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REAR ECH FIRST AUST ARMY

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 - "%" Proportion only of Unit to be maintained unless otherwise authorized by LHQ.
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To G(SD) 351
Dated 1 Nov 44

OPERATIONAL ORDER OF BATTLE :

REAR ECH FIRST AUST ARMY

As at 2359K hrs 31 Oct 44

All units passing to command Second Aust Army 2359K hrs
31 Oct have been deleted from Operational Order of Battle.

Arm or Service	War Office Serial No	Unit	Remarks
<u>HQ AND HQ UNITS</u>		Rear Echelon First Aust Army	
	92258	Rear Details HQ NG Force (Aust)	Being disbanded - At present under comd 2/2 Aust HQ Gd Bn
	46194	HQ 11 Aust Div (AIF)	TS
	92108	HQ TORRES STRAIT Area	
	92244	1 Aust HQ Area Comd (Type A) - AHERTON	
	46301	HQ TOWNSVILLE Ftt	Provided by HQ No 1 L of C Sub-Area
	47771	HQ CAIRNS Ftt	Provided by HQ No 17 L of C Sub-Area
	45122	7 Aust MC Gp (Type E) (AIF)	§ - LHQ Tps - Warning order to detts to move under comd HQ QLD L of C Area issued 29 Sep vide LHQ SD87612 and SD88238
	49445	Det 10 Aust MC Gp (Type E)	
	49220	3 Aust Comd AL Sec	Nominated to move NEW GUINEA vide Appx 'A' Adv LHQ G/428.1/SD of 18 Aug as amended
	49226	15 Aust Sqn AL Sec)	Nominated to move NEW GUINEA vide Appx 'A' Adv LHQ G/428.1/SD of 18 Aug
	49227	16 Aust Sqn AL Sec)	
	49243	32 Aust Sqn AL Sec)	
	49244	33 Aust Sqn AL Sec	Warning order to move under comd HQ 1 Aust Corps issued 13 Sep
	45183	47 Aust Sqn AL Sec	Warning order to move NEW GUINEA issued 24 Aug
	45186	49 Aust Sqn AL Sec	Formerly 6 Aust AL Sec - Allotted HQ 72 Wing RAAF

Arm or Service	War Office Serial No	Unit	Remarks
	49257	52 Aust Sqn AL Sec)	Nominated to move NEW GUINEA vide Appx 'A' Adv LHQ G/428.1/SD of 18 Aug as amended
	49258	53 Aust Sqn AL Sec)	
	47912	Det Directorate of Public Relations	LHQ Tps - Att TOWNSVILLE Frt
	46392	Det QLD L of C Area Records Office	LHQ Tps - Att MERAUKE Force
<u>Artillery</u>			
	61031	HQ RAA 11 Aust Div	TS
	46197	13 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div)(AIF)	TS
	45800	2/3 Aust F Sp Bty	
	45990	3 Aust Svy Bty (AIF)	TS - Warning order to move NEW GUINEA issued 24 Aug - vide Landops SD3854
	46038	4 Aust Svy Bty (AIF)	
	46201	1 Aust Mtn Bty (Mech) (AIF)	
	49138	52 Aust AA Regt (Comp) (LE) (AIF) Consists of: HQ 139 Aust HAA Bty 154 Aust LAA Bty	
	49140	56 Aust AA Regt (Comp) (LE) (AIF) Consists of: HQ 137 Aust HAA Bty 164 Aust LAA Bty	Warning order to move under comd Second Aust Army issued 20 Sep - vide LHQ SD87612
	46453	9 Aust AA Ops Room (M) (Type A)	Scale 'B' manning
	48061	30 Aust AA Ops Room (M) (Type C)	Scale 'B' manning

Arm or Service	War Office Serial No	Unit	Remarks
	46698	HQ 7 Aust HAA Bty (Static) (M)	Scale 'A' manning
	46456	394 Aust HAA Tp (Static) (M)	Scale 'A' manning
	49149	476 Aust HAA Tp (Static) (M)	Scale 'A' manning
	48296	HQ 35 Aust HAA Bty (Static) (M)	Scale 'B' manning
	46464	397 Aust HAA Tp (Static) (M)	
	47592	76 Aust Mob SL Bty (AIF)	
	49161	111 Aust SL Tp	
	46415	TOWNSVILLE CA	Consists of HQ, PALLAREDA Bty (formerly KISSING Bty), MAGNETIC Bty and MAGAZINE Bty - Scale 'A' manning
	46422	CAIRNS CA	Scale 'A' manning
	46284	TORRES STRAIT CA	Consists of HQ, GOODS Bty, MILMAN Bty, ENDEAVOUR Bty and KING Sec - Warning order to HQ, MILMAN Bty, ENDEAVOUR Bty, KING Sec, and det GOODS Bty to move under comd Second Aust Army issued 20 Sep - vide LHQ SD87612
	48487	11 Aust Radar Det (Type C)	
	48488	12 Aust Radar Det (Type C)	
	48489	13 Aust Radar Det (Type C)	
<u>Engineers</u>			
	46203	HQ RAE 11 Aust Div (AIF)	TS
	48277	1 Aust Para Tp	
	45993	15 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	TS Not yet under comd Rear Ech First Aust Army

Arm or Service	War Office Serial No	Unit	Remarks
	45731	27 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	TS
	45897	57 Aust Fd Pk Coy (AIF)	TS -- Warning order to move under cmd Second Aust Army issued 20 Sep - vide LHQ SD 87612
	47631	HQ 2 Aust Water Tpt Gp	LHQ Tps - To concentrate CAIRNS completion leave
	48494	14 Aust Small Ship Coy	LHQ Tps - Warning order to det to move under cmd Second Aust Army issued 20 Sep - vide LHQ SD87612 and SD88238 of 23 Sep
	49463	8 Aust Docks Op Coy (Type C)	LHQ Tps - Warning order to det to move under cmd Second Aust Army issued 20 Sep - vide LHQ SD87612 - Remain present location pending further instructions
	48163	1 Pl 1 Aust Port Maint Coy (AIF)	LHQ Tps - Warning order to move under cmd Second Aust Army issued 20 Sep - vide LHQ SD87612
	48471	HQ 1 Aust AA & Frt Coy	To be reorganized as "Type B"
	48774 48775	21 Aust Frt Works Sec 22 Aust Frt Works Sec	
	48809	2 Aust Water & Power Sup Sec	
	48776 48777	23 Aust Frt Works Sec) 24 Aust Frt Works Sec)	Cmd of maint dets only delegated to HQ QLD L of C Area for sub-allotment to CRE or DCRE (Works)
	48799 48800	72 Aust Water Tpt Sec (Type B) 73 Aust Water Tpt Sec (Type B)	
	48778 48779	25 Aust Frt Works Sec) 26 Aust Frt Works Sec)	Cmd delegated to HQ QLD L of C Area for sub- allotment to CRE or DCRE (Works)
	48810	3 Aust Water & Power Sup Sec	

Arm or Service	War Office Serial No	Unit	Remarks
<u>Survey</u>			
	45594	2 Aust Fd Svy Coy (less One Svy Sec and Det Drawing Sec)	One Svy Sec and Det Drawing Sec under comd HQ M.A. Warning order to move det to NEW GUINEA issued 26 Sep
	45595	3 Aust Fd Svy Coy (AIF)	
<u>Signals</u>			
	45599	HQ Sigs First Aust Army (M) (Less No 3 Coy) (AIF) Consists of: HQ Adm Sec HQ No 1 Coy HQ No 2 Coy	
	46046	Sigs 4 Aust Div (AIF) (less all Inf Bde & Arty Secs)	TS - Warning order to move under comd VIC L of C Area issued 20 Sep - vide LHQ SD37612
	47666	Sigs 11 Aust Div (AIF)	TS
	46212	13 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) Sig Sec (AIF)	TS
	49118	15 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	TS
	92262 92461	17 Aust Line Maint Sec 20 Aust Line Maint Sec	TS
	48359	16 Aust Tech Maint Sec (HE)	TS
	61337	3 Aust Op Sec	TS
	48288 92459	63 Aust Tg Op Sec 104 Aust Tg Op Sec	AWAS personnel TS
	48018 92462	54 Aust Tele Swbd Op Sec (AIF) 103 Aust Tele Swbd Op Sec	AWAS personnel TS
	92151	31 Aust DR Sec	% - AWAS personnel

Arm or Service	War Office Serial No	Unit	Remarks
	45821	8 Aust Wireless Sec (Lt) (AIF)	
	45610	10 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy) (AIF)	Det under comd Adv LHQ for local adm to operate WT Link to Rear Ech First Aust Army - Warning order to move NEW GUINEA issued 26 Oct - vide LHQ SD94470
	45614	11 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy) (AIF)	
	45271	35 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy) (AIF)	Not yet under comd - for on mov with 6 Aust Div
	47869	65 Aust Wireless Sec (Type C)	Allotted on AMF OOB to 1 Aust Indep Sig Gp - Under comd for local adm
	48456	67 Aust Wireless Sec (Type C) (AIF)	Allotted on AMF OOB to 1 Aust Indep Sig Gp - Under comd for local adm
	92460	82 Aust Wireless Sec (Lt)	TS
	48572	2 Aust Water Tpt Gp Sig Sec (Less Det) (AIF)	To concentrate CAIRNS completion leave
	45598	7 Aust Cipher Sec (Type B)	
	46047	39 Aust Cipher Sec (Type E) (AIF)	Warning order to move NEW GUINEA issued 23 Oct - vide Rear First Army SD496
	46211	44 Aust Cipher Sec (Type K) (AIF)	
	47593	46 Aust Cipher Sec (Type E) (AIF)	
	46541	One Op Det 2 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type B)	
	47282	6 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type B) (less one operational det)	TS - Being reorganized from HQ 6 Aust Pigeon Sec - Warning order to HQ 6 Aust Pigeon Sec to move under comd HQ QLD L of C Area issued 20 Sep - vide LHQ SD87612
	92458	HQ QLD AA & CA Sigs	Warning order issued to move CAIRNS, deferred pending further instructions
	92458	No 2 Coy QLD AA & CA Sigs	
	92458	No 3 Coy QLD AA & CA Sigs	
	92458	No 4 Coy QLD AA & CA Sigs	

Arm or Service	War Office Serial No	Unit	Remarks
	48464	52 Aust AA Regt (Comp) Sig Sec (LE) (AIF)	
	48467	56 Aust AA Regt (Comp) Sig Sec (LE) (AIF)	Warning order to move under comd Second Aust Army issued 20 Sep - vide LHQ SD87612

Infantry

46005	HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	TS
46007	24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	TS
46008	57/60 Aust Inf Bn	TS
46009	58/59 Aust Inf Bn	TS
45064	20 Aust Mot Regt (AIF)	TS - Organized as Inf Bn
48052	TORRES STRAIT Lt Inf Bn	
48307	TORRES STRAIT Pnr Coy	
61005	14 pl D Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	
61005	HQ E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd) Regt)	Att HQ 11 Aust Div
61005	17 pl 2/1 Aust Gd) Regt)	
61005	HQ F Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	
61005	24 pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	
61005	29 pl G Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	Warning order to move NE// GUINEA issued 1 Aug - vide Landops SD3648
46783	2/2 Aust HQ Gd Bn	Det under comd 1 Aust Corps for local adm

Arm or Service	War Office Serial No	Unit	Remarks
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Intell-
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45155	H Aust FS Sec (AIF)	TS
45156	K Aust FS Sec (AIF)	TS
45181	33 Aust FS Sec (AIF)	Not yet under comd Rear Ech First Aust Army - Warning order to move under comd issued 17 Aug - vide LHQ SD71464 as amended by Landops SD3896

S & T

46405	HQ Comd 11 Aust Div AASC (AIF)	TS
45773	132 Aust GT Coy Consists of: HQ Five Tpt Pls Three RDIs Wksp Pl (HQ and Three Secs.)	
(47903	Two Tpt Pls 152 Aust GT Coy (AIF)	
(47903	One Tpt Pl and One RDI 152 Aust GT Coy (AIF)	Att 15 Aust Inf Bde.
48289	Det 157 Aust GT Coy Consists of : One Tpt Pl One Wksp Pl	
48827	Det 158 Aust GT Coy (AIF) Consists of: HQ Wksp Pl (HQ and One Sec)	
49386	161 Aust GT Coy Consists of: HQ Three Tpt Pls Wksp Pl (HQ and Two Secs)	
45629	8 Aust MAC (AIF)	
48180	45 Aust Fd Baking Pl (AIF)	

Arm or Service	War Office Serial No	Unit	Remarks
	48217	HQ 19 Aust Sup Dep Coy (AIF)	TS - Warning order to move under comd NSW L of C Area issued 20 Sep - vide LHQ SD87612
	48828	HQ 34 Aust Sup Dep Coy (AIF)	
	48832	3 Aust Sup Dep Pl)	TS
	48833	4 Aust Sup Dep Pl)	
	48913	106 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	TS
	48555	238 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	TS
	49383	4 Aust Marine Food Sup Pl	Warning order to move under comd HQ QLD L of C Area issued 20 Sep - vide LHQ SD 87612
	48181	51 Aust BIPOD Pl (AIF)	Warning order to move under comd HQ QLD L of C Area issued 23 Sep - vide LHQ SD88238

Medical

	46280	6 Aust Camp Hosp (90 beds) TORRES STRAIT	
	45838	105 Aust Lt Fd Amb (AIF)	TS - Formerly 5 Aust Lt Fd Amb
	46015	15 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	TS
	46132	102 Aust Mob BU (AIF)	TS - Formerly 5 Aust Div Mob Bath Unit
	45786	103 Aust Mob BU	TS - Formerly 2 Aust Corps Mob Bath Unit
	45330	12 Aust Malaria Control Unit (Type A) (AIF)	

Dental

	45306	North QLD Sub Dep of Dental Stores (CAIRNS)	LHQ Tps
	47298	78 Aust Dental Unit (less C and F Secs)	TS - ^{REAR SEC} First Aust Army Tps - C and F Secs under comd TAS L of C Area

Arm or Service	War Office Serial No	Unit	Remarks
	45635	79 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	^{REAR Ech} TS - First Aust Army Tps - Warning order to HQ and Three Secs to move under comd 1 Aust Corps issued 20 Sep
	45636	80 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	^{REAR Ech} TS - First Aust Army Tps
	45637	81 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	^{REAR Ech} TS - First Aust Army Tps
<u>Ordnance</u>	92576	107 Aust Ord Veh Pk Sec	LHQ Tps - Awaiting embarkation
	45701	1 Aust Inf Tps Ord Fd Pk	
	45642	4 Aust Inf Tps Ord Fd Pk	Veh Pk Sec under comd 105 Aust Ord Veh Pk Sec for local adm
	45727	116 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	TS
	47766	129 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	TS
	92003	139 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	Not yet under comd Rear Ech First Aust Army - Warning order to move under comd issued 28 Aug - vide LHQ SD73305
	45475	Det 10 Aust Mob Laundry & Fwd Decn Unit	LHQ Tps
	48745	14 Aust AOD)	% - LHQ Tps - Being reorganized
	48746	15 Aust AOD)	
	48743	11 Aust AAD(Type A))	% - LHQ Tps - Being reorganized
	48744	12 Aust AAD(Type A))	
	49358	12 Aust Mob Amn Repair Shop	LHQ Tps - Warning order to move under comd QLD L of C Area issued

Arm or Service	War Office Serial No	Unit	Remarks
<u>EME</u>			
	45700	1 Aust Inf Tps Wksp (AIF)	TS - Warning order to move NEW GUINEA issued 6 Sep - Incls one Armoury Wksp Sec (Type A), One Wireless & Signal Eqp Wksp Sec (Type A), and One Inst Wksp Sec (Type A) not yet under comd Rear Ech First Aust Army
	45844	5 Aust Inf Tps Wksp (AIF)	
	45726	116 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A) (AIF)	TS
	49064	129 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A) (AIF)	TS
	49066	132 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A) (AIF)	TS
	49068	134 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A) (AIF)	Not yet under comd Rear Ech First Aust Army - Warning order to move under comd issued 28 Aug - vide LHQ SD73305
	92010	4 Aust Watercraft Wksp Sec (Type D) (AIF)	LHQ Tps
	92011	5 Aust Watercraft Wksp Sec (Type A) (AIF)	LHQ Tps
	47889	10 Aust Radio Maint Sec	LHQ Tps - Warning order to Sec (less det) to move under comd NSW L of C Area issued 20 Sep - vide LHQ SD87612
	61252	2/90 Aust LAD (Type A)	
	46198	219 Aust LAD (Type D) (AIF)	Att 13 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div)
	46048	233 Aust LAD (Type A) (AIF)	TS - Warning order to move under comd HQ QLD L of C Area issued 20 Sep - vide LHQ SD87612
	46006	266 Aust LAD (Type J) (AIF)	
	46028	305 Aust LAD (Type A) (AIF)	TS

Arm or Service	War Office Serial No	Unit	Remarks
	45616	327 Aust LAD (Type A) (AIF)	Att Sigs First Aust Army
	45898	329 Aust LAD (Type A) (AIF)	Warning order to move under comd Second Aust Army issued 20 Sep - vide LHQ SD 87612
	49075	52 Aust AA Regt (Comp) Wksp (LE) (AIF)	
	49075	56 Aust AA Regt (Comp) Wksp (LE) (AIF)	Warning order to move under comd Second Aust Army issued 20 Sep - vide LHQ SD87612
	46463	71 Aust AASL Wksp Sec (Mob) (AIF)	Warning order to move under comd Second Aust Army issued 20 Sep - vide LHQ SD87612
	47828	74 Aust AASL Wksp Sec (Mob) (AIF)	Warning order to move under comd Second Aust Army issued 20 Sep - vide LHQ SD87612
	47837	76 Aust AASL Wksp Sec (Mob) (AIF)	
	48683	Frt Wksp TORRES STRAIT	
	49307	2 Aust MT Inspection Sec (AIF)	LHQ Tps
	49308	3 Aust MT Inspection Sec	LHQ Tps
<u>Pay</u>	46072	4 Aust Div Fd Cash Office (AIF) (less det)	TS - Det att 11 Aust Inf Bde which is under comd HQ QLD L of C Area - Warning order to unit (less det) to move under comd NSW L of C Area issued 20 Sep - vide LHQ SD87612
	47668	11 Aust Div Fd Cash Office (AIF)	TS
	47670	15 Aust Dep Cash Office (Type B) (AIF) THURSDAY ISLAND	Reorganized from "15 Aust Depot Cash Office (Type A)" Nominated to move NEW GUINEA vide Appx 'A' Adv LHQ G/428.1/SD of 18 Aug as amended

Arm or Service	War Office Serial No	Unit	Remarks
	48522	75 Aust Dep Cash Office (Type B) (AIF) HERAUNE	
<u>Postal</u>			
	46021	15 Aust Inf Bde Det 3 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	TS
	46074	4 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF) (less det)	TS - Det att 11 Aust Inf Bde which is under comd HQ QLD L of C Area - Warning order to unit (less dets) to move under comd NSW L of C Area issued 20 Sep - vide LHQ SD87612
	46247	11 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF) (less det)	TS - Det att 6 Aust Inf Bde which is under comd First Aust Army
	45783	Det 1 Aust Corps Postal Unit	Attached temporarily Rear Ech First Aust Army
<u>Provost</u>			
	45730	First Aust Army Pro Coy (AIF)	Det under comd LOCALERNS for local adm
	46073	4 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF) (less det)	TS - Det att 11 Aust Inf Bde which is under comd HQ QLD L of C Area - Warning order to unit (less det) to move under comd NSW L of C Area issued 20 Sep - vide LHQ SD87612
	46245	11 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	TS
	46282	TORRES STRAIT Pro Pl (AIF)	TS

Arm or Service	War Office Serial No	Unit	Remarks
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Printing and Stationery

48038	First Aust Army Press Unit (AIF)		
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Canteens

45543	Det AA Canteens Service	LHQ Tps - Att MERAUKE Force-Warning order to part of det to move under comd HQ QLD L of C Area issued 23 Sep - vide LHQ SD88238
45543	Det AA Canteens Service	LHQ Tps - Att TORRES STRAIT Area - Warning order to part of det to move under comd HQ QLD L of C Area issued 20 Sep - vide LHQ SD87612

Amenities

46078	4 Aust Div Concert Party (AIF)	LHQ Tps - Warning order to move under comd NSW L of C Area issued 26 Oct - vide LHQ SD94761
47862	17 Aust Mobile Cinema	LHQ Tps - Warning order to move under comd HQ QLD L of C Area issued 20 Sep - vide LHQ SD87612
47862	44 Aust Mobile Cinema	LHQ Tps - Warning order to move under comd HQ QLD L of C Area issued 20 Sep - vide LHQ SD87612
47862	95 Aust Mobile Cinema	LHQ Tps - Used as Static Cinema
47862	4 Aust Fixed Cinema	LHQ Tps
47862	92 Aust Fixed Cinema	LHQ Tps
	AA Amenities Service Mob Broadcasting Studio	LHQ Tps

Arm or Service	War Office Serial No	Unit	Remarks
<u>Miscellaneous</u>			
	46075	4 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp	Warning order to move under comd NSW L of C Area issued 20 Sep - vide LHQ SDC7612
	47544	11 Aust Div Reception Camp	
	47639	11 Aust Div Sal Unit (AIF)	TS
	47441	29 Aust L of C Sal Sec	Det warned to move under comd 1 Aust Hq Area Comd
	45503	One Pl 15 Aust Wks Coy	
	47753	1 Aust Para Bn (AIF)	
	47570	3 AWAS Barrack (200 personnel)	
<u>Schools</u>			
	45569	LHQ Gas School (less Flame Warfare Trg Team)	Rear Sch Under comd/First Aust Army for all matters other than those stated in para 2 LHQ 118636
	48562	HQ LHQ School of Army Cooking and Catering	LHQ Tps under comd for local adm
	45653	First Aust Army AASC School	Absorbs First Aust Army Adm (NCOs) School
	49438	First Aust Army Regt Trg School	Raised from First Aust Army Weapon Trg School. First Aust Army mt & FS School and QLD L of C Area Junior Leaders School (EE) - Absorbs C Wing LHQ Tactical School
	48039	First Aust Army S of Sigs	

Arm or Service	War Office Serial No	Unit	Remarks
		<u>QLD VDC</u>	Under comd HQ QLD L of C Area for adm only - Otherwise under comd Rear Ech First Aust Army
		D Gp HQ	
		15 Bn	Placed on reserve basis
		16 Bn (oil installation dets only)	Placed on reserve basis - Remainder of unit being reorganized on AA & CA basis
		17 Bn (less A and E Coys)	A & E Coys being reorganized on AA & CA basis - B, C and D Coys placed on reserve basis
		18 Bn	

TOWNSVILLE AA DEFENCES

9 Aust AA Ops Room (Type A) (VDC)	Being raised on full scale manning by VDC (PTD) personnel
HQ 7 Aust IAA Bty (Static) (VDC)	
394 Aust HAA Tp (Static) (VDC)	Being raised on full scale manning by VDC (PTD) personnel
476 Aust HAA Tp (Static) (VDC)	
111 Aust SL Tp (VDC)	Being raised on full scale manning by VDC (PTD) personnel
TOWNSVILLE CA (VDC)	Being raised on full scale manning by VDC (PTD) personnel

Arm or Service	War Office Serial No	Unit	Remarks
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CA IRNS AA DEFENCES

30 Aust AA Ops Room (Type C) (VDC)	Being raised on full scale manning by VDC (PTD) personnel
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HQ 35 Aust HAA Bty)
 (Static) (VDC))
 397 Aust HAA Tp)
 (Static)(VDC))

Being raised on full scale
 manning by VDC (PTD)
 personnel

CAIRNS CA (VDC) Being raised on full scale
 manning by VDC (PTD)
 personnel

Naval

NOIC

Att MERAUKE Force

RAAF

HQ 72 Wing)
120 Sqn RAAF (NEI)) Att HERAUK Force

44 OBU . Att MERAUKE Force

6 Med Receiving Sta Att MERAUKE Force

Det 42 Radar Wing HQ)
40 Radar Sta)
151 Radar Sta) Att MERAUKE Force
316 Radar Sta)
322 Radar Sta)
323 Radar Sta)
342 Radar Sta)

1 RSU Det Att MERAUKE Force

113 Fighter Control
Unit Att MERAUKE Force

Arm or Service	War Office Serial No	Unit	Remarks
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US Army
Units

HQ USA Forces MERAUKE	)	Att MERAUKE Force
15 Weather Sqn USAF		
Det 126 Sig Radio Int Coy		Att HQ TORRES STRAIT Area
USA Weather (Radio Sound Station)		Att MERAUKE Force

RNF

Det No 1 NEI Fusilier Coy	Det on mainland not under comd Rear Ech First Aust Army
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17 AUST L OF C SUB-AREA UNITS - ATHERTON AREA -
UNDER COMMAND 1 AUST HQ AREA COMD (TYPE A) FOR LOCAL ADM

Arm or Service	War Office Serial No	Unit	Remarks
<u>HQ Units</u>	49280	Town Major (2nd class) ATHERTON	
		<u>Camp Staffs</u>	
		Camp Staff (Type C) - ATHERTON	
		Camp Staff (Type C) - KAIRI	
		Camp Staff (Type C) - WONDECLA	Not shown on AMF Order of Battle
		Camp Staff (Type C) - RAVENSHOE	
		Camp Staff (Type C) - WONGABEL	
		Camp Staff (Type A) - MAPEE	
<u>Engineers</u>	47275	8 Aust CRE (Works)	
	48056	3 Aust Maint Pl (Type A)	
	49439	26 Aust Maint Pl (Type A)	
	48776	23 Aust Frt Wks Sec)	
	48777	24 Aust Frt Wks Sec)	Not yet under comd - Warning order to move issued 29 Sep - vide SD157
<u>Signals</u>	45212	HQ No 4 Coy Adv LHQ Sigs	LHQ Tps
	45604	14 Aust Line Sec (AIF)	Allotted on AMF Order of Battle to 1 Aust Line Constr Gp
	48669	89 Aust Op Sec	Allotted on AMF Order of Battle to Adv LHQ Sigs
	48359	16 Aust Tech Maint Sec	
	47869	63 Aust WT Sec	

Arm or Service	War Office Serial No	Unit	Remarks
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Intelligence

48496	Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy	LHQ Tps
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S & T

92144	Sub-Dets No 1 QLD L of C Area BIPOD	
46567	HQ 3 Aust Fd Baking Coy (AIF)	
92081	19 Aust Fd Baking Pl (AIF)	
92082	20 Aust Fd Baking Pl (AIF)	
92083	21 Aust Fd Baking Pl (AIF)	
92091	29 Aust Fd Baking Pl	
92092	30 Aust Fd Baking Pl	
92093	31 Aust Fd Baking Pl	
48200	HQ 27 Aust Sup Dep Coy	TS - To move under comd QLD L of C Area
49003	196 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	
49004	197 Aust Sup Dep Pl	
49005	198 Aust Sup Dep Pl	
49028	225 Aust Sup Dep Pl	Not yet under comd - Warning order issued 2 Oct - vide SD89646
48435	5 Aust Farm Coy	2

Medical

55211	2/2 Aust Gen Hosp (I) (1200 beds)	TS - To come under comd QLD L of C Area
55215	2/6 Aust Gen Hosp (M) (1800 beds)	
55288	2/1 Aust Con Dep (1500 men)	

Arm or Service	War Office Serial No	Unit	Remarks
	48752	106 Aust Adv Dep Med Stores (AIF)	
	47872	4 Aust Amb Train (100 cases)	
	45477	2 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit (Type A)	
	48667	9 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit (Type A)	

Ordnance

92560	13 Aust AOD Consists of: HQ Two MT Spares Secs Three Gen Stores & Clothing Secs Two Technical Stores Secs Three Clerical Increments Four Stores Increments One Provision Sec (Type A)	LHQ Tps
92152	7 Aust Ord Veh Pk (LE)	7 - LHQ Tps
45641	RVS 3 Aust Inf Tps Ord Fd. Pk	LHQ Tps - Attached 7 Aust Ord Veh Pk on-duty
61096	2/2 Sec Aust Offrs Shop (Type B)	LHQ Tps
48283	5 Sec Aust Offrs Shop (Type A)	LHQ Tps
45423	Det 7 Aust AAD (Type C)	LHQ Tps
	73 Aust Fd Amn Depot	Administered and manned by "Det 7 Aust Adv Amn Depot (Type C)"

Arm or Service	War Office. Serial No	Unit	Remarks
<u>RME</u>	45409	3 Aust Adv Wksp Consists of ; HQ Adv Wksp (HE) One Engr Eqp Wksp Sec (Type C) One Machinery Wksp Sec One Armament Wksp Sec (Type B) One Armoury Wksp Sec (Type C) One Wireless & Sig Eqp Wksp Sec (Type B) One Instrument Wksp Sec (Type B) Two Veh Wksp Secs (Type B) One Tyre Repair Wksp Sec (Type B) One Veh Rec Sec One Engine Recond- itioning Sec One Mob Gas Gener- ating Sec	LHQ Tps
	92153	7 Aust Veh Pk Wksp	LHQ Tps - HQ (LE) No 4 Sec raised
	49066	Det 132 Aust Ede Wksp	

Printing
&
Stationery

46382 Det QLD L of C Stat-
ionery Dep (Type A)

Canteens

45543 Det AA Canteens Service
48208 3 AA Canteens Service
Offrs Club (Type A)
48538 18 AA Canteens Service
OR Club (Type L)
92208 23 AA Canteens Service
OR Club (Type P)
92209 24 AA Canteens Service
OR Club (Type P)
92210 25 AA Canteens Service
OR Club (Type P)

Arm or Service	War Office Serial No	Unit	Remarks
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92211	26 AA Canteens Service GR Club (Type P)		
92249	27 AA Canteens Service Offrs Club (Type D)		
92250	28 AA Canteens Service Offrs Club (Type D)		

Miscell-
aneous

45503	2 Pl 15 Aust Wks Coy		
47561	Det 5 Sec Aust Kit Store	% - LHQ Tps	
49409	15 Aust Leave Train Cooking Sec		
49384	65 AWAS Barrack (100 personnel)		
48038	First Aust Army Press Unit	Army Tps	
48337	4 Aust L of C Postal Unit		
45787	2 Aust Corps Reception Camp		

<u>Provost</u>	45730	Det First Aust Army Pro Coy	Army Tps
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Trg Schools

49438	First Aust Army Regt Trg School		
45653	First Aust Army AASO School		
45569	LHQ Gas School		
48039	First Aust Army School of Sigs		

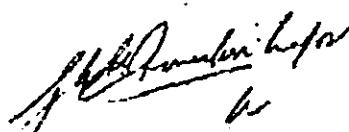
Subject: DRLS DESPATCHES

Rear Ech First Aust Army
/ Nov 44
G(SB) 357

Distribution List 'A'
(Branches etc of Rear Ech First Aust Army)

Less serials 51, 52 and 56

1. A recent census of DRLS traffic received from branches, services etc of this headquarters revealed that 15% of the despatches handed on for outward routing did not bear an "Originator's number".
2. It is requested that addressees adhere to the following -
 - (a) To enable the DRLS Office to trace the receipt and acknowledgement of a despatch, the originator should place a reference number on the bottom left hand corner of the sticker (FSR Vol II, Appx IV, Sec V(3)).
 - (b) The sticker must bear the letters "DRLS" and be certified as official, below the address, by an officer, giving his rank. (FSR Vol II, Appx IV, Sec V (3)).


Lt-Col

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Subject: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISPOSAL - MEDICALLY DOWNGRADED
PERSONNEL

Rear Echelon First Aust Army
2 Nov 44
A/243/56

Distribution List 'E' (Branches and units down to infantry battalions
or independent units)

It is desired to draw attention of all units, and in particular RMOs and Medical Boards, to recommendations appearing in column 10 of AAF D20s, Appendix A's covering personnel when marched out of their respective units for disposal to GDDs.

2. In a great number of cases a recommendation appears that the soldier be discharged to industry or transferred to his home State. This is contrary to instructions.

3. In a number of cases this type of recommendation also appears in the soldiers AAB 83 and invariably the member is aware of such a recommendation.

4. This practice has resulted in a great deal of time being wasted by the inadequate staffs of GDDs in interviewing personnel and disabusing their minds that the recommendations in question which appear on D20s, Appendix A's or AAB 83's do not apply.

5. Further this practice tends to create a sense of frustration and disappointment in the mind of the soldier who is already extremely dejected at having been marched out of his unit, medically unfit, after perhaps 4 years service.

6. As a consequence, units receive 'B' class reinforcements who are disillusioned, disgruntled and with little or no desire to continue to give the best service to the Armed Forces.

7. It is therefore directed that in future, recommendations by Medical Boards and units appearing on AAF D20's, Appendix A's or AAB 83's will be confined to medical recommendations only and not indicate to the soldier his possible disposal.

8. The soldier should not be given access to such documents as AAF D20's or Appendix A's.

(SGD) WRIGHT Maj
for Lt-Col.
AA & QMG.
Rear Echelon First Aust Army

Copy to:

16 Aust Pers Staging Camp
17 Aust L of C Sub Area

Subject: HQ DUTY OFFICER

Rear Ech First Aust Army
2 Nov 44
G(SD) 358

G(O)	Sigs (CSO)
G(I)	Camp
G(SD)	Duty Officers File
A	File
Q	War Diary (2) —
Arty	All Officers on Roster
Engrs	

Reference G(SD)350 of 31 Oct 44.

HQ Duty Officer Roster will be amended as follows -

6 Nov	Capt	KEANE
7 Nov	Capt	EASTICK
8 Nov	Capt	RUSSELL
9 Nov	Lt	MORROW
10 Nov	Capt	SHELDRIK
11 Nov	Lt	HOHNEN
12 Nov	Capt	BENNETT
13 Nov	Lt	POINTON.

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Lt-Col
GS

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Subject: OCCUPATIONAL LEAVE FOR SEASONAL AND OTHER PURPOSES

Rear Echelon First Aust Army
4 Nov. 44

A/6411/99/

Distribution List 'C' (Branches and formations plus units of
Rear Echelon First Aust Army Tps only)

Subtended hereto is LEQ memo 147388 of 1 Nov 44 relative to the above subject for information to all concerned pending the issue of the relative amendment to GR0 598/43.

" Owing to the effect on the maintenance of the AIF by the discharge of personnel to industry (GR0 A736/43) it is necessary to drastically reduce the numbers absent from the Army on occupational leave.

that
2. It has been decided/occupational leave will only be granted in cases involving hardship to the member, his parents or dependants; and in other cases when approved by LEQ at the request of the Director-General of Manpower.

3. This decision is to take effect immediately, and the following amendment to GR0 A598/43 may be anticipated:

"GR0 A598/43 is amended by deleting paras 86 to 90, and inserting in their stead the following paras:

86. Except in cases authorised by LEQ at the request of the Director-General of Manpower, occupational leave will only be granted when investigations reveal that undue hardship would be occasioned to the member, his parents or dependants, by the absence of the member.

87. All applications for occupational leave which are based on hardship grounds will be forwarded to the appropriate HQ L of C Area for investigation. A recommendation from Manpower authorities will not be required unless in any particular case such a recommendation is considered by the HQ L of C Area to be necessary.

88. Occupational leave will be without pay and irrespective of any recreation leave already taken or to be taken, provided that the member may be granted accumulated recreation leave with pay concurrently with occupational leave.

89. Occupational leave in excess of three months at any one time (including extensions) will not be granted without prior approval of LEQ.

90. If a member's own business affairs are prejudiced, he may, in appropriate cases, be eligible for emergency leave under Part III."

4. The need for conservation of the available Manpower resources of the Army will be borne in mind by HQ L of C Areas, when making recommendations for the granting of occupational leave".

SHELDON Capt

(SGD).....Cor., Lt-Col.
for AA & QMG
Rear Ech First Aust Army

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Subject: VISUAL TRAINING

Rear Ech First Aust Army
6 Nov 44
G(0) 390

Distribution List 'A'
(Branches etc of Rear Ech First Aust Army only)
plus 3 AWAS Barracks

1. Screening of the undermentioned film (16 mm) will be held in the Visual Training Theatre on Wednesday 8 Nov 44 as follows :-

First Screening	1815K
Second Screening	2000K

2. Programme

Screening Time

Why We Fight Series

No 5 Battle of Russia
Deals with the German
Invasion of Russia up to the Relief of
STALINGRAD and the German withdrawal
from the CAUCASUS

85 minutes

Arthur E. Hay
Lt-Col
GS

Wentworth SECRET 7

Subject: CHANGE OF COMMAND - UNITS SOUTH OF PARALLEL OF
LATITUDE 20° SOUTH

Rear Ech First Aust Army
7 Nov 44
G(SD) 398

Second Aust Army

Cover to
HQ (Aust)
Adv HQ

Reference HQ 03900 of 121540K

1. Formations and units as set out in Appendix 'A' to this memo passed from under command Rear Ech First Aust Army and came under command Second Aust Army with effect from 2350K 31 Oct 44.

2. (a) HQ QID AA & CA Sigs are remaining under command Rear Ech First Aust Army, although located in Second Aust Army Area, pending further advice in reference to the move of this unit to CAIRNS.

(b) 1 Aust Tech Trg Centre is being disbanded by this headquarters, and will remain under command until the disbandment is completed.

Sgd J J Murray. Maj-Gen
GOC Rear Ech First Aust Army

BRISBANE FORTRESS

1. HEADQUARTERS

HQ BRISBANE Fortress

2. COAST ARTILLERY

Coast Artillery BRISBANE HQ
 COYAN Bty (AIF) (less Det COYAN Bty (AIF))
 BRIBIE Bty
 LITTLE Bty
 SKIRREY Bty
 24 Anti Radar Det (Type B)

3. ANTI-AIRCRAFT

HQ 10 Anti AA Gp (H)
 10 Anti AA Ops Room (H) (Type A)
 6 Anti HAA Bty (Static) (H)
 385 Anti HAA Tp (Static) (H)
 387 Anti HAA Tp (Static) (H)
 390 Anti HAA Tp (Static) (H)
 38 Anti HAA Bty (Static) (H)
 386 Anti HAA Tp (Static) (H)
 388 Anti HAA Tp (Static) (H)
 389 Anti HAA Tp (Static) (H)
 672 Anti LAA Bty (Static)
 50 Anti GL Bty (H)

4. RAE

3 Anti AA & F&E Coy RAE

5. SIG

No 1 Coy QLD AA & CA Sig

6. INTELLIGENCE

30 Anti FS Sec (AIF)

QLD VDC

7. HEADQUARTERS

HQ VDC QLD

8. COAST ARTILLERY

BRISBANE CA (VDC)

9. ANTI-AIRCRAFT

HQ 10 Anti AA Gp (VDC)
 10 Anti AA Ops Room (Type A) (VDC)
 6 Anti HAA Bty (Static) (VDC)

9. ANTI-AIRCRAFT

38 Anst HIA Bty (Static) (VDC)
651 Anst LAA Bty (Static) (VDC)
HQ 56 Anst AL Bty (VDC)

10. RESERVE UNITS

5 Bn VDC (less B Coy)
6 Bn VDC (less A Coy, 16 and 17 pls B Coy,
19 pl F Coy)
7 Bn VDC
8 Bn VDC
9 Bn VDC (less A & B Coys)
10 Bn VDC
11 Bn VDC
12 Bn VDC
13 Bn VDC
14 Bn VDC
15 Bn VDC
19 Bn VDC
20 Bn VDC

TRAINING UNITS

HQ Anst Trg Centre (JV)
One Tp 13 Anst Fd Regt (Jungle Div) (AIF)
Anst Trg Centre (JV) Sig Sec
9 Anst Pigeon Left
49 Anst Pigeon Left
1 Anst Rft Trg Bn (JV)
2 Anst Rft Trg Bn (JV)
3 Anst Rft Trg Bn (JV)
4 Anst Rft Trg Bn (JV)
1 Anst Coy (Cdo) Trg Sqn
65 Anst Dental Unit (AIF)
First Anst Army P & RT Team
2 Anst Water Tpt Trg Centre
52 Anst Pigeon Left
1 Anst Army Trades Trg Depot

MISCELLANEOUS UNITS

2/1 Anst P Sp Bty

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Subject: DISTRIBUTION LIST No 3

Rear Ech First Aust Army
7 Nov 44
G(SD) 380

Distribution List 'B'
(Branches and Formations only)

1. Attached as Appendix 'A' is Distribution List No 3 which becomes effective as from 0001K hrs 8 Nov 44.
2. This revised list supersedes Distribution List No 2 forwarded with G(SD) 252 of 11 Oct 44, which will be destroyed.

[Signature]
h Lt-Col
GS Rear Ech First Aust Army

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Appendix 'A'
To Rear Ech First Aust Army
G(3D) 386
Dated 7 Nov 44.

DISTRIBUTION LIST No 3

Serial No.	Detail	(Branches etc of Rear Ech First Aust Army)	(Branches and Formations only)	(Branches and Formations plus units of Rear Ech First Aust Army Tps only)	(Branches and Formations down to and including infantry brigades)	(Branches and units down to infantry battalions or independent units)
1	11 Aust Div	-	1	1	10	75
2	HQ TORRES STRAIT Area	-	1	1	3	20
3	MERAKU Force	-	1	1	3	20
4	TOWNSVILLE Fortress	-	1	1	4	14
5	CAIRNS Fortress	-	1	1	4	14
6	1 Aust HQ Area Comd	-	1	1	1	55
7	ATHERTON	-	-	-	-	-
77	D Gp VDC QLD	-	-	1	1	-
8	1 Aust Bn Bty	-	-	1	1	-
9	1 Aust Para Tp	-	-	1	1	-
10	17 Aust Fd Coy	-	-	1	1	-
11	42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy	-	-	1	1	-
12	1 Aust Water Amb Convoy	-	-	1	1	-
13	2 Aust Fd Svy Coy	-	-	1	1	-
14	3 Aust Fd Svy Coy	-	-	1	1	-
15	Sigs First Aust Army	1	1	1	1	-
16	HQ QLD AA & CA Sigs	-	-	1	1	-
17	65 Aust Wireless Sec	-	-	1	1	-
18	67 Aust Wireless Sec	-	-	1	1	-
19	2/1 Aust Gd Regt	-	-	1	1	-
20	2/2 Aust HQ Gd Bn	-	-	1	1	-
21	101 Aust Bde Sp Coy	-	-	1	1	-
22	1 Aust Para Bn	-	-	1	1	-
23	132 Aust GT Coy	-	-	1	1	-
24	161 Aust GT Coy	-	-	1	1	-
25	8 Aust EAC	-	-	1	1	-
26	103 Aust Mob Bath Unit	-	-	1	1	-
27	81 Aust Dental Unit	-	-	1	1	-
28	4 Aust Inf Tps Ord Fd Pk	-	-	1	1	-
29	1 Aust Inf Tps Wksp	-	-	1	1	-
30	5 Aust Inf Tps Wksp	-	-	1	1	-
31	305 Aust LAD	-	-	1	1	-
32	2 Aust Ldg Craft Wksp Sec	-	-	1	1	-
33	2 Aust Inf Inspection Sec	-	-	1	1	-
34	3 Aust Inf Inspection Sec	-	-	1	1	-
35	Operational Research Sec	1	1	1	1	-
36	att First Aust Army	-	-	-	-	-
36	Sec Army Audit Staff	1	1	1	1	-
36	att First Aust Army	-	-	-	-	-
37	First Aust Army Pro Coy	-	-	1	1	-
38	Det 1 Aust Corps Postal Unit	-	-	1	1	-
39	First Aust Army Press Unit	-	-	1	1	-
40	3 AWAS Barrack	-	-	1	1	-
41	1st Gas School	-	-	1	1	-
42	First Aust Army Regt Trg School	-	-	1	1	-

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
43	First Aust Army School of Sigs	-	-	1	1	1
44	First Aust Army AASC School	-	-	1	1	1
	COMMANDER AND STAFF					
45	GOC	1	1	1	1	1
46	GSO 1	1	1	1	1	1
47	G(O)	1	1	1	1	1
48	G(I)	1	1	1	1	1
49	G(SD)	1	1	1	1	1
50	AA & QMG	1	1	1	1	1
51	A	1	1	1	1	1
52	Q	1	1	1	1	1
	ARMS, SERVICES ETC					
53	Arty	1	1	1	1	1
54	Engrs	1	1	1	1	1
55	Sigs (GSO)	1	1	1	1	1
56	LO	1	1	1	1	1
57	AWAS	1	1	1	1	1
58	Chaplains	1	1	3	3	3
59	Med	1	1	1	1	1
60	Legal	1	1	1	1	1
61	Pro	1	1	1	1	1
62	Amenities	1	1	1	1	1
63	Education	1	1	1	1	1
64	S & T	1	1	2	2	2
65	Sal	1	1	1	1	1
66	Ord	1	1	2	2	2
67	EME	1	1	2	2	2
68	Camp	1	1	1	1	1
69	File	2	2	2	2	2
70	War Diary	2	2	2	2	2

FOR INFORMATION

LHQ (Aust)
 Adv LHQ
 First Aust Army
 Second Aust Army
 1 Aust Corps
 NORTHERN TERRITORY Force
 QLD L of C Area
 NSW L of C Area

SA L of C Area
 NT L of C Area
 HQ Allied Air Forces SWPA
 RAAF Comd
 HQ North Eastern Area RAAF
 Base Sec No 3 USASOS BRISBANE
 Base Sec No 2 USASOS TOWNSVILLE

War Diary

Subject: DRIS AIR SERVICE

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Rear Ech First Aust Army

Nov 44

G(SD) 389

Distribution List 'A'
(Branches etc of Rear Ech
First Aust Army)
Loss serials 45, 46, 50

1. It has been advised that misuse of the DRIS Air Bag has occurred in that heavy items, which it is considered could have been sent by the Army Postal Service, have been forwarded by this means.
2. Addressees are therefore requested, where possible, to employ the Army Postal Service for the forwarding of heavy items.

GS

[Signature]
Lt-Col

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Copy No 18

Subject: OPERATIONAL ORDER OF BATTLE REAR ECH FIRST AUST ARMY

Rear Ech First Aust Army
9 Nov 44
G(SD) 381

	<u>Copy No</u>		<u>Copy No</u>
11 Aust Div	1	War Diary	17 - 18
HQ TORRES STRAIT Area	2	File	19 - 22
ABRAUKE Force	3		
1 Aust HQ Area Comd -		Copy to:	
ATHERTON	4	IEQ (Aust)	25 - 31
GS01	5	Adv IEQ	32 - 37
G(O)	6	First Aust Army	38 - 39
G(I)	7	Second Aust Army	40
G(SD)	8	1 Aust Corps	41 - 50
AA & QMG	9	QLD L of C Area	51
A	10	NSW L of C Area	52
Q	11	IEQ COB Investigation	
Arty	12	Committee (for Col	
Engrs	13	A E CHEETHAM	53
Sigs (CSO)	14	QLD L of C Area	
Ord	15	Records Office	54
Postal	16		

Amendment No 1

1. Attached as Appendix 'A' copy/copies of Amendment No 1 to Operational Order of Battle Rear Ech First Aust Army.
2. Please acknowledge on attached slip.

[Signature]
Lt-Col
GS Rear Ech First Aust Army

To: Rear Ech First Aust Army

Date

Receipt is acknowledged of Copy No Amendment No 1 to Operational Order of Battle Rear Ech First Aust Army forwarded with Rear Ech First Aust Army G(SD) 381 of 9 Nov 44.

Name

Appointment

To: Rear Ech First Aust Army

Date

Receipt is acknowledged of Copy No 18 Amendment No 1 to Operational Order of Battle Rear Ech First Aust Army forwarded with Rear Ech First Aust Army G(SD) 381 of 9 Nov 44.

Name

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Appendix 'A'
To G(SD) 381
Dated 9 Nov 44

AMENDMENT NO 1

Arm or Service	Serial	Remarks
HQ and HQ Units	1	Before "Rear Ech First Aust Army" insert "War Office Serial No 92601".
	2	Delete all reference "10 Aust MC Gp (Type E)".
	3	Delete all reference "3 Aust Comd AL Sec".
	4	Insert after "33 Aust Sqn AL Sec" - "45185/ 46 Aust Sqn AL Sec (Tac R Sqn) Warned by 1 Aust Corps to move with 84 Wing RAAF".
Artillery	5	Delete all reference "56 Aust AA Regt (Comp) (LE) (AIF)".
	6	Insert in remarks column after "King Sec (both cases) of TORRES STRAIT CA" and "Aust Ly Bty".
Engineers	7	Insert after "15 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)" - "45588/ 17 Aust Fd Coy/TS - Warned for move RE: G5INMA".
	8	Insert after "27 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)" - "46158/ 54 Aust Fd Pk Coy (AIF)/TS".
	9	Delete all reference "57 Aust Fd Pk Coy (AIF)".
	10	Insert after "14 Aust Small Ship Coy" - "48276/ 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy/ Warned for move by 1 Aust Corps one platoon already embarked".
	11	Insert after "42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy" - "92423/ 1 Aust Water Amb Convoy/ Warning Order issued 6 Nov".
	12	8 Aust Docks Op Coy (Type G) add "less det" and delete from remarks column reference to Warning Order.
	13	Insert after "2 Aust Water and Power Sup Sec" - "48766/ 3 Aust AA Wks Sec".
	14	Delete all reference following - "25 Aust Frt Works Sec 26 Aust Frt Works Sec 3 Aust Water and Power Sup Sec".
Signals	15	Delete all reference "Sigs 4 Aust Div (AIF)".
	16	Delete all reference "One Op Det 2 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type B)".
	17	Delete remarks opposite "6 Aust Pigeon Sec" and insert "HQ 6 Aust Pigeon Sec to concentrate C.I.RMS ex leave for attachment HQ 2 Aust Water Tpt Gp Sig Sec".
	18	Delete all reference "56 Aust AA Regt (Comp) Sig Sec (LE) (AIF)".
Infantry	19	After "2/2 Aust HQ Gd Bn" insert "45203/ 101 Aust Bde Sp Coy".

Arm or Service	Serial	Remarks
Intelligence	20	After "33 Aust FS Sec (AIF)" insert "48486/ Two Dets 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy / Dets under command (a) TORRES STRAIT Area (b) LERAUKE Force "
S & T	21	"One Tpt Pl and one RDI 152 Aust GT Coy (AIF)" delete remarks
	22	After "Det 158 Aust GT Coy (AIF)" insert "48290 / 159 Aust GT Coy (AIF) / Warning order to move less one Tpt Pl to QLD L of C Area "
	23	Delete all reference "51 Aust Bipod Pl (AIF)"
Medical	24	"102 Aust Mob Bath Unit (AIF) 103 Aust Mob Bath Unit" delete all remarks except "TS".
Dental	25	"80 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)" - insert in remarks column "Warned to move 1 Aust Base Sub Area".
Ordnance	26	Delete all reference "107 Aust Ord Vch Plk Sec"
	27	"14 Aust AOD, 15 Aust AOD" - delete "being reorganized", insert "Reorganized to include Amn Sec"
	28	Delete all reference "11 Aust AAD (Type A) and 12 Aust AAD (Type A)"
	29	Delete all reference "12 Aust Mob Amn Repair Shop"
EME	30	After "219 Aust LAD (Type D) (AIF)" insert - " 46159 / 232 Aust LAD (Type A) (AIF) / TS - attached 54 Aust Fd Pk Coy "
	31	Delete all reference "233 Aust LAD (Type A) (AIF)"
	32	Delete all reference "329 Aust LAD (Type A) (AIF)"
	33	Delete all reference "56 Aust AA Regt (Comp) Wksp (LE) (AIF)"
	34	Delete all reference "71 Aust AASL Wksp Sec (Mob) (AIF)"
	35	Delete all reference "74 Aust AASL Wksp Sec (Mob) (AIF)"
	36	After "3 Aust IET Inspection Sec" insert "92019 / 2 Aust Idg Craft Wksp Sec / Warned for move by 1 Aust Corps, with 42 Aust Idg Craft Coy".
Pay	37	Delete all reference "4 Aust Div Fd Cash Office (AIF) (less dct)"
	38	Amend "15 Aust Dep Cash Office (Type B) (AIF) THURSDAY ISLAND" to read " Aust Dep Cash Office, THURSDAY ISLAND"
Postal	39	Delete all reference "4 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF) (less dct)"
Provost	40	After "First Aust Army Pro Coy (AIF)" insert " 46020 / Two Secs 3 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF) / TS - attached 15 Aust Inf Bde"
	41	Delete all reference "4 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF) (less dct)".

Arm or Service	Serial	Remarks
Schools	42	After "HQ Gas School (less Flame Warfare Trg Team)" add "(and Mob Gas Wing)".
VDC	43	Delete all reference "15 Bn".
	44	"16 Bn" - in remarks column insert after "D Coy and F Coy".
	45	After "18 Bn" insert "21 Bn, 22 Bn, 25 Regt," in remarks column insert "Placed on reserve basis".
US Army	46	Delete all reference "HQ USA Forces MEXICO".
Units	47	Delete all reference "Det 126 Sig Radio Int Coy".
RNF	48	Delete all reference "Det No 1 NEI Fusillier Coy".

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SUBJECT: ACTING LANCE NCO APPOINTMENTS

Rear Echelon First Aust Army
10 Nov. 44
A/11243/73/2.

Distribution List 'C' (Branches and
Formations plus units of Rear Ech
First Aust Army Tps only)

1. Subtended herewith is copy of LHQ memo 152183 of 3 Nov 44 relative to above subject for information and action as necessary:-

"1. Until otherwise instructed no further appointments of acting lance-sergeants, acting lance-bombardiers or acting lance-corporals will be made.

2. Where any member is at present holding an acting lance appointment, his CO will either -

(a) appoint him to an appropriate lance appointment (subject to para 3 of this memo) or

(b) terminate his acting lance appointment.

3. In connection with lance appointments attention is drawn to -

(a) the limitation imposed by paras 3(b) and 3(d) of GPO A693/43 which vary the authority for the appointment of paid and unpaid L/Bdrs and L/Cpls contained in AER & O 201 (2) and

(b) the fact that, although the provisions of AER & O 201 have not been varied in respect of L/Sgts -

(i) no appointments of paid L/Sgts can be made as no such provisions are contained in any existing WE's.

(ii) As the appointment of unpaid L/Sgts confer the substantive rank of cpl, such an appointment may be made only if the member is being posted to, or already fills, a vacancy for bdr or Cpl on the WE of the unit.

4. It is advised further that the grant to a member of the appointment of acting lance sergeant will not in itself have operated to confer upon him any substantive rank higher than that already held by him"

(SGD)

WRIGHT

Maj

AA & QMG Rear Ech First Aust
Army
for Lt-Col.

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Subject: HQ DUTY OFFICER

Rear Ech First Aust Army
// Nov 44
G(SD) 793

G(O)	Sigs (CSO)
G(I)	Camp
G(SD)	Duty Officer File
A	File
Q	- War Diary (2)
Arty	All Officers on Roster
Engrs	

Reference First Aust Army G(SD) 3161
of 24 May 44.

The following is Duty Officers Roster as from 13 Nov 44:-

13	Nov	Capt	FEELEY
14	"	Capt	MCDERMOTT
15	"	Capt	NEWELL
16	"	Capt	EASTICK
17	"	Capt	PERDRIAU
18	"	Lt	POINTON
19	"	Capt	RUSSELL
20	"	Lt	MOHNEN
21	"	Capt	MORROW
22	"	Capt	KAY
23	"	Capt	SHELDRIK.

John H. ...
GS Lt-Col.

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ORDER OF THE DAY

BY

MAJ GEN J.J. MURRAY, DSO, MC, VD

GOC REAR ECHELON FIRST AUST ARMY

ARMISTICE DAY 11 NOV 44

Today we commemorate the first Armistice Day. Armistice Day, 26 years ago, marked the end of the First World War. It is to the gallantry of our armed forces and the fortitude of our people that we lived in peace until the commencement of the present war.

In the first war 60,000 young Australians of our Army of that time paid the supreme sacrifice, and we remember them today. There are many returned men of that War who are still with us, also many of our people who suffered by the loss of some relative, or gave in some part to the general sacrifice that was necessary to preserve our country.

In remembering the men of those days, we do not forget the men of our forces who have given their lives in the present conflict, and our people who have lost some member of their families.

And so we pay honour in silence to the memory of the fallen of two Great Wars.

We must not forget, also, our men who, over the curving world in the air and on the ground and on the sea, are carrying on the fight that our country will be preserved to us.

It is by the sacrifice of our people, our soldiers and the intervention of a Divine Providence, that we will ultimately regain peace and happiness, if not for this generation which has suffered, then for the generation that is to come.

Let us not forget.

(SGD) J J MURRAY Maj-Gen.
GOC Rear Echelon First Aust Army

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Subject: FUNCTIONS OF AUSTRALIAN CATERING CORPS

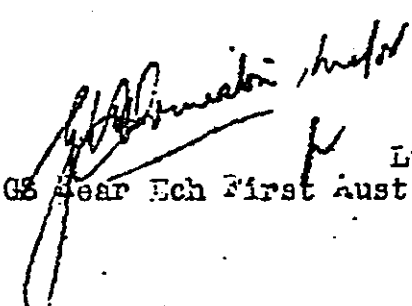
Rear Ech First Aust Army

13 Nov 44

G(SD) 394

Distribution List 'C'
(Branches and Formations
plus units of Rear Ech
First Aust Army Tps only)
Less serials 35, 36, 38-40, 45-51,
53-63, 65-67

1. The attention of all Commanders should be drawn to the considerable importance of the function fulfilled by the Catering Corps.
2. It is essential that the highest standard of efficiency and morale should be attained at all times, and in order to achieve this end it is imperative that every member of the Force should receive rations that are so prepared and served as to be adequate, nutritious, palatable, attractive and economical.
3. It is therefore directed that Commanders of all grades will give personal attention to the correct feeding of the personnel under their command and ensure that personnel of the Aust Army Catering Corps under their command are given all possible assistance and encouragement in discharging their responsibility for utilising the rations issued to the best advantage.
4. Commanders will also take steps to impress on all ranks the necessity for conservation of food and ensure by personal inspections that the supplies are not being misused or wasted.


Lt-Col
Rear Ech First Aust Army

SUBJECT:- 1 AUST DOG PL RAE

Rear Echelon First Aust Army
16 Nov 44.
AS/201/15/2

Distribution List 'C' (Branches
and Formations plus units of
Rear Ech First Aust Army Tps only)
(less serials 45-52 incl)

Authority LHQ SM11762 of 9 Nov 44.

1. Applications for transfer to the abovenamed
unit will be forwarded to reach this HQ by 1 Dec 44.

2. (a) Applicants must have had experience with Dogs
in -

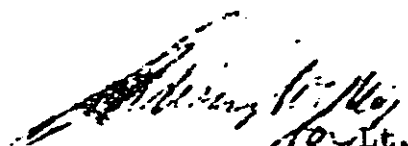
- (i) Care and handling
- (ii) Training and exercising
- (iii) Feeding and general hygiene
- (iv) First Aid and elementary veterinary duties

(b) Must have experience or be suitable for train-
ing in -

- (i) Map reading - Knowledge of conventional signs;
ability to compare map and ground intelligently;
to measure distances on the map; to set a map
by ground and sun; knowledge of grid system
and description of points by map reference and
vice versa; recognition of ground and feature
from the map.
- (ii) Knowledge of own and enemy mines and booby
traps.

3. It has been recommended that successful applicants
be classified as "Dog Handlers", with a trade grouping NOT
yet finalised.

4. Applications should consist of Regimental Number,
Rank, Name, Present Trade Grouping (if any) and/or posting
within unit, Present Unit, together with particulars as per
para 2.


AA & QMG Rear Echelon First Aust Army.

SUBJECT:- CONFIRMATION OF ACTING WARRANT AND NON-
COMMISSIONED RANK

Rear Echelon First Aust Army
/6 Nov 44.
A/139/23/2

Distribution List 'C' (Branches
& Formations plus units of Rear
Echelon First Aust Army Tps only)

1. Subjoined hereto is copy of LHQ memo (M/9/1001) 156026 of 10 Nov 44 relating to the above subject for information and action as necessary by all concerned:-

"General

1. It has been found that non-compliance by units with the principles laid down in GRO A686/1942 para 3 is causing considerable hardship, particularly in the case of members of units which are subsequently disbanded.

2. It is considered that a period of three months' probation should be ample to enable a CO finally to determine the suitability of a member to hold substantive rank, and that, unless para 13, 14 and 15 and 16 of GRO A686/42 apply, the fact that a CO has permitted a member to retain acting rank for a period in excess of three months may be taken in general as indicative of the member's qualifications to hold equivalent substantive rank.

Acting rank held continuously for six months to be confirmed -

3. Accordingly on 1 Dec 44 the CO of each unit having on its posted strength any acting warrant or non-commissioned officer who has held such acting rank continuously for a total of six months (whether in one or more than one unit) will, unless the provisions of paras 13, 14, 15 and 16 of GRO A686/42 apply -

- (i) Submit to formation etc HQ a recommendation for the promotion of any such acting warrant officer to substantive rank and such recommendation will be implemented forthwith by formation etc HQ.
- (ii) Submit to 2nd Ech component of the area of service a casualty return promoting any such acting non-commissioned officer to substantive rank.

4. Casualty returns in relation to any such promotion will quote the authority of this memo (and in the case of Warrant Officers the authority of formation etc Comd) and will be given effect to notwithstanding the provisions of GRO A187/1944.

Confirmation or termination of acting rank held for 3-6 months -

5. On 1 Dec 44 the CO of each unit having on its posted strength any acting warrant or non-commissioned

officer who has held such acting rank continuously for a total period of more than three months, but less than six months (whether in one, or more than one, unit) will, unless the provisions of paras 13, 14, 15 or 16 of GRO A686/42 apply-

- (i) terminate such acting rank or
- (ii) confirm such rank (in the case of acting NCOs) or apply to formation etc HQ for the confirmation thereof (in the case of acting warrant officers).

Personnel on 'X' List -

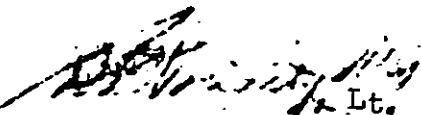
6. In the case of personnel who are on 'X' list on 1 Dec 44, the instructions contained in paras 3, 4 and 5 above will, if applicable, be implemented by the CO of the first unit to which the member is subsequently posted from 'X' list.

Proposed Amendment to GRO A686/42 -

- 7. (a) GRO A686/42 is to be amended in the near future, and will provide that, unless paras 13, 14, 15 or 16 apply, whenever acting rank has been conferred it will be either confirmed as substantive rank or be terminated on the expiration of three months from the date of appointment, unless sooner confirmed or terminated.
- (b) This amendment will be anticipated and units will submit promptly to the Second Echelon Component of the area of service a Casualty Return recording such confirmation or termination. In the case of confirmation of acting warrant rank, the approval of the formation etc HQ must first be obtained and quoted as authority on the casualty return.
- (c) The attention of CO's will be invited to the undesirability of making appointments to acting rank when promotion to substantive rank is justified and permissible.

This instruction not retrospective-

- 8. (a) It is realised that in the past many members, who have held acting rank for considerable periods but have not had such rank confirmed, have been reverted to their substantive rank on marching out of their units or on disbandment of units etc.
- (b) It is impossible at this stage to make any retrospective provision for such personnel, but special cases of extreme individual hardship may be submitted through normal channels to LHQ for consideration. In such event relevant particulars of the member's service will be submitted, together with the recommendation of the member's present CO and superior commander. Wherever possible an explanation by former COs explaining why the acting rank held was not confirmed will be attached.

 Lt. Col.
AA & QMG Rear Echelon First Aust Army.

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W. J. Deary

Subject: TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Rear Ech First Aust Army
14 Oct 44
G(SD) 282

Distribution List 'A'
(Branches etc of Rear Ech
First Aust Army)

The following is Amendment No 2 to the Rear Ech First
Aust Army Telephone Directory -

Page 6

Under "QUARTER MASTER-GENERAL'S BRANCH"

Delete "Maj M H MORAY"

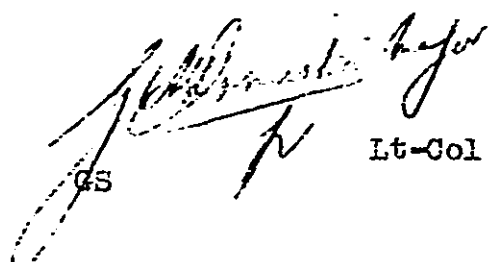
Substitute "Maj W M CROSS"

Page 8

Under "Cipher"

Delete "Chief Cipher Offr"

Substitute "Senior Cipher Offr".


CS Lt-Col

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Subject: DISTRIBUTION LIST 10, 2

15 Oct
G(3D) 289

Distribution List 'B'
(Branches and Formations only)

Reference G(3D) 289 of 11 Oct 44.

The following is Amendment No. 1 to Distribution List
No. 2 -

Serial 21: Delete "Sigs Rear Ech First Aust Army"
Substitut: "Sigs First Aust Army"

[Signature]
Lt-Col
Sigs Rear Ech First Aust Army

SECRET

War Diary

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Subject: VEHICLE MARKINGS

Rear Ech First Aust Army
15 Oct 44
G(SD) 285

Distribution List (C):
(Branches and formations
plus units of Rear Ech First
Aust Army. Tps only)
Less serials 2, 3, 12 to 16

Reference First Aust Army G(SD) 4901 of 10 Sep 44

1. It is evident that all units of Rear Ech First Aust Army have not carried out the instructions contained in the above memo. Should any unit not be conversant with its serial number, application will be made to Rear Ech First Aust Army who will advise accordingly.
2. Action will be taken forthwith to correct all vehicle markings and units will notify this Headquarters by signal of the completed action by 23 Oct 44.

[Signature]
Lt-Col
GS Rear Ech First Aust Army

SUBJECT: SURPLUS STAFF - REAR ECHELON FIRST AUST ARMY

Rear Echelon First Aust Army
17 Nov 44.
AS/202/2

Distribution List 'A'
(Branches etc of Rear Echelon
First Aust Army)

1. It is requested that returns as under be forwarded by all branches and services to Camp Comdt Rear Ech First Aust Army not later than 0900 hrs 20 Nov, 44:-

- (a) Nominal roll of personnel on strength within present WE showing number, rank, name, posting and Trade Gp.
- (b) Nominal roll of personnel held attached or surplus to present WE, showing particulars as in (a) above.
- (c) Deficiencies on present WE.
- (d) Comments on (a), (b), (c).

C. H. Sheldrick Lt. Col.
AA & QMG Rear Echelon First Aust Army.

Subject: NO DUTY OFFICER

War Diary 18

Rear Ech First Aust Army
27 Nov 44
G(SD)415

G(O) Sigs (G30)
G(I) Camp
G(SD) Duty Officer File
A All Officers on Roster
Q File
Inty War Diary (2)
Encls

Reference Rear Ech First Aust Army G(SD) 350
of 31 Oct 44.

The following is Duty Officers Roster as from 22 Nov 44

22 Nov	Capt RICHARDS
23 Nov	Capt FARLEY
24 Nov	Capt McDERMOTT
25 Nov	Lt WINTER
26 Nov	Capt BLANCHARD
27 Nov	Capt FORDMAN
28 Nov	Lt POINTON
29 Nov	Capt MORROW
30 Nov	Capt HILL
1 Dec	Capt SLEEDRICK
2 Dec	Capt MEANE

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GS Lt-Col

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Subject: DISTRIBUTION LIST NO 3 AMENDMENT NO 1

Rear Ech First Aust Army
21 Nov 44
G(SD) 416

Distribution List 'B'
(Branches and Formations only)
Less Serials 45, 46.

Distribution List No 3 issued 7 Nov 44 will be amended
by deleting serials 8, 10, 29 and 31.

[Signature]
Lt-Col
Rear Ech First Aust Army

MESSAGE FORM

Call Ser No Priority Transmission Instructions

FROM: REARFIRSTARMY Date-Time of Origin
22 1530

Copy to:
Sigs First Aust
Army Dental
GSOI Pro
G(O) Pay
G(I) Amenities
G(SD) S&T
CRE Ord
CSO DADOS -
AA&QM G Army Tps
A E&M3
Q Postal
Arty RMB
Legal War Diary
Med (2) —

TO: 11 AUST DIV TORRESFORCE HERAUKER FORCE
TOWNSVILLE FRT CAIRNS FRT ATECOMD
1 AUST CORPS MILBASE BRISBANE MILBASE
SYDNEY MOV TOWNSVILLE MV SYDNEY MOV
MELBOURNE MOV BRISBANE MOV PERTH MOV
DARWIN MOV ADELAIDE MOV THURSDAY ISLAND
MOV EOBART GHQ SWPA LANDOPS LANDFORCES

O 558 SECRET LOCATION REPORT 8 (.) Landforces pass Second Ech
(.) Army Tps (.) 305 Aust LAD departed area (.) 29 Aust Sal Sec
(less deta) THURSDAY IS to TOLGA (.) 11 Aust Div (.) 2/13 Aust AA
Regt Wksp less 84 AASL Wksp Sec passed under comd 1 Aust Corps
190900K (.) 55 Aust AA Regt Wksp under comd from 1 Aust Corps
220900K (.) 1 Aust Mtn Bty passed to comd 11 Div 170900K (.)
134 Aust Bde Wksp and 1 Aust Inf Tps Wksp departed area (.) ref
Loc stat No 2 (.) reinstate serial No A75 all infm

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enemy hands, this message
must be sent IN CYPHER

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Instructions
Degree of
Priority

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Signed.....

Signed.....
Arthur J. Hayes
22/11

Subject: RE: DUTY OFFICER

Rear Echelon First Assist Atty
25 Dec 44
G(SB) 484

G-6)	Sigs(SB)
G-1)	3 & 3
G-3D)	Postal
2	Salvage
2	Jump
Ord	Duty Officer also
ME	All Officers on Roster
Atty	File
Engrs	See Sign (✓)

1. Rear First Assist Atty (G-6) will be in charge of all G(SB) 484 of 21 Dec 44 and thereafter.

2. Duty Officers Roster as shown on Dec 44 is attached as Appendix A.

3. Place of duty is the branch at Fort Belvoir, Colorado building.

4. Hours of duty will be -

1700 hrs - 1815 hrs	- evening period of duty
1800 hrs - 1900 hrs	
1845 hrs - 2000 hrs	- day of duty
2200 hrs - 0600 hrs	

5. In the event of a duty officer being unable to perform his duty as detailed, he is responsible for procuring as a substitute some other officer on the roster and informing G(SB) in advance of such change.

6. It is the responsibility of all officers before presenting themselves for duty to be conversant with the instructions for Duty Officer which are kept in Operations Room.

7. If a duty officer is in doubt as to the action to be taken on any urgent matter arising during his tour of duty, he must contact an officer of the Branch concerned.

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Lt Col

Appendix 'A'
 To G/SD
 Dated 25 Nov 44

NO DUTY OFFICERS ROSTER

25 Nov	Lt	WINTER	Sigs (CSO)
26 Nov	Lt	POINSON	G
27 Nov	Capt	MORROW	G
28 Nov	Capt	HAY	G
29 Nov	Capt	LEAHY	G
30 Nov	Capt	BLANCHARD	G
1 Dec	Lt	PASS	G
2 Dec	Capt	PARR	S & T
3 Dec	Capt	WICKLY	Postal
4 Dec	Lt	RECHERCH	G
5 Dec	Capt	VIBERT	G
6 Dec	Capt	REYNOLDS	G
7 Dec	Lt	COTTELL	G
8 Dec	Capt	NEVEY	Engne
9 Dec	Capt	RICHARDS	G
10 Dec	Capt	McKENNA	G
11 Dec	Capt	WARRICK	Seavane

Subject: AMENDMENT TO DRL3 SCHEDULE

Rear Ech First Aust Army.
27 Nov 44
G(SD) 428

Distribution List 'A'
(Branches etc of Rear
Ech First Aust Army only)

Less Serials 45, 46, 50
Plus Registry and Message Control Centre.

Reference G(SD) 329 of 28 Oct 44.

Attached as Appendix 'A' is Amendment to the above
Schedule for Runs Nos. 1 and 7.

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Appendix 'A'
 To G(SD) 428
 Dated 27 Nov. 44

<u>RUN No. 1</u>		<u>ARRIVES</u>		<u>DEPARTS</u>
ATHERTON	---	---	1055	1825
11 Aust Div	1125	1855	1130	1900
Fd PO 2/2 AGH	1145	---	1150	---
Rear First Aust Army	1220	1945	1230	1955
11 Aust Div	1310	2035	1315	2040
ATHERTON	1340	2105	---	---

<u>RUN No. 7</u>						
ATHERTON	---	---	---	0700	0915	1400
ATHERTON Locals	---	0920	1405	---	1030	1515
WONGABEL	0735	1055	1510 ^h	0740	1100	1730 ^h
ATHERTON	0815	1135	1755	---	---	---

* This run will be broken at WONGABEL for 1 hr 50 mins to clear all despatches handed in up to 1715 hrs.

Appendix 'A'
 To G(SD) 428
 Dated 27 Nov. 44

<u>RUN No. 1</u>			<u>ARRIVES</u>		<u>DEPARTS</u>
ATHERTON	---	---	---	1055	1825
11 Aust Div	1125	1855	---	1130	1900
Fd PO 2/2 AGH	1145	---	---	1150	---
Rear Ech First Aust Army	1220	1945	---	1230	1955
11 Aust Div	1310	2035	---	1315	2040
ATHERTON	1340	2105	---	---	---

<u>RUN No. 7</u>						
ATHERTON	---	---	---	0700	0915	1400
ATHERTON Locals	---	0920	1405	---	1030	1515
WONGABEL	0735	1055	1540 ^h	0740	1100	1730 ^h
ATHERTON	0815	1135	1755	---	---	---

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Subject: REAR Ech FIRST AUST ARMY STAFF INSTRUCTIONS
Nos. 7 - 20.

Rear Ech First Aust Army
5 (SD) Nov 44
G(SD) 434

Distribution List 'A'
(Branches etc of Rear
Ech First Aust Army)
Less serials 45, 46 and 50
Plus G Registry and Message
Control Centre.

1. Attached hereto are Rear Ech First Aust Army Staff Instructions Nos. 7 - 20 which will be strictly adhered to by addressees.
2. In order to ensure that Branches, Services etc., are fully conversant with the attached instructions, it is proposed in the near future to hold periods within this headquarters in which these instructions will be fully discussed.
3. Details regarding time, place and personnel who will attend the above discussion periods will be promulgated at a later date.


Lt-Col.
GS/Rear Ech First Aust Army

PROTECTED DOCUMENTS

7. (a) Protected Army documents are classified as follows -

TOP SECRET (signal abbreviation : TOPSEC)
SECRET
CONFIDENTIAL
RESTRICTED.

- (b) TOP SECRET category will normally be confined to certain secret documents, information and material, of which the security aspect is paramount and whose unauthorized disclosure would cause exceptionally grave damage to the nation. Documents thus classified will be marked "TOP SECRET" in bold and unmistakable marking.

The following are examples of matter which normally will be graded in this category -

- (i) Plans or particulars of future major or special operations.
- (ii) Particulars of important dispositions or impending moves of forces or convoys in connection with (i) above.
- (iii) Very important political documents dealing with such matters as negotiations for alliances and the like.
- (iv) Information of the methods used or success obtained by intelligence services and counter-intelligence services or which would imperil secret agents.
- (v) Critical information of new and important munitions of war, including approved scientific and technical developments.
- (vi) Important particulars of cryptography and cryptanalysis.

- (c) SECRET documents, information or material are such that their unauthorized disclosure would endanger national security, cause injury to the interests or prestige of the nation or any governmental activity thereof, or which would be of great advantage to a foreign nation.

The following are some examples of matter which normally will be graded "SECRET"

- (i) Particulars of operations in progress.
- (ii) Plans or particulars of operations not included under "TOP SECRET"
- (iii) Instructions regarding the employment of important new munitions of war.
- (iv) Order of Battle information and locations and moves affecting the Order of Battle.
- (v) Knowledge of enemy material and procedure, the value of which depends upon the enemy not being aware that it is known.
- (vi) Vital military information on important defences.
- (vii) Certain reports of operations containing information of vital interest to the enemy

- (viii) Adverse reports on general morale affecting major operations.
- (ix) Important improvements to existing munitions of war until accepted for service use.
- (x) Photographs of vulnerable points or vital installations.
- (xi) Certain development projects.
- (xii) Important cryptographic devices unless assigned to a lower category.

(d) CONFIDENTIAL category includes documents, information or material, the unauthorized disclosure of which, while not endangering the national security, would be prejudicial to the interests or prestige of the nation, any governmental activity or an individual, or which would cause administrative embarrassment or difficulty or be of advantage to a foreign nation.

The following are some examples of matter which normally will be graded "CONFIDENTIAL".

- (i) Matters, investigations and documents of a personal and disciplinary nature, the knowledge of which it is desirable to safeguard for administrative reasons.
- (ii) Routine operational and battle reports which do not contain information of vital interest to the enemy.
- (iii) Routine intelligence reports.
- (iv) General military radio frequency allocations.
- (v) Military call signs, unless so collected together that they reveal the Order of Battle.
- (vi) Meteorological information of designated areas.
- (vii) Unit movement of non-operational significance in areas within or adjacent to operational theatres.
- (viii) Certain technical documents and manuals used for training, maintenance and inspection of important munitions of war.
- (ix) General tactical lessons learned as a result of operations.
- (x) Aerial photographs of territories under our control in or adjacent to operational theatres.

(e) RESTRICTED documents are documents, other than those covered by higher categories, which should not be published or communicated to anyone except for official purposes.

The following are some examples of matter which normally will be graded "RESTRICTED" -

- (i) Information of moves of non-operational significance in areas remote theatres of war.
- (ii) Training and technical documents for official use only or not intended for release to the public.

- (iii) Certain routine documents relating to supply and procurement.
- (iv) Aerial photographs of territories under our control remote from operational theatres.
- (v) Photographs of enemy, enemy occupied or dominated areas, except those which reveal secret sources.
- (vi) Strength returns of units remote from operational theatres.

8. GRADING OF PROTECTED DOCUMENTS

Each document will be graded according to its own contents and not necessarily according to its relationship to another document. This also applies to extracts from graded documents, but NOT to messages (signals) making reference to or containing extracts from previous messages.

The grading of a file or group of physically connected documents shall be that of the highest graded documents therein.

Officers authorized to grade documents "TOP SECRET" will NOT be below 1st grade staff officers or the administrative service equivalents.

9. MARKING OF PROTECTED DOCUMENTS

Originators of protected documents will, where practicable and especially where the documents are to be printed, arrange to include on the front of the document a notice appropriate to the classification as shown in the Appendix to this order.

In other cases, the document will be plainly marked with the appropriate classification in large block letters, usually in the top right-hand corner. The marking will never be put in the top left-hand corner.

10. ACCESSIBILITY OF PROTECTED DOCUMENTS

- (a) 1st Grade Staff Officers and administrative service equivalents will be responsible that the number of officers who have access to documents in the "TOP SECRET" category will be reduced to a minimum. Individual officers, or branches, will be given particulars only of that part of the document which directly affects their work.
- (b) Officers will be responsible that the number of persons who have access to "SECRET" documents is reduced to a minimum compatible with efficient handling.
- (c) "CONFIDENTIAL" documents necessarily require a more extensive circulation than "TOP SECRET" and "SECRET" documents, but the greatest care, consistent with efficiency, must be taken in their distribution, handling and use.

11. CARE OF PROTECTED DOCUMENTS WHEN IN USE

- (a) It is forbidden to study a protected document in the presence of a person who is not entitled to see the document, or to leave such a document exposed during the absence of the authorized holder.
- (b) If it is necessary to take "TOP SECRET" or "SECRET" documents from one place to another, officers must carry them in locked boxes or bags, which must always be in their possession and must never be left unattended.
- (c) When an officer who has charge of any protected documents is about to vacate his appointment, on transfer or

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retirement, he will have the list of such documents verified and will then hand over both the list and the documents to his successor, obtaining the necessary receipt for the documents.

- (d) Should it be necessary to transfer a registered (i.e. accountable) document from one headquarters, formation or unit to another, a proper handing over certificate must be obtained and forwarded to the issuing authority.

12. RECEIPTS FOR PROTECTED DOCUMENTS

- (a) It is imperative that transmission and custody of "TOP SECRET" documents be covered by a receipt system. When more than one copy of a "TOP SECRET" document is made, such documents will be given copy numbers.
- (b) "SECRET" documents, etc., will normally be covered by receipts. Registered (i.e. accountable) "SECRET" documents will invariably be so covered.
- (c) The originator of a "SECRET" document or letter will be responsible for deciding whether the document or letter should be copy numbered. If it is intended that the document shall be treated as a registered (i.e. accountable) document, it must be copy numbered.
- (d) Receipts for documents in the "CONFIDENTIAL" and "RESTRICTED" categories will NOT be called for unless, for some special reason, a receipt is required by the originator.
- (e) Paras (b) and (d) are NOT intended to affect the existing practice of obtaining receipts for certain closed envelopes and packets transmitted within the headquarters or the practice of marking the envelopes etc., with reference numbers necessary for identification purposes, in relation to the receipt lists.

13. TRANSMISSION OF PROTECTED DOCUMENTS

- (a) "TOP SECRET" and "SECRET" documents will be sent in two envelopes. To assist the recipient in verifying that there has been no tampering in transit, the inner envelope will always be a new one. The outer envelope will bear only the address, and will NOT be marked with the category of the paper. The inner envelope will be marked with the appropriate security category, and if "TOP SECRET" it will also be marked "to be opened personally by....." the holder of an appointment (normally) or a named individual. The contents may NOT be disclosed to any person by virtue of his rank or office. "CONFIDENTIAL" documents may be enclosed in two envelopes at the sender's discretion, the inner one only being marked "CONFIDENTIAL".
- (b) Only inner envelopes containing "TOP SECRET" or "SECRET" documents will be wax sealed. No seals will be affixed on outer envelopes or on inner envelopes containing "CONFIDENTIAL" documents.
- (c) "TOP SECRET" documents will, under no circumstances, be transmitted by civil post. "SECRET" documents will be sent by civil post only if a more secure means is NOT available. Postal registration of "CONFIDENTIAL" documents will be left to the sender's discretion with the proviso that recourse to this method of despatch must be regarded as exceptional.

- (d) By way of relaxation of the foregoing rules, the General Officer Commanding, when he considers that speed of despatch is of first importance and that the full requirements of security during transmission will be fulfilled, may authorize the use of one cover only, marked "SECRET". To be opened only by an officer. Sealing may be dispensed with and receipt may be acknowledged where necessary in the normal course. Such relaxation of procedure will apply only to "SECRET" documents which are to be delivered by a service despatch rider or a messenger and will NOT apply to "TOP SECRET" documents.
- (e) Whenever a protected document is transmitted in accordance with the rules in a single envelope, the latter must be marked with the classification of the enclosed document.
- (f) Folders or jackets containing "TOP SECRET" documents will be distinctively marked, in addition to bearing the words "TOP SECRET".
- (g) For internal circulation within this headquarters, protected documents may be passed by hand from officer to officer. If passed by any other means, "TOP SECRET" documents must be enveloped as laid down in paras (a) and (b). "SECRET" and "CONFIDENTIAL" documents must be passed in one envelope marked with the appropriate classification.

14. OPENING OF PROTECTED DOCUMENTS

- (a) "TOP SECRET" documents will only be opened by the person designated in accordance with paragraph 13 sub-paragraph (a).
- (b) "SECRET" documents will be opened by the addressee or by persons so authorized by him.
- (c) "CONFIDENTIAL" documents may be opened by the chief clerk of a branch or service etc.

15. RECORDING OF PROTECTED DOCUMENTS

- (a) The recording of all "TOP SECRET" and "SECRET" documents may be carried out by the chief clerks; the letter number or necessary safe minimum information for recording documents in the "TOP SECRET" category may be given to the chief clerks by the officers concerned.
- (b) The recording of "CONFIDENTIAL" documents may be carried out by chief clerks or selected confidential clerks.

16. SAFE CUSTODY OF PROTECTED DOCUMENTS

"TOP SECRET" documents will, as far as possible, be kept in locked safes, and "SECRET" documents in locked safes or steel cupboards. If sufficient safes or steel cupboards are NOT available, steel boxes may be used instead. These containers will NOT be left unprotected. The keys of "TOP SECRET" containers will be kept by an officer. Custody of keys of "SECRET" containers may be specially delegated to chief clerks. "CONFIDENTIAL" documents may be kept by a superintendent or chief clerk provided that they are in a container which

be locked.

The instruction in this paragraph relating to "TOP SECRET" documents apply to existing "MOST SECRET" documents until the latter are regraded.

17. BREAKING OF SECRECY AND DEGRADING

(a) Degrading of registered (i.e. accountable) documents may be carried out only on the instructions of the originating authority.

(b) Subject to sub-paragraph (a) officers NOT below 1st grade staff officers and administrative service equivalents are authorized -

(i) To degrade to a lower category "TOP SECRET" and other documents when they are satisfied that the contents no longer warrant the original classification. When a document is down-graded, a note of the new category allotted to it will be made on the document. This note will be signed by the officer authorizing such down-grading. The down-grading will also be recorded in the file, if any, in which the document is kept. In case of doubt, reference should be made to a higher authority.

(ii) To issue in a lower category extracts from, or instructions which emanate from, a document in a higher category, provided that in their opinion the extracts or instructions do NOT justify the inclusion in the same category as the original document. For example, orders relating to the move of a unit overseas would be given in the "SECRET" category, but consequential transfers of personnel to or from that unit need NOT be dealt with in "SECRET" documents, provided that no reference is made to the move of the unit in question.

18. CHECKING OF REGISTERED DOCUMENTS

Lists will be kept of all registered (i.e. accountable) "TOP SECRET" and "SECRET" documents and at least quarterly checks will be instituted to bring any deficiencies to light at an early date.

19. LOSS OF PROTECTED DOCUMENTS

On discovery of loss of a "TOP SECRET", "SECRET" or "CONFIDENTIAL" document, a thorough search will at once be made, and the loss will be reported forthwith, as follows, to the issuing authority whether or NOT the document is subsequently found. The authority notifying the loss of a "TOP SECRET", "SECRET" or "CONFIDENTIAL" document will render two reports -

(a) One direct, by the quickest means, to the originating authority or to LHQ if the originating authority is NOT a member of the AMP.

(b) One, through the usual channels, to the originating authority, showing what action has been taken to recover the document and what steps have been taken to prevent any further losses. Full details of any inquiry and a report on any disciplinary action which has been taken will be forwarded with this report.

20. DISPOSAL OF PROTECTED DOCUMENTS

Protected documents will be examined from time to time with a view to reducing the number of such documents held. Those no longer required by holders will, if registered (i.e. accountable), be returned to the originator, and, if unregistered, be completely destroyed under supervision.

Appendix
To Rear Ech First Aust Army
Staff Instruction No. 9

TOP SECRET

THIS DOCUMENT IS THE PROPERTY OF THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT, and is intended only for the personal information of

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and of those officers under him whose duties it affects. He is personally responsible for its safe custody and that its contents are disclosed to those officers and to them only.

The document will be kept in a locked safe when not in actual use.

SECRET

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and of those officers under him whose duties it affects. He is personally responsible for its safe custody and that its contents are disclosed to those officers and to them only.

The document will be kept under lock and key when not in actual use.

CONFIDENTIAL

THIS DOCUMENT IS THE PROPERTY OF THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT, and is issued for the information of officers and responsible officials.

The officer or official in possession of the document will be responsible for its safe custody and that its contents are not disclosed to any unauthorized person.

The document will be kept under lock and key when not in actual use.

Officers commanding units and establishments etc., are responsible that appropriate circulation is given to this document.

RESTRICTED

The information given in this document is not to be communicated, either directly or indirectly, to the Press or to any person not authorized to receive it.

To: REAR ECH FIRST AUST ARMY

From:

Receipt is acknowledged of Copy No(s) ⁷⁵ of Rear
Ech First Aust Army Location Statement No 2 as at 2400 hrs 31 Oct 44.

.....(Name and Rank)

..... (Date)

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Rear Ech First Aust Army

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CAIRNS Fortress	5 - 6	NE Area RAAF	27	AA & QMG	46
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Sigs First Aust Army	9	A Sub HQ Aust Kit Store IPSWICH	29	Q	49
QLD AA & CA Sigs	10	2/1 Aust Mov & Tn Gp TOWNSVILLE	30	Chaplains	50
First Aust Army Pro Coy	11	1 Aust MC Gp (Type A) SYDNEY	31	S & T	51
Aust HQ Area Comd ATHERTON	12	2 Aust MC Gp (Type A) MELBOURNE	32	Med	52
First Aust Army Schools	13 - 16	3 Aust MC Gp (Type A) BRISBANE	33	Dental	53
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1. Herewith Rear Ech First Aust Army Location Statement No 2 as at 2400 hrs 31 Oct 44. This Location Statement shows all units on Rear Ech First Aust Army Order of Battle.

2. Distribution of relevant information only will be made to subordinate formations, etc. L of C Areas will forward to the respective Sub-Areas only those locations of direct concern to each L of C Sub-Area.

3. It is requested that any errors of location noted in this statement be notified to this Headquarters by formations concerned.

4. Please destroy Rear Ech First Aust Army Location Statement No 1, complete the attached certificate of acknowledgement and return same to this Headquarters.

E. H. Wade Lt-Col.
GS Rear Ech First Aust Army.

REAR ECH FIRST AUST ARMY LOCATION STATEMENT No 2

as at 2400 hrs 31 Oct 44

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Copy No. 72

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Serial No	Unit	Vehicle No	Location	Moves projected and remarks
	<u>HQ UNITS</u>			
A1	Rear Ech First Aust Army (AIF)	73	MAREEBA	
Ala	305 Aust LAD (Type A)	305/40	MAREEBA	
A2	Rear Details HQ NG Force	981	MAREEBA	Being disbanded - Under comd 2/2 Aust HQ Gd Bn
A3	6 Aust Comd AL Sec	6/732		NOT yet under comd from NT Force - On arrival to be warned for embarkation Tropical Service vide Landops G/440.23/SD of 23 Oct 44
	<u>ARTY</u>			
A11	1 Aust Mtn Bty (Mech) (AIF)	1/285	WONGABEL	
Alla	Less - Det 1 Aust Mtn Bty (Mech) (AIF)	1/285	RICHMOND	Under comd Aust Para Trg Centre - for trg
	<u>ENGERS</u>			
A15	1 Aust Para Tp RAE	1/685	MAREEBA	

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A20	<u>SVY</u> 2 Aust Fd Svy Coy (less Two Svy Secs and Two Dets Drawing Sec)	2/111	INGHAM	Under comd TOWNSVILLE Frt - Two Svy Secs and Two Dets Drawing Sec under comd First Aust Army
A20a	Less - 2 Sec 2 Aust Fd Svy Coy	2/111	COOKTOWN	Under comd CAIRNS Frt
A21	3 Aust Fd Svy Coy (AIF)	3/111	MAPEE	
A21a	Less - 1 and 3 Secs 3 Aust Fd Svy Coy	3/111	TIRRABELLA	
A21b	Det 3 Aust Fd Svy Coy	3/111	GEORGETOWN	
A21c	2 Drawing Secs	3/111	KAIRI	
A25	<u>SIGS</u> HQ Sigs First Aust Army (M) (less No 3 Coy) (AIF)	235	MAREEBA	
A25a	327 Aust LAD (Type A) (AIF)	327/40	MAREEBA	
A25b	HQ 1 Coy Sigs First Aust Army (M) (AIF)	235	MAREEBA	
A25c	HQ 2 Coy Sigs First Aust Army (M) (AIF)	235	THURSDAY Island	Under comd HQ TORRES STRAIT Area for local adm
A27	17 Aust Line Maint Sec	17/322	MAREEBA	
A28	16 Aust Tech Maint Sec (HE)	16/304	ATHERTON	
A29	3 Aust Op Sec	3/268	MAREEBA	
A30	63 Aust Tg Op Sec	63/309	MAREEBA	
A31	54 Aust Tele Swbd Op Sec (AIF)	54/287	MAREEBA	
A32	31 Aust DR Sec	31/201	MAREEBA	
A33	10 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy) (AIF)	10/510	MAREEBA	
A33a	Less - Det 10 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy) (AIF)		BRISBANE	Warning order to move NEW GUINEA issued 26 Oct Under comd Sigs Adv LHQ for local adm
A34	65 Aust Wireless Sec (Type C)	65/510	CAIRNS	Under comd CAIRNS Frt for local adm - allotted on AMF OOB to 1 Aust Indep Sig Gp
A35	67 Aust Wireless Sec (Type C) (AIF)	67/510	KAIRI	LHQ Unit - under comd for local adm only - allotted on AMF OOB to 1 Aust Indep Sig Gp

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	<u>SIGS (Contd)</u>			
A36	7 Aust Cipher Sec (Type B)	7/68	MAREEBA	
A37	HQ QLD AA & CA Sigs	549	CHERMSIDE	No 1 Coy under comd BRISBANE Frt
A37a	No 2 Coy QLD AA & CA Sigs	549	KISSING POINT	Under comd TOWNSVILLE Frt - see Serial G33
A37b	No 3 Coy QLD AA & CA Sigs	549	CAIRNS	Under comd CAIRNS Frt
A37c	No 4 Coy QLD AA & CA Sigs	549	THURSDAY Island	Under comd TORRES STRAIT Area
A38	39 Aust Cipher Sec (Type E) (AIF)		MAREEBA	To move NEW GUINEA at an early date
	<u>INF</u>			
A45	HQ 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	2-1/225	WONGABEL	
A45a	14 Pl D Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	2-1/225	MAPEE	
A45b	HQ B Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	2-1/225	MAPEE	) 1st Aust Div
A45c	17 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	2-1/225	MAPEE	
A45d	HQ F Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	2-1/225	WONGABEL	
A45e	21 Pl F Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	2-1/225	WONGABEL	Warning order to move NEW GUINEA issued 11 Sep 44
A45f	24 Pl F Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	2-1/225	WONGABEL	
A45g	29 Pl G Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	2-1/225	MAPEE	Warning order to move NEW GUINEA issued 1 Aug 44
A46	HQ 2/2 Aust HQ Gd Bn	2-2/225	MAREEBA	
A46a	Less - Det HQ Coy & A Coy 2/2 Aust HQ Gd Bn	2-2/225	WONGABEL	Under comd 1 Aust Corps for local adm
A46b	Det B Coy, C Coy & MMG Coy 2/2 Aust HQ Gd Bn	2-2/225	CAIRNS	Under comd CAIRNS Frt
A46c	Det B Coy 2/2 Aust HQ Gd Bn	2-2/225	MAPEE	
	<u>AASC</u>			
A50	132 Aust GT Coy (five pls)	132/105	ROCKY CK	1st Aust Army Veh Pool
A51a	Less - A & C Pls 132 Aust GT Coy	132/105	REDLYNCH	
A51b	Wksp Pl 132 Aust GT Coy	132/105	ROCKY CK	
A51c	Det 132 Aust GT Coy	132/105	FRESHWATER	

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A52 A52a A52b A53	AASC (Contd) 161 Aust GT Coy (three pls) Less - A Pl 161 Aust GT Coy C Pl 161 Aust GT Coy 8 Aust MAC (AIF)	161/105 161/105 161/105 8/188	MILLAA MILLAA MALANDA ROCKY CK EAST BARRON	LHQ Unit Under comd 1 Aust HQ Area Comd for local adm - see Serial K42
A60	<u>MEDICAL</u> 103 Aust Mob BU	103/152	MAREEBA	
A66	<u>DENTAL</u> 78 Aust Dental Unit (less C & F Secs)	78/181		Rear Ech First Aust Army Tps - C & F Secs under comd TAS L of C Area
A66a	HQ 78 Aust Dental Unit	78/181	DEADMANS GULLY	Under comd HQ 1 Aust Beach Gp for local adm
A66b	Det HQ 78 Aust Dental Unit	78/181	BARRON RIVER	Att 41 Aust Ldg Craft Coy - under comd 1 Aust Corps for local adm
A66c	A Sec 78 Aust Dental Unit	78/181	DEADMANS GULLY)	Under comd HQ 2 Aust Beach Gp for local adm Inoperative - under comd HQ 1 Aust Beach Gp for local adm Rear Ech First Aust Army Tps - HQ and 3 Secs moving under comd 1 Aust Corps - at present in transit Under comd 105 Aust Lt Fd Amb for local adm
A66d	B Sec 78 Aust Dental Unit	78/181	DEADMANS GULLY)	
A66e	D Sec 78 Aust Dental Unit	78/181	DEADMANS GULLY)	
A66f	E Sec 78 Aust Dental Unit	78/181	DEADMANS GULLY)	
A67	79 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	79/181		
A67a	A Sec 79 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	79/181	MERAUKE)	Under comd 105 Aust Lt Fd Amb for local adm
A67b	B Sec 79 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	79/181	MERAUKE)	

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	<u>DENTAL (Contd)</u>			
A67c	D Sec 79 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	79/181	THURSDAY Island	Under comd TORRES STRAIT Area for local adm
A68	80 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	80/181		Rear Ech First Aust Army Tps
A68a	HQ 80 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	80/181	MAPEE)	Under comd HQ 11 Aust Div for
A68b	Det HQ 80 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	80/181	MAPEE)	local adm
A68c	A Sec 80 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	80/181	MAPEE	Under Comd 11 Aust Div for local adm
A68d	B Sec 80 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	80/181	TOLGA	Under comd 1 Aust HQ Area Comd for local adm
A68e	C Sec 80 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	80/181	MAPEE	Under comd 11 Aust Div for local adm
A68f	D Sec 80 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	80/181	MAPEE	Under comd HQ 1 Aust Corps for local adm
A68g	E Sec 80 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	80/181	ATHERTON	Under comd 1 Aust HQ Area Comd for local adm
A68h	F Sec 80 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	80/181	MAPEE	Under comd 11 Aust Div for local adm
A69	81 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	81/181		Rear Ech First Aust Army Tps
A69a	HQ 81 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	81/181	MAREEBA	Att Rear Ech First Aust Army
A69b	Det HQ 81 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	81/181	WONGABEL	Under comd First Aust Army School of Sigs for local adm
A69c	A Sec 81 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	81/181	HEATHCOTE	In transit to join HQ
A69d	B Sec 81 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	81/181	CAIRNS	Under comd HQ CAIRNS Frt for local adm
A69e	C Sec 81 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	81/181	MAREEBA	Att Rear Ech First Aust Army
A69f	D Sec 81 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	81/181	ROCKY CK	Under comd 1 Aust HQ Area Comd for local adm
A69g	E Sec 81 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	81/181	CAIRNS	Under comd HQ CAIRNS Frt for local adm
A69h	F Sec 81 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	81/181	BARRINE	Att 2/1 Aust Con Depot Wing
	<u>ORD</u>			
A75	1 Aust Inf Tps Ord Fd Pk	1/147	MAPEE	
A76	4 Aust Inf Tps Ord Fd Pk	4/147	MAPEE	
A76a	Less - Veh Pk Sec 4 Aust Inf Tps Ord Fd Pk	4/147	CHARTERS TOWERS	Under comd 105 Aust Ord Veh Pk Sec for local adm

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A77	<u>ORD (Contd)</u> 139 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	139/83		NOT yet under comd from NT Force- Warning order issued 28 Aug
A80	<u>E & ME</u> 1 Aust Inf Tps Wksp (AIF)	1/155	MAPEE	Warning order to move NEW GUINEA issued 6 Sep 44
A80a	Less - Det 1 Aust Inf Tps Wksp (AIF)	1/155	ATHERTON	Under comd 1 Aust HQ Area Comd for local adm only
A81	5 Aust Inf Tps Wksp (AIF)	5/155	MAPEE	
A82	132 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A) (AIF)	132/76	MAPEE	Under comd 11 Aust Div for local adm
A82a	Less - Det 13 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A) (AIF)	132/76	ATHERTON	
A83	134 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A) (AIF)	134/76		NOT yet under comd from NT Force- Warning order issued 28 Aug - To be allotted 1 Aust Base Sub Area
A84	2 Aust MT Inspection Sec (AIF)	2/932	MAREEBA	LHQ Tps
A85	3 Aust MT Inspection Sec	3/932	MAREEBA	LHQ Tps
A90	<u>PAY</u> Det 11 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	11/80	MAREEBA	
A92	<u>POSTAL</u> Det 1 Aust Corps Postal Unit		MAREEBA	Attached temporarily
A95	<u>PRO</u> First Aust Army Pro Coy (AIF)	172	MAREEBA	Det under comd 17 Aust Lof C Area for local adm - Two secs to move NEW GUINEA earliest - Warning order issued 31 Oct 44
A100	<u>MISC</u> First Aust Army Press Unit (AIF)	203	ATHERTON	LHQ Unit - Under comd 1 Aust HQ Area Comd for local adm - See Serial K115
A101	1 Aust Para Bn (AIF)	1/871	MAREEBA	
A102	3 Aust Barrack (200 personnel)	3/734	MAREEBA	

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Serial No	Unit	Vehicle No	Location	Moves projected and remarks
B1 B1a	<u>HQ UNITS</u> HQ 11 Aust Div (AIF) with 2/90 Aust LAD (Type A)	11/84 2-90/40	MAPEE MAPEE	
B2 B3 B3a B3b B3c	<u>ARTY</u> HQ RAA 11 Aust Div (AIF) 13 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) (AIF) with Sig Sec (Jungle Div) (AIF) 219 Aust LAD (Type D) (AIF) Less - One tp 13 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) (AIF)	11/94 13/74 13/48 219/40	MAPEE MAPEE MAPEE MAPEE	
B4 B5	2/3 Aust F Sp Bty 3 Aust Svy Bty (AIF)	2-3/106 3/87	CANUNGRA MAPEE MAPEE	Under comd Aust Trg Centre (JW)
B6	4 Aust Svy Bty (AIF)	4/87	MAPEE	Warning order to move NEW GUINEA issued 24 aug 44 Army Tps
B10 B11 B11a B11b B11c B11d	<u>ENGRS</u> HQ RAE 11 Aust Div (AIF) 54 Aust Fd Pk Coy (AIF) with 232 Aust LAD (Type A) Less - Det 54 Aust Fd Pk Coy (AIF) Br Pl 54 Aust Fd Pk Coy (AIF) Stores Pl 54 Aust Fd Pk Coy (AIF)	11/81 54/67 232/40	MAPEE WONGABEL WONGABEL KATRI GORDONVALE WONGABEL	)) Temporarily under comd 1 Aust) Corps - Comd passes to 11 Aust) Div 4 Nov 44)))
B15 B16	<u>SIGS</u> Sigs 11 Aust Div (AIF) 44 Aust Cipher Sec (Type K) (AIF)	11/66 44/68	MAPEE	NOT yet under comd from NEW GUINEA

Serial No	Unit	Vehicle No	Location	Moves projected and remarks
B17 B18	<u>INF</u> HQ & 17 Pl B Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt 29 Pl G Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	2-1/225 2-1/225	MAPEE MAPEE	Army tps att HQ 11 Aust Div Warning order to move NEW GUINEA issued 1 Aug 44
B20	<u>INF</u> H/2 Aust FS Sec (AIF)	H/429	MAPEE	
B22 B23	<u>AASC</u> HQ Comd AASC 11 Aust Div (AIF) HQ 158 Aust GT Coy (AIF) with HQ & one Sec Wksp Pl	11/59 158/105	MAPEE MAPEE	B Pl under comd First Aust Army
P24	B & C Pls and Det A Pl 152 Aust GT Coy (AIF)	152/105	MAPEE	
B26	HQ 34 Aust Sup Depot Coy (AIF)	34/41	MAPEE	
B30 B30a B30b B30c	<u>DENTAL</u> HQ 80 Aust Dental Unit (AIF) A Sec 80 Aust Dental Unit (AIF) C Sec 80 Aust Dental Unit (AIF) F Sec 80 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	80/181 80/181 80/181 80/181	MAPEE MAPEE MAPEE MAPEE	Army Tps Att 57/60 Aust Inf Bn Army tps - Att 13 Aust Fd Regt Army Tps - Att Sigs 11 Aust Div
B38 B35a	<u>Z & ME</u> 132 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A) (AIF) Less - Det 132 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A) (AIF)	132/76 132/76	MAPEE ATHERTON	Under comd HQ 11 Aust Div for local adm

Serial No	Unit	Vehicle No	Location	Moves projected and remarks
B38 B38a	<u>PAY</u> 11 Aust Div Fd Cash Office (AIF) Less - Det 11 Aust Div Fd Cash Office (AIF)	11/80 11/80	MAPEE MAREEBA	Att Rear Ech First Aust Army - See Serial A90
B40 B40a	<u>POSTAL</u> 11 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF) Less - Det 11 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	11/55	MAPEE BULOLO	Att 6 Aust Inf Bde
B42	<u>PRO</u> 11 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	11/95	MAPEE	
B45 B46	<u>MISC</u> 11 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp 11 Aust Div Sal Unit (AIF)	11/71 11/38	MAPEE MAPEE	

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15 AUST INF BDE GP

Serial No	Unit	Vehicle No	Location	Moves projected and remarks
C1	<u>HQ UNITS</u> HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) 266 Aust L&D (Type J) (AIF)	15/88 266/40	MAPEE MAPEE	
C2	<u>ENGRS</u> 15 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	15/60		NOT yet under command Second Aust Army
C5	<u>SIGS</u> 15 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	15/89	MAPEE	
C8 C9 C10	<u>INF</u> 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) 57/60 Aust Inf Bn 58/59 Aust Inf Bn	24/56 57-60/56 58-59/56	MAPEE MAPEE MAPEE	
C15 C16	<u>AASC</u> 3 Aust Sup Depot Pl 4 Aust Sup Depot Pl	3/65 4/65	MAPEE MAPEE	
C20	<u>MEDICAL</u> 15 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	15/57	MAPEE	

Serial No	Unit	Vehicle No	Location	Moves projected and remarks
C23	<u>ORD</u> 129 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	129/83	MAPEE	Under warning order to move NOT before 30 Nov 44
C27	<u>E & ME</u> 129 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A) (AIF)	129/76	MAPEE	
C30	<u>POSTAL</u> Det 3 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	3/55	MAPEE	
C33	<u>PRO</u> Two secs 3 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	3/95	MAPEE	

4 AUST DIV DETAILS

TEMPORARILY UNDER COMMAND 11 AUST DIV (AIF) FOR LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

Serial No	Unit	Vehicle No	Location	Moves projected and remarks
D1 D2	<u>ARTY</u> Part 56 Aust AA Regt (Comp) (AIF) Det 71 Aust Mob SL Bty (AIF)	56/415 71/539	MAPEE) MAPEE)	To move to GRETA at an early date
D3 D4 D5	<u>ENGERS</u> HQ RA2 4 Aust Div (AIF) 57 Aust Fd Pk Coy (AIF) 329 Aust LAD (Type A) (AIF)	4/81 57/67	MAPEE MAPEE	To move to WAGGA at an early date To move to WAGGA at an early date To move to WAGGA at an early date
D6 D7	<u>SIGS</u> Det Sigs 4 Aust Div (AIF) Det 56 Aust AA Regt (Comp) Sig Sec (AIF)	4/66 56/215	MAPEE MAPEE	To move to VIC L of C Area at an early date To move to GRETA at an early date
D8 D9 D10	<u>AASC</u> HQ Comd AASC 4 Aust Div (AIF) Det 159 Aust GT Coy (AIF) Det 47 Aust Sup Depot Pl	4/59 159/105 47/65	MAPEE) MAPEE) MAPEE	To move to STRATHPINE at an early date To move to NARELLIAN at an early date
D11	<u>MEDICAL</u> Det 102 Aust CCS (AIF)	102/151	MAPEE	To move to NARELLIAN at an early date

Serial No	Unit	Vehicle No	Location	Moves projected and remarks
D12	<u>E & ME</u> Det 56 Aust AA Regt (Comp) Wksp (AIF)	56/311	MAPEE)	To move under cmd Second Aust
D13	Det 71 Aust AASL Bty Wksp (Mob) (AIF)	71/426	MAPEE)	Army at an early date
D14	233 Aust LAD (Type A) (AIF)	329/40	MAPEE	To move to STRATHPIN at an early date
D15	<u>PAY</u> Det 4 Aust Div Fd Cash Office (AIF)	4/80	MAPEE)	
D16	<u>POSTAL</u> Det 4 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	4/55	MAPEE)	To move to NARELLAN at an early date
D17	<u>PRO</u> Det 4 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	4/95	MAPEE)	

TORRES STRAIT AREA

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Serial No	Unit	Vehicle No	Location	Moves projected and remarks
	<u>HQ UNITS</u>			
E1	HQ TORRES STRAIT Area	595	THURSDAY Island	
E2	7 Aust MC Gp (AIF) (Type E)	7/712	THURSDAY Island	LHQ Unit - Warning order to det to move under comd QLD L of C Area issued 29 Sep 44
E2a	Less - Det 7 Aust MC Gp (AIF) (Type E)	7/712	RED ISLAND POINT	
E2b	Det 7 Aust MC Gp (AIF) (Type E)	7/712	MERAUKE	Under comd MERAUKE Force - see serial P3
	<u>ARTY</u>			
	<u>COAST DEFENCE</u>			
	Coast Arty TORRES STRAIT			
E3	HQ	597	THURSDAY Island	Q Aust Hy Bty
E3a	GOODS Bty	597	GOOD Island	HQ MILMAN Bty, ENDEAVOUR Bty, KING Sec and det GOODS Bty
E3b	MILMAN Bty	597	THURSDAY Island	to move under comd Second Aust
E3c	ENDEAVOUR Bty	597	ENTRANCE Island	Army - Warning order issued
E3d	Q Aust Hy Bty (Coast) (HE)(AIF)	Q/482	HAMMOND Island	20 Sep 44
E3e	11 Aust Radar Det (Type C)	11/413	GOOD Island	LHQ Unit
	<u>ENGRS</u>			
E10	1 Aust AA & Frt Coy (RAE)	1/328	THURSDAY Island	
E10a	21 Aust Frt Works Sec		THURSDAY Island	To be reorganized as Type 'B'
E10b	22 Aust Frt Works Sec		THURSDAY Island	
E10c	2 Aust Water and Power Sup Sec		THURSDAY Island	
E10d	3 Aust AA Works Sec		THURSDAY Island	

Serial No	Unit	Vehicle No	Location	Moves projected and remarks
E21	<u>ENGERS</u> (contd) 14 Aust Small Ship Coy	14/610	THURSDAY Island	LHQ Tps - Warning order to det to move under comd Second Aust Army issued 20 Sep
E21a	Less Det 14 Aust Small Ship Coy (AIF)	14/610	MERAUKE	LHQ Tps - Under comd MERAUKE Force for local adm - see serial F13
E22	8 Aust Docks Op Coy (Type C) (less det)	8/733	THURSDAY Island	LHQ Tps - Det under comd Second Aust Army
E23	1 pl 1 Aust Port Maint Coy (AIF)	1/855	THURSDAY Island	LHQ Tps - Warning order to move under comd Second Aust Army issued 20 Sep
<u>SIGS</u>				
E28	HQ 2 Coy Sigs First Aust Army	235	THURSDAY Island	Army Tps - see Serial A260
E29	Det 20 Aust Line Maint Sec	20/322	THURSDAY Island	See Serial F14(a)
E30	103 Aust Tele Swbd Op Sec	103/287	THURSDAY Island	
E30a	Less - Det 103 Aust Tele Swbd Op Sec		CAPE YORK	
E30b	Det 103 Aust Tele Swbd Op Sec		MERAUKE	See Serial F18
E31	104 Aust Tg Op Sec	104/309	THURSDAY Island	
E31a	Less - Det 104 Aust Tele Op Sec		MERAUKE	See Serial F17
E32	8 Aust Wireless Sec (Lt) (AIF)	8/510	THURSDAY Island	
E33	11 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy) (AIF)	11/510	THURSDAY Island	
E33a	Less - Det 11 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy) (AIF)	11/510	MERAUKE	See Serial F16
E34	46 Aust Cipher Sec (Type E) (AIF)	46/68	THURSDAY Island	Warning order to move under comd QLD L of C Area issued 20 Sep
E34a	Less - Det 46 Aust Cipher Sec (Type E) (AIF)			44
E35	HQ 6 Aust Pigeon Sec	6/650	MERAUKE	See Serial F20
E35a	Det 6 Aust Pigeon Sec	6/650	THURSDAY Island	To concentrate CAIRNS at expiration of leave for att 2
E36	No 4 Coy QLD AA & CA Sigs	549	THURSDAY Island	Comprising 23 Aust (1st) Sig Sec
E36a	Det No 4 Coy QLD AA & CA Sigs		THURSDAY Island	Pigeon Sec - See Serial A37c
E36b	Det No 4 Coy QLD AA & CA Sigs		HAMMOND Island	
E36c	Det No 4 Coy QLD AA & CA Sigs		GOOD Island	
E37	Det 2 Aust Water Tpt Gp Sig Sec	2/556	ENTRANCE Island	
			THURSDAY Island	

Serial No	Unit	Vehicle No	Location	Moves projected and remarks
E40 E41	<u>INF</u> TORRES STRAIT Lt Inf Bn TORRES STRAIT Pnr Coy	590 722	THURSDAY Island THURSDAY Island	
E45	<u>INT</u> Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy	1/636	THURSDAY Island	LHQ Unit
E48	<u>AASC</u> 159 Aust GT Coy (AIF)	159/105	BURSTER CREEK	To move under comd QLD L of C Area
E49 E50	Less - 3 Pl 159 Aust GT Coy (AIF) 19 Aust Sup Depot Coy (AIF)	159/105 19/41	THURSDAY Island THURSDAY Island	Warning order to move NSW L of C Area issued 20 Sep 44
E51 E51a	106 Aust Sup Depot Pl (AIF) Less - Det 106 Aust Sup Depot Pl (AIF)	106/65	THURSDAY Island	
E52	4 Aust Marine Food Sup Pl	4/280	RED ISLAND POINT MUTEE HEAD	Warning order to move under comd QLD L of C Area issued 20 Sep 44
E53	Sec 45 Aust Fd Baking Pl (AIF)	45/467	THURSDAY Island	See Serial F32a
E59	<u>MEDICAL</u> 6 Aust Camp Hosp (90 beds) TORRES STRAIT	6/459	THURSDAY Island	
E60 E60a	A Sec 105 Aust Lt Fd Amb (AIF) D Sec 105 Aust Lt Fd Amb (AIF)	105/57 105/57	HORN ISLAND WILSON CREEK	See Serial F36a See Serial F36b

Serial No	Unit	Vehicle No	Location	Moves projected and remarks
E63	<u>DENTAL</u> C Sec 79 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	79/181	THURSDAY Island	Army Tps
E65 E66	<u>ORD</u> 15 Aust AOD 116 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	15/705 116/83	BLACKS CAMP CREEK BLACKS CAMP CREEK	LHQ Unit
E69 E70 E71	<u>E & ME</u> 116 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A) (AIF) 4 Aust Watercraft Wksp (Type D) (AIF) 10 Aust Radio Maint Sec	116/76 4/562 10/946	BLACKS CAMP CREEK THURSDAY Island THURSDAY Island	LHQ Unit LHQ Unit - Warning order to move (less det) under comd NSW L of C Area issued 20 Sep
E72	Frt Wksp TORRES STRAIT	726	THURSDAY Island	
E74	<u>PAY</u> Aust Depot Cash Office THURSDAY Island		THURSDAY Island	
E76	<u>POSTAL</u> Det 4 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	4/55	THURSDAY Island	

Serial No	Unit	Vehicle No	Location	Moves projected and remarks
E78	PRO TORRES STRAIT Pro Pl (AIF)	72	THURSDAY Island	
E80	AMENITIES 17 Aust Mob Cinema	903	Mob	) LHQ Units - Warning order to move under comd QLD L of C Area issued 20 Sep 44 LHQ Unit -
E81	44 Aust Mob Cinema	903	Mob	
E82	92 Aust Fixed Cinema	903	BURSTER CREEK	
E83	4 Aust Div Concert Party	903	Mob	LHQ Tps - Warning order to move u/c NSW L of C Area issued 26 Oct 44 LHQ Tps - NOT on AMF OOB
E84	AA Amenities Mob Broadcasting Studio	903	Mob	
E86	MISC Det AA Canteen Service	711	THURSDAY Island	LHQ Unit - Warning order to part det to move under comd QLD L of C Area issued 20 Sep 44 Warning order to move under comd NSW L of C Area issued 20 Sep 44
E87	4 Aust Div Reception Camp	4/71	THURSDAY Island	
E88	29 Aust L of C Sal Sec	29/537	BLACKS CAMP CK	In transit to ATHERTON Area to come under comd Rear Ech First Aust Army
E88a	Less - Det 29 Aust L of C Sal Sec	29/537	THURSDAY Island	
E88b	Det 29 Aust L of C Sal Sec	29/537		
E90	VDC TORRES STRAIT Det VDC		THURSDAY Island	See Serial J6a

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MERAUKE FORCE

Serial No	Unit	Vehicle No	Location	Moves projected and remarks
	<u>HQ UNITS</u>			
F1	HQ 20 Aust Mot Regt (AIF)	20/56	MERAUKE	
F2	49 Aust Sqn AL Sec	49/856	MERAUKE	LHQ Unit - allotted HQ 72 Wing RAAF
F3	Det 7 Aust MC Gp (AIF) (Type E)	7/712	MERAUKE	LHQ Unit - See Serial E2b
	<u>ARTY</u>			
F8	HQ 52 Aust AA Regt (Comp) (LE) with Sig Sec (LE) (AIF)	52/415	MERAUKE)	
	Wksp (LE) (AIF)	52/215	MERAUKE)	
F8a	139 Aust HAA Bty	52/311	MERAUKE)	
F8b	154 Aust LAA Bty	52/415	MERAUKE)	LHQ Units
F9	76 Aust Mob SL Bty (AIF) with AASL Wksp Sec (Mob) (AIF)	76/539	MERAUKE)	
		76/426	MERAUKE)	
	<u>ENGERS</u>			
F12	27 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	27/60	MERAUKE	
F13	Det 14 Aust Small Ship Coy	14/610	MERAUKE	LHQ Unit - see Serial E21a
	<u>SIGS</u>			
F14	HQ 20 Aust Line Maint Sec	20/322	MERAUKE	
F14a	Less - Det 20 Aust Line Maint Sec	20/322	THURSDAY Island	See Serial E29
F15	82 Aust Wireless Sec (Lt)	82/510	MERAUKE	
F16	Det 11 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy) (AIF)	11/510	MERAUKE	See Serial E35a
F17	Det 104 Aust Tg Op Sec	104/309	MERAUKE	See Serial E1a
F18	Det 103 Aust Tele Swbd Op Sec	103/287	MERAUKE	See Serial E10b
F19	Det 6 Aust Pigeon Sec	6/650	MERAUKE	Comprising 2 Aust Pigeon Loft
F20	Det 46 Aust Cipher Sec	46/68	MERAUKE	See Serial E41a

Serial No	Unit	Vehicle No	Location	Moves projected and remarks
F23	<u>INF</u> 20 Aust Mot Regt (AIF)	20/56	MERAUKE	Unit reorganized as Inf Bn (Tropical Scale)
F26 F27	<u>INT</u> Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy K Aust FS Sec (AIF)	1/636 K/429	MERAUKE MERAUKE	LHQ Unit LHQ Unit
F30 F31 F32 F32a	<u>AASG</u> 157 Aust GT Coy (AIF) (B Pl & Wksp Pl) 238 Aust Sup Depot Pl (AIF) 45 Aust Fd Baking Pl (AIF) Less - Sec 45 Aust Fd Baking Pl (AIF)	157/105 238/65 45/467 45/467	MERAUKE MERAUKE MERAUKE THURSDAY Island	Under comd TORRES STRAIT Area for local adm - see Serial E53
F36 F36a F36b F37	<u>MEDICAL</u> 105 Aust Lt Fd Amb (AIF) Less - A Sec 105 Aust Lt Fd Amb (AIF) D Sec 105 Aust Lt Fd Amb (AIF) 12 Aust Malaria Control Unit (Type A) (AIF)	105/57 105/57 105/57 12/696	MERAUKE HORN Island WILSON CK MERAUKE	See Serial E60 See Serial E60a LHQ Unit
F40	<u>DENTAL</u> A, B Secs 79 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	79/181	MERAUKE	Army Tps

Serial No	Unit	Vehicle No	Location	Moves projected and remarks
F42	<u>ORD</u> 14 Aust AOD	14/705	MERAUKE	LHQ Unit
F43	Det 10 Aust Mob Laundry & Fwd Decon Unit	10/816	MERAUKE	LHQ Unit
F46	<u>E & ME</u> 5 Aust Watercraft Wksp Sec (Type A) (AIF)	5/562	MERAUKE	LHQ Unit
F48	<u>PAY</u> 75 Aust Depot Cash Office (Type B) (AIF) MERAUKE	75/379	MERAUKE	
F50	<u>POSTAL</u> Det 4 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	4/55	MERAUKE	
F52	<u>PRO</u> Det 4 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	4/95	MERAUKE	
F54	<u>RECORDS</u> Det QLD L of C Echelon and Records	Q/707	MERAUKE	LHQ Unit
F56	<u>AMENITIES</u> 4 Aust Cinema (Fixed)	903	MERAUKE	LHQ Tps
F57	95 Aust Mob Cinema	903	MERAUKE	LHQ Tps

Serial No	Unit	Vehicle No	Location	Moves projected and remarks
F60	<u>MTSC</u> Det AA Canteens Service	711	MERAUKE	LHQ Unit - Warning order to part det to move under comd QLD L of C Area issued 23 Sep 44 LHQ Unit
F61	3 pl 15 Aust Works Coy	15/833	MERAUKE	
F63	<u>NAVAL</u> NOIC		MERAUKE	
F65	<u>RAAF</u> HQ 72 Wing		MERAUKE	
F66	120 Sqn RAAF (NEI)		MERAUKE	
F67	44 OBU		MERAUKE	
F68	6 Medical Receiving Sta		MERAUKE	
F69	40 Radar Sta		MERAUKE	
F70	151 Radar Sta		MERAUKE	
F71	316 Radar Sta		KOMBIESE RIVER	
F72	322 Radar Sta		TANAHMERAH	
F73	323 Radar Sta		MAPPI	
F74	342 Radar Sta		EILANDEN RIVER	
F75	113 Fighter Control Unit		MERAUKE	
F76	1 RSU Det		MERAUKE	
F77	Det 42 Radar Wing HQ		MERAUKE	
F78	<u>US ARMY UNITS</u> 15 Weather Sqn USAF		MERAUKE	
F79	USA Weather (Radio Sound Station)		MERAUKE	

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TOWNSVILLE FORTRESS

Serial No	Unit	Vehicle No	Location	Moves projected and Remarks
	<u>HQ UNITS</u>			
G1	HQ TOWNSVILLE Fortress	1/353	TOWNSVILLE	Provided by HQ No 1 L of C
G2	Det Directorate of Public Relations	917	TOWNSVILLE	Sub-Area HQ Unit
	<u>ARTY</u>			
	<u>COAST DEFENCE</u>			
G8	HQ Coast Arty TOWNSVILLE	502	KISSING POINT	
G8a	PALLAREND A Bty	502	PALLAREND A	
G8b	MAGAZINE Bty	502	SIGNAL HILL	
G8c	MAGNETIC Bty	502	MAGNETIC Is	Maintenance only
G8d	13 Aust Radar Det (Type C)	13/413	MAGNETIC Is	One gun and one CASL manned HQ Unit
	<u>ANTI-AIRCRAFT</u>			
G15	HQ 9 Aust AA Gp (M) (LE)	9/406	TOWNSVILLE	Being disbanded - Not on AMF OOB
G16	9 Aust AA Ops Room (M) (Type A)	9/408	TOWNSVILLE	Scale 'B' Manning
G17	HQ 7 Aust HAA Bty (Static) (L)	7/491	TOWNSVILLE	Scale 'A' Manning
G17a	394 Aust HAA Tp (Static) (M) (HE)	394/763	PALLAREND A	Scale 'A' Manning
G17b	476 Aust HAA Tp (Static) (M)	476/763	ROSS RIVER	Scale 'A' Manning
G18	HQ 16 Aust HAA Bty (Static)	16/491	TOWNSVILLE	Being reorganized - Not on AMF OOB
G19	HQ 556 Aust LAA Bty (Static) (HE)	556/818	MT ST JOHN	Being disbanded - Not on AMF OOB
G20	HQ 52 Aust SL Bty (M)	52/217	HERMIT PARK	Being disbanded - Not on AMF OOB
G21	HQ 111 Aust Hy SL Tp (HE)	111/821	MT ST JOHN	
	<u>ENGRS</u>			
G28	24 Aust Frt Wks Sec		KISSING POINT	Army Tps - Comd of maint det only delegated to HQ QLD L of C Area for sub-allotment to CRE or DCRE (Works)

Serial No	Unit	Vehicle No	Location	Moves projected and Remarks
G30	<u>SVY</u> 2 Aust Fd Svy Coy (HQ and Part Drawing Sec)	2/111	INGHAM	Army Tps - See serial A20
G33	<u>SIGS</u> No 2 Coy QLD AA & CA Sigs	549	KISSING POINT	Army Tps - See serial A37a
G35	<u>INT</u> 23 Aust FS Sec (AIF)	33/429		NOT yet under comd from Western Comd - Warning order issued by LHQ 17 Aug 44
	<u>AASC</u>			
G38	<u>MEDICAL</u> 102 Aust Mob BU (AIF)	102/152	OONOONBAH	
G40	<u>PRO</u> Det 4 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	4/95	KISSING POINT	

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CAIRNS FORTRESS

Serial No	Unit	Vehicle No	Location	Moves projected and remarks
H1	<u>HQ UNITS</u> HQ CAIRNS Fortress	17/353	CAIRNS	Provided by HQ 17 Aust L of C Sub Area
H7 H8	<u>ARTY</u> <u>COAST DEFENCE</u> Coast Arty CAIRNS 12 Aust Radar Det (Type C)	557 12/413	FALSE CAPE FALSE CAPE	Scale 'A' Manning LHQ Unit
H14 H15 H15a	<u>ANTI-AIRCRAFT</u> 30 Aust AA Ops Room (M) (Type C) HQ 35 Aust HAA Bty (Static) (M) 397 Aust HAA Tp (Static) (M)	30/498 35/491 397/763	CAIRNS CAIRNS CAIRNS	Scale 'B' Manning Scale 'B' Manning
H20	<u>ENGRS</u> 23 Aust Frt Wks Sec		CAIRNS	Army Tps - Comd of Maint det only delegated to HQ QLD L of C Area for sub-allotment to CRE or DCRE (Works)
H23	<u>SVY</u> Det 2 Aust Fd Svy Coy (one Svy Sec)	2/111	COOKTOWN	Army Tps - under comd for local adm - see serial A20a
H26	<u>SIGS</u> 65 Aust Wireless Sec (Type C)	65/510	CAIRNS	Army Tps - under comd No 3 Coy QLD AA & CA Sigs for local adm - see serial A34

Serial No	Unit	Vehicle No	Location	Moves projected and remarks
H27 H27a	<u>SIGS</u> (Contd) 3 Coy QLD AA & CA Sigs Less - Det 3 Coy QLD AA & CA Sigs	549	CAIRNS FALSE CAPE)	Army Tps - see serial A37b
H30	<u>INF</u> 13 P1 B Coy, C Coy and MMG Coy 2/2 Aust HQ Gd Bn	2-2/225	CAIRNS	Army Tps - under comd for local adm only - see serial A46b
H33	<u>DENTAL</u> B & E Secs 81 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	81/181	CAIRNS	Army Tps - under comd for local adm - see Serial A69d and A69g
H34	North QUEENSLAND Sub Depot of Dental Stores (CAIRNS)	899	CAIRNS	LHQ Unit
H37	<u>NISC</u> First Aust Army Vehicle Pool		FRESHWATER	Army Tps - under comd for local adm - Not on OOB - Manned by pers 132 Aust GT Coy - See Serial A51c

FIRST AUST ARMY SCHOOLS

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Serial No	Unit	Vehicle No	Location	Moves projected and remarks
I 1	First Aust Army AASC School	227	WONGABEL	
I 2	First Aust Army Regt Trg School	231	WONGABEL	
I 3	First Aust Army School of Sigs	122	WONGABEL	
I 4	Det 6 Aust Pigeon Sec	-	WONGABEL	Comprising 42 Aust Pigeon Loft
I 7	LHQ Gas School	851	WONGABEL	LHQ Unit
7a	Less Mob Gas Wing NT Force			
7b	and Flame Warfare Team 1 Aust Corps			
I 8	LHQ School of Army Cooking and Catering		WONGABEL	LHQ Unit

VDC

Serial No	Unit	Location	Moves projected and remarks
J 1	7 Aust HAA Bty (Static) (VDC)	TOWNSVILLE	
J 2	35 Aust HAA Bty (Static)(VDC)	CAIRNS	
J 6	HQ "D" Gp VDC QLD	TOWNSVILLE	
J 6a	TORRES STRAIT Det VDC	THURSDAY ISLAND	
J 6b	16 Bn (VDC) (less A, B and C Coys)	TOWNSVILLE	
J 6c	17 Bn (VDC) (less A Coy)	CAIRNS	
J 6d	18 Bn (VDC)	INNISFAIL	
J 6e	21 Bn (VDC)	CHARTERS TOWERS	Placed on reserve basis
J 6f	22 Bn (VDC)	BOWEN	
J 6g	23 Regt (VDC)	CHARTERS TOWERS	

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND LINES OF COMMUNICATION UNITS
UNDER COMMAND 1 AUST HQ AREA COMD FOR LOCAL ADMINISTRATION ONLY

Serial No	Unit	Vehicle No	Location	Moves projected and remarks
	<u>HQ UNITS</u>			
K1	1 Aust HQ Area Comd	1/644	ATHERTON	
K2	Town Major (2nd Class) ATHERTON	465	ATHERTON	
K3	Camp Staff ATHERTON (Type C)	289	ATHERTON	
K4	Camp Staff WONDECLA (Type C)	289	WONDECLA	
K5	Camp Staff KAIRI (Type C)	289	KAIRI	
K6	Camp Staff RAVENSHOE (Type C)	289	RAVENSHOE	
K7	Camp Staff WONGABEL (Type C)	239	WONGABEL	
K8	Camp Staff MAPEE (Type A)	289	MAPEE	
K9	Hirings Offr		ATHERTON	
K10	RTC		ATHERTON	
K11	MC Offr		MAREEBA	
K12	Mil Pwding Offr		ATHERTON	
K13	3 Aust Comd AL Sec	3/732	ATHERTON	To come under comd 1 Aust Corps 0001K hrs 3 Nov
K14	15 Aust Sqn AL Sec	15/856	ATHERTON)	
K15	16 Aust Sqn AL Sec	16/856	ATHERTON)	
K16	32 Aust Sqn AL Sec	32/856	ATHERTON)	
K17	47 Aust Sqn AL Sec	47/856	ATHERTON)	
K18	52 Aust Sqn AL Sec	52/856	ATHERTON)	
K19	53 Aust Sqn AL Sec	53/856	ATHERTON)	Army Tps
	<u>ENGRS</u>			
K25	8 Aust CRE (Works)	8/357	YUNGABURRA	
K26	3 Aust Maint Pl (Type A)	3/355	ATHERTON	
K27	26 Aust Maint Pl (Type A)	26/355	CAIRNS	
	<u>SIGS</u>			
K32	HQ 4 Coy Adv LHQ Sigs	548	ATHERTON	LHQ Unit - Dets at TRINITY Beach, CAIRNS, KAIRI, MAPEE, WONGABEL, WONDECLA and RAVENSHOE

Serial No	Unit	Vehicle No	Location	Moves projected and remarks
K33	<u>SIGS (Contd)</u> 14 Aust Line Sec	14/246	ATHERTON	LHQ Unit
K34	89 Aust Op Sec	89/268	ATHERTON	
K35	63 Aust Wireless Sec	510	ATHERTON	
K36	16 Aust Tech Maint Sec	16/304	ATHERTON	
K40	<u>INT</u> Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy	1/636	ATHERTON	LHQ Unit
K42	<u>AASC</u> 8 Aust MAC (AIF)	8/188	EAST BARRON	Army tps -see Serial A53
K43	Sub Det 1 QLD L of C Area BIPOD	241	ATHERTON	
K44	Sub Det 1 QLD L of C Area BIPOD	241	KAIRI	
K45	Sub Det 1 QLD L of C Area BIPOD	241	RAVENSHOE	
K46	5 Aust Farm Coy	5/351	KAIRI	
K47	Less - One Pl 5 Aust Farm Coy		WASP CK	
K48	HQ 27 Aust Sup Depot Coy	27/41	ATHERTON	
K49	196 Aust Sup Depot Pl (AIF)	196/65	ATHERTON	
K50	197 Aust Sup Depot Pl	197/65	ATHERTON	
K51	198 Aust Sup Depot Pl	198/65	ATHERTON	
K52	HQ 3 Aust Fd Baking Coy (AIF)	3/209	ATHERTON	
K53	19 Aust Fd Baking Pl	19/467	ATHERTON	
K54	20 Aust Fd Baking Pl (AIF)	20/467	ATHERTON	
K55	21 Aust Fd Baking Pl	21/467	ATHERTON	
K56	29 Aust Fd Baking Pl	29/467	ATHERTON	
K57	30 Aust Fd Baking Pl	30/467	CAIRNS	
K58	31 Aust Fd Baking Pl	31/467	RAVENSHOE	

Serial No	Unit	Vehicle No	Location	Moves projected and remarks
	<u>MEDICAL</u>			
K62	2/2 Aust Gen Hosp (M) (1200 beds)	2-2/827	ROCKY CK	LHQ Unit
K63	2/6 Aust Gen Hosp (M) (1800 beds)	2-6/827	ROCKY CK	LHQ Unit
K64	2/1 Aust Con Depot (1500 men)	2-1/658	ROCKY CK	LHQ Unit
K64a	Less - One Sec 2/1 Aust Con Depot		LAKE BARRINE	LHQ Unit
K70	106 Aust Adv Depot Medical Stores (AIF)	106/708	ROCKY CK	LHQ Unit
K71	4 Aust Amb Train	4/802	ROCKY CK	LHQ Unit
K72	2 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit (Type A)	2/681	ROCKY CK	LHQ Unit
K73	9 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit (Type A)	9/637	ROCKY CK	LHQ Unit
	<u>DENTAL</u>			
K75	B Sec 80 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	80/181	TOLGA	Army Tps - See Serial A68d
K76	E Sec 80 Aust Dental Unit	80/181	ATHERTON	Army Tps - See Serial A68g
K77	D Sec 81 Aust Dental Unit	81/181	ROCKY CK	Army Tps - See Serial A68f
	<u>ORD</u>			
K80	13 Aust AOD	13/705	TOLGA	LHQ Unit
K81	7 Aust Ord Veh Pk (LE)	7/804	TOLGA	LHQ Unit
K82	2/2 Sec Aust Offrs Shop (Type B)	2-2/278	ATHERTON	LHQ Unit
K83	5 Sec Aust Offrs Shop (Type A)	5/278	ATHERTON	LHQ Unit
K84	Det 7 Aust AAD (Type C)	7/817	TOLGA	LHQ Unit
K85	73 Aust FAD		TOLGA	NOT on AMF OOB - Adm and manned by Det 7 Aust AAD
K86	RVS 3 Aust Inf Tps Ord Fd Pk	3/147	TOLGA	LHQ Unit under comd 7 Aust Veh Pk Wksp - to be reorganized
K90	5 Aust RSD		TOLGA	

Serial No	Unit	Vehicle No	Location	Moves projected and remarks
K93	<u>E & ME</u> 3 Aust Adv Wksp	3/832	TOLGA	LHQ Unit
K94	7 Aust Veh Pk Wksp	7/317	TOLGA	
K95	Det 132 Aust Bde Wksp	132/76	ATHERTON	See Serial A82
K100	<u>CANTEENS</u> Det AA Canteens Service	711	ATHERTON	
K101	3 AA Canteens Service Offrs Club (Type A)	711	ATHERTON	
K102	18 AA Canteens Service ORs Club (Type L)	711	ATHERTON	
K103	23 AA Canteens Service ORs Club (Type P)	711	KAIRI	
K104	24 AA Canteens Service ORs Club (Type P)	711	WONDECLA	
K105	25 AA Canteens Service ORs Club (Type P)	711	RAVENSHOE	
K106	26 AA Canteens Service ORs Club (Type P)	711		Being raised - to be located at MAPEE
K107	27 AA Canteens Service Offrs Club (Type D)	711	RAVENSHOE	
K108	28 AA Canteens Service Offrs Club (Type D)	711	WONDECLA	
K110	<u>MISC</u> 2 Pl 15 Aust Works Coy	15/833	ATHERTON)	LHQ Units
K111	Det 5 Sec Aust Kit Store	748	ATHERTON)	
K112	15 Aust Leave Train Cooking Sec	15/810	MAREEBA	LHQ Unit
K113	65 AWAS Barrack (100 personnel)	65/734	ATHERTON	
K114	Det QLD L of C Stationery Depot (Type A)	Q/420	ATHERTON	
K115	First Aust Army Press Unit	203	ATHERTON	Army Tps
K118	<u>POSTAL</u> 4 Aust L of C Postal Unit	397	ATHERTON	
K120	<u>PRO</u> Det First Aust Army Pro Coy	172	ATHERTON	Army Tps

Serial No	Unit	Vehicle No	Location	Moves projected and remarks
	<u>SCHOOLS</u>			
K125	First Aust Army AASC School	227	WONGABEL	Comprising 42 Aust Pigeon Loft IHQ Unit
K126	First Aust Army Regt Trg School	231	WONGABEL	
F127	First Aust Army School of Sigs	122	WONGABEL	
K127a	Det 6 Aust Pigeon Sec		WONGABEL	
K123	IHQ Gas School	851	WONGABEL	
K128a	Less Mob Gas Wing		NT FORCE	
K128b	Flame Warfare Team		1 AUST CORPS	

MESSAGE FORM

Call

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G(SD) Legal DADOS -
GRE Med Army Tp
CSO Dental RAME
AA&MG Pro Postal
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War Diary
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TO: 11 AUST DIV TORRESFORCE MERUKE
FORCE TOWNSVILLE FRT CAIRNS FRT
ATHCOED 1 AUST CORPS MILBASE
BRISBANE MILBASE SYDNEY MOV TOWNSVILLE
MOV SYDNEY MOV MELBOURNE MOV BRISBANE
MOV PERTH MOV DARWIN MOV ADELAIDE
MOV THURSDAY ISLAND MOV ROBERT GHQ
SWPA LANDOPS LANDFORCES

O 430 SECDEF Location R. rt 6 (.) Landforces pass second echelon (.)
Army tps (.) Comd of 33 Aust Sqn AL Sec and 46 Aust Sqn AL Sec passed
from 1 Aust Corps to REARFIRSTARMY 020000K (.) following units now
under comd REARFIRSTARMY from 1 Aust Corps (.) 1 Aust Water Amb Convoy
17 Aust Fd Coy 42 Aust Landing Craft Coy 2 Aust Landing Craft Wksp
Sec 101 Aust Bde sp coy (.) B Sec Aust Dental Unit TOLGA to MAPEE E Sec
80 Aust Dental Unit ATBERTON to MAPEE (.) all secs 80 Aust Dental Unit
now under comd 11 Div for local adm (.) 11 Div (.) following units
passed under comd 11 Div 4 Nov (.) 51 Aust Fd Fk Coy 232 Aust LAD (.)
4 Aust Div details (.) following units departed area (.) part 56 Aust
AA Regt det 71 Aust Mob SL Bty HQ RAE 4 Aust Div
57 Aust Fd Fk Coy 329 Aust LAD det 21st 4 Aust Div det 56 Aust AA Regt
Sig Sec Hq Comd AASC 4 Aust Div det 159 Aust GT Coy det 47 Aust Sup
Depot Pl det 102 Aust CCS det 56 Aust A A Regt Wksp det 71 Aust AASL
Bty Wksp 233 Aust LA D det 4 Aust Div Fd Cash Office det 4 Aust Div
Postal Unit det 4 Aust Div Pro Coy (.) 1 Aust Hq Area Comd (.) Comd
of 3 Aust Comd AL Sec passed to 1 Aust Corps 030001K (.) all informed

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John E. King
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SUMMARY OF
PATROL TO OTAKHA-JAPERU AREA.

Ref Map: EILANDER RIVER 1:250,000.

Preliminary:

1. Varying reports have been received by POST 6 from natives concerning the enemy strengths in the JAPERU - OTAKHA area, and the future intentions of the Japanese forces in that area of attacking POST 6.

A preliminary patrol despatched by MERAUKE Force in two HDML's on 30 Oct to SONRAH and DJOENI secured the following information :-

- (a) JAPERU now has three houses each containing five men.
- (b) In front of each house and facing the river is a machine gun. When Australian planes fly over the Japs move into trenches taking the machine guns with them. No effort is made to fire on the planes.
- (c) The Japanese at JAPERU wear white and green clothes.
- (d) Two small motor vessels ply between JAPERU and TIMIKA bringing food and stores.
- (e) OTAKHA was vacated approximately two months ago, the Japs moving to TIMIKA.
- (f) MOKPERAPOKA had two Japanese soldiers only, but many Japanese trained native soldiers still occupy many of the houses.

2. In view of the conflicting nature of the statements from natives, a further patrol was despatched on 7 Nov with the object of -

- (a) To investigate the reports previously received that an attack on POST 6 is contemplated.
- (b) To ascertain by observation whether JAPERU and/or OTAKHA is held by the enemy and if so in what strength

and comprised -

Watercraft 1 HDML manned by RAN personnel.
Minesweeper SMERCE manned by HRI Naval personnel.
2 prahs (minimum) were to be carried also.

Personnel Naval 10.
S/Ldr SHEPHERD (72 Wing RAAF) as ASP
HCO from FS 200
Personnel from POST 6 (not more than 1 offr)
FS HCO from POST 6
2 native interpreters
and 3 AYAH natives

3. The route to be taken by the Naval vessels is shown on the attached map, and they were not to proceed past the RV. From the RV separate prahs were to move to the vicinity of OTAKHA and JAPERU by routes to be decided by OC POST 6.

The following timetable was laid down :-

TIME	DATE	ACTION
a.m.	7 Nov 44	Dep HERAUNE
p.m.	8 Nov 44	Arr Post 6
First Light	9 Nov 44	Dep Post 6
Evening	9 Nov 44	Halt area WEST KASTREL RIVER
Evening	10 Nov 44	Arr RV area vicinity (s) K 400503
	11 - 15 Nov	Patrol by prases towards JAP280 and OTAKWA. Ships remain at RV.
	(both incl)	
a.m.	16 Nov 44	Ships depart RV for Post 6.
Evening	16 Nov 44	Halt area WEST KASTREL RIVER.
	17 Nov 44	Arr Post 6
a.m.	18 Nov 44	Dep Post 6
	19 Nov 44	Arr HERAUNE

NOTES: The above timings will be adhered to under normal conditions.

4. Progress of the patrol has been reported by HERAUNE Force in signals which are summarised as follows :-

132350K Enemy sighted ship and patrol attacked at OTAKWA. Aerial protection was requested from KASTREL RIVER to POST 6, and also aerial reconnaissance over OTAKWA RIVER for survivors.

14530K Air reconnaissance could not locate prase but SHEROE and HDML were sighted at mouth of KASTREL RIVER, camouflaged and awaiting nightfall.

15185K Preliminary report received from patrol as follows:

111330K: Patrol of 4 natives left RV.

120640K: Patrol of 5 AMP plus natives MIN and JACOB left RV by motor launch carrying prase.

131000K: MIN returned alone and stated patrol attacked at OTAKWA 121130K by 10 Japs and approximately 40 native troops. 2 AMP personnel alleged killed, remainder wounded and surrounded, launch sunk.

Notes: Native MIN appeared very afraid and told conflicting story of attack.

131215K: Ship began return POST 6 as security lost and OTAKWA patrol overdue.

131500K: OC Patrol sighted one man believed Jap at EILANDEH RIVER area 1:250,000 ref 409507 (ATINET RIVER).

131932K: Ship anchored WEST KASTREL RIVE .

140400K: MIN jumped overboard and could not be found.

142359K: Ship arrived POST 6.

Notes: During morning 14 Nov, aerial reconnaissance made no further sightings. OTAKWA and INCHSA were strafed in hopes of aiding possible escape.

141750Z: (a) Further aerial reconnaissance on 16 Nov failed to locate survivors OTAKWA, but an object believed to be a launch was sighted partly submerged about 12 miles SE OTAKWA. Four F4D's strafed OTAKWA again.

(b) A vessel similar to a Chinese JUNK was seen between TOMPEDO BOAT ISLAND and the coast, heading for the coast. The occupants were not identified.

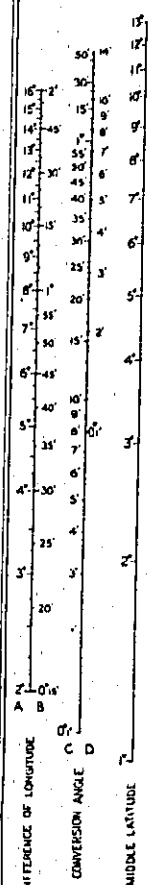
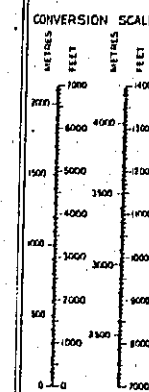
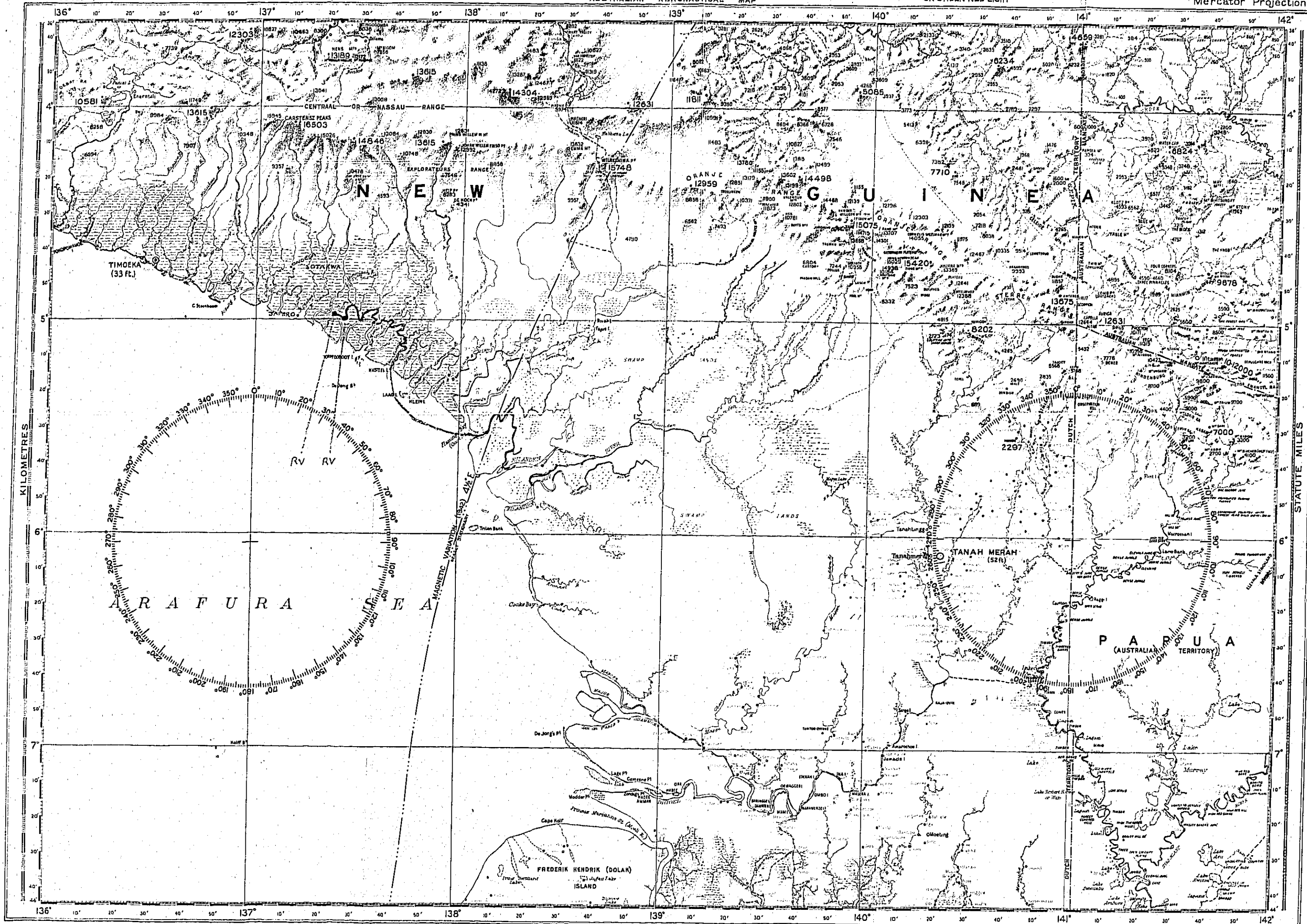
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are requested to indicate necessary corrections
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through the usual channels.

SHEET B-7
AUSTRALIAN AERONAUTICAL MAP

FOR USE IN DAYLIGHT
OR UNDER RED LIGHT

Equatorial Scale 1:1,000,000
Mercator Projection



Legend:
Aerodrome (Symbol, Name, Altitude)
Quaternary Aerodrome
Emergency Landing Ground
Seaplane Station
Seaplane Mooring Area
Rotating Airway Light
Obstruction (with height above ground level in feet)
If not lighted, lighted
Wave Hill (700ft.)
Essendon (250ft.)
Abingdon (719ft.)
Prohibited Area
Direction Finding Station
Radio Range

Radio Facilities:
with Call Sign & Height or Mast above ground
Broadcasting Station
Communication Station
Meteorological Station
Maritime Beacon
Direction Finding Station
Radio Range

Railway Lines:
Main
Secondary
Light Railway
Roads: Main
Secondary
Trails
Alleys in Port
2010
Contours in Port
Power Transmission Line
Telegraph Line
Homestead
Quarry
Outcrop
Out Station
Yard
Windmill
Water Look
Marine Light
Edge of Timber
Bore
Well
Tank
Dam
Swamp
Marsh
Swamp
Mangrove
Spring
Watersource
Surge
Not Surveyed
Shoals with Sea Depth in Fathoms
Reef
Position Doubtful
Plantation

NOTE:
Green tint represents
high ground and does
not necessarily imply
presence of timber



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B6 B7 B8
C6 C7 C8

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Subject: AMENDMENT NO 1 TO REAR ECH FIRST AUST ARMY LOCATION
STATEMENT NO 2 AS AT 2359 HRS 15 NOV 44

Rear Ech First Aust Army
17 Nov 44
G(O) 449

	Copy No		Copy No
11 Aust Div	1	5 Aust HC Gp (Type C)	
TORRES STRAIT Area	2	DARWIN	35
HERAUNE Force	3	6 Aust HC Gp (Type C)	
TOWNSVILLE Fortress	4	ADELAIDE	36
CAIRNS Fortress	5-6	7 Aust HC Gp (AIF) (Type C)	
Corps HQ VDC (QLD) (one copy for 'D' Gp)	7-8	THURSDAY ISLAND	37
Sigs First Aust Army	9	Det 2 Aust HC Gp HOBART	38
QLD AA & CA Sigs	10	GCO	39
First Aust Army Pro Coy	11	GSOI	40
1 Aust HQ Area CoEd ABERNETHY	12	G(O)	41
First Aust Army Schools	13-16	G(SD)	42
First Aust Army	17	Arty	43
Second Aust Army	18-19	Engrs	44
1 Aust Corps	20	Sigs	45
QLD L of C Area	21	AA & QNG	46
QLD L of C Area (for HQ OOB Investigation Committee)	22	A	47 -48
QLD Echelon & Records	23	Q	49
Det QLD L of C Stationery Unit - ABERNETHY	24	Chaplains	50
ISW L of C Area	25	S & T	51
Eastern Area RAAF	26	Med	52
NE Area RAAF	27	Dental	53
2nd Echelon (Aust)	28	Ord	54
A-Sub HQ Aust Kit Store IPSWICH	29	E & IE	55
2/1 Aust Mov & Tn Gp	30	Legal	56
10 Aust HC Gp TOWNSVILLE	30a	Pro	57 -58
1 Aust HC Gp (Type A) SYDNEY	31	Amonities	59
2 Aust HC Gp (Type A) MELBOURNE	32	Postal	60
3 Aust HC Gp (Type A) BRISBANE	33	LIQ SWPA	61
4 Aust HC Gp (Type B) PERTH	34	Adv LIQ	62 -66
		LIQ (Aust)	67 -75
		Filo	76
		War Diary	75 -76

1. Herewith Amendment No 1 to Rear Ech First Aust Army Location
Statement No 2 as at 2359 hrs 15 Nov 44.

2. Please complete the certificate of acknowledgment below and
return same to this Headquarters.

S. J. Whitehead
Lt-Col
GS Rear Ech First Aust Army

To - REAR ECH FIRST AUST ARMY

From -
Receipt is acknowledged of Copy No of Amendment No 1 to
Rear Ech First Aust Army Location Statement No 2 as at 2359 hrs 15 Nov 44.

.....(Date)

.....(Name & Rank)
.....(Appointment)

Add the following Serials -

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Serial No	Unit	Vehicle No	Location	Moves projected and remarks
A4	33 Aust Sqn AL Sec	33/840	MAREEBA	Warned for mov
A5	46 " " " " (Tac R Sqn)	46/840	MAREEBA	
A16	I Aust Water Amb Convoy	1/849	CAIRNS	
A17	17 Aust Fd Coy	17/60	WONGABEL	
A18	42 Aust Landing Craft Coy (Type A)	42/673	TRINITY	
A47	101 Aust Bde Sp Coy	101/781	WONGABEL	To be reorganized as 2/1 Aust Med Regt (Jungle Corps) with Sig Sqn and 2/108 Aust LAD. Att 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Att Sig 11 Aust Div
A86	2 Aust Landing Craft Wksp Sqn	2/499	DEADMAN'S GULLY	
B7	2/13 Aust AA Regt Comp (IE) loss (84 Aust Mob SL Bty) with	2-13/415	KAIRI	
B2a	Sig Sqn	2-13/215	KAIRI	
B7b	Wksp (loss 84 MSL Wksp Sqn Mot)	2-13/311	KAIRI	
B31	A Sqn 81 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	81/181	MAFEE	
B31	F Sqn " " " " " "	81/181	MAFEE	

Delete the following serials -

A66 to A68h (incl), A75
 B11(b), B11(d), B30 to B30c (incl)
 D1 to D17 (incl)
 E83
 G18, G19, G20
 K13

Amend the following Serials

A69e	<u>Deloto</u> <u>Insert</u>	HELDON and remarks MAPEE att 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
A69f	<u>Deloto</u> <u>Insert</u>	ROCKY CREEK ATTERTON
A69h	<u>Deloto</u> <u>Insert</u>	BARRINE and remarks MAPEE att Sigs 11 Aust Div
A77	<u>Insert</u> <u>Deloto</u>	MAPEE Remarks
A83	<u>Insert</u> <u>Deloto</u>	MAPEE Remarks "Not yet under cond from NT Force Warning Order issued 28 Aug",
A95	<u>Amend</u> Unit to read <u>Deloto</u>	"First Aust Army Pro Coy (AIF) (loss two Soos" Remarks "Two Soos to move NEW GUINEA earliest Warning Order issued 31 Oct 44"
B11) B11a)	<u>Deloto</u> <u>Insert</u>	WONGABEL MAPEE
B11c	<u>Add</u>	and WONGABEL
B10-B11d	<u>Deloto</u>	Remarks
B42	<u>Amend</u> unit to read	"11 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF) (loss two Soos)

MESSAGE FORM

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Transmission Instructions

FROM REARFIRSTARMY

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Copy to:

TO 11 AUST DIV TORRESFORCE MERAUKE FORCE
TOWNSVILLE FRT CAIRNS FRT ATECOLO 1 AUST
CORPS MILBASE BRISBANE MILBASE SYDNEY MOV
TOWNSVILLE MOV SYDNEY MOV MELBOURNE MOV
BRISBANE MOV PERTH MOV DARWIN MOV ADELAIDE
MOV THURSDAY ISLAND MOV HOBART GHQ SWPA
LANDOPS LANDFORCES

Sigs First Aust
Army Dental
GSOL Pro
G(O) Pay
G(I) Amenities
G(SD) S & T
CRE Ord
CSO DADOS -
AA&QMG Army Tps
A E & ME
Q Postal
Arty BLB
Legal War Diary
Med (2)

INFO.

0 472 SECRET Location Report 7 (.) Landforces pass Second
Echelon (.) Army Tps (.) 80 Aust Dental Unit departed area (.)
81 Aust Dental Unit A Sec MELIDON to MAPEE F Sec BARRINE to MAPEE
D Sec MAREESA to AHERTON (.) 11 Div (.) following units came
under cmd 11 Div (.) 2/13 Aust Comp AA Regt with Sig Sec and
Wasp as from 030900K (.) 54 Aust Fd Pl Coy (less Br Pl) and 232
Aust LAD and moved WONGABEL to MAPEE (.) TORRES STRAIT Area (.)
4 Aust Div Concert party departed area (.) all infm

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Signed..... *G. H. Wade May*