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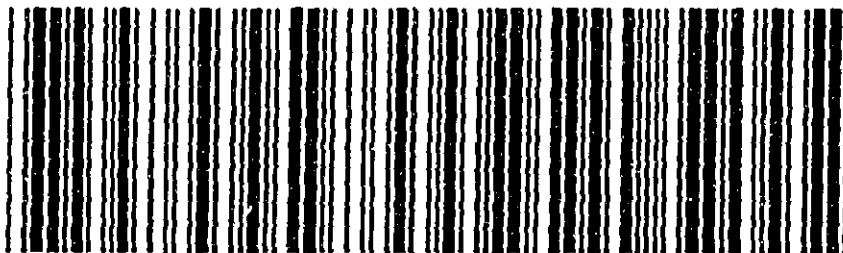
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Australian New Guinea
Administrative Unit

June 1944, part 2, Q branch



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Unit "Q" BRANCH ANGAU

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 Jun 44 to 2359 hrs 30 Jun 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby	June 1		Movt By Air & Sea - Procedure applicable to New Guinea	Appendix : "HQ Q1"
			ANGAU "Q" Branch activities - May 44	Appendix : "HQ Q2"
	" 2		Inspection of ANGAU MT carried by MT Inspection Sec.	
	" 3		DAQMG Moresby Base Sub Area called re System of Unit maintenance for MT Vehicles	
	" 6		S/C (2) Discussed with Comd ANGAU Southern Region further allocation of MT.	
	" 9		S/C (2) Discussed with Comd ANGAU Northern Region further allocation of MT.	
	" 13		Application submitted to Moresby Base Sub Area for 6 Sidney Williams Huts for use as Medical Bulk Stores.	
			Air droppings of rations to Ononogi arranged with 9 Comm Flt RAAF.	

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	" 17		Camp site previously occupied by NGF Rear Details taken over by ANGAU.	
	" 19		NX159 Maj. W.J. Hanbury appointed DAQMG ANGAU and commenced duty.	
	" 21		Lt. G. Toster appointed Transport Officer ANGAU and commenced duty.	
	" 23		Col Reed US Ordnance discussed timber requirements of US Army with DAQMG; timber from ANGAU Mills at Port Romilly	
	" 26		US Army sent boat to Port Romilly to pick up 150,000 ft timber for US Ordnance Dept.	
	" 29		VX176 Lt-Col G.A. NICHOLLS appointed AQMG ANGAU and commenced duty	

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Headquarters.
ANGAU
June 44

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Subject: MOVEMENT BY AIR & SEA
PROCEDURE APPLICABLE TO NEW GUINEA

1. OBJECT

This instruction is issued to clarify the system of arranging air and sea movement for ANGAU personnel and stores.

2. GENERAL

Directorate of Air Transport have now assumed responsibility for movement of personnel and stores, both intra NEW GUINEA and to AUSTRALIA, except in those areas where 5 USAAF still operates. The routes now under Directorate of Air Transport Control are:

- (a) to and from AUSTRALIA;
- (b) all routes to, and from PORT MORESBY, MILNE BAY and DOBODURA.

This necessitates a change in the present procedure and the adoption of the GHQ Regulating System of Priorities.

3. Under the GHQ Regulating System, priorities are established, on representation from AMF as follows:-

- (a) in the case of individual personnel and small detachments - by the GHQ Regulating Officer at the forwarding end;
- (b) in the case of stores, supplies etc - by the GHQ Regulating Officer at the destination;
- (c) in the case of troop movements - in accordance with GHQ Troop Movement Directives.

Priorities are as follows:

- AAA. For emergency movements having precedence over all other traffic where the urgency is such that a delay would seriously and directly affect current operations.
- AA1. For movements that should, if possible, depart from the loading point within twenty-four hrs after priority is granted.
- AA2. For movements that should, if possible, depart from the loading point within forty-eight hrs after priority is granted.

AA3. For movements that should, if possible, depart from the loading point within seventy-two hrs after priority is granted.

A. For movements of lesser urgency than "AA" priority, that should, if possible, depart from loading point within ninety-six hrs after priority is granted.

4. MOVEMENT OF INDIVIDUALS, X LIST PERSONNEL AND REINFORCEMENTS

Movement of all individuals, X List personnel and reinforcements will in future be effected through the Leave and Transit Section of NG Details Depot in the Base Sub Area concerned or, if there is no NG Details Depot in that Base Sub Area, through any Reception Camp functioning in lieu thereof.

5. The approving authorities for movement of all such personnel within NEW GUINEA will be:

- (a) Formation HQ (Div or higher);
- (b) ANGAU;
- (c) HQ Base Sub Area.

In this regard attention is drawn to NG Force Order A19/44. Movement of ANGAU personnel will be arranged as follows:

(d) in the case of HQ personnel - through "Q" Br ANGAU;

(e) in the case of Regional personnel - through the Regional HQ concerned.

6. Personnel whose movement has been authorised as above, except in the case of officers of a rank not below Lt-Col, will be marched into NG Details Depot or Reception Camp, as the case may be, and will be in possession of a Nominal Roll of Draft issued by the Unit, quoting the relevant authority and reason for movement. Formations and HQ's desiring urgent movement of personnel will supply NG Details Depot or Reception Camp, as the case may be, with full details as to the reason for travel and the degree of urgency.

7. NG Details Depot, or Reception Camp, as the case may be, will advise GHQ Regulating Officer through Movement Control, particulars of personnel, by destinations, requiring movement in accordance with pro forma "Request for Air Movement" attached as Appendix "A".

8. GHQ Regulating Officer is the only authority for the issue of priorities and, on grant of priority, forwards application to Directorate of Air Transport for allocation of space required.

9. Personnel will be called from NG Details Depot, or Reception Camp by Movement Control.

10. In the case of officers of a rank not below Lt-Col, bookings may be made by formation HQ direct with Movement Control on pro forma "Request for Air Movement". Movement Control will call forward such officers through the formation HQ concerned.

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11. MOVEMENT OF STORES, SUPPLIES, ETC.

Services at destination requiring stores, will submit particulars of same through Staff channels, or Regional HQ, to local Movement Control on pro forma attached as Appendix "B" "Cargo Air Shipment Request". Local Movement Control will then approach GHQ Regulating Officer, who grants priority, issues serial number and advises GHQ Regulating Officer at forwarding end. Movement Control will advise formation of priority and serial number allotted.

12. Formations at destination will signal formation at forwarding end, advising details of stores requested, priority and serial number allotted by GHQ Regulating Officer at destination.

13. Service concerned at forwarding end will submit to GHQ Regulating Officer through their formation HQ, or Regional HQ and movement Control pro forma "Cargo Air Shipment Request".

14. On receipt of pro forma "Cargo Air Shipment Request", GHQ Regulating Officer at forwarding end will certify the priority allotted by GHQ Regulating Officer at the destination, and will then allot Movement Control an authority number for the shipment from Directorate of Air Transport.

15. Movement Control will then advise the formation concerned of authority number and call shipment forward when advised by Directorate of Air Transport that space is allotted. The following particulars will be marked on each individual package comprising the shipment.

(a) Serial number allotted by GHQ Regulating Officer at the destination.

(b) Authority number allotted by Directorate of Air Transport at the forwarding end.

(c) Correct weight.

(d) Consignee.

(e) Destination (in clear).

16. On arrival at destination Directorate of Air Transport will advise consignee of arrival of stores.

17. Stores for consignment to destinations where no Regulating Officer exists, will be assigned priorities by Regulating Officer at the forwarding end.

18. MOVEMENT OF UNITS OR DETACHMENTS OF UNITS

Requests for the movement of units or detachments of units will be forwarded by the formation concerned to HQ MG Force for approval. If approved, HQ MG Force will act as follows:-

(a) In the case of movements of small detachments they will signal the formation concerned who will then take action similar to that laid down for movement of personnel

(b) In the case of movements other than small detachments, they will signal Adv LHQ requesting the allotment of GHQ priority. On the receipt

of this priority they will notify the formation concerned, who will then assume responsibility for all further action to implement the move.

MOVEMENT BY SEA

1. Movement of ANGAU personnel and cargo by SEA, on other than ANGAU vessels, will be effected through the Base Sub Area in the region concerned as follows:-
 - (a) in the case of HQ personnel moving on leave - through "A" Branch ANGAU;
 - (b) in the case of all other-HQ personnel, or cargo - through "Q" Branch ANGAU;
 - (c) in the case of Regional personnel, or cargo - through the Region concerned.
2. In the MORESBY Area, movement of personnel and cargo by ANGAU vessels will be effected through "Q" Branch, as before.
3. In other areas, movement of personnel and cargo by ANGAU vessels will be effected through Regional or District HQ.

Capt
Ch. Williams for Brig.
 DA & QMG ANGAU

Distribution:

Regional Comds.	(Northern	1 -	5
	(Southern	6 -	10
	(Island	11 -	15
RFC			16
PIB			17
KGIB			18
2 Aust Watercraft Wkshop			19
G			20
G (Sigs)			21
A		22 -	23
Q		24 -	25
Medical			26
Legal			27
Finance			28
Postal			29
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GHQ RS
Form A-1

PERSONNEL AIR SHIPMENT REQUEST

APPENDIX "A"

GHQ PRIORITY

AAA AA1 AA2 AA3 A

G.V.KENDALL. Lt. Col. AUS
R.O., PORT MORESBY

DATE

1. _____
Rank Last Name First Name M.I. Serial No. Organization

2. WEIGHTS: _____
Personal Baggage Total

3. DESTINATION: _____

4. PARTICULARS JUSTIFYING PRIORITY: _____

5. "_____" priority recommended.

Signature & Rank

Designated Representative of: _____

6. Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Signature of Applicant

GHQ R3
Form A-2
FM

AIR SHIPMENT REQUEST
(FREIGHT)

APPENDIX "B"
GHQ PRIORITY

To be prepared in triplicate

G.V. KENDALL Lt.-Col
AUS R.C. PORT MORSBY

Date

1. 2.
No. of pieces Description of cargo
3. 4. Shipment from to
Total weight
5. Full particulars justifying priority
6. Consignee Recommended priority
7. Consignor Signature
 Rank and organization

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ANSAU
1 Jun 44

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ANSAU TRANSPORT ACTIVITIES 5 - MAY 1944

1.

GEN 2.(a) TRANSPORT:

A Sub-Section was opened at Southern Regional HQ and is functioning satisfactorily under HQ. Returns from this Sub-Section are included in the detail set out hereunder. Returns from Sub-Sections outside the Moraby Area are incomplete.

The POL point supplied petrol, oils, range fuel and grease to Sub-Units, Sub-Sections, Unit's vehicles, outstations and missions.

The Section's Workshop mechanics maintained and carried out necessary repairs to all vehicles. Natives under the supervision of regular mechanics assisted in the work. In all sixty-six (66) vehicles passed through the workshop.

The DRLS continues to operate satisfactorily and has been extended to include Southern Regional HQ.

Following is a brief summary of the Transport Sections activities:

3,171 trips carried out;
56,499 miles covered;
10,396 gals POL issued;
20,627 personnel transported (an increase of approximately 9,000 on last month).

Goods Transported:

210 tons - shipping and air;
124 tons - rations (on outward trip) rubber
(on return)
1,002 tons - building materials;
40 tons - firewood;
105,800 gals - water supplied;
1,145 tons - miscellaneous.

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2. MAIL.

(a) MAIL:

Letter Mail - Consistent air service from Australia has kept the letter mail up to date, while the outgoing mail has been despatched satisfactorily.

Parcel Mail - Parcel and paper mail received towards the end of the month was the first in seven weeks. Shipping picking up at Townsville (the main shipping base) would greatly improve the position.

Delivery times from the Base Post Office have been altered to allow later hours of despatch from this Section:

Delivery times now read;

1st.	1030 hrs
2nd.	1630 hrs
3rd.	2030 hrs

(c) RUNNING:

Thirty-two (32) jobs comprising 79,620 runs were completed by the Section.

Five (5) natives are at present employed. Three (3) natives are on leave, return will cover the position.

3. WORK.

WORKS SECTION:

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Work at 2/5th Rd for S & S comprised:

Three 120' x 20' Bldgs completed 2/5/44;
Fourth " " " frame only 8/5/44;
Excavation for 60' x 30' office bldg commenced 8/5/44;
All work in this area stopped 9/5/44.

Commenced repairs and minor addition to S & S Bldgs, Hardie Rd (10 Sidney Williams 60' x 20').
Repairs and additions (partitions etc) to Offr's. HQ's and C/S's qtrs, kitchen and messes 11/4/44.
Completed work 31/5/44.

20' extension of "A" French Bldg commenced 9/5/44.
Completed 17/5/44.

CAMP AREA:

Demolished old bldg occupied by Bootmaker. Commenced excavation near 60' x 20' Sidney Williams Bldg for Bootmaker and Horizontal tailor 23/5/44. Completed Bldg, 30/5/44 (concrete floor yet to be poured).

Minor jobs of work in the Camp Area, for RMI and Camp Comdt were fulfilled.

WORKS SECTION (Cont).

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R. P. C.:

Repairs and additions to interior and exterior of Manor House are under way. Partitions and other work, including the building in of a stove and concreting of floor, has been done in mess and kitchen bldg.

In addition to above work, four (4) 60' x 30' Sidney Williams bldgs were demolished at 12 Mile long together with one of timber frame structure.

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PLANTATIONS:

Production from Mission Plantations, and amount of Native labour wages to be charged the Mission, for month of April is as under:-

<u>PLANTATION</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>NL WAGES</u>
Maia-Gro	94 bags Cocoa	12.15. 3
Obu	50 " "	11.10. 0
Baumata	-	8. 9. 0
Ulex	-	2. 2. 3
Laranga	-	2. 6. 3
Moaru	-	5. 0. 0
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CLAIMS:

No claims received for month.

INVESTIGATIONS:

Several investigations completed for minor losses previously reported, applications for "write off" submitted to appropriate authority.

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MOVEMENTS BY AIR - PASSENGERS:

The following personnel movement were arranged during the month:-

	<u>Europeans</u>	<u>Natives</u>
ADMIRALTY	7	22
LAD	29	10
RESEARCH	6	-
AUSTRALIA	3	-
WILKINSON	12	-
WILKINSON	28	20
ALAC	1	-
COVINGTON	1	-
ORO DAY	1	-
SALAMBA	1	-
MOYODA	1	-
		5

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MOVEMENTS BY SEA: PANGLOSS.

Movements of personnel by MS Small Craft were as follows:-

	<u>TO</u>		<u>FROM</u>	
	<u>Personnel-Natives</u>		<u>Personnel-Natives</u>	
KAPA KAPA	2	3	-	37
MANONIA	2	15	1	37
MAHORI	-	10	-	-
MAHORI	-	25	-	-
MAHORI	2	15	-	36
MAHORI	7	15	7	107
DABO	1	15	3	-
ST. BARBON	-	9	-	-
MAHORI	-	1	1	12
MAHORI	1	-	-	-
MAHORI	1	1	3	-
MAHORI	1	3	-	18
MAHORI	2	1	4	15
MAHORI	4	2	4	-
MAHORI	-	-	1	9
MAHORI	-	20	-	-
MAHORI	4	20	3	24
MAHORI	-	15	-	12
MAHORI	3	-	-	-
MAHORI	-	4	-	-
	<u>36</u>	<u>169</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>312</u>

TOTALS - To: 199 From: 359

In addition to above three personnel were moved to LAF by liberty ship through LAF.

MOVEMENTS - AIR:

The following cargo was packed and freighted during the month:-

MAHORI	1,307 lbs.
MAHORI	207 "
MAHORI	10,950 "
MAHORI	2,420 "
MAHORI	53 "
MAHORI	660 "
MAHORI	50 "
MAHORI	273 "

Total 16,921 lbs.

Flying was very restricted during the month and air space being unavailable, most Central arranged for 11,912 lbs of Air-freight to be shipped to LAF by sea.

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FREIGHTING - COASTAL TRAFFIC:

During the month ARDAS Small Craft carried the following tonnage:-

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
KAPA KAPA	33	10
WAKOSIA	49	28
ARAHINI	-	14
WAILALA	17	12
KAHAKU	90	80
DAKE	10	34
ARAU	40	16
PL. SHARCOO	-	20
WAKOIA	3	10
AROA	30	10
WAKOIA	-	10
RUE. RIVER	180	10
POKARA	30	11
WAI MAI	20	11
WAKOIA	-	10
WAKOIA	10	10
WAKOIA	19	10
WAKOIA	4	24
WAKOIA	10	10
WAKOIA	10	10
WAKOIA	-	9
WAKOIA	-	11
	<u>510 tons</u>	<u>397 tons</u>

Total carried - 967 tons.

In addition to the above approximately 20 tons cargo was despatched by Liberty Ships to L.A. under arrangements with L.A.M. and about 15 tons cargo taken to KAHAKU by Coast Water Transport Coy.

6. WAKOIA - AGRICULTURE:

GENERAL:

Progress at the Waiyana Experimental Station is reported as very satisfactory, and apart from a mid-month abnormal rainfall, excellent growing conditions prevailed and all crops are in first class condition.

Col Murray arrived during the month and made a thorough inspection of the Station. Soil samples of proposed guinea areas were taken by him. These samples have been despatched and Institute findings are awaited.

Equipment is now required to cope with future requirements. Transplanting of 250,000 of the Station's seedling stock was completed on the 7th May, and are now well established plants. A good percentage of the seedlings imported from South Johnston are now producing leaves. Transplanting of this stock is to be commenced. Fifty (50) new guinea pens on the Furinankira Section of the Station are under construction in close proximity to the transplanting beds. Pruning and thinning out was undertaken during the month and seed collecting was continued. Approximately 120 cwt of c. maculata is now on hand.

AGRICULTURE: (Cont)

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CAFFEY:

This plantation is in good order, but as yet no berry is available for harvest. The native coffee plots are undergoing a re-plantation under the direction of the IC. Ia/ who is re-establishing the more distant areas, formerly totally neglected. Having re-habilitated one area, they move on to another, the village center taking over the maintenance of the plots. Several re-plantings have been carried out. A consignment of coffee beans (19 bags) has been despatched to Australia.

TEA:

Pre-germinators arranged, seed germinated, and planted in nursery beds. The tea garden has been terraced and a continuous seed supply harvested. There is every indication that tea will thrive in this area.

COCONUTS:

The gardens at Tigra are in first class condition, all vegetable and seed plots giving satisfactory returns, though in some cases the germination of seed was not entirely satisfactory. It is considered that these few seed failures are unavoidable and of great value for experimental reference and future knowledge and treatment. A large quantity of soy bean was harvested and there is now more of this seed than will be required for re-sowing, as is the case with maize, pea and bean seed. Other garden reports are satisfactory and indicate success in re-habilitation and production. Reports are being prepared for 12 and 17 mile gardens.

COCONUTS:

Approximately three hundred and eighty pounds of Burris Root was assigned to Fort Moresby, but a write-off of 100 lbs was necessitated by loss in transit owing to the length of time from date of consignment to delivery. Action has been taken to ensure the safety of future consignments.

WILD RUBBER:

Bois have been advised of additional points concerning harvesting of wild rubber. Investigations are continuing to locate additional Piana areas. It is estimated that approximately 2,000 lbs Piana rubber per month could be collected from 100 acres of wild rubber at Nigo.

ARMY:

Parakiana position at present under review.

7.

PAKIA REGION:PAKIA REGION:

			Natives	Castles
1 Officer	2 C/O's			
Fort Moresby	2	23	373	4
Milne Bay	1	1	100	
Carita	1	2	34	6
Ira		1		
Kanakaiva		1	5	

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MAINE TRANSPORT (Cont).

FUEL RECEIVED:

Port Moresby	Distillate	2,244
	Kerosene	308
	Petrol	1,498
	Range Fuel	440
	Lubricating Oil	88

GRAFT TO WAPA WAPA.

KINGSFISHER
CHINDERRAE

GRAFT OF WAPA WAPA.

CAMPBELL
CHINDERRAE
NAIRA

GRAFT AS WAPA WAPA.

LADY JEAN
KINGSFISHER
T.M.C.
KING
TRINITY
BOGAVI
KRAMIA
PANDOC
PANDOC
DONALD

WAPCO
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GRAFT DELIVERED BY VOLUNTARY COPT NORSEY MAINE SECTION -

Parts being forwarded to 2 West 4/Craft 5/Shop for necessary attention:

KINGSFISHER	ANNCHIE
ROYAL LINDAYCO	COLE
KINGSFISHER	

GRAFT TO GABISA:

DOCO
E.2
KINGBANA 11

E.1
TIGBY

GRAFT OF GABISA:

CHIEF

DOCO

GRAFT BY GABISA:

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MAINE SECTION OF MAINE SECTION.

Field Security handed back the "Ugly Duckling" and "The Steady". These craft are no longer required by the Unit concerned.

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ENGINE SECTION (cont).

VESSELS OUT OF COMMISSION:

Unfortunately our two main cargo carrying vessels have been held up, namely: "WATONA" and "PAMBOO". This has seriously affected the cargo and stores situation on the South Coast. The "PAMBOO" has been broken down at Mikori since 10 April 44, and waiting on the manufacture of new shaft by 2 Aust W/Craft W/Shop 1500 since the 23 April 44.

The "WATONA" has been at 2 Aust W/Craft W/Shop 1500 since 10 March 44 waiting for Cylinder Head, New Cylinder Heads for this type of engine are unobtainable, but two Marine Section HQ's were sent to Douglas Harbour to salvage similar heads on sunken craft, these are due in Port Moresby by 10 June 44.

This report has been compiled from information to hand as at 31 May 44. The information and figures for Milne Bay being compiled from report received for April 44. An instruction has been forwarded to Milne Bay requesting them to close their books on the 25th of each month so as to allow for returns to this HQ's being included in Monthly Marine Report.

1st MARINE SECTION:

No information is to hand re the activities of this Section and no reports have been received by this HQ through N. Region, though reports are being submitted by 1st Marine Section to Northern Region.

S.A.S. SECTION:

Report not to hand.

Robert Winstanley
Lt. Col.
For AGO AGO