COMPANIES	
	Aug 13		5 Aust Farm Coy - Kairi - Reorganization	Appendix 28
	"		1 Aust Exp Farm Pl, Katherine, N.T. - Disbanding	
			experimental work	Appendix 29
	28		5 Aust Farm Coy - Qld - Reorganization	Appendix 30

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	Aug 29		Farms - N.T. - Reorganization Policy	Appendix 31
			RATION SCALES	
	1		Japanese O/R PW - Free issue of 35 cigs per week to 31.8.45	Appendix 32
	3		Special Rations for Aircrews on Long Distance Flights - Directive	Appendix 33
	7		Forage - Calcium carbonate 1½ ozs per day per horse when no oats are fed	Appendix 34
	14		Additional issues of Tea, Milk, Sugar for 1 Initial Trg School, Somers, R.A.A.F.	Appendix 35
	"		Scales of Equivalents - Bacon Fresh - Bacon Tinned	Appendix 36
	18		Special Rations for Aircrews on Long Distance Flights	Appendix 37
	"		Interim Scale for Jap P.Ws. in Forward Areas	Appendix 38
	20		Interim Jap P.W. Scale advised 1 Aust Army and Corps by signal	Appendix 39

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	Aug 21		Equivalents - Tomato Products	Appendix 40
	28		Equivalents - S.U.D. in Detention Barracks	Appendix 41
	29		Vegetable Issues to Jap PW - Signal to First Aust Army and Corps	Appendix 42
	"		Special Flying Rations - Issues to RAF in Qld	Appendix 43
			EXPENSE STORES	
	Aug 3		Approval sought for increased issue of Aerosol Insecticide Dispensers	Appendix 44
	"		Scale of Issue - Alum Potash, Filter Earth and Caustic Soda - Directive	Appendix 45
	18		Scale of Issue of Cleansers and Methylated Spirits to Seagoing Water Transport Craft	Appendix 46
	20		Scale of Issue to Natives	Appendix 47

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	Aug 20		Paper Bags - Letter from Secretary to Dept. of Supply and Shipping re unsatisfactory contracts for paper bags	Appendix 48
	28		Approval for special issue of 2 gals kerosene per 7 days to 1 Aust Provost Coy.	
	30		Cessation of Supply - Anti Mite Lotion	Appendix 48A
	31		112,000 lbs of Soap, Common to be issued to Aust Red Cross on repayment basis	
			DISPOSALS	
	Aug 14		Declaration of Additional Surplus Stocks in Western Command	Appendix 49
	25		CFO concurrence sought to dispose of 29,131 lbs Service Biscuits	
			DISCREPANCIES AND LOSSES	
	30		"JOSHUA SENEY" Investigation	Appendix 50

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	Aug 30		Ministerial approval is sought to write off discrepancies, losses and condemnations for the month of August, 1945, aggregating in value £8660.12.11. Approval is sought from CFO to write off discrepancies, condemnations and losses for the month of August, 1945, aggregating in value £2871.10.10.	

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Appendix 1

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
(Quartermaster-General)

HQ Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE, S.C.1.

1 Aug 45

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DDST Adv LHQ	(10)	Copies to: RMC	
DDST First Aust Army	(20)	SS (Aust)	
DDST 1 Aust Corps	(20)		
DDST 2 Aust Corps	(5)	Copies for information to:	
DDST NT Force	(10)	CGS	
DDST Qld L of C Area	(15)	DCGS	
DDST NSW L of C Area	(25)	AG	
DDST Vic L of C Area	(15)	QMG	
ADST Western Command	(12)	MGO	
ADST SA L of C Area	(10)	CFO	
CASC 5 Aust Div	(5)	MS	
DADST Second Aust Army	(3)	Sec Army	
S & T Services		Chief Auditor Defence and Supply	(16)
HQ Tas L of C Area	(5)	DST Finance (L)	
LHQ AASC School	(4)	RAAF/DST LO	
First Aust Army AASC School	(4)	DST Circulation	
1 AASC Trg Bn	(2)	War Diary	(3)
CO 1 Aust Sup Res Dep	(2)	File	
CO 4 Aust BSD			

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE TO STORES AND EQUIPMENT IN TRANSIT - CUSTODY DURING TRANSIT

It has come to notice that Depot Commanders receiving supplies consignments from ships are not checking receipt against Bills of Lading immediately, and are NOT immediately advising Staff and Movement Control of any deficiencies upon receipt.

It must be recognized that it is essential to check Bills of Lading in the terms of the Bill, i.e., packages, cases, drums, etc.

The checking in detail of commodities against Supply Issue Note is also essential, but the earliest advice of deficiencies to Staff and Movement Control upon discrepancies between receipts and Bill of Lading is of primary importance.

Consigning Depots will advise consignee Depots by direct signal total number of packages etc despatched immediately the Consignment Note is signed by the appropriate authority. This is essential so that Consignee Depot shall know what to expect and what to collect.

Senior S. & T. Representatives at Receiving Points will take especial care to see that S. & T. drivers are provided with load list at Reception point and discharge the load promptly at Delivery Points against receipt. It must be impressed upon all ranks that they have a personal responsibility for supplies during transport until the responsibility is discharged by receipt from the consignee.

Losses from transport vehicles in transit will be dealt with by Commanders as a serious breach of neglect of duty.

Ronald [illegible] Fuald.

Brigadier.
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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DDST Qld L of C Area

STORAGE ACCOMMODATION - S&T SERVICES - GOLDEN GROVE

1. In confirmation of telephonic advice on 29 Jul 45, ration holdings at ASD Atherton will be reduced immediately to 420,000 rations, which represents 30 days' holdings for the present strength of 14,000 personnel.

2. Surplus stocks will be returned to Brisbane, and/or Townsville if sufficient accommodation for the total quantity is not available in Brisbane.

3. All buildings will be released as vacated, but it is desired that for the present the 4 stores known as Rail Nos. 1 and 2 (9360 sq ft) and Stores Nos 1 and 2 (9100 sq ft) be retained.

4. However, as it is the intention that only 30 days supplies for prevailing strength be held in this depot, the holdings should be reduced proportionately to the strengths and the remaining stores be vacated accordingly.

(R.T.A. McDonald) Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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Appendix 3

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DDST Adv LHQ (2)

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AASC SUPPLIES - MAINTENANCE - MOROTAI AND BORNEO AREAS

Ref Adv LHQ ST.624.1-14-601 of 4 Aug 45

It is agreed that shipping schedules cannot be accurately prepared if the basic documents (AAF F161As) are incorrect. Therefore, until such time as Adv LHQ are satisfied that returns from both Labuan and Balikpapan are correct, LHQ will continue to forward balanced rations to these areas.

2. It is requested that the covering memorandum with each set of AAF F161A's forwarded weekly from 1 Aust Corps Areas include the following data:-

(a) Vessels discharged and cleared;
(b) Cargoes taken on charge;
(c) Vessels lightering or awaiting discharge; and
(d) Any information to hand relative to shipping moves.

3. As the above information has to be taken into account when future shipments are being planned, it is desired that this matter be given urgent attention.

Morotai and Tarakan.

4. The Monthly Shipping Schedule for Morotai (including Tarakan) has been prepared for the estimated requirements to be shipped during late Aug-Sep and calculated on the following basis:-

Total of stock on hand as per Weekly Stock Returns (AAF F161A) dated 28 Jul 45, plus supplies in transit and instructed to load, less 30 days Target Reserve (for 51,000 including 17,000 RAAF, 2,000 Natives and 2,800 Hospital Patients as per Adv LHQ Administrative Instruction No. 53 of 1 Aug 45, Appendix "A"), less 94 days maintenance (28 Jul 45 to 30 Oct 45) for latest actual strength to hand (40,000 and 1,000 Natives). The minus quantity thus calculated represents the quantity to be shipped.

5. Although latest actual strength is quited as a basis for calculating maintenance requirements, it is felt that a forecast strength for the particular shipping period would be more accurate. Accordingly, it is requested that Adv LHQ advise LHQ by the 28th of each month as to the forecast strengths of whites and natives three months hence for each of the three areas to be maintained by automatic replenishment. In other words, the return to be forwarded by 28 Aug will state the forecast strengths for the period 1 Sep to 30 Nov 45.

6. It is stressed that shipments in transit from Morotai to Tarakan or in port awaiting discharge must be taken into the stock returns of one or other of the two areas concerned. At the moment, this is not being done, with the result that, if LHQ were to accept the stock returns as a basis of replenishment, the calculations would be unsound. In future, it is requested that returns from Morotai include supplies in transit to Tarakan until such time as stocks are taken on charge by Tarakan and that these details appear on the covering memo forwarded to LHQ with each Weekly Stock Return (AAF F161A). The "in transit" stock will be shown in a separate column under the heading "in transit" and added to a grand total.

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7. Appendix "A" indicates quantities of commodities/items required for shipment to Morotai during Aug-Sep as per Monthly Shipping Schedule, and if shipping is available and all requirements are shipped, the number of days' holdings as at 30 Sep 45 should be at least 60 days including 30 days Reserve holdings. Requirements as per Landops ST.138 of 26 Jul 45 have already been allotted to load on the "Henry William Rice", and have been taken into consideration in the preparation of the Monthly Schedule.

Labuan and Balikpapan.

8. The basis of calculating the balanced requirements for Labuan and Balikpapan will be in accordance with the schedule attached to the abovementioned memorandum, and will be as follows:-

Labuan:

Holding as at 21 Jul 45:-

Base Depots	12 days for 32,609
Div. Depots	12 " " 17,639
("VARELLA" taken into stock)	
=	19 days for 32,609.

Vessels in transit or allotted to load:-

"CURWOOD"	27 days for 32,609
"J. STEELE"	19 " " "
"CORRIGAN")	
"RIVER CLARENCE")	27 " " "
Being allotted - vessel unknown	20 " " "
Gross receipts to 30 Sep 45	112 " " "
Less Consumption - 22 Jul to 30 Sep	71 " " "
Balance -	41 " " "

Required to ship 30 days for arrival Oct (30 days for 33,000).

Balikpapan:

Holdings as at 18 Jul 45	8 days for 36,500
Vessels in transit or instructed to load:-	
"LUDINGTON")	
"GILBRETH")	27 " " "
"SENGTELLER"	27 " " "
"CORBET")	
"SAN PEDRO")	30 " " "
"WILLIAM H. POINT")	
"CHRISTY MATHEWSON")	25 " " "
Gross receipts to 30 Sep 45	117 " " "
Less Consumption - 19 Jul - 30 Sep	74 " " "
Balance -	43 " " "

Required to ship 30 days for arrival Oct (30 days for 36,500).

9. It is anticipated that vessels will be allotted to load 15 days for each of the above ports to arrive late Sep; the balance of requirements will be allotted during Sep for arrival in Oct.

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Estimated Tonnages.

10. The tonnage measurement of supplies calculated in this memorandum for movement to 1 Aust Corps Areas are as follows:-

	Morotai	Labuan	Balikpapan
Rations - Balanced (excl Biscuits)	-	2,598	2,874
Rations - Balancing	ø 2,193	* 118	* 118
Bread Baking Materials	-	584	646
Cake Baking Materials	-	8	12
Hospital Rations	-	56	56
Expense Stores	134	292	314
Fuel (Coke)	60	166	180.

* Balancing Rations to cover issues to Philanthropic Bodies.

ø Balancing Rations include requirements for issue to Philanthropic Bodies and to "Z" Special Unit.

Refrigerated and Deck Cargoes.

11. Shipments of Refrigerated Cargo will be as requested, and every vessel allotted will load to capacity (maximum freezer), unless otherwise notified by Adv LHQ.

12. Every endeavour will be made by LHQ to procure deck space for fresh potatoes and onions in sufficient quantities to provide 30 days requirements for each of the 1 Aust Corps Areas. Space allotted on each vessel will depend on the number of vehicles and/or small craft to be loaded.

Shipping Schedules.

13. As the form of the Shipping Schedules has been changed since the time when copies were distributed to recipient areas, it is regretted that the schedules in the form desired cannot be forwarded.

14. Because of depletions in staff, it has been found impracticable to type copies for distribution of the schedule which is now in operation, and the Shipping Officer has been required to calculate his requirements on the one pencilled copy. Consequently, it will be appreciated if you prepare your own schedules.

15. In calculating the Reserve and Maintenance commodities, LHQ will be basing requirements for both on Pacific Shipping Scale for whites, the NEI Native Shipping Scale for natives with the exception of the following amendments:-

	Reserves (30 days)	Maintenance (30 days)
Biscuits - Service, for whites	15 days	Nil
Fruit Cake	Nil	20 days
Bacon/Ham T.C.	Nil	30 "
M & V Ration	30 days	20 "
Preserved Meat	30 "	20 "
Sausages - Tinned	30 "	20 "
Potatoes Dehyd.	30 "	20 "
Onions "	30 "	20 "
Wheatgerm	* 30 "	* 30 "
Bread Baking Materials	30 "	30 "
Cake " "	30 "	10 "

* For issue to Hospital Patients only whilst shortage exists on mainland.

Any suggested amendments from time to time concerning the above would be appreciated.

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Special Ration Packs and Sundry Items.

16. As Adv LHQ Administrative Instruction No. 53 of 1 Aug 45 does not mention reserves of Special Ration Packs and Sundry Items, it is requested that LHQ be advised of the Reserve and estimated monthly requirements (if any) by Areas of the following:-

ABL(6) Rations	Nos.
ALC "	"
Chocolate Fortified	"
Emergency A3 Rations	"
ML Rations	"
Operation O2 Rations	"
Cigarettes	"
Cigarette Papers	Pkts
Tobacco Fine Cut	lbs
Matches, Wax Vestas	tins of 150
Cornsacks	Nos.
Solid Fuel	Nos.

When received this information will be included in the LHQ Shipping Schedules.

(R. T. A. McDonald) Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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Appendix 4

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
(Quartermaster-General)

Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE, S.C.1.
10 Aug 45

SM 7254

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WAR DIARIES - PREPARATION AND MAINTENANCE

An officer has recently been appointed to the Military History Section LHQ to ensure that the war diaries and historical records of all S and T appointments and units are maintained and collated to provide adequate material for the use of the War Historian.

From an examination of unit records, it is apparent that many appointments and units are failing to include sufficient information in their diaries, or, in some cases, have failed to submit these documents.

Immediate action will be taken, therefore, by all appointment holders and officers commanding units to ensure that unit records are brought up to date, and that in future, diaries are regularly submitted within the prescribed period.

2. RESPONSIBILITY FOR WAR DIARY MAINTENANCE:

War diaries will be submitted by the following :-

(a) All units shown on the Order of Battle.

(b) DDsST, ADsST, CsASC, DADsST and Captains AASC. (These will be prepared and forwarded separately from any war diary that may be submitted by the HQ with which they are serving).

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(c) Detachments (e.g. "A" Pl 208 Aust Gen Tpt Coy) when detached for duty will maintain separate war diaries which will be forwarded to unit HQ for inclusion as appendices to the war diary of the unit.

3. PREPARATION OF OUTSTANDING RECORDS

In the event of records having not been continually maintained from the inception of the appointment or unit it may not now be practicable for war diaries to be prepared in detail. To cover outstanding periods the officer at present holding the appointment or command will be responsible for the preparation of a concise summary of the history of the appointment or unit. Where necessary he will obtain from his predecessors the information required to enable him to complete this report.

All outstanding records will be completed and forwarded to the Military History Section by 30 Sep 45.

Where applicable, attention will be paid to the following points :-

(a) First formation of the appointment or unit. Name of appointment holder or officer commanding, and subsequent changes.

(b) Basic organization and method of functioning and subsequent changes, alterations to War Establishment or War Equipment Table, organization etc.

(c) First location and subsequent moves. (Give dates, and where necessary provide map references).

(d) Changes in designation and absorption of other appointments or units.

(e) Notes on general activities during the period under review with special reference to problems encountered and measures adopted to meet special conditions.

It should be noted that important matters will not be omitted because of inability to quote exact dates.

The preparation of these reports will not preclude units from maintaining a war diary for the current month.

4. WAR DIARY PREPARATION AND DISPOSAL

The war diary has two main functions - the first to provide detailed information for the use of the War Historian, and the second, to provide data upon which improvements in organization, administration, training, equipping etc. may be based. Diaries are also referred to from time to time for substantiation of claims to pension rights made by ex-members. The best war diary is one which supports a concise summary of day by day events with full appendices amplifying the entries contained in the diary.

Each war diary will cover the period of one calendar month. It will be compiled in duplicate and entered up daily on AF C.2188, each entry being initialled by the officer responsible for its maintenance, and will be signed prior to despatch, by the officer holding the appointment, or commanding the unit.

The original copy of a war diary for the preceding month will be despatched not later than the seventh day of the succeeding month, care being taken that all its appendices are numbered and attached. The duplicate copy clearly marked as such, will be forwarded within a period of two months. Despatch will be by safe hand bag, or registered post. If acknowledgment of receipt by the Military History Section is not received within one month of the date of despatch enquiry will be made.

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The office stamp of the appointment or unit will be impressed on the top left hand corner of each sheet of the diary and its appendices to enable sheets which may become detached to be replaced in the diary to which they belong.

Clearness should not be sacrificed to condensation. One of the principal faults noted in diaries is that events are frequently not followed through to finality; e.g. when mention is made of receipt of instructions from a higher formation there should be some later mention of the steps taken to implement these instructions. The officer compiling the war diary should at all times remember that it may be studied by persons with little knowledge of the functions of the unit and should ensure accordingly that its contents will be clearly understood.

Unit designation will at all times be clearly stated. When code names are used, a key to the code will be included in the diary or its appendices. When mention is made of officers making inspections, attending conferences, moving out on detachment or special work, names and appointments will be stated. Similarly the location of the unit will be fully indicated in the column provided for this purpose. Where the unit is located in an area for which there is no recognised place-name a map reference and the relevant map sheet should be quoted. Such terms as "On Service", "In The Field", "Australia" etc. will not be used. War diaries are secret documents and provision is made to ensure the security of their contents.

5. GENERAL INFORMATION REQUIRED

The following notes should be read in conjunction with instructions for compiling war diaries contained in the "Field Service Regulations" Vol I Sec 174, and "Notes for Specific Appointments and Units" set out in this instruction:-

(a) General activities within the sphere of the appointment or unit, important events, problems encountered and methods adopted to overcome them.

(b) Administrative matters. Planning and action taken to implement instructions from higher authority. Changes in unit organization and WE. Changes in staff, appointments, or unit command. List of units or sub-units under command.

(c) Notes on equipment. Improvisation, modifications, etc.

(d) Training and special courses, fitness for war (in relation to training), schools and courses attended by personnel, and results obtained.

(e) General standard of health within the unit, fitness for war, incidence of diseases. (Where possible include report by RMO or RAP Sgt).

(f) Comments on:- rations and quartering, amenities, activities of philanthrophic bodies, unit welfare organizations, morale etc.

(g) Discipline, security measures and instructions.

(h) Visits of inspection, conferences, reviews by notable persons.

6. NOTES FOR SPECIFIC APPOINTMENTS AND UNITS

DDsST, ADsST, CsASC, Captains AASC

Broad outline of policy
Organization and plans for impending operations
Disposal of AASC units
Changes in AASC Order of Battle.

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List of Pls under command

Aust MAC Pl)
Aust Tpt Pl)
Aust Tk Tpt Pl) Tropical Scale
Aust Tract Amphibious Veh Pl)
Aust Amphibious Veh Increment)

Number of vehicles operating
Number and types of jobs (state name of officer or NCO i/c)
Mileage and POL consumption, performance of vehicles.
(State where non-skid chains are used)
Tonnages moved by class of stores, personnel, etc.
Report on Pl Wksp Secs activities.
Difficulties encountered, delays at loading or unloading points, etc.

Aust Wksp Pl (Tropical Scale)

Layout of shops. Number of jobs completed for month :-

(a) For own unit
(b) For outside units
(c) If for operational necessity the number of jobs beyond 2nd Ech.

Number of jobs evacuated to :-

(a) 3rd Ech
(b) 4th Ech

Spare parts position.

Improvisation and modifications to meet existing conditions (Give full reports).

Grounded vehicles, with reasons for grounding.

Inspections.

Aust Gen Tpt Coy)
Aust Amb Car Coy) Normal Scale
Aust Car Coy)

Coys will forward one diary concerning all activities within their Coys and cover the points mentioned for HQ Aust Gen Tpt Coy (TS), Wksp Pls (TS) and Aust Tpt Pls (TS). Pls of (these) Coys organized on normal scale will not submit separate war diaries. (Except as in para. 2 (c)).

B. P. S.

General layout of installation
Plant and operating equipment
Modifications, improvisions
Reports from plant and Vehicle Maintenance Section
Quantities of Av Gas, and MT Spirit Distillate handled for different forces; i.e. AMF, RAAF, RAN, USA.
Methods for handling supplies from :-

(a) Tanker ships
(b) Tanker barges

To Air Strips by :-

(a) Pipe Lines

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(b) MT Tankers
(c) Rail Tank car
(d) Ships pipe line
(e) MT Tankers
(f) 44 gal drums
(g) Decanting, number of drums by size

POL tanker discharge sheet
Ullage statement
Bulk shipment reports
Fire fighting equipment and precautions
Labour - availability and for what purpose used.
Cleaning and repairing of drums

BIPOD, HQ and Pl

General layout of area
Stock figures :- (a) Target
(b) In
(c) Out, local and forward

Decanting - number of drums per day
Number of gals of petrol salvaged through settling tanks.
Return of empty drums - numbers and conditions
Firefighting equipment and precautions
Labour - availability and employment

Base Supply Depots)
Supply Depot Coys)
Supply Reserve Depots)
Supply Depot Pls)

General layout of Depot
Equipment
Handling of rations (State if rations are handled through transit shed or not). If stored in the open describe system of stacking, type of dunnage and coverage used, and comment on condition of rations by types under existing conditions.
Stocks - Target figures by types of rations
Issues - Nos of balanced rations :-

(a) Local
(b) Forward

Method of forwarding, i.e. Trucks three ton, trucks quarter ton, small ships, air, carriers etc.
Inward shipments - tonnages received, condition of rations, damage to containers, shortages against manifest, comments on methods of packing etc.
Commodities issued in lieu of shortages to balanced ration scale.
Scale of rations.
Return of commodities by units - reasons for
Special tasks e.g. drumming of sugar, repacking of rations
Condemnation of rations, authority for their disposal

Farm Coys and Pls

Layout of farm
Class of country, top and sub soil
Acreage - total, planted, fallow
Rainfall
Watering system - overhead or irrigation
Seed, types, germination and production
Fertilizer, types, results from
Daily pickings by different types of vegetables
Equipment

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Marine Food Supply Pl

Terrain and layout of area; e.g. types of beach, slips (if any) net racks, etc.
Equipment, modifications improvisations, etc.
Daily weather conditions including sea and winds.
Describe recces carried out (state areas)
Quantity of fish caught, by what method, and from what area, if on line comment on different bait.
Disposal of fish caught, cooling arrangements, if any.

HQ Fd Baking Coy
Fd Baking Pl

General layout of site
Water and fuel supply
Daily production
Ingredients used
Hours worked

Aust Port Det

Name of ship
Total tonnage of cargo
Tonnage of AASC cargo by different types e.g. supplies, freezer, POL etc.
State if ship discharging at wharf or midstream
No of holds discharging
Condition of cargo
Availability of MT
If ship discharging midstream availability of beach landing craft etc.

Report on :

Recognition of AASC supplies in ships' holds, wharf or beach.
Liaison between movement control, and S & T HQ, or Supply Depots etc., re clearance of wharfs, beaches, or calling forward cargo for outward shipping.
Freight conducting tours
Include copies of any reports submitted

Aust Air Maint Coy
Aust Air Maint Pl

General layout Depot
Availability of supplies, ammunition, etc.
Availability of labour and hours worked by unit members
List of personnel with man flying hours and number of missions.
Full report on aircraft accidents and full particulars of personnel injured or killed
Number of aircraft operating
Number of missions completed
Number of missions not completed and reasons for same
Attach copies of weekly reports which should cover such items as :

Operations - which should show place, aircraft, landed weight, number of loads, chutes used, weight chuted, weight free-drop.

Poundage of Commodities Dropped by Parachute - by types e.g. Rations, Expense Stores, Ammunition, POL, Medical Stores, Mail etc.

Equipment Item - show by types received, used, on hand.

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Back Loading - state from what locality and give particulars of loads carried.

Availability of Aircraft - by day to day, show allocation to formations etc., aircraft flying, aircraft not flying, etc.

Landed Loads - state particulars of same by commodity poundage for each area.

Ammunition - by types, rounds, if landed or chuted.

Fresh Commodities - by types, state poundage by para, free, or landed.

Recovery Reports - Attach copies of reports received. State percentage of recovery from drops as per reports.

Parachutes - Total number used also state number of storpedoes, and number of each used for various commodities.

Report on number of parachutes which failed during week and reasons for same.

Number of parachutes returned from dropping areas.

Aust Refrig. Plant Op. Pl.

Comments on - Plants inspected
Repairs effected (always state name of engine etc.)
Spare Parts
Fuel
Modifications
Improvisations

Detachments will submit full reports to Pl HQ for inclusion in war diary.

HQ Fd Butchering Coy
Fd Butchering Pl

General layout of site
Water Supply
Number of beasts by types slaughtered daily
Condition of stock on hoof. If off natural or hand feed.
Class of meat
Average dead weight
Quantity of small goods manufactured
Disposal of hides, etc.

7. APPENDICES:

Some of the above information required may be most easily given by attaching copies of reports and documents as appendices to the war diary. Appendices should include in addition :-

(a) Copies for Field Returns 3008 and 9 (for the first Saturday of each month only. On the three subsequent Saturdays of the month the posted strength and any attachments will be noted in the diary).

(b) Routine Orders Part I, Administrative, Technical and Training Instructions, and copies of reports of conferences attended and visits of inspection.

(c) Copies of reports to higher formation

(d) Copies of important messages received and despatched. .../8

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(e) Sketches of installation, layout, areas occupied, etc.

(f) Copies of important documents.

(g) Unit Journals.

The inability to attach a full set of appendices to the duplicate should not preclude the original war diary from being made as complete as possible.

The slightest possibility that any document is of a historical or general interest justifies its preservation in the unit war diary.

8. GENERAL

These notes have been prepared to assist officers responsible for war diary maintenance by providing a guide to the type of information required. Its provisions are flexible but should be adhered to where possible. The Military History Section exists to co-ordinate historical records of the Australian Military Forces and will co-operate with units by providing any additional information required or answering units queries.

for Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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Appendix 5

DDST Adv LHQ

Copy to : DDST First Aust. Army

CONFERENCE - DDsST and ADsST L OF C AREAS AT DST LHQ - 19-24 MAR 45

(Ref Adv. LHQ memo. ST730.037/402 of 29 Jun 45 (To LHQ only)

1. After considering the proposals which have been made for amendment to the WE to a BPS Coy as received from Adv. LHQ, First Aust. Army and originating from LHQ, it is considered that combination of the proposals of each will give the best solution. This has been done, and a revised suggested WE prepared at LHQ is shown in Column 3 of Appendix hereto.

2. To make a comprehensive examination of all these proposals, it was necessary first to define in broad limits the varying conditions under which, from past experience, a BPS Coy might be expected to operate. These were considered to be :-

(a) The operation of a small installation for receipt and supply to air strips of bulk Avgas only. This quantity might be as low as 300,000 gallons per month. A typical example would be Avgas supply to RNZAF at Torokina, which is understood to amount to 500,000 gallons per month.

(b) Operation of a medium size installation with storage for 2 or 3 products with a total output of about 1,000,000 gallons per month, of which 750,000 gallons is re-supplied in bulk and the remaining 250,000 gallons in 44 gallon drum. Labuan would appear to fit this category.

(c) Operation of a large Ocean Terminal for 3 products with total output of about 5,500,000 gallons per month, of which approx. 1,800,000 gallons would be drummed off into 44-gallon drums. Example oftype (c) would be Port Moresby or Milne Bay during their peak periods.

3. Columns 4,5, and 6 of Appendix set out what would be required in the way of personnel to operate each of the above types based upon the existing WE of a BPs Coy, the proposal of Adv. LHQ and the new proposal of LHQ. This table exemplifies the main thought behind the LHQ proposal, namely, the avoidance of extravagant use of Officers and specialised technical manpower.

4. It will be noted that in the newLHQ proposal, the following general principles have been observed :-

(a) Increase of technical manpower on the Platoon Establishment to enable the platoon to be self-sufficient, and operate independently within the scope of its stated maximum commitment. In respect of Officers this pre-supposes that the Lieutenant 2 i/c has a reasonable knowledge of plant and maintenance work.

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(b) The WE of the HQ retains certain specialised personnel, who are needed when the size of the installation involves a considerable amount of maintenance of tankage and pipelines. In the main, these technical personnel are those whose duplication and triplication (if appearing on the Platoon WE) would be wasteful.

(c) The addition of the HQ is made only when it can operate an installation on the spot. It is not felt that it is sound organisation to have a HQ at the Formation HQ exercising an over riding control over a number of platoons operating in widely separated Base Sub Areas where communications are bound to be difficult.

(d) Whilst not exactly parallel, the LHQ proposal in principle, if not in detail, is much more closely allied to the RASC BPS Coy organisation than are of the others suggested.

(e) The inclusion of the Filling Section, to cover conditions where a demand for drum filling exists, is considered to give a degree of flexibility not otherwise possible. The inclusion of this filling section does not interfere with the normal provision of labour as required from time to time.

5. The above is submitted for consideration and review, although it is not proposed that any action should be taken forthwith to effect an amendment to existing WE. It is desired, however, that a definite recommendation, based on practical operations, should be on record for use at a later date.

Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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Appendix 6

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101076 1 Aug 1945.

H.Q.,
Northern Territory Force

Copy to: Secretary, Department of the Navy.
Deputy Director of Supply (Attention Mr. J. Raw)

BULK AUTOMOTIVE DIESEL FUEL SUPPLIES - DARWIN AREA

Ref LHQ 90959 of 10 JUL 45 (para. 6)

Verbal discussions have been held on the question of handing over to the Shell Coy. the operating responsibility for the drum and rail tank car filling of Auto. Diesel Fuel at the Darwin Railway Yards. The Shell Coy. advise that they are willing to undertake this work at a cost to be determined by the Department of Supply and Shipping and the Prices Commissioner, subject to local discussions between your H.Q. and their Installation Manager at Darwin (Mr. F. Thompson) and his advice regarding a suitable operative date, and after due consideration of any additional personnel which may be required.

2. It is understood that prior to the assumption of control by Military authorities in the Darwin area, the Commonwealth Government Railways operated the then existent filling facilities for Naval fuels under special arrangement with RAN. It is desired that you should discuss this matter with RAN, Department of Interior, and Commonwealth Railways representatives at Darwin, so as to ensure that any arrangement which might be entered into with the Shell Coy. will not interfere with any plans that other Commonwealth Government Departments may have in mind for the period immediately following re-introduction of the civil administration in the Darwin area.

3. It would not seem, however, that there would be any logical objections as the Shell Coy. would be operating on behalf of AMF and would not establish any trading connections, which might be counter to the desires of the other interested Commonwealth Government Departments.

4. Under the proposed arrangements the procedure would be for Army to continue to draw from RAN stocks, the accounting methods being exactly the same as at present adopted. Similarly, Army would take delivery of filled drums and filled rail tank cars and carry out all the necessary operations with regard to storage and despatch of filled containers.

5. Advice would be appreciated at the earliest possible date on the above matter, with your recommendations regarding an operative date for the taking over which is suitable to all parties concerned.

(Sgd.) H. G. HANSEN
Lt-Col,
for Major-General,
Quartermaster-General.

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Appendix 1

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
Quartermaster-General

Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE, S.C.1.

In reply
quote - 118/5/447 102562

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DADST 8 Aust Base Sub Area	
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HQ Tas L of C Area	(5)
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1 AASC Trg Bn	(2)
CO 1 Aust Sup Res Dep	(2)
CO 4 Aust DSD	

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LUBRICANTS - OIL C373 MEDIUM AND GREASE WP-4 GRAPHITED

It has been agreed that supply responsibility for the above grades will be resumed by AASC from AAOC. Operative dates will be :-

Oil C373 Medium - 1 Aug 45.

Grease WP-4 Graphited - 1 Sep 45, or such later date as may be determined after provision of information regarding usage rates, to be supplied by MGO Branch.

2. The above action has been taken at the request of MGO Branch, supported by the main user Services, namely, E-in-C and Director of Transportation. Appendix 'A' sets out detailed procedure, estimated usage rates as provided by AAOC, and other relevant information in respect of Oil C373 Medium. Further information of similar nature in respect of Grease WP-4 Graphited will follow.

3. It is requested that DD/ADST L of C Areas confer with DD/ADOS in respect of this matter. MGO memo B54209 "Oil C373 Medium and Grease WP-4 Graphited Section H1" refers.

Ronald W. Donald

Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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APPENDIX 'A'

OIL C373 MEDIUM - DETAILS OF PROCEDURE FOR AASC TAKING OVER SUPPLY RESPONSIBILITIES FROM AAOC

Advices received from MGO Branch indicate that there are no stocks of this grade in Ordnance Depots, and the following action has therefore been taken :-

(a) Forward Areas.

Instructions have been issued under separate cover to DDST Mainland and NSW to purchase sufficient quantities to meet 60 days' requirements (based on MGO Estimates), and these will be forwarded by first available shipping opportunity to the respective areas.

Supplies will be in 44 gallon drums, and repack to 4 gallon drums will be made, as required, by AIPOD. Procedure will be similar to that already adopted in respect of other MT Lubricating Oil

Instructions concerning branding procedure will be forwarded at a later date, together with new stencils. In the meantime, stencils will be cut locally by AIPOD using the standard size lettering and the words "OIL C373 MED".

(b) For Mainland L of C Areas.

Mainland L of C Areas are authorized to purchase 60 days' initial stocks for local requirements. Purchases will be made in accordance with prices and conditions advised in Addendum No. 4 to Circular No. C.155/70433 "Supply of Lubricating Oils - Department of the Navy".

Packs will bear the present Navy branding (subject to inclusion as the main brand "Oil C373 Medium" and the usual Army symbols for supplying Company and port of shipment), but arrangements are being made to bring such brands into line with Army procedure, and where necessary, stencils will be supplied for such purpose.

2. This Lubricating Oil is required mainly by C-in-C and Director of Transportation for the lubrication of Diesel driven power plants in shore based installations and on water craft. Generally, it replaced OE-30 only when stream lined filters are incorporated in the equipment. There are, however, other special circumstances in which its use is authorised. These have been covered fully in MGO Equipment Instructions which have been issued separately.

3. Monthly usage rates as provided by MGO Branch are appended :-

L of C Area	Monthly Usage Rate
Vic	100 gallons
NSW	100 gallons
Qld	250 gallons
NT	100 gallons
WA	50 gallons
SA	50 gallons
Sub Area	
1	500 gallons
3	500 gallons
4	500 gallons
5	500 gallons
6	500 gallons
7	500 gallons
8	500 gallons
Lae Base	850 gallons
	500 gallons

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4. After purchase of initial stock, replenishment will be made in accordance with forward 30 days' estimates. It is desired that Base Sub Areas and L of C Areas provide this HQ with an estimated forward 30 days' requirements as at the nearest Saturday to 31 Aug 45. This will be repeated monthly until further notice. Should any special demands arise between monthly statements of forward requirements, these will be advised by separate signal or memo, depending upon the urgency.

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(118/5/447) 3 Aug 1945.

M.G.O.

OIL C373 MEDIUM AND GREASE WP-4 GRAPHITED :
SUGGESTED TRANSFER OF STOCKS FROM AAOC TO AASC

Reference: M.G.O. memo B48312 of 4 Jul 45, and
memo B53489 of 25 Jul 45

1. It is agreed that AASC will take over the supply responsibility for the above two products.

2. In accordance with your memo B53489, action is being taken to instruct mainland L of C Areas to immediately procure 60 days' supply for local requirements, and to procure and ship at earliest opportunity 60 days' requirements to forward Base Sub Areas. This action is based on verbal advices that there are no stocks of this particular grade in Ordnance Depots at the present time.

3. It is noted that previous procurement action taken on Oil C373 Medium by M.G.O. Branch has now been cancelled.

4. With regard to Grease WP-4 Graphited, it is noted from your B54209 to COOs BODs and AODs that the tentative date fixed for transfer of supply responsibility to AASC is 1 Sep 45. It will not be possible for A.A.S.C. to take over on that date unless full information concerning the present monthly rates of usage, and stocks held at BODs and AODs, is provided at least 7 days before that date.

5. Action is being taken by this Branch to amend GRO Q149.

Major-General,
Quartermaster-General.

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DDST, NT Force

Copy to: DSS, RAAF (Attention Wing Commander Lynas)

SUPPLY OF AVGAS TO RAAF - REFUELLING ARRANGEMENTS AT 55 OBU

Copy of RAAF NW Area memo 2651/1E of 28 Jul 45 is attached. Your recommendations concerning the proposal in para 4 would be appreciated urgently.

2. In providing the above information, please state the number of POL personnel which will be required to permanently man the rail head terminal at Gorrie, and whether, in your opinion, it would not be more economical in Army manpower to continue 44-gallon drum supply to Gorrie using Army MT for such delivery.

3. In connection with the above, it is also desired that investigation should be made of the possibility of RAAF continuing to undertake the commitment before recommendation is made that Army should undertake new commitments of any substance which necessitate the revision of technical manpower in the Northern Territory for this particular purpose.

Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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DDST Qld L of C Area
CASC 5 Aust. Div.

FLAME THROWERS FOR TRAINING - 1 AUST PARA BN

DSD has advised that six M2-2 Flame Throwers are to be issued to 1 Aust Para Bn and requested that the necessary action be taken re supply of Geletrol.

2. Supplies of Geletrol in 2-lb tins will be forwarded to DDST Qld L of C Area as soon as available It is anticipated that they will arrive in Brisbane in approximately 3 weeks time.

3. Although not intended for use with manpack Flame Throwers, stocks of 20-lb drums held in Brisbane may be issued to meet initial requirements if the 2-lb tins do not arrive in time.

Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.
20 Aug 45

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DDST First Aust Army

Copy to: Q1(c) LHQ
ADST Lae Base Sub Area
(Per DDST First Aust Army)
"Q" Maintenance, First Aust Army

P.O.L. MAINTENANCE - LAE
Ref First Aust Army AST/3991 of 9 Aug 45

The increase of the loading of the "River Murrumbidgee" was made at the direction of Q1(c), who found it necessary to obtain a quantity of POL for bottom loading for this vessel to enable the despatch of approximately 6,000 tons of the 8th Mechanical Equipment Coy. vehicles and other technical stores. No other bottom loading was at that time available, and inability to supply POL as requested, would have meant cancellation of the ship and consequently inability of LHQ to meet what was then considered a most urgent requirement.

2. The actual shipment was balanced September maintenance and was based on table attached to your AST/3638 of 14 Jul. which as you state included details of what it was proposed to take over from US QM Base E. The loading was balanced to give Lae Base Sub Area 150 days visible supply at 1 Aug 45 or 90 days actual stock at 30 Sep. It was in effect September maintenance on the basis of provisioning that has been used in the past, with the full concurrence of "Q" Branch LHQ, and without previous comment from you. Attention is again invited to the fact that the consumption rates were the latest available at this HQ from you and that table attached to your AST/3991 shows certain minor amendments, but apparently does not make any provision forthe 8th Mechanical Equipment Coy. as advised in SM. 7075.

3. Advice has now been received per Q1(c) that other stores have become available for bottom stowage and in consequence, POL shipments have been reduced to 725 tons (M).

Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

20 Aug 45

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Appendix 12

(118/2/1017) 22 Aug 1945.

General Manager,
Pool Petroleum Pty. Ltd.,
90 William Street,
MELBOURNE. C.1.

Dear Sir,

Bulk M.T. 80 Petrol Stocks - Army Reserve Storage

Further to this Headquarters' memo. 103498 of 6th August, decision has now been secured that the last remaining Army reserve of M.T. 80 petrol held at Toowoomba, Queensland, to the extent of approximately 750,000 gallons will no longer be maintained.

Request is accordingly made that in conformity with standard arrangements which apply to such movements, these stocks should be purchased by your Company and not replaced.

DDST Queensland L of C Area has been advised of action pending and will in due course open negotiations on the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

Copies to: Deputy Director of Supply
HQ Qld L of C Area
DDST Qld L of C Area.

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Appendix 13

(118/2/1012) 109818 22 Aug 1945.

General Manager,
Pool Petroleum Pty. Ltd.,
90 William Street,
MELBOURNE. C.1.

Dear Sir,

Reserve Stocks P.O.L. - M.T. 80 Petrol -
11 L of C Sub Area

It will be recalled that prior to the handing over of "A" Depots at Alice Springs on 1st April 1945, agreement was reached that you would maintain account Army a reserve of approximately 50,000 gallons carried in No. 7 tank at No. 24 I.A.F.D., Alice Springs.

Because of the changed nature of operations in this Sub-Area, it has now been decided to abolish this reserve by sale to your Company on the understanding that your own holdings of M.T. 80 petrol at "A" Depots in Alice Springs will not at any time fall below 14,000 gallons.

It is considered that a minimum holding of 14,000 gallons would provide coverage for Army operations until such time as replenishment stocks could be brought forward from Port Pirie ocean terminal.

Yours faithfully,

Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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Appendix 14

110615 23 Aug 1945.

MEMORANDUM for:-

Deputy Director of Supply

RETURN OF 44-GALLON HEAVY DRUMS TO INDUSTRY

It will be recalled that in the early days of the Pacific War, Department of Army took over from Industry a large proportion of their total holdings of heavy galvanised steel drums.

2. The position at the end of June 1945 was that there was an outstanding balance on current supply of approx. 384,000 drums.

3. The majority of the packages taken over were originally of 14 gauge metal and consisted primarily of two types -

(a) Standard 14 gauge heavy galvanised drum fitted with chimb angle and with swedged rolling hoops.

(b) 14 gauge heavy drums fitted with H bar rolling hoops. These latter packages also carried chimb angle fitment.

4. It is understood from advices given by Pool Petroleum Pty. Ltd. that Industry are now anxious to -

(a) secure the return of a portion of these drums from now on;

(b) secure advice as to probable returns over 1946.

5. There is little question but that there will be eventually available a sufficient number of heavy drums to return in full the borrowings from Industry but the following probable difficulties arise.

6. Due to the emergency attached to drum supply over varying phases of the Pacific War, it was necessary for Army to embark upon the manufacture of drums other than the standard 14 gauge type. These latter comprised 16 gauge galvanised chimb angle drums with swedged hoops, 16 gauge black iron chimb angle drums with swedged hoops, as well as a proportion of the standard 14 gauge drums.

7. Due to continued service, Army's drum holdings suffered deterioration and various types of repair had to be undertaken to keep packages in serviceable condition. Such repairs comprised:-

(a) Repair by welding periphy of drums either top or bottom which involved the removal of the chimb angle.

(b) The repair of side seams by spot welding and occasional spot welds on drum bilges.

(c) The removal of rolling hoops.

8. Drums originally taken over from Industry were taken over at a fixed value of 27/6d. each and the agreement required that packages of equivalent value should be returned or compensation paid.

The Engineers' Sub-Committee of the Army Oil Advisory Committee were approached and asked whether repaired packages and packages other than 14 gauge were acceptable for return as equivalents of the 14 gauge drum. They have replied advising that Industry would not consider these packages as equivalents. It is therefore necessary now that a proportionate value should

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be determined for packages that have suffered repair and are of different gauge and it is requested that, after consideration and discussion with Pool Petroleum Pty. Ltd., you should advise, with copy to Engineers' Sub-Committee of Army Oil Advisory Committee, your ideas of proportionate values for the following types of containers:-

(i) 16 gauge G.I. steel drums fitted with angle chimbs and with swedged rolling hoops;

(ii) 16 gauge black iron drums as above;

(iii) 14 gauge galvanised iron steel drums with angle chimbs and with H bar rolling hoops.

(iv) drums of all types above that have been -

(a) top and/or bottom seam welded, i.e., the complete circumferential weld and angle chimbs removed.

(b) side seam or bilge spot welded.

When agreement can be reached as to the proportionate value of drums of this type, it will be possible to arrange satisfactory adjustment when such packages are returned to Industry in part satisfaction of f.a.q. 14 gauge drums earlier taken over by Army.

It is requested that all negotiations in this matter should be conducted between your Department and Pool Petroleum Pty. Ltd. as representative of Member Oil Companies.

Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

Copies to:-

Mr. W. H. Tucker, Assistant Secretary, Dept. of Supply & Shipping.
Chairman, Engineers' Sub-Committee, Army Oil Advisory Committee, 163 William Street, Melbourne.
General Manager, Pool Petroleum Pty. Ltd., 90 William Street, Melbourne.

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Appendix 15

(118/1/1152) 111128 24 Aug 1945.

Operations Manager,
Pool Petroleum Pty. Ltd.,
90 William Street,
MELBOURNE. C.1.

Dear Sir,

Alice Springs Depot - Operation of V.R.P. for Automotive Diesel Fuel by Industry

Reference is made to memo 102905 of 3 Aug 45, addressed to DDST Northern Territory Force, copy of which was forwarded to you.

2. It is considered that as it cannot be established that the Stuart Highway will be kept open for Army traffic indefinitely, the expense of installing electric meter pumps to meet your requirements is not warranted.

3. Considering further the irregularity of hours during which vehicles operating over this route may need to be refuelled, it is felt that no justification exists for further action and that the operation of the V.R.P. should continue to remain in the hands of Department of Army.

4. In view of this, it is requested that you should not further develop this subject.

Yours faithfully,

Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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Appendix 16

25/8/45

H.Q.,
Northern Territory Force

Copy to: DDST, NT Force

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P.O.L. RESERVES : NORTHERN TERRITORY

Ref. NTF STP 13/3/668 of 3 Aug 45

Attached to the above was copy of STP 13/3/653 of 31 Jul 45 addressed to AQMG Northern Territory Force. Subsequent to ending of hostilities verbal discussions per telephone have been held between DST LHQ and DDST Northern Territory Force, on this subject.

2. In view of the existing circumstances, it is considered that reserves of 44-gallon drums now held in No.14 L of C Sub-Area should be disposed of at the earliest possible date, only sufficient being retained to provide a 60 day level at 31 Dec for military or other usage supplied ex Army sources, in 44-gln. drums.

3. It is understood from DDST Northern Territory Force that existing drum stocks (781,652 gallons) can be disposed of through local consumption in a period of four to five months.

4. Unless therefore there are some reasons of which this HQ is not aware which might dictate some amendment to the above proposals, it is requested that instructions be issued to DDST to commence disposal of 44-gallon drum stocks in line with the above. Drums as emptied, will be returned to the empty drum sorting area at Darwin and there will be processed ready for return to east coast ports or to Industry for use in the Northern Territory area in accordance with circumstances that are then existing.

5. As you are aware, a bulk shipment of 800,000 glns. of M.T. petrol 80, direct from overseas to arrive at Darwin mid-October, was proposed. The Aviation Gasoline stock position may warrant continuation of this shipment, but if so, to prevent unnecessary accumulations of bulk stocks of M.T. 80 which cannot be readily turned over in the Territory, arrangements will be made for the M.T. petrol cargo to be on-carried for discharge at east coast ports.

Major-General,
Quartermaster-General.

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MEMORANDUM for:

Deputy Director of Supply

44-GALLON 16 GAUGE GALVANISED STEEL DRUMS

In view of the recent developments in the Pacific, a review has been conducted of probable future Army requirements of the above packages and as a result of this review, it is requested that the following action should be taken.

Authority Requisition 4877 for 130,000 x 44-gallon 16 gauge chimbed galvanised drums - Rheem Coy's Sydney Factory

It is understood that the current position is that a balance of approximately 77,000 drums is still to be delivered on this A/R.

Delivery to date account Army has been at the rate of approximately 30,000 drums weekly.

It is requested that the undelivered portion on this A/R should be cancelled and an Addendum to the A/R issued to provide for deliveries account Army at the rate of 2,500 drums weekly until 31st December 1945 only.

Authority Requisition 4876 for 57,000 x 44-gallon 16 gauge chimbed galvanised drums - Brisbane Plant

It is understood that the current position is that a balance of approx. 36,000 drums remains to be delivered. It is requested that the undelivered portion of this A/R should be cancelled. No Addenda need be submitted, since Army requirements are covered by Sydney outturn.

2. It is advised that if the Brisbane Factory, however, has on hand any drum heads embossed D D, Army is willing to accept made-up packages to absorb these heads.

Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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(118/3/464) 112561 28 Aug 1945.

DDST, NT Force

DARWIN OCEAN TERMINAL - HANDOVER TO INDUSTRY

Advice has been received from Deputy Director of Supply that the Commonwealth Prices Commissioner has submitted the following information in connection with the purchase of Commonwealth-owned Motor Spirit stocks by Industry at Darwin:-

"Re-purchase by Oil Companies of any existing stocks at Darwin owned by Government will be on basis of basic import cost plus ½d. per gallon for imports from Australian East Coast Ports and basic import cost for direct overseas imports.

If stocks in tanks are mixture from the two sources, the exhaustion principle will apply, the last shipment received being regarded as the newest stock.

On the above basis the present re-purchase prices for Motor Spirit will be 9.65d. per gallon for East Coast shipments, and 9.15d. for direct overseas imports."

Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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MEMORANDUM for:-

The Director,
Division of Import Procurement,
52 William Street,
SYDNEY. N.S.W. (Attention Mr. L. J. Arnott)

DARWIN OCEAN TERMINAL - HANDOVER TO INDUSTRY

Reference is made to this Headquarters memorandum 95540 of 19 Jul 45.

2. Information has now been received from Headquarters, Northern Territory Force, that no harbour dues are chargeable at Darwin port at the present time. It is presumed, however, that when the civil administration returns the normal harbour dues will be demanded.

3. This information is brought to your attention in case you consider that some adjustment to the overall profit margins enjoyed by the Oil Industry is necessary. No doubt you will discuss this matter with the Prices Commissioner and advise.

Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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POL SUPPLY INCLUDING AV GAS - TIMOR AND NEW GUINEA THEATRES - POST WAR RESPONSIBILITIES

D. S. T.

.... Attached is copy of the cablegram from High Commissioner's Office, London, to Sir Frederick Shedden, asking for estimates of tanker requirements, as well as other shipping, under the immediate post war conditions.

2. The following comments are offered after review of information provided to DQMG II on Saturday, 25 Aug 45:-

Total Requirements

New Guinea Area	-	MT80	- 1,245,000 gallons
		ADF	- 607,000 gallons
		Avgas	- 1,742,000 gallons.
Timor Area	-	MT80	- 1,085,000 gallons
		ADF	- 620,000 gallons
		Avgas	- 908,000 gallons.

Note: The above includes provision for RNZAF in Norsols and at Jacquinot Bay.

3. On the above basis the following is suggested as a basis for tanker requirements, which it will be noted line up fairly closely with figures provided to you:-

(a) Overseas Supply.

Total Requirements.

Present consumption - 6,120,000 gallons per month.
Turn round time of tankers fron present sources of supply (mainly American Continent) - 60 days average.

Therefore 3 x 4,000,000 gallon tankers required to take over the responsibility.

As it has been assumed that usage rates in these areas reduce to two-thirds of the war rate of usage, 2 overseas tankers should meet the requirements.

(b) 'Y' Type Tankers.

Assuming 60% of all deliveries are re-supplied in bulk, total requirements would be approximately 3,600,000 gallons per month.

Assuming average 10 days turn round, and 'Y' type tankers of 220,000 gallons capacity, 8 'Y' type tankers (plus a total of 33-1/3% to albw for repair, emergency, etc.) would be required.

This could be equally well met by 2 AOG tankers of 500,000 gallon capacity and 3 'Y' type tankers.

4. This matter will be further discussed with Colonel Easterbrook and Lt-Col Mitchell as soon as possible after my arrival. Any amendments or alterations arising from the availability of more specific information will be signalled to you.

29 Aug 45.

Lt.-Col.
A.D.S. (P.O.L.)

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Appendix 20 A

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(325/45/590) 113717 30 Aug 1945.

ADST, SA L of C Area

COMMONWEALTH OWNED RAIL TANK CARS - MAINTENANCE

It is understood that recently, in conformity with the requirements of A.N.Z.R. Specification, S.A. Railways effected pressure tests on vents fitted to Commonwealth owned rail tank cars. It is further understood that this debit is being levied against the then operating Company - Shell Coy. of Aust Ltd.

2. Since this is a statutory charge it should correctly be borne by the owner of the tank car shells or in this case by Department of Army. It is requested therefore that you should arrange for the charge to be redebited to ADST SA L of C Area, certified on receipt and paid in the usual fashion.

3. Were Shell Coy. or any other Company to accept the debit, it would merely be then a matter of at once redebiting Department of Army and this appears to be an unnecessary cumbersome way of doing the job.

4. Any future charges of this type can also be accepted by ADST SA L of C Area, certified, and paid in the L of C Area.

Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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Appendix 20 B

30 Aug 1945.

(118/4/2021)

MEMORANDUM for :

The Secretary,
Commonwealth Disposals Commission,
125 Swanston Street,
Melbourne. C.1.

SURPLUS STORES : DRUM PLUGS AND WASHERS FOR P.O.L. CONTAINERS

Consequent upon the cessation of hostilities in the Pacific, a review has been made of Army holdings of drum plugs and drum washers of all types for 4 and 44-gallon drums with a view to determining the extent, if any, by which stocks on hand and stocks on order exceed estimates of future requirements.

2. As a result of this review, certain unfulfilled contracts have been cancelled and it has been further determined that stocks today held by the Department of Army in certain categories are considerably in excess of any probable future use.

3. With a view to realizing on these assets, it is requested that you should undertake custody and disposal of the items shown on the attachment.

4. While the figures quoted do not constitute the whole of the possible excess, these are the only quantities which today can safely be disposed of.

5. The position will be further reviewed on December 31st, 1945, and if further surpluses appear to exist, they will be submitted to you similarly to the above.

6. The types of drum plugs and washers listed are those commonly in use by the Oil Industry throughout Australia and it is felt that approach to Pool Petroleum Pty. Ltd. on behalf of the Member Companies should elicit interest and probably result in quick sale of these surpluses.

7. Indication is given on the attachment of present day manufacturers of the various types of accessories to facilitate determination of a reasonable resale price.

8. The majority of these surplus holdings are carried in the custody of Army Unit - NSW L of C Area BIPOD - and are available for inspection there.

9. Samples can be drawn from these stocks at your request and provided for the examination of probable buyers in any other designated States.

(F.R. Sinclair)
Secretary

Copy to: Deputy Director of Supply

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31 Aug 1945

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DDST, Qld L of C Area

Copy to: DADST, No. 1 L of C Sub-Area
DADST, No.17 L of C Sub-Area

QLD L of C AREA BIPODs - REVIEW AND REORGANIZATION - No. 1 BIPOD

Reference Signal ST.1410 of 30 Aug 45 advising that due to the almost complete elimination of Army demand for P.O.L. on Atherton Tableland, no hindrance now exists to the resumption by Industry of operations at Atherton Depot and distribution of both civil and Army requirements within the area.

2. On receipt of your signal this matter was discussed with Operations Manager, Pool Petroleum Pty. Ltd., who will at once develop this matter with the Operative Company to be - Shell Coy. of Aust. Ltd. - and it is expected that an early resumption of distribution functions by Industry should take place.

3. This Headquarters has asked Head Office, Pool Petroleum, to immediately contact Branch Management, Brisbane, who will relay instructions and directions to the Management at Townsville/Cairns so that negotiations may be facilitated with DDST Qld L of C Area and BADsST Nos. 1 and 17 L of C Sub-Areas.

4. Attached is copy of letter this day mailed to Pool Petroleum as a result of verbal discussion with their Operations Manager.

5. Referring now to the extent of balanced P.O.L. holdings which in future it will be necessary to maintain in the custody of No. 1 Qld BIPOD at Cairns/Townsville, it is advised that balanced P.O.L. holdings can be reduced to an extent to cover only a reserve of 30 days local requirements within the Area and that no regard need be paid to the possibility of off-shore shipments from either of these two ports. RAAF reserves are, for the moment, to be maintained to the authorised extent.

6. An appreciable reduction in balanced POL reserves a/c Department of Army should facilitate reduction of unit strengths to the degree directed by "A" Branch instructions which will shortly reach you and should further facilitie the probable complete elimination of the Cairns/Townsville detachments in the near future particularly if and when agreement is reached with RAAR as may be the case that Army can no longer maintain holdings of Av Gas or move off-shore commitments a/c RAAF from these ports.

7. This matter is under discussion and developments should shortly take place.

Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
(Quartermaster-General)

In Reply
Quote: (264/6/103) SM.7132

Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne. S.C.1.

7 Aug 45.

DDST, Adv LHQ	(10)	Inspector of Supplies Adv LHQ	(6)
" First Aust Army	(30)	Snr Insp of Sups First Aust Army	(6)
" 1 Aust Corps	(6)	" " " " 1 Aust Corps	(6)
" 2 " "	(6)	" " " " 2 " "	(6)
" NT Force	(6)	" " " " NT Force	(6)
" Qld L of C Area	(6)	" " " " Qld L of C Area	(6)
" NSW "	(6)	" " " " NSW "	(6)
" Vic "	(6)	" " " " Vic "	(6)
ADST, Western Command	(4)	" " " " Western Command	(4)
" SA L of C Area	(2)	" " " " SA L of C Area	(2)
DADST, Fwd Ech LHQ	(2)	" " " " Tas L of C Area	(2)
" Second Aust Army	(2)		
" 7 Aust Base Sub Area		Copies to:	
" 8 Aust Base Sub Area		RMC	
S & T Services, HQ Tas L of C Area		SS (Aust)	
CASC, 5 Aust Div	(4)	LHQ Tactical School	
CO, 1 Aust Sup Res Dep, Helena St, Lilyfield, NSW		LHQ Tactical School ("C" Wing)	
CO, 2 Aust Sup Res Dep		OCTU	
LHQ AASC School		Copies for information to:	
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		DQMG I	
		Col Ql	
		AQMG 1(a)	
		AQMG (L)	
		CFO	(3)
		Chief Auditor, Defence & Supply	(16)
		D of O (AG 5)	
		CAC	
		SD1 (Liaison)	(3)
		RAAF/DST LO	
		DST Circulation	
		War Diary	(3)
		File	

SUPPLY OF EGGS FRESH

On no account should cases of eggs be placed on their sides, particularly during transport.

2. The reasons for this are:-

(a) All packing material is designed for the carriage of eggs in the upright position;

(b) Even if packing material were suitable for the carriage of eggs other than in an upright position, the internal structure of the egg itself is such that it can be easily broken down if eggs are carried with their long axes in the horizontal position;

(c) The structure of the egg shell is such that eggs are more liable to breakage if carried on their sides than in an upright position.

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3. Considerable losses have been incurred due to the breakage of fresh eggs during transport and handling, and the placing of cases of eggs on their sides is considered to have contributed largely to this and the utmost care must be exercised to obviate any such preventable occurrence.

4. Cases must be labelled -

"FRAGILE

THIS SIDE UP WITH CARE"

(R.T.A. McDonald) Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
(Quartermaster-General)

In Reply
Quote: 106389

Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne. S.C.1.
11 Aug 45.

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DDST Adv LHQ	(6)
DDST First Aust Army	(20)
DDST 1 Aust Corps	(20)
DDST 2 Aust Corps	(5)
DDST NT Force	(10)
DDST Qld L of C Area	(15)
DDST NSW L of C Area	(25)
DDST Vic L of C Area	(15)
ADST Western Command	(12)
ADST S A L of C Area	(10)
CASC 5 Aust Div	(5)
DADST Second Aust Army	(3)
DADST Lae Base Sub-Area	
DADST Aust Area Comd Madang	
DADST 3 Aust Base Sub-Area	
DADST 4 Aust Base Sub-Area	
DADST 5 Aust Base Sub-Area	
DADST 6 Aust Base Sub-Area	
DADST 7 Aust Base Sub-Area	
DADST 8 Aust Base Sub-Area	
S & T Services, HQ Tas L of C Area	(5)
LHQ AASC School	(4)
First Aust Army AASC School	(4)
1 AASC Trg Bn	(2)
CO 1 Aust Sup Res Dep	(2)
CO 4 Aust BSD	
Senior Inspector of Supplies, Adv LHQ	(1)
" " " " First Aust Army	(6)
" " " " 1 Aust Corps	(1)
" " " " NT Force	(3)
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STORAGE (NON REFRIGERATED) AND TRANSPORT OF FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

It is appreciated that the difficulties of provision and transport of fresh vegetables, fruit and eggs to forward areas are considerable, and that the very good work achieved in the past will have provided valuable experience and guide for the future. However, for the information and guidance of purchasing and shipping personnel in the various exporting L of C Areas, it is desired to record certain recommendations. These rules may have to be modified by local circumstances and availability of sufficient produce for the particular vessels involved, but take into account production of Army Farms AASC.

2. Army Farm AASC organizations are now operating:-

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(a) Lae Base Sub-Area. - Regular production is exceeding 5,000 and may approach 10,000 daily rations of fresh assorted vegetables. The chief vegetables are tomatoes, cucumbers, radish, silver-beet, beans, pumpkins, sweet potatoes, chokos, chinese cabbage with small amounts of cabbage and lettuce. Three hundred lbs daily of fresh fruits (bananas, papaws and pineapples) are also being produced and later in the year this quantity should be trebled.

(b) 3, 4 and 5 Aust Base Sub Areas and Madang. - Vegetable production from each of these areas should, in the future, average 1,500 daily rations, chiefly tomatoes, cucumbers, radish, beans, silverbeet, chinese cabbage, pumpkins and sweet potatoes. This production will vary in each area according to climatic conditions, but may be taken as a general guide.

3. Sufficient refrigeration is available at each of the main ports for normal discharges from each vessel of meat, butter and eggs, leaving limited cooler accommodation for vegetables and fruits. This means that these commodities generally have to be issued soon after discharge. Under these circumstances the endeavour should be to forward as deck cargo the maximum quantity of vegetables that can be transported satisfactorily in this manner. In the absence of cooler space at destination, vegetables forwarded as part of refrigerated cargo should not be greater than the quantity which can be issued for consumption before deterioration sets in. This is a general principle only and applicable where no cooler space is available.

4. The previous allocation of refrigerated space as 10% eggs, 70% vegetables and 20% fruits may be varied according to availability of supplies, but should conform approximately to 10% eggs, 45% vegetables and 45% fruits.

5. The most suitable vegetables to forward as deck cargo are:-

(a) English potatoes and onions to full entitlements forwarded in crates. These vegetables carry very well and are popular with the troops. Only sound matured types free from disease and mechanical injury should be included. A free circulation of air is essential and, where a tarpaulin or other cover is necessary, it should be so adjusted that it does not restrict this circulation of air. This aspect is stressed and needs close attention by all personnel responsible for stowage;

(b) Carrots, unwashed, forwarded in similar conditions to potatoes and onions. Similarly, unwashed winter swedes and parsnips, but in smaller quantities, should be successful and give a variation to the menu;

(c) Where all deck cargo space cannot be utilized by the above commodities, sound hard pumpkins such as Queensland Blue, in crates, should be included for all ports except LAE, where farm production is ample and may even permit of occasional local export to other nearby Base Sub Areas;

(d) Recent consignments of apples as deck cargo have been successful and this avenue of delivery should be further developed, but a close scrutiny must be maintained on reports concerning condition on arrival. Sound hard carrying types such as Granny Smith, Jonathan, Cleopatra, Sturmer, etc., are preferred.

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(e) Sweet potatoes and chokos, which are being grown locally in sufficient quantities, are NOT required.

6. The most practical items to forward as refrigerated cargo are:-

(a) Tomatoes (in season) forwarded in cases. Tomatoes on despatch should be firm, well packed and just commencing to colour. Well ventilated firm cases are preferred and wiring, while secure, should not be too tight;

(b) Cabbage of fresh sound hard types packed in crates. Generally speaking, cabbage consignments were not successful in the early years, but several recent small selected cargoes permitting of immediate issue have been most satisfactory.

(c) Cauliflowers. - Recent small consignments of cauliflowers in crates have been successful and should be continued provided there is not undue bulk or waste due to leafage and stalk;

(d) Beetroot has not carried well in recent consignments and should be forwarded only in very limited quantities;

(e) Carrots unwashed also carry well in chiller, but attention is drawn to the suggestion re forwarding as deck cargo;

(f) Fruits. -

(i) Citrus of all kinds (oranges preferred) and apples of good sound carrying types according to season. These fruits are welcome and maximum entitlements are required.

(ii) From Brisbane small quantities of slightly coloured pineapples may be forwarded successfully packed in straw.

(iii) Small quantity of good carrying type pears would also be practical for immediate distribution or hospital use. Generally speaking in the past pears have not been successful.

(iv) The possibility of small trial lots of fruits such as grapes (in season) being forwarded packed in granulated cork such as is being done by the US Forces appears worthy of small experiment.

7. The above vegetables and fruits are the only ones that should be considered for delivery at present to New Guinea Areas.

(R.T.A. McDonald) Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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(264/8/155) 109112 21 Aug 1945.

DDST NSW L of C Area
CO 1 Aust Sup Res Dep, Sydney

HOSPITAL SUPPLIES - SPECIAL RESERVE
Ref NSW L of C Area memo 216666 of 11 Aug 45

It is requested that action as follows be taken in respect of above Special Reserve:-

(a) Equivalent will be shipped if primary item is deficient.

(b) If equivalents and primary commodities are both deficient, the items required will be purchased locally (NIC).

(c) Short shipments will be made of Wheatgerm and Cream Tinned if stocks are not available.

(R. T. A. McDonald) Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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LANDFORCES

MILBASE SYDNEY

ST 65379 SECRET (.) Confirming telephone conversation 21 AUG (.) FIRST (.) Load DUNTROON for SINGAPORE 10 days 1500 PACIFIC rations excluding biscuits 10 days 5500 hospital rations 30 days 1500 and 5 days 5500 bread baking material 30 days 1500 cake baking material 30 days 1500 and 5 days 5500 expense stores (.) 15000 ABL(6) rations or 2500 tins 600 operation 02 and 1500 emergency A3 (.) Cigarettes 1,050,000 Nos tobacco FC 1750 lbs cigarette papers 28,000 pkts matches 7000 tins (.) Coke 5800 lbs deck vegetables 50 tons (meas) (.) Load all available reefer space to capacity with hospital meats (.) SECOND (.) MURRUMBIDGEE 20 days 1500 and 20 days 5500 hospital rations 25 days 5500 bread baking materials 30 days 5500 cake baking material (.) 25 days 5500 expense stores (.) 55,000 ABL(6) rations (.) Coke 23,200 lbs (.) Deck vegetables 200 tons (M) (.) Reefer space to capacity (.) THIRD (.) Prepare to load 30 days 1500 PACIFIC Rations excluding biscuits 30 days 5500 hospital rations plus 30 days 7000 bread and cake baking material expense stores and coke (.) Also freezer to capacity including hospital meats.

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(264/11/723) 22 Aug 1945.

MEMORANDUM for:-

Deputy Controller General of Food,
Department of Commerce and Agriculture,
Reliance House,
301 Flinders Lane,
MELBOURNE. C.1.

PROCESSED MILK

Your memo M.45678 of 8 Aug 45 refers.

2. The quantity of Processed Milk required by Department of Army for 6 months ending 31 Dec 45 is 13,000,000 lbs.

3. As large a quantity as possible is required as Unsweetened Condensed Milk and 1,000,000 lbs. will be accepted as Dried Full Cream Powder.

4. Sweetened Condensed Milk will be accepted if insufficient quantity of Unsweetened is available.

(F. R. Sinclair)
Secretary.

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TRANSFER OF STORES, ETC. ON PAYMENT TO RNI FORCES

DQMG I

C.F.O.

In accordance with authority contained in CGS Minute of 27 Aug 45, arrangements are being made for the transfer of the following commodities to Royal Netherlands Navy.

(a) From Vic L of C Stocks.

Meat Pres.	800,000 lbs
M & V Ration	50,000 "
Salt	10,000 "

(b) From Western Command Stocks.

Dried Fruit Tree	150,000 lbs
Dried Fruit Vine	150,000 "
Fruit Pres.	70,000 "
Milk Cond. Swtnd.	100,000 "
Milk Dried F/C	120,000 "
Golden Syrup	10,000 "
Jam	50,000 "
Tomato Juice	100,000 pints

2. RNI Forces are being advised of other local surpluses of foodstuffs which are available for transfer if required. If these surpluses are not transferred, action will be taken to arrange disposal through Commonwealth Disposals Commission in due course.

3. Submitted for information.

(Sgd.) R.T.A. McDonald

Brig.,
D. S. T.

29 Aug 45

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29 Aug 45.

Memorandum for :

Director of Service Foodstuffs.

Copies to: DDST, NSW L of C Area
" Vic "
" Qld "
ADST, SA "
" Western Command

SUPPLY OF FLOUR

(Ref. your F.742 of 10 Aug 45 and our 89580 of 6 Jul)

It is agreed that flour which was to be packed in drums be packed into jute bags lined with bitumen laminated Kraft paper such as "Jutex" or "Sisalkraft", each bag to contain 40 lbs nett, instead of into Kerosene type tins.

2. Markings of the containers should be the same as is approved for flour in bags.

(Sgd.) C.H.C.

For Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

29 Aug 1945

LHQ Memo No. 112744

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B. A.

Reference is made to attached minute of 17 Aug 45, regarding stock of Corned Beef in 6-lb. tins in Bandiana.

2. Since your previous minute of 25 Aug 44, approximately 6,700,000 lbs of Preserved Meat in 6-lb tins have been disposed of to the U.S. Forces. This disposal (not necessarily, however, to U.S. Forces) was in accordance with your recommendation.

3. Certain stocks of this commodity, however, would not be accepted by the U.S. Forces mainly for reasons of unsuitable packing, bore infested cases, rusted tins, etc.

4. The total stock on hand was not offered to the U.S. Forces as consumption on the mainland in accordance with Ration Scales B and C would guarantee absorption of approximately 375,000 lbs. monthly. For consumption on the mainland the 6-lb pack is obviously more suitable than the 12-oz pack.

5. The stock of 303,000 lbs in Bandiana is in good condition, with a potential life to 1946/47.

6. Apart from the above factors, an application has just been received from the Royal Netherlands Navy for the supply of 800,000 lbs of Canned Corned Beef and it can be anticipated that the remaining stock at Bandiana will be moved to Melbourne for transfer to RNN.

Major-General,
Quartermaster-General.

29 Aug 1945.

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Appendix 27B

(264/14/1243) 113195 30 Aug 1945.

Director,
R.N.I. Army Services of Supply,
431 St. Kilda Road,
MELBOURNE. S.C.2.

Copies to:-

DDST, NSW L of C Area
" Qld "
CO, 1 Aust Sup Res Dep,
Helena St, Lilyfield, NSW.

AASC SUPPLIES : RATIONS TO RNIA

With reference to your letters of 22 Aug and 25 Aug relative to the transfer of Australian Army rations to the RNIA, the following action has been taken:-

(a) Field Rations. CO, 1 Aust Sup Res Dep, and DDST, NSW L of C Area, have been instructed to prepare 500,000 European and 500,000 Native Rations for despatch on "John Capron" which will be leaving Sydney at an early date for Balikpapan. The marking will be "RNIA" only.

(b) Special Operation Rations Type 02.

(i) 10,000 Rations at Brisbane: DDST, Queensland L of C Area, has been instructed to supply RNIA on demand with the requisite quantity;

(ii) 20,000 Rations at Balikpapan: The Supplies and Transport Service representative in Balikpapan has been appropriately instructed;

(iii) 70,000 Rations at Balikpapan: These Rations are not available at Balikpapan, and before an instruction is issued to DDST, NSW L of C Area, to arrange despatch from Sydney, it is requested that advice be given as to whether or not 70,000 defective Rations of this type, which are already in the forward area, would be acceptable.

(c) Expense Stores. The quantities requested will probably all be available and will be loaded on the "John Capron" and a copy of the appropriate instruction to DDST, NSW L of C Area, and 1 Aust Sup Res Dep, Sydney, will be forwarded to you in due course.

(R. T. A. McDonald) Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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DDST Vic L of C Area

HANDOVER OF M & V RATION TO U.S. FORCES

.... Forwarded herewith are two copies of QMSD-REQ-44-46 covering handover of 3,999,984 lbs of M & V Ration to USASOS.

2. It is understood that the transfer has already been effected.

(R. T. A. McDonald) Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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FARMS : 5 AUST FARM COY : KAIRI : REORGANISATION

Director of Hiring Services

Copy for information to:
DDST Qld L of C Area.

Following on correspondence, copies attached, with Honourable the Premier of Queensland, and as requested by DST minute 2220 of 21 March 1944, action under Reg. 54 Nat. Sec. (Gen.) Regs., was taken by your Services to acquire as from 1 April 1944, for operation by 5 Aust Farm Coy AASC, a tenure of the 492 acres at Kairi Queensland State owned property, then under lease to Poggiolo family.

2. Special circumstances then operated making it necessary for Dept. Army to increase rapidly the supply of fresh vegetables and poultry products in Northern Queensland. Due to recent operational movement of troops to other Areas, it is considered that local civilian sources will now be sufficient to supply future Army needs. It is anticipated that early approval will be given for the disbandment of 5 Aust Farm Coy.

3. During the 17 months occupancy by this unit considerable improvement has been made to buildings, fencing, road approaches and land. Valuable assets now on the property include:-

(a) Poultry houses for 3,000 birds erected on plans recommended by Q'land State Poultry Expert;

(b) Approx. 2,000 one year hens of good type;

(c) Irrigation plant consisting of four engines and piping to serve 120 acres;

(d) Considerable farm machinery of latest type in good order, including three Farmall "H" tractors with special vegetable equipment, sprayers and dusters;

(e) 12 farm horses and equipment.

4. This property was until about 1935 conducted by Queensland State Government as an Experimental Farm, and it is understood that consideration is being given to its reutilisation for a similar purpose on conclusion of present Army occupancy. Discussions along these lines have recently taken place between Capt. N.A.M. Kjar (Capt AASC Farms LHQ) and Messrs. Short and McEwan (under Secretary and Director of Agriculture respectively in Qld Dept. Agr. and Stock), and every effort has been made by 5 Aust Farm Coy to co-operate with local representatives of Qld Dept Agr and Stock to facilitate such a proposal.

5. It is understood that under the tenure (Reg. 54 Nat. Sec. Gen. Regs.), dehiring of this property could be implemented at short notice. However, it is suggested that as it is a farm property with considerable assets and under the special circumstances, that a longer notice of dehiring should be given. Subject to your comments on the dehiring, it is proposed to suggest for "Q" and DSD consideration that a caretaker period with small Army staff be continued for six months after normal dehiring notice has been served. This would enable Queensland State Government to finalise future arrangements regarding the property and also with Disposals Commission retention of any assets considered desirable.

6. Your comments and suggestions are requested.

Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

13 Aug 45.

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(264/18/19)

MEMORANDUM for -

The Secretary,
The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research,
314 Albert Street,
East Melbourne.

FARMS : 1 AUST EXP FARM PL, KATHERINE, N.T.

With reference to your Memorandum B30 of 7 Jun 45, appreciation is expressed for the ready co-operation and advice tendered by your Department in connection with these Northern Territory Farm projects. The special visits made by Dr. Marshall and Mr. E.M. Hutton in 1944, and by Mr. G.A. Helson in 1945, together with the advice received from Professor Prescott during the years 1941 to 1945, have not only assisted representatives of Department of Army in this particular work, but have made valuable contributions to the knowledge of this Area which should be of great value in the Post War period.

2. In keeping with the increased civilian activity in the Area and the corresponding reduction in Department of Army functions, this Department, as advised previously, considers that its own work by 1 Aust Experiment Farm Platoon at Katherine N.T., is nearing completion. It is considered that early transfer of these specialised activities to a civilian authority such as your own Department, would be in the interests of all concerned.

3. Accordingly, it is proposed to finalise all outstanding agricultural experimental work and disband the Unit as from 31 Dec 45. All relevant data is now being summarised and two representatives of 1 Aust Exp Farm Pl. (Lieut. J. Scott Young, O.C. and Cpl. D.W. Best Entomologist) will report to your representatives at Canberra about 1 Dec 45 to hand over all relevant information.

4. The farm comprises 58 acres of Crown Land which is held under a special arrangement with Department of Interior. It adjoins the Katherine River, is within one mile of the Township of Katherine, and served by a good main road. Approximately 20 acres are cleared and securely fenced with wirenetting and concrete posts. An area of 16 acres has been used for farm crop experiments and three acres planted with fruits; one acre bananas (four varieties), one acre pineapples, one acre papaws. The remainder of the land has been left in its original lightly timbered state for shelter purposes. Several buildings have been erected with secondhand materials. These are useful but only temporary types.

5. The farm and irrigation equipment detailed in Appendix A is at present held by 1 Aust Experiment Farm Platoon Katherine, and on disbandment in the near future, will in the normal course of events be transferred to Department of Army stores for eventual disposal through Commonwealth Disposals Commission, unless other early special arrangements are made for its retention on the farm.

6. If your Department desires to continue operations at this centre, it is suggested :

(a) Transfers of the leasehold of the 58 acre property at Katherine as from 1 Jan 1946 be discussed with Department of Interior and Commonwealth Disposals Commission;

(b) Acquisition of any equipment now on the property as per Appendix A or held by other AASC Farm Coy projects, be immediately discussed with Commonwealth Disposals Commission in order to facilitate transfer at an early date.

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7. A copy of this memorandum is being forwarded for information to the Secretaries of both the Department of Interior and Department of Supplies and Shipping for Commonwealth Disposals Commission. It is requested that Department of Army be kept informed of any decisions made in order to achieve maximum co-operation between all Departments concerned.

(F.R. Sinclair)
Secretary

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(264/18/32) 28 Aug 1945.

MEMORANDUM for:-

The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Department,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

FARMS - 5 AUST FARM COY - QUEENSLAND - RE-ORGANISATION

With reference to your memorandum L.23/1/1 of 6 Mar 44 and teleprinter message 587 of 18 Mar 44, indicating the concurrence of the Queensland State Government, on 17 Mar 44, to Department of Army taking over the State Farm at Kairi (then occupied by Poggiolo family) for operation by 5 Aust Farm Coy AASC, it is advised that due to recent operational movement of troops away from Northern Queensland, the need for retention of this farm by Department of Army has now ceased.

2. It is proposed to finalise arrangements in the near future for the dehiring through normal channels of this 492 acre property which has been considerably improved during the seventeen months occupancy by 5 Aust Farm Coy AASC. In addition to general improvement to buildings, fencing, road approaches and land, valuable assets now on the property include:-

(a) Poultry houses for 3,000 bires erected on plans recommended by Queensland State Poultry Expert;

(b) Approximately 2,000 one year hens of good type;

(c) Irrigation plant consisting of four engines and piping to serve 120 acres;

(d) Considerable farm machinery of latest type in good order, including three Farmall "H" tractors with special vegetable equipment, sprayers and dusters.

3. This property was until about 1935 conducted by Queensland State Government as an Experiment Farm, and it is understood that consideration is being given to its re-utilisation for a similar purpose at conclusion of present Army occupancy.

4. It is requested that the State Government of Queensland be advised of the proposals for the early release of the property and that negotiations for the acquisition of any plant, equipment, etc., now held on the property and which might be of special value for subsequent State Experiment Farm operations should be made with Commonwealth Disposals Commission.

(F. R. Sinclair)
Secretary.

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(264/18/76) 29 Aug 1945.

MEMORANDUM for:-

The Director,
Rural and Regional Planning Division,
P.O. Box 168 City,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

FARMS - NORTHERN TERRITORY - REORGANISATION POLICY

With reference to your memorandum of 16 July 1945, the conclusions reached by the meeting on Soldier Settlement in Northern Territory held at Canberra on 11 July 1945 have been noted.

2. Intentions of Department of the Army (as requested in para. 9 of conference conclusions) regarding the farm areas in Northern Territory operated by Farm Coys AASC are as follows:-

(a) CENTRAL AUSTRALIA.

Farm operations here ceased in early 1945 with the decrease in local feeding strengths, but a further short caretaker period of the undermentioned is contemplated until the disposal of assets has been completed -

(i) 5 acres fenced and previously cropped on the 40 ac. at Wycliffe Wells (242 miles North of Alice Springs) that has been held from Department of Interior since early 1942. The one bore gives 72,000 gallons daily flow.

(ii) 10 acres of Crown Land at Spinnifex (18 miles South of Wycliffe Wells). Two bores 10 chains apart give a daily flow of approximately 50,000 gallons each.

(iii) 2 acres at Elliott Staging Camp. Two bores give a daily flow of approx. 50,000 gallons total.

(b) KATHERINE - 220 miles South of Darwin.

(i) 58 acres, 3 roods, 30 perches. Section 272, Crown Land held from Department of Interior has been operated as an Experiment Farm for past two years but active work will cease by 31 December 1945. All data and relevant agricultural records will be handed to Council for Scientific and Industrial Research during December 1945. It is understood that Council for Scientific and Industrial Research is interested in acquiring this property as a future Commonwealth Experiment Station and will conduct negotiations with Department of Interior (tenure of land) and Commonwealth Disposals Commission (acquisition of any Army assets, plant, etc., as may be required).

(ii) Approximately 50 acres portion of Springvale leasehold about 5 miles from Katherine on North bank of the river, has been held under National Security Regulations since early 1943. The area has been fenced and a number of iron buildings erected for farm purposes and accommodation of personnel. No cropping has been carried out during 1945 and only a short caretaker period is contemplated until movable assets are disposed.

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(iii) Approximately 30 acres portion of another leasehold property about 3 miles from Katherine also on North bank of the river has been similarly held under National Security Regulations. This has been securely fenced with similar iron buildings for farm purposes and accommodation of personnel. 20 acres planted with pawpaws, bananas and pineapples will be operated till about 1 May 1946 by which time it is anticipated that productivity will show a marked decline.

(iv) Two adjoining farms total 100 acres (with 70 acres arable) are held under National Security Regulations from Manbulloo leasehold, about 9 miles from Katherine on South side of river. These two areas have been securely fenced and have iron farm buildings for farm purposes and accommodation of personnel. Vegetable production will cease in November 1945, and only a short caretaker period until movable assets are disposed is contemplated.

(v) 10 acres held under National Security Regulations, portion of Manbulloo Leasehold Estate, adjoining the Army Field Butchery, eight miles from Katherine on south bank of river, has been operated since early 1943 as a poultry unit with housing for 7000 birds. The iron sides and roofs of these poultry buildings have only a short future life. It is anticipated that operations here will cease about February 1946.

(c) HAYES CREEK.

117 miles from Darwin on main North South road. This area, portion of a private leasehold, has been held under National Security Regulations since early 1943. Approximately 30 acres have been securely fenced and iron buildings erected for farm purposes and accommodation of personnel. No farming has been conducted during 1945 and only a further short caretaker period is contemplated, until movable assets are realised.

(d) ADELAIDE RIVER.

"White Russian" Farm - 4 miles from Adelaide River Railway Station. 76 miles from Darwin. Approximately 50 acres, portion of an old neglected peanut farm, have been held for past three years under National Security Regulations. This area has been fenced and iron buildings erected for farm purposes and accommodation of personnel. Vegetable production will cease in November 1945 and only a short caretaker period is then contemplated till movable assets are realised.

(e) ADELAIDE RIVER - 72 miles from Darwin.

107 acres purchased in 1940 by Department of Army from Mr. E. M. Hardy have been farmed by Department of the Army during the past five years. The area is securely fenced, has good access roads, water supply, electric light and several substantial iron buildings for farm purposes and accommodation of personnel with 40 acres under tropical fruits (bananas, pawpaws, pineapples, citrus) and approximately 60 acres arable land used for vegetable production. Department of the Army future intentions for this property have not yet been finalised but it is possible that the area will be continued at least during 1946 as a farm project.

(f) COOMALLIE CREEK - 55 miles South of Darwin.

The 40 acres of land at present used for vegetable production is held under National Security Regulations from Department of Interior. Two separate main areas are securely fenced and temporary iron buildings are used for farm storage and accommodation of personnel. Department of the Army future

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intentions for this property have not been finalised but it is possible that it will be continued during 1946 as a farm project, unless adequate arrangements are made for production of vegetables for Department of the Army by civilian growers.

3. If use of any of these properties now not required by Department of the Army is contemplated for the production of vegetables, fruits, poultry products, etc., by civilians to serve a Post War Darwin population, it is suggested that an early decision would appear to have many advantages. This would enable a full utilisation of the present buildings, fencing, agricultural implements, irrigation plant, etc., now on hand but not required by Department of the Army for future farm purposes. Unless early arrangements are made with Commonwealth Disposals Commission for acquisition of this surplus plant, buildings, etc., it is proposed by Department of Army to discontinue the present caretaker arrangements on vacant farm projects. Sales through Commonwealth Disposals Commission of the material and equipment not required elsewhere by Department of the Army will then be implemented in the normal manner. Dehiring arrangements will also be finalised in connection with any properties held.

4. Copies of this memorandum are being forwarded to Secretaries, Department of Interior and Commonwealth Disposals Commission, for information.

(F. R. Sinclair)
Secretary.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
(Quartermaster-General)

Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE, S.C.1.

In reply
quote: (255/8/170) 101080

31 July 1945

Adv L.H.Q.
H.Q., First Aust Army
" Second " "
" 1 Aust Corps
" Qld L of C Area
" NSW " "
" Vic " "
" S.A. " "
" Western Command
" Tas L of C Area

DDST, Adv L.H.Q.
" First Aust Army
" 1 Aust Corps
" Qld L of C Area
" NSW " "
" Vic. " "
ADST, S.A. " "
" Western Command
DADST, Tas L of C Area

Copy for information to: CFO (20), DPW & I.

JAPANESE O/R PW - FREE ISSUE OF CIGARETTES

Ministerial Approval has been obtained for the extension of the free issue of 35 cigarettes per week to Japanese O/R PW until 31 Aug 46.

H.G. Hanson Stee
Major-General,
Quartermaster-General.
30/7

In Reply
Quote: (264/14/1160) 102346

Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne. S.C.1.
3 Aug 45.

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Adv LHQ	6	OCTU	2
HQ First Aust Army	6	LHQ Tactical School	2
HQ Second Aust Army	2	LHQ Tactical School ("C" Wing)	2
HQ 1 Aust Corps	4	LHQ AASC School	4
HQ 2 Aust Corps	4	LHQ S of Mech	
HQ NT Force	4	LHQ S of Mov and Tn	
HQ Qld L of C Area	4	LHQ S of Malaria Control	
HQ NSW L of C Area	4	LHQ S of Hyg	
HQ Vic L of C Area	4	LHQ S of Army Cooking and Catering	
HQ S A L of C Area	4	LHQ AWS Offrs School	
HQ Western Command	4	LHQ AWS Adm School	
HQ Tas L of C Area	2	Services Reconnaissance Dept	
HQ 5 Aust Div	2	Allied Intelligence Bureau	
HQ 4 Aust Armd Bde	2	Far Eastern Liaison Office	
RMC	2		

Copies to:

DDST Adv LHQ	10	DADST Second Aust Army	2
DDST First Aust Army	30	DADST 7 Aust Base Sub Area	2
DDST 1 Aust Corps	8	DADST 8 Aust Base Sub Area	2
DDST 2 Aust Corps	8	CASC 5 Aust Div	4
DDST NT Force	6	S & T Services Tas L of C Area	4
DDST Qld L of C Area	6	First Aust Army AASC School	4
DDST NSW L of C Area	6	1 AASC Trg Bn	2
DDST Vic L of C Area	6	CO 1 Aust Sup Res Dep, Helena Street, Lilyfield, NSW	2
ADST S A L of C Area	4	CO 2 Aust Sup Res Dep, Bandiana	2
ADST Western Command	4	CO 3 BSD	2
DADST Fwd Ech LHQ	2	CO 4 BSD	2

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RATION SCALES - SPECIAL RATIONS FOR AIRCREWS ENGAGED ON LONG DISTANCE FLIGHTS

(Ref LHQ memo 81950 of 20 June 45)

1. Since the above memo was promulgated, RAAF has issued to all areas further instructions which, it is hoped, will assist in the issue of fresh commodities to the aircrews engaged on long distance flights.

2. The full text of the RAAF order is as follows:-

"In order to assist in the correct implementation of A.B.O. N.464 insofar as the supply of the fresh commodities (fresh meat, eggs, lettuce, tomatoes, etc.) is concerned, the command messing officer is to act as liaison officer with Army supply.

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On those occasions when fresh commodities cannot be obtained from the appropriate detail issue depots, Army have expressed their agreement to make available at base depots fresh commodities for transportation by air.

Units concerned are to immediately notify the command messing officer of their requirements of any fresh items which the Army is unable to supply. The command messing officer should then contact the relevant D.D.S.T. and advise him of the requirements, and the base point from which R.A.A.F. would take delivery. For example, if Adelaide was decided on as the Base Supply Depot for N.W.A., the R.A.A.F. would request Army to deliver the fresh commodities to Parafield. Arrangements should be made through the local transport and movements officer for air transportation.

It must be clearly understood that the foregoing arrangements should be made only on those occasions where the normal means of supply are unable to provide the necessary fresh foodstuffs, and should only be made in respect of fresh foodstuffs for long-distance flights. It must not under any circumstances be established as the normal means of supply.

On arrival by air the foodstuffs are to be delivered to the D.I.Ds. for issue to the R.A.A.F. units concerned.

The success or otherwise of the supply of fresh rations for long-distance flights will depend largely on the efficiency of the R.A.A.F. liaison in assisting the Army D.I.Ds. to procure the fresh commodities when they are not available in the area concerned."

3. In view of the foregoing and to ensure that the co-operation of RAAF achieves maximum results, all officers operating along the chain of supply are requested to exercise very careful supervision in the procurement, transport and ultimate delivery of the special rations concerned.

Major-General,
Quartermaster-General.

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DDST, Qld L of C Area
" NSW "
" Vic "
" NT Force
ADST, South Aust L of C Area
" Western Command
S & T Services, Tas L of C Area
CO, 1 Aust Sup Res Dep, Sydney

Copy to: DVRS

AASC SUPPLIES : FORAGE : CALCIUM CARBONATE

In view of the prevailing shortage of oats leading to a subsequent calcium deficiency in the Forage Scale, DVRS has recommended the following additional issue:-

Calcium Carbonate - 1½ ozs per horse per day (when oats are not fed).

2. Supplies will be obtained by local Contract Demand after liaison with local DDVRS. Only sufficient supplies for immediate requirements will be purchased and LHQ will be advised as to the action taken.

3. Stocks on hand of calcium carbonate will be shown on List 5 of the AAF F161A under "Forage".

Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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DDST Vic L of C Area

Copy to:- Air Sup Liaison Officer

ADDITIONAL TEA RATIONS - SOMERS (RAAF)

It is requested that the following supplies, additional to the normal daily ration, be issued to No. 1 Initial Training School, RAAF, Somers, until further notified:-

1/2-lb. Tea
1/2 gallon Milk
2 lbs Sugar.

2. The above items are required as a stimulant for pupils who are required to undergo chamber tests for high altitude flying.

(Sgd.) R. T. A. McDonald

Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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RATION SCALE : SCALE OF EQUIVALENTS

Secretary (for infm of the Minister)

(Through BA and CFO)

Ref attached file 264/14/1073.

2. On 28 Apr 45 (minute 875 of 14 Apr 45) the Acting Minister for the Army gave approval for the following equivalent issue:-

Bacon Fresh 1½ ozs. = Bacon Tinned 1 oz.

3. In actual fact, this involved increasing Bacon Tinned from 6/7 ozs to 1 oz on the Scale of Equivalents; but the primary intention was that the rate of Bacon Tinned on the Pacific Scale (i.e., for troops in operational areas beyond the mainland) should also increase from 6/7 oz to 1 oz.

4. In order that operational troops, as well as the mainland personnel, should have the extra issue, it is recommended that Ministerial approval be given to increase the Pacific Ration Scale as follows:-

Item: Bacon Tinned 6/7 oz to Bacon Tinned 1 oz.

Major-General,
Quartermaster-General.

14 Aug 45.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
(Quartermaster-General)

Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne. S.C.1.

In Reply
Quote: (264/4/1160) 108034

18 Aug 45.

Fwd Ech LHQ	2	SS (Aust)	3
Adv LHQ	6	OCTU	2
HQ First Aust Army	6	LHQ Tactical School	2
HQ Second Aust Army	2	LHQ Tactical School ("C" Wing)	2
HQ 1 Aust Corps	4	LHQ AASC School	4
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DDST Qld L of C Area	6	First Aust Army AASC School	4
DDST NSW L of C Area	6	1 AASC Trg Bn	2
DDST Vic L of C Area	6	CO 1 Aust Sup Res Dep, Helena Street, Lilyfield, NSW	2
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ADST Western Command	4	CO 3 BSD	2
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RATION SCALES - SPECIAL RATIONS FOR AIRCREWS ENGAGED ON LONG DISTANCE FLIGHTS
(Ref LHQ 102346 of 3 Aug 45.)

1. Due to inadvertence the above memorandum was not signed. This memorandum, therefore, will be accepted as the authority for implementation.

H.G. Hansen
Major-General,
Quartermaster-General.
14 Aug 45

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RATION SCALE - JAPANESE P.Ws. IN FORWARD AREAS

D.Q.M.G. I

It is proposed to signal the attached Ration Scale to Service representatives in forward areas in order that provision may be made to meet the requirements of an influx of Japanese prisoners of war.

2. The proposed Scale is an Interim Scale only. It is below the existing Japanese P.W. Scale in quantity and cost but is considered sufficient to meet requirements until normal supplies reach the areas concerned.

3. This Scale will assist in the consumption of commodities which have proved unpopular in the past, e.g., M & V Ration, Pilchards, etc.

4. It is essential that Service representatives be advised of this Scale without delay so that preliminary arrangements may be made for the reception of Japanese Prisoners of War.

5. Submitted for approval please.

(Signed) R. T. A. McDonald

Brig.,
D. S. T.

18 Aug 45.

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JAP. P.W. FORWARD AREAS - INTERIM RATION SCALE

Commodity	Ozs	Cost	Calories
BEVERAGES:			
Tea	2/7	.429	-
CEREALS:			
Biscuits	8	4.150	1000
Flour White	1/2	.053	50
Rice U/P	6	.863	606
Salt	3/7	.019	-
FATS:			
Edible Animal Fat	1	.600	264
FRUIT:			
Dried	1/2	.369	44
MEAT:			
Fish Tnd	3-3/7)	Av 5.883	153
Meat Pres	1-5/7)		
MILK:			
Cond	1	.450	46
SUGARS:			
Sugar	1/2	.109	58
VEGETABLES:			
Tinned Asstd.	10	4.680	60
Potatoes	8	.890	168
Onions	2	.250	14
		18.745	2463

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From:- LANDFORCES 201400K 20/8/45

To:- LANDOPS
FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info: 1 AUST CORPS

ST 64673 For DDST from DST RESTRICTED (.)
Following interim JAP PW Ration Scale per person per day suggested (.) All in ounces TEA two sevenths BISCUITS eight or BREAD equivalent FLOUR half RICE six SALT three sevenths FATS one FRUIT DRIED half HERRINGS or PILCHARDS three and three sevenths M & V one and five sevenths MILK CONDENSED one SUGAR half VEGETABLES TINNED ten plus available Native equivalent for POTATOES FRESH eight and ONIONS FRESH two (.)
Advise probable additional requirement these commodities in order to make arrangements in anticipation of approval which when given will be communicated by Staff

(Sgd.) R. T. A. McDonald

Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
(Quartermaster-General)

Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne. S.C.1.

Quote in
Reply: (264/14/1073) 109256

21 Aug 45

MEMORANDUM for :

Fwd Ech LHQ	(2)	SS (Aust)	(3)
Adv LHQ	(6)	OCTU	(2)
HQ First Aust Army	(6)	LHQ Tactical School	(2)
HQ Second Aust Army	(2)	LHQ Tactical School ("C" Wing)	(2)
HQ 1 Aust Corps	(4)	LHQ AASC School	(4)
HQ 2 Aust Corps	(4)	LHQ S of Mech	
HQ NT Force	(4)	LHQ S of Mov and Tn	
HQ Qld L of C Area	(4)	LHQ S of Malaria Control	
HQ NSW L of C Area	(4)	LHQ S of Hyg	
HQ Vic L of C Area	(4)	LHQ S of Army Cooking and Catering	
HQ S A L of C Area	(4)	LHQ AWS Offrs School	
HQ Western Command	(4)	LHQ AWS Adm School	
HQ Tas L of C Area	(2)	Services Reconnaissance Dept	
HQ 5 Aust Div	(2)	Allied Intelligence Bureau	
HQ 4 Aust Armd Bde	(2)	Far Eastern Liaison Office	
RMC	(2)		

Copies to:-

DDST Adv LHQ	(10)	DADST Second Aust Army	(2)
DDST First Aust Army	(30)	DADST 7 Aust Base Sub Area	(2)
DDST 1 Aust Corps	(8)	DADST 8 Aust Base Sub Area	(2)
DDST 2 Aust Corps	(8)	CASC 5 Aust Div	(4)
DDST NT Force	(6)	S & T Services Tas L of C Area	(4)
DDST Qld L of C Area	(6)	First Aust Army AASC School	(4)
DDST NSW L of C Area	(6)	1 AASC Trg Bn	(2)
DDST Vic L of C Area	(6)	CO 1 Aust Sup Res Dep	(2)
ADST S A L of C Area	(4)	Helena St., Lilyfield. N.S.W.	
ADST Western Command	(4)	CO 2 Aust Sup Res Dep, Bandiana	(2)
DADST Fwd Ech LHQ	(2)	CO 3 Aust BSD	(2)
		CO 4 Aust BSD	(2)

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RATION SCALES : SCALE OF EQUIVALENTS
TOMATO PRODUCTS

In order to ensure a more regular issue of Tomato Products the following will be added to the Ration Scale of Equivalents.

Tomato Puree 3/7 oz = Tomato Paste 2/7 oz
or
Tomatoes Tinned 6/7 oz

The above Scale of Issue will become effective as from 20 Aug 45.

J. [illegible]
Major-General,
Quartermaster-General

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
(Quartermaster-General)

Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne. S.C.1.

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28 Aug 45

MEMORANDUM for -

Adv LHQ	(6)	SS (Aust)	(3)
HQ First Aust Army	(6)	OCTU	(2)
HQ Second Aust Army	(2)	LHQ Tactical School	(2)
HQ 1 Aust Corps	(4)	LHQ Tactical School ("C" Wing)	(2)
HQ 2 Aust Corps	(4)	LHQ AASC School	(4)
HQ NT Force	(4)	LHQ S of Mech	
HQ Qld L of C Area	(4)	LHQ S of Mov and Tn	
HQ NSW L of C Area	(4)	LHQ S of Malaria Control	
HQ Vic L of C Area	(4)	LHQ S of Hyg	
HQ SA L of C Area	(4)	LHQ S of Army Cooking and Catering	
HQ Western Command	(4)	LHQ AWS Offrs School	
HQ Tas L of C Area	(2)	LHQ AWS Adm School	
HQ 5 Aust Div	(2)	Services Reconnaissance Dept	
HQ 4 Aust Armd Bde	(2)	Allied Intelligence Bureau	
RMC		Far Eastern Liaison Office	

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DDST 2 Aust Corps	(8)	CASC 5 Aust Div	(4)
DDST NT Force	(6)	S & T Services Tas L of C Area	(4)
DDST Qld L of C Area	(6)	First Aust Army AASC School	(4)
DDST NSW L of C Area	(6)	1 AASC Trg Bn	(2)
DDST Vic L of C Area	(6)	CO 1 Aust Sup Res Dep,	(2)
ADST SA L of C Area	(4)	Helena Street, Lilyfield, N.S.W.	
ADST Western Command	(4)	CO 2 Aust Sup Res Dep, Bandiana	(2)
		CO 3 1 Aust BSD	(2)
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EQUIVALENTS : RATION SCALE
SOLDIERS UNDER DETENTION IN DETENTION BARRACKS

Ministerial approval has been given for the following variations in the Ration Scale for Soldiers undergoing Detention in Detention Barracks:-

(a) M & V to be issued in lieu of Fresh Meat twice weekly on an equivalent basis. (See LHQ Scale of Equivalents).
(b) Flour Plain ¾ oz in lieu of ½ oz Rice.
(c) Onions 1 oz daily to be included in the Fresh Vegetable issue.
(d) Golden Syrup in lieu of Sugar on an oz for oz basis.

2. The alterations are to be effective from 1 Sep 45.

Major-General,
Quartermaster-General.

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From LANDFORCES

To LANDOPS FIRST AUST ARMY NORFORCE

Info 1 AUST CORPS

QG 69226 Restricted (.) Ref QG2562 not all addressees (.) Jap PW Scale (.) Issue potatoes dehyd if native equivalent potatoes fresh not available (.) Issue unattractive Vegs tinned in lieu of onions fresh

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(264/14/1148)

DDST,
Queensland L of C Area

Copy for information to: Air Sup LO

SPECIAL FLYING RATIONS : ISSUE TO RAF

Following upon RAF request to you for 500 Special Flying Rations to be made available, approval for issue was sought and subsequently obtained from RAAF.

2. It is therefore desired to confirm telephonic advice Capt. Landry/Capt. Rauber on 23 Aug 45 that issue is to be made ex Brisbane stock.

(Sgd.) R.T.A. McDONALD

Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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AASC SUPPLIES - EXPENSE STORES - INSECTICIDE DISPENSERS

Secretary (for the Minister)

Through CFO
BA

Following representations from Adv LHQ, DGMS, in Minute No. H14/161 of 23 Jul 45 on the attached file, has recommended that issue of Insecticide Dispensers (Aerosol) be made to:-

(a) Casualty Clearing Stations and Field Ambulances, in malarious areas, on the basis of six Dispensers per 100 beds per week; and

(b) Malaria Control Units, operating in malarious areas, on the basis of 100 Dispensers as an initial issue and 100 Dispensers per week maintenance issue for Type "A" Units; and 60 Dispensers on the same basis for Types "B" and "C" Units.

2. On present strengths the increase suggested would entail an approximate maximum monthly consumption of 10,000 Dispensers more than the present monthly consumption figure of 5,000. The present consumption rate is rather fluid. Operations in progress are expected to increase this figure but, as against this, there is the limitation to the issue as defined in LHQ memo 89528 of 7 Jul 45.

3. On a "strength against entitlement" basis the maximum consumption can be reckoned as 12,000 Dispensers per 28 days. The proposed increased scale would thus entail an approximate monthly consumption of 22,000 Dispensers.

4. Present and expected 1945 stocks would be sufficient to cover this consumption rate for approximately 8 months. However, it is not anticipated that the monthly maximum consumption as set out in para. 3 above will prevail, as issues on this basis will be restricted to areas where operations are in progress.

5. The increased scale will not actually entail any increased financial allocation for the current year as the stocks referred to in para. 4 were all originally provided for 1944/45, but the forecast made to London for 1946 requirements would require to be increased from 90,000 to approximately 264,000 at an estimated cost of £132,000.

6. However, because of proposed strength reductions it is unlikely that the order for 1946 would actually entail such an amount, but final figures will not be available until the current Review is complete (approximately 31 Aug 45).

7. Ministerial approval is therefore requested to amend the Expense Store Special Scale of Issue to read:-

(a) CCSs and Fd Ambs - Chemicals - Anti-Malarial.

Insecticide Dispensers (Aerosol) - Six (6) Dispensers per 100 beds OCCUPIED per 7 days - malarious areas only, where operations are in progress - authority SMO Formation.

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(b) Malaria Control Units Type "A" - Chemicals - Anti-Malarial.

Insecticide Dispensers (Aerosol) 100 Dispensers per operating unit as an initial issue and 100 Dispensers per week as a maintenance issue - malarious areas only, where operations are in progress - authority SMO Formation.

(c) Malaria Control Units Types "B" and "C" - Chemicals - Anti-Malarial.

Insecticide Dispensers (Aerosol) 60 Dispensers per operating unit as an initial issue and 60 Dispensers per week as a maintenance issue - malarious areas only, where operations are in progress - authority SMO Formation.

Major-General,
Quartermaster-General.

3 Aug 45.

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(Quartermaster-General)

In Reply
Quote: 102357

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Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne. S.C.1.
3 Aug 45

Fwd Ech LHQ	(2)	DDST Adv LHQ	(10)
Adv LHQ	(5)	DDST First Aust Army	(30)
HQ First Aust Army	(2)	DDST 1 Aust Corps	(8)
HQ Second Aust Army	(2)	DDST 2 Aust Corps	(8)
HQ 1 Aust Corps	(8)	~~DDST NT Force~~	~~(6)~~
HQ NT Force	(6)	DDST Qld L of C Area	(6)
HQ Qld L of C Area	(6)	DDST NSW L of C Area	(6)
HQ NSW L of C Area	(6)	DDST Vic L of C Area	(6)
HQ Vic L of C Area	(6)	ADST S A L of C Area	(4)
HQ S A L of C Area	(4)	ADST Western Command	(4)
HQ Western Command	(4)	DADST Fwd Ech LHQ	(2)
HQ Tas L of C Area	(4)	DADST Second Aust Army	(2)
HQ 5 Aust Div	(2)	DADST 7 Aust Base Sub Area	(4)
HQ 4 Aust Armd Bde	(2)	DADST 8 Aust Base Sub Area	(4)
		CASC 5 Aust Div	(4)
		S & T Tas L of C Area	(4)

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2 " " " " Bandiana	(2)	LHQ S of Malaria Control	
4 " BSD	(2)	LHQ S of Hyg	
1 AASC Trg Bn	(4)	LHQ S of Army Cooking and Catering	
First Aust Army AASC School	(5)	LHQ AWS Offrs School	
RMC	(2)	LHQ AWS Adm School	
LHQ AASC School	(4)	Services Reconnaissance Dept.	
SS (Aust)	(3)	Allied Intelligence Bureau	
LHQ Tactical School		Far Eastern Liaison Office	
LHQ Tactical School ("C" Wing)			
OCTU			
LHQ S of Mech			

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AASC SUPPLIES - EXPENSE STORES - SCALE OF ISSUE ALUM POTASH, FILTER EARTH AND CAUSTIC SODA

The Expense Stores Scale of Issue, as promulgated under LHQ memorandum No. 14718 of the 1 Feb 45, is amended as follows:-

(a) By the alteration of the General Scale of Issue to read:-

CHEMICALS - WATER PURIFICATION:-

Filter Earth - 5 lbs per 100 men per 7 days. - For use with Molinite Filters or Bulk Filtration Apparatus. May be increased to 7½ lbs per 100 men per 7 days on the authority of LHQ.

Alum Potash - 1/2 lb per 100 men per 7 days. May be increased to 2 lbs per 100 per 7 days on the authority of LHQ.

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(b) By including in the Special Scale of Issue:-

AEME UNITS:-

Cleansers - Caustic Soda.

Advanced and Base Workshops	-	21 lbs per 7 days
Area Workshops	-	7 " " " "
Infantry Troops Workshops	-	14 " " " "
Mobile Gas Generating Sections	-	75 " " " "
Vehicle Park Workshops	-	3½ " " " "

2. Both of the foregoing amendments are operative immediately.

H.G. Hanson Lt Col
Major-General,
Quartermaster-General.
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AASC SUPPLIES : EXPENSE STORES : SCALE OF ISSUE
FOR WATER TRANSPORT UNITS

Secretary (through BA and CFO)

Following requests from forward areas, it is apparent that the present scale of issue of certain Expense Stores items is insufficient to meet the needs of the small seagoing craft of the Directorate of Water Transport.

2. Ministerial approval is therefore sought to amend the Expense Stores Special Scale of Issue by the addition of the following:-

WATER TRANSPORT UNITS:

Cleansers -
Cleansing Powder - ¼ lb per seagoing craft per 7 days
Soap Common - 3 lbs " " " " " "
Soap Sand - 2 " " " " " " "

Lighting and heating -
Methylated Spirits - 1 pint per seagoing craft per 7 days.

Major-General,
Quartermaster-General.

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AASC SUPPLIES - EXPENSE STORES - SCALE OF ISSUE FOR NATIVES

Secretary (for the Minister)

Through CFO
BA

Following representations from forward areas, it is apparent that there is an urgent need for an Expense Stores Scale of Issue for Native Peoples, for the following reasons:-

(a) The continued civilisation of the Native Population calls for proportionately increasing Native requirements, particularly in the field of medicine and hygiene.

(b) The increasing adaptability of the Native to the white man's customs and ways of living tends to decrease his natural resistance to many endemic diseases to which he might otherwise be immune.

(c) The natives rationed by the Army mingle with white troops and can easily carry and spread diseases.

(d) No other provision is made for issues to Asiatics and Half Castes recovered from Enemy Control, who, in many cases, are people of high intelligence, capable of rendering valuable service to the Army.

It is felt that the Army's responsibility is very clear on all these counts.

2. The items required, together with suggested scales of issue, have been subjected to an exhaustive check and it is the opinion of the DGMS, supported by the DST, that the items proposed, confined as they are mainly to hygiene requirements, are all most necessary. It should be noted that two items, viz., Soap Common and Matches, are already an authorised issue for Natives as per the Native Ration Scale. These will, of course, be automatically deleted from the Scale.

3. Ministerial approval is therefore sought to inaugurate an Expense Stores Scale of Issue for all Native Peoples in SWPA, rationed by the AMF, including:-

Royal Papuan Constabulary
Pacific Islands Infantry (all types)
Indentured Asiatics and Half Castes
Asiatics and Half Castes recovered from Enemy Control
Indentured Native Labourers (including Native Medical Orderlies and NEI Natives)
Natives recovered from Enemy Control
Aborigines
Native, etc., Prisoners.

4. The Scale of Issue recommended is as follows:-

Mosquito Spray - 2¼ gals. per 100 Native Peoples per 7 days (malarious areas)
1½ gals. per 100 Native Peoples per 7 days (other areas).

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Cleansing Powder	- 1¼ lbs. per 100 Natives per 7 days 2½ lbs. per 100 Asiatics/Half Castes per 7 days
Sand Soap	- 1⅕ lbs. per 100 Natives per 7 days 2¼ lbs. per 100 Asiatics/Half Castes per 7 days
Soap Common	- 12½ lbs. per 100 Native Peoples per 7 days
Soda Ash	- 6¼ lbs. per 100 Native Peoples per 7 days
Water Sterilising Outfits	- 15 Outfits per 100 Native Peoples per 7 days (For Native Troops engaged in operations)
Water Sterilising Powder	- 1½ lbs. per 100 Native Peoples per 7 days (North 20° South latitude) ¾ lb. per 100 Native Peoples per 7 days (other areas)
Taste Remover Tablets (tins of 200)	- ½ tin per 100 Native Peoples per 7 days
Matches Safety (boxes of 60)	- 100 boxes per 100 Natives per 7 days 200 boxes per 100 Asiatics/Half Castes per 7 days.

5. The scale recommended for each item is identical with that for the AMF, with the exception of Cleansing Powder and Sand Soap. As these are not personal cleansers, it is considered that 50% of the current scale is ample for Natives.

6. With the exception of Common Soap and Safety Matches, it is intended that all issues will be subject to the approval of the Senior Medical Officer of the Formation concerned.

7. As it is considered essential that issues be made only to those Native Peoples living in compounds, etc., under AMF control, the full scale will NOT apply to casual labourers, etc., who return to their own Native-controlled compounds at night. If issued with rations by the AMF, these Peoples will only receive Common Soap and Safety Matches.

8. The total amount involved is .69018 pence per Native per day and .7914 pence per Asiatic/Half Caste per day, and it is known that the number of Natives involved in First Aust Army and Mainland Areas is 118,300. Adv LHQ has recently intimated that the Natives in 1 Aust Corps Area are not the present responsibility of AMF, and accordingly they have not been included in the estimate. Obviously, it would be impracticable, as yet, to forecast the numbers of Asiatics, etc., likely to be involved.

9. The Scale suggested is naturally a maximum permissible scale and it is considered extremely unlikely that the FULL scale would be consistently drawn. The AMF Expense Stores Scale of Issue is generally underdrawn on the majority of items.

10. A Scale of Issue as per para 4, with the exception of the extra issues for Asiatics and Half Castes, has been authorised in anticipation of Ministerial approval.

Major-General,
Quartermaster-General.
20 Aug 45.

DGMS)
ANGAU (Capt. Proctor)) To see before despatch to CFO.

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AASC SUPPLIES - EXPENSE STORES - SCALE OF ISSUE
FOR NATIVE PEOPLES

C. F. O.

With reference to the attached Ministerial submission, calculations are based as follows:-

	Amount and Price	Per 100 Natives per 7 days	Per 100 Half Castes per 7 days
Mosquito Spray	2¼ gals. @ 96.0d.	216	216
Cleansing Powder	1½ lbs. @ 6.0	7.5	7.5
	2½ lbs. @ 6.0	-	15.
Sand Soap	1⅓ lbs. @ 2.6	2.925	2.925
	2¼ lbs. @ 2.6	-	5.85
Water Sterilising Powder	1½ lbs. @ 32.0	48.	48.
Water Sterilising Outfits	15 Nos. @ 6.6	99.	99.
Taste Removing Tablets	½ tin @ 9.4	4.7	4.7
Soda Ash	6¼ lbs. @ 2.4	15.	15.
Soap Common	12½ lbs. @ 3.2	40.	40.
Matches	100 boxes @ .5	50.	-
	200 boxes @ .5	-	100.
Pence per 100 per 7 days ..		483.125	553.975
Pence per Native per day ..		.69018	
Pence per Half Caste per day ..			.7914

Major-General,
Quartermaster-General.

20 Aug 45.

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(94/24/498) 20 Aug 1945.

MEMORANDUM for:-

Secretary,
Department of Supply and Shipping.

AASC SUPPLIES : EXPENSE STORES : PAPER BAGS

The Director of Supplies and Transport has advised that supply of Paper Bags for Army requirements is most unsatisfactory.

2. It appears that deliveries are both slow and uncertain, even when promised by the manufacturers concerned, and great difficulty is being experienced in obtaining sufficient Bags to meet both overseas commitments and local requirements for some L of C Areas.

3. The position on 28 July 45 was as follows:-

AR No.	Date Placed	Contractor	Out-standing (lbs)	Part Delivery
19736	23 June 43	Wrappings Pty. Ltd.	38,655	24 Feb 45
DCB.1864	6 June 45	Paper Bag Supply	19,448	Nil
902	1 Aug 45	E. C. Blackwood	30,000	Nil
8248	3 May 45	E. C. Blackwood	32,704	Nil
8781	24 May 45	A. J. Dyson	5,968	28 Jul 45
14717	8 Jun 44	E. C. Blackwood	28,088	14 Jul 45.

4. The Director of Supplies and Transport was recently notified by the Department of Commerce and Agriculture that the Director of Service Foodstuffs had instructed one particular manufacturer to the effect that a priority was to be given to an order for the British Forces. It is understood that this was without prior reference to your Department, and was only notified to Army through liaison channels after the instruction had been given and partially implemented. It is further understood that this particular order has now been completed, but it is felt that some clarification of the position should be made in case further instructions of this nature arise.

5. It is understood that some form of monopoly is exercised by the Paper Bag manufacturers in Victoria, in that only one source of actual manufacture is available from which all wholesalers draw their supplies. It would thus appear that any change of actual contractor is completely useless.

6. New Contract Demands for further large amounts are in the course of preparation, but it is felt that, unless something is done very shortly to clear the present bottleneck, it will be useless to place these Demands.

7. Frequent representations have been made by the Director of Supplies and Transport during the past two to three months, but it is understood from the Progress Section of your Department that very little pressure can actually be exercised to enable deliveries to be effected to schedule.

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8. As it is felt that Army has a high priority with regard to this item, it is requested that further efforts be made to effect immediate deliveries of all outstanding demands, and it is suggested that perhaps the threat of reduced manpower may have some effect with the manufacturers concerned.

9. It is further requested that this matter be regarded as most urgent.

(F. R. Sinclair)
Secretary.

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(94/24/389) 113418 30 Aug 1945.

MEMORANDUM for:-

Deputy Director of Supply

Copies to:- DDST, NSW L of C Area
CO, 1 Aust Sup Res Dep,
Helena St, Lilyfield, NSW.

AASC SUPPLIES : EXPENSE STORES : ANTI-MITE FLUID

According to LHQ records, the position with regard to Anti-Mite Fluid, as at 28 Jul 45, was as follows:-

A.R.7319 (Hermon Slade - manufacturing) - 34,384 gallons outstanding.

D.C.B.4731 (Barnes & Co. - repacking) - 53,261 gallons outstanding.

2. Supplies of this item are still urgently required, and it is therefore requested that deliveries continue at their present rate. However, it is anticipated that the demand will decrease in the near future, and it is therefore further requested that the manufacturers concerned be contacted with a view to ascertaining the most economical point which exists, on their present holdings of raw materials, for the cessation of manufacture.

(R. T. A. McDonald) Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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14 Aug 1945.

MEMORANDUM for:-

First Assistant Secretary,
Department of the Treasury,
Defence Division.

DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS STOCKS - WESTERN COMMAND

With reference to LHQ memoranda Nos. 27471 of 27 Feb 45 and 58538 of 1 May 45 under cover of which various quantities and items of foodstuffs were declared surplus in Western Australia, it is desired now to declare the following additional stocks surplus and approval is requested to submit the items to the Commonwealth Disposals Commission. Costing has been done for information at average ruling prices.

Fruit Dried Tree	150,000 lbs	15.0d	£9,375. 0. 0
" " Vine	150,000 "	8.0d	5,000. 0. 0
" Preserved	70,000 "	6.0d	1,750. 0. 0
Milk Cond Swtnd	100,000 "	8.0d	3,333. 6. 8
" Dried FC	120,000 "	13.0d	6,500. 0. 0
Baking Powder	8,000 "	11.8d	393. 6. 8
Golden Syrup	250,000 "	3.4d	3,541.13. 4
Jam	150,000 "	7.0d	4,375. 0. 0
Bread Improver	8,000 "	4.7d	156.13. 4
Gluten	4,000 "	5.3d	88. 6. 8
Yeast Compound	3,000 "	17.9d	223.15. 0
Tomato Juice	100,000 pts	9.5d	3,958. 6. 8
Barley Sugar	4,000 lbs	15.6d	260. 0. 0
			£38,955. 8. 4

2. As explained previously, surpluses in Western Command have been brought about by a general reduction in the personnel and in the authorised level of holdings for the area.

3. The stocks in question, although sound, are out of warranty and for the most part packing is in inferior condition. Movement to Eastern States is not warranted. Difficulties with regard to turnover within a reasonable time would be experienced by such movement and repacking and freight charges would be considerable.

4. It is now unlikely that Army will be called upon to provision for additional Allied Forces in Western Command.

5. The approval of the Board of Business Administration in accordance with para. 1 is requested, please.

6. It is understood that the stocks in question will be acceptable to UNRRA or to local purchasers.

(F. R. Sinclair)
Secretary.

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(264/1/1819) 113555 30 Aug 1945.

DDST, NSW L of C Area

Copy to:- CO 1 Aust Sup Res Dep, Helena Street, Lilyfield, NSW.
DDST Adv LHQ

AASC SUPPLIES : MOVEMENTS : "JOSHUA SENEY" TO MOROTAI
(Ref your memo 7905 of 18 July 1945)

With regard to the investigation of the discrepancies reported in respect of this shipment, a report on the subject by the appropriate representative of the Quartermaster-General is quoted hereunder:-

"DISCREPANCIES - JOSHUA SENEY"

"Reference your AQ.624.13/Q2 of 20 May 45, AQ624.13/Q2 of 20 Jun 45, AQ624.13/Q1 of 17 Jul 45, AQ624.13/Q1 of 20 Jul 45 and further to Landforces QM50855 of 2 Jul 45.

2. The following action was taken by this HQ subsequent to receipt of your AQ.624.13/Q2 of 20 Jun 45:-

(a) A complete check of signed interim Receipts covering AASC cargo was carried out at LHQ.

(b) Adv LHQ were requested to provide checking documentation in order to further enquiries.

(c) A certification was obtained through Service channels to the effect that 1 SRD were not notified of any "shut-outs".

(d) Movements Sydney state that cargo detailed on AAF T61 was shipped.

3. From investigations made at this HQ and perusing of documentation submitted by Adv LHQ, the following has been disclosed:-

(a) The documentation compiled by 1 SRD in Sydney is complete and accurate.

(b) Negotiable Interim Receipts (signed by Ships Agents) covering 39,928 packages of AASC stores, are held by 1 SRD.

(c) Bill of Lading shows 39,925 packages shipped, when in actual fact interim receipts are held for 39,928 packages. (This discrepancy was brought about by the return to SRD of 3 drums of Flour which were damaged. Drums were subsequently replaced, but were not credited on summary from which Bills were compiled.

(d) Docks check (39,427 packages) - your AQ.624.13/Q1 of 17 Jul 45 refers - disagrees with local S & T records (38,825 packages).

(e) Canteen discrepancies are shown as 22 cases in your AQ.624.13/Q2 of 20 May 45, whilst they are shown as 32 cases in your AQ.624.13/Q1 of 17 Jul 45.

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(f) Lists of discrepancies submitted by AASC and AACS are not supported by AAB67s or other Tallying Dockets.

(g) Docks check is not supported by Tallying Dockets.

4. It would appear from the foregoing that the checking system at ports of discharge is bad and that alleged deficiencies cannot be substantiated by accurate documentation.

It was also noted that AASC deficiencies include quite a number of unattractive items, i.e., dehydrated onions, potatoes, &c.

5. It has been brought to notice that AASC Depots in some instances have large surpluses as well as deficiencies. This would further indicate that a check by commodities in relation to movement is impracticable - i.e., Port Service can only reconcile by number of packages and Depots initial check must be on the same basis. Any subsequent inter-service adjustment of commodities can have no relation to the transport agency or method of transport.

6. The checking system outlined in Appendix "B" to SM5932 of 5 Jul 45 should be adhered to, and will ensure that the Port Service and consignees checks are in agreement.

It is emphasised that reconciliation must be effected at Ships' side and/or Beach Head if they are to prove of any practical value.

7. On the face of it there would appear to be very little likelihood of obtaining an accurate record to support any "write off" which may subsequently be submitted to Treasury in relation to this vessel. With the evidence at present, this HQ could only support a deficiency of 501 packages of AASC cargo and not 3,546 as was stated in your AQ.624.13/Q2 of 20 Jun 45.

The percentage represented by a deficiency of 501 packages is far too high and even this figure would appear to be an overstatement of deficiencies ex the ship."

Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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Unit S & T Directorate LHQ *Date and Time.—From* 1 September 45 *To* 30 September 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	September		Administration	
	1		Reorganisation of N.T. Farms	Appendix 1
	5		Formation of Transport Pools	Appendix 2
			Maintenance AASC Supplies for Mounting Force Timor	Appendix 3
	8		Proposed Reorganisation HQ 1 Aust S.R.D. and 2 Aust S.R.D.	Appendix 4
	11		Additional Issue of Food Coupons to released PWs for	
			Butter, Meat and Sugar	Appendix 5
	21		Reorganisation of HQ 1 Aust S.R.D. and 2 Aust S.R.D.	Appendix 6
	22		Conference on Reorganisation of N.G., 1 Aust S.R.D. and	
			2 Aust S.R.D.	Appendix 7
	26		Orders for Demobilization of the AMF 1945	Appendix 8
	28		Post War Employment of Animal Transport	Appendix 9

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	September		POL	
	4		Provision of Rail Tank Cars for Carriage of Petroleum	
			Products Account Services	Appendix 10
	10		Av Gas Holdings and Policy	Appendix 11
	22		GHQ advised of Serious POL shortage at Borneo	Appendix 12
	26		Minutes of Meeting to determine policy of POL and Av Gas	
			Supply, New Guinea and N.E.I. Axis	Appendix 13
			Facilities for tankers at Labuan and Drum filling at Finschhafen	Appendix 14
			AASC Supplies	
	19		Level of Ration Holdings	Appendix 15
	28		Policy of Supply upon withdrawal of U.S. Forces	Appendix 16
			Special Ration Packs	
	4		Authority given to DDST Vic L of C Area to issue 3,000 ALC	
			Rations and 2,000 Emergency Rations to Royal Netherlands Navy	

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	September			
			on repayment basis plus cost of transporting to Perth and	
			including losses or discrepancies in transit.	
			Ration Commodities	
	5		Ministerial approval given for the issue of Altar Wine C of E	
			Chaplain in Torres Area to be increased to 26 bottles x 26 ozs	
			per annum in lieu of 9 bottles.	
			Packing of Rice	Appendix 17
	6		Approval given to DDST NSW L of C Area for the transfer of	
			3,000 lbs Sausages Tnd and 6,375 lbs Parsnips Tnd, on repay-	
			ment to R.A.N.	
	10		Supply of Grain Wheat in lieu of Biscuits Service to Natives	
			on PW Ration	Appendix 18
	15		Policy to discontinue the issue of Biscuits Service	Appendix 19

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	September			
	20		Vegetable Requirements for 1946	Appendix 20
	24		Packing of Fish Tnd	Appendix 21
	28		Adjustment of Export and Purchase Price of Sugar and Golden	
			Syrup	Appendix 22
	4		Special Rations for Air Crews on long flights	Appendix 23
	5		Native Evacuees	Appendix 24
	6		Interim Ration Scale for PW Timor	Appendix 25
			Soldiers under Detention Amendment	Appendix 26
			Approval given to issue in Tas L of C Area Pork and Beans	
			5/7 ozs in lieu of Peas Blue Dried 1 oz and Onions Fresh 1 oz	
	10		Female Ration Scale and Designation of Areas	Appendix 27
	25		Proposed Scale for Disarmed Japanese Troops C in C direction	
			sought	Appendix 28

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	September			
			Fresh Ration Commodities	
	26		First Army advised that RAAF have agreed to fly fresh Ration	
			Commodities to New Guinea from Melbourne and Sydney as planes	
			are available	
			Expense Stores	
	6		Request to DDST Qld L of C Area that 1,281 tins Anti-Mosquito	
			Cream taken over ex U.S. Forces be transferred to Salvage	
			Service for Disposal	
	12		Rat Poison 109 Directive	Appendix 29
			Special Issue of Expense Stores	Appendix 30
			Disposals	
	6		Surplus AASC Farm Machinery	Appendix 31
	10		Western Command authorized to concentrate supplies	Appendix 32

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	September		Supply Accounting	
	1		Obtaining Supplies by Barter from Natives in Fwd Areas	Appendix 33
	15		Provisional Life Quarterly Groupings Amendment	Appendix 34
	19		Directive on Supply of Prepared Meals for members of Allied	
			Forces and Civilians	Appendix 35
	22		AASC Supplies taken from Enemy Sources	Appendix 36
			Consignments of Supplies under cover of AAF F40	Appendix 37
	29		Supply and Transport Services (Provisional) 1945 Manual of	
			General Adm and Accounting Instructions:- Supplies published	
			Contract Demands	
	10		QX.129 for 400,000 lbs Slaked Lime at £3,333.6.8	
	19		QX.125 for 10,000 lbs Ammonium Chloride for Water Purific-	
			ation at £750	

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	September			
	22		QF.450 for Ration Commodities 1946 submitted for approval	
			for £1,009,572.18.4	
			Discrepancies and Losses	
			Application was made to the Minister for approval to write	
			off condemnations and losses for the month of September 1945,	
			aggregating £25,188.17.5. Application was made to the CFO	
			for approval to write off condemnations and losses for the	
			month of September 1945 aggregating £1,227.11.6	

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(264/18/77) 1 Sep 1945.

HQ,
Northern Territory Force.

FARMS : N.T. FARMS : RE-ORGANISATION

With reference to your memorandum Q.32803 of 13 Aug 45, it is considered that these proposals for farm operations during 1946 (prepared prior to cessation of hostilities) would have been satisfactory for a local feeding strength of 10,000 during wartime, but it now appears that any planning should be on a permanent post war basis for a smaller feeding strength.

2. Under these circumstances, it is suggested that 1946 N.T. Farm planning should be on the following alternative basis:-

(a) No special Army farm organisation but all supplies obtained from local civilian growers and/or shipped direct from Eastern ports; or

(b) Retain a small permanent organisation capable of providing at least half the fresh vegetable, fruit and poultry requirements of the relatively small combined forces which are likely to be held in the area, until such time as civilian organisations are capable of supplying full normal requirements.

3. The first alternative would appear to have many advantages, but it is considered very doubtful if civilian organisations will be sufficiently established for many years to comply with full civilian and defence requirements. Shipping supplies by refrigerated cargo, although costly, would appear possible at irregular intervals but in light of past experience, the main disadvantage is that this method does not supply the fresh commodities so essential to health in this climate.

4. If the second alternative is considered preferable, the 107 ac. area at Adelaide River (which following on special 7 M.D. recommendation of May 1939 was purchased by Department of Army in 1940 for use as a combined farm and convalescent area) would, in addition to the existing three small civilian contractors, be capable of supplying the majority of the fresh vegetable, fruit and poultry products. This farm is centrally situated, with good road and rail access, and has been highly developed over the past five years with buildings, roads, fencing, water supply, electric light, farm machinery and irrigation plant with 40 acres planted with tropical fruits and 60 acres suitable for vegetables. Poultry buildings could be transferred from Katherine to house the poultry required.

5. A permanent nucleus organisation of 2 offrs, 8 ORs PMF personnel with some native labour for regular farm duties, plus seasonal assistance from PMF garrisons would appear sufficient to carry on such a scheme. It is requested that the re-organisation during 1946 of N.T. Farm Coys AASC be discussed along these lines, and a firm recommendation forwarded at an early date.

6. In the meantime, concurrence is given to the cessation of farm activities at Katherine and White Russian Adelaide River Farms as outlined in your memorandum Q.32803 of 13 Aug 45.

Major-General,
Quartermaster-General.

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5 Sep 45

FORMATION OF TRANSPORT POOLS

D. S. D.

Your Minute No. 3915 of 24 Aug 45 refers.

2. With the cessation of hostilities and the static nature of many units in L of C Areas, it is considered that action should be taken to withdraw transport from all units in the metropolitan areas and other centres where a number of units are located. Vehicles should only be left with units in isolated areas where it would not be economical to use pool vehicles.

3. L of C Areas should establish transport pools controlled by "Q" of the formation and operated by DDST/ADST of the Area in the same manner as was the practice prior to the war.

4. Attached is a copy of submission being made to the CGS.

Major-General,
Quartermaster-General.

Aug 45.

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THE USE OF MECHANICAL TRANSPORT

C. G. S.

With the cessation of hostilities, it would appear that the time has arrived to overhaul the present position in regard to the issue and use of mechanical transport on the mainland of Australia.

2. The normal general rules governing the control and use of W.D. mechanical transport in the British Army are laid down in King's Regulations 1941, paras. 131, 139, 147, 1141, 1639, and page 576, Appendix III, Q.M.G. second paragraph. These Regulations have been amplified by A.C.Is. during the war.

3. The above Regulations and A.C.Is. make it definitely clear that all road transport is an R.A.S.C. responsibility, and that all 1st line vehicles, other than technical vehicles, not required for training are placed under the control of DDST/ADST or officers i/c R.A.S.C. transport, for the purpose of carrying out all road transport duties.

4. Notwithstanding the pooling of transport laid down in G.R.O. Q.300/44, it is felt that much of the M.T. on issue to units is still carrying out transport that is the function of A.A.S.C. and where G.R.O. Q.300/44 is fully implemented surplus transport has become available as instanced by the recent recommendation of OOBIC in their report on S.A. L of C Area, Jan 45, as a result of which a considerable number of vehicles are being withdrawn from static units.

5. It is considered that the system laid down for the British Army could be adapted for the Australian Army, and it is therefore recommended that -

(a) the transport of all units in static areas where Gen Tpt Coys are located be examined with a view to eliminating all 1st line transport vehicles not actually required for training, all road transport for such units to be carried out by Gen Tpt Coys.

(b) where the W.Es. of static units have been decreased, the necessary increased transport commitment falling on the Gen Tpt Coys be examined and their W.Es. increased to enable demands to be met.

(c) in view of the shortage of drivers M.T. in A.A.S.C. units, surplus drivers from reduced static units to be transferred to A.A.S.C. to meet increased requirement.

(d) all mainland units will furnish a daily availability state of load carrying vehicles to DDST/ADST or A.A.S.C. Officer i/c transport.

(e) only with the authorisation of the AASC Officer i/c transport or by staff direction will a "Unit" vehicle be turned out to perform any road transport service, such as the drawing of rations, petrol, canteens, return or drawing of ordnance stores, ammunition, conveyance of officers' baggage or other ranks' kit to and from railway stations.

(f) Every unit, no matter how much 1st line (or in the case of an A.A.S.C. Unit, 2nd and 3rd line) transport they possess, will, as a matter of routine, requisition on the appropriate AASC officer i/c transport for performance of any road transport service answering the descriptions given in (e).

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6. It is recommended that the OOBIC be instructed to review all mainland transport commitments in the light of this submission. It is considered that the application of this principle to all mainland areas will result in a considerable saving in manpower and mechanical transport.

Major-General,
Quartermaster-General.

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Appendix 3

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
(Quartermaster-General)

Land Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne. S.C.1.

In Reply
Quote : SM7764

5 Sep 45.

MEMORANDUM for :

H.Q. Timor Force (Brig. Dyke)
H.Q. N.T. Force

Copy to: Adv. L.H.Q. for infn.

MAINTENANCE : MOUNTING FORCE TIMOR : (AASC SUPPLIES

The following maintenance plan for Timor Force is to be implemented whilst Aust. Army responsibility continues on a 30 day replenishment basis from Brisbane or Melbourne, from Brisbane preferably. Shipment will not be from Sydney in which stores and wharf are already congested. Fresh meat will be shipped from Darwin.

The following table sets out estimated personnel to be maintained, number of days rations, expense stores, P.O.L. and tonnage required immediately and replenishment thereafter each 30 days. The mounting Force will carry their own initial 30 days maintenance.

Personnel	Days	Rations	Tonnage D.W.	Tonnage M.
Reserve Rations.				
5,000 A.M.F.				
1,000 R.A.A.F.				
1,000 Europeans (for NEI distribution on repayment basis)				
7,000 (incl. Hosp. Sup.)	30	210,000	471	725
Expense Stores.				
7,000	30		44	79
P.O.L.				
6,000	15		269	363
Reserve Total:		210,000	784	1,167
Maintenance.				
5,000 A.M.F.				
1,000 R.A.A.F.				
1,000 Europeans (for NEI distribution on repayment basis)				
7,000 (incl. Hosp. Sup.)	30	210,000	471	725
100,000 Natives) for NEI dis-	30	3,000,000	3,556	5,471
10,000 Jap. P.W.) tribution on	30	300,000	416	640
) repayment				
) basis.				
120 Aust. P.W. (Hosp. Scale)	30	3,600	1	1
Freezer & Cooler ex Brisbane			173	205
" " ex Darwin			90	110
Deck Cargo Vegetables			94	150
Coke			25	70

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Personnel	Days	Rations	Tonnage D.W.	M.
Expense Stores.				
7,000 Eurppeans	30		44	79
100,000 Natives)For NEI distri-	30		317	487
10,000 Jap. P.W.)bution on repay-	30		31	47
)ment basis				
P.O.L.				
6,000	30		538	726
		3,513,600	5,756	8,711
Total Immediate Requirement:		3,723,600	6,540	9,878

In addition an extra 300 Hospital Rations for 30 days will be required at Darwin for Aust. P.W. being flown out from various Islands =

5 tons D.W. or 7 tons M.

From information supplied by R.N.I.A. H.Q. strength of the civil population in Dutch Timor is as under :

Europeans	..	979
Natives	..	1,646,000
Asiatics	..	10,296
Total	-	1,657,275

Native ration scale, a copy of which is attached, is an interim scale based on New Guinea native scale and has been discussed with H.Q. R.N.I.A. who concur.

As no B.I.P.O.D. organization exists in Victoria L of C Area and industry is unable to carry out loading functions, Melbourne will not be used as port of shipment for P.O.L.

This covers Supplies Maintenance plan only. Other maintenance plans will be communicated in due course.

(Sgd.) J.H. CANNAN

Major-General,
Quartermaster-General.

5/9/45.

Copies to - H.Q. R.N.I.A.
DCGS
CFO
DQMG(I)
DQMG(II)
DST

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TIMOR NATIVES SCALE - INTERIM

Biscuits or Bread Making Material	ozs	6
Rice		6
Wheatmeal		6-6/7
Salt Fort.		½
M. & V. Rations		2-2/7
Meat Preserved		2-2/7
Pilchards		1-1/7
Herrings		1-1/7
Edible Animal Fat (Fort.)		2-3/7
Sugar		2-2/7
Milk Condensed		½
Flour		½
Golden Syrup or Jam		2

1. Maximum Scale - variable in accordance with availability.
2. Full advantage must be taken of captured and local supplies.

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DDST, NSW L of C Area
" Vic L of C Area
CO, 1 Aust Sup Res Dep
CO, 2 Aust Sup Res Dep

Copies for information to: DDST, NT Force
DDST, Qld L of C Area
ADST, Western Command
ADST, SA L of C Area
S&T Services, Tas L of C Area

PROPOSED REORGANIZATION : SUP. RES. DEPS.

OBJECT:

1. In order to conserve manpower and provide a more flexible Sup Res Dep organization, it is proposed to incorporate the activities of 2 Aust Sup Res Dep under HQ 1 Aust Sup Res Dep.

IMPLICATIONS:

2. Implementation of this proposal will involve the following implications -

(a) Disbanding of HQ, 2 Aust Sup Res Dep,
(b) Re-allotting of Sup Dep Pls at present under command HQ 2 Aust Sup Res Depot to HQ 1 Aust Sup Res Dep,
(c) Transferring of stocks on charge 2 Aust Sup Res Dep to 1 Aust Sup Res Dep,
(d) As Sup Dep Pls at Bandiana will be located in Vic L of C Area it will be necessary for all administrative returns, etc. and matters dealing with personnel to be forwarded through HQ Vic L of C Area,
(e) It may be necessary to add a small increment to HQ, 1 Aust Sup Res Dep for the purpose of controlling Bandiana Depot.

ACTION:

3.(a) Representatives nominated by DDST, NSW L of C Area, DDST Vic L of C Area, CO 1 Aust Sup Res Dep and 2 Aust Sup Res Dep will conduct an immediate review of the position with a view to implementing the above proposal at the earliest possible date.
(b) DDST, NSW L of C Area will co-ordinate and submit report to DST not later than 25 Sep 45.

(Sgd.) R.M.

Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

Despatched 8 Sep 45
LHQ Memo No. 118516

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Appendix 5.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
(Quartermaster-General)

Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne. S.C.1.

Quote in
Reply : 119235

11 Sep 45.

HQ, Qld L of C Area
" NSW " "
" Vic " "
" SA "
" Tas "
" Western Command

Copies to: Adv LHQ
HQ, 1 Aust Corps
" First Aust Army
" Northern Territory Force
C.G.S.
D.C.G.S.
A.G.
D.G.M.S.
M.G.O.
C.F.O.
B.A.
Secretary, Army
Secretary, Naval Board
Secretary, Air Board
Camp Commandant, L.H.Q. (2)

Ps.W. RELEASED FROM JAPANESE CONTROL : EXTRA RATIONS

Approval is given for the issue of extra rations of meat, butter, sugar and tea to P.W. personnel granted home leave on return from former Japanese controlled areas.

2. It is anticipated that all such personnel who are capable of taking it will be granted leave immediately they return to Australia. The issue of extra rations is to assist their physical reconstitution.

3. The extra ration issue will be effected by means of the issue of extra food ration coupons.

The extra issue of coupons will apply to the first 28 days of the period of leave.

The extra entitlement in respect of each commodity will be -

Meat - twice normal issue
Butter - " " "
Sugar - " " "
Tea - normal issue, plus one half.

Therefore a soldier granted, say 35 days leave, would be entitled to the following coupons -

35 days at normal issue = 10 half week food coupon sheets,
28 days at additional issue = 8 half week food coupon sheets
Total 18

4. All issues of coupons will be subject to the usual destruction, by means of a triangular cut, of butter and meat coupons to give effect to the approved current reductions of 25% and 12½% in these commodities.

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5. In order to reduce the additional allowance of tea to 50% above normal issue, one tea coupon will be destroyed by means of the triangular cut in every two half week coupon sheets issued in satisfaction of the 28 days special additional issue as shown in the above example.

H G Hansen Lt Col
Major-General,
Quartermaster-General.
10 Sep 45

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Appendix 6

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
MINUTE PAPER

Subject: REORGANISATION 1 AND 2 SUPPLY RESERVE DEPOTS

D. S. D.

Copy to: D of O

In connection with the preparation of a proposed new WE for HQ 1 Sup Res Dep the organisation of the depot has been fully investigated by an officer of S & T Directorate. It now is considered that the organisation of the depot should be based on requirements for the interim post-war period and with increments added to enable the present heavy commitments to be discharged.

2. At the present time the HQ of the depot has been greatl expanded beyond authorised WE by the attachment of clerks and administrative personnel from Sup Dep Pls under command. It is considered that the WE of the HQ should provide such personnel and that the Sup Dep Pls should be retained for operation of stores groups, and to this end a proposed WE has been prepared in conjunction with DDST NSW L of C Area and CO 1 Sup Res Dep and is attache as Appx A. This WE should provide an adequate HQ for maintenance during the interim post-war period of an overseas force of up to 100,000 and of 120,000 natives in areas of occupation.

To enable 1 Sup Res Dep to meet present heavy commitments, it would be necessary that two Base Clerical Increments AAS be allotted to the depot, and as the overseas maintenance commitment decreases, such increments could be progressively withdrawn.

3. The proposed WE follows the present internal organisation of the depot in that it provides for the following sections:-

Adm HQ
Stores Control, Warranty and Survey
Shipping
Rail and Forwarding
Accounts and Ordering

This organisation is functioning satisfactorily and it is considered desirable that it be retained in its present set up. Summary of the duties of the sections is attached as Appx B.

4. It is recommended that the proposed WE be adopted and that an additional Base Clerical Increment be raised and that the present HQ and 98, 104, 127 and 231 Sup Dep Pls be disbanded. A comparative statement by ranks and trades based on these recommendations is attached as Appx C.

This comparative statement reveals a number of upgradings in ranks and an increase in numbers of clerks, trade group 3, with a corresponding decrease in the number of issuers. It is submitted that the magnitude of the task of 1 Sup Res Dep, necessitating a great amount of speedy, reliable and accurate clerical work, more than justifies the proposed upgradings, and that the ranks recommended are only commensurate with the duties and responsibilities involved. In this regard it is of interest to note that

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shipments from this depot during the past 12 months exceeded £40,000,000 in value.

5. The functions of HQ 2 Sup Res Dep and associated Sup Dep Pls, at present operating at Bandiana and Oaklands, also have been reviewed recently. These installations have lost their previous strategic significance and now are operating as regulating and holding points for 1 Sup Res Dep in respect of supplies drawn from contractors in Victoria and the Riverina. In view of this it is considered that the installations should be under the direct control of HQ 1 Sup Res Dep and that HQ 2 Sup Res Dep is not required. It is recommended therefore that HQ 2 Sup Res Dep be deleted from OOB and disbanded.

However certain responsibilities in connection with command, local administration and accounting at the Bandiana/Oaklands stores group will continue and a special increment of 1 officer and 12 ORs would be required for these functions. Proposed WE for this increment is attached as Appx D. It is expected that as the task and stock holdings of 1 Sup Res Dep decrease, the special increment could be disbanded without disturbing the basic organisation of HQ 1 Sup Res Dep.

6. At the present time the following Sup Dep Pls are under command HQ 2 Sup Res Dep :-

164 Sup Dep Pl
165 Sup Dep Pl
166 Sup Dep Pl
167 Sup Dep Pl

On disbandment of HQ 2 Sup Res Dep these platoons would come under command HQ 1 Sup Res Dep and it is considered necessary that for effective control these platoons, although located in Vic L of C Area, should be shown in OOB as follows :-

Higher Formation	NSW L of C Area
Allotted to	1 Aust Sup Res Dep
Remarks	LHQ unit

It would be necessary for certain aspects of local administration t be handled through Vic L of C Area (e.g. rations and hospitalization) but it is understood that there is a precedent for such a procedure.

The above platoons are considerably below WE strength, but as they are sufficient at present strength to operate the installations it is recommended that 167 Sup Dep Pl be deleted from OOB and disbanded, personnel to be transferred, supernumerary in rank if necessary, to the remaining three platoons.

8. Adoption of the above proposals concerning 2 Sup Res Dep would result in a saving on WE strengths of 6 officers and 52 ORs thus :-

Present Org		Proposed Org	
HQ 2 Sup Res Dep:		HQ 1 Sup Res Dep:	
5 offrs	34 ORs	Special Increment 1 offr	12 ORs
4 Sup Dep Pls:		3 Sup Dep Pls:	
8 offrs	120 ORs	6 offrs	90 ORs
13 offrs	154 ORs	7 offrs	102 ORs

An overall reduction of 6 officers and 46 ORs therefore would be achieved on implementation of proposed reorganisation of 1 Sup Res Dep and 2 Sup Res Dep as set out in this submission.

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9. Summary of Recommendations:

Disband: HQ 1 Sup Res Dep
HQ 2 Sup Res Dep
98 Sup Dep Pl
104 Sup Dep Pl
127 Sup Dep Pl
167 Sup Dep Pl
231 Sup Dep Pl

Raise: HQ 1 Sup Res Dep

comprising HQ 1 Sup Res Dep (as per Appx A)
1 Sup Res Dep Special Increment
6 Base Clerical Increment (as per Appx D)

Amend OOB: 164 Sup Dep Pl) OOB to read:
165 Sup Dep Pl) "Higher Formation NSW L of C Area
166 Sup Dep Pl) Allotted to 1 Aust Sup Res Dep"

Major-General,
Quartermaster-General.
21/7/45.

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HQ 1 Aust Supply Reserve Depot AASC

War Establishment
(Provisional)

(i) Summary of ranks

Detail	Administrative Headquarters	Stores Control, Warranty, and Survey	Shipping	Rail and Forwarding	Accounts and Ordering	Total, H.Q.1 Aust. Supply Reserve Depot
Lieutenant-colonel	1	-	-	-	-	1
Majors -						
Administration	1	-	-	-	-	1
i/c Stores Groups	1	-	-	-	-	1
Chief Stores Officer	1	-	-	-	-	1
Adjutant (captain)	1	-	-	-	-	1
Quartermaster (captain)	1	-	-	-	-	1
Captains	-	1	1	1	1	4
Lieutenants	-	1	1	-	1	3
Total, officers	6	2	2	1	2	13
Warrant officer, Class I (RSM)	1	-	-	-	-	1
Warrant officers, Class I (Clerks)	-	-	1	-	1	2
Warrant officer, Class II (RQMS)	1	-	-	-	-	1
Warrant officer, Class II (Clerks)	-	2	2	2	2	8
Total, warrant officers	2	2	3	2	3	12
Staff-sergeants (Clerks)	1	1	2	1	1	6
Sergeants (clerks)	-	2	8	2	6	18
Sergeant (butcher)	1	-	-	-	-	1
Sergeants	4	-	-	-	-	4
Total, staff-sergeants and sergeants	6	3	10	3	7	29
Corporals	6	4	12	3	7	32
Privates	24	1	6	3	2	36
Drivers, MT	8	2	2	2	-	14
Total, rank and file	38	7	20	8	9	82
Total, other ranks	46	12	33	13	19	123
Total, all ranks	52	14	35	14	21	136
Attached						
AAMC Sergeant	1	-	-	-	-	1
AACC (WO II (caterer)	1	-	-	-	-	1
(Sergeant	1	-	-	-	-	1
(Privates (trade group 2)	2	-	-	-	-	2
AAPC Sergeant	1	-	-	-	-	1
AA Postal Service Corporal	1	-	-	-	-	1
Total, all ranks, including attached	59	14	35	14	21	143

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

Detail	Administrative Headquarters	Stores Control Warranty and Survey	Shipping	Rail and Forwarding	Accounts and Ordering	Total, HQ 1 Aust Supply Reserve Depot
Trade group 2						
Painter	1	"	"	"	"	1
Mechanic MV	1	"	"	"	"	1
Trade group 3						
Clerks, supply	(a) 6	(b) 5	(c) 18	(d) 6	(e) 9	44
Tailor	(f) 1	"	"	"	"	1
Tinsmith	1	"	"	"	"	1
Non-specialists						
Corporals for -						
Administrative duties	2	"	"	"	"	2
Transport	1	"	"	"	"	1
Batmen	5	"	"	"	"	5
General dutymen for -						
General duties	2	"	"	"	"	2
Officers' mess	2	"	"	"	"	2
Sergeants' mess	4	"	"	"	"	4
Hygiene dutymen	2	"	"	"	"	2
Storemen	(g) 2	"	"	"	"	2
Drivers MT for duty as -						
Drivers of vehicles	6	2	2	2	"	12
Motor cyclist orderlies	2	"	"	"	"	2
Total, rank and file	38	7	20	8	9	82

(iii) Transport

Motor cycles	2	"	"	"	"	2
Car DS	1	"	"	"	"	1
Trucks 15 cwt GS	3	2	2	2	"	9
Trucks 3-ton GS	2	"	"	"	"	2
Total vehicles (excl. motor cycles)	6	2	2	2	"	12

(a) Includes 2 corporals
(b) Includes 4 corporals
(c) Includes 12 corporals
(d) Includes 3 corporals
(e) Includes 7 corporals
(f) Will be a corporal when strength of depot is between 351 and 500
(g) Includes a corporal

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NOTES

1. The following variations to this establishment are authorised :-

Personnel

(i) For each truck mobile fork lift (forming part of the mechanical plant of the depot) add one driver MT.

(ii) For each truck 3-ton 4 x 4 authorised for transport of trucks, mobile fork lift, add one driver MT.

(iii) For every 24 vehicles (including trucks mobile fork lift) on the strength of the depot, add one mechanic MV (trade group 2).

(iv) Of the total number of drivers, MT in the depot, one in every seven may be replaced by a driver mechanic (trade group 3).

Transport

In respect of every ten trucks, mobile fork lift, held, one truck 3-ton 4 x 4 and one transporter, 2 wheel, modified will be added.

2. For each Base Clerical Increment AASC allotted to this unit, add one cook (trade group 2).

3. Labour will be provided on a scale of one man dealing with eight (8) tons in an eight hour day (one handling).

4. The following personnel may be replaced by members of the AWAS :-

Clerks -	
Sergeants	6
Corporals	12
Privates	6
Drivers MT	10

AWAS administrative personnel and AAMWS nursing orderlies will be added to this establishment in accordance with the authorised scale.

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APPENDIX B

PROPOSED WE - HQ 1 SUPPLY RESERVE DEPOT
DUTIES OF SECTIONS

Administrative HQ.

General unit administration.

Stores Control, Warranty and Survey.

Stores Control. Allocation of all receipts and issues between various stores and overall supervision thereof. Storage space availability. Inter-store movements of supplies. Preparation of daily transport and labour requisitions. Allocation of transport and labour.

Warranty and Survey. Stock examinations, Warranty and inspection registers. Records and returns re condemnations. Records and returns re stock turnover.

Shipping.

Receipt, checking and distribution of shipping orders. Receipt at wharf sheds of all supplies ex stores and contractors. Daily progress total of each shipment. Preparation of Bills of Lading, Supply Issue Notes, customs entries, advices to consignees, claims on shipping companies, etc. Check and supervision at wharf of all inward shipments. Liaison with Police Dept. and SIB re pillaging. Discrepancy reports.

Rail and Forwarding.

Despatch and receipt of supplies by rail, road and air, preparation of documents in connection therewith. Receipts and issues at cold stores, contractors' premises, etc. Supervision and checking of loading and offloading of rail trucks at Alexandria Goods Yard and other points and despatch of supplies thence to stores. Despatch and receipt of supplies to and from country stores groups.

Accounts and Ordering.

Accounts. Maintenance of stock ledgers and master stock boards, checking and dissecting dockets and summaries of receipts and issues in connection therewith. Clearance of documents re inward consignments. Registration and checking of contractors' accounts. Physical stock checks in stores and compilation of stock states.

Ordering. Ordering and calling forward from contractors all ration commodities, hospital supplies and expense stores. Calling forward supplies from interstate sources. Registration of all Contract Demands and Authority Requisitions. Special local purchases. Control of stock levels of supplies held in cold stores.

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PROPOSED WE - HQ 1 SUPPLY RESERVE DEPOT AASC
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

Detail	Present Org HQ 1 Sup Res Dep (WE IV/40B/2) 1 Base Cler Inc 98 Sup Dep Pl 104 Sup Dep Pl 127 Sup Dep Pl 231 Sup Dep Pl	Proposed Org HQ 1 Sup Res Dep 1 Base Cler Inc 6 Base Cler Inc
Lieutenant-colonel	1	1
Majors	2	3
Captains	5	6
Lieutenants	5	3
Total, officers	13	13
Warrant officer, Class I	4	5
Warrant officer, Class II	11	17
Total, warrant officers	15	22
Staff-sergeants	13	18
Sergeants	27	35
Total, staff-sergeants and sergeants	40	53
Corporals	23	41
Privates	82	53
Drivers MT	14	14
Total, rank and file	119	108
Total, other ranks	174	183
Total, all ranks	187	196
Attached AAMC	1	1
AACC	10	6
AAPC	-	1
AA Postal Service	1	1
Total, all ranks, incl att.	199	205

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Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties

Detail	Present Org HQ 1 Sup Res Dep 1 Base Cler Inc 98 Sup Dep Pl 104 Sup Dep Pl 127 Sup Dep Pl 231 Sup Dep Pl	Proposed Org HQ 1 Sup Res De 1 Base Cler Inc 6 Base Cler Inc
Trade group 2		
Carpenters	4	-
Mechanic MV	-	1
Printer	1	1
Trade group 3		
Clerks, supply	38	70
Tailor	1	1
Tinsmith	-	1
Non-specialists		
Corporals for -		
Administrative duties	-	2
Transport	1	1
Batmen	7	5
General dutymen	-	8
Hygiene dutymen	4	2
Issuers	48	-
Storemen	1	2
Drivers MT for duty as -		
Batmen-drivers	4	-
Drivers of vehicles	10	12
Motor cyclist or orderlies	-	2
Total, rank and file	119	108

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Appendix D

HQ 1 Aust Supply Reserve Depot
Special Increment

War Establishment

(i) Summary of ranks

Detail	Number
Major	1
Total, officers	1
Warrant officer, class I (clerk)	1
Total, warrant officers	1
Staff-sergeant (clerk)	1
Sergeants (clerks)	4
Total, staff-sergeants and sergeants	5
Corporals (clerks)	3
Privates (clerks, supply, trade group 3)	2
Driver, MT, for duty as batman-driver	1
Total, rank and file	6
Total, other ranks	12
Total, all ranks	13

(ii) Transport

Trucks, 15 cwt GS 1

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
(Quartermaster-General)

Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE, S.C.1.

125150

DDST NSW L of C Area
DDST Vic L of C Area
CO 1 Sup Res Dep
CO 2 Sup Res Dep

Copies for information to:
DDST NT Force
DDST Qld L of C Area
ADST Western Command
ADST SA L of C Area
S&T Services, Tas L of C Area

PROPOSED REORGANIZATION - SUP RES DEPS
(Ref DST memo 110516 of 8 Sep 45)

A conference to discuss the implications of the proposed reorganization of Sup Res Deps was held at S & T Directorate LHQ on 13 Sep 45, with the following officers in attendance :-

Lt-Col A.T. McLean	ADST S&T Directorate, LHQ
Lt-Col J.C. Hardy	CO 1 Sup Res Dep
Lt-Col H.J. Carpenter	ADST NSW L of C Area
Maj T.H. Peddle	DADS Vic L of C Area
Maj A.B.D. Letts	2 Sup Res Dep

2. It was agreed that :-

(a) An increment to HQ 1 Sup Res Dep would be necessary for command, administration and accounting at the Bandiana/Oaklands stores group.

(b) Sup Dep Pts operating the Bandiana/Oaklands stores group should be placed under command of HQ 1 Sup Res Dep and under NSW L of C Area for local administration, subject to certain aspects of local administration (eg. rations and hospitalization) being handled through Vic L of C Area.

3. A submission embodying the proposed reorganization has been made to "G" Br LHQ and copies for information of DDST NSW L of C Area and CO 1 Sup Res Dep are attached.

4. Action by DDST NSW L of C Area in terms of para. 3 of DST memo under reference is not required.

W.M. Chan
for Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.
22 Sept 45

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
(Quartermaster-General)

AIR MAIL

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Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE, S.C.1.

DLST Adv LHQ
DDST First Army
LDST NT Force
DDST Qld L of C Area
DDST NSW L of C Area
DDST Vic L of C Area
ADST S A L of C Area
ADST Western Command
DADST Second Army
S & T Services,
Tas L of C Area

Copies to: DQMG I
DRD (A Branch)
AG 5

ORDERS FOR DEMOBILIZATION OF THE AMF 1945

1. Ref "Orders for Demobilization of the AMF 1945" Chapter 111, Part V and LHQ signal AG 76349 of 15 Sep 45.

2. The above quoted signal grants authority for service representatives on Formation etc. HQs. to call under Formation arrangements for any necessary personnel returns from service representatives on lower formations or from units or installations of their service in order that close supervision of all transfers and dispersals can be carried out to ensure that services continue to function in an efficient manner throughout the demobilization period.

3. At the present time it is not intended to call for any returns, except as stated in para. 6 below, to be submitted to S & T Directorate, LHQ, but as and when the need arises specific returns will be called for under separate instructions.

4. In order to ensure that S & T Services function efficiently during the demobilization period and thereafter, it is essential that action be taken by addressees to ensure that short service personnel of redundant units and short service surplus personnel are transferred as early as possible to units which are to be retained during the period and that long service personnel are transferred to redundant units pending demobilization in accordance with their priorities. In order to ensure close supervision of these transfers, it may be necessary to call for returns from units under command and within your Formations. Such returns will be called for as required under your arrangements.

5. Addressees will advise this Directorate immediately it is foreseen that difficulties will arise in providing sufficient short service personnel for units required to be retained during the demobilization period and thereafter, when action will be taken to provide suitable personnel from other areas where possible.

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6. In relation to officers, LHQ signal ST 79318 of 25 Sep 45 called for a return of officers by ranks who were willing to serve on indefinitely and that this information be confirmed by a nominal roll of such officers.

7. In regard to this, the general position is that in the absence of the knowledge of an officer's intention as to service, it is impossible to select suitable replacement officers where these are required. This difficulty will naturally greatly increase when demobilization commences and during the subsequent period.

8. It is appreciated that you will endeavour to man the units under your command with officers who desire to serve on. Should this, however, be not possible, your early advice will be of great assistance in obtaining a correct dispersal of officers available and avoid as far as possible the unnecessarily long retention of High Priority Personnel who desire release.

Ronald McDonald.

(R.T.A. McDonald) Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

26 Sep 45

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POST WAR EMPLOYMENT OF ANIMAL TRANSPORT

Q. M. G.

Reference Post War Planning Committee's minute of the 15 Sept and the attached submission by the DVRS relative to the above subject, I agree with the remarks of the DVRS and am of the opinion it is essential provision should be included in the Post War Army for the training of personnel in the use of all forms of Animal Transport in order that the art of horsemastership and animal management shall not become a lost art.

2. For short hauls in city areas and camps, H.T. is more economical than M.T., and there are still areas in Australia in which the Army may be called upon to fight in a future war where the only means of supply will be by H.T. or Pack Transport. As an instance, pack transport has been used and is still being used in Victoria to supply an RAAF detachment located at Wilson's Promontory. No other form of transport is possible in the mountainous country in that area.

3. It is therefore recommended that provision be made for the training of both permanent and militia personnel in all L of C Areas and Western Command in the use of animal transport.

4. There should, in my opinion, be organised an S & T permanent force nucleus H.T. unit with a Militia complement which should be trained in horsemastership, driving (postillion and long rein) and pack transport. As remount units draw personnel from AASC, the training of Remounts and H.T. personnel will be similar.

5. The establishment of personnel suggested by the DVRS will be insufficient to provide an H.T. nucleus for which provision will have to be made.

6. The Remount, Veterinary and S & T Services are so intimately connected that I think the suggestion to amalgamate with the S & T Directorate is not only practicable but desirable.

(Sgd.) R. T. A. McDonald
Brig.,
D. S. T.

28 Sep 45.

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Appendix "A"

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PROVISION OF RAIL TANK CARS FOR CARRIAGE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ACCOUNT SERVICES

D.R.R.T.

Further to Minute ST.2069 of 30 Aug 45.

2. Industry have now advised that after review of requirements in all States for post war trading, they can definitely say that they will not require any of the following rail tank cars for post war use:-

Q'land	20 cars
S.A. Narrow Gauge	35 "
N.T.	47 "

3. It is still impossible for them to determine accurately what requirements, if any, they have in respect to -

S.A. Broad Gauge cars
W.A. Narrow Gauge cars
Vic. Broad Gauge cars
NSW Broad Gauge cars.

4. One point militating against prompt decision is the fact that the majority of these cars were not constructed according to the requirements of A.N.Z.R. specification and there is some doubt as to whether the Commissioners of the various Railways would permit post war operation without some modification or alteration. Until this point is clearly determined, Industry are unable to advise their requirements of cars listed in para. 3 above.

5. Request has been made to you that you should assist the Engineers Sub-Committee in their negotiations with Railways Commissioners with a view to having all types of Commonwealth-owned cars approved as satisfactory for post war operation over the various systems.

6. It will be in order now to immediately take action to lay up Queensland and South Australian narrow gauge rail tank cars referred to in para. 2 above. Of the N.T. cars, earlier advice has been given that the present day surplus will not exceed 17 cars although it is probable that additional surpluses will be declared within the next 60 days.

7. Pool have requested, and it is considered that their request is reasonable, that until determination can be made of further requirements of cars not covered in para. 2 above, Army should approve a continuance of the existing hire arrangements for such rail tank cars as they may in future require to use for their civil distribution.

8. It is recommended that approval should be given to this request but that at the same time Industry should be asked to do everything possible to speed up their decision as to what remaining cars they are prepared to take over in a permanent sense.

9. If you concur in their suggestion about hire and advise this Directorate accordingly, the necessary direction will be given to Pool.

Brig.,
D. S. T.

4 Sep 45.

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Appendix II

10 Sep 1945.

MEMORANDUM for :

The Secretary,
Department of Air,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE. S.C.1.

AV GAS HOLDINGS AND MOVEMENT : No.1 QLD. L of C AREA
BIPOD - TOWNSVILLE/CAIRNS

Over recent months, the importance of the harbours of Townsville and Cairns as ports for off-shore movement of P.O.L. has decreased almost to vanishing point.

2. No.1 Qld BIPOD, which operates detachments at both points, is accordingly to be reduced in strength to the bare minimum of personnel necessary to provide P.O.L. for usage within the immediate area.

3. Some of the present functions of the unit are -

(a) To maintain heavy stocks of Av Gas and Av Oil at both points;

(b) To arrange handling, transport and loading for off-shore movement of the above stocks.

4. Present day holdings approximate -

Townsville - 7,300 x 44-gallon drums Av Gas
1,800 x 44 " " Av Oil

Cairns - 5,000 x 44-gallon drums Av Gas
350 x 44 " " Av Oil

5. Under the circumstances it will no longer be possible for Army to maintain personnel at the ports in question to continue the handling and movement of R.A.A.F. holdings.

6. It is understood from Qld L of C Area that -

(a) No off-shore movement of Av Gas or Av Oil has been made from Townsville for some four months;

(b) Movements from Cairns are small and consist of irregular parcels moved by coastal vessels to Cooktown.

7. It is requested that consideration should be given in an urgent sense to the resumption by Industry of holding and movement functions in relation to both Av Gas and Av Oil to relieve Army of this responsibility so that needed reductions in strength can be made without delay.

(F.R. Sinclair)
Secretary

10 Sep 45

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Appendix 12.

LANDFORCES 221520K

GHQ MANILA FOR AREA PETROLEUM OFFICER

GHQ SUB AREA PETROLEUM OFFICER ZAMBOANGA
LANDOPS

ST 78549 Unclassified (.)

Refer ST78187 of 21 Sep (.) Landops advise stock position Bulk Avgas, Mogas and ADF Borneo ports, causing serious concern (.) Landops quote position at 20 Sep as follows Tarakan Mogas 14 days (.) Balikpapan Avgas 10 days ADF 2 days (.) Labuan Mogas 20 days ADF one day (.) Landops state can get no information of any further tanker allocations to Borneo ports (.) Appreciate if you would arrange urgently necessary replenishments to ensure maximum stocks up to 60 days and advise this HQ repeated Landops detailed arrangements including tanker cargoes and ETA of tankers at Borneo ports concerned.

(Sgd.) R. T. A. McDonald
Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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Appendix 13

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
(Quartermaster-General)

Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE, S.C.1.

Quote in reply : 126275

25 Sep 45.

D.D.S.T. Adv. L.H.Q.
D.D.S.T. First Army.

Copies to:-
GHQ AFPAC APO 500 - For Area Petroleum Officer,
GHQ Sub Area Petroleum Officer, Zamboanga, APO 717
(for Lt-Col S.G. Mitchell).
F.A.S. Treasury Division (For Mr. N.N.Drummond).
D.T.D. R.A.N. (Lt-Comdr. Robertson).
D.S.S. R.A.A.F. (for Wing Commander J. Lynas).
Mr. W.H. Tucker, Assistant Secretary, Department of Supply and Shipping, 125 Swanston Street, Melbourne, C.1.
C.F.O.

P.O.L. AND AVGAS SUPPLY - NEW GUINEA/N.E.I. AXIS

References :-
(a) Landforces signal QG.70675 of 14 Sep 45 which sets out the broad principles of the supply plan effective 1 Oct 45.

(b) Landforces signal QG.77855 of 20 Sep 45 which details by areas the A.M.F. responsibility for the maintenance of supplies to R.A.A.F. on the New Guinea/N.E.I. axis.

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1. GENERAL.

Copy of notes of meeting held at L.H.Q. on 20 Sep 45 is attached. The agreement outlined therein will be implemented in full with the following additions :-

2. PACKED M.T. P.O.L.

The only packed M.T. P.O.L. to be taken over from U.S. Forces will be M.T. Petrol 80 and Auto. Diesel Fuel at Morotai and Finschhafen. U.S. Forces will be responsible for evacuation and disposal of any other stocks of Class III (M.T. P.O.L.) Supplies held in U.S. Bases at 1 Oct 45.

R.A.A.F. will, in areas such as Hollandia and Biak, take over sufficient packed M.T. P.O.L. for their forward requirements at the time when U.S. Forces are evacuated from these points. R.A.A.F., through their appropriate Formation C.O., will advise R.A.A.F. H.Q. with copies to D.S.T. L.H.Q., D.D.S.T. Adv. L.H.Q. and D.D.S.T. First Army full details of any such action

At Finschhafen and Morotai U.S. Forces will retain sufficient packed P.O.L. (Class III supplies) to maintain their own troops until evacuation, and A.M.F. will take over excess stocks of M.T. Petrol 80 and Auto. Diesel Fuel on 1 Oct 45.

All packed M.T. P.O.L. taken over will be physically checked as to quantity and condition of packs. Any material which cannot be satisfactorily identified, or which is considered to be in bad condition, will not be taken over by A.M.F., and U.S. Forces will be responsible for disposal.

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R.A.A.F. will be responsible for taking over all packed Avgas and Av. Oil. Full details are covered in RAAF Signal QF.209 and QF.210 of 19 Sep 45, copies of which are included for your information.

2. BULK STOCKS.

The following procedure will apply :

A.M.F. will take over on 1 Oct 45 bulk Avgas stocks in those terminals now operated by A.M.F., namely Port Moresby and Lae. At Milne Bay the bulk Avgas will continue under RAAF ownership, and at Torokina under RNZAF ownership. At Finschhafen and Morotai, A.M.F. will take over ownership of all bulk stocks (including Range Fuel, if stocked) at a date to be mutually agreed between D.D.S.T. and U.S. Base Quartermaster concerned. This date should be as soon after 1 Oct 45 as A.M.F. Formations concerned can organize to take over the operation and maintenance of the Ocean Terminals. At the other existing Ocean Terminals in the area, e.g. Hollandia and Biak, the bulk products will remain on U.S. charge until withdrawn and re-delivered to A.M.F. operated Terminals. It may, however, be necessary for A.M.F. to provide a small working party at Hollandia to cover maintenance and withdrawal of stocks if U.S. operating unit is withdrawn prior to evacuation of the bulk stocks. Lt-Col Mitchell, G.H.Q. representative, will advise D.D.S.T. Adv. L.H.Q. if and when such action is necessary.

3. 44-GALLON DRUMS.

Stocks of empty heavy 44 gallon drums which are in good order and condition for filling with cleaning only and which do not require rumbling or repair, will be taken over from U.S. Bases as follows :-

Morotai - total quantity up to 20,000.
Finschhafen - total quantity up to 30,000.

Any surpluses over and above these quantities which might be available will be advised to this H.Q., who will instruct regarding future action. Empty 44 gallon drums will not be taken over elsewhere, and it is understood that RAAF are acting on parallel lines in those areas where they are responsible in respect of Avgas drums. So that there will be no misunderstanding of the respective responsibilities between the two Services, it is advised that A.M.F. will be responsible for provision of 44 gallon drums for re-supply of packed Avgas within the New Guinea/N.E.I. Axis, and adjustments of the financial responsibility for drums will be made at a later date between the two H.Qs.

Treasury has requested that when sorting drums for takeover, A.M.F. will maintain records to show the number of drums taken over which :-

(i) Have been provided ex the United States and not R.L.L. sources, and are embossed accordingly with evidence of manufacture in United States.

(ii) Have been procured by the U.S. through Reciprocal Lend Lease. These drums are usually embossed with the Rheem (Aust) marking or are those received from Oil Companies in Aust. which in some cases do not show country of manufacture.

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As far as possible any drums taken over should be confined to Class (ii) as there is no financial obligation in this case.

4. TANKER ARRANGEMENTS FOR DISTRIBUTION WITHIN THE NEW GUINEA/N.E.I. AXIS

The above is referred in penultimate paragraph of page 3 of Appendix 'A' hereto. It is to be noted that G.H.Q. is supplying 2 AOG and 2 'Y' type tankers to enable re-distribution and maintenance of supplies within the area concerned until the end of October. Immediate steps have been taken to obtain two "Empire" class tankers and to retain the "Shwedagon". The "Empire" class tankers will be used as floating storage as well as for re-supply. Present plans for re-supply are - Morotai ex Darwin, and Finschhafen ex East Coast of Australia. Lt-Col Mitchell, Area Petroleum Officer Representative, will co-operate with D.D.S.T. Adv. L.H.Q. to develop the tanker procedure during the changeover period. Advice will be forwarded of the availability of these "Empire" class tankers as soon as Department of Supply and Shipping complete the arrangements with B.M.O.W.T. Dead line date for availability in the area has been set as 15 Oct 45. Instructions regarding the extension of the Oil jetty at Labuan and the construction of drum cleaning facilities at Finschhafen are being issued separately by 'Q'.

5. ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE.

Attachment to Appendix 'A' sets out the agreed accounting procedure for bulk transactions during the changeover period. It will be noted that the major differences between the present procedure and that now proposed are :-

(a) Bulk Avgas accounting becomes the responsibility of A.M.F. at Borneo, retrospective to the inception of bulk Avgas deliveries from U.S. sources to Borneo Terminal.

(b) In future, deliveries in tankers will be accepted by A.M.F. on ship's tank's dips at port of delivery, and not on shore tank dips. This modification of procedure is necessary owing to the fact that there have been considerable difficulties in obtaining accurate shore tank dips, particularly where bolted tanks and barges have been used.

The above procedure will be applied to deliveries at Borneo Ocean Terminals, and will apply elsewhere after 1 Oct 45 in any transactions with U.S. Forces. In the case of the Borneo Terminals, if action already taken in respect of M.T. Petrol 80 and Auto. Diesel Fuel is considered satisfactory, please confer with G.H.Q. representative (Lt-Col Mitchell) for authority to let the past accounting procedure stand, as it is the common objective of G.H.Q. and A.M.F. to avoid unnecessary accounting transactions. Amendment to accounting procedure for Bulk Petroleum Storage Coys will follow at an early date.

Attention is invited to Landforces Signal QQ.75067 of 14 Sep 45, part 3, the Treasury's instructions outlined therein must be followed in complete detail, and will be applied to any facilities taken over, as well as to stocks.

6. STOCK RECORDING.

(a) R.A.A.F. instructions are incorporated in Signal QF.221 of 21 Sep 45, copy of which is attached for your information.

(b) As from Saturday, 6 Oct 45 (or the next Saturday after

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the date of taking over from U.S. Forces), standard P.O.L. stock signal will be forwarded to Landforces repeated Landops, by the responsible Base Sub Areas. Base Sub Areas under the control of First Army will also repeat the signals to First Army as is current practice. Re-supply to all points in the area will be automatic.

7. ORGANIZATION FOR RE-SUPPLY.

As from 1 Oct 45, responsibility for re-supply of all bulk and packed Avgas and M.T. P.O.L. will pass from G.H.Q. AFPAC to A.M.F. in the New Guinea/N.E.I. axis. G.H.Q. AFPAC have provided a representative to co-ordinate during the change-over period, and this Officer (Lt-Col Mitchell) will be stationed at Morotai. The organization for bulk re-supply which has been developed by G.H.Q., will be taken over by A.M.F., and a Sub Area Petroleum Officer will be posted to an existing vacancy on S. & T. at each Adv. L.H.Q. and First Army. The officers concerned will be Capts. N. Gilbert and R.B. Callaghan. These officers will be responsible to the D.D.S.T. concerned for maintenance of the nominated products at all points within the respective spheres of influence. Any details associated with re-supply after 1 Nov 45, which the above arrangements do not appear to adequately cover, will be discussed with the G.H.Q. representative and recommendations made at the earliest possible date.

8. RELATION WITH SEAC.

The above plan is being submitted by Air Mail to SEAC, with the request that detailed advices be forwarded of the places and times at which SEAC will assume supply responsibility from A.M.F.

Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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NOTES ON CONFERENCE HELD AT L.H.Q. ON 20 SEP 45 - TO DISCUSS FUTURE PETROL AND AVIATION GASOLINE SUPPLY IN THE NEW GUINEA/N.E.I. AXIS

Present:

Brigadier R.T.A. McDonald	-	D.S.T.
Air Commodore Mackinolty	-	R.A.A.F.
Colonel Crombie	-	"Q"
Group-Captain Watson	-	R.A.A.F.
Lt.-Col. M.T. Cowles	-	S. & T.
Lt.-Col. Mitchell	-	G.H.Q.
W/Cdr. J. Lynas	-	D.S.S., R.A.A.F.
Major Richards	-	"Q"
S/Ldr. Walker	-	D.S.T.L.O.

Report of Lt.-Col. Cowles and W/Cdr. Lynas, of discussions with G.H.Q. AFPAC regarding the above subject, was considered. In principle, the recommendations were accepted, and the following specific arrangements were agreed.

MOROTAI:

A.M.F. would take over and operate the ocean terminal from U.S. Forces not before 1 Oct 45. Bulk supply of Aviation Gasoline, M.T. 80 and Automotive Diesel Fuel will be maintained from stocks left by U.S. Forces in the area until exhausted; replenishments thereafter would be from British sources of supply. Negotiations would be instituted with the Dutch authorities regarding assumption by them of any financial commitment associated with the taking over of this terminal.

HOLLANDIA:

A.M.F. will not take over the bulk installation, nor assume any other supply responsibilities other than to evacuate any stocks of bulk P.O.L. or Aviation Gasoline from the ocean terminal which are left after the evacuation by the U.S. Forces. R.A.A.F. will reduce usage of this point to a minimum and will immediately arrange to obtain from U.S. resources sufficient drum stocks of Aviation Gasoline and M.T. P.O.L. to cover requirements to 31 Dec 45. R.A.A.F. remaining in area after 1 Oct will draw rations from U.S. or Dutch whilst available; otherwise supply must be by air.

BIAK:

R.A.A.F. require facilities at this point. As U.S. are remaining in area till December 45 and continuing to operate terminal, R.A.A.F. will draw P.O.L. and Aviation Gasoline from U.S. resources. After U.S. evacuation (now estimated Jan 46) A.M.F. will supply R.A.A.F. units. Supply will be under control of Adv. L.H.Q. and will be made ex Morotai or mainland of Australia in accordance with Adv. L.H.Q. decision.

WEWAK/TADJI:

R.A.A.F. require one, but not both of these points. It was agreed that R.A.A.F. would concentrate their requirements at Wewak, which is the more easily supplied point, at the earliest possible date. Supply of Aviation Gasoline will be in 44-gln. drums, either from Australia or Lae/Finschhafen.

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MADANG:

A.M.F. would continue to be responsible for supply of R.A.A.F. Aviation Gasoline and M.T. P.O.L. requirements in drums ex Lae/Finschhafen. R.A.A.F. agreed to accelerate evacuation of Madang and concentration at Finschhafen.

FINSCHHAFEN:

Bulk installation is now U.S. operated. It will be taken over by A.M.F. and operated in lieu of Lae. R.A.A.F. sea-plane base will remain at Finschhafen; A.M.F. will take over packed POL stocks held by U.S. Forces at the same time as the ocean terminal is taken over. A.M.F. will also take over such empty drums in good order and condition as may be required by First Aust. Army to complete drum supply commitments within the area.

LAE:

A.M.F. are operating U.S. bulk installation, but does not contemplate retention after Finschhafen installation is taken over. Aviation Gasoline and P.O.L. will be supplied in drums after evacuation of the bulk stocks in the ocean terminal.

ORO BAY/DOBODURA:

R.A.A.F. do not require Aviation Gasoline supplies at this point. A.M.F. is not interested in the retention of the bulk installation. No action will therefore be taken.

MILNE BAY:

This is a Commonwealth owned bulk installation. A.M.F. does not intend to operate, and preliminary reports from Industry representatives indicate that this installation is not a practicable commercial proposition. R.A.A.F. have taken over 612,000 gallons of Aviation Gasoline from U.S. Forces and it is intended to evacuate all of this bulk stock except six months forward supply (approximately 100,000 gallons). Lt.-Col. Mitchell, G.H.Q. Representative, undertook to examine the possibility of removing this excess stock to Finschhafen by AOG Tanker and advise.

PORT MORESBY:

Assuming satisfactory arrangements are completed, this installation will be taken over and operated by Industry on behalf of consumer services.

MERAUKE:

R.A.A.F. require retention of the air-strip and supply of Aviation Gasoline and M.T. P.O.L. In view of the acknowledged incapacity of the Dutch personnel to maintain supply lines, A.M.F. will accept the responsibility. Method of supply of Aviation Gasoline and P.O.L. will be as in the past, namely, in drums ex Australia.

TOROKINA:

This is a U.S. owned bulk installation, operated by R.N.Z.A.F. Actual status of the bulk stocks for evacuation, i.e. whether U.S. or N.Z. owned, is not known. A.M.F. will not take

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over or operate the bulk installation, and after exhaustion of the bulk supplies now in the tanks, A.M.F. will undertake to maintain supplies in drums ex Australia or Finschhafen.

JACQUINOT BAY/RABAUL:

Aviation Gasoline and P.O.L. will be supplied after 1 Oct by A.M.F. in drums ex Australia or Finschhafen.

TANKERS REQUIRED FOR SUPPLY:

Investigations have indicated that shallow draught tankers are not likely to be available either from U.S. or British sources after removal of the U.S. owned tankers about 1 Nov 45. It was therefore agreed that approach should be made through Department of Supply and Shipping for the procurement on charter of two Empire Class tankers of 28 ft. draught and 3,300,000 imperial gallons capacity (length about 450 ft.) and the "Shwedagon" which has a capacity of about 1,100,000 imperial gallons. These tankers would enable re-supply to Morotai and Finschhafen and ex those points to other installations from Darwin and east coast of Australia respectively. This was agreed.

To implement the above plan, it is necessary that Adv. L.H.Q. put in hand expansion to the oil jetty at Labuan to enable receipt of tankers up to 28 ft. draught and 450 ft. length. This requires an extension of the existing wharf of approximately 40 ft. Also First Aust. Army construct drum cleaning and filling facilities at Finschhafen. Both these matters have been referred to E.-in-C., who indicated that no major difficulties need be anticipated. It was agreed that these instructions be issued.

ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE:

Appendix hereto sets out the agreed accounting procedure for taking over and supplying Aviation Gasoline and P.O.L. in the area under consideration. This was approved and instructions are to be issued to the Formations concerned.

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ACCOUNTANCY PROCEDURE FOR BULK TRANSACTIONS TO A.M.F. OPERATED TERMINALS FROM U.S. SOURCES

Avgas, Mogas and Automotive Diesel Fuel.

1. The basic procedure will be as follows :

(a) Deliveries in tankers - will be accepted by A.M.F. on ship's tanks dips at port of delivery, corrected to 60°F.

(b) Deliveries in shore tanks - on dips of shore tanks, also corrected to 60°F.

2. Operative dates of above :

(a) (i) Avgas: Borneo terminals tanker deliveries. This procedure will be retrospective to inception of such deliveries.

(ii) Lae, Port Moresby, Morotai - at first of October, 1945, or such later date as the terminal is actually handed over by U.S. Forces to A.M.F.

(b) Mogas and Auto. Diesel Fuel - (1) Borneo terminals - as for Avgas, paragraph 2(a)(i) above.

(2) Lae, Port Moresby, Morotai - As for Avgas, paragraph 2(a)(ii) above. All transactions to 1 October or date of taking over at these terminals will be on basis at present operating as agreed between Commonwealth Treasury and G.P.A., U.S. Army, viz. on shore tank dips corrected to 60°F.

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FROM: R.A.A.F. HEADQUARTERS

TO: NORCOM ELEVEN GROUP FIRSTAF (R) LANDOPS (R) FIRST ARMY (R) CINCAFPAC

QF 221 21 SEPT

UNCLASSIFIED AVIATION FUEL AND OIL REPORTS (.) FURTHER R.A.A.F. HEADQUARTERS QF 214 OF 20 SEPT (.) AS OF 1 OCT 1945 FOLLOWING PROCEDURE WILL BE ADOPTED FOR ARRANGING RESUPPLY AVIATION FUEL AND OIL THROUGH AUST ARMY CHANNELS (A) REPORTS WILL BE WEEKLY AS AT 1800 HOURS ON SATURDAY OF EACH WEEK (B) REPORTS WILL INCLUDE STOCKS ON HAND IN DRUMS AND BULK IF ANY IN AIRSTRIP STORAGE TANKS (.) CONSUMPTION FOR PAST SEVEN DAYS AND ESTIMATED CONSUMPTION FOR 30 DAYS FORWARD (.) RECEIPTS DURING PAST SEVEN DAYS GIVING NAME OF SHIP AND SOURCE OF SUPPLY (C) RESUPPLY TO INDIVIDUAL POINTS BY AUST ARMY WILL BE AUTOMATIC AND THEIR AIM WILL BE TO MAINTAIN A MINIMUM OF 30 DAYS AND MAXIMUM OF 60 DAYS AT ALL TIMES (.) COMMAND HEADQUARTERS REPORTS WILL BE BY SIGNAL AND WILL BE ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS (.) NORTHERN COMMAND WILL REPORT TO FIRST AUST ARMY REPEAT LANDOPS REPEAT R.A.A.F. HEADQUARTERS (.) NUMBER ELEVEN GROUP AND FIRST TAC. AIR FORCE WILL REPORT TO LANDOPS REPEAT R.A.A.F. HEADQUARTERS (.) ACKNOWLEDGE

(Signed) J. LYNAS
W/Cdr. D.D.S.S.

IMPORTANT

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TO: NORCOM ELEVEN GROUP (R) G.H.Q. MANILA

FROM: R.A.A.F. HEADQUARTERS QF 209 19 SEPT

UNCLASSIFIED SUPPLIES AVIATION FUEL AND OIL TO BRITISH FORCES NEW GUINEA AREA (.) RESULTING FROM DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES AUSTRALIAN SERVICES AND G.H.Q. AREA PETROLEUM OFFICER FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS MADE (.) AS AT 30 SEPT 1945 SUFFICIENT STOCKS AVIATION FUEL AND AERO ENGINE OIL WILL BE LEFT BY U.S. FORCES IN SUBJECT AREA TO PROVIDE APPROX 85 DAYS COVER PACKED AND 60 DAYS COVER BULK AVGAS TOGETHER WITH SUFFICIENT QUANTITY AERO ENGINE OIL (.) ANY REDISTRIBUTION NECESSARY WITHIN SUBJECT AREA TO ENSURE ADEQUATE COVER ALL POINTS WILL BE RESPONSIBILITY OF AUST ARMY (.) AS OF 1 OCT 1945 FOLLOWING ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY AUSTRALIAN SERVICES TO ASSUME OWNERSHIP OF AVIATION FUEL AND OIL STOCKS FROM U.S. FORCES (.) AUST ARMY WILL ASSUME OWNERSHIP OF BULK AVIATION FUEL STOCKS AT MORESBY AND LAE TERMINALS (.) R.A.A.F. WILL ASSUME OWNERSHIP OF ALL PACKED AVIATION FUEL AND OIL STOCKS AT LAE MORESBY MILNE BAY TADJI DORODURA WEWAK AND MADANG (.) U.S. FORCES WILL RETAIN OWNERSHIP OF BOTH BULK AND PACKED AVIATION FUEL AND OIL STOCKS AT FINSCHHAFEN HOLLANDIA BIAK AND MOROTAI UNTIL WITHDRAWAL OF THEIR FORCES WHEN OWNERSHIP OF BULK AVIATION FUEL WILL BE ASSUMED BY AUST ARMY AND PACKED AVIATION FUEL AND OIL BY THE R.A.A.F. (.) IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT U.S. FORCES WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM HOLLANDIA FINSCHHAFEN AND MOROTAI DURING OCTOBER AND BIAK BY JANUARY 1946 (.) STOCKS NADZAB AND MIDDLEBURG WILL REMAIN PROPERTY OF U.S. FORCES AS UNDERSTAND NO R.A.A.F. REQUIREMENT THESE BASES (.) FULL DETAILS CONCERNING TAKE-OVER FROM U.S. FORCES COMMUNICATED BY SEPARATE SIGNAL THIS DAY (.) ACKNOWLEDGE

(Signed) J. LYNAS W/Cdr.
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TO: NORCOM ELEVEN GROUP (R) G.H.Q. MANILA

FROM: R.A.A.F. HEADQUARTERS QF 210 19 SEPT

UNCLASSIFIED TAKE-OVER OF PACKED AVIATION FUEL AND OIL STOCKS FROM U.S. FORCES IN NEW GUINEA AREA AS REFERRED TO IN R.A.A.F. HEADQUARTERS QF 209 IMMEDIATE PRIORITY TO ALL ADDRESSEES (.) ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY RELEVANT COMMAND HEADQUARTERS TO CARRY OUT PHYSICAL REPEAT PHYSICAL COUNT OF ALL SERVICEABLE PACKED AVIATION FUEL AND AERO ENGINE OIL STOCKS AT POINTS WHERE R.A.A.F. ASSUME OWNERSHIP AS OF 1 OCT 1945 (.) IN EFFECTING PHYSICAL COUNT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ACCOUNT BE TAKEN ONLY REPEAT ONLY OF STOCKS IN SERVICEABLE CONDITION (.) IT IS NECESSARY THAT A RETURN BE SUBMITTED TO THIS HEADQUARTERS BY IMMEDIATE PRIORITY SIGNAL ON 1 OCT 1945 setting OUT STOCKS ON HAND BY PHYSICAL COUNT AS AT THE CONCLUSION OF ISSUES ON 30 SEPT 1945 SUCH FIGURES TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT SERVICEABLE STOCK ONLY THIS REPORT WILL BE ACCEPTED AS THE MEANS BY WHICH R.A.A.F. WILL ACCEPT DEBIT FROM U.S. FORCES AND IS ALSO TO BE USED BY THE RELEVANT COMMAND HEADQUARTERS AS THE AUTHORITY FOR BRINGING STOCKS ON CHARGE (.) IN CARRYING OUT PHYSICAL COUNT OF SERVICEABLE STOCKS IT IS DESIRABLE WHERE PRACTICABLE THAT A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RESPONSIBLE U.S. SERVICE BE PRESENT (.) ACKNOWLEDGE

(Signed) J. LYNAS W/Cdr.
D.D.S.S.ii

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Appendix 14

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Adv LHQ
First Army

M.T. P.O.L. AND AV. GAS. SUPPLY IN THE NEW GUINEA/N.E.I. AXIS

Ref Landforces signal QG.77855 of 20 Sep 45

1. Attached is copy of a Service Instruction issued by DST, requesting action in detail to implement instructions given in the above signal.

2. To effect the new arrangements it will be necessary for Adv LHQ to issue instructions that the oil jetty at Labuan be extended immediately to enable the receipt of tankers up to 28-ft. draught and 450-ft. length. It is understood from E-in-C that this is not a very extensive engineering work and that the materials required should be available from resources already in your Area.

3. At Finschhafen it is understood that the drum filling and cleaning facilities installed by US Forces were destroyed by fire some time ago and it will be necessary therefore to re-erect emergency facilities. It is not considered that the task will exceed 1,000 drums per day, including 100 drums of Auto Diesel Fuel. Would First Army please arrange installation of the necessary facilities. It is presumed that the technical stores required will be obtained from facilities already existing either at Lae or Milne Bay, but if there is any requirement from the mainland please advise by signal.

Major-General,
Quartermaster-General.

25 Sep 45.

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Appendix 15

Q17/F2/SF-12/9

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
(Quartermaster-General)

Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE. S.C.1.

No. 123604

19 Sep 1945

Adv LHQ	(6)	SS (Aust)	(3)
HQ First Aust Army	(6)	CCTU	(2)
HQ Second Aust Army	(2)		
HQ 1 Aust Corps	(4)	LHQ AASC School	(4)
HQ 2 Aust Corps	(4)		
HQ NT Force	(4)		
HQ Qld L of C Area	(4)		
HQ NSW L of C Area	(4)	LHQ S of Hyg	
HQ Vic L of C Area	(4)	LHQ S of Army Cooking and Catering	
HQ SA L of C Area	(4)		
HQ Western Command	(4)	Services Reconnaissance Dept	
HQ Tas L of C Area	(2)	Allied Intelligence Bureau	
HQ 4 Aust Armd Bde	(2)	Far Eastern Liaison Office	
R M C	(2)		

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DDST 2 Aust Corps	(8)	1 AASC Trg Bn	(2)
DDST NT Force	(6)	CO 1 Aust Sup Res Dep,	
DDST Qld L of C Area	(6)	Helena Street, Lilyfield, NSW	(2)
DDST NSW L of C Area	(6)	CO 2 Aust Sup Res Dep,	
DDST Vic L of C Area	(6)	Bandiana	(2)
ADST SA L of C Area	(4)	CO 3 Aust BSD	(2)
ADST Western Command	(4)	CO 4 Aust BSD	(2)

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AASC SUPPLIES ; LEVEL OF RATION HOLDINGS

In the past the Department of Army has maintained a reserve holding of rations in various Supply Depots in Australia and overseas in order to ensure continuity of supply in the event of a breakdown in the normal system of procurement and distribution.

2. The level of holdings which has been maintained in the past has been based on 90 days holdings for the total number of personnel to be rationed. A special Reserve Ration Scale on which to calculate holdings was approved and this Reserve Ration Scale authorised the holding of certain tinned equivalents in lieu of fresh commodities.

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3. With the cessation of hostilities, however, the need for the holding of Reserve Rations has to a large extent been removed. Stock or store margins, of course, must still be held for the following purposes:-

(a) To meet sudden failures in deliveries from sources of supply.

(b) To meet sudden influxes of troops into a new area.

(c) To fill the pipeline from Base Depots to forward Supply Points.

(d) To provide loadings for ships.

(e) To allow for delays at transhipment points.

(f) To provide initial and daily maintenance for troops moving to new areas.

4. Stocks must also be held to cover requirements till the next delivery from the source of supply is assured. Thus it may be necessary to hold 365 days maintenance stock of a seasonal or an imported commodity which is delivered or accepted once a year. The result is that, as most foodstuffs are of a seasonal nature, actual holdings will exceed the approved minimum number of days holdings, unless manufacturers can be persuaded to spread deliveries throughout the year.

5. Until further notice, the minimum number of days' holdings and the disposition of these holdings will be as outlined in Appendix "A". This basis will be reviewed by LHQ every three months, or more frequently if appreciable fluctuations are occurring, and appropriate notifications will be transmitted.

6. It is stressed that this minimum holding is the level below which individual stock holdings must not be permitted to fall. It is neither possible nor desirable to fix a maximum level as such must be governed by the existing production, seasonal conditions and the level of enforced holdings.

7. In future, the level of holdings will be calculated from the "B", "C", Female, Pacific, etc., Ration Scales applicable to the Areas concerned and not from the Reserve Ration Scale. The level of holdings to be held in Supply Reserve Depots for overseas requirements must be based on the Shipping Scales for the Areas to be supplied.

8. Under this method the full holding of tinned equivalents in L of C Areas will be eliminated. However, it is appreciated that local conditions demand the holding of certain tinned equivalents, and arrangements will be made through Service channels for equivalents to be held in L of C Areas if continuity of supply of fresh commodities cannot be guaranteed.

J. H. Bevan

Major-General,
Quartermaster-General.

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DIRECTORATE OF SUPPLIES AND TRANSPORT

APPENDIX "A"

11 Sept 1945

DISPOSITION OF MINIMUM HOLDINGS OF RATIONS CALCULATED FROM AVERAGE RATION STRENGTHS FOR THE PERIOD 1 SEPT 45 - 30 NOV 45

Area	Area of Responsibility	LHQ Supply Reserve Depots			Base Supply Depots			DIDs, etc.			In Transit Stocks			Grand Total of Rations
		Average Strength	No of Days	No. of Rations	Average Strength	No of Days	No. of Rations	Average Strength	No of Days	No. of Rations	Average Strength	No of Days	No. of Rations	
Queensland	Torres/Merauke				2,600(a)	53	137,800							137,800
					400(b)		21,200							21,200
	Nth Queensland				25,000(a)	42	1,050,000	25,000(a)	5	125,000	25,000(a)	10	250,000	1,425,000
	Sth Queensland				57,400(a)	29	1,664,600	57,400(a)	5	287,000				1,951,600
	Timor				5,500(a)	61	335,500							335,500
							3,187,900			412,000			250,000	3,849,900(a)
							21,200							21,200(b)
New South Wales	Singapore	2,200(a)	73	160,600										160,600
	Japan	17,000(a)	75	1,275,000										1,275,000
	Borneo/Morotai	86,900(a)	63	5,474,700										5,474,700
	New Guinea	49,600(a)	47	2,331,200										2,331,200
		59,000(b)		2,773,000										2,773,000
	New Britain/New Ireland	12,600(a)	49	617,400										617,400
		35,000(b)		1,715,000										1,715,000
	Solomons	36,100(a)	53	1,913,300										1,913,300
		15,000(b)		795,000										795,000
	New South Wales	70,000(a)	15	1,050,000	70,000(a)	14	980,000	70,000(a)	5	350,000				2,380,000
				12,822,200			980,000			350,000				14,152,200(a)
				5,283,000										5,283,000(b)
Victoria	N.T.				29,000(a)	53	1,537,000							1,537,000
					1,000(b)		53,000							53,000
	Western Command				12,900(a)	10	129,000							129,000
	Victoria				57,900(a)	29	1,679,100	57,900(a)	5	289,500				1,968,600
							3,345,100			289,500				3,634,600(a)
							53,000							53,000(b)
South Australia	South Australia				9,500(a)	29	275,500	9,500(a)	5	47,500				323,000(a)
Tasmania	Tasmania				1,600(a)	29	46,400	1,600(a)	5	8,000				54,400(a)
Western Command	Western Command				12,900(a)	29	374,100	12,900(a)	5	64,500	12,900(a)	5	64,500	503,100(a)
First Aust Army	New Guinea				49,600(a)	49	2,430,400	49,600(a)	4	198,400	49,600(a)	21	1,041,600	3,670,400
					59,000(b)		2,891,000	59,000(b)		236,000	59,000(b)		1,239,000	4,366,000
	New Britain/New Ireland				12,600(a)	47	592,200	12,600(a)	4	50,400	12,600(a)	22	277,200	919,800
					35,000(b)		1,645,000	35,000(b)		140,000	35,000(b)		770,000	2,555,000
	Solomons				36,100(a)	52	1,877,200	36,100(a)	4	144,400	36,100(a)	24	866,400	2,888,000
					15,000(b)		780,000	15,000(b)		60,000	15,000(b)		360,000	1,200,000
							4,899,800			393,200			2,185,200	7,478,200(a)
							5,316,000			436,000			2,369,000	8,121,000(b)
1 Aust Corps	Japan				17,000(a)	80	1,360,000	17,000(a)	4	68,000	17,000(a)	35	595,000	2,023,000
	Singapore				2,200(a)	74	162,800	2,200(a)	4	8,800	2,200(a)	34	74,800	246,400
	Timor				5,500(a)	60	330,000	5,500(a)	4	22,000	5,500(a)	28	154,000	506,000
	Borneo/Morotai				86,900(a)	64	5,561,600	86,900(a)	4	347,600	86,900(a)	29	2,520,100	8,429,300
							7,414,400			446,400			3,343,900	11,204,700(a)
N.T.	N.T.				29,000(a)	45	1,305,000	29,000(a)	4	116,000	29,000(a)	20	580,000	2,001,000(a)
					1,000(b)		45,000	1,000(b)		4,000	1,000(b)		20,000	69,000(b)
Torres/Merauke	Torres/Merauke				2,600(a)	45	117,000	2,600(a)	4	10,400	2,600(a)	20	52,000	179,400(a)
					400(b)		18,000	400(b)		1,600	400(b)		8,000	27,600(b)
	GRAND TOTALS			12,822,200			21,945,200			2,137,500			6,475,600	43,380,500(a)
				5,283,000			5,453,200			441,600			2,397,000	13,574,800(b)
Additional Holdings NSW	BBCAU			1,000,000										
	PW (NG)	140,000	15	2,100,000	Total:	(a)	16,341,200							
	Timor Natives	100,000	30	3,000,000		(b)	9,283,000							
	Pipeline Japan etc			1,389,000										
	Timor Civilians			30,000										

Notes:- (i) (a) Whites
(b) Natives.
(ii) LHQ Supply Reserve Depots include 1 Aust Sup Depot and 2 Aust Sup Res Depot, Adelaide.

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From: LANDFORCES 28 Sep 45.

To: LANDOPS

Info: CINC AFPAC HQ RAAF AFWESPAC NORCOM RAAF

Q 79895 RESTRICTED Refer your Q1713 of 21 SEP and LANDFORCES QG79652 of 26 SEP (.) AFPAC now advise US FORCES to be withdrawn from BIAK before end OCTOBER (.) Following arrangements now proposed on date of evacuation of US FORCES (.) First (.) AMF will take over two by 10,000 barrel tanks or equivalent capacity filled with AV GAS (.) AV GAS ship to shore tanks pipe line and AV GAS tank waggon filling facilities (.) Second (.) RAAF will take over store and maintain 5,000 filled 44-gallon drums AV GAS all packed AV OIL and four months requirements of packed MT POL (.) Third (.) RAAF OBU at BIAK will undertake operation of bulk AV GAS tanks until stocks therein exhausted when AMF will take over if bulk resupply then considered necessary (.) RAAF OBU personnel will also undertake on behalf of AMF if desired by LANDOPS the arrangements with US FORCES for the physical transfer of bulk AV GAS stocks and facilities named in para first hereof (.) Fourth (.) On present known consumptions above arrangements will cover petroleum product supply to 31 JAN 46 (.) Fifth (.) RAAF estimate rations will be required for 200 personnel per day including those staging (.) LANDOPS will be responsible for maintaining supplies and it is suggested that four months supply of dry rations be taken over from US FORCES and fresh commodities supplied by air (.) LANDOPS will confer with NORCOM and determine details of composition of AASC detachment necessary to complete above responsibility (.) Sixth (.) Maintenance of air strip and associated roadways will be responsibility of RAAF (.) Seventh (.) LANDOPS to confer with AFWESPAC and NORCOM and arrange a date for taking over the above facilities and stocks suitable to NORCOM and COMD US BASE H (.) Eighth (.) Above programme being currently referred to AFPAC for approval

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5 Sep, 1945.

MEMORANDUM for :

Director of Service Foodstuffs.

Copies to: DDST, Adv LHQ
" First Aust Army
" 1 Aust Corps
" Qld L of C Area
" NSW "
" Vic "

RICE : PACKAGING OF

In view of reports of unsatisfactory packaging of Rice, it has been decided to test the suitability of the use of Waterproof Bags in lieu of drums under tropical storage conditions. It is proposed to send a trial shipment of Rice packed in this new container to all forward areas.

2. In order that supplies may be available, it is requested that an addendum be issued as soon as possible providing alternate prices for delivery either in Drums or in Waterproof Bags.

3. The Waterproof Bags are required to conform to sample - "Jutex" bag manufactured and submitted to Director of Supplies and Transport by A. Abrahams & Sons Pty. Ltd. of Melbourne and Sydney. The Rice will be packed in double bags containing 40 lbs, and branded as for drums except that blue waterproof ink will be used in lieu of yellow.

4. If this test is satisfactory, it can be anticipated that the greater proportion of deliveries in future would be required in Waterproof Bags.

Brigadier,
(Sgd.) Director of Supplies and Transport.

5 Sep 1945.

Date - 5/9/45
Memo No. - 116596

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10 Sep, 1945

DDST,
First Aust Army

AASC SUPPLIES : SERVICE BISCUITS

With the added commitment of natives in previously occupied Japanese Territory and Jap PW, the supply of Service Biscuits held on the mainland of Australia will soon be exhausted.

2. It is not intended to purchase additional supplies for natives, but on the contrary to supply grain (wheat) for gristing or husking. In the meantime, a percentage of Wheatmeal will be issued in lieu of Biscuits where necessary.

3. It is requested that ANGAU be informed of the above change in order that District Officers will be in a position to instruct the natives regarding the use of biscuit substitutes.

4. Your early comments would be appreciated.

(Sgd.) R.T.A. McDONALD

Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

Despatched 10 Sep 45
LHQ Memo No. 118915

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HQ, First Aust Army

BISCUIT COMPONENT OF NATIVE RATION

The stocks of Army Biscuits are becoming exhausted, and it is not intended to make any more purchases.

2. It is requested that you will consult ANGAU and ascertain what commodity or commodities can be issued in substitution for the biscuit component which will be acceptable to the Natives and which can be handled by ANGAU and others concerned with the issue of rations to the Natives.

3. Normally bread baking materials would be issued, but it is questionable if the natives could bake or use the commodities, and further, "risings" are in very short supply.

4. Another substitute is whole wheat or additional wheat meal. It is understood, however, that these commodities would not be acceptable to the natives.

5. It may be possible in some areas to employ Japanese disarmed personnel to bake bread for issue to natives, but it is perhaps questionable whether this is practicable.

6. It is evident that if the issue of biscuits to natives is to be discontinued, a substitute must be found, and if necessary the native may have to be taught to both eat and handle the substitute.

7. The effect upon the future ration of natives by civil authorities must be considered.

8. Please treat this as an urgent matter as the shipment of biscuits to First Aust Army Area will cease approximately 20 Oct 45.

9. Attached is a copy of a letter to Department of External Territories upon this subject, for your information.

(Sgd.) J. H. Cannan

Major-General,
Quartermaster-General.

14/9/45.

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DGMS
DAQ
DCGS

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123931 20 Sep 1945.

MEMORANDUM for:-

Director of Service Foodstuffs

VEGETABLE REQUIREMENTS - 1946

Requirements as advised in LHQ memo 98013 of 25 Jul 45 have been further amended and are now estimated as follows:-

Vegetables Fresh (lbs)

	Assorted	Potatoes	Onions
Q'land	6,500,000	6,000,000	1,300,000
NSW	11,200,000	11,700,000	2,800,000
Vic	6,400,000	5,300,000	1,000,000
S Aust	1,100,000	1,000,000	180,000
W Aust	1,400,000	1,200,000	240,000
Tas	200,000	180,000	40,000.

Vegetables Tinned (lbs)

Requirements may be 7,500,000 lbs in the proportions previously advised but this estimate will be reduced considerably if adequate refrigerator and cooler space can be arranged for shipment of fresh vegetables. If tinned vegetables are required delivery will be required all to NSW.

Vegetables Dehydrated.

Existing stocks are estimated to be sufficient with the exception of onions. Requirements for NSW only are estimated to be 700,000 lbs.

(Sgd.)
(R. T. A. McDonald) Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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125801 24 Sep 1945.

DDST First Aust Army

Copy to: DDST Qld L of C Area
DDST NSW L of C Area
DDST Vic L of C Area
CO 1 Aust Sup Res Dep, Helena St, Lilyfield, NSW.
CO 3 Aust BSD, Melbourne

TINNED FISH

Large quantities of Tinned Fish have been received from overseas packed in cartons only and it has been the practice to recase these cartons before on-movement to forward areas.

2. Instructions have been issued recently for the shipment of Tinned Pilchards and Herrings for subsequent consumption by disarmed Japanese troops as it has not been possible within the limited time to arrange the recasing of all of the quantities to be moved. Approval has therefore been given to the L of C Areas and to 1 Aust Sup Res Dep to ship Fish in cartons to First Aust Army areas when cases are not available.

3. The Supply Issue Notes covering such shipments will be endorsed "Priority Issue".

4. It is requested that arrangements be made to ensure such priority issue. It will be appreciated that the distribution of such stock should be restricted to areas where the best storage and handling facilities are available.

5. Providing deterioration of Fish in cartons can be reduced to a minimum, it is appreciated that considerable saving may be effected if such packaging proves suitable for issue in static localities in New Guinea. Will you please submit a report recommending the proportion of Fish Tinned that could be shipped in cartons to the various areas.

(Sgd.)

(R. T. A. McDonald) Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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Appendix 22.

Q1T/S/ID-14/9 264/15/266

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
(Quartermaster-General)

Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne. S.C.1.
28 Sep 45

No. 127462

DDST, Qld L of C Area
" NSW "
" Vic "
ADST, SA "
" Western Command
S & T Services,
Tas L of C Area

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QMG
CFO (12)
Chief Auditor D & S (16)
DDST, NT Force
DSF, Dept of Commerce and Agriculture

PURCHASE OF SUGAR AND GOLDEN SYRUP

It has been arranged with the Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Ltd., through the Department of Commerce and Agriculture, that as from 1 Oct 45 all Army requirements of sugar and golden syrup will be purchased at home consumption prices and that exports will be subject to replacement by C.S.R. Co. Ltd. at export prices.

2. To give effect to this arrangement, the following procedure will be observed -

(1) In each L of C Area and Western Command stocks on hand as at 30 Sep 45, of sugar and golden syrup will be notified to the Branch Office of the C.S.R. Co. Ltd. in each State. Stocks on hand purchased at export prices will be shown separately from those purchased at home consumption prices.

(2) Stocks on hand as at 30 Sep 45 and declared to the C.S.R. Co. Ltd. will be subject to financial adjustment to bring all such stocks to the basis of home consumption value. Sugar purchased at export price will be subject to a further charge of £7/6/9 per ton (£32/10/9 less £25/4/0). Golden Syrup in jam type tins purchased at export price will be subject to a rebate of £8/0/2 per ton (£37/10/6 less £29/10/4).

(3) All purchases of sugar and golden syrup after 30 Sep will be made at home consumption prices.

(4) On or before the 20th of each month a certificate signed by the DDST/ADST L of C Area will be furnished to the local office of the C.S.R. Co. Ltd. setting out separately the quantities of sugar and golden syrup exported during the previous month. These certificates will be supported by Customs Export Entries - Free Goods, and certified by the Customs Department.

(5) The C.S.R. Co. Ltd. will deliver quantities of sugar and golden syrup in replacement of the quantities exported and will charge for such replacement quantities at export prices.

(6) Extra prices for special packages, etc., will be invoiced and paid for as at present. For replacement purposes various packs will be interchangeable, e.g., exports in sisalkraft lined bags or in drums can be replaced with sugar in trade bags and vice versa.

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7. Financial adjustments in each L of C Area will be settled with the local office of the C.S.R. Co. Ltd. except in the case of Tas. L of C Area where settlement will be effected with the C.S.R. Co. Ltd., Sydney.

8. Shipments to Darwin from Sydney and Brisbane will continue to be subject to current freight rebates.

Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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(264/14/1160) 115900 4 Sep 1945.

DDST,
Qld. L of C Area

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RATION SCALES - SPECIAL RATIONS FOR AIRCREWS ENGAGED ON LONG DISTANCE FLIGHTS

Reference LHQ 102346 of 3 Aug 45 and 108034 of 8 Aug 45.

RAAF have asvised as under:-

"Any fresh foodstuffs which the Army are unable to supply in accordance with ABO N464/1945 will be flown by the RAAF from Townsville to any areas north of latitude 20°. This has been arranged with the approval of the Director of Supplies and Transport, Army, and at the request of the Director of Transportation and Movements (RAAF) to reduce air haul to a minimum.

The DDST in the area concerned, when notified by the RAAF command messing officer of any RAAF requirements, will therefore notify the DADST, Townsville.

DADST Townsville will then notify TMO Townsville of quantities, destination and time of delivery to aerodrome, indicating the purpose for which the air freight items are required."

It is requested that arrangements be made accordingly.

(Sgd.) R. T. A. McDonald
Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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5 Sep 1945.

HQ First Aust Army

RATION SCALE - NATIVE EVACUEES
Ref your memo Q4736 of 24 Jul 45

Ministerial approval has been obtained for the normal Native Labourer's Ration Scale to be issued to native evacuees in New Guinea, New Britain and the Solomon Islands.

2. It is to be noted, however, that the issue of rations to native evacuees is to be at the discretion of a responsible District Officer whose responsibility it is to ensure that the supply of rations is necessary for the welfare and rehabilitation of such natives.

3. It is to be further observed that rations for women and children are to be issued in accordance with the scale incorporated for them in that applying to half castes.

Major-General,
Quartermaster-General.

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LANDFORCES

TIMOR FORCE NORFORCE LANDOPS

Q71629 RESTRICTED (.) Following interim ration scale for Natives and Asiatics Timor to be implemented immediately (.) All in ozs Biscuits 6 or bread making material Wheatmeal 6 6/7 Rice 6 Salt ½ M & V 2 2/7 Meat Pres 2 2/7 Pilchards 1 1/7 Herrings 1 1/7 Edible Animal Fat 2 3/7 Sugar 2 2/7 Milk Condensed ½ Flour ½ Golden Syrup or Jam 2 (.) This Scale is maximum variable only in accordance with availability (.) Full advantage must be made of captured and local supplies

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(Quartermaster-General)

In Reply Quote: 117234

Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne. S.C.1.
6 Sep 45

Adv LHQ	(6)	SS (Aust)	
HQ First Aust Army	(6)	OCTU	(3)
HQ Second Aust Army	(2)	LHQ Tactical School	(2)
HQ 1 Aust Corps	(4)	LHQ Tactical School ("C" Wing)	(2)
HQ 2 Aust Corps	(4)	LHQ AASC School	(2)
HQ NT Force	(4)	LHQ S of Mech	(4)
HQ Qld L of C Area	(4)	LHQ S of Mov and Tn	
HQ NSW L of C Area	(4)	LHQ S of Malaria Control	
HQ Vic L of C Area	(4)	LHQ S of Hyg	
HQ SA L of C Area	(4)	LHQ S of Army Cooking and Catering	
HQ Western Command	(4)	LHQ AWS Offrs School	
HQ Tas L of C Area	(2)	LHQ AWS Adm School	
HQ 5 Aust Div	(2)	Services Reconnaissance Dept	
HQ 4 Aust Armd Bde	(2)	Allied Intelligence Bureau	
RMC		Far Eastern Liaison Office	

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DDST 1 Aust Corps	(8)	DADST 8 Aust Base Sub Area	(2)
DDST 2 Aust Corps	(8)	CASC 5 Aust Div	(4)
DDST NT Force	(6)	S & T Services Tas L of C Area	(4)
DDST Qld L of C Area	(6)	First Aust Army AASC School	(4)
DDST NSW L of C Area	(6)	1 AASC Trg Bn	(2)
DDST Vic L of C Area	(6)	CO 1 Aust Sup Res Dep, Helena St, Lilyfield, NSW	(2)
ADST SA L of C Area	(4)	CO 2 Aust Sup Res Dep, Bandiana	(2)
ADST Western Command	(4)	CO 3 1 Aust BSD	(2)
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EQUIVALENTS : RATION SCALE : SOLDIERS UNDER DETENTION IN DETENTION BARRACKS

(Ref LHQ memo 112214 of 27 Aug 45)

Reference is made to the above memo, para 1, sec (d) which will now read :-

(d) Golden Syrup in lieu of Sugar on an oz for oz basis as required.

Jas H. Cannan
Major-General,
Quartermaster-General.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
(Quartermaster-General)

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Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE, S.C.1.

In reply
quote: (264/14/1106)

10 Sep 45

Adv LHQ	(6)	SS (Aust)	(3)
HQ First Aust Army	(6)	OCTU	(2)
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HQ 1 Aust Corps	(4)	LHQ AASC School	(4)
HQ 2 Aust Corps	(4)	LHQ S of Mech	
HQ NT Force	(4)	LHQ S of Mov and Tn	
HQ Qld L of C Area	(4)	LHQ S of Malaria Control	
HQ NSW L of C Area	(4)	LHQ S of Hyg	
HQ Vic L of C Area	(4)	LHQ S of Army Cooking and Catering	
HQ S A L of C Area	(4)	LHQ AWS Offrs School	
HQ Western Command	(4)	Services Reconnaissance Dept	
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DDST 2 Aust Corps	(8)	1 AASC Trg Bn	(2)
DDST NT Force	(6)	CO 1 Aust Sup Res Dep,	
DDST Qld L of C Area	(6)	Helena St, Lilyfield, NSW	(2)
DDST NSW L of C Area	(6)	CO 2 Aust Sup Res Dep,	
DDST Vic L of C Area	(6)	Bandiana	(2)
ADST S A L of C Area	(4)	CO 3 Aust BSD	(2)
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RATION SCALES - FEMALE

Ministerial approval has been obtained to amend the areas to which the existing female ration scales apply.

The present "D" Female scale operating in Northern Territory becomes the "B/F" Female scale and applicable to the same area as the "B" Male scale, i.e.

Qld - West of 150° Longitude
(incl Torres Islands)
NT - North of 26° Latitude
WA - North of 26° Latitude

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The existing Female scale becomes the "C/F" Female scale and applicable to the same area as the "C" Male scale i.e. -

Qld - East of 150° Longitude
WA - South of 26° Latitude
and for all NSW, Vic, SA and Tas.

Attached are copies of the amended scales which become operative as from 15 Sep 45.

H.G. Harrison Lt Col
for Major-General,
Quartermaster-General.
10 Sept 45

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Ref letter B/F

RATION SCALE

FOR FEMALE PERSONNEL
IN
QLAND - West of 150° Longitude
(incl Torres Islands)
NT - North of 26° Latitude
WA - North of 26° Latitude

Amended 15 Sep 45

Commodity	Issue per Person per Day In Fractions	In Decimals	Unit	Commodity	Equivalent Issue In Fractions	In Decimals	Unit
BEVERAGES							
Coffee Pure	1/5	.2	Oz	Tea	1/8	.125	Oz
Tea	7/16	.438	Oz	Cocoa	1 3/4	1.75	Oz
CEREALS							
Bread	7	7.0	Oz	Biscuits Service	4 2/5	4.667	Oz
				or Bread	6	6.0	Oz
				and Biscuits Service	1/4	.25	Oz
				or Flour	5 1/4	5.25	Oz
				or for Bread-making			
				Gluten	7/100	.07	Oz
				Cooking Oil/Dripping	7/400	.017	Fl/Oz
				(Flour White	5 1/4	5.25	Oz
				(Wheatgerm Mixing	7/25	.28	Oz
				(Salt (Coarse or Fine)	7/75	.093	Oz
				(Sugar	7/100	.07	Oz
				(Yeast Compound	7/150	.047	Oz
Flour	2	2.0	Oz	Rice Brown	2	2.0	Oz
				or Oatmeal	2	2.0	Oz
				or Wheatmeal for Porridge	2	2.0	Oz
				or Wheat Whole	2	2.0	Oz
Rice Brown	1	1.0	Oz	Flour	1	1.0	Oz
				or Oatmeal	1	1.0	Oz
				or Wheatmeal for Porridge	1	1.0	Oz
				or Wheat Whole	1	1.0	Oz
Wheatmeal for Porridge	1	1.0	Oz	Flour	1	1.0	Oz
				or Oatmeal	1	1.0	Oz
				or Rice Brown	1	1.0	Oz
				or Wheat Whole	1	1.0	Oz
CONDIMENTS							
Curry Powder	1/56	.018	Oz	Mixed Herbs	1/224	.004	Oz
Mustard	1/100	.01	Oz	Vinegar	1/5	.2	Fl Oz
Pepper	1/100	.01	Oz	Vinegar	1/5	.2	Fl Oz
Salt Fine Fortified	1/2	.5	Oz				
FATS							
Butter Fresh	1 3/4	1.75	Oz	Butter Concentrated	1 3/4	1.75	Oz
				or Margarine	1 3/4	1.75	Oz
FRUIT							
Dried Assorted Fruit	2	2.0	Oz	Fruit Canned Preserved	8	8.0	Oz
				or Fruit Fresh Assorted	10 2/3	10.667	Oz
JUICES							
Fruit Juice	3	3.0	Fl/Oz	Tomato Juice	3	3.0	Fl/Oz
MEAT							
Bacon Salt Pack	1 1/2	1.5	Oz	Bacon Canned	1	1.0	Oz
				or Sausages Canned	2	2.0	Oz
				or Meat Fresh	3	3.0	Oz
				or Preserved Mutton/Beef	2	2.0	Oz
				or Fish Canned	2	2.0	Oz
Cheese Loaf	4/7	.571	Oz	Cheese Canned	4/7	.571	Oz
				or Dried Egg Powder	1/6	.167	Oz
Eggs Chilled/Fresh	1	1.0	Egg	Dried Egg Powder	1/3	.333	Oz
Fish Canned	1 2/7	1.286	Oz	Preserved Mutton/Beef	1 2/7	1.286	Oz
				or Dried Egg Powder	9/28	.321	Oz
Meat Fresh	8 4/7	8.571	Oz	Beef Bone-out Frozen	6 3/7	6.429	Oz
				or Meat Packs Various	9 9/14	9.643	Oz
				or Fish Canned	6 3/7	6.429	Oz
				or Sausages Canned	6 3/7	6.429	Oz
				or Preserved Mutton/Beef	6 3/7	6.429	Oz

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RATION SCALE
FOR FEMALE PERSONNEL

Ref letter B/F - contd

Commodity	Issue per Person per Day In Fractions	In Decimals	Unit	Commodity	Equivalent Issue In Fractions	In Decimals	Unit
MILK							
Cond Milk Unswtnd	5	5.0	Oz	Fresh Milk Pasteurised	30	20.0	Fl Oz
				or Cond Milk Swtnd	5	5.0	Oz
				or (Cond Milk Unswtnd	3	3.0	Oz
				(and Dried Milk FC	2	2.0	Oz
RISINGS							
Baking Powder	1/28	.036	Oz				
SUGARS							
Jam Assorted	2	2.0	Oz	Golden Syrup	2	2.0	Oz
				or Honey	2	2.0	Oz
Sugar	4	4.0	Oz				
VEGETABLES							
Dried Blue Peas	1	1.0	Oz	Legume Flour	1	1.0	Oz
				or Blue Peas Canned	3	3.0	Oz
Fresh Assorted Vegetables	12	12.0	Oz	Vegetables Dehydrated Asstd	3	3.0	Oz
				or Fruit Fresh Assorted	6	6.0	Oz
				or Fruit Canned Assorted	4 1/2	4.5	Oz
				or Vegetables Canned Asstd	10	10.0	Oz
				or Fruit Juice	9	9.0	Fl Oz
				or Baked Beans Canned	6	6.0	Oz
				or Dried Egg Powder	2/7	.286	Oz
Fresh Onions	1	1.0	Oz	Onions Dehydrated	1/6	.167	Oz
Fresh Potatoes	8	8.0	Oz	Potatoes Dehydrated	2	2.0	Oz
				or (Potatoes Fresh	5 1/3	5.333	Oz
				(and Rice Brown	4/9	.444	Oz
				(and Tomato Puree	1/6	.167	Oz
				or Potatoes Canned	4	4.0	Oz
				or Rice Brown	1 1/3	1.333	Oz
				and Tomato Puree	1/6	.167	Oz
				or (Potatoes Dehydrated	1 1/3	1.333	Oz
				(and Rice Brown	4/9	.444	Oz
				(and Tomato Puree	1/6	.167	Oz
				or (Potatoes Dehydrated	1 1/3	1.333	Oz
				(and Macaroni	1 1/3	1.333	Oz
				(and Tomato Puree	1/6	.167	Oz
				or (Potatoes Dehydrated	1 1/3	1.333	Oz
				(and Spaghetti	1 1/3	1.333	Oz
				(and Tomato Puree	1/6	.167	Oz
				or Flour	2	2.0	Oz

In addition a cash allowance of 1½d per person per day is authorised for all female personnel on the ration strength in the Areas defined above

AUTHORITY - Introduced 3 Oct 43 LHQ 165811 of 25 Sep 43
Amended 1 Apr 44 LHQ 36059 of 15 Mar 44
Amended 15 Sep 45 LHQ 118854 of 10 Sep 45

Brigadier
Director of Supplies and Transport

Sep 45

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Q17/F10-3/A-28/8

RATION SCALE

FOR FEMALE PERSONNEL
IN
QLAND - East of 150° Longitude
W AUST - South of 26° Latitude
and for all
NSW - VIC - S AUST - TAS

Ref letter C/F

Amended 15 Sep 45

Commodity	Issue per Person per Day In Fractions	In Decimals	Unit	Commodity	Equivalent Issue In Fractions	In Decimals	Unit
BEVERAGES							
Cocoa	1/4	.25	Oz	Tea	1/16	.063	Oz
Coffee Pure	1/5	.2	Oz	Tea	1/8	.125	Oz
Tea	1/4	.25	Oz	Cocoa	1	1.0	Oz
CEREALS							
Bread	7	7.0	Oz	Biscuits Service	4 2/3	4.667	Oz
				or Bread	6	6.0	Oz
				and Biscuits Service	1/4	.25	Oz
				or Flour	5 1/4	5.25	Oz
				or for Bread-making			
				(Gluten	7/100	.07	Oz
				(Cooking Oil/Dripping	7/400	.017	Fl/Oz
				(Flour White	5 1/4	5.25	Oz
				(Wheatgerm Mixing	7/25	.28	Oz
				(Salt (Coarse or Fine)	7/75	.093	Oz
				(Sugar	7/100	.07	Oz
				(Yeast Compound	7/150	.047	Oz
Flour	2	2.0	Oz	Rice Brown	2	2.0	Oz
				or Oatmeal	2	2.0	Oz
				or Wheatmeal for Porridge	2	2.0	Oz
				or Wheat Whole	2	2.0	Oz
Rice Brown	1/2	.5	Oz	Flour	1/2	.5	Oz
				or Oatmeal	1/2	.5	Oz
				or Wheatmeal for Porridge	1/2	.5	Oz
				or Wheat Whole	1/2	.5	Oz
CONDIMENTS							
Curry Powder	1/56	.018	Oz	Mixed Herbs	1/224	.004	Oz
Mustard	1/100	.01	Oz	Vinegar	1/5	.2	Fl Oz
Pepper	1/100	.01	Oz	Vinegar	1/5	.2	Fl Oz
Salt Fine Fortified	1/2	.5	Oz				
FATS							
Butter Fresh	1 3/4	1.75	Oz	Butter Concentrated	1 3/4	1.75	Oz
				or Margarine	1 3/4	1.75	Oz
FRUIT							
Dried Assorted Fruit	1	1.0	Oz	Fruit Canned Preserved	4	4.0	Oz
				or Fruit Fresh Assorted	5 1/3	5.333	Oz
MEAT							
Bacon Salt Pack	1 1/4	1.25	Oz	Bacon Canned	5/6	.833	Oz
				or Sausages Canned	1 2/3	1.667	Oz
				or Meat Fresh	2 1/2	2.5	Oz
				or Preserved Mutton/Beef	1 2/3	1.667	Oz
				or Fish Canned	1 2/3	1.667	Oz
Cheese Loaf	4/7	.571	Oz	Cheese Canned	4/7	.571	Oz
				or Dried Egg Powder	1/6	.167	Oz
Eggs Chilled Fresh	3/7	.429	Egg	Dried Egg Powder	4/21	.191	Oz
Fish Canned	1 5/7	1.714	Oz	Preserved Mutton/Beef	1 5/7	1.714	Oz
				or Dried Egg Powder	3/7	.429	Oz
Meat Fresh	11 1/7	11.143	Oz	Beef Bone-out Frozen	8 5/14	8.357	Oz
				or Meat Packs Various	12 15/28	12.536	Oz
				or Fish Canned	8 5/14	8.357	Oz
				or Sausages Canned	8 5/14	8.357	Oz
				or Preserved Mutton/Beef	8 5/14	8.357	Oz

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RATION SCALE
FOR FEMALE PERSONNEL

Ref letter C/F - contd

Commodity	Issue per Person per Day In Fractions	In Decimals	Unit	Commodity	Equivalent Issue In Fractions	In Decimals	Unit
MILK							
Cond Milk Unswtnd	5	5.0	Oz	Fresh Milk Pasteurised	20	20.0	Fl Oz
				or Cond Milk Swtnd	5	5.0	Oz
				or (Cond Milk Unswtnd	3	3.0	Oz
				(and Dried Milk FC	2	2.0	Oz
RISINGS							
Baking Powder	1/28	.036	Oz				
SUGARS							
Jam Assorted	2	2.0	Oz	Golden Syrup	2	2.0	Oz
				or Honey	2	2.0	Oz
Sugar	3	3.0	Oz				
VEGETABLES							
Dried Blue Peas	1/2	.5	Oz	Legume Flour	1/2	.5	Oz
				or Blue Peas Canned	1 1/2	1.5	Oz
Fresh Assorted Vegetables	12	12.0	Oz	Vegetables Dehydrated Asstd	3	3.0	Oz
				or Fruit Fresh Assorted	6	6.0	Oz
				or Fruit Canned Assorted	4 1/2	4.5	Oz
				or Vegetables Canned Asstd	10	10.0	Oz
				or Fruit Juice	9	9.0	Fl Oz
				or Baked Beans Canned	6	6.0	Oz
				or Dried Egg Powder	2/7	.286	Oz
Fresh Onions	1 1/4	1.25	Oz	Onions Dehydrated	5/24	.208	Oz
Fresh Potatoes	10	10.0	Oz	Potatoes Dehydrated	2 1/2	2.5	Oz
				or (Potatoes Fresh	6 2/3	6.667	Oz
				(and Rice Brown	5/9	.556	Oz
				(and Tomato Puree	5/24	.208	Oz
				or Potatoes Canned	5	5.0	Oz
				or (Rice Brown	1 2/3	1.667	Oz
				(and Tomato Puree	5/24	.208	Oz
				or (Potatoes Dehydrated	1 2/3	1.667	Oz
				(and Rice Brown	5/9	.556	Oz
				(and Tomato Puree	5/24	.208	Oz
				or (Potatoes Dehydrated	1 2/3	1.667	Oz
				(and Macaroni	1 2/3	1.667	Oz
				(and Tomato Puree	5/24	.208	Oz
				or (Potatoes Dehydrated	1 2/3	1.667	Oz
				(and Spaghetti	1 2/3	1.667	Oz
				(and Tomato Puree	5/24	.208	Oz
				or Flour	2 1/2	2.5	Oz

In addition a cash allowance of 1½d per person per day is authorised for all female personnel on the ration strength in the Areas defined above

AUTHORITY - LHQ 22082 of 8 Feb 43

Amended - LHQ 118854 of 10 Sep 45

Brigadier
Director of Supplies and Transport

Sep 45

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Appendix 28

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RATION SCALES : DISARMED JAPANESE TROOPS

C-in-C

Prior to receipt of Landops Signal Q.6552 (1552) of 5 Sep 45 an Interim Scale for Disarmed Japanese Troops had been promulgated.

2. The Interim Scale, as shown by attached comparison table, provides for a ration of 2463 calories. The scale laid down by Landops provides for a ration of 1685 calories.

3. Attached is copy of Landops Signal Q.1659 of 17 Sep 45 which indicates that the Americans apparently intend to issue a ration of 1800 calories.

4. In view of the necessity for uniformity, a direction is desired as to whether consideration is to be given to raising ration to American standard after further consultation with SEAC.

5. It is submitted that the difference between 1685 and 1800 calories in terms of actual food is very little and it is recommended that a ration of not less than 1685 calories and not more than 1800 calories be agreed to.

6. First Army is at present issuing on a scale of 2463 calories. This will be reduced in accordance with your direction.

Major-General,
Quartermaster-General.

25 Sep 45.

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From: LANDOPS 171620I

To: LANDFORCES

IMPORTANT.

Q1659 RESTD.

REFERENCE LANDOPS Q1552 OF 5 SEP TO LANDFORCES AND Q1564 OF 7 SEP TO AFPAC RATION SCALE JAPANESE DISARMED PERSONNEL. FIRST. NO COMMENTS YET RECEIVED FROM AFPAC BUT COPIES OF LETTERS BETWEEN AFPESPAC AND QMG USA SERVICES FORCES HAVE BEEN OBTAINED THROUGH FORLAND MEDICAL LIAISON WITH GHQ. COPIES BEING FORWARDED BY AIR MAIL TO LHQ. SECOND. SUMMARISED THE LETTERS ARE. ONE. 4 JUL 45 RATION SCALE FOR JAP PW RECOMMENDED BY QMG USA SERVICE FORCES TOTALS 1800 CALORIES FOR SEDENTARY JAP PW AND 2700 CALORIES FOR ACTIVE JAP PW. TWO. AFWESPAC ON 18 JUL 45 STATED DISAGREED WITH SCALE AND CONSIDERED BELOW GENEVA CONVENTION REQUIREMENTS. THREE. ON 10 AUG 45 QMG REPLIED STATING CONSIDERED THAT RATION SCALE DID COMPLY WITH GENEVA CONVENTION AND WAS SUFFICIENT FOR JAP PW. BASIS OF CALCULATION WAS NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION 2500 CALORIES FOR SEDENTARY MAN WEIGHT 70(72) KILOGRAM AND 3740 FOR SAME WEIGHT ACTIVE MAN. ON CALCULATION THAT AMERICAN SOLDIER CALORIC REQUIREMENTS OF 1800 FOR SEDENTARY AND 2700 FOR ACTIVE JAP PW DECIDED ON. THIRD. MATTER IS REFERRED FOR DIRECTION IN VIEW OF PERSONAL INTEREST OF C IN C.

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COMPARISON : RATION SCALES FOR DISARMED JAPANESE TROOPS

Unit - ozs.

Commodity	Interim Scale	Scale as per Landops Signal Q1552 of 5 Sep 45	Remarks
BEVERAGES:			
Tea	2/7	2/7	
CEREALS:			
Biscuits	8	7	
Flour White	1/2	1/2	
Rice U/P	6	3	
CONDIMENTS:			
Salt	3/7	3/7	
FATS:			
Edible An Fat	1	1/2	
FRUIT:			
Dried	1/2	1/2	
MEAT:			
Fish Tinned	3-3/7	3-3/7	
M & V Ration	1-5/7	1-5/7	
MILK:			
Cond	1	1/2	or Peas Blue Dried
SUGARS:			
Sugar	1/2	1/4	
VEGETABLES:			
Fresh Onions	2	(A)2	If available native grown equivalents to be issued.
Potatoes	8	(B)8	
Tinned Assorted	10		
CALORIES	2463	1685 *	

(A) or Veges Tnd (unattractive varieties) 1-2/3 ozs.
(B) or Potatoes Dehydrated 2 ozs.

* This scale indicates the maximum quantities of rations which may be issued. Only such items and quantities will be issued as are necessary to supplement items available from Japanese stocks or local fresh equivalents to achieve a similarly balanced ration of a total calorific value of approx. 1685 calories.

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Appendix 29

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
(Quartermaster-General)

In Reply
Quote: (94/58/424) 119906

Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne. S.C.1.

12 Sept 1945.

Fwd Ech LHQ	(3)	LHQ Tactical School	
Adv LHQ	(14)	LHQ Tactical School ("C" Wing)	
HQ First Aust Army	(21)	OCTU	
HQ Second Aust Army	(10)	LHQ AASC School	(5)
HQ 1 Aust Corps	(9)	LHQ S of Mech	
HQ NT Force	(6)	LHQ S of Mov and Tn	
HQ Western Command	(8)	LHQ S of Malaria Control	
HQ 4 Aust Armd Bde	(2)	LHQ S of Hyg	
HQ Qld L of C Area	(6)	LHQ S of Army Cooking and Catering	
HQ NSW L of C Area	(8)	LHQ AWS Offrs School	
HQ Vic L of C Area	(6)	LHQ AWS Adm School	
HQ SA L of C Area	(4)	Services Reconnaissance Dept	
HQ Tas L of C Area	(4)	Allied Intelligence Bureau	
RMC.		Far Eastern Liaison Office	
SS (Aust)			

Copies to:

DDST Adv LHQ	(2)	ADST SA L of C Area	(2)
DDST First Aust Army	(2)	DADST Second Aust Army	(2)
DDST 1 Aust Corps	(2)	S & T Services,	
DDST 2 Aust Corps	(2)	HQ Tas L of C Area	(2)
DDST NT Force	(2)	First Aust Army AASC	
DDST Qld L of C Area	(2)	School	
DDST NSW L of C Area	(2)	1 AASC Trg Bn	
DDST Vic L of C Area	(2)	CO 1 Aust Sup Res Dep	
ADST Western Command	(2)	CO 4 Aust BSD	

Copies for information to:

UKALS (Aust); Sec Def (4); Sec Army (2); Business Adviser; Sec Air (2); Mil LO Security Services Canberra; Chief Auditor Def and Sup (2); MA to C in C; CGS (14); DCGS (2); AG (6); QMG (8); MGO (5); CFO (5); MS (3); JAG; CI-Army; DGPR; D Research (2); Post War Army Planning Committee; SDI (Liaison) (3); HQ AWAS; Aust Mil LO HQ USASOS; DST Finance (L); DST Circulation Copy; War Diary (3); File (2).

AASC SUPPLIES : EXPENSE STORES : RAT POISON 109

Rat Poison 109, the successor to Barium Carbonate, is at present in production in New South Wales L of C Area.

2. This item is a concentrated preparation, being packed in 2-oz tins containing sufficient for 4,000 baits.

3. Owing to the small nature of the pack, distribution will be by air freight or troop train. Stocks will be forwarded, as soon as available, as follows :-

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Morotai (for all 1 Corps Area)	-	288 tins
Lae (for all First Army Area)	-	288 "
Darwin	-	60 "
Brisbane (including Torres and Merauke) (by troop train)	-	144 "
Melbourne (by troop train)	-	144 "
Adelaide (" " ")	-	25 "
Perth	-	70 "
Hobart	-	5 "

4. The above distribution will constitute at least 30 days' supply. Further requirements will be sent forward only on demand, air priority numbers being quoted where applicable.

5. Rat Poison 109 will not be issued in any area until existing stocks of Barium Carbonate or other Rat Poison are consumed. Whilst the change-over is being effected, stocks will be shown separately on List 4 of AAF F161A, Barium Carbonate being shown in pounds and Rat Poison 109 in ounces.

6. Rat Poison 109 is included in the Expense Stores General Scale of Issue on an "as required" basis (authority Medical Officer). Provisioning action has been taken on the basis -

1 oz per 1,000 personnel per 7 days
for 1 Corps and First Army areas, and

½ oz per 1,000 personnel per 7 days
for all other areas.

In this regard, it is requested that the results of field tests be forwarded to LHQ as early as practicable so that further provisioning action may be taken.

7. Instructions as to the use of this item are being issued separately to the Hygiene Service through Medical channels.

H. J. Hansen Lt. Col
for Major-General,
Quartermaster-General.
11 Sept 1945

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Q17/F4/PT - 5/9

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
(Quartermaster-General)

Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE, S.C.1.

In reply quote: 119907

12 Sep 1945

Adv LHQ	(6)	SS (Aust)	(3)
HQ First Aust Army	(6)	O C T U	(2)
HQ Second Aust Army	(2)	LHQ Tactical School	(2)
HQ 1 Aust Corps	(4)	LHQ AASC School	(4)
HQ 2 Aust Corps	(4)	LHQ S of Mech	
HQ NT Force	(4)	LHQ S of Mov and Tn	
HQ Qld L of C Area	(4)	LHQ S of Malaria Control	
HQ NSW L of C Area	(4)	LHQ S of Hyg	
HQ Vic L of C Area	(4)	LHQ S of Army Cooking and Catering	
HQ S A L of C Area	(4)	LHQ AWS Offrs School	
HQ Western Command	(4)	LHQ AWS Adm School	
HQ Tas L of C Area	(4)	Services Reconnaissance Dept	
HQ 4 Aust Armd Bde	(2)	Allied Intelligence Bureau	
R M C	(2)	Far Eastern Liaison Office	

Copies to:

DDST Adv LHQ	(10)	DADST Second Aust Army	(2)
DDST First Aust Army	(30)	S & T Services, Tas L of C Area	(4)
DDST 1 Aust Corps	(8)	First Aust Army AASC School	(4)
DDST 2 Aust Corps	(8)	1 AASC Trg Bn	(2)
DDST NT Force	(6)	CO 1 Aust Sup Res Dep, Helena St, Lilyfield NSW	(2)
DDST Qld L of C Area	(6)	CO 2 Aust Sup Res Dep, Bandiana	(2)
DDST NSW L of C Area	(6)	CO 3 Aust BSD	(2)
DDST Vic L of C Area	(6)	CO 4 Aust BSD	(2)
ADST S A L of C Area	(4)		
ADST Western Command	(4)		

Copies for information to: UKALS (Aust) (4); Sec Def (2); Sec Army (2); BA; Sec Air (2); Mil LO Security Services; Canberra; Chief Auditor Def and Sup (16); MA to C-in-C; CGS (14); DCGS (2); AG (6); CFO (22); MS (3); CI-Army; DGPR; D Research (2); Post War Army Planning Committee; SDI (Liaison) (3); HQ AWAS; Aust Mil LO HQ USASOS; Aust Army LO, Dept of C & A; CIA (Dept of Treasury)(8); DGMS (4); CAC (2); DST-F (L); DST-RAAF (L); DST Circulation copy; War Diary (3); File.

AASC SUPPLIES : EXPENSE STORES : SPECIAL ISSUES

LHQ memo 14718 of 1 Feb 45 (with subsequent amendments) laid down the Expense Stores Scale of Issue, but investigations have revealed that considerable issues have been made in excess of these Scales without any reference to LHQ.

2. Any alteration of the Scale of Issue (which is involved in a Special Issue) requires either Ministerial approval or financial authority, and no delegation of such powers is in existence.

3. No further Special Issues will therefore be made without the approval of LHQ.

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4. However, nothing in para 3 will prevent a Formation, etc., Commander from authorising a Special Issue if, in his opinion, the well-being of the troops would suffer because of the delay involved in referring the matter to LHQ. In cases of this nature, the matter will be subsequently referred to LHQ for confirmation.

5. . . . Existing Special Issues, as recently notified through Service channels to the S & T Directorate, are temporarily confirmed; but it is requested that these Special Issues be examined in order to ensure that sufficient grounds exist in all cases. Final confirmation will be notified to the Areas concerned after a further review by LHQ.

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Major-General,
Quartermaster-General.
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6 Sep 1945.

M. G. O.

FARMS - AASC MACHINERY - SPARES

Ref DST 300034 of 3 Mar 45
143218 of 6 Oct 44

It is understood that spare parts being obtained in compliance with above requests are now:-

(a) Items as per Contract Demands E.9886 and E.9888 recently received from manufacturers and held in Ordnance Stores, Melbourne.

(b) Items as per Contract Demands E.10452/K and E.9887 -

(i) Approx. half not yet received from manufacturers.

(ii) Balance held in Ordnance Stores, Melbourne.

2. It is considered that, by the time the various spares were distributed to the farm units, there would be little demand for them. These spares are for agricultural machines in short supply and would be of greater advantage in civilian use in Australia. As they are in the original uncrated condition as received from manufacturers, there should be little difficulty in disposing of these items through Commonwealth Disposals Commission.

3. Under these circumstances it is suggested that if the items are not required by other Branches of Army, action be taken as follows:-

(a) Cancel Contract Demand for any items not yet delivered by the manufacturers.

(b) Dispose of remaining items held in Store Melbourne through normal Commonwealth Disposals Commission channels.

Major-General,
Quartermaster-General.

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Appendix 32

119095 10 Sep 1945.

ADST,
Western Command

DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS COMMODITIES

It is anticipated that a ship will commence loading in Fremantle about 20 Sep 45 for movement of the undermentioned surplus commodities to Europe.

2. It is requested that these commodities be concentrated and packages marked as follows ready for shipment -

Commodity	Unit	Quantity	Destination	Branding
Chocolate Fortified	lbs	4,617	London	UNRRA / ERO / LONDON
Margarine	"	113,567	Yugoslavia	UNRRA / YM / C
M & V Ration	"	508,042	Greece	UNRRA / GM / C
Jam	"	300,160	Poland	UNRRA / PM / C
Jam	"	98,560	Albania	UNRRA / AM / C
Jam	"	100,800	Italy	UNRRA / IM / C
Jam	"	300,160	Yugoslavia	UNRRA / YM / C
Jam	"	199,360	Czechoslovakia	UNRRA / CM / C
Pork and Beans	"	229,338	Yugoslavia	UNRRA / YM / C
Blue Peas Dried	"	800,000	Albania	UNRRA / AM / C
Pilchards Tinned	"	171,552	Greece	UNRRA / GM / C.

3. Further advices will follow.

(Sgd.) R. T. A. McDonald
Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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1 Sep 45.

MEMORANDUM for :

First Assistant Secretary,
Defence Division,
Department of the Treasury.

BARTER TRADE WITH NATIVES IN NEW GUINEA

As requested in your Memo. 4878 of 23 Aug, the proposed accounting instructions on the above subject are quoted hereunder:

"OBTAINING SUPPLIES BY BARTER FROM NATIVES IN FORWARD AREAS

(a) Where fresh commodities, such as vegetables, fruit, fish, etc., can be advantageously obtained from natives in forward areas without detriment to their natural food supply, the DDST/ADST L of C Area, Command or Force may authorise the acquisition of such commodities in exchange for suitable non-perishable commodities on the barter system at a scale approved by DFO L of C Area, Command or Force.

(b) An officer or senior NCO (preferably experienced in trading with natives) will be appointed to effect the exchange and will be responsible for the care and safe custody of the supplies until they are handed over to the Supply Depot.

(c) Perishable commodities received and non-perishable commodities issued for each day's trading will be recorded on a Conversion Voucher (AAF F5) in duplicate, which will be properly prepared and signed by the Supply Officer.

(d) The original AAF F5 will be forwarded to the DDST/ADST for information, and the duplicate copy will be used as an issue voucher to write off charge the non-perishable commodities and to write on charge the perishable commodities.

(e) DDST/ADST will exercise strict supervision over all trading transactions."

(F.R. Sinclair)
Secretary

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(Quartermaster-General)

Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne. S.C.1.

In Reply
Quote: 121744

15 Sep, 1945.

DDST Adv LHQ	(5)	Snr Insp of Sups Qld L of C Area	(6)
DDST First Aust Army (AIF)	(4)	" " " " NSW "	(6)
DDST 1 Aust Corps	(2)	" " " " Vic "	(4)
DDST NT Force	(3)	" " " " Western Comd	(2)
DDST Qld L of C Area	(4)	" " " " SA L of C Area	(1)
DDST NSW L of C Area	(3)	" " " " Tas "	(1)
DDST Vic L of C Area	(3)		
ADST Western Command	(3)	Copies to:	
ADST S A L of C Area	(2)	RMC	
DADST Second Aust Army	(2)	SS (Aust)	
DADST 1 L of C Sub Area		LHQ Tactical School	
DADST 2 L of C Sub Area		LHQ Tactical School ("C" Wing)	
DADST 17 L of C Sub Area		OCTU	
S & T Services HQ Tas L of C Area		Copies for information to:	
CASC 11 Aust Div	(5)	QMG	
CASC 11 L of C Sub Area		DQMG I	
CASC Darwin Area AASC		Col Ql	
CO 1 Aust Sup Res Dep		AQMG 1(a)	
CO 2 Aust Sup Res Dep		AQMG (L)	
LHQ AASC School		CFO (3)	
1 AASC Trg Bn		Chief Auditor Defence and Supply (16)	
Inspector of Supplies, Adv LHQ	(1)	D of C (AG5)	
Senior Insp of Sups, First Aust Army	(6)	CAC	
Senior Insp of Sups, 1 Aust Corps	(2)	SD1 (Liaison) (3)	
Senior Insp of Sups, NT Force	(3)	RAAF/DST LO	
		DST Circulation	
		War Diary	
		File	

AASC SUPPLIES : PROVISIONAL LIFE : QUARTERLY GROUPINGS

(Ref LHQ SM.6840 of 30 Jul 45)

In respect of stock covered by Original Warranty and Provisional Life I, the figures now being shown in the return "Stock held within warranty and provisional life periods" will, in future returns, be shown in one column under the heading "Total". Figures covering quantities of the same commodity with different expiry dates will be added to a total figure, and thus shown.

2. The purpose of this instruction is to reduce work consonant with the providing of adequate information.

(R.T.A. McDonald) Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
(Quartermaster-General)

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Reply : 123659

Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne. S.C.1.
19 Sep 1945

Fwd Ech LHQ	(3).	SS (Aust)	
Adv LHQ	(14)	LHQ Tactical School.	
HQ First Aust Army	(21)	LHQ Tactical School ("C" Wing)	
HQ Second Aust Army	(10)	OCTU	
HQ 1 Aust Corps	(9)	LHQ AASC School	(5)
HQ NT Force	(6)	LHQ S of Mech	
HQ Western Command	(8)	LHQ S of Move and Tn	
HQ 11 Aust Div	(4)	LHQ S of Malaria Control	
HQ 4 Aust Armd Bde	(2).	LHQ S of Hyg	
HQ Qld L of C Area	(6)	LHQ S of Army Cooking and Catering	
HQ NSW L of C Area	(8)	LHQ AWS Offrs School	
HQ Vic L of C Area	(6)	LHQ AWS Adm School	
HQ SA L of C Area	(4)	Services Reconnaissance Dept.	
HQ Tas L of C Area	(4)	Allied Intelligence Bureau	
RMC		Far Eastern Liaison Office.	

Copies to -

DDST Adv LHQ	(2)	CASC 11 Aust Div	
DDST First Aust Army	(2)	DADST Second Aust Army	
DDST 1 Aust Corps	(2)	DADST 7 Aust Base Sub Area	
DDST 2 Aust Corps	(2)	DADST 8 Aust Base Sub Area	
DDST NT Force	(2)	S & T Services,	
DDST Qld L of C Area	(2)	HQ Tas L of C Area	
DDST NSW L of C Area	(2)	First Aust Army AASC School	
DDST Vic L of C Area	(2)	1 AASC Trg Bn	
ADST Western Command	(2)	CO 1 Aust Sup Res Dep,	
ADST SA L of C Area	(2)	Helena St., Lilyfield	
		NSW	(2)
		CO 4 Aust BSD	

Copies for information to -
UKALS (Aust); Sec Def (4); Sec Army (2); Business Adviser; Sec Air (2); Mil LO Security Services Canberra; Chief Auditor Def and Sup (16); MA to C-in-C; CGS (14); DCGS (2); AG (6); QMG (8); MGO (5); CFO (15); MS (3); JAG; CI-Army; DGPR; D Research (2); Post War Army Planning Committee; SDI (liaison) (5); HQ AWAS; Aust Mil LO HQ USASOS; DST Finance (L); DST Circulation Copy; War Diary (3); File (2).

SUPPLY OF PREPARED MEALS TO MEMBERS OF ALLIED FORCES AND CIVILIANS

L.H.Q. Memorandum 71339 of 28 May, 1945, is cancelled.

2. Prepared meals may be supplied by A.M.F. Transit Camps, General Details Depots, Staging Camps and other Units to members of Allied Forces in transit or attached to an A.M.F. Unit for rationing and to members of Government Departments and other Administrations attached for rationing where no other source of supply is available.

3. Prepared meals may be supplied by A.M.F. Units to independent civilians attached for duty to the A.M.F., e.g., civilian camp barbers, cinematograph operators, etc. Payment

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for such meals at the rate of 1/- will be made to the Paymaster, in the case of a Camp, or the Pay Sergeant, in respect of a Unit.

4. Subject to the exception contained in para. (6), a charge of 1/- per head per meal will be debited by the D.F.O./Chief Paymaster in respect of all meals supplied to members of Allied Forces, Government Departments or other Administrations.

5. In order that the D.F.O./Chief Paymaster may effect recovery, advice will be furnished at the end of each month to the relevant D.F.O./Chief Paymaster by all Units supplying prepared meals to civilians and to Allied Forces in accordance with the terms of the following paragraph.

The advice will include the following details :

(a) The number of prepared meals supplied by A.M.F.;

(b) The location and dates on which the personnel were rationed;

(c) Names of personnel, unless rationed as a unit or draft, in which case details of the unit or draft, including the name of the O.C. and number of personnel will be shown.

(d) In respect of meals supplied to independent civilians, the numbers of Official Receipts representing payments for meals will also be shown.

6. Advice will be furnished and recovery effected in respect of prepared meals supplied to members of an Allied Force only where ten or more members of that Allied Force are rationed at any one meal. Charges will not be raised in respect of meals provided to an Allied Force where the members number less than ten.

7. Supplies issued to Allied Forces by Supply Depots will continue to be accounted for as at present.

8. This instruction does not apply to members of Philanthropic Organisations attached to the A.M.F.

H. A. [illegible]
Major-General,
Quartermaster-General.
11 Sept 45

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22 Sep 1945.

DDST, Adv LHQ
DDST, First Aust Army
DDST, NT Force

AASC SUPPLIES - RECEIPTS FROM ENEMY SOURCES

In order to resolve any doubts as to the accounting procedure to be followed in respect of supplies acquired from enemy sources in areas now being occupied by the AMF, the following directions are to be observed:-

1. In each area supplies surrendered by the Japanese will be taken over by the AASC as early as practicable and with the approval of the Commander.

2. Supplies will be sorted, counted and inspected for quality and suitability for issue for any authorised purpose.

3. Supplies found suitable for issue will be taken on charge and those unfit for issue will be destroyed.

4. A schedule of supplies taken on charge in each separate Base Sub Area and showing the quantity of each commodity, will be submitted to DST at LHQ.

2. It is requested that the schedule of supplies taken on charge be made retrospective and any supplies acquired from enemy sources not yet reported to DST should be advised as early as possible. In future schedules should be submitted on each occasion when supplies are taken on charge.

(Sgd.) R. T. A. McDonald

Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
(Quartermaster-General)

Quote in
Reply : 124949

Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE. S.C.1.

22 Sep 45.

DDST, Qld L of C Area
" NSW "
" Vic "
ADST, SA "
" Western Command
S & T Services, Tas L of C Area
CO, 1 Aust Sup Res Dep,
Helena Street, Lilyfield, NSW.
CO, 2 Aust Sup Res Dep

Copies to:-

CO, 3 Aust BSD
CO, 4 Aust BSD
DDST, NT Force
CFO (10)
Chief Auditor D & S (16)

CONSIGNMENT OF SUPPLIES UNDER COVER OF AAF F40

In recent months there has developed an increasing volume of movement of supplies inwards and outwards from 1 Aust Sup Res Dep. This is attributable to the fact that maintenance of forces overseas is effected primarily from Sydney.

2. The task of 1 Aust Sup Res Dep has become steadily more difficult to carry out both in respect of handling and storage and in accounting for supplies. It is important that procedure should be simplified as much as possible at this depot even at the expense of occasioning some additional accounting tasks at other depots.

3. To this end it is intended to vary as from 1 Oct 45 the procedure governing the consignment by sea of supplies produced and paid for in one L of C Area and consigned under cover of AAF F40 to another L of C Area.

4. As from 1 Oct 45 the following revised procedure will apply:-

(a) In respect of supplies loaded on each ship for each separate destination there will be prepared by the Ordering Officer under the relevant authority requisitions a Supply Issue Note (AAF F162) on which will be recorded the total quantity of each separate commodity for each particular destination. The Bills of Lading and Orders for Supplies will provide the data for preparation of the SIN which becomes a consolidation of the quantities recorded on each Bill of Lading, etc.

(b) In respect of each separate order on contractors, the AAF F59 will be used to take on charge the quantities recorded thereon in the ledger of the BSD in the consigning area.

(c) The SIN prepared as set out in sub-para. (a) will be used to write off charge the supplies recorded thereon.

(d) Consignees will return acquitted copies of SINs which will become the official vouchers to the issues recorded in the Stock Ledger.

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(e) AAF F40 will no longer be prepared. It becomes unnecessary once the transaction has been transferred to the AAF F162 basis.

(f) Consignor areas will ensure prompt despatch of Bills of Lading and AAF F59 to consignees immediately after preparation of AAF F162.

(g) For the purpose of recording stocks in transit, all SINs prepared as above will be recorded in the same manner as those appertaining to the normal movement of supplies between L of C Areas.

5. The net effect of the above variation in procedure as it affects 1 Aust Sup Res Dep will be that whereas in the past many weeks have often elapsed before the separate shipments in one vessel have been reconciled with documents, a much speedier reconciliation will be effected of supplies discharged against the single SIN and any claims for deficiencies can be lodged promptly. Stock control will also be facilitated.

6. CO 1 Aust Sup Res Dep will report on the operation of the above procedure after it has been in operation for six weeks.

Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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