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November 1943, part 2, appendices



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TO: NEW GUINEA FORCE, FIRST AUST T ARMY, N.G. L OF C AREA,
RECORDS OFFICE, MILBASE BRISBANE, LANDOPS, RPTD 1 AUST CORPS.

FROM: LANDFORCES

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War Diary

Appx 31
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

(Chief of the General Staff)

Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks.

10 November, 1943.

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INFANTRY - JUNGLE WARFARE LIAISON LETTER NO. 4

1. GENERAL.

British Army Staff, Washington, Jungle Warfare Liaison Letter No. 4, with Apps A to F, H, and I, have been received, and are of considerable value and interest.

2. B.A.S. Washington INF/1129/132/19/A of 14 Oct. 43 "Destruction of Japanese Pillboxes", covering trials witnessed at Fort Benning, has also arrived. This subject is one to which much attention is being given here, as the Japanese pillbox still presents a major and costly obstacle to our troops. Our views as requested, will be expressed in a separate letter.

3. Certain items of interest upon which further information would be appreciated, are contained in recent letters from A.M.L.O. M.E.F. and A.M.M. Washington. These items are set out in a questionnaire attached as Appx "A".

PART 1 - ORGANIZATION.

4. ORGANIZATION OF AUSTRALIAN JUNGLE DIVISIONS.

With reference to para 2 of our J.W. Letter No. 3 copies of Staff Tables prepared for the Leithbridge Mission have already been despatched to all addressees of this letter. These tables detail the personnel, weapons and transport of the following Australian formations:-

Standard Infantry Divisions
Jungle Divisions
Corps Troops, to be allotted to a Jungle Corps of
three Divisions.
Armoured Brigade Group (Tropical Scale)

The ensuing paragraphs outline the reasons for reorganization on the jungle basis, the principles followed therein, and the main changes effected to standard divisional organization for jungle warfare. A note on certain corps and army troops is also included. It is hoped that this information, read with reference to the above-mentioned staff tables, may be of some value to addressees in connection with any reorganization for jungle warfare in which they may be concerned. Any comments thereon would be appreciated.

(Note: The jungle division consists of H.Qs and units on Tropical Scale establishments.)

5. The changes from standard to jungle organization were influenced principally by the following conditions which exist in the South West Pacific Area:-

- (a) Transport of troops, equipment and supplies to forward areas, is normally by small craft or by air.
- (b) Within forward areas, there is a virtual absence of roads. Country is rough and normally covered by jungle or swamp, and road construction even to the stage of jeep tracks, is a difficult and lengthy process. Transport within divisional areas, is therefore by native carriers, supplemented if conditions permit by an extremely limited amount of light MT or pack transport, and by air dropping of supplies and ammunition. When sufficient native carriers are not available, troops, even to the extent of whole units must be employed for the purpose. As a result of these conditions, the amount of artillery which it is possible to move into forward areas and maintain, is normally most limited.
- (c) Owing to thickness of the jungle and broken nature of the terrain, divisional actions excepting those which may be concentrated against enemy coastal bases, are normally divided up into many well separated engagements of battalion or company size, on various tracks which wind along the tops of hill features. While artillery has been of great effect against the Japanese, it is rarely possible to concentrate even the limited number of guns which may be available, and infantry units have therefore to depend to a great extent upon their own supporting weapons which may be man packed.
- (d) Excepting around a few coastal areas, plantations, and along some of the major river valleys, country is generally tank proof.
- (e) Owing to these factors, a large number of units and portions of units of standard divisions had to be left in rear areas with consequent lack of economy and difficulty in administration.

6. In order to meet the above conditions, the following principles were followed in reorganization of divisions to a jungle basis:-

- (a) The organization was made more flexible and capable of various groupings.
- (b) All units, sub-units, transport and equipment which are not essential for general operations in jungle conditions were eliminated from the divisional organization.
- (c) Certain divisional, corps and L. of C troops were allocated as pools from which the special requirements for any particular operation or phase, may be drawn. The minimum scale of supporting and ancillary troops likely to be regularly required remained under divisional control. Additional units to increase the divisional component for certain operations are available for allotment as corps troops, but the bulk of units not allotted, remain in Adv. Base and L. of C. Areas.
- (d) Within divisions, transport may be withdrawn from units and sufficient transport for operations in jungle areas held in the divisional pool and allotted to units in accordance with the possibility of its use in the forward area concerned. Transport units were equipped with jeeps and trailers which can be exchanged for heavier vehicles in any proportion as required. Provision was made for a minimum scale of special vehicles.

for R.A.E. and A.E.M.E. units, to be held in the divisional pool for issue when circumstances permit.

7. The main changes carried out in conformity with these principles, are as follows:-

(a) Artillery.

- (i) H.Q. R.A.A. has been retained within the division, although the number of divisional artillery units has been reduced as set out below.
- (ii) One field regiment only is included in the division. The regiment consists of two eight gun batteries of normal and one of light 25 pr guns. Additional field regiments are held as corps and army troops and may be allotted as required.
- (iii) One light A.A. battery (Airborne) is included in the division.
- (iv) Tk A Regiments become corps troops. They are organised on a three battery basis, each battery primarily manning sixteen 6 pr tk A guns. Batteries are also being trained to man alternative equipments such as light 25 pr airborne or 75 mm pack guns.

(b) Engineers.

At present there is no major change to divisional engineer organization which still includes three field companies and one field park company. However, in New Guinea the demand for engineer work in divisional, corps and L. of C Areas has been heavy, resulting in the employment of a far greater proportion of engineer units than have been required in previous operations. Coupled with this, is the increasing requirement for additional mechanical equipment. A request for 100% increase in engineer units for allotment to divisions engaged in offensive operations, is at present under consideration.

(c) Divisional Signals.

The number of signal sections is reduced in proportion to the reduction in supporting artillery and an engineer signal section is added.

(d) Infantry-Battalions

- (i) Unit MT and MT personnel are deleted from establishment.
- (ii) The A.A.-L.H.G. platoon has been eliminated, mainly by reason that general cover is provided by the jungle, and battalion headquarters and administrative groups moving on foot do not present the target to hostile aircraft that they do on a motorised basis in open warfare.
- (iii) An M.H.G. platoon of 4 M.H.Gs has been added to establishment.
- (iv) The Carrier platoon has been withdrawn, and absorbed into the divisional carrier company.
- (v) The 3 inch Mortar platoon has been increased from 6 to 8 detachments.
- (vi) The pioneer platoon has been increased from 20 to 40 all ranks to cope with the great increase in pioneer

tasks such as track improvement, minor bridging etc., and to permit greater allotment of pioneers to companies widely dispersed in terms of time, from battalion headquarters.

(o) Cav (Commando) Sns.

Independent companies formed some time ago for jungle warfare, have been reorganised as Cav (Commando) Sns. These squadrons consist of squadron H.Q. Signal troop, and three troops each of three sections, each section having 1 officer and 14 other ranks. Total squadron strength - 16 officers 212 other ranks.

These squadrons are army troops and may be allotted to corps, divisions or even to brigades.

They are playing an important role in New Guinea, and are used for long distance reconnaissance, and for various special missions. As an example, individual squadrons have been flown in to distant landing grounds, which though they may not be immediately threatened by the enemy are essential to protect from any possible enemy move. Long distance patrols are then thrown out from these landing grounds and may consist of the whole squadron, or of troops or even sections. Because of the normally wide dispersion of the squadron in operations, the high percentage of officers is necessary.

Employment of Cav (Commando) Sns on these tasks, avoids the need to detach infantry units and sub-units from their commands for the purpose.

(f) H.Q. Guards.

One company of Aust H.Q. Gd ^{REGT} is attached to each division. The company consists of four platoons, one being normally retained by divisional H.Q. and the remainder being sub allotted to brigades. While headquarters in the jungle are normally sited for protection by disposition of units under command, the platoon is essential to supplement the close perimeter defence formed by headquarters personnel, to provide escorts and to carry out the many labour tasks around the headquarters concerned.

(g) A.A.S.C.

Divisional A.A.S.C. is organised into a supply depot company and a general transport company.

The supply depot company normally contains six supply depot platoons for allotment of two platoons per brigade. This number may be varied by addition or withdrawal of platoons according to the administrative requirements of the particular situation.

Owing to the increased problem of supply in jungle operations, on the system outlined in our J.W. Letter No.3, a considerable number of platoons are normally required. In particular they are employed:-

- (i) To man F.S.Ds served by aircraft, jeeps, or small craft. In these depots much labour is necessary to preserve stocks against deterioration under tropical conditions.

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(ii) To organise supply staging dumps and D.I.Ds along native carrier lines.

(iii) To organise the collection, sorting and distribution of supplies at air dropping grounds.

The general transport company normally includes three transport platoons, three relief driver increments and a workshop platoon. Each transport platoon provides 30 load carrying vehicles which may be jeeps and trailers or heavier according to what types of vehicles can be transported to the operational area and driven on roads available.

8. The following corps and army troops raised to meet transport and maintenance problems in New Guinea may be of interest to addressees:-

(a) Air Maintenance Companies A.A.S.C.

These companies may be corps or army troops. Their present organization is as follows:-

H.Q.
Air Crew Pl.
Air Packing Pl.
Sup Depot Pl.
Transport Pl.
R.D.L
Wkshop Sec of a Wkshop Pl.

They are employed with transport aircraft in the packing and loading of planes and dropping of supplies to forward areas, and are designed to handle supply dropping from 18 planes a day continuously, or up to 27 planes a day in the case of exceptional demands for short periods. The duties of the air packing and air crew platoons require a high standard of training. In order to minimise damage to contents, air packs dropped with or without parachute must be expertly prepared. Personnel of air crew platoons employed in rushing out loads must work in complete unison with pilots in order to drop batches of the appropriate number of packages at precisely the right moment, so that they will land within the normally limited supply dropping area.

(b) Water Transport.

Aust Water Transport Group has been formed under Q.H.G. for the purpose of operating small craft transporting maintenance requirements from the main island shipping ports to points along the coast of New Guinea and adjacent islands and up navigable rivers which are available. Detachments from the group also follow amphibious landings and maintain beachhead areas from advanced coastal bases.

The group now consists of three water tpt operating coys (small craft) and two water tpt operating coys (landing craft). The number of companies in the group is not permanently fixed and may be increased from time to time according to availability of additional craft and volume of traffic.

Mechanical maintenance of craft is carried out by A.E.H.E. detachments being formed for the purpose.

The composition of the group is set out as Appx "B" to illustrate the manner in which the types of small craft available from our resources have been organised for New Guinea.

PART II WEAPONS - EQUIPMENT - RATIONS.

9. Recent observer reports on the Salamaua and Lae operations support the impression that the present Australian basic infantry weapons and equipment are generally satisfactory, although in connection with items carried on the man, the need for reduction in weight to a minimum, was constantly emphasised.

The following items from these reports are of particular interest:-

(a) Cookers.

Timber in the jungle is usually saturated and the preparation of hot meals by forward units is a major problem. Even when jungle timber is sufficiently dry to burn, it produces a smoky fire and increases the risk of detection by enemy air spotting.

A lighter cooking gear similar to the Hydro burner was considered to be a definite requirement.

It was also suggested that cooking gear designed to fit into the standard jeep body with say primus stoves as the heating unit, would be of great benefit in producing hot meals for forward troops operating near jeep tracks.

Canned heat as present issued was of much value, but a more concentrated fuel giving longer burning life was desired.

(b) Water.

Water for cooking was normally carried long distances in billy cans, much being spilt. It was suggested that a 4 gallon waterbag, suitable for carriage slung from the shoulders would be most useful.

(As a temporary measure, quantities of 1½ gallon canvas water bags are being sent to New Guinea for general distribution.)

(c) Native Carrier Loads.

It was considered that all bulk items should be issued in packages not exceeding 40 lbs and capable of being carried by natives. (Action on these lines has been taken, and as an example the latest Box Amm. S.A. produced by H.G.O. for air dropping, contains a tornoplate inner carton with web carrying straps, containing 576 rds S.A.A. .303 ball. Carton is hermetically sealed and weighs 38 lbs full. See H.G.O. Equipment Memorandum No. 6)

(d) Table Tops.

A "roll up" table top consisting of a sheet of canvas backed by wooden slats, was considered to be a requirement for Brigade and Divisional Headquarters during operations.

(e) Socks.

As the feet are almost constantly wet, even the best quality socks shrink quickly and the heel causes discomfort by working down under the foot. Ample bulk supply of socks and frequent replacement issues, seems to be the best answer.

(f) Picks

Troops carrying picks had cut down the helms, but still had to carry the normal heavy pickhead. It was suggested that light miners picks should be issued to forward troops.

(g) Waterproof Covers for Binoculars.

Considered to be a user requirement. Should be designed so that sweating does not take place.

10. TRIPOD MOUNTINGS - BREI L-H-G.

The weight and value of the tripod mounting has rarely justified its carriage forward of advanced bases by units in New Guinea.

It is proposed to reduce the scale of issue to units of jungle divisions to a bare minimum, and to hold limited stocks in A.O.Ds which can be drawn upon by units requiring extra mountings when in static roles or moving in small craft.

11. TK. A. RIFLE BOYS .55.

It is noted that G.H.Q. India proposes to retain this weapon as a bunker buster. In New Guinea it was not successful against the Japanese bunker.

Could India please advise particulars of any successful use in this connection, including details of bunker construction against which the rifle was fired.

12. GRENADE 36 M.

The following method has been adopted in Australia for moisture proofing this grenade for tropical use:-

- (a) The igniter cap and fuse are treated with two coatings of RD cement.
- (b) The striker is given a heavier coating of cadmium plate to prevent rust.

These measures together with the luting on the top of the striker, have proved satisfactory in humidity and waterproofing laboratory tests.

13. CARTRIDGES 55 GRS BALLISTITE.

Experiments are being conducted to waterproof cartridges for use with mortars in the tropics. Aluminium foil sheathing at first tried, caused a 50% increase in smoke on discharge.

Present tests are with casing material waxed prior to manufacture of the cartridge, after which the cartridge is twice passed through parallac lacquer.

14. KNUCKLE DUSTERS AND LIFE PRESERVERS.

It is noted that these items are still considered a requirement for certain troops in the U.K.

It may be of interest that it is not proposed here to continue production of these weapons for Australian troops in jungle warfare, as the general consensus of opinion of commando units who were so equipped, was that the weapons were not of much use in jungle operations and the extra weight was not worth carriage on the man.

15. MOUNTINGS 20 mm POLSTEN.

In view of the primary importance of highly mobile A.A. equipment, in SWPA it has been decided that multiple mountings are not an Australian Army requirement for the present.

While the Hazzard Baird and Universal single mountings are reasonably satisfactory for a purely A.A. role, they are not ideal for use with field formations in S.W.P.A. In this area it is normally so difficult to transport and maintain sufficient supporting weapons, that the maximum value must be obtained from the characteristics which each weapon has to offer. Australian gun production is well ahead of schedule, and it has therefore been decided that a mounting for the Polsten 20 mm, embodying the following characteristics, will be designed and all efforts concentrated upon its early manufacture in Australia:-

- (a) Suitable for dual role, in that when dug in, adequate cover is afforded to the gunner when weapon is used both for high and low angle fire.
- (b) Sufficiently light to ensure mobility and capable of being broken into component parts suitable for carriage by personnel.

G.S. specifications for this mounting are being prepared, and copies will be forwarded to addressees when finally approved. While this mounting is under development the existing Australian production programme of a limited number of Hazzard Baird Mountings will continue.

16. MACHETES.

Leather sheaths have been found unserviceable in New Guinea. A light canvas sheath similar to the U.S. pattern is now in production here.

17. HOTBOXES (CONTAINERS FOOD PORTABLE)

M.G.O. has designed a two gallon hotbox for use by forward troops. This hotbox is cylindrical, and weighs approximately 14 lbs empty, and 34 lbs full, which is a suitable man load, and a better proposition than the British one gallon hotbox, now in use, weighing nearly 30 lbs when filled. Insulation material is to be exploded mica. Full details and photographs will be forwarded later.

18. HEADGEAR.

Many and varied opinions have been expressed by commanders in New Guinea on the relative merits of the steel helmet, Aust. felt hat and beret. At present all three are on issue to field units of jungle formations and any one may be worn at the discretion of the commander concerned.

The consensus of opinion is that in the jungle, the steel helmet is too heavy, noisy and knocks off easily in the undergrowth. It was noticeable that a large proportion of troops in the landing at Lao, discarded their steel helmets within a short time after reaching the jungle.

The ideal headgear appears to be one such as the beret which conforms to the shape of the head and does not impede movement through vines and creepers.

The beret is popular, but should be waterproof. It is proposed to use waterproofed material (velinise) in future production.

19. CREAM CAMOUFLAGE.

Sample received from India, together with specifications are much appreciated. This sample has been forwarded to New Guinea for trial under tropical conditions.

20. CAMOUFLAGE.

Reference to para 3 of B.A.S. Washington J.W. Letter No.4, If B.A.S. will please refer to our J.W. Letter No.1 para 32, it will be noted that it is dyeing of web equipment which has been abandoned.

There is no change from the existing jungle green colour for the Australian Jungle Uniform of shirt and trousers. The uniform on display at U.S. Special Forces Section is evidently the Australian "Suit camouflage" consisting of trousers, blouse and hood made of cellular Khaki material which was previously produced for Independent Companies. It was intended to be camouflaged by the wearer. This suit is no longer in use.

21. OPERATIONAL RATIONS.

The main comment on the previous Australian Field Operational Ration which contained a proportion of dehydrated meat, was that the troops generally had neither the time nor the opportunity to prepare the ration properly and throw much of it away. The new A.M.F. Operational Ration type 02, can either be eaten as packed or heated quickly. Deliveries of this have now been made to forward units from whom satisfactory reports have been received. Samples of the ration were despatched by air to B.A.S. Washington through A.M.M. on 22 Oct. 43.

The following case quoted from New Guinea may be of interest to addressees, in that it illustrates how the health of troops in the jungle is adversely affected by an unbalanced ration, even though the items concerned may be attractive to the man:-

"A company of troops stationed on a supply track had for some weeks picked the most tasty portions out of rations in transit to a brigade further forward. As a result, the company which had lived on the "pickings" developed 80 cases of beri beri, and the brigade which consumed the remains developed 40."

W. J. G. Arnold
for Brigadier.
Director of Staff Duties.

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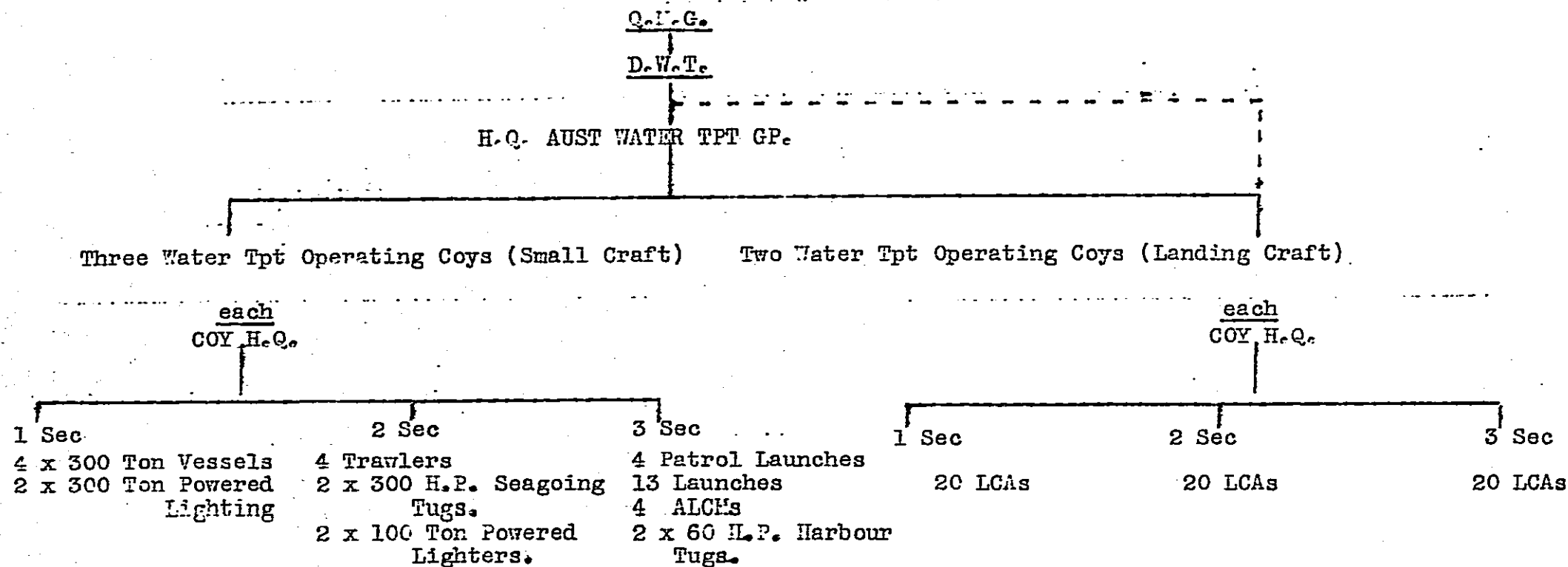
APPENDIX "A"

(See para 3 of J.W. Letter No. 4 att)

Item	Information Required
A.M.L.O. (M.E.F.):—	
1. Trials of PIAT against pillboxes conducted in Middle East.	(a) Ranges at which projectors were fired. (b) Fuse or fuses employed. (c) Construction data of pillboxes. (d) Precise results obtained
A.M.L.O. (M.E.F.) (Extract from Liaison Letter No. 9 of 13 Sep. 43 - Report on landing in Sicily 10 Jul. 43):—	
2. PIAT was extremely effective against pillboxes in Sicily.	Type of pillboxes
A.M.L.O. (M.E.F.) (Items included in M.E.F. Weapons Technical Staff Liaison Letter No. 6):—	
3. Bombs Mortar 3 inch - In M.E. further development is in progress, of a new BE bomb, designed for use of coloured smoke.	Full information available.
U.K. Small Arms Liaison Notes for July 1943, received through A.M.M. Washington:—	
4. Lightened rifles for jungle Warfare:— Trials were to be held at the Small Arms School with 30 pilot models adapted from No.1 and No. 4 rifles.	Results of the trials with particular reference to type of ammunition used and whether any muzzle flash was observed.
5. Lightened Bren L.M.G. for jungle warfare:— Stated to be on trial at CEAD (S.A.)	Specifications and photos if available.
6. Mountings Tree M.M.G:	do
7. Mountings 20 m.m. Airborne Mk.II	do
8. Battle noises: Experiments were being carried out with a Rifle Fire Simulator.	It is considered that the item would be of value in training provided it was realistic and simple to handle. Particulars of the Rifle Fire Simulator would be appreciated and also of any other similar devices being used or developed.

ORGANIZATION OF AN AUST WATER TPT GP. P. 8. E

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APPENDIX "B".



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L. H. Q.

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GENERAL STAFF

Intelligence

1. Sitrep and Weekly Review

S.W.P. 2. and SOLOMONS.

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL

2. Old Railways

DONG (2) outlined the difficulties experienced in connection with railway traffic in Qld.

3. Weekly Review

Attached as Appendix 'A' is the weekly review of 'Q' (Mvts) activities.

MASTER-GENERAL OF THE ORDINANCE.

4. Candidates at OCTU.

It is understood that 8 out of 16 AMOC candidates, and a possible high percentage of AMOC were returned to units from the last OCTU course, and that many candidates are doing repeats in the 1st Wing.

DSE stated that it is thought that these failures are due mainly to the fact that candidates are receiving insufficient pre OCTU infantry training in order that they may be inculcated with the necessary powers of leadership.

A request has been made to DSE to re-institute pre OCTU training for serving personnel of AMOC.

SURVEY

5. War Maps

1/25,000 maps of AMSTERDAM, DROMA, Lin. map of BRUKA, and a 4-mile map of WARANG-RAMU were produced for inspection.

J. P. Hillier

Major:
S. D. L.

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MOVEMENT AND TRANSPORTATION - WEEKLY REPORT 4-10 NOVEMBER, 1943.

The following are the main points -

1. MOVEMENT BY RAIL: (COMPLETED)

17 Aust Fd Amb	N.T. to Vic.
29 Aust L of C Salvage	N.T. to S.A.
28 Aust Emp Coy	N.T. to Vic.
2/12 Aust Fd Amb	NEW to Qld
64 A.A. S/L Bty	Vic to N.S.W.
USA 392 all ranks	NEW to Qld.
69 A.A. S/L Wkshop Sec	S.A. to W.A.
Return 4 Aust Armd Bde	S.A. to Qld.
(leave)	& Vic

M.T. and other wheeled equipment moved by rail and road.

To Qld from Vic	51	
NEW from Qld, Vic, S.A.	316	
Vic from N.S.W.	38	
S.A. from N.S.W.	1	
N.T. from Vic	73	
	<u>479</u>	

Ammunition moved Interstate

767 tons

(CURRENT)

Completed by

"F" Sec 74 Aust Dental Unit	N.T. to S.A.	12/11
54 Aust A.A. Regt & Wkshop	N.S.W. to N.T.	26/11
" " " " Sig Sec	Qld to N.T.	24/11
55 " " " W/Shop & Sig Sec.	Qld to N.T.	30/11
23 Aust Inf Bde (3 trains)	Vic to Qld.	15/11
USA 2331 all ranks (6 ")	N.S.W. to Qld.	11/11
USA 350 all ranks	N.S.W. to Qld	15/11
1 Pl 2/3 Aust Rly Con Coy	N.S.W. to Qld	16/11
HQ 121 Aust Lt A.A. Regt		
1 Sec " " "	W.A. to Qld.	27/11
228 " " " "		
2 Aust Div Concert Party	W.A. to N.S.W.	13/11
8-9 Aust Op Sec	W.A. to Vic.	11/11
6 Aust D.R. Sec		
47 Fd Security Sec	W.A. to Qld	12/11

(FUTURE)

Commence on

131 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	W.A. to N.T.	14/11
112 Aust Con Depot	N.S.W. to Qld	15/11
42 Aust Tank A. Bty	Vic to N.S.W.	16/11
Inf School of Arty	Vic to N.S.W.	19/11
2 Aust Regt Sig Trg Unit	N.S.W. to Vic	15/11
"H" Aust Lt AA Tps	Vic to N.T.	
2/163 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	Qld to N.T.	
2/164 " " " "	Qld to N.T.	
146 " " " "	N.T. to Vic	
2/110 " " " "	N.T. to N.S.W.	
22 and 23 Aust Maint Pl	N.S.W. to N.T.	
6 Aust Army Tp Coy	N.T. to N.S.W.	
201 Aust Comp A.A. Reg Sig Sec	Vic to N.T.	
136 " Bde Ord Fd Pk	N.T. to N.S.W.	
8 Aust Inf Bde	N.S.W. to Qld.	
8 " Fd Amb	N.S.W. to Qld.	
2/1 " Fd Coy	N.S.W. to Qld.	
2/3 " Fd Coy	N.S.W. to Qld.	

2. DIRECTORATE OF RAIL & ROAD TRANSPORTATION.

Transport of German Gun mounting -

The 35-ton 28 C.M. gun mounting is at present in transit Canberra-Port Wakefield Station, S.A. Gun mounting is scheduled to arrive at destination on Saturday, 13th November 43. Transport to the Proof Range has been arranged.

3. DIRECTORATE OF DOCKS

LIGHTERS - 40/60 tons

Arrangements are in hand to ship to New Guinea 17 - "Armco" type lighters, 13 of which will be dismantled.

4. DIRECTORATE OF WATER TRANSPORT.

Movement of Craft.

1 vessel en route Melbourne - Port Moresby
1 " arrived Thursday Island
1 launch " Port Moresby
4 vessels shipped to Port Moresby
4 ALCV MK2 - shipped to Darwin

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SECONDAUSTARNEY; MILRAGE MELBOURNE; MVTS MELBOURNE; MILRAGE SYDNEY
MVTS SYDNEY; RPTD LANDOPS; LHQ SCHOOL OF ARTY (FD); LHQ SCHOOL OF
ARTY (TK A) SD 67683 11

LANDFORCES

WARNING	ORDER (.)	FURTHER	MY	SD66747
OF	6	NOV (.)	FIRST (.)	LHQ
SCHOOL	OF	ARTY (TK A)	LESS	ADV
AND	REAR	PARTIES	WILL	MOVE
FROM	PUCKAPUNYAL	TO	HOLDST ORTHY	(.)
MOVE	ON	19	NOV	OR
EARLIEST	THEREAFTER (.)	UNDER	COND	LHQ
SCHOOL	OF	ARTY (FD)	ON	ARRIVAL (.)
MOVE	WITH	PERSONAL	ARMS	AND
EQPT	UNIT	EQPT	VEHICLES	TRG
STORES	SCHOOL	FURNITURE	AND	ACCOMMODATION
STORES	AND	TWITAGE	AT	PRESENT
HELD (.)	SECOND (.)	REAR	PARTY	1 OFFER
2 ORs	WILL	MOVE	HOLDSTWORTHY	SOONEST
AFTER	COMPLETION	DUTIES	PUCKAPUNYAL (.)	THIRD (.)
42	AUST	TK	A	BTY
HIGH	IS	DEPOT	BTY	AT
SCHOOL	OF	ARTY	(TK A)	WILL
MOVE	OF	OR	EARLIEST	AFTER
19	NOV	FROM	PUCKAPUNYAL	TO
SECOND	AUST	ARTY	ARMA	WHERE
BTY	REJOINS	111	AUST	TK A
RIGHT (.)	MOVE	WITH	PERSONAL	ARMS
AND	EQPT	UNIT	EQPT	INCL
FIRST	LINE	ARM	GUNS	AND

VEHICLES	ACCOMMODATION	STORES	AND	TENTAGE
AT	PRESENT	HELD (.)	FOURTH (.)	REQUEST
SECOND	AUST	ARMY	MAKE	AVAILABLE
14	AUST	TH	A	BTY
TO	ACT	AS	DEPOT	BTY
AT	FOLDST ORTHY	AND	ARRANGE	MOVEMENT
TO	ARRIVE	IF	POSSIBLE	BY
21	NOV (.)	BTY	COMES	UNDER
COLD	SCHOOL	OF	ARTY (FD)	ON
ARRIVAL (.) ACK				

Distribution:

DDMO; HQ3; SD1; SD3; SD5(2); SO in C (2); AG; A (D of O);
A (Maint); DGFS; GFG; AQWCI; AQW3; 9- (2); DRTn; DST;
MGO; DOS; DME; MIL SEC; WAR DIARY (2); FILE; MGRA.

for Brig
DSD(SD5)

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TO: SECOND AUST ARMY, MILBASE SYDNEY, HVTS SYDNEY, MILBASE BRISBANE,
HVTS BRISBANE, LANDOPS RPTD MILCOMMAND MORESBY

FROM: LANDFORCES

SD 67791

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WARNING	ORDER	(.)	DET	31
AUST	WATER	TPT	MAINT	COY
(SMALL	CRAFT)	STRENGTH	7 ORs	AT
PRESENT	ATT	AUST	WATER	TPT
(SMALL	CRAFT)	TRAINING	CENTRE	AND
BASE	STORE	WILL	MOVE	FROM
CLIFTON	GARDENS	SYDNEY	TO	QLD
UNDER	ARRANGEMENTS	HVTS	LHQ	(.)
UNDER	COMD	QLD	L OF C	ON
ARRIVAL	(.)	ONWARD	MOVE	NG
UNDER	ARRANGEMENTS		LANDOPS	(.)
MOVE	EARLIEST	WITH	PERSONAL	ARMS
AND	EQPT	ONLY	(.)	ON
ARRIVAL	NG	REJOIN	31	AUST
WATER	TPT	MAINT	COY	(.) <i>AEK</i>

DISTRIBUTION: DDMO, MO3, SD1, SD3, SD5(2), SO-in-C(2)
AG A(D of O), A(MAINT), DGMS, QMG, AQMG 1, AQMG 3,
Q(M) (2), DRTn, DST, MGO, DOS, DME, MIL SEC, WAR DIARY (2)
FILE, E-in-C; DWT.

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TO: LANDOPS, NEW GUINEA FORCE, FIRST AUST ARMY RPTD MILBASE
BRISBANE, MOVTS BRISBANE

FROM: LANDFORCES

SD 67792

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SECRET	(.)	REF	MY	SD 65304
AND	NEW	GUINEA	FORCE	SD 6197
OF	6	NOV	BOTH	NOT
TO	ALL	ADDRESSEES	(.)	
FIRST	(.)	REQUEST	LANDOPS	ARRANGE
MOVE	TO	NEW	GUINEA	AT
PRESENT	STRENGTH	3	AUST	ARMD
DIV	PRO	COY	LESS	THE
TWO	SECS	TO	BE	DESPATCHED
1	AUST	CORPS	AREA	VIDE
MY	SD 65094	AND	SD 66868	(.)
SECOND	(.)	FIRST	AUST	ARMY
WILL	ORGANIZE	UNIT	ON	WE
II/20/2	(DIV	PRO	COY)	BEFORE
DEPARTURE	(.)	UNIT	WILL	RETAIN
PRESENT	DESIGNATION	(.)	THIRD (.)	ON
ARRIVAL	NEW	GUINEA	UNIT	WILL
ABSORB	12	AUST	INDEP	BDE
PRO	PL	AND	BE	COMPLETED
TO	WE	STRENGTH	VIDE	WE
II/20/2	BY	RECRUITS	TO	PRO
SERVICE	FROM	NG	FORCE	RESOURCES
(.)	IN	VIEW	OF	THIS
PROCEDURE	12	AUST	PRO	COY
IS	NOT	BEING	ADDED	TO
OOB	AS	ADVISED	MY	SD 62355
(.)	ACK			

DISTRIBUTION: DDMO, M03, SD3, SD5(2), SO-in-C(2), AG
A(D of O), A(MAINT), DGMS, QMG, AQMG 1, AQMG 3, Q(M) (2),
DRTn, DST, MGO, DOS, DME, MIL SEC, WAR DIARY (2) FILE
PRO MARSHAL

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Appendix 36
MOST SECRET

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DAILY STAFF CONFERENCE - 13 NOV 43

MINUTES

GENERAL STAFF

Intelligence

1. Sitreps

SWPA and Solomons.

Staff Duties

2. Movement of Officers

SC-in-C returned to LHQ from NG on 11 Nov.

DAG(3) left for BRISBANE on 10 Nov, and returns to LHQ 16 Nov.

D of O departed for SYDNEY and returns on 15 Nov.

D.F & W leaves for NT and Qld 15 Nov and returns LHQ 8 Dec 43.

Operations

3. New System of Time Designation

The new system of time designation becomes effective on Mon. 15 Nov, in accordance with SM25197, of 1 Nov 43.

4. Release of Small Craft

It has been decided that all small craft are to be released in the area south of latitude 12 deg. Necessary instructions have been issued to First Aust Army and Qld L of C Area.

Intelligence

5. New Issue of Booklet

The third edition of the booklet "Keeping Information From the Enemy" has been issued. 10,000 copies have been distributed.

Weekly Reviews

6. Attached as Appendix "A" are weekly reviews of:

- (i) DMT
- (ii) E-in-C
- (iii) SO-in-C.

J. P. Phillips
Major,
SD.1

CONFERENCE - 13 NOV 43

TRAINING NOTES

1. RE-ORGANIZATION - REINET TRG CENTRES.

The CCS has approved a proposed sequence of events for the re-organization of NE and Southern Trg Centres. The major items are as follows :-

- (a) HQ Southern Trg Centre to go off OOB as from 31 Dec 43 .. thereafter control of trg units being exercised by HQ Second Aust Army direct.
- (b) Trg Units in NE Trg Centre to continue present conversion trg programme, but after 15 Dec to cease all intakes and to gradually reduce in size from then on.
- (c) On 31 Mar 44, HQ NE Trg Centre and all units left in that area with the exception of a Coast Arty Trg Bty, a Water Tpt Trg Centre, an ATTD and an MVTTC to go off OOB. These latter units then to come direct under First Aust Army.

A decision regarding future control of Aust Trg Centre (JW) will be made later.

2. RE-ORGANIZATION - AUST WATER TPT TRG UNITS.

- (a) Approval has been given for the transfer to Aust Water Tpt (Small Craft) Trg Centre and Base Store RAE from CLIFTON GARDENS to VICTORIA POINT.
- (b) On arrival at VICTORIA POINT the Trg Centre will be amalgamated with the Aust Water Tpt (Landing Craft) Trg Centre.

3. LHQ SCHOOL OF ARTY (TK A).

- (a) Instructions for the move of the above School from PUCKAPUNYAL to HOLSWORTHY have been issued.
- (b) Move will take place during period 7 Nov - 18 Nov 43.
- (c) On arrival at HOLSWORTHY the School will be amalgamated with, and form a Tk A Wing of, the LHQ S of Arty (Fd).

4. TRG OF AWS OFFICERS.

A Conference was held during the week at the Training Directorate to consider future requirements in connection with the training of AWS Officers. Representatives of AWS, "A" Branch (D of O), DGMS and the CI's of AWSOS and AWS Adm Course attended.

Training liability was examined in detail and future trg policy will be based on this liability.

5. TECHNICAL TRAINING - W.A.

A proposed re-organization of Tech Trg has been forwarded to 3 Aust Corps for comment. This proposal involves -

The deletion of the ATTD, MTTD and MVTTC and the substitution therefor of a 3 Aust Corps Tech Trg Centre with Wings to deal with subjects required.

The WE manpower saving resulting would be approx. 10 Offrs and 119 ORs

6. AAMWS - TRAINING AS COOKS HOSPITAL.

The liability for training AAMWS Cooks Hospital has been considerably increased, and it is proposed to run two Courses at the LHQ School of Army Cooking and Catering to provide forty Instructors, who will discharge the liability in Hospital kitchens as personnel become available.

7. MECHANICS RADAR - CONVERSION COURSES.

These conversion courses will be of twelve weeks duration, specific to AI or CD, and over fewer equipments than heretofore.

It has been established that the scope of these Courses has been rather beyond the average Army Radar trainee.

8. VISUAL TRAINING.

(a) Delivered and distributed :-

	<u>Distribution</u>
Reconnaissance and Occupation by Field Regt RA	.. General
Base Gun - Mechanisms	.. AFV School EME School
Camouflage - All Arms	.. General (now being distributed)
Galtex Diesel	.. General to Schools concerned.
Soldiers Food - Reprints	- To formations requiring reprints.

(b) In local production :-

Film "Silent Battle" - malaria in the SWPA and means of prevention - screened to IGMS and DMT and approved for general distribution. Sound track now being recorded. Estimated delivery date of 15 mm prints - 4 weeks.

(c) Screening to LHQ.

Screened 10 Nov	.. "Sex Hygiene" Attendance fair.
To be screened 17 Nov	.. Field artillery against Tanks

APPENDIX A (11)

26th WEEKLY RESUME OF ENGINEER ACTIVITIES, 5 Nov - 11 Nov 43

R A E

1. Development

(a) Mine Detector No 2

The pilot model developed by MGO (D of D), E in C and BREVILLE Radio passed user tests, and was generally satisfactory subject to minor amendments.

(b) Flying Grapple

The first ten of these have been manufactured by 6 Aust Wkshop & Pk Coy and were despatched to NEW GUINEA on 10 Nov.

2. Camouflages

The following policy for camouflage painting of mechanical vehicles has been approved :-

The basic colour of all vehicles is Khaki Green. The basic colour may be disrupted in operational areas only, at the discretion of the GOC.

W O R K S

3. Installations

(a) 12 Adv Ord Depot - TOWNSVILLE (AITKENVALE) QLD

Cost estimate has been prepared for construction of an Adv Ord Depot on outskirts of TOWNSVILLE. This Depot will be used in lieu of BARONTA, on which construction work has been suspended.

(b) 3 Base Ord Depot - BANDJANA

Work has begun on the new site adjacent to WODONGA Racecourse. Earthworks for railways to serve eight storehouses, and road construction and water supply are in hand.

4. E & M Oil

MILNE BAY : Bulk Oil Installation

Second installation will now be located at MODEWA. This is US responsibility, but RAE have agreed to weld two 500,000 gal tanks. US Engineers will construct 1,500,000 gal concrete storage in addition. GILI GILI will be ready to receive cargo of 1,500,000 gallons petrol on 21 Nov. Erection of Distillate Tank (500,000 gal) has commenced. Construction of power reticulation, roads, drum platforms and distribution systems is proceeding. Boilers for furnace oil heating will be ready for despatch mid November.

5. Design

Portable Sleeping Huts - Sketch 12' x 30' huts using FIBREEN between wire netting as covering material prepared. Arrangements made for 11 Aust CRE Works to construct a trial hut 12' x 15'.

6. Roads : NEW GUINEA

(a) BULLEOG - MARKHAM : As at 29 Oct

Jeeps dry weather, EDC 10 Nov 43.
Jeeps 50 each way per day, EDC 30-Nov 43.
MT 50 3-ton per day, EDC 21 Dec 43.

(b) IAE - DUMPU : As at 7 Nov

(1) IAE - NADZAB road not available for heavy traffic before 1 Dec; later if rain exceeds one inch per week.

- (11) Road NADZAB - DUMPU not passable for jeeps. Rivers LERON, UMI and SURIMAN are obstacles even in dry weather. The road from NADZAB to River LERON is passable by jeeps all weather; from LERON to UMI, one section of 3 miles is impassable but otherwise the road is usable; the section UMI to SURIMAN is passable except for a 10 mile section in the centre; the SURIMAN - DUMPU section is at present open for jeeps.

(c) LAE : As at 6 Nov 43

Access road from LAE into BUTIBUM VALLEY is 8% complete; EDC 24 Dec. The LAE - BUSU road is 30% complete; EDC depends on arrival of constructing personnel and equipment.

(d) FINSCHHAFEN : As at 6 Nov 43

A 9 mile access-road from the SONG River to the MAPE River is usable by jeeps; single MT can traverse 10% of the road.

7. MERAUKE : As at 9 Nov 43

Twenty-four dispersal bays are usable; six bays are 50% complete; 9000 ft of taxiway are available.

Total length of railway available is 4,727 yds.

8. Airfields

- (a) MIRKHAM Field (formerly called NADZAB No 1) is used by 2 fighter squadrons and transient fighters. The strip is steel mat surfaced 100' x 6000', with alert areas at both ends and dispersed hardstandings; EDC 15 Dec. NADZAB Strips Nos 1, 2 and 3 are being maintained and improved.
- (b) The GUSAP Strip has been rough graded 100' x 6000' and the parallel strip is cleared, EDC unknown.
- (c) KAIAPIT and DUMPU. The grass strips are being maintained.
- (d) FINSCHHAFEN. Runway cleared and grading under way.

9. Advance Base

FINSCHHAFEN. A GHQ Directive was issued 5 Nov for the establishment of a base of major proportions at FINSCHHAFEN to include the following facilities in the general order of their listing :-

- (a) Advance air and naval facilities.
- (b) Floating dock suitable for Liberty ships on south shore of LANGEMAX Bay.
- (c) Two Liberty docks, one at LANGEMAX Bay and one at Finsch Harbor, with additional facilities for unloading small ships.
- (d) Fueling jetty and initial essential oil tank facilities for handling 8000 barrels of Avgas, with provision for expansion to approximately 57,144 barrels of general petroleum products in accordance with a separate directive to be issued later.
- (e) Essential roads, additional docks, storage areas, camp and staging facilities, hospitalization, and other needs concurrently with the development of higher priority projects in accordance with requirements.

STORES

General remarks from NEW GUINEA : As at 29 Oct 43

10. (a) PORT MORESBY

Ample stocks of cement are held. Timber position is reasonably good. Position has improved in regard to CGI and other coverage materials, but strict control must still be exercised to meet priority works requirements and demands from forward areas. Stocks of electrical fittings and building hardware items are insufficient to meet local requirements. Early shipments against outstanding demands have been requested from mainland.

(b) WILHELM BAY

Holdings of cement, timber and coverage materials are satisfactory. Stocks of hand tools and electrical fittings are at present low but position will improve on receipt of shipments en route.

(c) BUNA - LAE

Demands for building construction materials cannot be met in full at present. Ships now being discharged at BUNA and shipment en route should improve position within next two weeks.

Stores to meet urgent requirements are being despatched from PORT MORESBY as air and shipping space is available. Mechanical equipment comprising a drawn grader, mover and TDS dozer were moved by air from BUNA to 7 Aust Div.

(d) FINSCHHAFEN

The stock of engr stores in FINSCHHAFEN area is improving. Approximately 200 tons of engr stores were shipped ex BUNA during the past week.

11. Shipments

The following are figures of engineer stores shipped from the mainland into NEW GUINEA :-

Months	Shipping Tons	Dead Wt Tons	Remarks
Nov 42	650	470	
Dec 42	2730	1970	
Jan 43	4400	3150	
Feb 43	3420	2460	
Mar 43	12250	8470	
Apr 43	4250	3020	
May 43	4860	3480	
Jun 43	6670	4780	
Jul 43	7590	5420	
Aug 43	10070	7270	
SUB-TOTAL	56840	40490	
Sep 43	20000	14200	Approx Approx Space booked
Oct 43	20000	14200	
Nov 43	19000	13500	
GRAND TOTAL	115890	82390	
Average 13 mths	8900	6300	

The above includes Pool Earth Moving Plant, but does NOT include Unit War Equipment Earth Moving Plant.

12. S W R

The initial order for shackles and other fittings for SWR has been placed. The holdup has been, and is, the limited capacity of manufacturers.

WEEKLY SIGNAL REVIEW

WEEK ENDING - 5 TO 12 NOV 43.

Australian Mainland

Sections of the Aust Corps of Signals are engaged on the following major line projects :-

(i) Yaamba - Sarina

The Yaamba - Sarina section of the Brisbane - Townsville line - of this 72 miles out of a total of 156 have been completed and considerable progress has been made.

(ii) Cape York - Jacky Jacky

This undertaking is now completed.

(iii) Stradbroke Island

Lines being laid for the Brisbane Fortress on Stradbroke Island are now complete.

(iv) Toowoomba - Rockhampton

14 miles of this line have been reconditioned in the Gayndah Area.

New Guinea - Major line constructions are :-

(i) The land line to connect the submarine cable head at Delena with Port Moresby is expected to be completed within a few days.

(ii) Koroba - Nassau Bay

The latest report from New Guinea stated that 10 miles remained to be completed on this route and it is anticipated that the work is now finished.

WIRELESS:

Direct wireless communications were opened between New Guinea Force and 7 Aust Div at 0900 hours 6 Nov 43.

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TO: MILBASE SYDNEY; MVTS SYDNEY; MILBASE BRISBANE; MVTS BRISBANE;
MVTS CAIRNS; MVTS TOWNSVILLE 1 AUST CORPS rptd LANDOPS FIRST
AUST ARMY.

FROM: LANDFORCES

SD 68022

13

WARNING	ORDER	(.)	29	F.S.
SEC.	WILL	MOVE	PRESENT	STRENGTH
FROM	N.S.W.	L	OF	C
AREA	TO	ATHERTON	AREA	UNDER
ARRANGEMENTS	MVTS	L.H.Q.	(.)	UNDER
COMD	1	AUST	CORPS	ON
ARRIVAL	(.)	MOVE	TO	ARRIVE
1	AUST	CORPS	AREA	BY
15	DEC.	WITH	PERSONAL	ARMS
AND	EQPT.	ACCOMMODATION	STORES	TENTAGE
SCALE	"A"	AND:	UNIT	EQPT
LESS	VEHS	(.)	TAKES	OVER
VEHS	OF	"H"	F.S	SEC
ON	ARRIVAL	ATHERTON	(.)	29
F.S.	SEC.	WILL	BE	REPLACED
BY	"E"	F.S.	SEC	ON
ARRIVAL	LATTER	UNIT	FROM	N.G.
(.)	LANDOPS	SD 1547	OF	10
NOV	TO	LANDFORCES	REFERS	(.)

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(S.D.5)

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DDMO; M03; SD1; SD3; SD5(2); SO-1n-C(2); AG; A(D. of O); A(Maint);
DGMS; QMG; AQMG1; AQMG3; Q(M)(2); DRTn; DST; MGO; DOS; DME; MIL
SEC; WAR DIARY (2); FILE.

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TO: SECONDAUSTARMY; MILBASE SYDNEY; MVTS SYDNEY; MILBASE BRISBANE;
MVTS BRISBANE; MVTS CAIRNS; MVTS TOWNSVILLE rptd LANDOPS

FROM:	LANDFORCES	SD 68023	13	
WARNING	ORDER	(.)	"L" F.S.	SEC.
WILL	MOVE	PRESENT	STRENGTH	FROM
SECOND	AUST	ARMY	AREA	TO
CAIRNS	UNDER	ARRANGEMENTS	MVTS	L.H.Q.
(.)	UNDER	COMD	Q'LD	L
OF	C	AREA	ON	ARRIVAL
(.)	MOVE	TO	ARRIVE	CAIRNS
BY	15	DEC	WITH	PERSONAL
ARMS	AND	EQPT	ACCOMMODATION	STORES
TENTAGE	SCALE	"A"	AND	UNIT
EQPT	LESS	VEHS	(.)	TAKES
OVER	VEHS	OF	25	F.S.
SEC	ON	ARRIVAL	CAIRNS	(.)
"L"	F.S.	SEC	WILL	BE
REPLACED	BY	"R"	F.S.	SEC.
ON	ARRIVAL	LATTER	UNIT	FROM
N.G. (.)	LANDOPS	SD1547	OF	10 NOV
TO	LANDFORCES	REFERS	(.)	ACK

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A(Maint.); DGMS; QMG; AQMG1; AQMG3; Q(M)(2); DRTn; DST;
MGO; DOS; DME; MIL SEC; WAR DIA RY (2); FILE; A.D.M.I.

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MILBASE PERTH.MVTS PERTH.MILBASE ADELAIDE.MVTS ADELAIDE.MILBASE MELB-
OURNE,MVTS MELBOURNE.MILBASE SYDNEY.MVTS SYDNEY.MILBASE BRISBANE.
MVTS BRISBANE RPTD LANDOPS.3 AUST CORPS

LANDFORCES

SD 66087

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WARNING .	ORDER (.)	14	SEC	AUST
KIT	STORE	WILL	MOVE	EARLIEST
PRESENT	STRENGTH	FROM	WEST	AUST
L of C	AREA	TO	IPSWICH	(QLD)
UNDER	ARRANGEMENTS	MVTS	LHQ (.)	UNDER
COMD	QLD	L of C	AREA	ON
ARRIVAL	FOR	ALLOTMENT	"A"	SUB
HQ	AUST	KIT	STORE (.)	MOVE
WITH	PERSONAL	ARMS	AND	EQUIPMENT
ONLY (.)	ACK.			

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A (Maint), DGMS, QMG, AQMG 1, AQMG 3, Q (M) (2), DRTN,
DST, MGO. DOS. DME. MIL SEC. WAR DIARY (2). FILE

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To: Second Aust Army, MILBASE MELBOURNE, 1 AUST INDEP SIG GP,
NORFORCE, MVTs SYDNEY, MVTs MELBOURNE, MVTs ADELAIDE,
MVTs ALICE SPRINGS, MVTs DARWIN rptd LANDOPS, MILBASE
SYDNEY, MILBASE ADELAIDE.

From:	LANDFORCES		SD	68110	13
WARNING	ORDER	(.)	REF		MY
SD 6660 0	OF	5	NOV		AND
SECOND	AUST	ARMY	02838		OF
8	NOV	BOTH	NOT		TO
ALL	ADDRESSEES	(.)	FIRST		(.)
36	AUST	CIPHER	SEC		(TYPE
E)	WILL	MOVE	WE		STRENGTH
FROM	SECOND	AUST	ARMY		AREA
TO	NORTHERN	TERRITORY	UNDER		ARRANGEMENTS
LHQ	MOVTS	(.)	NO		MOVE
BEFORE	20	NOV	(.)		UNDER
COMD	NORFORCE	ON	ARRIVAL		(.)
MOVE	WITH	PERSONAL	ARMS		AND
EQPT	ONLY	(.)	ON		ARRIVAL
NT	UNIT	RELIEVES	45		AUST
CIPHER	SEC	(TYPE	E)		AND
TAKES	OVER	IN	SITU		UNIT
EQPT	ACCOMMODATION	STORES	TENTAGE		LATTER
UNIT	(.)	SECOND	(.)		45
AUST	CIPHER	SEC	MOVES		ON
RELIEF	TO	SECOND	AUST		ARMY
AREA	UNDER	ARRANGEMENTS	LHQ		MOVTS
(.)	UNDER	COMD	SECOND		AUST
ARMY	ON	ARRIVAL	(.)		MOVE
WITH	PERSONAL	ARMS	AND		EQPT
ONLY	AND	ON	ARRIVAL		TAKE
OVER	IN	SITU	UNIT		EQPT
ACCOMMODATION	STORES	TENTAGE	36		AUST

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SD.

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CIPHER	SEC	(.)	WEST	AUST
SOUTH	AUST	VIC	AND	TAS
PERSONNEL	TAKE	LEAVE	UNDER	GRO 598
EN	ROUTE	(.)	BALANCE	TAKE
LEAVE	ON	ARRIVAL	(.)	THIRD
(.)	SECOND	AUST	ARMY	IS
AUTHORIZED	WITHDRAW	1	NCO	5
ORS	(MALE	PERSONNEL)	FROM	LHQ
CIPHER	REPLACEMENT	SEC	TO	TEMPORARILY
REPLACE	36	AUST	CIPHER	SEC
UNTIL	ARRIVAL	45	AUST	CIPHER
SEC (.)	ON	COMPLETION	LEAVE	LATTER
THESE	PERSONNEL	TO	BE	UNIT
LHQ	CIPHER	REPLACEMENT	SEC	RETURNED
				(.)

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AG, A(D of O), A(Maint), DGMS, QMG, AQMG1, AQMG3, Q(M)(2),
DRTn, DST, MGO, DOS, DME, MIL SEC, WAR DIARY (2), File.

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DAILY STAFF CONFERENCE - 15 & 16 NOV 43

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GENERAL STAFF

Intelligence

1. Sitings

S.W.P.A. and Solomons.

Staff Duties

2. Movement of Officers

DOS returned to LHQ from NG.
SO in C left for Nth Qld 15 Oct 43.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

3. Weekly Review

... Attached as Appendix "A" is the weekly review of "A" Branch activities.

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL

4. Weekly Review

... Attached as Appendix "B" is the weekly review of QMG Branch activities.

SURVEY

5. New Maps

1/25,000 maps of PAIPA and KUMBARUM and 1/65,000 maps of MT. KUBARI and POMMERN BAY were produced.

Arthur Brown
Major;
S.D.I.

APPENDIX "A"

SECRET

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S BRANCH

REVIEW OF BRANCH ACTIVITIES
WEEK ENDING 12 NOV 43

SERIAL 29

1. MANPOWER

Intake for week ending 6th November, 1943.

MALES	133	
FEMALES	<u>145</u>	278

Discharges for week ending 6th November, 1943

MALES	-	Medical	528	
		MPR Scheme	5	
		Endorsed under recruiting scheme	89	
		Hardship and/or compassionate	29	
		Enlistment RAAF	58	
		Other Reasons	<u>318</u>	1,027
FEMALES	-	Medical	9	
		MPR Scheme	-	
		Hardship and/or compassionate	34	
		Other reasons	<u>26</u>	69
				<u>1,096</u>
		Net deficiency		<u>818</u>

2. PERSONNEL ON SEASONAL LEAVE WITHOUT PAY
FOR WEEK ENDING 6TH NOVEMBER, 1943.

ALL STATES 3,134

(Previous week 3,111)

3. STRENGTH A.M.F. EXCLUDING V.D.C. AS AT 23 OCT 43.

Posted strength 395,771 previous week 399,591 Decrease 2,820

Reinfts in Depots

Trg Depots

AIF	19,135			AIF	14,647	
CMF	15,704	34,839	"	CMF	14,469	29,116

Other Depots &

In Transit

AIF	8,489			AIF	11,347	
CMF	6,111	14,600	"	CMF	5,480	16,827

"X" List (excl

Students at

Schools)

AIF	22,167			AIF	21,831	
CMF	11,865	34,032	"	CMF	11,456	33,287

Students at

Schools exceeding

28 days

AIF	2,493			AIF	2,998	
CMF	732	3,225	"	CMF	969	3,967

"X" List & Reinfts

in Depots - Females

3,317	"	"	3,332
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485,784		486,120
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NET DECREASE - 336

Total W.E.

Posted Strength

439,736	previous week	439,736
395,771	"	399,591

Deficiency on

posted strength

43,965	40,145
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INCREASE 3,820

The W.E. figure shown above is the official figure (excluding V.D.C) quoted monthly by D.S.D. It takes account of current or pending reorganization.

STRENGTH WOMEN'S SERVICES AS AT 30 OCT 43.

AANS	2,907	previous week	2,912
ANAS	19,446	"	19,435
AANES	5,605	"	5,606
	27,958		27,953

INCREASE 5

4. LEAVE AND TRANSIT RATION OF ATSHRIN FOR PERSONNEL ON LEAVE FROM NEW GUINEA.

A special leave and transit ration of Atshrin is being prepared for issue to all personnel returning from New Guinea to the mainland of Australia on leave.

The leave and transit ration of Atebrin will be packed in special envelopes each containing 30 Atebrin tablets, and bearing printed instructions as to -

- (a) dosage
- (b) replacement in case of loss or depletion of ration
- (c) procedure to be followed if malarial symptoms develop.

All personnel arriving on leave from New Guinea will be issued at first LTD through which they pass with a leave and transit ration of Atebrin estimated to be sufficient to last until their return to New Guinea.

5. LEAVE :

Instances have come to notice that, notwithstanding the provisions of G.R.O. A.598/1943, leave has been granted not in accordance with this Order.

Instructions have been issued to Formation Commanders to investigate the leave arrangements within their commands and to take disciplinary action in cases of breaches of G.R.O. A.598/1943.

6. ESTABLISHMENT OF INTER SERVICE PLANNING MACHINERY :

The Prime Minister, acting on a recommendation from the Defence Committee (minute 185/43), authorized on 18th October the establishment of an Inter-Service Demobilization Committee consisting of the Second Naval Member, the Adjutant-General and the Air Member for Personnel.

(a) The functions of this Committee include :-

- (i) Production of a Provisional Basic Plan covering demobilization of the R.A.N., A.M.F. and R.A.A.F.
 - (ii) Determination of the Inter-Service and Service machinery necessary to produce plans for demobilization and develop them in accordance with approved policy.
- (b) The Inter-Service Demob. Committee has been constituted as an independent body empowered to submit recommendations on matters in connection with planning, on which higher authority is required, to the Departments of Post War Reconstruction, Navy, Army, Air or Defence, according to the nature of the subject and the functions and responsibilities of the Departments.
- (c) At its first meeting on 8th November 1943 the Committee decided to establish immediately a staff to be known as the "Interservice Demobilization Planning Staff." The function of this staff will be to produce provisional plans for consideration by the Committee. The staff will consist initially of three officers, (one to be appointed by each Service) of whom the senior will act as executive officer to the Committee and will also co-ordinate the work of the Planning Staff. The necessary clerical staff will be appointed by the Services.
- (d) It is anticipated that after approval of the basic plan, the planning staff will be increased to enable the plan to be developed in detail as far as possible on an Inter-Service basis.
- (e) Lt.-Col. W.M. Algie has been appointed representative for the Army.

7. PROVISION AND RELIEF OF STAFFS AT L.H.Q. SCHOOLS.

A combined instruction, cancelling five previous instructions, governing the principles and responsibilities for the provision and relief of staffs at L.H.Q. Schools has been issued. In all 27 Schools are affected. (LHQ 196687).

8. EXTRA PAY FOR PARACHUTISTS.

Instructions to implement the approval of extra pay for parachutists have been issued. (GRO A.757/43).

Members' additional entitlements are as follows -

(a) During Training -

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| (i) | From commencement of training | 2/- per day |
| (ii) | For each day on which jumps are made | 1/- per day
additional. |

(b) On completion of training -

While qualified and attached to a parachute unit and subject to one parachute descent being made in each six months.	3/- per day.
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9. MARCH OF 17 AUST INF BDE.

The 17 Bde under the command of Maj-Gen S.G. Savige will march through Melbourne on 18 Nov 43.

10. GENERAL SERVICE BADGE.

The Department of Defence has been asked to approve the issue of a "General Service Badge" to members of the Services who on discharge are not entitled to a "Returned from Active Service Badge".

11. RELIEF SUPPLIES FOR PRISONERS OF WAR IN JAPANESE HANDS.

Advice has been received by cable dated 2 Nov 43 from the High Commissioner's Office, London, that as the Japanese Government have not agreed to transport relief supplies from Vladivostock to areas in which Allied P.W. are held it is possible that the despatch of Red Cross relief supplies to P.W. in Far East by the Portland (Oregon)/Vladivostock service may be discontinued after Nov 43.

12. MAIL FROM AUST PRISONERS OF WAR IN FAR EAST.

Cabled advice has been received from the Government of India that 3 bags of mail for Australia, containing 23,090 letters have been received from the Japanese exchange ship at Marmagoa and are being forwarded to Australia. It is assumed that the majority of these letters will be from Aust P.W. in Japanese hands. No publicity is being given to this matter.

13. HEALTH OF THE FORCES.

(a) Malaria. There is no marked change in incidence as compared with the previous week, 848 cases have been reported from forward areas as compared with 932 for the previous week, but the returns are not yet complete. The rising incidence is confined to active operational areas.

HEALTH OF THE FORCES - CONTD.

- (b) Dysentery. There is an increase in notifications from forward areas. 119 cases are reported as compared with 65 for the previous week.
- (c) Scrub Typhus. A total of 86 cases are reported from N.G. as compared with 43 for the previous week.
- (d) Respiratory Diseases. The incidence remains low, 54 cases of pneumonia and influenza being reported from all areas.

14. RAISING, DISBANDING AND REORGANIZATION OF UNITS.

The following SMs in respect of Raising, Disbanding and Reorganization of Units have been issued for week ending 12/11/43.

RAISING.

SM 25347 64 AWAS BARRACK (400 PERSONNEL) - RAISING OF
 SM 25374 AIR LIAISON - REORGANIZATION (60 AUST SQN AL SEC ALLOT NT FORCE
 RAISE FOR LHQ (61 AUST SQN AL SEC ALLOT NT FORCE
 SM 25375 ALLIED SERVICES SENIOR NCOs CLUB - PT MORESBY - RAISING OF
 SM 25418 10 AUST FD CASH OFFICE (CORPS) - RAISING OF
 SM 25461 3 AUST ORDNANCE PORT DETACHMENT - RAISING OF
 SM 25477 NEW GUINEA SEA AMB TPT COY - RAISING OF (W.O. SER NO. 49351)
 SM 25536 CARRIER TELEGRAPH SYSTEM - MOROBE - TERMINAL MAINTENANCE DET
 (RAISE FOR NG FORCE FOR ALLOT 19 AUST L OF C SIGS)
 SM 25585 6 AUST FARM COY - RAISING OF
 SM 25635 1 AUST TENT COLOURATION UNIT AAOC - RAISING OF
 SM 25634 2 AUST ORD BEACH DETACHMENT - RAISING OF
 SM 25667 4 AUST ORD VEH PARK, AAOC - RAISING OF

DISBANDING :

SM 25348 46 AWAS BARRACK - DELETION OF
 SM 25535 "P" AUST LT AA TP - DELETION OF
 SM 25681 3 AUST CORPS GUERRILLA WARFARE GP ---DISPOSAL OF PERS.

REORGANIZATION :

SM 25373 RE-ORGANIZATION OF SIGNAL UNITS IN W.A.
 SM 25416 WATER TRANSPORT UNITS - TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL TO
 SM 25446 2/11 AUST GEN HOSP (600 BEDS) - EXPANSION OF
 SM 25447 PROPOSED REDUCTIONS AAMC PERSONNEL - RECRUIT RECEPTION DEPOTS
 SM 25478 ESTABLISHMENT YOUNG SOLDIERS' HOLDING UNITS
 SM 25484 NG L of C STATIONERY DEPOT (TYPE B) - EXPANSION TO TYPE "A"
 INCLUDING PUBLICATIONS SECTION
 SM 25583 129 AUST GEN TPT COY - EXPANSION OF
 SM 25584 2/102 AUST GEN TPT COY - EXPANSION OF
 SM 25616 SEARCHLIGHT UNITS RAA - REORG OF
 SM 25652 1 AUST WOMEN'S HOSP - REORG OF
 SM 25659 RE-ORG OF AASL WKSHOP SECS - AEME

APPENDIX B

WEEKLY REPORT - BRANCH OF THE Q.M.G.

WEEK ENDED 13 NOVEMBER 1943.

WORKS

<u>Approvals L of C Areas</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>QUEENSLAND</u>		
Clapham Junction - Provision of Storage Accommodation at break of gauge	A2 (3059)	£43,140
<u>NEW SOUTH WALES</u>		
General - 27 prefabricated portable steel huts to replace those taken from pool for operational requirements	A2 (3033)	£5,400
<u>VICTORIA</u>		
Ballarat - No. 108 A.G.H. - additional works and services	A2 (3005)	£13,600
<u>WESTERN AUSTRALIA</u>		
Marrinup - Provision of P.W. Compound, Guard accommodation, Army sawmill, etc.	A2 (2963)	£13,500

HIRINGS

Requisitions for week ending 13 November, 1943, were as follows -

<u>Army</u>	<u>U.S.A.S.O.S.</u>	<u>R.A.A.F.</u>	<u>Navy</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>Total</u>
36	21	9	2	12	80

SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT

RATIONS

The number of balanced rations on hand in depots on 23 October and 30 October, 1943, was respectively 84,138,000 and 80,306,000.

Supplies of balanced rations are at present being loaded for FINSCHHAFEN for the establishment of a base there. This will be the first direct shipment to that port from the mainland.

Amendment to the Pacific Ration Scale is under discussion.

The Native ration scale has been amended by the inclusion of OL Vitaminatum, Tomato Juice and Edible Animal Fat and the deletion of Meat Extracts.

Fresh fish has been issued in limited quantities to hospitals in Moresby Area. ANGAU fishing catch of approx. 1500-2000 lbs. per week killed by dynamite, has been taken over.

At the request of Services Reconnaissance Department, the following special A.M.F. rations were supplied in past month to India -

5,000	Emergency Rations	
6,000	Operation	"
12,000	"	" (India Type)

The India type is an adaptation of the Australian Operation ration, to meet Indian conditions.

PARMS

Vegetable production in Central Australia during October was again most satisfactory with a total of 58,473 lbs (approx. 26 tons)

TRANSPORT

Advice from U.S.A.S.O.S. stated that A.M.F. transport facilities provided for U.S. Army in Queensland would not be required after 30 September. However, the equivalent of 1 Aust. Gen. Tpt. Coy. of 3 Pls. operated there full time for U.S. Army in October.

MACK 10 TON DIESELS - BODY MODIFICATION

On 9 Nov. a pilot model truck embodying suggested body modifications was inspected at Contractor's premises by D.S.T., A.D.T. and a representative from D.M.V.

Side loading is adequately provided for by one 9 ft. drop-slide on each side of the body.

An efficient pulley block has been fitted enabling two men to handle the tyre change.

All the minor points disclosed by the practical tests in C.A. have been satisfactorily incorporated in this model.

M.G.O. proposals for independent trailer brake control are satisfactory.

PETROL OIL AND LUBRICANTS

Coastal Tankers

Advice has been received that two medium size tankers, "Empire Silver" 11,500 tons and "Alfred Hill" 8,800 tons, have been allocated by British Ministry of War Transport to the Australian theatre for coastal transfers between Australian ports, NEW GUINEA and NORTHERN TERRITORY. The "Empire Silver" should be available in November and the "Alfred Hill" in December.

Standardisation of 44-gallon drum Bungs and Washers.

All Services, Australian and U.S., have now agreed to adopt a standard type of bung and washer for 44-gallon drums, and Director of Supply has been requested to ensure that this type only is manufactured in Australia both for Services and for Petroleum Industry. This standardisation will be of great assistance to Units engaged in filling and maintenance of packages in forward areas.

Mechanical Powered Skid Loaders

Production difficulties have been largely overcome and an accelerated rate of delivery has been arranged.

Despatch has already been made of loaders to 3 Aust B.I.P.O.D. and to Independent B.I.P.O.D. Platoons Nos. 55 and 56. It is anticipated that despatch of a further 18 loaders covering immediate requirements of other units both in New Guinea and on the mainland will be effected by approx. middle December.

The use of these loaders will appreciably reduce manpower problems associated with operation of BIPODS.

Certain improvements in design have been recommended to the Design Directorate and agreed upon. They will be incorporated in loaders to be subsequently manufactured.

DIRECTORATE OF POSTS

AIRMAIL LETTER CARDS

The adhesive type Airmail Lettercard used in the Middle East and adopted similarly for use in certain areas of Australia and

New Guinea was found unsuitable in the latter area because of humidity affecting the adhesive strip. To meet the difficulty, the card was redesigned omitting the adhesive and substituting a flap and slot for closure purposes. Trials have been successful and production of the new card put in hand.

MAINLAND BASE POST OFFICES.

In the week to 31st October, 1943, inclusive, the volume of articles comprising originating traffic at Mainland Base Post Offices was as follows -

Air Letters	Surface Letters	Printed Matter	Parcels	Registered Articles
960,231	466,678	369,760	86,081	34,528

Total Articles handled - 1,917,278

CANTRENS

Aerated Water Factories

The factory originally intended for Milne Bay is being shipped direct to Port Moresby for erection in that area.

Purchase of a complete Aerated Water Plant and Diesel generating plant for Woonamah in Northern Territory has been approved.

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TO. SECOND AUST ARMY MILBASE SYDNEY MVTS SYDNEY MILBASE BRISBANE
MVTS BRISBANE LANDOPS RPTD MILCOMD MORESBY 1 RAE TRG CENTRE
WAGGA.

FROM. LANDFORCES

SD 69309 15

SECRET (.)	WARNING	ORDER (.)	REF	NG FORCE
SD6131	OF	6 NOV	MY	SD67217
OF	9 NOV	AND	SD68189	OF
14 NOV	LANDOPS	SD1598	OF	13 NOV
ALL	NOT	TO	ALL	ADDRESSEES (.)
2/11	AUST	A TPS	GOY	WILL
MOVE	WE	STRENGTH	FROM	WAGGA
TO	QLD	L OF C	AREA	UNDER
ARRANGEMENTS	MVTS	LHQ (.)	UNDER	COMD
QLD	L OF C	AREA	ON	ARRIVAL (.)
MOVE	NOT	BEFORE	6 DEC 43	WITH
PERSONAL	ARMS	AND	EQPT	ACCOMMODATION
STORES	AND	TENTAGE	SCALE	"A"
UNIT	EQPT	AND	4 x 4	VEHS
AT	PRESENT	HELD (.)	ADVISE	DEFICIENCIES
VEHS	TO	LANDOPS	RPTD	LANDFORCES (.)
REQUEST	LANDOPS	ADVISE	LANDFORCES	DELIVERY :
POINT	ON	MAINLAND	FOR	BALANCE
OF	VEHS	REQUIRED	FOR	ON
FORWARDING TO		NG (.)	JUNGLE	GREEN
WILL	NOT	BE	ISSUED (.)	PARTICULARS
VIDE	GR0 318/43	TO	BE	RPTD
LANDOPS	(.)	ACK.		

COPIES TO :- DDMO: MO3L SD1: SD3: SD5(2); SD-in-C(2): AG:
A(D OF O): A(MAINT): DGMS: QMG: AQMG1: AQMG3:
Q(M)(2): DRTn: DST: MGO: DOS: DME: MIL SEC:
WAR DIARY (2) FILE: E-in-C,

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DSD
(SD5)

Deferred to
Milcomd Moresby 15/640/L
only

Appx 43

3 AUST CORPS; MILBASE PERTH; MVTS PERTH; MILBASE ADELAIDE; MVTS ADELAIDE
MILBASE MELBOURNE; MVTS MELBOURNE; SECONDAUSTARMY; MILBASE SYDNEY; 1 RAE
TRG CENTRE WAGGA RPTD LANDOPS MVTS SYDNEY

LANDFORCES

SD 69418

16

SECRET (.)	WARNING	ORDER (.)	REF	3
AUST	CORPS	SD161 <i>DF</i>	1	NOV
MY	SD67710	OF	11	NOV
ALL	NOT	TO	ALL	ADDRESSEES (.)
FIRST (.)	7	AUST	WKSP	&
PK	COY	WILL	MOVE	PRESENT
STRENGTH	FROM	3	AUST	CORPS
AREA	TO	WAGGA (.)	UNDER	COMD
1	RAE	TRG	CENTRE	ON
ARRIVAL (.)	MOVE	NOT	BEFORE	20 NOV
WITH	PERSONAL	ARMS	AND	EQPT
UNIT	EQPT	ACCOMMODATION	STORES	SCALE
A	NOT	TENTAGE (.)	WEST	AUST
PERSONNEL	WILL	BE	GRANTED	LEAVE
UNDER :	GRO	598/43	BEFORE	DEPARTURE (.)
REMAINDER	EN	ROUTE (.)	ACK	

Distribution: DDMO; MO3; SD1; SD3; SD5(2); DDMI; SO-in-C(2);
AG; A (D of O); A (Maint); DGMS; QMG; AQMG1;
AQMG3; Q(M)(2); DRTn; DST; MGO; DO3; DME;
Mil Sec; War Diary (2); File; E-in-C.

John V. ...
Brig.
DSD (SD5)

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TO. NORFORCE MVTS DARWIN MVTS ALICE SPRINGS MILBASE ADELAIDE MVTS
ADELAIDE MILBASE MELBOURNE MVTS MELBOURNE SECOED AUST ARMY
MILBASE SYDNEY MVTS SYDNEY RPTD LANDOPS.

FROM M. LANDFORCES

SD 69417

16

WARNING	ORDER (.)	REF	SM24500	OF
19 OCT	MY	SD66542	OF	5 NOV
SECONDAUSTARMY		SD3037	OF	11 NOV
MY SD68086	OF	13	NOV	ALL
NOT	TO	ALL	ADDRESSEES	(.)
"F"	SEC	2/7	AUST	DENTAL
UNIT	WILL	MOVE	PRESENT	STRENGTH
FROM	NORTHERN	TERRITORY	TO	SECONDAUSTARMY
AREA (.)	UNDER	COME	SECONDAUSTARMY	ON
ARRIVAL	AND	JOINS	PARENT	UNIT (.)
MOVE	EARLIEST	WITH	PERSONAL	EQPT
UNIT	EQPT	NOT	ACCOMMODATION	STORES
NOT	TENTAGE (.)	PERSONNEL	WILL	BE
GRANTED	LEAVE	UNDER	GRO 598/43	ON
ARRIVAL	(.)	ACK		

COPIES TO DDMO: M03: SD1: SD3: SD5(2): SO-in-C(2): AG:
A (D OF O): A (MAINT): DGMS: QMG: AQMG1: AQMG3: Q(M)(2):
DRTn: DST: MGC: DOS: DME: MIL SEC: WAR DIARY (2): FILE:
DDS.

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Brig.
DSD
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Apex 45-

3 AUST CORPS; MILBASE PERTH; MVTS PERTH; MILBASE ADELAIDE; MVTS ADELAIDE
MILBASE MELBOURNE; MVTS MELBOURNE; SECONDAUSTARMY; MILBASE SYDNEY; 1 RAE
TRG CENTRE WAGGA RPTD LANDOPS MVTS SYDNEY

LANDFORCES		SD 69418		16
SECRET (.)	WARNING	ORDER (.)	REF	3
AUST	CORPS	SD161 <i>DF</i>	1	NOV
MY	SD67710	OF	11	NOV
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FIRST (.)	7	AUST	WKSP	&
PK	COY	WILL	MOVE	PRESENT
STRENGTH	FROM	3	AUST	CORPS
AREA	TO	WAGGA (.)	UNDER	COMD
1	RAE	TRG	CENTRE	ON
ARRIVAL (.)	MOVE	NOT	BEFORE	20 NOV
WITH	PERSONAL	ARMS	AND	EQPT
UNIT	EQPT	ACCOMMODATION	STORES	SCALE
A	NOT	TENTAGE (.)	WEST	AUST
PERSONNEL	WILL	BE	GRANTED	LEAVE
UNDER	GRO	598/43	BEFORE	DEPARTURE (.)
REMAINDER	EN	ROUTE (.)	ACK	

Distribution: DDMO; MO3; SD1; SD3; SD5(2); DDMI; SO-in-C(2);
AG; A (D of O); A (Maint); DGMS; QMG; AQMG1;
AQMG3; Q(M)(2); DRTn; DST; MGO; DOS; DME;
Mil Sec; War Diary (2); File; E-in-C.

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TO. NORFORCE MVTs DARWIN MVTs ALICE SPRINGS MILBASE ADELAIDE MVTs
ADELAIDE MILBASE MELBOURNE MVTs MELBOURNE SECOND AUST ARMY
MILBASE SYDNEY MVTs SYDNEY RPTD LANDOPS.

FROM M. LANDFORCES

SD 69417

16

WARNING	ORDER (.)	REF	SM24500	OF
19 OCT	MY	SD66542	OF	5 NOV
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"F"	SEC	2/7	AUST	DENTAL
UNIT	WILL	MOVE	PRESENT	STRENGTH
FROM	NORTHERN	TERRITORY	TO	SECONDAUSTARMY
AREA (.)	UNDER	COMD	SECONDAUSTARMY	ON
ARRIVAL	AND	JOINS	PARENT	UNIT (.)
MOVE	EARLIEST	WITH	PERSONAL	EQPT
UNIT	EQPT	NOT	ACCOMMODATION	STORES
NOT	TENTAGE (.)	PERSONNEL	WILL	BE
GRANTED	LEAVE	UNDER	GRO 598/43	ON
ARRIVAL	(.)	ACK		

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DRTn: DST: XGO: DOS: DVE: MIL SEC: WAR DIARY (2): FILE:
DDS.

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SECOND AUST ARMY. MILBASE MELBOURNE. MVTS MELBOURNE. CENTRAL SIG TRG
DEPOT. RPTD LANDOPS

LANDFORCES		SD_69488	16
WARNING	ORDER (.)	FIRST (.)	REF MY
SD66355	of	4	NOV SD67489
of	10	NOV	AND SECO ND
AUST	ARMY	SD3074	of 15
NOV	ALL	NOT	TO ALL
ADDRESSEES (.)		2	AUST SIG
TRG	BN	(AWAS)	WILL MOVE
PRESENT	STRENGTH	(LESS	APPROX 90
AWAS	PERSONNEL	WHO	WILL BE
ATTENDING	SPECIALIST	TRAINING	IN MELBOURNE)
FROM	IVANHOE	TO	BONEBILIA (.) REMAINS
UNDER	COMD	SECOND	AUST ARMY
ON	ARRIVAL (.)	MOVE	EARLIEST WITH
PERSONAL	ARMS	AND	EQPT UNIT
EQPT	ACCOMMODATION	STORES	AND TENTAGE
SCALE	"A" (.)	SECOND (.)	DETAILS MVT
90	AWAS	PERSONNEL	WILL BE
ADVISED	EARLIEST (.)	ACK	

DISTRIBUTION: DDMO. MO3, SD 1, SD 3, SD 5(2), SO-in-C(2), AG. A(D of O).
A (MAINT). DGMS. QMG. AQMG 1, AQMG 3. Q (H) (2). DRTN. DST.
MGO. DOS. DME. MIL SEC. WAR DIARY (2). FILE. HQ DMT AWAS.

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Brig
DSD(SD5)

IMPORTANT

16 1700 L

Q2c/16/HCC/9

SECRET

ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA

(Quartermaster-General)

SM25853

L.H.Q.

MOVEMENT CONTROL INSTRUCTION NO. 6
(Amended - Cancels M.C.I. No. 6 dated 22/3/42)

SH

Adv. L.H.Q.	(10)	LHQ SWS (Field)	
HQ First Aust Army	(10)	LHQ S of SL	
HQ Second Aust Army	(10)	LHQ S of Sigs	
HQ New Guinea Force	(10)	LHQ SAS	
HQ NT Force	(6)	Offr Cadet Trg Unit	
HQ 3 Aust Corps	(6)	LHQ AASC School	
HQ 2 Aust Corps	(6)	LHQ S of Mech	
HQ 4 Aust Armd Bde	(2)	LHQ AACOC School	
HQ Qld L of C Area	(6)	LHQ Gas School	
HQ NSW L of C Area	(8)	LHQ AANC School	
HQ Vic L of C Area	(6)	LHQ School of Radiophysics	
HQ SA L of C Area	(4)	LHQ EEE School	
HQ WA L of C Area	(4)	LHQ PT School	
HQ Tas L of C Area	(4)	LHQ School of MI	
RMC 3: SS (Aust)	(3)	RAAF School of Army Co-operation	
LHQ 2nd Echelon	(10)	LHQ School of Hyg & Sanitation	
HQ Aust Trg Centre JW	(2)	LHQ Pro Trg School	
HQ Aust Armd Corps Trg Centre		LHQ Army Women's Service Offr School	
HQ Aust Arty Trg Centre		LHQ Camflg Development & Trg Centre	
HQ 1 RAE Trg Centre		LHQ Bomb Disposal School	
HQ Aust Central Sig Trg Depot	(9)	LHQ School of Army Education	
LHQ Tactical School		LHQ School of Army Cooking and Catering	
LHQ Tactical School (Armd Formations)		LHQ School of Malaria Control	
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LHQ S of A (FD, Med & Svy)			
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LHQ S of A (Tk A)			
1 Aust Mvmt Cont Group	(25)	7 Aust Mvmt Cont Group	(15)
2 " " " "	(25)	8 " " " "	(30)
3 " " " "	(25)	2/1 " " & Tn "	(25)
4 " " " "	(15)	Adv. L.H.Q. (Mvmt Sec)	(5)
5 " " " "	(15)	HQ New Guinea Force	
6 " " " "	(15)	(Mvmt & Tn Sec)	(5)

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LEAVE TRAVEL - MEMBERS OF THE FORCES PROCEEDING ON

AND RETURNING FROM LEAVE BY RAIL

This instruction is to be read in conjunction with GRO A598 of 16 August 43, and SM21005 of 25 August 43 "Movement Order - Regular Leave and Duty Troop Trains, Townsville - Perth".

CONTROL AND CO-ORDINATION OF MOVEMENT

A.M.F.

H.Q. L of C Area (or LTD under the direction of H.Q. L of C Area) will be the only authority for co-ordinating the transport requirements for male and female A.M.F. personnel travelling on leave (other than in units travelling under special movement arrangements) to, from or through a centre served by that L.T.D.

To ensure that the Regular Troop Trains as scheduled are adequate to cater for full leave requirements as per G.R.O. A598 Part XVI of 16 August 43, HQ L of C Areas will obtain from Formations and Units regular progress reports showing state of leave programme, and will advise LM2 (Movements) through Movement Control Groups if present allotments are not sufficient to cater for full leave programme.

R.A.A.F.

The control of R.A.A.F., R.A.A.F.N.S. and W.A.A.A.F leave travel is set out in Air Board Orders M184 of 12 March 43 and M764 of 22 Oct 43, extracts from which are repeated hereunder.

" INTERSTATE LEAVE TRAVEL

Henceforth, interstate leave travel on Combined Home Leave Passes and Railway Tickets will be by special service leave trains which run on a regular schedule between capital cities.

The co-ordinating authority for RAAF requirements on these trains will be the appropriate RAAF Railway Transport Office through the Transportation and Movement Offices as under:-

R.T.O. Sydney through	No.1 Transportation & Movements Office Sydney
R.T.O. Melbourne "	No.2 Transportation & Movements Office Melbourne
R.T.O. Adelaide "	No.3 Transportation & Movements Office Adelaide
R.T.O. Perth "	No.4 Transportation & Movements Office Perth
R.T.O. Brisbane "	No.5 Transportation & Movements Office Brisbane
R.T.O. Townsville "	No.6 Transportation & Movements Office Townsville.

All units, before granting leave involving interstate travel on a Combined Home Leave Pass and Railway Ticket, are to advise the appropriate R.T.O. of their requirements, and await advice as to date and time of departure of the train on which accommodation is available for the member. Pending receipt of such advice, the member is not permitted to leave his (or her) unit.

All requests for leave travel must be made through the member's unit, and no requests received from individuals will be entertained. At least seven days' notice will be required by the R.T.O to enable accommodation to be secured.

Meal warrants are not required for personnel travelling in leave trains between capital cities, as a "Bulk" meal warrant for all RAAF personnel travelling on such trains will be taken out by the appropriate R.T.O. in

conjunction with the military authorities. All personnel travelling by special trains are to carry mess gear.

It will be the responsibility of the despatching Railway Transport Officer to appoint an officer-in-charge of the RAAF party on board each train. He will also appoint a WAAAF officer (or, if no WAAAF officer is travelling a WAAAF NCO) to be in charge of WAAAF personnel. The RAAF officer will be responsible for the orderly conduct of all Air Force personnel throughout the journey.

Each leave train will carry a permanent O.C. train appointed by the A.M.F. to whom the officer in charge of the RAAF party is to report not later than one half hour before the time for departure of the train.

Personnel on Leave to Western Australia

RAAF units, with the exception of those situated in South Australia, are to forward to No. 2 Transportation and Movement Office a list detailing any personnel who wish to travel to their homes in Western Australia on leave. South Australian units are likewise to forward a list to No. 3 Transportation and Movement, Adelaide.

No member is to be permitted to leave his unit to proceed on leave until the respective Transportation and Movement Office has advised that train accommodation is available. Each member will carry own messing gear and blankets.

Personnel on Leave to Tasmania

Similar arrangements as apply for leave to W.A. apply to Tasmanian leave except that all of this travel is under the control of No. 2 Transportation and Movement Office."

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY

The various Naval Establishments make application to Movement Control for travel of members of RAN through the local Naval R.T.O. located in the various capital cities.

ALLIED FORCES

The leave travel of members of the Allied Forces is on a different basis from that of the Australian Forces. All personnel when proceeding on leave pay their own fares and are entitled to travel by normal Interstate Express trains. Allied personnel travelling between Townsville and Brisbane are, however, accommodated on the Regular Troop Trains.

The movement of all personnel is to be co-ordinated by Base Section and Movement Control Groups concerned.

METHOD OF TRAVEL

Leave travel between Townsville and Perth will be by Regular Troop Trains (as laid down in SH21005 of 25 August 43) and such other special or ordinary trains which may be authorised by LHQ from time to time.

These trains are normally for carriage of personnel between Capital cities. Travel to intermediate stations will be by ordinary services under arrangements with local Movement Control Groups.

If passing through the LTD in the L of C Area of a member's destination involves any substantial amount of extra travel, a member may be permitted to travel direct to his destination from an intermediate L.T.D. or (if there is no intermediate L.T.D.) to his destination from his unit. In such cases leave will commence and end at such intermediate L.T.D. or (if there is no intermediate L.T.D.) at the unit.

MESSING ARRANGEMENTS

All personnel travelling on leave are required to carry messing gear at all times.

Payment of meals will be by bulk A.A.F. 59's issued by O.C. Trains.

W. H. Norman
Major-General,
QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.
12 Nov, 43.

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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA.

SM-25793

L.H.Q. Melbourne.

Adv L.H.Q.	(10)	HQ Qld L of C Area	(6)
HQ First Aust Army	(10)	" NSW "	(8)
HQ Second Aust Army	(10)	" Vic "	(6)
HQ New Guinea Force	(10)	" S.A. "	(4)
HQ N.T. Force	(6)	" W.A. "	(4)
HQ 3 Aust Corps	(6)	" Tas "	(4)
HQ 1 Aust Corps	(6)	2nd Echelon, L.H.Q.	(25)
HQ 4 Aust Armd Bde	(2)		

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AUST STAFF CORPS OFFICERS - WAR EXPERIENCE.

1. The Commander in Chief has directed that junior officers of the Aust Staff Corps who have not already had operational experience in this war, are to be given the opportunity of such service in NEW GUINEA.
2. Officers effected by the foregoing come within two main categories, viz :-
 - (a) Those at present holding Staff appointments.
 - (b) Those at present regimentally employed.
3. Officers at present posted to units which are under orders for, or which will shortly move to NEW GUINEA will NOT be affected by this instruction.
4. In order to implement the Commander-in-Chief's directions, the following action is being taken at L.H.Q:-
 - (a) Officers at present holding Staff appointments will be suitably reposted by LHQ (MS) as opportunity occurs.
 - (b) Officers at present regimentally employed who are fit for service in NEW GUINEA and who are NOT above the rank of Major, will be:-
 - (i) Transferred from their present units to "General Reinforcements".
 - (ii) Drafted by 2nd Echelon to 1 Aust Adv Reinf't Depot.
 - (iii) Posted to suitable vacancies in units under command HQ NEW GUINEA FORCE by 2nd Echelon.
5. (a) Officers transferred to "General Reinforcements", will, prior to such transfer, be converted to substantive rank.
- (b) Upon being posted to a unit by 2nd Echelon, regimental seniority will be in accordance with Army Seniority.
6. HQ Formations will ensure that the officers named, in instructions issued by 2nd Echelon LHQ in accordance with this instruction, are moved as directed with as little delay as possible.
7. (a) However, should an officer, named in the instructions issued by 2nd Echelon L.H.Q. be holding a Staff appointment at the time of receipt of such instructions, no action will be taken to implement the instruction.

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- (b) In cases of this nature LHQ (MS) and 2nd Echelon LHQ will be advised and full details will be given regarding the officer's appointment including the date of posting.
- (c) " Further instructions regarding such officers will then be issued by LHQ (MS)
8. Executive instructions in connection with the foregoing will be issued to all concerned in the near future.

J. R. Burrows
Major-General,
Adjutant-General.

12 Nov 43.

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1. Forwarded herewith is Amendment No. 4 to Order of Battle AMF Part I - October, 1943.
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W. J. Watson
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

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Serial No.	WO Serial No.		Unit	Higher Formation	Allotment	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
(1) Delete following serials						
A51	47334		HQ 14A Aust L of C Sub-Area (LE)	NT Force		
A76	47396		Area Camp Staff (Type C) - FINE CREEK	NT Force	NT Force	
A78	47398		Area Camp Staff (Type B) - LATARANKA	NT Force	NT Force	
G63	49079		1 Aust Armd Bde Recce Sqn Sig Sec	3 Aust Corps	1 Aust Armd Bde Recce Sqn	
G135	49103		112 Aust Tk A Regt Sig Sec	3 Aust Corps	112 Aust Tk A Regt	
K155	46559		1 Aust HT Depot	NSW L of C Area	NSW L of C Area	
L80	46884		21 Aust Camp Hosp (60 beds)	Vic L of C Area	Vic L of C Area	
L105	47151		53 Aust Camp Hosp (30 beds)	WA L of C Area	WA L of C Area	
N332	45400		1 Aust Ord Amn Repair Factory	NSW L of C Area	NSW L of C Area	LHQ Unit
Y238	47727		NG Leave Camp	NG Force		
(2) Add following serials						
A79	49342		Area Camp Staff (Type C) - DARWIN	NT Force	14 L of C Sub-Area	
A80	49336		Area Camp Staff (Type B) - TONGSVILLE	Qld L of C Area	Qld L of C Area	
N80	49361	%	5 Aust Ord Veh Pk (LE)	LHQ		LHQ Unit
N91	49362		101 Aust Ord Veh Pk Sec	LHQ		LHQ Unit
N92	49363		102 Aust Ord Veh Pk Sec	LHQ		LHQ Unit
N93	49364		103 Aust Ord Veh Pk Sec	LHQ		LHQ Unit
N95	49365		105 Aust Ord Veh Pk Sec	LHQ		LHQ Unit
N343	49355		9 Aust Mob Amn Repair Shop	Qld L of C Area	Qld L of C Area	LHQ Unit
N344	49356		10 Aust Mob Amn Repair Shop	Qld L of C Area	Qld L of C Area	LHQ Unit
N345	49357		11 Aust Mob Amn Repair Shop	Qld L of C Area	Qld L of C Area	LHQ Unit
N346	49358		12 Aust Mob Amn Repair Shop	NSW L of C Area	NSW L of C Area	LHQ Unit
N347	49359		13 Aust Mob Amn Repair Shop	NSW L of C Area	NSW L of C Area	LHQ Unit
N348	49360		14 Aust Mob Amn Repair Shop	NSW L of C Area	NSW L of C Area	LHQ Unit
O150	49371		4 Aust Watercraft Whsp	First Aust Army	First Aust Army Tps	
O259	45075		205 Aust LAD (Type A) (AIF)	NG Force		
O261	45077		207 Aust LAD (Type A) (AIF)	NG Force		
O292	45080		248 Aust LAD (Type A) (AIF)	NG Force		
O302	45048		260 Aust LAD (Type A) (AIF)	NG Force		
Y442	49384		65 AWAS Barrack (100 personnel)	Qld L of C Area	Qld L of C Area	
Y443	49385		66 AWAS Barrack (100 personnel)	Qld L of C Area	Qld L of C Area	
Y444	49386		67 AWAS Barrack (100 personnel)	Qld L of C Area	Qld L of C Area	
(3) Amend following serials to read						
A74	47336		Area Camp Staff (Type B) - ADELAIDE RIVER	NT Force	14 L of C Sub-Area	
A75	47395		Area Camp Staff (Type B) - KATHERINE	NT Force	14 L of C Sub-Area	
A77	47397		Area Camp Staff (Type C) - LARRIMAH	NT Force	14 L of C Sub-Area	
D292	46297		444 Aust HAA Tp (Static) (HE)	First Aust Army	35 Aust HAA Bty	
D309	49149		476 Aust HAA Tp (Static) (HE)	First Aust Army	7 Aust HAA Bty	
D530	47808		B Aust Hy Bty (Coast) (HE) (AIF)	NG Force		
D531	47509		C Aust Hy Bty (Coast) (HE) (AIF)	NG Force		
D532	46418		D Aust Hy Bty (Coast) (HE) (AIF)	NG Force		
D533	47809		E Aust Hy Bty (Coast) (HE) (AIF)	NG Force		
D534	47814		F Aust Hy Bty (Coast) (HE) (AIF)	NG Force		
D535	47810		G Aust Hy Bty (Coast) (HE) (AIF)	NG Force		

Serial No.	WO Serial No.	Unit	Higher Formation	Allotment	Remarks
(3)	contd.				
D536	49202	H Aust Hy Bty (Coast) (LE) (AIF)	First Aust Army	CA Cairns	Manning FALSE Bty
D537	47211	J Aust Hy Bty (Coast) (LE)	3 Aust Corps	CA FREMANTLE	Manning CHALLENGER Bty
D538	47212	K Aust Hy Bty (Coast) (LE)	3 Aust Corps	CA FREMANTLE	Manning PERON Bty
D539	46417	L Aust Hy Bty (Coast) (LE) (AIF)	First Aust Army	CA TOWNSVILLE	Manning MAGNETIC Bty
D540	47782	M Aust Hy Bty (Coast) (HE)	NG Force		
D541	47783	N Aust Hy Bty (Coast) (HE)	NG Force		
D542	47784	O Aust Hy Bty (Coast) (HE) (AIF)	NG Force		
D543	47785	P Aust Hy Bty (Coast) (LE)	First Aust Army	CA BRISBANE	Manning SKIRMISH Bty
D544	46285	Q Aust Hy Bty (Coast) (HE)	First Aust Army	CA TORRES STRAIT	Manning TURTLE Bty
D545	47803	R Aust Hy Bty (Coast) (HE) (AIF)	NG Force		
D546	48619	S Aust Hy Bty (Coast) (HE)	First Aust Army	First Aust Army Tps	
D547	48620	T Aust Hy Bty (Coast) (HE)	First Aust Army	First Aust Army Tps	
D548	48621	U Aust Hy Bty (Coast) (HE)	First Aust Army	First Aust Army Tps	
E111	61200	2/9 Aust Fd Coy	NG Force		
E114	61201	2/14 Aust Fd Coy	NG Force		
E115	61206	2/15 Aust Fd Coy	First Aust Army	6 Aust Div	
E116	61207	2/16 Aust Fd Coy	NG Force		
E133	45588	17 Aust Fd Coy	LHQ	1 RAE Trg Centre	
E134	45589	18 Aust Fd Coy	NG Force		
E135	45742	19 Aust Fd Coy	NT Force	NT Force	
E136	47407	20 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	NG Force		
E137	45718	21 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	NG Force		
E138	45802	22 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	3 Aust Corps	3 Aust Corps Tps	
E154	47342	6 Aust A Tps Coy (AIF)	LHQ	1 RAE Trg Centre	
G488	45821	8 Aust AT Sec (Lt) (AIF)	3 Aust Corps	1 Aust Indep Sig Gp	LHQ Unit
G524	48357	44 Aust WT Task Sec	NG Force	18 Aust L of C Sigs	
G527	49290	47 Aust WT Sec (Lt)	3 Aust Corps	15 Aust L of C Sigs	
J112	45172	101 Aust FS Sec (AIF)	3 Aust Corps	3 Aust Corps Tps	IHQ Unit. Formerly North Aust FS Sec
L169	45354	111 Aust Con Depot (250 men)	SA L of C Area	SA L of C Area	IHQ Unit. Raised to 150 men.
M10	46181	2/7 Aust Dental Unit	Second Aust Army	Second Aust Army Tps	
M39	47298	78 Aust Dental Unit	Vic L of C Area	Vic L of C Area	One sec Tas L of C Area.
N222	45780	14 Aust Mob Laundry & Fwd Decn Unit	Qld L of C Area (det Vic L of C Area)	Qld L of C Area (det Vic L of C Area)	Formerly 2 Aust Corps Mob Laundry & Fwd Decn Unit
O54	49056	101 Aust Bde Wksp	Second Aust Army	1 Aust Div	
O187	47876	11 Aust Radio Maint Sec	NSW L of C Area	NSW L of C Area	LHQ Unit
O268	46207	216 Aust LAD (Type A) (AIF)	NG Force	51 Aust Fd Pk Coy	
O356	45982	333 Aust LAD (Type A) (AIF)	Qld L of C Area		Formerly allotted HQ 3 Aust Div
Y38	45859	3 Aust Armd Div Sal Unit	First Aust Army	1 Aust Corps Tps	
Y112	45516	28 Aust Emp Coy (Five pls)	Vic L of C Area	Vic L of C Area	LHQ Unit
Y240	48626	NG Details Depot	NG Force		
AA46	47819	Aust Water Tpt (Small Craft) Trg Centre & Base Store	First Aust Army	NE Rft Trg Centre	Base Store Second Aust Army
AA59	46801	2 Aust Regt Sig Trg Unit	Second Aust Army	Aust Central Sig Trg Depot	

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LOCATIONS OF FORMATIONS AS AT 15 Nov 43

SERIAL (a)	FORMATION (b)	LOCATION (c)	REMARKS (d)
1	<u>FIRST AUST ARMY</u>		
	HQ First Aust Army	TCCWOOMBA	
2	2 Aust Armd Bde Gp	BARAMBAH	To be disbanded
3	23 Aust Inf Bde	KAIRI	
4	<u>4 Aust Div</u> HQ 4 Aust Div 11 Aust Inf Bde	THURSDAY I MERAUKE	
5	3 Aust Inf Bde	DICK CREEK	
6	<u>1 AUST CORPS</u> HQ 1 Aust Corps	ATHERTON	
7	<u>6 Aust Div</u> HQ 6 Aust Div 16 Aust Inf Bde 17 Aust Inf Bde 19 Aust Inf Bde	WONDECLA " " "	
8	2/7 Aust Cav Commando Regt	WONGABEL	
9	<u>SECOND AUST ARMY</u>		
	HQ Second Aust Army	PARRAMATTA	
10	<u>1 Aust Div</u> HQ 1 Aust Div 1 Aust Inf Bde 9 Aust Inf Bde 28 Aust Inf Bde	BURWOOD ST IVES WOLLOFGONG RUTHERFORD	
11	<u>NEW GUINEA FORCE</u>		
	HQ N.G. Force	PORT MORESBY	
12	<u>3 Aust Div</u> HQ 3 Aust Div 7 Aust Inf Bde 15 Aust Inf Bde	" " " " " "	To move Q'LD
13	<u>7 Aust Div</u> HQ 7 Aust Div 18 Aust Inf Bde 21 Aust Inf Bde 25 Aust Inf Bde	DUMPU AREA NADZAB AREA DUMPU AREA " "	
14	HQ 14 Aust Inf Bde	MILNE BAY	MILNE BAY Fortress Comd
15	112 U.S. Cav Regt	WOODLARK I	
16	158 U.S. Regt	KIRIWINA I	

SERIAL (a)	FORMATION (b)	LOCATION (c)	REMARKS (d)
17	503 U.S. Para Inf Regt	PORT MORESBY	
18	<u>1 US MARINE DIV</u> HQ 1 US Marine Div Combat Team (A) Combat Team (B) Combat Team (C)	GOODENOUGH I MILNE BAY GOODENCUGH I ORO BAY	
19	<u>32 US Div</u> HQ 32 US Div 126 US Inf Regt 127 US Inf Regt 128 US Inf Regt	GOODENOUGH I MILNE BAY " " GOODENCUGH I	
20	<u>2 AUST CORPS</u> HQ 2 Aust Corps	DOBODURA AREA	
21	<u>5 Aust Div</u> HQ 5 Aust Div 29 Aust Inf Bde	MALAHANG AREA " "	
22	<u>9 Aust Div</u> HQ 9 Aust Div 4 Aust Inf Bde 20 Aust Inf Bde 24 Aust Inf Bde 26 Aust Inf Bde	FINSCHHAFEN SILBANG HELDSBACH SONG RIVER ZIWENANING AREA	
23	<u>11 Aust Div</u> HQ 11 Aust Div 6 Aust Inf Bde	DOBODURA AREA HIHONDA	
24	<u>3 AUST CORPS</u> HQ 3 Aust Corps	MT LAWLEY	
25	<u>2 Aust Div</u> HQ 2 Aust Div 3 Aust Mot Bde 5 Aust Inf Bde	MOONYOONCOKA DANDARAGAN MT FAIRFAX	
26	1 Aust Armd Bde Gp	MOORA	
27	<u>NORTHERN TERRITORY FORCE</u> <u>12 Aust Div</u> HQ 12 Aust Div 2 Aust Inf Bde 12 Aust Inf Bde 13 Aust Inf Bde	(57 Mile Camp) (66 ¹ Mile Camp) (39 Mile Camp) (51 Mile Camp)	
28	<u>SIXTH US ARMY</u> HQ Sixth US Army	CAMP COLUMBIA	
29	<u>1 US Cav Div</u> HQ 1 US Cav Div 5 US Cav Regt 7 US Cav Regt 8 US Cav Regt 12 US Cav Regt	STRATHPINE " " " "	

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30	<u>1 US CORPS</u> HQ 1 US Corps	ROCKHAMPTON	
31	<u>24 US Div</u> HQ 24 US Div 19 US Inf Regt 21 US Inf Regt 34 US Inf Regt	ROCKHAMPTON TOORBUL POINT ROCKHAMPTON "	
32	<u>41 US Div</u> HQ 41 US Div 162 US Inf Regt 163 US Inf Regt 186 US Inf Regt	ROCKHAMPTON " " "	
33	<u>LHQ RES</u> 8 Aust Inf Bde		En-route Q'LD from W.A.
34	4 Aust Armd Bde Gp	NERANG	

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16 Nov 43

F. S. Haggard
Colonel
Deputy Director of Military Operations.

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GENERAL STAFF

Intelligence

1. Sitings

S.W.P.A., Solomons and Europe.

Staff Duties

2. Movement of Officers

DMT departs for BRISBANE 19 Nov, and will be away five days.

MASTER-GENERAL OF THE ORDNANCE

3. Weekly Review

... Attached as Appendix "A" is the weekly review of MGO Branch activities.

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL

4. Weekly Review

... Attached as Appendix "B" is the weekly review of "Q" (Mvts) activities.

SURVEY

5. New Maps

1/1,000 map of ALEXISHAFEN as at 21 Oct 43, and 1/20,000 photo maps of HUBIKA, RUA, LAKONA and WALINGAI were produced.

W. D. Brown
Major,
S.D.I.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR WEEK ENDING
15 NOV 43

EQUIPMENT DIVISION

1. ML 3" Mortar Fired Grapple

Trials carried out on 23 Oct showed that this idea was a practical proposition and further work was to be carried out.

Firings were carried out on 30 Oct and 6 Nov with an improved method of securing the rope to the grapple. Trials were successful and information in the form of drawings and photographs were despatched to NQF on 1 Nov by E-in-C.

2. Truck Tracked 1-ton G.S.

Field trials in NQ have been conducted by 11 Aust Div and the vehicle is being returned to Melbourne. The results indicated that it has excellent possibilities and have revealed several faults in design which can be easily rectified.

3. Waterproofing "A" Vehicles.

A standard ratio of items in kits has been agreed to, to cover training, reserve and operation.

4. Belt Waist trouser support.

Design of new belt approved.

Belt is similar to small American belt.

For issue to personnel of field formations in tropical areas outside Australia.

5. Bag Kit Universal

New pattern sealed. Embodies small canvas loop at bottom of bag and longer cordage in top enabling cordage to be tied to loop and bag carried horizontally. Reduction of eyelets to effect saving in brass.

6. Trousers, drill

New pattern sealed. Trousers are self-supporting with two straps and buckles in front, the waist band being similar to that used in shorts. Belt loops are also provided. Large patch pocket deep and wide placed below waistband on front thigh. Large patch pocket with button and field dressing pocket are placed at the back. Usual side pockets

7. Parachutes Indian.

A shipment of 20,000 Mk VII has been received from India and are at present stored at 5 ABOD awaiting folding.

INSPECTION DIVISION

8. Grenade No. 75

Lot 1 filled with TNT with CE exploders submitted to proof and passed satisfactorily.

MAINTENANCE DIVISION

9. Mobile Oxygen Generating Plants.

The two mobile oxygen generating plants referred to in item 53, 4 Nov 43, have arrived in Australia. The American officer who accompanied them has visited LHQ and has discussed the WE and WET of a Mobile Gas

Generating Section AEME and has returned to Sydney to undertake the instruction of personnel.

10. Tents oblong 12 x 14

4000 tents oblong have been demanded for New Guinea and will be distributed as follows -

2,000 BUHA
900 MORESBY
600 MILNE BAY
500 LAE

The first consignment of 500 has already been despatched to LAE and 500 per week are being tropic proofed and dark-toned in Sydney for forwarding as soon as available.

11. Disbandment of 1 Aust Ord Amn Repair Factory.

In order to cope with large quantities of ammunition awaiting overhaul and repair in amn depots in the Eastern States, the Repair Factory will be temporarily disbanded. Personnel released will be used to raise six Mobile Amn Repair Shops. The WE and WET for Repair Factory will remain as it will be necessary on completion of scattered repair work to reassemble a static Repair Factory. The disbandment will obviate present administrative problems as well as permit a mobility impossible with the existing Repair Factory.

APPENDIX "B"

MOVEMENT AND TRANSPORTATION - WEEKLY REPORT
11 - 17 NOV 43

The following are the main points -

(COMPLETED)

1. MOVEMENT BY RAIL

"F" Sec 74 Dental Unit	N.T. to S.A.
54 Aust AA Reg Sig Sec	Qld to N.T.
23 Aust Inf Bde	Vic to Qld.
USA personnel (8 trains)	NSW to Qld.
64 AA S/L Bty ex leave	Vic to NSW
2/3 Aust Rly Con Coy	NSW to Qld
8 Aust Fd Amb	NSW to Qld
112 Aust Con Depot	NSW to Qld
2 Aust Reg Sig Trg Unit	NSW to Vic
2 Aust Div Concert Party	W.A. to NSW
6 Aust D.R. Sec)	
8-9 Aust Op Sec)	W.A. to Vic
"V" Fd Security Sec	W.A. to Qld.

M.T. and other wheeled equipment moved by Rail and Road.

To - Qld from N.S.W., Vic.	300	
N.S.W. from Vic, Qld, S.A.	249	
Vic " N.S.W.	55	
N.T. " Vic	28	632

Ammunition moved Interstate - 1,368 tons

(CURRENT)

		<u>Completed</u> <u>by</u>
HQ 121 Aust Lt AA Regt)		
1 Sec " " " " Wkshop)	W.A. to Qld	20/11
228 " " " Bty)		
5 Aust Lt Fd Amb	W.A. to Qld	
54 Aust AA Regt & W/shop	N.S.W. to N.T.	26/11
55 " " " Sig Sec	Qld to N.T.	30/11
131 Aust Bde Ord Fd Park	Vic to N.T.	24/11
USA personnel (3 trains)	N.S.W. to Qld	18/11

(FUTURE)

		<u>Commence on</u>
USA personnel (4 trains)	N.S.W. to Qld	24/11
IHQ Sch of Arty)		
42 T/A Bty)	Vic to N.S.W.	20/11
2/1 Aust A.Tps Coy	NSW to Qld	6/12
2/1 Aust Fd Coy	NSW to Qld	28/11
2/8 " " "	NSW to Qld	12/12
"N" Aust Lt AA Tp	Vic to N.T.	23/11
2/164 Aust Gen Trans Coy	Qld to N.T.	15/11
146 Aust Gen Trans Coy	N.T. to Vic	8/11
201 Aust Comp AA Reg Sig Sec	Vic to N.T.	4/12
136 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	N.T. to N.S.W.	6/12
14 Sec Aust Kit Store	W.A. to Qld	26/11
17 Aust Inf Bde ex Leave	Vic to Qld	19/11
(4 trains)		
16 Aust Inf Bde	Qld to various States	22/11
N.G. personnel for leave		
L, M & O Aust AA Tps	Vic to Qld	
2/163 Aust Gen Trans Coy	Qld to N.T.	
2/110 " " "	N.T. to N.S.W.	
22 & 23 Aust Maint Pl	N.S.W. to N.T.	
6 Aust Army Tp Coy	N.T. to N.S.W.	
36 Aust Cipher Sec	N.S.W. to N.T.	

(FUTURE) (contd)

HQ 4-Aust Pigeons-Sec)
 29, 30, 31, 32, 36, 37, 38,) W.A. to Qld.
 39 & 40 Aust Pigeon Lofts)

2. MOVEMENT BY AIR.

A report on Air Freight operations during the four-month period 1st May to 31st August, 1943, between United States of America and Australia reveals the following information -

- (a) A total of 40,392 lbs has been moved by Air during that period. This total covers 1,067 separate items of cargo and 3,879 items of Mail all of which were separately and individually documented while a manifest covered each flight; involving a total of 114 flights.
- (b) All the above mentioned material covered goods urgently needed and each has been the subject of special representations from Australia for air freight movement. The total includes official mail and technical data.
- (c) Included also are 21 passengers. Including baggage these passengers weighed 5,352 lbs approximately 13 1/2% of the total weight carried.

NOTE : The above represents Australian traffic only.

3. DIRECTORATE OF DOCKS.

Lighters - Arrangements have been made with the Allied Works Council for delivery at Sydney of Tobruk lighters constructed at Hobart.

4. DIRECTORATE OF WATER TRANSPORT.

Movement of Craft

Vessels shipped to Thursday Island	1
" " " Port Moresby	2
" en route " Thursday Island	1
" " " Port Moresby	2

6 ALCM MKI shipped Brisbane for delivery to R.A.N. at Cairns.

Surf boats

30 surf boats 30' x 8'3" x 3'9" are being built in Melbourne.

Appx 53

TO. MILBASE BRISBANE. MVT'S BRISBANE. SECONDAUSTARMY. 1 RAE TRG
CENTRE WAGGA. MILBASE SYDNEY. MVT'S SYDNEY. MILBASE MELBOURNE.
MVT'S MELBOURNE. MILBASE ADELAIDE. MVT'S ADELAIDE. MVT'S ALICE
SPRINGS. NORFORCE. MVT'S DARWIN. MVT'S MT ISA RPTD LANDOPS

FROM. LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

SD 69643

17

SECRET (.)	WARNING	ORDER (.)	FIRST (.)	4 AUST
ARMY	TPS	COY	WILL	MOVE
PRESENT	STRENGTH	FROM	1 RAE	TRG
CENTRE	WAGGA	TO	QUEENSLAND	UNDER
ARRANGEMENTS	IHQ	MVT'S (.)	UNDER	COMD
HQ	QID	L OF C	AREA	ON
ARRIVAL (.)	NO	MOVE	BEFORE	19 NOV
(.)	MOVE	WITH	PERSONAL	ARMS
AND	EQPT	PRESENT	UNIT	EQPT
ACCOMMODATION	STORES	SCALE	A	NOT
TENTAGE (.)	RELIEVES	60	AUST	CORPS
FD	PK	COY (.)	SECOND (.)	PERSONNEL
60	AUST	CORPS	FD	PK
COY	WILL	BE	GRANTED	LEAVE
UNDER	GRO	598/1943	IMMEDIATELY (.)	
LEAVE	TO	BE	COMPLETED	NOT
LATER	THAN	17 DEC 43 (.)	UNIT	WILL
THEN	MOVE	AT	WE	STRENGTH
TO	NORTHERN	TERRITORY	UNDER	ARRANGEMENTS
IHQ	MVT'S	AND	COMD	UNDER
COMD	NT FORCE	ON	ARRIVAL (.)	MOVE
WITH	PERSONAL	ARMS	AND	EQPT
ACCOMMODATION	STORES	SCALE	A	AND
UNIT	EQPT	OF	E	AND
M	PL	LESS	ONE	TRUCK
GS	3 TON	AND	TWO	TRUCKS
GS	WITH	WINCH	AND	PLUS
ONE	TRUCK	ENGR	S	LOADING (.)

2.

TENTAGE	WILL	NOT	BE	TAKEN (.)
THIRD (.)	60	AUST	CORPS	FD
PK	COY	WILL	HAND	OVER
AT	EARLIEST	FOLLOWING	EQPT	TO
1 AUST	CE	(WORKS)	(.)	TWO
TRANSPORTERS	15/20	TON	ONE RIPPER	ONE TRAILER
GRADER	TWO	TRACTORS	WITH	DOZER
BLADE (.)	FOURTH (.)	UNIT	EQPT	60 AUST
CORPS	FD	PK	COY	LESS
ITEMS	TO	ACCOMPANY	UNIT	TO
NT	AND	ITEMS	BEING	TRANSFERRED
TO	1 AUST	CE	(WORKS)	WILL
BE	TAKEN	OVER	IN	SITU
BY	4 AUST	ARMY	TPS	COY (.)
FIFTH (.)	ON	ARRIVAL	NT	60 AUST
CORPS	FD	PK	COY	RELIEVES
54 AUST	FD	PK	COY	AND
TAKES	OVER	ITS	UNIT	EQPT
IN SITU (.)	LATTER	UNIT	THEN	MOVES
TO	WAGGA	UNDER	ARRANGEMENTS	LHQ
MVTS (.)	UNDER	COMD	1 AUST	RAE
TRG	CENTRE	ON	ARRIVAL (.)	MOVE
WITH	PERSONAL	ARMS	AND	EQPT
ONLY (.)	WEST	AUST	SOUTH	AUST
VIC	AND	TAS	PERSONNEL	TAKE
LEAVE	UNDER	GRO 598	EN ROUTE	(.)
BALANCE	TAKE	LEAVE	ON	ARRIVAL (.)
ACK				

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A (MAINT): DGMS: QMG: AQMG1: AQMG3: Q(M)(): DRTn: DST: MGO:
DOS: DME: MIL SEC: WAR DIARY (2): FILE: E-in-C;.

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To - MILBASE HOBART MILBASE MELBOURNE MILBASE SYDNEY
MILBASE BRISBANE MVTS HOBART MVTS MELBOURNE MVTS SYDNEY
LVTS BRISBANE (RPTD) SECONDAUSTARMY FIRSTAUSTARMY LANDOPS

From - LANDFORCES SD 69726 17

SECRET	(.)	WARNING	ORDER	(.)
FIRST	(.)	24	AUST	L OF C
SALV	SEC	WILL	MOVE	PRESENT
STRENGTH	SOONEST	POSSIBLE	FROM	TASMANIA
TO	QUEENSLAND	UNDER	MVTS	LHQ
(.)	UNDER	COMD	QLD	L OF C
AREA	ON	ARRIVAL	(.)	MOVE
WITH	PERSONAL	ARMS	AND	EQPT
PRESENT	UNIT	EQPT	ACCOMMODATION	STORES
SCALE	A	NOT	TENTAGE	NOT
UNIT	VEHS	(.)	SECOND	(.)
UNIT	ALLOTTED	QLD	L OF C	AREA
(.)	ACK			

Copies to * DDMO: MO3; SD1; SD3; SD5(2);
SO-in-C (2); AG; A (D of O); A (Maint); DGMS;
QMG; AQMG1; AQMG3; Q(M)(2); DRTn; DST; MGO;
DOS; DME; MIL SEC; WAR DIARY (2); FILE

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SD5

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MILBASE SYDNEY; MVTS SYDNEY; MILBASE BRISBANE; MVTS BRISBANE;
LANDOPS RPTD MILCOMMAND MORESBY

LANDFORCES

SD 69985

18.

SECRET (.)	WARNING	ORDER (.)	REF	NG
FORCE	SD6368	OF	12	NOV
LANDOPS	SD1621	OF	16	NOV
BOTH NOT	TO	ALL	ADDRESSEES	AND
LHQ	SM24800	OF	23	OCT
43 (.)	1	AUST	HOSP	LAUNDRY
UNIT	WILL	MOVE	AT	VE
STRENGTH	FROM	NSW	L	OF
C	AREA	TO	QLD	UNDER
ARRANGEMENTS	MVTS	LHQ (.)	MOVE	TO
ARRIVE	BRISBANE	NOT	LATER	THAN
31	DEC	WITH	PERSONAL	AND
UNIT	EQPT	ACCOMMODATION	STORES	AND
TENTAGE	SCALE "A" (.)	ON	MOVE	NG
UNDER	LANDOPS (.)	REQUEST	LANDOPS	ADVISE
LANDFORCES	DELIVERY	PT	ON	MAINLAND
FOR	VEHS	REQUIRED	FOR	ON
FORWARDING	TO	NEW GUINEA (.)	JUNGLE	GREEN
WILL	NOT	BE	ISSUED (.)	PARTICULARS
VIDE	GRO318/43	TO	BE	RPTD
LANDOPS (.)	LEAVE	UNDER	GRO 598/43	MAY
BE	GRANTED	BEFORE	DEPARTURE (.)	ACK.

Distribution: DDMO; MO3; SD1; SD3; SD5(2); DDMI; SO-in-C(2);
AG; A (D of O); A (Maint); DGMS; QMG; AQMG1;
AQLG3; Q(M)(2); DMTn; DST; MGO; DOS; DME;
Mil Sec; War Diary(2); File; "A" Br.(DGMS).

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SECOND AUST ARMY: MVTs MELBOURNE: MVTs SYDNEY: MILBASE BRISBANE: MVTs BRIS-
 BANE: NEW GUINEA FORCE: LANDOPS RPTD FIRST AUST ARMY: MILBASE SYDNEY:
 MILBASE MELBOURNE: CENTRAL SIG TRG DEPOT

LANDFORCES

SD 70279

19

SECRET (.)	WARNING	ORDER (.)	REF	NEW
GUINEA	FORCE	SD6127	of	6
NOV	AND	LHQ	SM25301	of
2	NOV	BOTH	NOT	TO
ALL	ADDRESSEES (.)	FIRST (.)	95	AUST
TELEPHONE	S/BD	OP	SEC	WILL
MOVE	WE	STRENGTH	FROM	SECOND
AUST	ARMY	AREA	TO	QUEENSLAND
UNDER	ARRANGEMENTS	LHQ	MVTs (.)	UNDER
COMD	QLD	L of C	AREA	ON
ARRIVAL (.)	NO	MOVE	BEFORE	20
DEC	AND	UNIT	WILL	ARRIVE
QLD	BY	31	DEC (.)	ONWARD
MOVE	NEW	GUINEA	UNDER	LANDOPS (.)
SECOND (.)	MOVE	WITH	PERSONAL	ARMS
AND	EQPT	ACCOMMODATION	STORES	AND
TENTAGE	SCALE A	NOT	UNIT	EQPT (.)
TAKE	JUNGLE	GREEN (.)	INFORMATION	VIDE
GRO G318	TO	BE	RPTD	LANDOPS (.)
THIRD (.)	PERSONNEL	THIS	UNIT	BE
GRANTED	LEAVE	UNDER	GRO 598	BEFORE
DEPARTURE (.)	FOURTH (.)	ON	ARRIVAL	NG
UNIT	RELIEVES	33	AUST	TELEPHONE
S/BD	OP	SEC	AND	TAKES
OVER	ITS	UNIT	EQPT	IN
SITU (.)	LATTER	UNIT	MOVES	ON

SD 70279

19

RELIEF	TO	VIC	N. of C	AREA
WITH	PERSONAL	ARMS	AND	EQPT
ONLY (.)	UNDER	COMD		AUST
INDEF	SIG	GP	CN	ARRIVAL (.)
LEAVE	UNDER	GRO 598	WHL	THEN
BE	GRANTED (.)	ACK		

DISTRIBUTION:DDMO, HQ3; SD1, SD3, SD5 (2); SO-in-C (2), AG, A (D of O),
A (Maint), DGHS, QMG, AQMG 1, AQMG 3, Q (M) (2), DRTN, EST,
MGO, DOS, DME; MIL SEC, WAR DIARY (2), FILE.

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GENERAL STAFF

Intelligence

1. Sitings

The weekly summary of operations in S.W.P.A. was given by G.1 (Ops) and G.1 (Int).

Staff Duties

2. Film Screenings - L.H.Q.

Attention was drawn to the lack of interest being shown in the weekly screening of films arranged by DMT. It is desired that Branches and Directorates ensure that as many personnel as possible are directed to attend these weekly screenings. Full details of screenings will be announced in Camp Routine Orders, and in Daily Staff Conference Notes each Monday.

Times of screenings, etc. are to be found in Routine Orders, Part 1, of 11 Oct 43.

MASTER-GENERAL OF THE ORDNANCE

3. Visit of Inspection by Minister for the Army

The Minister for the Army commenced an inspection of LHQ Base Installations of the Ordnance and Electrical and Mechanical Services. On Nov 19, accompanied by MGO, DOS and DME he will visit 1 Aust BOD and 1 Aust Base Wkshop at BANDIANA, and 3 Aust BOD at ALBURY. A visit will be made to 2 Aust BOD early next week.

MILITARY SECRETARY

4. Promotions and Changes in Appointment.

The following promotions and changes in appointment were announced by Mil Sec.

Lt-Col (T/Brig) S.H.W.C. Porter, DSO; C.I. LHQ Tactical School, to Comd. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

Col (T/Brig) B. Evans, DSO; C.O. 24 Aust Inf Bde, to C.I. LHQ Tactical School.

Maj (T/Lt-Col) J. Reddish, DSO; C.O. 2/6 Aust Fd Regt, to C.R.A. 6 Aust Div in rank T/Brig.

Maj (T/Lt-Col) L.G. Canet, AA & QMG HQ 7 Aust Div, to Col. "Q" H.Q. NG Force in rank of T/Col.

Lt-Col G.G. Hayman; DDME, NSW L of C Area, promoted T/Col.

Maj (T/Lt-Col) T. Luxton, DSO, MBE; Gen List, to AQMG (Liaison) L.H.Q.

Lt-Col. (T/Col) G. Wallace; Col. "Q" HQ N.G. Force, to AA & QMG N.T. Force.

Maj. (T/Lt-Col) J. Kelso; C.O. 7 Aust Fd Regt, to C.O. 1 Aust Fd Regt.

Maj. (T/Lt-Col) H.J. Entink; C.O. 21/22 Aust Fd Regt, to C.O. 2/11 Aust Fd Regt.

Maj (T/Lt-Col) A.E.L. Morgan; AA & QMG N.T. Force, to AA & QMG H.Q. 7 Aust Div.

Lieut (T/Maj) B. Hart, M.C.; C.O. HQ 2 Aust Water Tpt Coy promoted T/Lt-Col.

Major N.L. Goble; 2/5 Aust Inf Bn, to C.O. 5 Aust Inf Bn in rank of T/Lt-Col.

Capt (T/Maj) W.S. Melville; 6 Aust Inf Bn, to C.O. 11 Aust Inf Bn in rank of T/Lt-Col.

Lieut (T/Maj) W.H. Parry-Okeden; 2/9 Aust Inf Bn (Sec) to C.O. 30 Aust Inf Bn in rank of T/Lt-Col.

Lt-Col A. Milner; C.E.M.E. 5 Aust Div, to D.D.M.E. HQ 3 Aust Corps.

Lieut (T/Lt-Col) R. Simonsen, D.D.M.E. HQ 3 Aust Corps, to C.E.M.E. HQ 2 Aust Corps.

Maj. (T/Lt-Col) C.S. Johnston, E.D. D.D.S.T. HQ C.O.S.C., to D.D.S.T. 3 Aust Corps.

Maj (T/Lt-Col) H.L. Moulds, Att to Central Sig Trg Depot, to Tech. Asst to C.I. Engr & Sig Stores Insp. Div, MGO Branch LHQ, in rank of Major.

Major (T/Lt-Col) T. Steele, C.O. 1 Aust Fd Regt, to Transfer to R. of O.

Lt-Col L.R. Stillman, M.C., C.O. 2/11 Aust Fd Regt, Transfer to R. of O.

Lt-Col E.T. Dean, D.S.O., V.D., C.O. 25 Aust Grn Bn, placed on Retired List.

Capt. (T/Lt-Col) H.J. Brigden, C.O. 1 Aust Sup Reserve Depot, transferred to R. of O.

Lt-Col R.H.M. Lea, D.D.M.E. HQ First Aust Army, transferred to R. of O.

Lieut (T/Lt-Col) R.W. Travis, Attached HQ Second Aust Army, transferred to R. of O.

Lt-Col C. McE. Lillie, DSO, C.O. 5 Aust Inf Bn, transferred to R. of O.

Maj (T/Lt-Col) H.T. Allan, OBE, MC, Aust Army Rep Staff of Co-ordination Milne Bay, to Comd. Finschhafen Base Sub-Area.

Capt (T/Major) C.T.G. Smith, O.O. D.O.S., MGO Branch, LHQ to A.D.O.S. Fd Tps N.T. Force.

Capt (T/Maj) A.W. Tanner, Attached D. of Org. A Br. LHQ to A.A.G. HQ N.T. Force.

Capt (T/Maj) E.L. Nangle, D.A.D.M.E. HQ First Aust Army to D.D.M.E. HQ First Aust Army in rank of T/Lt-Col.

Capt. (T/Maj) H.A. Barker, D.C.M., O.C. 1 Aust Corps Rec Camp N.G. I of C Area, to Comd. N.G. Details Depot.

Maj C.B. Davidson, MC, 7 Aust Grn Bn, to C.O. Met Tps Qld I of C Area.

Lieut (T/Maj) F.L. Harvey, Regtl Duty, to GSO I (Liaison) HQ 3 Aust Corps.

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Major,
S.D.L.

Appendix 58

MILBASE MELBOURNE: 1AUST INDEP SIG GP: MVTS MELBOURNE: MVTS SYDNEY: MILBASE
BRISBANE: MVTS BRISBANE: NEW GUINEA FORCE: LANDOPS RPTD FIRST AUST ARMY:
SECOND AUST ARMY: MILBASE SYDNEY

LANDFORCES		SD 70230		19
SECRET (.)	WARNING	ORDER (.)	REF	NEW
GUINEA	FORCE	SD 6127	of	6
NOV	NOT	TO	ALL	ADDRESSEES (.)
FIRST (.)	FOLLOWING	UNITS	1	AUST
INDEP	SIG	GP	WILL	MOVE
WE	STRENGTH	FROM	VIC	L of C
AREA	TO	QUEENSLAND	UNDER	ARRANGEMENTS
LEQ	MVTS (.)	9	AUST	W/T
SEC	(LT)	11	AUST	LINE
MAINT	SEC	6	AUST	DR
SEC	54	AUST	TELEPHONE	S/BD
OP	SEC	13	AUST	W/T
SEC	(HY)	5	AUST	TECH
MAINT	SEC	8	AUST	OPERATING
SEC (.)	UNDER	COMD	QLD	L of C
AREA	ON	ARRIVAL (.)	NO	MOVE
BEFORE	20	DEC	AND	UNITS
WILL	ARRIVE	QLD	BY	31
DEC (.)	ONWARD	MOVE	NEW	GUINEA
UNDER	ARRANGEMENTS	LANDOPS (.)	SECOND (.)	MOVE
WITH	PERSONAL	ARMS	AND	EQPT
ACCOMMODATION STORES		AND	TENTAGE	SCALE A
NOT	UNIT	EQPT (.)	TAKE	JUNGLE
GREEN (.)	INFORMATION	VIDE	GRO G318	TO
BE	RPTD	LANDOPS (.)	THIRD (.)	PERSONNEL
THESE	UNITS	WILL	BE	GRANTED
LEAVE	UNDER	GRO 598	BEFORE	DEPARTURE (.)

SD 70230 19

FOURTH (.)	ON	ARRIVAL	NG	UNITS
MENTIONED	FIRST	PARA	RELIEVE	FOLLOWING
UNITS	RESPECTIVELY	AND	TAKE	OVER
THEIR	UNIT	EQPT	IN	SITU (.)
3	AUST	W/T	SEC	(LT)
8	AUST	LINE	MAINT	SEC
3	AUST	DR	SEC	26
AUST	TELEPHONE	S/BD	OP	SEC
23	AUST	W/T	SEC	(HY)
9	AUST	TECH	MAINT	SEC
34	AUST	OPERATING	SEC (.)	FIFTH (.)
ON	COMPLETION	RELIEF	UNITS	RELIEVED
MOVE	TO	VIC	L of C	AREA
WITH	PERSONAL	ARMS	AND	EQPT
ONLY (.)	UNDER	COMD	1	AUST
INDEP	SIG	GP	ON	ARRIVAL (.)
LEAVE	UNDER	GRO 598	WILL	THEN
BE	GRANTED (.)	ACK		

DISTRIBUTION:DDMO, MO3, SD1, SD3, SD 5(2), SO-in-C(2), AG, A (D of O), A (Maint), DGMS, QMG, AQMG 1, AQMG 3, Q(M)(2), DRTN, DST, MGO, DOS, DME, MIL SEC, WAR DIARY (2), FILE.

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Appendix 59

SECOND AUST ARMY: MVTs MELBOURNE: MVTs SYDNEY: FIRST AUST ARMY: MILBASE
BRISBANE: MVTs BRISBANE: LANDOPS: NEW GUINEA FORCE: RPTD MILBASE SYDNEY:
MILBASE MELBOURNE: CENTRAL SIG TRG DEPOT

LANDFORCES			SD 70221	19
SECRET (.)	WARNING	ORDER (.)	REF	NEW
GUINEA	FORCE	SD6127	of	6
NOV	AND	LHQ	SM25301	BOTH
NOT	TO	ALL	ADDRESSEES (.)	FIRST (.)
51	and	32	AUST	LINE
SECS	WILL	MOVE	WE	STRENGTH
FROM	SECOND	AUST	ARMY	AREA
TO	FIRST	AUST	ARMY	AREA
UNDER	ARRANGEMENTS	LHQ	MVTs (.)	UNDER
COND	FIRST	AUST	ARMY	ON
ARRIVAL (.)	MOVE	EARLIEST	WITH	PERSONAL
ARMS	AND	EQPT	ACCOMMODATION	STORES
SCALE A	NOT	UNIT	EQPT	NOT
TENTAGE	NOT	JUNGLE	GREEN (.)	SECOND (.)
ON	ARRIVAL	UNITS	RELIEVE	13
and	14	AUST	LINE	SECS
AND	TAKE	OVER	THEIR	UNIT
EQPT	IN	SITU (.)	PERSONNEL	13
and	14	AUST	LINE	SECS
WILL	BE	GRANTED	LEAVE	UNDER
GRO 598 (.)	ON	COMPLETION	RELIEF	AND
LEAVE	13	and	14	AUST
LINE	SECS	WILL	MOVE	BRISBANE
UNDER	ARRANGEMENTS	FIRST	AUST	ARMY
AND	COME	UNDER	COND	QLD
L of C	AREA	ON	ARRIVAL (.)	MOVE
WITH	PERSONAL	ARMS	AND	EQPT
ACCOMMODATION	STORES	AND	TENTAGE	SCALE A
NOT	UNIT	EQPT (.)	TAKE	JUNGLE

SD 70281 19

GREEN (.)	UNITS	TO	ARRIVE	BRISBANE
BY	31	DEC (.)	ONWARD	MOVE
NEW	GUINEA	UNDER	ARRANGEMENTS	LANDOPS (.)
INFORMATION	VIDE	GRO G318	TO	BE
RPTD	LANDOPS (.)	THIRD (.)	ON	ARRIVAL
NEW	GUINEA	13	and	14
AUST	LINE	SECS	RELIEVE	7
and	6	AUST	LINE	SECS
RESPECTIVELY AND		TAKE	OVER	THEIR
UNIT	EQPT	IN	SITU (.)	LATTER
UNITS	MOVE	ON	RELIEF	TO
VIC	L of C	AREA	WITH	PERSONAL
ARMS	AND	EQPT	ONLY (.)	UNDER
COMD	I	AUST	INDEP	SIG
GP	ON	ARRIVAL (.)	LEAVE	UNDER
GRO 598	WILL	THEN	BE	GRANTED (.)
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GENERAL STAFF

Intelligence

1. Sitreps

S.W. Pacific Area and Solomons.

Operations

2. Employment of VEC in Static AA & Coast Defence

It has been decided that, in non-operational areas, additional responsibility should be given to VEC commanders in fortress areas.

In pursuance of this policy, it is proposed to raise from the appropriate Metropolitan VEC Gp HQs, Fortress HQs at MELBOURNE, ALBANY, ADELAIDE, GERALDTON and HOBART.

3. Selection of Volunteers for 1 Aust Para Bn.

During the week G.1 visited LANDOPS and selected 300 volunteers from 1 Aust Para Bn from First Aust Army area. These personnel are undergoing the RAAF medical examination, and it is anticipated that the quota of 240 personnel from this area will be filled. Personnel who pass the medical requirement will be drafted immediately to the Parachute Trg Depot.

4. Army Air Co-op. Provision of Vulture Vengeance Drogue Towing Aircraft.

The first two Vulture Vengeance drogue towing aircraft have been delivered to the RAAF Communication units, one to MASCOT and one to DARWIN. It is anticipated that deliveries from now on will be at the rate of two per week, and will be allotted in accordance with the priorities requested by MGRA. In all, 21 aircraft are being converted for drogue towing and co-operation with the Army for training purposes.

5. Air Liaison

Authority has been given to raise two new Sqn AL Secs, viz. 60 and 61 Aust Sqn AL Secs. It is anticipated that both sections will move to DARWIN early next week.

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL

6. GHQ Regulating System

An outline was given of the GHQ Regulating System for the control of movement, which became effective on 12 Nov 43. Mvt Control instruction No.49, issued on 19 Nov 43 refers.

WEEKLY REVIEWS

7. Attached as Appendix "A" are weekly reviews -

- (i) DMT
- (ii) 2-in-C
- (iii) 30-in-C

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CONFERENCE - 20 NOV 43

TRAINING NOTES

1. REORGANIZATION - AUST WATER TPT TRG UNITS

The proposal to move the small craft training unit from CLIFTON GARDENS to QLD (VICTORIA PT) and amalgamate it with the Landing Craft Unit already there has had to be abandoned owing to congestion at VICTORIA PT.

Small craft reinforcements will in future proceed from WAGGA to CLIFTON GARDENS for 9 weeks Navigation Trg and then go to VICTORIA PT for two weeks A.L.C. Trg only before being drafted forward.

2. LHQ PT SCHOOL - REMEDIAL WING.

The Remedial Wing is being removed from the WE of the LHQ School. Personnel who conduct this training at Convalescent Depots in future will be included on the WE of that Depot and not on that of the PT School.

3. STAFF SCHOOL - AUST

(a) JUNIOR WING

The C-in-C has made the final selection of nominees for the No.6 Course Junior Wing commencing 12 Jan 44 and the necessary joining instructions will now be issued.

(b) SENIOR WING.

All nominations for No.5 Course Senior Wing are to hand and have been passed by DWT to Mil Sec for submission to C-in-C.

4. TECHNICAL TRAINING - REORGANIZATION.

An alteration has been found necessary to the original decision in regard to reorganization of tech trg.

The MVTTTC in Qld will now be deleted from OOB and No.3 MVTTTC (Melbourne and Adelaide) is to be retained in its present location.

To cater for certain tech trg which will still be required in First Aust Army Area a small Tech Trg Centre will be established at Chermside.

5. COOKERY WING - N.T. FORCE SCHOOL.

HQ NT Force have concurred in the deletion of the above Wing as from 31 Jan 44.

Cookery training in NT will then be carried out by Mobile Teams of the LHQ School of Army Cooking and Catering.

6. VISUAL TRAINING

STRIP FILMS

Distributed

D3(R) - Relief of Pain (Revised)

Screenings to LEO

17 Nov : Field Artillery Against Tanks.
24 Nov : Down to Earth (Paratroop Training)

NOTES FROM ADV LHQ

7. TRAINING 5 AUST FD SQN

Arrangements have been made for 5 Aust Fd Sqn to undergo a special course of training in field engineering at Engineer Training Centre, WAGGA.

The duration of the Course is ten weeks.

8. TRAINING INSTRUCTORS 1 US CAV DIV.

Fifty personnel of 1 US Cav Div are moving to Engineer Training Centre, WAGGA on 29 Nov 43 where they will attend a special course of training in handling of anti-tank and anti-personnel mines.

The duration of the course is one week.

9. VISITS

Members of the LETHBRIDGE MISSION visited Aust Training Centre (JW) on 12 and 16 Nov.

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227th WEEKLY RESUME OF ENGINEER ACTIVITIES 12 NOV - 17 NOV 43R.A.E.1. Technical Instructions.

E-in-C Tech Instr No.44, Demolition Stores in S.W.P.A., has been promulgated. This Tech Instr describes all existing USA and ANF Demolition Stores likely to be used in S.W.P.A.; it has been compiled by American and Australian engineers jointly. Section A of the instruction covers all items included in the SWPA Ton of Explosive, which has been adopted by both US and Australian Forces. Section B describes stores not included in the Standard Ton.

WORKS2. Installations(a) CAIRNS Transshipment Depot

US Navy has commenced driving the deep water piles for the Naval Docks at CAIRNS. Work on the Transshipment Depot is 30% complete; however, it is virtually at a standstill due to transfer of the Naval Construction Unit to NEW GUINEA. Efforts are being made by USASOS to allocate additional personnel to the project.

(b) Docks FINSCHHAFEN.

A small ships pier is proposed for DREGER HARBOUR and is to be built immediately. Materials are en route for floating dock. Reports from US Navy indicate LANGEMAK beach is badly crowded. Navy has been advised verbally of desire of GHQ that all LST's remain on beaches until completely unloaded; also that one LST out of each convoy be unloaded at DREGER HARBOUR.

3. E & M OIL(a) PORT MORESBY

The pipeline between the 12,000 ton naval tank and No.1 (5,000 tons) naval tank will be complete on 20 Nov. It is expected that diesel oil from the 12,000 ton tank will be transferred to No.1 tank shortly afterwards, thus releasing the former tank for furnace oil.

No.3 tank and the required pipeline alteration will be ready to receive petrol on 7 Dec.

One of the mooring dolphins at the B.O.I. jetty will be loaded at CAIRNS on 23 Nov. This will enable all necessary repair work to be carried out.

(b) MILNE BAY

No.2 tank (distillate) will be ready to receive cargo 5 Dec, as well as three white product tanks.

(c) LAE

A GHQ Directive was issued 11 Nov for provision of the following petroleum storage facilities, which are in addition to the eight 2000 barrels bolted tanks for aviation spirit, the small tanker fueling jetty and the LAE-NADZAB pipeline now being constructed.

- (i) Two 10,000 barrels bolted tanks for aviation spirit
- (ii) Two 2,000 " " " " M.T. gasoline
- (iii) Two 10,000 " " " " M.T. gasoline
- (iv) One 10,000 barrels bolted tank for M.T. gasoline
- (v) Drum filling and spray cleaning equipment for handling up to 1,250 drums per day of all grades of white petroleum products.

(d) FINSCHHAFEN

A GHQ directive was also issued 11 Nov for the following petroleum storage facilities at FINSCHHAFEN with priority in the order listed.

- (i) Four 2,000 barrels bolted tanks for aviation spirit, pipeline to the new airdrome, and one small tanker fuel jetty.
- (ii) One 10,000 barrels bolted tank for aviation spirit.
- (iii) Two 10,000 barrels bolted tanks for automotive diesel oil.
- (iv) Drum filling and spray cleaning equipment handling up to 1,250 drums per day of all grades of petroleum products.

(e) E & M PLANT

50 KW Diesel driven Alternator set for MANBULLO Abattoirs & By-Products plants has been despatched per rail to NORTHERN TERRITORY.

First of 3-207 KW. RUSTON Alternator sets from TINDALS MINE, COOLGARDIE, WA, is being dismantled for transport to and installation at ALICE SPRINGS.

Approval has been given for £198,000 for purchase of 43 sets of diesel driven alternators for Army pool.

(f) Water Supply

Additional equipment has been shipped for PORT Moresby Water Supply and purification plant.

4. AA & FRT.

Financial approval issued for construction of emplacements for 2-twin 6 pdr A.M.T.B. coast guns, one set at NEPEAN POINT and one set at LONSDALE, PORT PHILLIP Area. Construction will be carried out by AA & Frt Engrs.

5. Roads - NORTHERN TERRITORY.

SORE Roads of E-in-C Staff inspected NORTHERN TERRITORY roads between 22-31 Oct -

(a) DARWIN - ALICE SPRINGS.

- (i) DARWIN - ADELAIDE RIVER. Traffic intensity is high. The gravel pavement is worn very thin and is corrugated. The bitumen treated sections are weak and need reconstruction.

Resheeting the pavement with gravel is proceeding slowly. Additional tipping trucks are needed by AWC if the whole section is to be completed before next "wet".

Many additional culverts are needed in conjunction with top and side drains.

- (ii) ADELAIDE RIVER - MATARANKA. This gravelled section is in very fair condition, but needs considerable work in improved re-alignment and drainage provision.

(111) MATARANKA - LARRIMAH. This bitumen surfaced section is in good condition. Further drainage provisions are required, but with ordinary maintenance work the pavement should be able to meet designed traffic demands.

(iv) LARRIMAH - ALICE SPRINGS. The bitumen pavement is good. The shoulders need maintenance. Extensive drainage provisions are required, with under drains along certain sections.

(b) TENNANT CREEK - MT. ISA

From TENNANT CK turnoff, the road is bitumen surfaced for 104 miles. From 30 miles west of the QLD border to MT ISA, the pavement is bitumen surfaced. There is, therefore, a central section of 147 miles of gravel pavement which is being bitumen surfaced at the rate of approx. 5 miles per day.

The whole road generally is in excellent condition and the construction work reflects credit on those concerned.

A considerable amount of drainage work, however, is needed to prevent undue damage during the "wet".

6. Roads - NEW GUINEA.

(a) BULLDOG - EDIE.

Road BULLDOG - EDIE. The road in question has been closed owing to heavy rainfall and earth movement. The water rose to EDIE CK power-house. However, it will be re-opened for Jeeps not before 20 Nov.

(b) WAU - MARKHAM

Now usable by jeeps; benching has been completed.

(c) LAE - NADZAB

Road is 35% complete and open to essential light traffic. Unfavourable weather has interrupted steady progress.

(d) FINSCHHAFFEN.

The proposed 10 mile two-way all weather road from LANGEMAK BAY south to NACINGNATU is 15% complete. Bridges are to be one way. This construction is in addition to short sections of road connecting the road and runway.

7. AIRFIELDS.

(a) DOBODURA Area.

299 hardstandings are completed out of 499 required. Five strips are completed of 8 required. The total job is estimated to be 2/3 done. E.D.C. 30 Apr 44.

(b) NADZAB Area.

The 871 Engr Avn Bn (Airborne) continued the maintenance and improvement of all strips in this area, including the repair of bomb craters in the taxiways of the MARKHAM strip. The 842 Engr Avn Bn oiled part of the surface of this strip, but this unit has been employed almost entirely on the LAE-NADZAB road. No EDC available.

(c) PORT MORESBY

The new heavy bomber runway at JACKSON, 100' x 8000' bitumen surface, has the top course 60% completed. It is intended to use steel mat. EDC 25 Dec.

(d) FINSCHHAFFEN

Extremely heavy rains and difficulties of transportation have retarded the progress of this work; but with the average expected rainfall, it is estimated that the strip will be steel mat surfaced, a parallel taxiway constructed, and four alert areas for 25 fighters will be usable by 10 Dec. EDC dispersed hardstandings for 40 medium bombers is 10 Jan 44. EDC dispersed hardstandings for 75 fighters is 1 Feb 44.

STORES

8. Tractor Supply

(a) NEW GUINEA

(i) The number of serviceable tractors held by NG Force as at 1 Jan 43 (excluding machines on loan from US Army) as shown on the census return by CE NGF, was -

D2 Class	11
D4 Class	13
D6 Class	9
D7 & 8 Class	3
Total (all classes)	<u>36</u>

(ii) The number of new tractors issued as Unit War Equipment to units en route to NEW GUINEA, plus tractors issued for NG pools of mechanical plant between 1 Jan 43 and 1 Oct 43 was -

D2 Class	21
D4 Class	52
D6 Class	67
D7 & 8 Class	16
Total (all classes)	<u>156</u>

(iii) By 1 Jan 44 there will be available for shipment to NEW GUINEA approximately -

D4 Class	12
D6 Class	12

(b) Australian Mainland.

The number of new tractors issued as Unit War Equipment and for pools of mechanical plant on the Australian mainland from Jan 43 to Nov 43 was -

D4 Class	18
D6 Class	40

(c) Outstanding Unit War Equipment

Sufficient mechanical plant is now available to complete Unit War Equipment of all RAE units. Plant is being distributed, and demands from CEs etc are not required.

9. Timber

A conference was held between DES and Timber Controller (Mr. KESSELL) on 16 Nov, at which DES advised Engineer Stores future timber requirements were 700,000 super ft per month. This would be concentrated on the Eastern seaboard of the mainland for shipment to operational areas. It is understood that 400,000 super ft. of this will be obtained from VICTORIA, and the remaining 300,000 super ft from W.A.

When NG mills are supplemented by 1 Aust Forestry Gp, NG will probably be independent of mainland.

10. ARC Mesh

ARC Mesh consists of welded rectangular wire mesh 2" x 3" x 5g in sheets 10 ft x 6 ft. Production is shortly to be changed to 3" x 3" x 3g.

This mesh represents one of the most important developments in engineer stores, and its uses continue to increase.

Some more important uses comprise : tracks and beach roadway, airfields, bridge decking, suspension bridges, bridge piers, packing of engineer stores, accommodation and concrete reinforcements.

An experimental suspension bridge, 140 ft span, consisting of a single layer of mesh has stood up to repeated trafficking by a 2 ton load. This bridge, including some light spreaders at 6 ft centres, weighs approximately 20 lbs per foot run. Any girder bridge for this span would weigh at least 300 or 400 lbs per foot run, and any other type of suspension bridge 200 or 300 lbs per foot run.

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WEEKLY SIGNAL REVIEW

FOR WEEK 13 NOV TO 19 NOV 43

COMMUNICATIONS CLOSED DOWN:

Army wireless link Lardforces - Tas L of C Area has closed down and all signal traffic to Tasmania is now routed through P.M.G. Telegraphic system or by D.R.L.S.

LINE CONSTRUCTION:

Brisbane - Townsville

Three line sections are still engaged on the construction of two copper pairs on the section of the route YAAMBA - SARINA. Progress on this work is as follows -

Survey - completed
149 miles arms replaced
122 miles wire run
99 miles work completed

Toowoomba - Rockhampton

13 Aust Line Section which is engaged on the reconditioning of this route is now located at CAYDAH and during the past week has completed 10 miles of construction.
14 Aust Line Section is moving from Toowoomba to join 13 Aust Line Section and will be employed in reconditioning the route EIDEVOIE - MT MORGAN.

Morobe to Iaa

13 miles of construction remains to be completed on the INONDA - SALAMAU section.
When this section is completed, H.Q. New Guinea Force will have land line communications through as far as SALAMAU.

Moresby - Inonda

Reconstruction of the Owen Stanley line continues to be delayed owing to difficulty of obtaining air transportation.

Australia - New Guinea Submarine Cable

The installation of terminal equipment at DELINA has been completed and the new Guinea - Moresby terminal installations were expected to be completed on 18 Nov 43. Work is proceeding satisfactorily on the construction of the final section between Moresby and Delena.

REORGANIZATION OF SIGNAL UNITS:

Approval has been granted for the deletion of Second Aust Army Signals and a suitable reorganization of 12 Aust L of C Signals to perform the responsibilities of signal communications in N.S.W. for H.Q. N.S.W. L of C Area and H.Q. Second Aust Army. By this reorganization a considerable saving in manpower has been effected.

MOVEMENT OF SIGNAL UNITS:

To centralize control of Signal Training Units in South Eastern Australia, approval has been granted for the movement of 2 Aust Sig Trg Bn A.W.A.S. from Ivanhoe, and 2 Aust Regtl Sig Trg Unit from Bathurst both to Central Signal Training Centre, Eonagilla.

RELIEF OF INSTRUCTORS: CENTRAL SIG TRG DEPOT:

Fifty three N.C.Os from Central Sig Trg Depot are to be relieved by a similar number of N.C.O's with field experience from Signal units in New Guinea. The relief is expected to be completed within three months, and should provide a high standard of technical instruction within the Depot.

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GENERAL STAFF

Intelligence

1. Sitreps

S.W.P.A. and Solomons.

A resumé of operations in S.W.P.A. was given by DMI.

Staff Duties

2. Movement of Officers.

E-in-C left for BRISBANE on 20 Nov, en route to NG.
DQMG (3) returned to LHQ from BRISBANE on 20 Nov.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL

3. Weekly Review

... Attached as Appendix "A" is the weekly review of "A" Branch activities.

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL

4. Weekly Review.

... Attached as Appendix "B" is the weekly review of QMG Branch activities.

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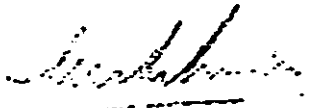
5. Weekly Trg Film

The film "Down to Earth" depicting parachute trg, will be screened at LHQ 24 Nov at usual times.

SURVEY

6. New Maps

1/25,000 maps of WARISOTA, 1/10,000 of MADANG Defences, and 1/20,000 of KELANDA HARBOUR were produced.


Major,
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APPENDIX "A"

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S BRANCH

REVIEW OF BRANCH ACTIVITIES WEEK
ENDING 19 NOV 43

SERIAL 30

1. MANPOWER

Intake for week ending 13th November, 1943 -

MALES	151	
FEMALES	86	237

Discharges for week ending 13th November, 1943 -

MALES	Medical	610	
	MPR Scheme	98	
	Endorsed under recruiting scheme	150	
	Hardship and/or compassionate	42	
	Enlistment RAAF	61	
	Other Reasons	325	
			1286
FEMALES	Medical	10	
	Hardship and/or compassionate	32	
	Other reasons	15	
			57
			1343

Net Deficiency 1,106

2. PERSONNEL ON SEASONAL LEAVE WITHOUT PAY
FOR WEEK ENDING 13th NOVEMBER, 1943.

ALL STATES 3,498
(previous week 3,134).

3. STRENGTH OF A.M.F. EXCLUDING V.D.C. AS AT 30 OCT 43.

Posted Strength 395,472 previous week 395,771 Decrease 299

Reinfts in Depots

Trg Depots

AIF	19,920		"	"	AIF	19,135	
CMF	<u>15,745</u>	35,665			CMF	<u>15,204</u>	34,839

Other Depots & in Transit

AIF	8,079		"	"	AIF	8,489	
CMF	<u>5,253</u>	13,332			CMF	<u>6,111</u>	14,600

"X" List (excl Students at Schools)

AIF	22,731		"	"	AIF	22,167	
CMF	<u>11,175</u>	33,906			CMF	<u>11,865</u>	34,032

Students at Schools exceeding 28 days -

AIF	2,334		"	"	AIF	2,493	
CMF	<u>783</u>	3,117			CMF	<u>732</u>	3,225

"X" List & Reinfts in Depots - Females

	<u>3,383</u>		"	"		<u>3,317</u>	
		<u>484,875</u>					<u>486,120</u>

Net Decrease 1,245

Total W.E.	439,736	previous week	439,736
Posted Strength	<u>395,472</u>	"	<u>395,771</u>

Deficiency on posted strength	<u>44,264</u>		<u>43,965</u>
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Increase 299

The W.E. figure shown above is the official figure (excluding V.D.C.) quoted monthly by D.S.D. It takes account of current or pending reorganization.

STRENGTH WOMEN'S SERVICES AS AT 6 NOV 43.

AANS	2,907	previous week	2,907
ANAS	19,449	"	19,446
AAMWS	<u>5,618</u>	"	<u>5,605</u>
	<u>27,974</u>		<u>27,958</u>

Increase 16

4. RELIEF INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF - AUST CENTRAL SIG TRG DEPOT.

Relief of "A" Class N.C.O. Instructors of Sig Trg Depot who have completed a term of duty in excess of six months will commence forthwith, and will be initially implemented by a series of transfers between First Aust Army, Second Aust Army, 3 Aust Corps, Aust Central Sig Trg Depot and New Guinea Force. A total of 53 N.C.Os are to be released and replacements will be provided from New Guinea Force.

5. REVERSIONS - TRADE GROUPINGS AND N.C.O. RANK - ADJUSTMENT ON FINALIZATION OF ACCOUNTS.

A Committee consisting of an officer of the A.A.L.C. and D.F.O. (or his representative) not below the rank of Major will be formed in each L of C Area to investigate cases where entries which appear in a member's pay book are not in agreement with the member's records and also where entries appearing in the member's records have not been the subject of appropriate adjustment in the member's pay book. Such discrepancies may come to notice during the service of the member concerned or when final accounts are being prepared.

The Committee will determine whether the pay book or the personal records disclose the correct position and will make a suitable recommendation to ensure equitable adjustment of the records.

6. AUST PRISONERS OF WAR IN SWITZERLAND.

Cabled advice has been received from High Commissioner's Office, London, that an additional 46 Aust P.W. have escaped to Switzerland. The total number of escapees so far advised is 341 (7 offrs 334 ORs).

7. SHIPMENT OF ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR FROM OVERSEAS.

One medical officer and 506 Italian ORs prisoners of war for employment in rural industries arrived from India and disembarked at Melbourne on 16 Nov 43. They are temporarily accommodated at No.13 Prisoners of War Group, Murchison.

8. EDUCATION

16 mm Prints of the documentary film "Desert Victory" have been processed and despatched for use in forward and operational areas.

9. HEALTH OF THE FORCES.

- (a) Malaria. Figures are incomplete, but suggest no radical change from the previous week.
- (b) Dysentery There is a marked decline in the figures as compared with the previous week, indicating that control of a minor epidemic has been established.
- (c) Scrub Typhus 100 cases are reported from New Guinea as compared with 86 for the previous week.
- (d) Incidence of all other diseases remains low.

10. RAISING, DISBANDING AND REORGANIZATION OF UNITS.

The following SMs in respect of Raising, Disbanding and Reorganization of Units have been issued for week ending 19/11/43.

RAISING

SM 25975	1 AUST MOB GAS GENERATING SEC AREA	) RAISING
2 " " " " " "	) OF	

RAISING (CONTD)

SM 25977 MANNING OF A.A. AND COAST DEFENCES - WHYALLA)
X 703 AUST LT AA BTY (STATIC) (LE) - RAISING OF)
SM 25986 TENT COLOURATION UNITS AAOC - RAISING OF
SM 26043 WO SER NO. 45478 - 3 AUST HOSPITAL LAUNDRY UNIT - RAISING OF
SM 25987 57 AWAS BARRACK (100 PERSONNEL) - RAISING OF
SM 26101 64 AWAS BARRACK (400 PERS) - RAISING OF
SM 26108 MECHANICAL TRANSPORT INSPECTION SECTIONS, AEME - RAISING OF
SM 26131 AREA CAMP STAFF (TYPE 'B') TOWNSVILLE - RAISING OF
SM 26169 COAST ARTY TOWNSVILLE - RAISING OF TOWN SEC

DISBANDING

SM 25747 24 AWAS BARRACK - DELETION OF

REORGANIZATION

SM 25729 1 AUST SIG RECRUIT TRG COY - ADDITIONAL STAFF
SM 25828 21 AUST CAMP HOSPITAL (60 BEDS) - REALLOTMENT OF PERSONNEL
SM 25829 111 AUST CON DEPOT - REORGANIZATION OF
SM 25871 2/1 AUST TK TPTR COY - REORGANIZATION OF
SM 25922 REORGANIZATION OF 16 AUST L OF C SIGS
SM 25925 101 AUST TK A REGT SIG SEC - REALLOTMENT OF PERSONNEL
SM 25941 AUST TRG CENTRE (JW) SIG SECTION - ADDITIONAL STAFF
SM 25946 REORGANIZATION AND MANNING OF COAST AND A.A. DEFENCES
SM 26013 TOWN MAJOR (2nd CLASS) & BARRACKS WARDEN, DARWIN - REORGANIZ)
ADDITION OF SC (Q) & STAFF TO HQ DARWIN FORTRESS) ATION
SM 26096 REORGANIZATION OF FIELD REGTS AS FIELD REGTS (JUNGLE DIV)
4 AUST FIELD REGT
SM 26124 1 AUST PARACHUTE TP, RAE - ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL.

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APPENDIX "B"

WEEKLY REPORT - BRANCH OF THE Q.M.G.

WEEK ENDED 20 NOV 1943

<u>WORKS</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Approvals L of C Areas</u>		
<u>NEW SOUTH WALES</u>		
<u>Marrangaroo.</u> No.6 Aust Adv Ord Depot Completion of additional accommodation for personnel	B (2628)	£1,016
<u>VICTORIA</u>		
<u>Nepean and Lonsdale</u> Installation of twin 6 pdr gun emplacements, magazines, etc.	A2 (2447)	£8,250
<u>NORTHERN TERRITORY</u>		
<u>Adelaide River.</u> Construction of camp with hutted facilities for O.Rs.	A2 (3061)	£8,987

HIRINGS

Requisitions for week ending 20 Nov 43, were as follows -

<u>Army</u>	<u>U.S.A.S.O.S.</u>	<u>R.A.A.F.</u>	<u>Navy</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>Total</u>
27	11	9	1	8	56

SUPPLY & TRANSPORT

FARMS

Nucleus 4 Aust Farm Coy - Goulburn H.S.W.

Owing to the special requirements involved in operating this Goulburn property (previously occupied by Kenmore Mental Asylum) the project will NOT in future be regarded as an Army Farm A.A.S.C. controlled by D.S.T., but will be utilised by 114 H.G.H. mainly for occupational therapy purposes. Responsibility for control will be taken over by "A" Branch as from 15 Nov 43, when Nucleus 4 Aust Farm Coy (28 all ranks) will be removed from OOB.

TRANSPORT

New Guinea

Within the past 3 months a Central Transport Control has been instituted in Port Moresby to co-ordinate M.T. activities. The organisation consists of a small staff of selected transport personnel, and transport requirements in excess of a unit's capacity to lift by unit transport, are made to this Central Control. The inauguration of this regulating system which allocates the work between transport of H.G. Force, Port Moresby Base Area and General Tpt Coys, has resulted in the elimination of much duplication and unnecessary running.

A re-distribution of Transport Platoons has eased transport difficulties in forward areas particularly in Buna.

Pack transport activities have been revived and 1 and 2 Pack Transport Coys will be concentrated in Lae Area. Arrangements are in hand to transfer personnel, horses and equipment to the new location by Air.

PETROL, OIL AND LUBRICANTS.

P.O.L. Supply - New Guinea.

As a result of recent meetings in Brisbane between U.S.A.S.O.S. and Australian Army Representatives, a directive has been issued by G.H.Q. which provides for separate P.O.L. supply lines for the Australian and U.S. Armies in New Guinea.

This arrangement is, however, subject to -

- (a) the usage of common bulk supply line through Ocean Terminals at Port Moresby and Milne Bay
- (b) a single supply line where, by agreement, there is a predominance of interest of either U.S. or Australian Army.

At the meeting referred to, representatives from Australian Army and U.S.A.S.O.S. interpreted this directive and reached agreement on its application.

Power Alcohol.

The Minister for Supply and Shipping advises that the Commonwealth owned distillery at Cowra, N.S.W. will commence production of power alcohol at an early date and reach full output in January, 1944.

The Minister has asked that consideration be given to lifting of the ban imposed at request of Army on the distribution of petrol/alcohol blend in country areas of N.S.W. so that the output from the distillery may be conveniently absorbed.

This matter is now being considered and decision will shortly be reached.

4-gallon Drums - U.S.A.S.O.S. requirements.

Requisition has been received from U.S.A.S.O.S. for the supply of 100,000 x 4-gallon drums, delivery to be made in Melbourne and to commence 1 Dec 43. The rate of delivery required is 7,500 drums per month and this will be met from an estimated production of 8,000 drums monthly by the Rheem Manufacturing Coy, Melbourne.

Off-Shore Shipments - P.O.L.

The recent resumption of off-shore shipments of P.O.L. from Sydney to Eastern New Guinea ports has made possible a resumption of rail forwardings of P.O.L. from Victoria at the rate of 3,000 x 44-gallon drums weekly. Manufacture of drums in Victoria exceeds local requirements, and the practice is to transfer them full rather than empty to N.S.W. or other points from which more immediate demands have to be met. The holding capacity, however, of the BIPOD Depot at Homebush had reached its limit and further deliveries could not be made until shipments were resumed.

Bolted Storage Tanks - 70,000 gallon capacity.

50 tanks of this type were ordered in July 42, from U.S.A. through the Import Procurement Division. Delivery and installation of 20 tanks has been effected, and now the 30 required to complete the order have arrived at Brisbane from U.S.A.

10 of them are being allocated to U.S. Forces for installation at points in N.G. and 2 will be moved to Iarrimah, N.T. for installation as portion of the Darwin-Alice Springs Bulk P.O.L. supply project.

DIRECTORATE OF POSTS

Mails.

Airborne mails from the mainland for New Guinea and adjacent points in week ending Nov 18 were -

<u>To</u>	<u>No. of Bags</u>	<u>Frequency for week.</u>
Port Moresby	363	Daily
Milne Bay	163	6
Thursday Is.	90	5
Merauke	31	3
Total	647	

Christmas Arrangements - "Free" greetings telegrams from New Guinea personnel.

Arrangements have been made with the Postmaster-General's Department for handling of Special "Free" Christmas Telegrams to the Mainland, which are to be permitted personnel in forward areas of N.G. in the forthcoming Christmas Season. Early lodgments will be necessary in New Guinea but arrangements on the Mainland will be such that delivery of the messages to addressees will not commence until 22nd Dec 43. Two "free" telegrams each will be permitted to each soldier eligible to make lodgments of them.

The estimated cost of the proposal, viz. £1,400, will be equally divided between Regimental and Amenities Funds and has been approved by the C-in-C. Wording will be confined to a standard text of not more than 6 words and N.G. Force is issuing the necessary instructions to implement the arrangements in N.G.

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DAILY STAFF CONFERENCE - 24 NOV 43

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GENERAL STAFF

Intelligence

1. Sitreps

S.W. Pacific Area, Solomons and Russia.

Staff Duties

2. Movement of Officers

DHI left for Adv LHQ 24 Nov.

SO-in-C returned from 4 Aust Div Area 23 Nov.

MGRM left for SYDNEY 23 Nov.

BRA returned to LHQ from SYDNEY 23 Nov.

3. 1 Aust Div

C-in-C has directed that 1 Aust Div be reduced to two Brigades with appropriate ancillary units. One Bde is to be used as a holding bde for young soldiers with CMF nucleus, and the second bde will be composed of CMF personnel. Necessary instructions are being issued.

4. 2/1 Aust Forestry Coy

2/1 Aust Forestry Coy embarked from UK mid-November, and on arrival in AUST will concentrate in NSW for subsequent movement to NG.

5. Lt-Gen H. LUMSDEN

A recent Dominions Office Signal states that the mission of Gen. Lumsden to Australia is to act as the special military representative of the Prime Minister of Great Britain with C-in-C, SWPA. The functions of UK Liaison Staff have not been altered.

6. Netherlands Indies HQ

Lt-Gen Van Oyen has been appointed in Aust to build up a nucleus of Admin for N.I. after its reoccupation and to establish a N.I. War Dept in Aust where these personnel will for the time being be centred. The address will be "Madowla", 431 St. Kilda Rd, Melbourne.

MASTER-GENERAL OF THE ORDNANCE

7. AEME and LAOC Installations

LHQ Base Adm and AEME installations in VICTORIA were visited during the week by the Minister for the Army, accompanied by MGO, DOS and DME.

8. Weekly Review

Attached as Appendix "A" is the weekly review of MGO Branch activities.

Major,
S.D.1

WBO BRANCHSUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR WEEK ENDING 22 NOV 43.EQUIPMENT DIVISION1. Small Craft - 300 Ton Wooden Vessels.

At a conference held by DEE and Dept. Supply and Shipping, it was decided that the production of these vessels in W.A. and Tasmania would be allocated as under -

W.A. Production.

Nos. 1 and 2 - Dept. of Army
No. 3 - Dept. of Supply & Shipping
Nos. 4 to 12 - Dept. of Army.

Tas. Production.

Nos. 1 to 10 - Dept. of Army
No. 11 - Dept. of Supply & Shipping
Nos. 12 to 19 - Dept. of Army
No. 20 - Dept. of Supply & Shipping

2. Experimental Packing of Rifles for New Guinea.

Specifications have been drawn up for the packing of 6 rifles tropic-proofed with various processes to be wrapped in sisalkraft and sealed. Packs will be assorted and subjected to various means of transport and severest climatic conditions and will remain stored in New Guinea for a specified length of time. A number of the rifles will be treated with "Nylax."

3. Cartridges S.A. Ball .303 Mk VII - Gilding Metal Envelope.

Complaints have been received that Gilding Metal fouling was choking up muzzle cups on MME's and depositing a bayonet bosses of rifles. Dept. of Munitions have been requested to investigate possibilities of changing back to cupro-nickel envelope. In the meantime instructions have been submitted for promulgation to units relative to action necessary to clear fouling before it becomes serious.

4. Signal & Radar Equipment.

As a result of discussions between MGO officers and RAAF, a draft Tropic Proofing Specification has been prepared which is acceptable to both services.

This co-ordination of requirements will simplify manufacture.

5. Matchets 15" Blade (Aust) Sheaths Canvas.

A new matchet sheath has been designed from canvas to replace heavy leather sheath previously used. Sealed patterns have been distributed to all states.

6. Q.F. 3" - 17 Pz.

The first three (3) from the production line were submitted for inspection and passed Proof. After Proof, examination has revealed no defect in manufacture. The Equipments will be ready for issue to the Service on or about 25th November, 1943. Only one Tubular Recuperator for this equipment has been produced by Chas. Ruwolt from English drawings and it is anticipated that the components will be submitted for Proof at an early date.

7. Razor Blades.

The acute shortage of razor blades in New Guinea has been relieved by the despatching of 1,058,700 blades during the past week.

Although latest shipping advice indicates further deliveries during the next week, the quantities involved in these shipments will not relieve the shortage for troops on the mainland. CPO has approached the Dept. of Import Procurement to obtain further supplies.

8. Berets. Drill Green.

A consignment of 40,000 of this new headdress for Jungle Warfare has been forwarded to New Guinea.

9. Requests for Vehicles by Navy and Air Force.

Frequent requests have been received from the Navy and Air Force for vehicles covering varying quantities. These requests have been met where the type of vehicle has been available. A minute from DOS to DSD has requested that a policy be established and that the Navy be requested to submit a plan for their requirements for some months ahead.

10. Allocation of Production of Supply Items.

Due to the unsatisfactory supply position of some Department of Supply items, the C-in-C has recommended to the Minister for the Army that machinery be established for the allocation of Department of Supply items similar to that existing for munition items. Under the present machinery the allocation of available supplies in effect rests with the Contract Board, and it is possible that items of vital importance to the Australian Army might be in short supply and not receive appropriate priority in the allocation of production resources when such resources are being used to supply other demanding authorities. The growing demands of USA forces on Australian production increase the possibility of this happening and there appears little doubt that supply of Australian Army requirements are at least delayed due to allocation of production to meet American demands. It is considered that the Australian Army should have an adequate voice in the allocation of production so that due consideration will be given to the relative urgency of its requirements. The proposals advanced embrace the establishment of a "Services Supply Co-ordinating Committee", representative of the Department of Supply and Shipping and of the three Services, to deal with priorities, appraise the requirements of the Services as presented in the form of a "Forecast of Requirements", and to approve of the conversion of such forecasted requirements into local and/or overseas orders. Sub committees would discuss detailed matters relating to particular range of stores and submit recommendations to the main Committee.

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To; MILBASE BRISBANE, MVTS BRISBANE, MILBASE SYDNEY,
MVTS SYDNEY, MILBASE MELBOURNE, MVTS MELBOURNE,
rptd LANDOPS

From; LANDFORCES

SD 71082

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WARNING	ORDER	(.)	15	AUST
LINE	SEC	WILL	MOVE	EARLIEST
AT	PRESENT	STRENGTH	FROM	QLD
L OF C	AREA	TO	BALCOMBE	VIC
L OF C	AREA	UNDER	ARRANGEMENTS	MVTS
LHQ	(.)	UNDER	COMD	HQ
1	AUST	LINE	CONSTN	GP
ON	ARRIVAL	(.)	MOVE	WITH
PERSONAL	ARMS	AND	EQPT	UNIT
EQPT	LESS	TRANSPORT	(.)	TAKE
ACCOMMODATION	STORES	SCALE	A	NOT
TENTAGE	(.)	TRANSPORT	WILL	BE
ISSUED	ON	ARRIVAL	DESTINATION	UNDER
ARRANGEMENTS	VIC	L OF C	AREA	(.)

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MILBASE BRISBANE, MVTS BRISBANE, LANDOPS rptd
MILCOMMAND MORESBY

From: LANDFORCES SD 71191 24

WARNING	ORDER	(.)	14	AUST
SPECIAL	RADIO	DET	(TYPE B)	WILL
MOVE	WE	STRENGTH	FROM	SECOND
AUST	ARMY	AREA	TO	QLD
UNDER	ARRANGEMENTS	MVTS	LHQ	(.)
UNDER	COMD	QLD	L OF C	AREA
ON	ARRIVAL	(.)	MOVE	TO
ARRIVE	QLD	NOT	BEFOFE	31
DEC	43	(.)	ONWARD	MOVE
NEW	GUINEA	UNDER	ARRANGEMENTS	LANDOPS
(.)	MOVE	WITH	PERSONAL	ARMS
AND	EQUIPMENT	UNIT	EQUIPMENT	ACCOMMODATION
STORES	AND	TENTAGE	SCALE	A
(.)	JUNGLE	GREEN	WILL	NOT
BE	ISSUED	(.)	INFM	VIDE
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War Diary *Appendix 67*
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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
0472	49390		4 Aust Veh Plk Wksp	Qld L of C Area	Qld L of C Area	LEQ Unit HQ (LE)
0473	49391		5 Aust Veh Plk Wksp	WA L of C Area	WA L of C Area	No.5 Sec raised
0474	49392		6 Aust Veh Plk Wksp	Qld L of C Area	Qld L of C Area	LEQ Unit HQ (LE)
0482	49394		1 Aust Mob Gas Generating Sec	NSW L of C Area	NSW L of C Area	Nos.1 and 4 Secs raised
0483	49395		2 Aust Mob Gas Generating Sec	NSW L of C Area	NSW L of C Area	LEQ Unit HQ (LE)
						No.1 Sec raised
						LEQ Unit
						LEQ Unit

(3) Amend following serials to read

A74	47336	TS	Area Camp Staff (Type A) - ADELIAE RIVER	NT Force	14 L of C Sub-Area	
D43	45985		4 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) (AIF)	First Aust Army	First Aust Army Tps	
D91	45900		2/7 Aust Svy Bty	First Aust Army	First Aust Army Tps	
G22	48071		HQ 12 Aust L of C Sigs (ME)	Second Aust Army	Second Aust Army Tps	
G110	49090	TS	4 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec (Jungle Div)	First Aust Army	4 Aust Fd Regt	
G235	45680		5 Aust Line Maint Sec (AIF)	Second Aust Army	12 Aust L of C Sigs	
G265	48084		14 Aust Tech Maint Sec	Second Aust Army	12 Aust L of C Sigs	
G315	48040		39 Aust Telephone Swbd Op Sec	Second Aust Army	12 Aust L of C Sigs	
G316	48072		40 Aust Telephone Swbd Op Sec	Second Aust Army	12 Aust L of C Sigs	
G317	48073		41 Aust Telephone Swbd Op Sec	Second Aust Army	12 Aust L of C Sigs	
G318	48074		42 Aust Telephone Swbd Op Sec	Second Aust Army	12 Aust L of C Sigs	
G319	48075		43 Aust Telephone Swbd Op Sec	Second Aust Army	12 Aust L of C Sigs	
G320	48076		44 Aust Telephone Swbd Op Sec	Second Aust Army	12 Aust L of C Sigs	
G321	48077		45 Aust Telephone Swbd Op Sec	Second Aust Army	12 Aust L of C Sigs	
G322	48078		46 Aust Telephone Swbd Op Sec	Second Aust Army	12 Aust L of C Sigs	
G323	48079		47 Aust Telephone Swbd Op Sec	Second Aust Army	12 Aust L of C Sigs	
G324	48080		48 Aust Telephone Swbd Op Sec	Second Aust Army	12 Aust L of C Sigs	
G325	48041		50 Aust Op Sec	Second Aust Army	12 Aust L of C Sigs	
G327	48081		51 Aust Op Sec	Second Aust Army	12 Aust L of C Sigs	
G328	48082		52 Aust Tele Op Sec	Second Aust Army	12 Aust L of C Sigs	
G354	48535		78 Aust Telephone Swbd Op Sec	Second Aust Army	12 Aust L of C Sigs	
G428	45578		9 Aust DR Sec (AIF)	Second Aust Army	12 Aust L of C Sigs	
G439	48085		20 Aust DR Sec	Second Aust Army	12 Aust L of C Sigs	
G440	48085		21 Aust DR Sec	Second Aust Army	12 Aust L of C Sigs	
G521	48083		41 Aust WT Sec (Cy)	Second Aust Army	12 Aust L of C Sigs	
G519	45682		8 Aust Cipher Sec (Type B)	Second Aust Army	12 Aust L of C Sigs	
G648	45902		35 Aust Cipher Sec (Type E) (AIF)	NT Force	Sigs 12 Aust Div	
G557	45163		45 Aust Cipher Sec (Type E) (AIF)	Second Aust Army	Sigs 1 Aust Div	
H191	47329	%	30 Aust Gen Coy (Internal Security)	Tas L of C Area	Tas L of C Area	
K125	61470		2/1 Aust Tr Tpr Coy (two pls)	3 Aust Corps	1 Aust Arm'd Bde Gp	
K171	45629		8 Aust MAC (AIF)	First Aust Army	First Aust Army Tps	
K446	48919		112 Aust Sup Depot Pl	NSW L of C Area	17 Aust Sup Depot Coy	
K572	49279		2/239 Aust Sup Depot Pl	NG Force	3 Aust Air Maint Coy	
L23	47294		111 Aust Gen Hosp (200 beds)	Tas L of C Area	Tas L of C Area	
L131	47295		80 Aust Camp Hosp (90 beds)	Tas L of C Area	Tas L of C Area	
L132	47297		81 Aust Camp Hosp (Comp) (30 beds)	Tas L of C Area	Tas L of C Area	
L151	47145	%	1 Aust Women's Hosp (50 beds)	WA L of C Area	WA L of C Area	
L192	45305	%	Tas L of C Area Depot Med & Vet Stores	Tas L of C Area	Tas L of C Area	LEQ Unit
L355	45478		3 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit	NG Force	2/1 Aust Gen Hosp	LEQ Unit
O25	45472	%	3 Aust Trk Wksp Coy	NSW L of C Area	NSW L of C Area	LEQ Unit
O114	45601		NSW L of C Area Wksp (less one wksp sec)	NSW L of C Area	NSW L of C Area	
O115	45910		Vic L of C Area Wksp (less one wksp sec)	Vic L of C Area	Vic L of C Area	
O133	47841		5 Aust MT Wksp (HQ and two secs)	Vic L of C Area	Vic L of C Area	
O257	45987		214 Aust LAD (Type D) (AIF)	First Aust Army	4 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div)	
O350	45681		320 Aust LAD (Type A)	Second Aust Army	12 Aust L of C Sigs	
P11	61019		1 Aust Corps Fd Cash Office	First Aust Army	1 Aust Corps Tps	
Q16	47303	%	6 Aust Remount Sqn	Tas L of C Area	Tas L of C Area	
Q10	47305	%	12 Aust Detention Barracks (Type A)	Tas L of C Area	Tas L of C Area	
U15	47306		Tas L of C Stationery Depot (Type D)	Tas L of C Area	Tas L of C Area	
W19	48309		11 ADCS Club (Type E)	Qld L of C Area	Qld L of C Area	
Y50	47313	%	HQ 6 Aust Sal Depot	Tas L of C Area	Tas L of C Area	

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To - 3 AUST CORPS RPTD MILBASE PERTH MVTs PERTH
 From - LANDFORCES SD 71190 24

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NOV	TO	3	AUST	CORPS
ONLY	AND	SD 69418	OF	16
NOV	(.)	NOW	DECIDED	TO
RAISE	ONE	ADV	PK	PL
OF	A	WKSP	AND	PK
COY	FOR	ATTACHMENT	62	AUST
CORPS	FD	PK	COY	IN
LIEU	OF	RAISING	26	AUST
MAINT	PL	(TYPE	B)	(.)
ADV	PK	PL	AND	4
AUST	ENGR	STORE	SEC	(BASE)
WILL	BE	RAISED	WEST	AUST
UNDER	SEPARATE	LHQ	INSTRUCTIONS	FROM
PERSONNEL	7	AUST	WKSP	AND
PK	COY	UNFIT	TROPICAL	SERVICE
AND	BALANCE	PERSONNEL	WEST	AUST
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GENERAL STAFF

Intelligence

1. Sitreps

S.W.P.A. and Solomons.

Staff Duties

2. Movement of Officers

DMT returned to LHQ 25 Nov.
QMG left for ADELAIDE 25 Nov and will return to LHQ
29 Nov.

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL

3. Coal Position

The coal situation has slightly improved, and it is
now practicable to run intra-State trains in VICTORIA.

4. 16 Aust Inf Bde Leave Programme.

16 Aust Inf Bde leave programme has commenced.

5. MT for NG

There are no vehicles awaiting shipment to NG, and
because of the small amount of cargo offering, transport
is available for further shipment of vehicles if required.
SD will signal NG Force again re MT requirements.

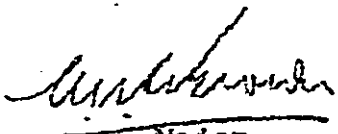
6. Weekly Review

Attached as Appendix "A" is the weekly review of "Q" (Mvts)
activities.

SURVEY

7. New Maps

New maps of CAPE NELSON (NG), SHARK BAY and EDEL (WA),
and ITALY were exhibited for inspection.


Major,
S.D.I.

MOVEMENT AND TRANSPORTATION - WEEKLY REPORT
18/24 NOV. 43

The following are the main points --

MOVEMENT BY RAIL : (COMPLETED)

131 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	Vic to N.T.
HQ 121 Aust Lt AA Regt	
1 Sec 121 " " " " W/shop	W.A. to Qld
226 " " " Bty	
U.S.A. 12 personnel trains	N.S.W. to Qld
1 mixed train	
LHQ School of Arty T/A	Vic to N.S.W.
42 T/A Bty	

M.T. and other wheeled equipment moved by Rail and Road :

To -	Qld from NSW, Vic	174	
	NSW " Vic, Qld, WA, SA	103	
	Vic " NSW	24	
	N.T. " NSW, Vic	50	351

Ammunition moved Interstate

1450 tons

(CURRENT)

		<u>Commenced</u> <u>on</u>	<u>Completed</u> <u>approx</u>
USA (3 trains)	NSW to Qld	24/11	27/11
54 Aust AA Regt & Wkshop	" " N.T.	1/11	30/11
55 " " " " "			
& Sig Sec	Qld to N.T.	8/11	30/11
136 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	N.T. to NSW	24/11	6/12
"F" Sec 2/7 Aust Dental Unit	N.T. to NSW	21/11	3/12
36 Aust Cypher Sec	NSW to N.T.	22/11	4/12
"N" Aust Lt AA Tps	Vic to N.T.	23/11	3/12
201 Aust Comp AA Reg Sig Sec	Wkshp N.T.	23/11	8/12
2/164 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	Qld to N.T.	16/11	16/12
"L", "M" & "O" Aust	Vic to Qld	23/11	29/11
AA Tps			
5 Aust Lt Fd Amb	WA to Vic	22/11	leave by States
14 Sec Aust Kit Store	WA to Qld	20/11	25/11
17 Aust Inf Bde ex	Vic to Qld	19/11	25/11
leave (3 trains)			
16 Aust Inf Bde Leave	Qld to Home States	23/11	1/12
NG leave 1st Party	Qld " " "	19/11	1/12
Nov. leave			
N.T. Leave 1st Party	N.T. " " "	18/11	--

(FUTURE)

		<u>Commence on</u>
NG Leave 2nd Party	NSW " Home States	27/11
Nov. leave		
U.S.A. personnel	NSW " Qld	26/11
(4 trains)		
RAAF 21 Sqn	SA " Qld	25/11
" 11 R.3.V.	NSW " Qld	26/11
2/11 Aust A Tps Coy	NSW " Qld	6/12
2/1 " " Fd Coy	NSW " Qld	28/11
2/8 " " Fd Coy	NSW " Qld	12/12
7 Aust Wkshop & Pks Coy	WA " NSW	30/11
2/163 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	Qld " N.T.	
146 " " " "	N.T. " Vic	
2/110 " " " "	N.T. " NSW	
22 and 23 Aust Maint Pl	NSW " N.T.	
6 Aust Army Tps Coy	N.T. " NSW	
Four Sec 76 Aust Dental Unit	W.A. " N.T.	

(FUTURE) - contd.

H.Q. 4 Aust Pigeon Sec	}	W.A. to Qld.
29, 30, 31, 32, 36, 37, 38		
39, 40 Aust Pigeon Lofts		

DIRECTORATE OF DOCKS

Lighters -	Position as at 24 Nov 43.
40/60 tons	49 shipped to New Guinea 67 under construction or to be constructed 27 available for shipment, 8 of which are for 1 Aust Army 14 shipped to Darwin.
100 tons	18 under construction
300 tons	8 under construction

DIRECTORATE OF WATER TRANSPORT

Movement of Craft -

En route Thursday Island	2
" " Port Moresby	1

GENERAL

A daily courier service between LAE and FINSCHHAFEN is to operate forthwith to carry urgently required stores, mail and small number of passengers.

The rapid decline of activities in the MOROBE area has resulted in the withdrawal of all craft except four (4) launches, carrying personnel to and from LAE.

HQ 12 Aust Water Tpt Coy ceased operations at PORT MORESBY on 15 Nov and will resume work at BUWA not later than 26 Nov.

Water Transport craft in New Guinea waters carried 3038 tons of cargo and 3603 passengers for period 1-15 Nov.

VEHICLE CAPACITY OF ALCM MK.I.

A test loading carried out at Port Moresby revealed that two Ford tip trucks could be carried without undue interference to navigation or running repairs.

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S E C R E T

To 3 AUST CORPS NORFORCE MILBASE PERTH MILBASE ADELAIDE
MVTS PERTH MVTS ADELAIDE MVTS ALICE SPRINGS MVTS DARWIN
(RPTD) LANDOPS

From LANDFORCES SD71398 25

SECRET	(.)	WARNING	ORDER	(.)
FIRST	(.)	113	AUST	MOB
BATH	UNIT	WILL	MOVE	PRESENT
STRENGTH	NOT	BEFORE	1	DEC
43	FROM	3	AUST	CORPS
AREA	TO	NORTHERN	TERRITORY	UNDER
MVTS	LHQ	(.)	UNDER	COMD
NT	FORCE	ON	ARRIVAL	(.)
MOVE	WITH	PERSONAL	ARMS	AND
EQPT	ONLY	(.)	UNIT	EQPT
TO	REMAIN	AT	DISPOSAL	OF
3	AUST	CORPS	(.)	RELIEVES
116	AUST	MOB	BATH	UNIT
AND	TAKES	OVER	IN	SITU
ITS	UNIT	EQPT	ACCOMMODATION	STORES
TENTAGE	(.)	SECOND	(.)	116
AUST	MOB	BATH	UNIT	ON
RELIEF	MOVES	FROM	NORTHERN	TERRITORY
TO	VICTORIA	(.)	UNDER	COMD
VIC	L OF C	AREA	ON	ARRIVAL
FOR	LEAVE	UNDER	GR0598	(.)
THIRD	(.)	ON	COMPLETION	LEAVE
UNIT	REMAINS	UNDER	COMD	VIC
L OF C	PENDING	FURTHER	LHQ	INSTRUCTIONS
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TO : MILBASE SYDNEY; MVTS SYDNEY; MILBASE MELBOURNE; MVTS MELBOURNE;
MILBASE ADELAIDE; MVTS ADELAIDE; MVTS ALICE SPRINGS; NORFORCE
DARWIN; MVTS DARWIN RPTD LANDOPS

FROM : LANDFORCES

SD 71449

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WARNING	ORDER (.)	SPECIAL	RADAR	TRG
CADRE	ATT	LHQ	S.	OF
ARTY	(AA)	WILL	MOVE	AT
AUTHORIZED	STRENGTH	NSW	L	OF
C	AREA	TO	NORTHERN	TERRITORY
UNDER	ARRANGEMENTS	MVTS	LHQ (.)	UNDER
COMD	NT	FORCE	ON	ARRIVAL (.)
NO	MOVE	BEFORE	27	DEC (.)
MOVE	WITH	PERSONAL	ARMS	AND
EQPT	PRESENT	UNIT	EQPT	INCL
VEHS	ACCOMMODATION	STORES	SCALE A	NOT
TENTAGE (.)	ACK			

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DRTn; DST; MGO; DOS; DME; Mil Sec; War Diary (2);
File: MGRA.

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TO : THREE AUST CORPS; MILBASE PERTH; MVTB PERTH; MILBASE ADELAIDE;
MVTB ADELAIDE; MILBASE MELBOURNE; MVTB MELBOURNE; MILBASE SYDNEY;
MVTB SYDNEY; MILBASE BRISBANE; MVTB BRISBANE; RPTD LANDOPS

FROM : LANDFORCES SD 71450 25

WARNING	ORDER (.)	FIRST (.)	3	AUST
ADV	RFT	DEPOT	WILL	MOVE
EARLIEST	3	AUST	CORPS	AREA
TO	QLD	L	OF	C
AREA	UNDER	ARRANGEMENTS	MVTB	LHQ (.)
UNDER	COMD	QLD	L	OF
C	AREA	ON	ARRIVAL (.)	MOVE
WITH	PERSONAL	ARMS	AND	EQPT
ONLY (.)	UNIT	EQPT	AT	DISPOSAL
3	AUST	CORPS (.)	WEST	AUST
PERSONNEL	WILL	BE	GRANTED	LEAVE
UNDER	GRO	5-8	BEFORE	DEPARTURE (.)
PERSONNEL	OTHER	STATES	WILL	BE
DESPATCHED	ON	LEAVE	IMMEDIATELY	AND
WILL	REJOIN	UNIT	QLD (.)	SECOND (.)
ON	ARRIVAL	QLD	PERSONNEL	WILL
BE	ABSORBED	IN	5	AUST
ARD (.)	LANDOPS	SD1664	OF	20
NOV	NOT	TO	ALL	ADDRESSEES REFERS (.)

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MGO; DOS; DME; Mil Sec; War Diary (2); File; A(D of PM).

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TO : NORFORCE; MVTS DARWIN; MVTS MT ISA; MVTS TOWNSVILLE;
MVTS ALICE SPRINGS; MILBASE ADELAIDE; MVTS ADELAIDE;
MILBASE MELBOURNE; MVTS MELBOURNE; MILBASE SYDNEY;
MVTS SYDNEY; MILBASE BRISBANE; MVTS BRISBANE; RPTD LANDOPS

FROM : LANDFORCES MELBOURNE SD 71451 25

WARNING	ORDER (.)	FIRST (.)	4	AUST
ADV	RFT	DEPOT	WILL	MOVE
EARLIEST	FROM	NORTHERN	TERRITORY	TO
QID	L	OF	C	AREA
UNDER	ARRANGEMENTS	MVTS	LHQ (.)	UNDER
COMD	QLD	L	OF	C
AREA	ON	ARRIVAL (.)	MOVE	WITH
PERSONAL	ARMS	AND	EQPT	ONLY (.)
UNIT	EQPT	AT	DISPOSAL	NT
FORCE (.)	PERSONNEL	WILL	BE	GRANTED
LEAVE	UNDER	GRO	598	EN
ROUTE (.)	SECOND (.)	ON	ARRIVAL	QLD
PERSONNEL	WILL	BE	ABSORBED	IN
5	AUST	ARD (.)	LANDOPS	SD1664
OF	20	NOV	NOT	TO
ALL	ADDRESSEES	REFERS (.)	ACK	

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DST; MGO; DOS; DME; Mil Sec; War Diary (2); File;
A(D of PM).

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For Brig,

DSD (SD5).

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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA

(Quartermaster-General)

L.H.C.

MOVEMENT CONTROL INSTRUCTION No.25
(Supplement No.1)

SM26458

Adv. LHQ	(10)	LHQ SFE (Field)	
HQ First Aust Army	(10)	LHQ S of SL	
HQ Second Aust Army	(10)	LHQ S of Sigs	
HQ New Guinea Force	(10)	LHQ SAS	
HQ NT Force	(6)	Offr Cadet Trg Unit	
HQ 3 Aust Corps	(6)	LHQ AASC School	
HQ 2 Aust Corps	(6)	LHQ S of Tech	
HQ 4 Aust Arm'd Bde	(2)	LHQ AAOC School	
HQ Qld L of C Area	(6)	LHQ Gas School	
HQ NSW L of C Area	(8)	LHQ AAFC School	
HQ Vic L of C Area	(6)	LHQ School of Radiophysics	
HQ SA L of C Area	(4)	LHQ EWE School	
HQ WA L of C Area	(4)	LHQ PT School	
HQ Tas L of C Area	(4)	LHQ School of MI	
RAG & SS (Aust)	(3)	RAAF School of Army Co-operation	
LHQ 2nd Echelon	(10)	LHQ School of Hyg & Sanitation	
HQ Aust Trg Centre JQ	(2)	LHQ Pro Trg School	
HQ Aust Arm'd Corps Trg Centre		LHQ Army Womens' Service Offr School	
HQ Aust Arty Trg Centre		LHQ Camflg Development & Trg Centre	
HQ 1 RAE Trg Centre		LHQ Bomb Disposal School	
HQ Aust Central Sig Trg Depot	(9)	LHQ School of Army Education	
LHQ Tactical School		LHQ School of Army Cooking and Catering	
LHQ AFV School		LHQ School of Malaria Control	
LHQ S of A (Fd, Med & Svy)		Group 244, RAAF (Army)	
LHQ S of A (AA)			
LHQ S of A (Tk A)			
H.Q., N.G. Force (Movt & Tn Sec)	(5)	No.6 Aust. Movt. Cont. Gp.	(15)
No.1 Aust. Movt. Cont. Gp.	(25)	No.7 " " " "	(10)
No.2 " " " "	(25)	No.8 " " " "	(30)
No.3 " " " "	(25)	2/1 Aust. Movt. & Tn. Gp.	(25)
No.4 " " " "	(15)	Adv LHQ (Movt Section)	(5)
No.5 " " " "	(15)		

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ADDRESSING AND CONSIGNING OF MILITARY TRAFFIC FOR MOVEMENT BY RAIL

Complaints have been received from the Railway Departments of Queensland, New South Wales and Western Australia in regard to the initial incorrect addressing and consigning of Navy, Army, Air and Allied Force traffic.

2. This results in traffic after arriving at the destination to which it is addressed and consigned having to be reconsigned to its correct destination and involves delay in release of rolling stock, unnecessary work by Railway personnel and delays in delivery.

3. Attention has also been drawn to consignments being wrongly described as "packages" when they consist of cases, cartons, bales, crates, etc. Such faulty description makes the identification of consignments difficult.

4. Particular attention must be paid by all concerned to the necessity for seeing that all Service traffic forwarded by rail is correctly addressed, consigned and described in the first place in order to overcome troubles of the nature described.

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QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.
2 Nov 43

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SECONDAUSTARMY; MILBASE SYDNEY; MVTS SYDNEY; MILBASE BRISBANE;
MVTS BRISBANE; LANDOP3 RPTD MILCOMAND MORESBY

LANDFORCES

SD 71453

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CANCEL	MY	SD71191	OF	24
NOV	REF	MOVE	14	AUST
SPECIAL	RADIO	DET	(TYPE	B)
TO	QLD	FOR	ONWARD	MOVE
NEW	GUINEA (.)	ACK.		

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TO : SECOND AUST ARMY RPTD NORFORCE LANDOPS
FROM : LANDFORCES SD 71452 25

REF	MY	SD54119	OF	7
SEP (.)	1	AUST	DIV	PRO
COY	WILL	NOW	BE	RETAINED
AND	PERSONNEL	WILL	NOT	BE
ABSORBED	12	AUST	DIV	PRO
COY (.)	LATTER	UNIT	WILL	NOW
BE	REDESIGNATED	SECOND	AUST	ARMY
PRO	COY	AND	ALLOTTED	SECOND
AUST	ARMY	AS	ARMY	TPS (.)
ACK				

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DAILY STAFF CONFERENCE - 26 & 27 NOV 43

MINUTES

GENERAL STAFF

Intelligence

1. Sitreps

SWPA and Solomons.

Weekly resume of operations in SWPA was given by G.1(Ops) and G.1(Int).

Staff Duties

2. Movement of Officers

MGO is at present in NG, and will be away approximately three weeks.

3. Cav Regts

2/6 and 2/9 Aust Cav Regts will now become 2/6 and 2/9 Aust Cav (Commando) Regts as dismounted units and allotted to their respective divisions. 2/7 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt reverts to 7 Aust Div. For the time being Cav (Commando) Regts will comprise two Cav (Commando) Sqns, and later may absorb Indep Coys recently re-organized as Cav (Commando) Sqns. Implementing instructions have been issued.

4. 2 Aust Arm'd Bde

Instructions were issued recently for the absorption of 2 Aust Arm'd Bde. Implementing instructions now issued provide for absorption of the Bde less 2/4 Aust Arm'd Regt and miscellaneous units to make up the group.

5. Weekly Reviews

Attached as Appendix "A" are weekly reviews:

- (i) DMF
- (ii) E-in-C
- (iii) SO-in-C

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL

6. Rail Service From ADELAIDE

The personnel train from ADELAIDE to MELBOURNE was cancelled on 26 Nov because of industrial trouble. It is not known when the service will be resumed.

MIL SEC

7. Promotions and Changes in Appointment

Mil Sec announced the following promotions and changes in appointment:

Lt-Col (T/Brig) B.S.Klein C.C.R.A. 3 Aust Corps, to carry out the duties of C.R.A. 2 Aust Div. in addition to his present duties

Lt-Col (T/Brig) L.G.H.Dyke, DSO, G.R.A. 2 Aust Div. to C.C.R.A. 2 Aust Corps

Lt-Col (T/Col) K.D.Chalmers B.R.A. L.H.Q. to C.R.A. 3 Aust Div. in rank of T/Brig.

Lt-Col (T/Col) K.M.Graham, E.D. No. 4 Course Senior Staff School (Aust), to G.S.O.1 Hq, 2 Aust Div.

Maj. (T/Lt-Col) F.V.MacLean, CBE. C.A.S.C. 3 Aust Div. to D.D.S.T. Hq Qld L of C Area in rank of T/Col.

Lt-Col (T/Col) T.H.Gosch D.D.M.T., C.G.S. Br. LHQ, to C.I. Junior Staff School (Aust)

Lt-Col (T/Col) J.E.Barrett C.I. Junior Staff School (Aust) to D.D.M.T. C.G.S.Br. LHQ.

Lt-Col (T/Col) R.G.Follard G.S.O.1 Hq 3 Aust Div to C.I., S.S.School (Aust)

Maj. (T/Lt-Col) I.T.Murdoch G.S.O.1 (Liaison) 1 Aust. Corps to Liaison Officer, HQ, N.3. Force.

Lt-Col T.E.Walker G.S.O.1 Comb.Ops 2 Aust Corps to G.S.O.1 Comb Ops 1 Aust Corps

Lt-Col A.L.Rose Liaison Officer, HQ, N.G. Force to Instr. Amphibious Tng Centre

Capt. (T/Lt-Col) E.R.Wilmoth, M.C. G.S.O.1 Hq 2 Aust Div. to G.S.O.1 Hq 5 Aust Div.

Maj. (T/Lt-Col) J.A. Bishop, MBE. C.O. 2/27 Aust Inf Bn. to G.S.O.1 Hq 6 Aust Div.

Capt. (T/Lt-Col) L.L.Scovron C.S.O. Qld. L of C Area. to Attached Hq 1 Aust Corps as Acting C.S.O.

Lt-Col F.M. St. John C.O. 2/1 Aust Tk.A. Regt. to C.O. 2/8 Aust Fd. Regt.

Maj. R.L.Johnston 2/7 Aust Fd Regt. to C.O. 2/2 Aust Fd Regt. in rank T/Lt-Col.

Maj. (T/Lt-Col) F.S. McAlister S.O.Arty. Gde. 1 Hq. R.A.A., 3 Aust Corps, to C.O. 2/1 Aust Tk A. Regt.

Maj. K.B.Picken, M.C. 2/7 Aust Inf Bn. to C.O. 2/27 Aust Inf. Bn. in rank of T/Lt-Col.

Lt-Col E.T.Dean, D.S.O., V.D. C.O. 25 Aust. Grn. Bn. & Gp. Comdt. Loveday Internment Camp, to C.O. 25/33 Aust. Grn. Bn. and Gp. Comdt. Loveday Internment Camp.

Maj. (T/Lt-Col) G.A.Richardson A.D.S.T. Hq, Qld L of C Area, to C.O. 1 Aust Sup Reserve Depot

Maj. G.W.Noble Temp.att. Insp. Div. I.G.H. M.G.O.Br. LHQ. to C.I. Eng. Sig. Stores I.G.H. M.G.O.Br. LHQ. in rank of T/Lt-Col.

Maj. (T/Lt-Col) G.D.T. Cooper, MBE. Instr. Sen. Wing S.S. (Aust) to C.I. Second Aust Army Junior Tactical School.

Capt. (T/Maj) H.P.Lavett Asst. to C.S.C. Hq N.T. Force, to Admin. Comd. LHQ Hvy Wireless Gp. Sigs.

Maj. (T/Lt-Col) T.J.Daly G.S.O.1, Hq, 5 Aust Div. to Instr. Senior Wing S.S. (Aust).

Lt-Col. (T/Col) E.T.Fenfold C.O. No. 3 L of C Sub-Area, Transfer to R & O.

Lieut. (T/Lt-Col.) H.R.Hunter Comd. LHQ Sigs. Hvy Wireless Gp. Transfer to Retired List

- 3 -

Maj. S.S. Mattick

2 1/c 32 Aust. Inf. Trg. Bn. to Comd. 28
Aust Inf. Trg. Bn.

J. P. Phillis

Major

SD.1

CONFERENCE - 27 NOV 43

TRAINING NOTES

1. LHQ AWSOS

A Conference was held at the Training Directorate during the week to decide the allocation of vacancies for the next two courses, i.e. to end of March 1944.

Vacancies have been allotted by arms and services and will be allocated to Formations in accordance with the results to date of the AWS Officer Free Selection Board.

2. VDC TRAINING

The CGS has approved in principle to the holding of 2 days' camps of training for a proportion of the VDC of Coast Defence and AA Units in all States.

A recommendation is being submitted to the Minister for necessary financial approval.

3. VACANCIES LHQ SCHOOLS

A Schedule of Courses for all LHQ Schools for half year ending 30 Jun 44 has been prepared. Formations are being circularised and asked to state their requirements in vacancies at all courses.

4. ARMY CORPS TRG CENTRE

The new organization for this Centre is now fixed and WE's approved.

In future the Centre will consist of a HQ, two Army Corps Trg Regts and a Driver Mechanics Wing.

The following Trg Units have been removed from CDS and are disbanding :-

Motor Trg Regt
Army Tank Trg Bn
Cav and Arm'd Car Trg Regt
Arm'd Corps Regt Sig Trg Regt.

All reorganization is to be completed by 20 Dec.

5. TRADE GROUP CLASSIFICATIONS.

(a) The following classification has been forwarded to DPS for Treasury approval :-

Parachute Repairers - Trade Group II.

(b) Action has been taken with DPS to delete Driver Mechanic (Eng and Mtd) in Trade Group II, such duty being absorbed in Driver Mechanic Trade Group III.

(c) The trade group classifications of Searchlight Personnel have been determined as follows :-

Instrument Operators,	Searchlight
" "	Searchlight Control
" "	Plotter
" "	Power Unit
" "	Communications Control,

all to be mustered in Trade Group II.

6. HEAT INSPECTORS ALSO

At the request of DST, action is being taken to provide urgently needed training for Heat Inspectors.

Sims Cooper Pty, Ltd., Abattoirs, Geelong, have been requested to assist in this training.

7. VISUAL TRAINING.

(A) CINEMA FILMS

In Production :

- (i) AC3 Silent Battle (Malaria) - Sound is recorded and a print was shown to DMP and DGMS officers on 22 Nov-approved for production.

Estimated delivery date of 16 mm prints - 2-3 weeks.

- (ii) ACsOs - Unarmed Combat - sound track is being recorded about 26 Nov.

(B) STRIP FILMS

Jungle Warfare Series.

Photography at Canungra has been suspended due to rains.

One film - "Personal Hygiene" - all photographs completed.

"Field Cooking" - photography completed at LHQ School of Cooking and Catering - 24 Nov.

"Paratroop Training" will be commenced at Group 244 RAAF about 26 Nov 43.

(C) SCREENINGS TO LHQ

24 Nov 43 - "Down to Earth".

1 Dec 43 - "Be Ammunition Minded" - Handling and Laying Anti-Tank Mines.

APPX. "B"

28th WEEKLY RESUME OF ENGINEER ACTIVITIES, 18 NOV - 24 NOV 43

R A E

1. Explosives

A sample of a Japanese detonating fuse, received from NEW GUINEA, has been forwarded to the Experimental and Development Laboratory, MARLBOROUGH, for analysis.

2. T.E. Tables

Amendments to the following WSE's, replacing all Trucks 3 ton GS with Trucks 3 ton tipping, and Trucks 15 ton GS by Trucks 1 ton with trailers, have been submitted to DSD for approval :-

Pl Coy
Pl Sqn
Indep Pl Sqn
Pl Pl Coy

WORKS

3. Installations

(a) BANDIANA - Transshipment Platforms

Sketch plans have been prepared and an estimate of cost supplied for construction of covered platforms and railway truck shelters for the protection of supplies being transhipped at S.R.D. BANDIANA.

(b) IPSWICH - Kit Store

Plans have been prepared for a woolstore type of building for use as a kit store and an estimate of cost has been supplied.

(c) ALBERT PARK - Office accommodation for Army and RAAF.

The contractor has now commenced the construction of a canteen building. The office blocks are being completed and it is anticipated will be available for occupation on 10 Dec 43.

4. Dock Facilities: As at 20 Nov.

(a) PORT MORSEY - Two Liberty ship docks, one of which is capable of handling two ships, and two jetties are available.

(b) MILNE BAY - Dock Hamilton Liberty ship dock is complete, making a total of four available for dry cargo for USASOS, not including the drum dock. Construction of the HONOLULU BAY Liberty ship dock is 75% complete. No work has been accomplished on the latter since 30 Oct. The new AUST Liberty dock, to replace LINES dock, was 100% complete on 12 Nov. No EDC available.

(c) GRO BAY - Construction of the third Liberty ship dock is 60% complete. Filling work between the approaches to the No 1 Liberty ship dock is nearly complete. The subgrade has been completed and rough shaped. Heavy rains have impeded the progress of the work.

(d) LAKE

The floating Liberty ship dock is complete, but daily maintenance work is required. As at 16 Nov the first piled Liberty ship dock was 50% complete, EDC 20 Nov. Work was scheduled to commence on the second piled Liberty ship dock approximately 18 Nov. EDC 16 Dec. The piled fuel jetty south of the airfield, dimensions 4' by 360', is 65% complete.

(c) CAIRNS Transshipment Depot.

- (1) Wharf Facilities - 800 lineal feet of the proposed 2000' of wharf is now under construction and is 31% complete. Labour shortage has prevented any work being done during the past two weeks. One of the three transfer sheds is 10% complete. No work has been accomplished on the others.
- (11) Dredging - Portage areas No 1 and No 2 are complete. The dredging crew arrived on the site 16 Nov and the dredge was moved into position the same day.

6. E & M Plant

The release has been granted by Controller of Electricity supply for an additional diesel generating plant, consisting of 220 KVA Alternator and Ruston Engine, from GLOUCESTER Butter Factory for CAPE RIVER Meat Works, QUEENSLAND.

8. Design

- (a) The drawing of a raised platform floor system for a woolstore type building, for use where earth filling is impracticable or too costly, has been completed. This has storey posts, 16'8" centres, for floor loadings of 500 and 900 lbs per sq ft.
- (b) The standard drawing of deep pit latrines, concurred with by the D. of Hygiene, has been completed.
- (c) A pilot model of a fibreen sheathed portable sleeping hut, for use in lieu of tents, has been examined. Unless a fibreen sheeting stronger than that at present available is used, incorporation of this material in a relatively expensive frame is not warranted.
- (d) The requirements of L of C Areas in cheap and portable "wooden tents", quickly and simply erected, can be met by the development of a folding hut with sheeting of masonite or waterproofed plywood. Floors as part of the building are not required.

7. Roads, NEW GUINEA.

- (a) BULIDOG-WAU - As noted before, this road was damaged by storms and earth tremors on 11, 12, and 16 Nov. Half mile of benching, three fords, and many bridges were damaged. First through movement was expected on 21 Nov; full restoration 15 Dec.
- (b) SUNSHINE-KIRKLANDS (42 miles): As at 9 Nov. Occasional loops can use road to KIRKLANDS; the first vehicle to reach the MARKHAM RIVER from SUNSHINE arrived at KIRKLANDS on 9 Nov. The pilot MT track was 45% completed: EDC for MT traffic, 31 Dec.
- (c) LAE-NADZAB: As at 20 Nov. The road from LAE to NADZAB is 58% complete, ED usable for medium traffic is 10 Dec. An access road to the hospital area is being constructed from the LAE-NADZAB road at JACOBSON's plantation. Other access roads are to be built from the TERRACE to the EMERY Plantation road and from the east side of MT LUNAMAN to the hospital access road. This last road will be approximately parallel to the BUTIBUM River and will be connected by lateral roads with the TERRACE - EMERY Plantation Road. This road net will provide for a series of dump areas.

(d) KIRININA: As at 20 Nov.

Road network is 70% complete. EDC 30 Nov.

(e) GOODENOUGH ISLAND: As at 20 Nov.

18 miles of the main road system are usable. Entire programme was 92% complete as at 6 Nov. EDC 15 Dec.

(f) WOOGLASSR ISLAND: As at 20 Nov.

Road construction is 99% complete. 28 miles are in use.

8. Airfields: As at 20 Nov.

(a) PINSCHAFEN - The 100' x 6000' steel mat runway, parallel taxiway, and alert areas for a total of 100 fighters are estimated for completion 10 Dec. Required dispersal for 1 group fighters and 2 group medium bombers; EDC 1 Feb 44.

(b) NALZAB Area - Taxiway parallel with the WARRHAM strip is being steel mat surfaced. All transport strips in this area are being maintained and the dispersal facilities are being improved.

ST O R E S

9. General

Arrangements have been made for the transfer of surplus accumulated Engineer stores from WA, SA, VIC, and TAB L of C Areas, to HSE L of C Area.

10. Non Metallic Sheetings

Deliveries of all non metallic sheeting are inadequate to meet HGF demands, and action is being taken to increase supply.

50,000 rolls each of Fibreen and Sicalmat have been ordered at rate of 4 - 5000 per month. Previous delivery has been at rate of not more than 2000 rolls per month of each.

APPX "C"

WEEKLY SIGNAL REVIEW

WEEK ENDING - 26 NOV. 43

COMMUNICATIONS ESTABLISHED:

A new wireless net has been opened connecting First Aust Army to 4 Aust Div and Merauke Force.

LINE CONSTRUCTION:

Moresby - Inonda

Reconstruction of the new route has commenced and estimated date of completion is 13 Dec 43.

Inonda - Lae

In order to expedite a telephone link from Moresby to Lae, for use by Allied Air Forces, U.S. Forces are installing a temporary V.H.F. Beam Radio to bridge the gap between Salamaua to Lae, while this section of the line is being completed.

Lae - Finschhafen

Spiral four cable for carrier communications is being laid over this section to provide three telephone and four telegraph circuits.

Brisbane - Townsville

The reconstruction and provision of two copper pairs on the section YAKRA - SARUA, on which three Aust Line Sections have been employed, is nearing completion. Two of the above-mentioned sections have now commenced construction on the Mackay - Proserpine section of this route.

Australia - New Guinea Submarine Cable

Circuit alignment tests are now being conducted over this cable, and it is anticipated that the channel will open for the passing of signal traffic between New Guinea and the mainland by approximately 30 Nov 43.

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TO : MILBASE MELBOURNE; MVTB MELBOURNE; MVTB SYDNEY; MVTB BRISBANE;
MVTB TOWNSVILLE; MVTB CAIRNS; FIRST AUST ARMY; 1 AUST CORPS;
RPTD LANDOPS; SECOND AUST ARMY; MILBASE SYDNEY

FROM : LANDFORCES

SD71661

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SECRET (.)	WARNING	ORDER (.)	FIRST (.)	101
AUST	BDE	SUPPORT	COY	WILL
MOVE	PRESENT	STRENGTH	PLUS	ATT
PERSONNEL	FROM	VIC	L	OF
C	AREA	TO	1	AUST
CORPS	AREA	NOT	BEFORE	30
NOV	UNDER	ARRANGEMENTS	LHQ	MOVTS (.)
UNDER	COMD	HQ	1	AUST
CORPS	ON	ARRIVAL	FOR	TRAINING
AS	REQUIRED (.)	SECOND (.)	MOVE	WITH
PERSONAL	ARMS	AND	EQPT	PRESENT
UNIT	EQPT	VEHS	ACCOMMODATION	STORES
SCALE	A	NOT	TENTAGE (.)	THIRD (.)
ON	ARRIVAL	1	AUST	CORPS
AREA	1	OFFR	AND	17
OR'S	WILL	BE	DETACHED	FOR
WORK	WITH	AUST	CW	RESEARCH
AND	EXPERIMENTAL	SEC	AT	INNISFAIL (.)
FOUR	MORTARS	AND	ASSOCIATED	STORES
WILL	ACCOMPANY	THIS	DET (.)	ACK

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A(Maint); DGMS; QMG; AQMG1; AQMG3; Q(M)(2); DRTn; DST; MGO; DOS;
DME; Mil Sec; War, Diary (2); File; G(Inf).

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interception.

William J. H. 2161

Brig,
DSD(SD5).

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MOB(b)/AM.

11/10/40

DAILY STAFF CONFERENCE - WEEKLY REVIEWS OF BRANCH
ACTIVITIES.

1. NGF REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ALLOTMENT OF AIRCRAFT TO ARMY.

Correspondence forwarded from Landops some 4 days ago not yet arrived.

RAAF Command have forwarded request to RAAF HQ as result of staff discussions with Landops. Recent reorganisation of RAAF Units in NG provided for two Communication Units and No. 9 Communication Unit was raised for the specific object of supplying communication, etc., facilities for ANGAU and NGF and consists of an establishment of -

6 Ansons
3 Wirraways
6 DH 84 s
6 Tiger Moths

On 30 Oct when this unit was authorised it actually had on strength all but 3 or 4 of their aircraft. Apparently RAAF Command were not aware of this unit and it is probable that NGF also were ignorant of its existence.

It is considered that this No. 9 Communication Unit will supply all the needs of NGF indicated in RAAF Command memo except that of Artillery reconnaissance for which the Tiger Moths are unsuitable.

It is recommended that the Army requirement for Air OP's should be treated separately on the lines of Notes submitted to CGS which recommends that Allied Air be asked to provide eight Taylor Club aircraft for the formation of an Air O.P. detachment under control of RAAF.

2. UNIT NAME AND ADDRESS - PARACHUTE UNITS.

Approval has been given for the use of the following address for official correspondence -

1 Aust Parachute Bn AIF,
AUSTRALIA.

The address for the Parachute Training Depot Army Wing remains as heretofore, viz - Group 244. RAAF (Army), Richmond, N.S.W.

3. SIGNAL OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS - REPRESENTATION OR COMMUNICATION COMMITTEES.

Nominations have been called for Australian Army representatives on GHQ Communications Committees.

4. GLIDERS.

The question of Gliders being a requirement for the Australian Army is under review, and recommendations have been submitted for the information of the C-in-C.

Jan. B. Brown
for Lt-Col.
G I (Air).

A.O.D.

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TO : FIRSTAUSTARMY; 1 AUST CORPS RPTD LANDOPS; NEW GUINEA FORCE;
HILBASE BRISBANE; MVTs BRISBANE; MVTs TOWNSVILLE;
MVTs CAIRNS

FROM: LANDFORCES

SD 71095

26 .

SECRET (.)	REF	LHQ	SIGNAL	SD 71097
OF	26	NOV	NOT	TO
ALL	ADDRESSEES(.)	FIRST (.)	2/6	AND
2/9	AUST	CAV	REGTS	WILL
BE	RE-ORGANIZED	FORTHWITH	AS	CAV
(COMMANDO)	REGTS	ON	DISMOUNTED	BASIS(.)
EACH	REGT	WILL	CONSIST	OF
RHQ	ON	WE	TO	BE
DETERMINED	AND	THREE	CAV	(COMMANDO)
SQNS	EACH	ON	WE	FOR
SQ	VIDE	WE	III/100A/2	(.)
RHQ	AND	TWO	SQNS	WILL
BE	RAISED	AT	PRESENT	FROM
EACH	OF	2/6	AND	2/9
AUST	CAV	REGTS(.)	SECOND (.)	PROPOSED
MAXIMUM	RHQ	WE	7	OFFERS
53	ORs (.)	RESPONSIBILITIES	TACTICAL	CONTROL
AND	SUPERVISION	ADM	AND	TRG
OF	SQNS	UNDER	COMD (.)	THIRD (.)
ALL	SURPLUS	UNIT	EQPT	INCL
CONTROLLED	STORES	AND	VEHS	OF
2/6	AND	2/9	AUST	CAV
REGTS	NOT	REQUIRED	ON	REORGANIZ- ATION
WILL	BE	AT	DISPOSAL	FIRSTAUST ARMY
AND	1	AUST	CORPS	RESPECTIVELY
(.)	2/6	AUST	CAV	REGT

2.

SD (contd)

WILL	NOT	RETAIN	ANY	VEHS
AND	VEHS	THIS	UNIT	NOT
REQUIRED	BY	FIRSTAUSTARMY	WILL	BE
RETURNED	TO	ORD	MT	POOL
MT	GRAVATT (.)	FOURTH (.)	AFTER	RETURN
OF	SURPLUS	UNIT	EQPT	VIDE
THIRD	PARA	2/6	AUST	CAV
REGT	WILL	MOVE	EARLIEST	AT
PRESENT	STRENGTH	TO	1	AUST
CORPS	AREA	UNDER	ARRANGEMENTS	HQ
FIRSTAUSTARMY(.)	UNDER	COMD	HQ	1
AUST	CORPS	ON	ARRIVAL	FOR
REORGANIZATION	AND	TRG	CONCURRENTLY	WITH
2/9	AUST	CAV	REGT (.)	FIFTH (.)
VEHS	TO	BRING	REGTS	TO
NEW	WE	SCALE	WILL	BE
PROVIDED	UNDER	SEPARATE	LHQ	INSTNS(.)
ACK				

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 Mil Sec; War Diary (2); File; DMT; G (Inf).

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 interception.

Alfred. H. H. H.
 Brig.
 DSD.(SD5).

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To: MILBASE MELBOURNE, MVTS MELBOURNE, MILBASE SYDNEY,
MVTS SYDNEY, MILBASE BRISBANE, MVTS BRISBANE,
LANDOPS, rptd MILCOMMAND MORESBY:

From: LANDFORCES

SD 71056

SECRET	(.)	WARNING	ORDER	(.)
6	AUST	FARM	COY	WILL
MOVE	AT	STRENGTH	AUTHORISED	VIDE
SM 25585	OF	6	NOV	FROM
VIC	L OF C	AREA	TO	QLD
UNDER	ARRANGEMENTS	MVTS	LHQ	(.)
UNDER	COMD	QLD	L OF C	AREA
ON	ARRIVAL	(.)	MOVE	TO
ARRIVE	QLD	NOT	BEFORE	16
DEC	BUT	SOONEST	THEREAFTER	(.)
ONWARD	MOVE	NEW	GUINEA	UNDER
ARRANGEMENTS	LANDOPS	(.)	MOVE	WITH
PERSONAL	ARMS	AND	EQPT	UNIT
EQPT	ACCOMMODATION	STORES	AND	TENTAGE
SCALE A	(.)	REQUEST	LANDOPS	ADVISE
LANDFORCES	DELIVERY	PT	ON	MAINLAND
FOR	VEHS	REQUIRED	FOR	ON
FORWARDING	TO	NEW	GUINEA	(.)
JUNGLE	GREEN	WILL	NOT	BE
ISSUED	(.)	PARTICULARS	VIDE	GRO 318
TO	BE	RPTD	LANDOPS	(.)

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SA(D of O), A(Maint); DGMS, QMG, AQMG1, AQMG3, Q(M) (2),
DRTn, DST, MGO, DOS, DME, Mil Sec, War Diary (2), File

Brig.,
DSD (SD5)

DEFERRED TO 2/11500 L
MILCOMMAND
MORESBY ONLY

S E C R E T

MILBASE SYDNEY, MVTB SYDNEY, MILBASE MELBOURNE
MVTB MELBOURNE, MILBASE ADELAIDE, MVTB ADELAIDE, MVTB
ALICE SPRINGS, NORFORCE, MVTB DARWIN, RPTD LONDON.

LANDFORCES

SD71806

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WARNING	ORDER	(.)	HQ	AND
SIX	SECS	2	AUST	L OF C
PRO	COY	WILL	MOVE	WE
STRENGTH	FROM	NSW	L OF C	AREA
TO	NORTHERN	TERRITORY	UNDER	ARRANGEMENTS
MVTB	LHQ	(.)	UNDER	COMD
NORFORCE	ON	ARRIVAL	(.)	NO
MOLE	BEFORE	10	DEC	(.)
RELIEVES	HQ	AND	SIX	SECS
NT	L OF C	AREA	PRO	COY
AND	ABSORBS	ONE	SEC	THIS
UNIT	NOT	BEING	RELIEVED	(.)
MOVE	WITH	PERSONAL	ARMS	AND
EQPT	ONLY	(.)	TAKE	OVER
UNIT	EQPT	NT	L OF C	AREA
PRO	COY	IN	SITU	(.)
ON	RELIEF	HQ	AND	SIX
SECS	NT	L OF C	AREA	PRO
COY	WILL	MOVE	NSW	L OF C
AREA	AND	COME	UNDER	COMD
HQ	NSW	L OF C	AREA	ON
ARRIVAL	(.)	MOVE	WITH	PERSONAL
ARMS	AND	EQPT	ONLY	(.)
ABSORBS	TWO	SECS	2	AUST
L OF C	PRO	COY	REMAINING	NSW
(.)	RELIEF	WILL	BE	CARRIED
OUT	IN	TWO	STAGES	(.)
FIRST	STAGE	HQ	AND	THREE
SECS	2	AUST	L OF C	PRO
COY	WILL	RELIEVE	HQ	AND
THL	SECS	NT	L OF C	AREA

PRO	COY	(.)	ON	COMPLETION
FIRST	STAGE	THREE	SECS	2
AUST	L OF C	PRO	COY	WILL
RELIEVE	THREE	SECS	NT	L OF C
AREA	PRO	COY	(.)	WHEN
WHOLE	RELIEF	COMPLETED	PERSONNEL	NT
L OF C	AREA	PRO	COY	WILL
BE	GRANTED	LEAVE	UNDER	GRO
598	(.)	EXISTING	UNIT	DESIGNATIONS
WILL	BE	RETAINED	(.)	ACK

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DST, NGO, DOS, DME, MIL SEC, WAR DIARY (2), FILE
PRO MARSHAL

J. M. Hampton
Brig.
DSD
(SD5)

T.O.O.

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TO FIRSTAUSTARMY: RPTD LANDOPS: 1 AUST CORPS: MILITARY BRISBANE:
LVTS BRISBANE: LVTS TOWNSVILLE: LVTS CAIRNS: NEW GUINEA FORCE

FROM : LANDFORCES

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SECRET	(.)	REF	SD71053	REQ	SM24450
OF	19	OCT		NOT	TO
ALL	ADDRESSEES	(.)		FIRST	(.)
REQUEST	FIRSTAUSTARMY	ARRANGE		MOV	2/15
AUST	LT	ED		AMB	TO
ARRIVE	1	AUST		CORPS	AREA
BY	7	DEC		(.)	UNIT
REQUIRED	FOR	ALLOTMENT		TO	8
AUST	INT	DEE		GP	(.)
SECOND	(.)	DESIRE		UNIT	MOVE
WITH	PERSONAL	DEPT		PRESENT	UNIT
EQPT	EIGHT	4 X 4		AMBS	ACCOMMODATION
STORES	AND	TENTAGE		SCALE	A
(.)	BALANCE	VEES		AT	DISPOSAL
FIRSTAUSTARMY AND		THESE		NOT	REQUIRED
TO	BE	RETURNED		ORD	VEE
POOL	AT	GRAVATT		(.)	THIRD
(.)	SEPARATE	ADM		INSTNS	BEING
ISSUED	BY	REQ		FOR	CONVERSION
2/15	AUST	LT		ED	AMB
TO	ED	AMB		ON	WE
II/16/4	(TS)	TO		BE	ISSUED
TEXT	FEW	DAYS		(.)	REORGANIZATION
WILL	TAKEN	PLACE		IN	1
AUST	CORPS	AREA		(.)	DESIGNATION
ON	REORGANIZATION	WILL		BE	2/15
AUST	ED	AMB		(.)	ACK

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A (Maint), DGHS, QMG, AQMG 1, AQMG 3, Q (E) (2), DRTn, DST,
MGO, DOS, DME, Mil Sec, War Diary (2), File

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
(Chief of the General Staff)

206020

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

HQ First Aust Army	(10)		27th Nov 43.
HQ Second Aust Army	(10)	HQ NSW L of C Area	(8)
HQ 3 Aust Corps	(8)	HQ Vic L of C Area	(8)
HQ NG Force	(8)	HQ SA L of C Area	(6)
HQ NT Force	(8)	HQ WA L of C Area	(6)
HQ Qld L of C Area	(8)	HQ Tas L of C Area	(4)

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CFO (2); MS (3); O2E (10); SO-in-C (6); E-in-C (3); GSO II (Tech)
LHQ (Qld), Vic Bks, Brisbane (10); GS0II (Tech) LHQ (NSW), Vic Bks,
Sydney (10); GS0II (Tech) LHQ (Vic), 339 Swanston St (10); GS0II
(Tech) LHQ (WA), Swan Bks Perth (4); Director of Industrial Training,
Century Building, Swanston St (10); Marconi School of Wireless, 47
York St, Sydney (2); Mr. Bowden Chief Engineer (Trg), PMG Dept,
Treasury Gardens, Melbourne (6).

TECHNICAL TRAINING OF AMF PERSONNEL

1. Technical Training of AMF personnel will not be conducted at the undermentioned establishments during the period 24/27 Dec 43 (all dates inclusive) :-
 - (a) Technical Colleges and Schools in all States;
 - (b) PMG Training Schools and establishments in all States;
 - (c) Marconi School of Wireless, Sydney.
2. Courses scheduled to commence on the 27 Dec 43 will now commence on the 28 Dec 43 and Courses scheduled to complete on the 25 Dec 43 will now complete on the 23 Dec 43.
3. Local leave may be granted by CO's ATTD to students attending Courses at the establishments referred to in para 1, for the period 24/27 Dec 43 (inclusive).
4. Leave granted on the 25 Dec 43 and/or 26 Dec 43 will not be debited against a member's credit. Leave granted on 24 Dec 43 and/or 27 Dec 43 will be debited against a member's credit.
5. CSO's SA and Tas L of C Area may act as CO's ATTD for the purposes of this instruction.
6. A statement of leave debited against a member will be forwarded to his (or her) unit on completion of the Course at which he (or she) is attending.
7. This instruction does not refer to students attending only part time training at any of the establishments referred to in para 1.

Gooch
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

W. J. Davis
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DAILY STAFF CONFERENCE - 29 & 30 NOV 43

MINUTES

GENERAL STAFF

Intelligence

1. 31traps

SWPA

Staff Files

2. Movement of Officers

DAG. N 100 for HQ 29 Nov, and will be away approximately two weeks.

Training

Training films

Two films "Armament Mindset" and "Wayne of A. Pa mines" will be screened at LHM on 1 Dec at usual times.

ADJUTANT GENERAL

3. Weekly Review

Attached as Appendix 'A' is the weekly review of A Branch activities.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

4. Weekly Review

Attached as Appendix 'B' is the weekly review of Q Branch activities.

SURVEY

5. New Maps

1-inch maps of KAIRIRI WEST and GOODENOUGH ISLAND, and 1/2,500,000 of SUVA were posted on the board.

J. P. Haddock

Major
D3L

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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S BRANCH
REVIEW OF BRANCH ACTIVITIES FOR WEEK ENDING
26 NOV '43

APPENDIX "A"

SERIAL 31

1. MANPOWER

Intake for week ending 20th November, 1943

MALES	105	
FEMALES	79	184

Discharges for week ending 20th November, 1943

MALES - Medical	513		
MPR Scheme	133		
Endorsed under re-			
cruiting scheme,	99		
Hardship and/or			
Compassionate	38		
Enlistment RAAF,	88		
Other reasons	392	1268	
FEMALES - Medical	8		
MPR Scheme	1		
Hardship and/or			
compassionate,	22		
Other reasons	14	45	1313

Net deficiency - 1129

2. PERSONNEL ON SEASONAL LEAVE WITHOUT PAY
FOR WEEK ENDING 20TH NOVEMBER, 1943.

ALL STATES 3561
 (Previous week ... 3498)

3. STRENGTHS A.M.F. EXCLUDING V.D.C. as at 6 NOV 43.

Posted Strength	398485	Previous Week	397472 Increase 1013
Reinfts in Depots		"	"
Trg Depots		"	"
AIF 20268		AIF 19920	
CMF 14489	34767	CMF 15745	35665
Other Depots &		"	"
In transit		"	"
AIF 7871		AIF 8079	
CMF 4925	12796	CMF 5253	13352
"X" List (excl.		"	"
students at Schools)		"	"
AIF 21998		AIF 22731	
CMF 11236	33234	CMF 11175	33906
Students at Schools		"	"
exceeding 28 days		"	"
AIF 2748		AIF 2534	
CMF 644	3392	CMF 783	3117
"X" Lists & Reinfts		"	"
in Depots - Females	2984	"	3383
	483658		484875

Net decrease ... 1217

Total W.E.	439736	Previous week	429736
Posted Strength	396485	" "	395472
Deficiency on posted strength	43251	" "	44264

Decrease ... 1013

The W.E. figure shown above is the official figure (excluding V.D.C.) quoted monthly by D.S.D. It takes account of current or pending re-organization.

STRENGTH WOMEN'S SERVICES as at 13 NOV 43 :

AANS	2897	Previous week	2907
AWAS	19796	" "	19449
AAWS	5580	" "	5618
	<u>28273</u>		<u>27974</u>

Increase ... 299

4. RECOVERY OF TRADESMEN :

The scheme for recovery of tradesmen which has been operating for some months is nearing completion and it has been decided to recall Inspecting Officers who are at present engaged in the supervision of the survey. Figures showing the number of tradesmen recovered will be available in due course.

5. RELEASE OF INDONESIANS :

At the request of the Netherlands Indies Commission, it has been decided to release 277 Indonesian personnel at present employed as Militarized Civilian Labour in 36 Aust Employment Coy. Upon release, these personnel are to be enlisted in the Netherlands Forces.

6. MARCH OF 16 AUST. INF. BDE :

Arrangements are being completed for the 16 Bde to march through Sydney on 4 Jan 43.

7. SURPLUS WARRANT AND N.C.O.'s :

It has been decided to appoint an officer to each G.D.D. in the eastern States to be known as Warrant and N.C.O. Replacement Officers. Their duties will be to assist Record Offices in posting surplus Warrant and N.C.O.'s now in depots and units, by personal interviews to determine their suitability or otherwise for absorption in units. All recommendations for promotions will be dealt with by these officers, with the view of posting a surplus Warrant or N.C.O. to the position vacant on the W.E. in terms of SM.19332 of 2 Aug 43.

8. LEAVE - CHRISTMAS, 1943 :

A circular has been issued, stating that, subject to operational requirements and such parades as may be necessary, for administrative purposes, Christmas Day, 1943, will be observed as an additional rest day.

Personnel retained for duty on Christmas Day, 1943, may be permitted to take Monday, 27th December, 1943, as a rest day in lieu.

9. AUST PRISONERS OF WAR IN JAPANESE HANDS - TRANSMISSION OF NAMES :

Cables have been received by the Prisoners of War Information Bureau through the International Red Cross Committee, Geneva, advising the names of a further 1827 Aust. P.W. in Japanese hands.

The number of names of Aust. P.W. held by Japan now received from the Japanese Government via Geneva (as distinct from other sources of information) totals 12,719 as follows :-

3,09 are in Malaya	90 are in Korea
2160 " " Java	33 " " Formosa
1491 " " Borneo	16 " " Manchukuo
4514 " " Thailand	30 " " Sumatra
875 " " Japan	

10. EDUCATION :

(a) Lectures. For the month ended 31 Oct, 3589 lectures were delivered to troops. This figure does not include statistics for New Guinea which have not yet come to hand.

A total of 445,042 troops, in all formations and areas (excepting New Guinea) participated in Army Education Service activities during October.

(b) Army Education in Forward Areas. Education Service personnel in New Guinea have been advancing with the forward troops and bringing educational facilities such as lectures and news summaries and commentaries to the troops whenever circumstances permit.

11. HEALTH OF THE FORCES :

(a) Malaria. Figures are incomplete, but those to hand indicate an anticipated rise in operational areas. Greatest incidence is reported from Dumpu and Finschhafen.

(b) Typhus. Shows a slight rise in other areas, chiefly in the neighbourhood of Buna.

(c) Dysentery. Figures have increased this week in other areas, chiefly Iae and Dumpu, but general incidence is low. Figures for other diseases remain low.

12. RAISING, DISBANDING AND RE-ORGANIZATION OF UNITS :

The following SMEs in respect of Raising, Disbanding and Re-organization of Units have been issued for week ending 26/11/43 :-

RAISING :

SM26234	65 AUST MOB SL BTY)	Provision of signallers for
	70 AUST MOB SL BTY)	
SM26303	4 AUST WATERCRAFT WORKSHOP AEME - RAISING OF	
SM26341	ADDITIONAL ORDNANCE VEHICLE PARKS - RAISING OF	
SM26342	9,10,11,12,13 AND 14 AUST MOB AMN REPAIR SHOPS - RAISING OF	
SM26395	1 AUST MARINE FOOD SUPPLY PL - RAISING OF	
SM26396	HQ 5 AUST BASE SUPPLY DEPOT - RAISING OF	
SM26398	73 AUST MOB SL BTY)	PROVISION OF SIGNALLERS FOR
	78 AUST MOB SL BTY)	

DISBANDING :

SM26216 DISBANDMENT OF HQ 14A L OF C SUB-AREA and RE-ORG OF CAMP STAFFS
SM26396 HQ 24 AUST SUPPLY DEPOT COY - DELETION OF

REORGANIZATION :

SM26202 WEs NG FORCE SEC INT CORPS - 1 AUST CORPS SEC INT CORPS
SM26216 DISBANDMENT OF HQ 14A L OF C SUB-AREA and REORG OF CAMP STAFFS
SM26233 TRANSFER OF ORDNANCE PERSONNEL TO EASTERN STATES
SM26282 PHARMACEUTICAL PERSONNEL - TRANSFER OF
SM26311) NEW GUINEA DETAILS DEPOT - EXPANSION OF
) NEW GUINEA LEAVE CAMP - REALLOTMENT OF PERSONNEL
SM26342 1 AUST ORD AMN REPAIR FACTORY - REALLOTMENT OF PERSONNEL
SM26358 RELEASE OF 337 INDONESIANS FROM 36 AUST EMP COY TO WEIs.
SM26381 117 AUST GEN HOSP (1200 BEDS) - REALLOTMENT OF PERSONNEL
SM26387 LHQ PROVOST TRG SCHOOL - ADDITIONAL STAFF.
SM26397 ADM HQs AT ALICE SPRINGS - TRANS OF PERS TO HQ 11-L OF C SUB AREA. TO BE CARRIED SUPERNUMERARY TO WE FOR 3 MONTHS.
SM26394 RE-ORGANIZATION OF SIGNALS UNITS IN NSW

APPX 'B'

WEEKLY REPORT - BRANCH OF THE Q.M.G.

WEEK ENDED 27 NOV 1943

WORKS

Approvals L.of C. Areas

Priority Amount

NEW SOUTH WALES

North Ryde. No.2 Aust A.O.D.
Accommodation for personnel
(male and female)

B
(2902) £3,700

HIRINGS

Requisitions for week ending 27 Nov 43 were as follows:-

<u>Army</u>	<u>U.S.A.S.O.S.</u>	<u>R.A.A.F.</u>	<u>Navy</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>Total</u>
22	19	10	1	11	63

SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT

RATIONS

The number of balanced rations on hand in depots on 6 and 13 Nov 43 was respectively 80,575,000 and 80,057,000.

Supplies of Native Twist Tobacco have been made available during the week to U.S.Army and New Hebrides Defence Force.

Arrangements are in hand for the provision of 44 gall. drums for packing flour for use in bakeries only, in forward areas. This will effect economies in labour and shipping space.

Supplies of ingredients have been forwarded to N.S.W. for manufacture of Fruit Cake for issue on the Pacific Scale.

FARMS

Yields for October in N.T. were 306,019 lbs i.e., approximately 136 tons.

Eggs totalled 583 doz.

Total acreage under crops is 119.50 acres, with another 168 acres under fallow and green manure crop.

With the advent of wet weather and generally hot humid conditions, vegetable crops have declined and production will decrease during the "wet". Fruit crops are looking well and yields of paw paw, pineapples and bananas will show marked increase. Egg production has risen as the result of early pullets from KATHERINE Farm commencing to lay but no appreciable increase can be anticipated until early 1944 when 5,000 pullets will be laying.

BAKERIES

A recent inspection of Field Bakeries in N.T. and C.A., showed that the quality of bread throughout this area, when gristed biscuits were not used, was of excellent quality. The use of the biscuits either gristed or soaked, has been discontinued.

Service, cleanliness of premises and of the utensils used for bread production are of a high standard.

OVENS

The improvised ovens at LARRIMAH have been replaced by two Field Steamships. Eight other ovens have arrived in the area leaving only two more to complete units entitlements.

PETROL OIL AND LUBRICANT.

Bulk Ocean Terminal - DARWIN

It has been necessary to ship approximately 6,000 x 44 gallon drums of M.T. Petrol to make up for deficiency in bulk deliveries due to shortage of tankers for coastal transfer. This position will be rectified when the "Shwedagon" is repaired which is expected to be mid-December.

Power Alcohol.

Last week mention was made of the request by the Minister of Supply and Shipping for the lifting of the ban imposed at request of Army on the distribution of petrol/alcohol blend in country areas of New South Wales, to enable disposal of the surplus product from the Commonwealth owned distillery at COWRA.

Agreement has now been reached that Army will relax the embargo on the use of power alcohol petrol blends in a selected zone of the N.S.W. country area in the vicinity of COWRA, to enable disposal of surplus of 1,200,000 gallons of power alcohol as a 20% blend with both petrol and power kerosene. This will involve adjustment to existing Army reserve bulk storage in the area to enable provision of tanks for blending both products at "A" Depots.

P.O.L. Reserves - QUEENSLAND

G.O.C. Queensland L of C Area has recommended -

- (a) the elimination of SOUTH QUEENSLAND of country reserves of 44 gallon drums excepting 2,500 at WARWICK;
- (b) the concentration of lubricating oil reserves at ocean terminals in accordance with practice now obtaining in other States in AUSTRALIA.

This has been agreed and the necessary action to implement taken.

Range Fuel

In view of field difficulties in the operation of certain types of stationary engines, particularly radio location, experienced by both U.S. and Aust Army Units, it has been agreed to defer the elimination of range fuel (unleaded petrol) indefinitely. Further approach is being made to U.S. authorities in Washington and Director-General, Import Procurement with the object of having deliveries of bulk supplies of unleaded fuel continued for S.W.P.A.

White Fuel Requirements - Source of Supply.

Cabled information received by Department of Supply and Shipping would indicate that future supplies for S.W.P.A. will come exclusively from the Persian Gulf owing to shortage of stocks on the West coast of the American continent.

The "short haul" policy involving minimum loss of tanker time will be seriously affected by such action and investigation is therefore being made with the local authorities of the advisability of introducing coastal tankers for provisioning proportion of requirements north of SYDNEY from MELBOURNE and/or SYDNEY.

Whilst the above policy has been predicted, information on shipments now programmed indicates that, although future supplies are not coming from CALIFORNIA, they are available from TALARA, SOUTH AMERICA, in sufficient quantity to maintain the "short haul" policy.

DIRECTORATE OF POSTS.

MAILS

Airborne mails from the mainland for NEW GUINEA and adjacent points in week ending Nov 25 were -

<u>TO</u>	<u>NO. OF BAGS</u>	<u>FREQUENCY PER WEEK</u>
Port Moresby	392	Daily
Milne Bay	106	"
Thursday Island	83	6
Merauke	19	5

An increasing accumulation of letter mails at TOWNSVILLE for N.G., led to the despatch on 22 Nov by ship for PORT MORESBY of 319 bags approximating 511,000 letters.

For similar reasons consequent upon air channels not being available, 190 bags approximating 293,000 letters were despatched by ship from NEW GUINEA on 22 Nov.

"GUINEA GOLD" - ISSUE IN BUNA AREA

Publication of "Guinea Gold" in Buna Area was fixed to commence on 15/11/43 and Postal arrangements made contemplate circulation of consignments to Formations etc., in Forward Zones to be despatched through Aust Army Postal channels. Distribution of copies received will be made by H.Q.: Formations etc., concerned under Unit Arrangements.

CANTEENS

Christmas Fare.

Position of Christmas poultry and ham for Forward Areas is :-

Darwin	Completely shipped
Milne Bay	"
(Lee	Shipped in full 23/11/43 to Brisbane
(Finschhafen	for on-carriage by American Transport.
(Buna	
Port Moresby	Shipment in full made on 26/11/43

17/10/88

SECONDAUSTARMY: FIRSTAUSTARMY: NORFORCE: MILBASE SYDNEY: MILBASE BRISBANE: MVTS SYDNEY:
MVTS BRISBANE: MVTS MT ISA: LVTS DARWIN: RPTD LANDOPS: MVTS TOWNSVILLE

LANDFORCES

SD 72207

30

SECRET (.)	WARNING	ORDER (.)	REF	MY
SD63364	OF	20 OCT	AND	SM24837
OF	26 OCT	BOTH	NOT	TO
ALL	ADDRESSEES (.)	FIRST (.)	556	AUST
LT	AA	BTY	(STATIC)(HE)	WILL
MOVE	AT	STRENGTH	RAISED	SOONEST
POSSIBLE	AND	NOT	LATER	THAN
8 DEC 43	FROM	SECONDAUSTARMY	AREA	TO
FIRSTAUSTARMY	AREA	UNDER	MVTS	LHQ (.)
UNDER	COMD.	FIRSTAUSTARMY	ON	ARRIVAL
FOR	COMPLETION	TO	WE	STRENGTH
AND	ALLOTMENT	AA	DEFENCES	TOWNSVILLE (.)
MOVE	WITH	PERSONAL	ARMS	AND
EQPT	WET	SCALE	UNIT	EQPT
INCL	VEHS	PRESENT	ISSUED	ACCOMMODATION
STORES	SCALE A	NOT	TENTAGE (.)	RELIEVES
232	AUST	LT	AA	BTY
OF	55	AUST	AA	COMP
REGT (.)	SECOND (.)	ON	RELIEF	232
AUST	LT	AA	BTY	REORGANISED
CH	18	GUN	BASIS	WITH
SIG	AND	WKSP	SUBSECS	MOVES
FROM	TOWNSVILLE	TO	NORTHERN	TERRITORY (.)
UNDER	COMD	NT	FORCE	ON
ARRIVAL	FOR	ALLOTMENT	55	AUST AA
COMP	REGT (.)	MOVE	WITH	PERSONAL

SD 72207 - continued.

ARMS	AND	EQPT	WET	SCALE
UNIT	EQPT	INCL	VEHS	ACCOMMODATION
STORES	TENTAGE	SCALE	A (.)	THIRD (.)
SECONDAUSTARBY	TO	ADVISE	FIRSTAUSTARBY	OF
DETAILS	DEFICIENCIES	IN	PERSONNEL	AND
VEHS	OF	556	AUST	LT
AA	BTY	(STATIC)(HE) (.)	ANY	DEFICIENCIES
IN	VEHS	WILL	BE	MADE
AVAILABLE	FIRSTAUSTARBY	AREA	BY	LHQ
ON	ADVISE (.)	ACK		

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3 AUST CORPS; SECOND AUST ARMY; MILBASE PERTH; MILBASE ADELAIDE;
MILBASE MELBOURNE; MILBASE SYDNEY; MVTS PERTH; MVTS ADELAIDE;
MVTS MELBOURNE; MVTS SYDNEY (RPTD) RAE TRG CENTRE WAGGA

LANDFORCES		SD .72286		30
SECRET (.)	WARNING	ORDER (.)	FIRST (.)	2/2
AUST	BORING	SEC	WILL	MOVE
PRESENT	STRENGTH	EARLIEST	FROM	3
AUST	CORPS	AREA	TO	RAE
TRG	CENTRE	WAGGA	NSW	UNDER
MVTS	LHQ (.)	UNDER	COMD	SECOND
AUST	ARMY	ON	ARRIVAL	FOR
ADMINISTRATION	(.)	MOVE	WITH	PERSONAL
ARMS	AND	EQPT	UNIT	EQPT
ACCOMMODATION	STORES	SCALE	A	NOT
TENTAGE (.)	FOLLOWING	VEHS	ONLY	WILL
ACCOMPANY (.)	TRAILER	WATER	AND	ALL
4 x 4's	AND	SEMI	TRAILERS	HELD (.)
BALANCE	OTHER	TYPES	TO	BE
RETURNED	TO	7	AOD (.)	SECOND (.)
LEAVE	UNDER	GRO	598	TO
BE	GRANTED	TO	WEST	AUST
PERS	BEFORE	DEPARTURE (.)	LEAVE	BALANCE
PERS	ON	COMPLETION	MOVE	TO
WAGGA (.)	THIRD (.)	TWO	BORING	RIGS
HELD	SURPLUS	TO	WET	BY
2/2	AUST	BORING	SEC	TO
BE	TRANSFERRED	TO	62	AUST
CORPS	FD	PK	COY	BEFORE
DEPARTURE (.)	ACK.			

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LOCATIONS OF FORMATIONS AS AT 30 NOV 48.

SERIAL (a)	FORMATION (b)	LOCATION (c)	REMARKS (d)
11	<u>FIRST AUST ARMY</u> HQ First Aust Army	TOO COMBA	To be disbanded
2	2 Aust Armd Bde Gp	BARABEAH	
3	<u>4 Aust Div</u> HQ 4 Aust Div 11 Aust Inf Bde	BURSTER CK MERALUE	
4	3 Aust Inf Bde	LICK CK	
5	<u>1 AUST CORPS</u> HQ 1 Aust Corps	BARRINE	
6	<u>3 Aust Div</u> HQ 3 Aust Div 8 Aust Inf Bde 23 Aust Inf Bde	NAIRI " "	
7	<u>6 Aust Div</u> HQ 6 Aust Div 16 Aust Inf Bde 17 Aust Inf Bde 19 Aust Inf Bde	SONDECLA " " "	
8	2/7 Cav Commando Regt	MONGAEEL	
9	<u>SECOND AUST ARMY</u> HQ Second Aust Army	PARRAMATTA	
10	<u>1 Aust Div</u> HQ 1 Aust Div 1 Aust Inf Bde 9 Aust Inf Bde 28 Aust Inf Bde	BURCOOD ST IVES WOLLONGONG RUTHERFORD	
11	<u>NEW GUINEA FORCE</u> HQ New Guinea Force	PORT MORESEY	
12	7 Aust Inf Bde	PORT MORESEY	en route MIL.
13	15 Aust Inf Bde	PORT MORESEY	
14	18 Aust Inf Bde	PORT MORESEY	
15	<u>7 Aust Div</u> HQ 7 Aust Div 21 Aust Inf Bde 25 Aust Inf Bde	DUMPU AREA DUMPU AREA DUMPU AREA	
16	HQ 14 Aust Inf Bde	MILNE BAY	MILNE BAY Fortress Command
17	112 U.S. Cav Regt	COOLARK I	

SERIAL (a)	FORMATION (b)	LOCATION (c)	REMARKS (d)
18	158 U.S. Regt	MIRIMA I	
19	503 U.S. Para Inf Regt	PORT MORESBY	
20	<u>1 U.S. MARINE DIV</u> Hq 1 US Marine Div Combat Team (A) Combat Team (B) Combat Team (C)	GOLDENROUGH I MILNE BAY GOLDENROUGH I ORC BAY	
21	<u>32 US Div</u> Hq 32 US Div 126 US Inf Regt 127 US Inf Regt 128 US Inf Regt	GOLDENROUGH I MILNE BAY " " GOLDENROUGH I	
22	<u>2 AUSTRALIAN CORPS</u> Hq 2 Aust Corps	DOBOJURA AREA	
23	<u>5 Aust Div</u> Hq 5 Aust Div 29 Aust Inf Bde	MALAHANG AREA " "	
24	<u>9 Aust Div</u> Hq 9 Aust Div 4 Aust Inf Bde 20 Aust Inf Bde 24 Aust Inf Bde 26 Aust Inf Bde	FINSCHERFEN HELDSBACH HELDSEBACH BONG RIVER JIVEVANING	
25	<u>11 Aust Div</u> Hq 11 Aust Div 6 Aust Inf Bde	DOBOJURA AREA MIRONDA	
26	<u>3 AUSTRALIAN CORPS</u> Hq 3 Aust Corps	MT LAWLEY	
27	<u>2 Aust Div</u> Hq 2 Aust Div 3 Aust Motor Bde 5 Aust Inf Bde	MCCOYCONGORA DARDARAGAN MT FAIRFAX	
28	1 Aust Armd Bde Gp	MCCORA	
29	<u>NORTHERN TERRITORY FORCE</u> <u>12 Aust Div</u> Hq 12 Aust Div 2 Aust Inf Bde 12 Aust Inf Bde 13 Aust Inf Bde	(57 MILE CAMP) (66 1/2 MILE CAMP) (39 MILE CAMP) (51 MILE CAMP)	
30	<u>SIXTH US ARMY</u> Hq Sixth US Army	CAMP COLUMBIA	
31	<u>1 US Cav Div</u> Hq 1 US Cav Div 5 US Cav Regt 7 US Cav Regt	STRATHPIE " " "	

SERIAL (a)	FORMATION (b)	LOCATION (c)	REMARKS (d)
31 (Contd)	<u>1 US Cav Div</u> 8 US Cav Regt 12 US Cav Regt	STRATHPIRE "	
32	<u>1 US CORPS</u> HQ 1 US Corps	ROCKHAMPTON	
33	<u>24 US Div</u> HQ 24 US Div 19 US Inf Regt 21 US Inf Regt 34 US Inf Regt	ROCKHAMPTON " TCORBUL POINT	
34	<u>41 US Div</u> HQ 41 US Div 162 US Inf Regt 163 US Inf Regt 1866 US Inf Regt	ROCKHAMPTON " " "	
35	<u>LHQ RES</u> 4 Aust Armd Bde Gp	NERANG	

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