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Australian Military Forces, Army headquarters,
formation and unit diaries, 1939-1945

1/1/1 HEADQUARTER UNITS

Land Headquarters (LHQ
G(Ops) and (SD)) General
Staff (Operations) General
Staff (Staff Duties)

June 1942, part2, appendices



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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA

L.H.Q.

ORDER OF BATTLE ALLIED LAND FORCES

"A" Branch (3)
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& Mil. Sec.)
"O" Branch (P.O.M.E.)

S.M. 9994.

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D.S.D.
M.O.2.
M.O.4.
War Diary (2)✓
File.

It is advised that approval has been given for the following amendments to be made to the Order of Battle :-

Allied Land Forces Headquarters

Add - "5 Aust. Adv. Ord. Whshop"
"6 Aust. Adv. Ord. Whshop"
"79 Aust. Adv. Ord. Whshop"

First Aust. Army.

Add - "4 Aust. Army Ord. Whshop (Lower Estab.)"
"4 Aust. Army Ord. Pd. Pk. (Lower Estab.)"

1 Aust. Corps.

Delete - "4 Army Ord. Pd. Pk. A.I.F."

2 Aust. Corps.

Delete "5 Army Ord. Pd. Pk. (Lower Estab.) A.I.F."

3 Aust. Corps.

Add - "5 Aust. Army Ord. Whshop (Lower Estab.)"
"5 Aust. Army Ord. Pd. Pk. (Lower Estab.)"

2. It is requested that "A" Branch take action to raise the personnel for the above mentioned units being added to the Order of Battle.

3. The Official amendment to the Order of Battle Allied Land Forces will be issued shortly.

P. H. Phillips C.C.F.

Colonel,

Director of Military Operations & Plans

9 Jun. 48.

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First Aust. Army.

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3 Mil. Sec.)	S.G.2.
"B" Branch	S.G.4.
"C" Branch	War Diary (2) ✓
"F" Branch	File.

ORDER OF BATTLE ALLIED LAND FORCES.

Approval has been given for the following amendment to be made to the Order of Battle :-

First Aust. Army.

Add - "4 Aust. Army Ord. Etab. (Lower Etab.)
4 Aust. Army Ord. Id. Pk. (Lower Etab.)"

1 Aust. Corps.

Delete - "4 Army Ord. Pk. Pk. A.I.P."

2 Aust. Corps.

Delete - "6 Army Ord. Id. Pk. (Lower Etab.) A.I.P."

2. The official amendment to the Order of Battle Allied Land Forces will be issued shortly

9 Jan. 42

R. L. Hopkins
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA

L.H.Q.

S.M. 10003

3 Aust. Corps.

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& Mil. Sec.)
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"G" Branch
"H" Branch

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D.S.D.
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M.O.4.
War Diary (2)✓
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ORDER OF BATTLE ALLIED LAND FORCES

Approval has been given for the following amendment
to be made to the Order of Battle :-

3 Aust. Corps.

Add "5 Aust. Army Ord. Workshop. (Lower Estab.)
5 Aust. Army Ord. Pk. Bk. (Lower Estab.)"

2. The official amendment to the Order of Battle
Allied Land Forces will be issued shortly.

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R. H. Lums
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA

L.H.Q.

S.M. 10.005

New South Wales L. of C. Area

Copies to :- "A" Branch; "Q" Branch; "O" Branch; "F" Branch;
2 Echelon L.H.Q.; D.S.D.; M.O.2; H.C.4; War Diary;
File.

ORDER OF BATTLE ALLIED LAND FORCES

Approval has been given for the following amendment
to be made to the Order of Battle:-

NEW SOUTH WALES L. OF C. AREA.

Delete - " 1. L. of C. Recovery Sec A.I.F.

2. The official amendment to the Order of Battle Allied
Land Forces will be issued shortly.

9 June 40

Ch. Hopkins C. G. J.

Lieutenant-General
Chief of the General Staff.

M.O.4/HMF

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MESSAGE FORM

To - AUSTBASE ADELAIDE, MILBASE ADELAIDE, MILBASE SYDNEY, FIRSTAUSTARLY
TOOWOOMBA

From - LANDFORCES MELBOURNE.

G 2510Z. 12/6

SECRET	(.)	WARNING	ORDER	(.)
HEADQUARTERS	AUSTBASE	ORDNANCE	DEPOT	AND
2/1	AUST	ORDNANCE	STORE	COMPANY
ALSO	ANY	PERSONNEL	NOT	YET
MOVED	OF	2/4	AUST	ORDNANCE
STORE	COMPANY	WILL	MOVE	FROM
ADELAIDE	AS	EARLY	AS	POSSIBLE
(.)	DESTINATION	FOLLOWS	(.)	L.H.Q.
MOVEMENTS	WILL	ARRANGE	(.)	ADDSD
AUSTBASE	ADELAIDE	REPTD.	MILBASE	ADELAIDE
MILBASE	SYDNEY	FIRSTAUSTARLY	TOOWOOMBA	(.)

Col.
D.M.O. & P.

Copies to -
 "A" Branch (4)
 "Q" Branch (3) To arrange movement
 "Q" Branch (Major Wood)
 "O" Branch (2)
 "P" Branch
 D.S.D.
 D.M.I.
 D.M.O. & P.
 M.O.2
 M.O.3
 M.O.4
 War Diary (2) ✓
 File.

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MESSAGE FORM

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To - AUSTRASE ADELAIDE, MILBASE ADELAIDE, MILBASE SYDNEY, FIRTAUSTARLY
TOO700MBA

From - LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

G 25105 13/6

SECRET	(.)	REFERENCE	OUR	G 25102
OF	10/6	(.)	DESTINATION	ALL
UNITS	MUSWELLBROOK	(.)	ADDSU	AUSTRASE
ADELAIDE	REPTD	MILBASE	ADELAIDE	MILBASE
SYDNEY	FIRTAUSTARLY	TOO700MBA		

Col.,
D.M.O. & P.

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Copies to -

A. Br. (4)
Q. " (3) To arrange movement
Q. " (Major Wood)
C. " (2)
F. "
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D.M.I.
D.M.O. & P.
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M.O.4
War Diary (2)
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SECRET

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MILBASH ADELAIDE
ARM DIV. ROCKBY

25107

LANDFORCED HELBOUPHS

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WARNING	ORDER	(.)	100	A TK
RECT	WITH	276	L A D	WILL
MOVE	WITH	PRISIZIT	EQUIPMENT	AND
VEHICLES	AS .	300H	AS	POSSIBLE
UNDER	ARRANGEMENTS	BY	MOVEMENT	SECTION
L H Q	(.)	FURNISH	IMMEDIATELY	LOCATION
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OF	STONES	OTHER	THAN	LOADED
IN	VEHICLES	(.)	VEHICLES	AND
CHUS	BY	TYPE	AND	HARLIEST
DATE	POSSIBLE	TO	MOVE	(.)
FOR	AD	ADDED	MILBASH	ADELAIDE
REPTD	ARM	DIV	ROCKBY	

Signed A.G.B. Lt/col
for Col.
D.H.O. & P.

In cypher

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Copies to -
"A" Branch
"Q" "
"Q" Movements
D.A.Q.H.C. (Major Wood)
"Q" Branch
M.C.R.A.

D.S.D.
D.A.P.V.
S.O.-in-G.
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M.O.4
Diary (2) ✓

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SECRET (58)

TO: MILBANE SYDNEY ARM DIV. ROSEBY

FROM: LANSBOROUGH MELBOURNE 0 20

WARNING	ORDER	(.)	18	20TH
REPT.	FILED	210	300.	AND
204	D.A.C.	WILL	NOTE	FROM
GRATON	AS	3001	AS	POSSIBLE
UNDER	ARRANGEMENTS	BY	MOVEMENT	SECTION
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STONES	OFFER	2245	LOADED	IN
VEHICLES	(.)	VEHICLES	BY	TYPE
AND	EARLIEST	DATE	POSSIBLE	TO
MOVE	(.)	DATE	DATE	ADDED
MILBANE	SYDNEY	REPTD	ARM	DIV
ROSEBY				

Handwritten signature
D.A.C. & P

In cipher

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MOST SECRET

RELEASE SYDNEY - ARM DIV ROBERT

LANDFORCES NEEDS

G.25118

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NOTE

SECRET

(.)

REFERENCE

NY

G.25108

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JUNE (.)

DESTINATION

SINGAPORE

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Signed A. G. B. Lt Col
for Col.
D.M.G. & P.

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"Q" " (Movements)
D.A. & Q.M.G. (Major Wood)
"Q" Branch
D.S.D.
D.A.F.V.
S.O.-in-C.
H.O.2
" 3
" 4
Diary (2) ✓

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TO: MELBANE ADLAIOR ARMDIV HOKNEY
FROM: LANSFORCES MPELOUNE

25119 #10

REF	SECRET	(.)	REFERENCE	NY
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DESTINATION	ORSEA	(.)	ACE	(.)
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Signed A. E. B. Lt Col
for Col.
D.M.O. & P.

In cipher 1120K/10

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"Q" Movements
D.A.Q.M.O. (Major Wood)
"O" Branch
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D.A.P.V.
S.O.-in-C.
R.O.S.
" " "
" " "
Diary (2) ✓

ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA.

L.H.Q.

S.M. 7995.

Date 11.10.42

Q' Land L of C Area
N.S.W. L of C Area
Vic. L of C Area
W.A. L of C Area
N.T. Force.

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 Mil Sec. D.M.I.
"G" Branch }
"O" Branch } M.O.2.
"F" Branch } War Diary (2) ✓
2nd Ech. File.
M.O.4.

ORDER OF BATTLE-ALLIED LAND FORCES -
GRAVES REGISTRATION & ENQUIRIES UNITS.

1. Approval has been given for the following amendments to be made to the O of B. Allied Land Forces :-

Q' Land L of C Area

Add 9 Graves Regn. & Enquiry Unit (Lower Estab.)

N.S.W. L of C Area

Delete 2 Aust Graves Regn. Enquiry Unit (Higher Estab.)
Add 2 Aust Graves Regn. & Enquiry Unit (Lower Estab.)
10 Aust Graves Regn. & Enquiry Unit (Lower Estab.)
11 Aust Graves Regn. & Enquiry Unit (Lower Estab.)

Victoria L of C Area.

Delete 3 Aust Graves Regn. & Enquiry Unit (Higher Estab.)
Add 3 Aust Graves Regn. & Enquiry Unit (Lower Estab.)
12 Aust Graves Regn. & Enquiry Unit (Lower Estab.)
13 Aust Graves Regn. & Enquiry Unit (Lower Estab.)

W. Aust L of C Area.

Add 14 Aust Graves Regn. & Enquiry Unit (Lower Estab.)

N.T. Force (11 L of C Sub Area)

Add 15 Aust Graves Regn & Enquiry Unit (Lower Estab.)

2. Official amendment to O. of B will be issued shortly.

3. "A" Branch L.H.Q. will issue instructions for raising units.

Casey

Lieut.-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

MO4/JD.

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S.M. 9996.

ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA.

N.T. Force.

L.H.Q.

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"C" Branch D.M.I.
"Q" Branch M.O.2.
"F" Branch M.O.4.
2nd Ech. War Diary (2) ✓
E.-in-C. File.

10 June 42.

ORDER OF BATTLE ALLIED LAND FORCES.

Approval has been given for the following amendments to be made to the Order of Battle.

N.T. Force.

Add H.Q. R.A.E. N.T. Force.

H.Q. R.A.E. 11 L of C Sub Area.

Amend 10 A.Tps Coy Less two Workshop Secs to read
10 A.Tps Coy.

2. Official amendments to Order of Battle will be issued shortly.
3. "A" Branch L.H.Q. will issue instructions for raising necessary personnel.

Lawson
Lieut.-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

MO4/DW.

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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA

L.H.Q.

10 Jun. 42

S.M. 9997.

N.S.W. L. of C. Area
S. Aust. L. of C. Area

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	"O" Br.	M.O.4
	"F" Br.	War Diary (2)✓
	2nd Ech.	File

ORDER OF BATTLE - ALLIED LAND FORCES

1. Approval is given for the following amendments to be made to the O. of B. - Allied Land Forces :-

N.S.W. L. of C. Area

Amend 120 Special Hosp. (200 beds) to read
120 Aust. Special Hospital (600 beds)

S. Aust. L. of C. Area

Add 123 Aust. Special Hosp. (100 beds).

2. Official amendments to O. of B. will be issued shortly.
3. "A" Br. L.H.Q. will issue instructions for raising additional personnel required.

L. A. S. G. H. G.
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA

L.H.Q.

19 Jun. 42

S.M. 9998.

N.T. FORCE

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	Mil. Sec.
"Q" Br.	D.M.I.
"O" Br.	M.O.2
"P" Br.	M.O.4
2nd Ech.	War Diary (2)✓
D.S.D.	File

ORDER OF BATTLE - ALLIED LAND FORCES

1. Approval has been given for the following amendments to be made to the O. of B. Allied Land Forces :-

11 L. of C. Sub-Area

Opposite 5 Per Staging Camp (Barrow) in remarks Col.
insert "900".
Opposite 6 Per Staging Camp (Banka Banka) in remarks Col.
insert "900".
Opposite 7 Per Staging Camp (Elliot) in remarks Col.
insert "900".

Add -

10 Aust. Per. Staging Camp (Mt. Isa) - "900".
11 Aust. Per Staging Camp (No.3 Bore) - "300".
12 Aust. Per Staging Camp (No.19 Bore) - "300".
Town Major (3rd Class) ALICE SPRINGS
Town Major (3rd Class) MT. ISA
Administrative H.Q. MT. ISA
Administrative H.Q. BANKA BANKA

2. Official amendments to O. of B. will be issued shortly.
3. "A" Br. L.H.Q. will issue instructions for raising units.

C. A. W. May Gen

Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

MO4/B.G.

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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA

L.H.Q.

5.M. 10004

FIRST AUST. ARMY
VICTORIA L. OF C. AREA

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ORDER OF BATTLE ALLIED LAND FORCES

Approval has been given for the undermentioned amendments to be made to the Order of Battle in lieu of amendments advised by L.H.Q., S.M. 9548 of 1 Jun. 42 which is now cancelled.

Victoria L. of C. Area

Delete 251, 367, 368, 369, 2/49, 2/51, 2/53 and 2/55
Aust. Dental Units.

First Aust. Army

Add 251, 367, 368, 369, 2/49, 2/51, 2/53 and 2/55
Aust. Dental Units.

2. The official amendment to the Order of Battle Allied Land Forces will be issued shortly.

June 10 '42.

Philip Giff
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

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MILBANK BRISBANE
MILBANK MELBOURNE
MILBANK ADELAIDE
MILBANK PERTH
MILBANK HOBART

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LANDFORDS MELBOURNE

DEFERRED	SM8883	OF	23	MAY	(.)
CUR	RETURN	NOT	YET	70	HAND
ACK	ALL	INFORMED			

Col. D.M.O. & P.

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HORFORCE DARWIN

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LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

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REF	LHQ	AG	CIRCULAR	9558	OF
1	JUN	(.)	DESIRED	MOVE	Y
TP	18	FD	BTY	TO	N.S.W.
L	OF	C	AREA	AT	EARLIEST
FOR	REORGANIZATION (.)		CAN	YOU	RELEASE
THEM	BEFORE	RELIEF	ARRIVES	(.)	IF
SO	ADVISE	DATE	READINESS	TO	MOVE

14/6/67
D.H.O. & P. Col.

In cypher.

Copies to - H.G.R.A.
M.O.2.

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To - FIRSTAUSTARMY TOOWOOMBA MILCOMAND MORESBY MILBASE SYDNEY
 From LANDFORCES MELBOURNE G. 25453 11

WARNING	ORDER	(.)	14	AUST
FD	REGT	14	FD	REGT
SIG	SEC	AND	217	LAD
WILL	MOVE	AT	WE	PLUS
FIRST	REINFTS	FROM	ORSTA	AT
EARLY	DATE	WITH	EXISTING	EQUIPMENT
AND	MT	(.)	FIRST	LINE
AMMUNITION	TROPICAL	KIT	MOSQUITO	NETS
AND	TENTAGE	ON	SCALE	OUR
MEMO EN.38585	OF	18	APR	WILL
BE	TAKEN	(.)	210	DAYS
SUPPLIES	AND	6	MONTHS	RESERVE
25	PR	AMMUNITION	WILL	BE
PROVIDED	UNDER	ARRANGEMENTS	BY	BRANCHES
LEQ	(.)	EMBARK	SYDNEY	NO
MOVE	BEFORE	18	JUN	(.)
ARRANGEMENTS BY		LEQ	MOVEMENTS	SEC
(.)	DESTINATION	FOLLOWS	(.)	ADVISE
DETAILS	OF	VEHICLES	BY	TYPE
AND	WEIGHT	OF	EQUIPMENT	AND
STORES	IN	TONS	(.)	ACK
ADDRESSED	FIRSTAUSTARMY	REPEATED	MILCOMAND	MORESBY
MILBASE	SYDNEY			

*A.C.P. Col.,
 J.D.M.O. & P.* IN CIPHER 1645

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 - "O" Branch
 - "Q" Branch (Movements)
 - M.G.R.A.
 - S.O.-in-C.
 - D.S.D.
 - N.O. 2
 - N.O. 3
 - N.O. 4
 - War Diary (2) ✓

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H.O.2/HJH

to:- FIRST AUSTRALIAN TROOPCOMB AUSTBASE ADELAIDE
from :- LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

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WARNING ORDER(.) 2/16 A FD COY WILL MOVE FROM ADELAIDE
AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE(.) AUSTBASE ADELAIDE ADVISE DETAILS
OF PERSONNEL VEHICLES BY TYPE AND WEIGHT EQUIPMENT AND STORES
IN TONS(.) ARRANGEMENTS BY L E Q MOVEMENTS SEC(.) DESTINATION
FOLLOWS(.) ADDRESSED FIRST AUSTRALIAN AUSTBASE ADELAIDE

A.G.P. Col,

pr D.M.O. & P.

In cipher.

1645K/11

Copy to :-

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"O" "
"Q" "
"Q" Movements
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MOST SECRET

TO: FIRTAUSTARMY TOOWOOMBA, MILCOMMAND MORESBY, MILBASE SYDNEY.

FROM: LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

G25471 11

MOST SECRET (.) REFERENCE OUR G.25453
OF 11TH MAY (.) DESTINATION MORESBY
(.) UNITS COME UNDER COMD. NEW
GUINEA FORCE ON ARRIVAL (.) ACK.
ADDRESSED FIRST AUST ARMY MILCOMMAND MORESBY
MILBASE SYDNEY (.)

A.C.P. Col.,
A.D.M.O. & P.

In cypher.

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COPY TO: "A" BRANCH
"O" "
"Q" "
"Q" (MOVEMENTS)

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War Diary (2) ✓

MOST SECRET

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN TROOP COMRADE AUSTRALIAN
LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

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MOST SECRET (.)
OF 11
(.) ACK
AUSTRALIAN ADELAIDE
REFERENCE OUR
(.) DESTINATION
FIRST AUST BERRISFIELD
ARMY

A.C.P.
for D.M.O. & P.

In cypher. 1720h/11

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"Q" (Movements)
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M.O.4
War Diary (2) ✓

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MILBASE MORESBY
LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

G.25480 11/6

MOST	SECRET	(.)	YOUR	G.2923
OF	9/6	HOT	REPEAT	NOT
CLEAR	(.)	STATE	EACH	UNIT
NOW	REQUIRED	(.)	IN	VIEW
OF	OUR	G.21316	OF	21ST
MAY	ADVISE	IN	DETAIL	ALSO
WHAT	ADDITIONAL	A.A.S.C.	PERSONNEL	AND
VEHICLES	YOU	NOW	REQUIRE	(.)
ACK.	(.)			

Copies to "A" Branch
"Q" Branch
"O" Branch
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Diary (2) ✓

Sgd. A. E. P. May
for Col.
D.M.O.&P.

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MOST SECRET.

ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA

L.H.Q.

S.M. 10060.

First Aust Army (1)	C.-in-C.
Second Aust Army (3)	C.G.S. (9)
2 Aust Corps (2)	L.Q.A.
N.T. Force (2)	A.Q. (4)
N.G. Force	Q.M.G. (4)
Q'land. L. of C. Area	N.G.O. (5)
N.S.W. L. of C. Area	Comdt. R.M.C.
Vic. L. of C. Area	F.M.
S.A. L. of C. Area	War Diary (2)
Tas. Force	File
N.A. L. of C. Area	
N.C. L. of C. Area	

ORDER OF BATTLE - U.S.A.F.I.A.

LAND FORCES IN AUSTRALIA.

Herewith, for information, is third Amendment to Order of Battle, as at 15 May, 1942, of Ground Troops, United States Forces in Australia, showing alterations, other than in individual strengths of units, up to 5th June, 1942.

2. Acknowledge.

P. L. Hapgood

Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

11 Jun 42

ORDER OF BATTLE U.S.A.F.I.A.

LAND FORCES IN AUSTRALIA

AS AT 5 JUNE 1942.

THIRD AMENDMENT TO ORDER OF BATTLE.

U.S. Base Section No.2.

Combat Unit.

- (a) Add "94 Coast Arty. Regt. (A.A.) (Semi-Mob.) with additional Medical personnel attached 110 Offrs. 2522 O.R. 2632 Total."
- (b) Add "104 Coast Arty. Bn. (A.A.) (Separate) (Semi-Mob.) with additional Medical personnel attached 46 offrs. 780 O.R. 826 Total."

Service Unit.

- (c) Add "202 Sig. Coy. (Depot) 13 O.R. 13 Total."

U.S. Base Section No.3.

Combat Unit.

- (a) Delete "94 Coast Arty. Regt. (A.A.) (Semi-Mob.)"
- (b) Delete "104 Coast Arty. Bn. (A.A.) (Separate) (Semi-Mob.)"

Service Unit.

- (c) Delete "29 Q.M. Regt. (Truck) (Coloured) (less F Coy)."
- (d) Add "636 Ord. Coy. (Arm) (Coloured) 6 Offrs. 133 O.R. 139 Total."

U.S. Base Section No.4.

Service Unit.

- (a) Delete "84 Q.M. Coy. (Depot Sup.)"
- (b) Amend "176 Sig. Repair Coy."
To read "176 Sig. Repair Coy. (less Dets.) 3 Offrs. 70 O.R. 73 Total"
- (c) Add the following:

	<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>Nurses</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
"Port Personnel	53	2	863	918
"155 Medical Regt. Band	1		29	30
"1 Replacement Bn. A Coy	18		111	129
"2 Replacement Bn. B Coy	15		113	128
"1 Interpretation Det.	1		6	7
"2 Interpretation Det.	3		7	10
"1 Station Hosp.	17	29	149	195
"2 Station Hosp.	25	30	150	202
"3 Station Hosp.	20	30	149	199
"4 Station Hosp.	21	30	149	200
"5 General Hosp.	37	59	254	360
"6 General Hosp.	20	115	296	679

	<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>Nurses</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Total</u>
"118 General Hosp.	42	60	284	376
"155 Station Hosp.	32	60	271	363
"166 Station Hosp.	24	31	150	205
"171 Station Hosp.	24	31	147	202
"172 Station Hosp.	20	31	136	187
"174 Station Hosp.	21	31	148	200

H.Q. U.S.A.F.I.A. AND ALL BASE SECTION.

Amend all totals strengths of each as tabulated below

LAND FORCES RECAPITULATION.

	COMBAT UNITS		SERVICE UNITS		NURSES	TOTAL	
	Offrs.	O.R.	Offrs.	O.R.		Offrs.	O.R.
H.Q. U.S.A.F.I.A.			485	1289	123	608	1289
Base Section No.1.	104	1965	85	1369		189	3334
Base Section No.2.	242	5080	380	8411	98	720	15499
Base Section No.3.	15	166	285	2833	107	407	2999
Base Section No.4.	725	16005	594	5491	590	1909	2149
Base Section No.5.	651	14980	60	873		711	15753
Base Section No.6.	82	1872	33	232	50	148	2033
Base Section No.7.	6	253	51	370	30	87	623
New Guinea	36	816	42	1033		78	1871
TOTALS.	1661	41117	2016	21895	973	4857	52813

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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA.

L.H.Q.

5.14.1962.

First Aust Army.

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(D.R. & M.)	D.M.T.
(Mil. Sec.)	D.M.O. & P. (3)
"G" Branch	War Diary (2)✓
"O" Branch	File (1)
"F" Branch	
2nd Echelon	

ORDER OF BATTLE ALLIED LAND FORCES.

1. Approval is given for the following units to be added to the O. of B. :-

FIRST AUST ARMY

- 1 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp
- 2 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp
- 10 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp
- 3 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp
- 5 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp
- 1 Aust Motor Div Sec Reception Camp

and for the units to be raised in accordance with A.I.F.
W.E. III/64/8/1.

2. Approval is also given for the 2 Aust Corps Reception Camp already included in O. of B. to be raised in accordance with W.E. A.I.F. III/64/8/1.

3. Separate instructions for raising the units will be issued by "A" Branch, L.H.Q.

5.14.1962.

R. H. Phillips C.M.G.

Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

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SELECTED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA

L.H.Q.

S.M. 12113.

3 Aust. Armd. Div.

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D.A.F.V.
War Diary (2) /
File

MARKING OF BAGGAGE - 1 AUSTRALIAN ARMD. DIV.

With reference to your minute S.M. 9353/2/10 of 17 May 42, it is advised that provision is being made under revised Standing Orders A.M.F. for the use of Unit Serial Numbers for all movement.

2. The system of marking baggage will be that previously used for A.I.F. Units proceeding overseas, vide para. 149 of Standing Orders A.I.F.

3. Serial Numbers have been allotted to Units of 1 Aust. Armd Div. vide S.M. 9353 of 28 May 42.

12 Jun 42

John H. Evans
Lieutenant-General
Chief of the General Staff.

SECRET⁷⁶

ARMY BOKEDY, MILGASH ADELAIDE.

25580

LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

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AM	2	SIO	SEC	FOR	106
A.SX	RECE	IS	AVAILABLE	IN	ADELAIDE
(.)	HAVE	YOU	RAISED	A.TE	SIGNAL
TROOPS	OR	DO	YOU	DESIRE	H
SECTION	TO	ACCOMPANY	RECE	FROM	ADELAIDE
ADDED	ARMY	RECE	MILGASH	ADELAIDE	(.)

[Signature]
D.M.O. & F.

In cipher
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M.O.3.
M.O.4.
War Diary (2) ✓

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TOOWOOMBA
FIRSTAUSTARMY ~~XXXXXXXX~~ MILBASE MELBOURNE
LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

G 25709 12/6

WARNING	ORDER	(.)	21	A.FD.
COY	WILL	MOVE	FROM	VIC
L.OF C.	AREA	AS	SOON	AS
PRACTICABLE	(.)	FIRSTAUSTARMY	ADVISE	DESTINATION
By	MILBASE	MELBOURNE	ADVISE	DETAILS
OF	PERSONNEL	VEHICLES	BY	TYPE
WEIGHT	EQUIPMENT	AND	STORES	IN
TONS	(.)	ARRANGEMENTS	BY	L.H.Q.
MOVEMENTS	SEC	(.)	ADDRESSED	FIRSTAUSTARMY
MILBASE	MELBOURNE			

Copies to -

A. Br.
Q. "
O. "
Q. (Movements)
E.-in-C.
S.O.-in-C.
D.S.D.
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War Diary (2) ✓

Signed A. G. B. *AGB*
for Col.
D.M.O. & P.

In cypher 1650

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~~MOST SECRET~~

FIRSTAUSTARMY TOOGOOMBA MILBA E MELBOURNE

LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

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MOST
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SECRET (.)

12 MAY

ADDRESSED FIRSTAUSTARMY

REFERENCE

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NOTES

Signed A. E. B. Lt/col
for Col.,
D.M.D. & P

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"Q" Branch
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"Q" (Movements)
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SECRET (79)

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THREESAUSTCORPS PERTH

LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

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0.72 of 8 May

G.H.Q.	SWPA	IS	NOW	CONSIDERING
UNIFORMITY	IN	BOUNDARIES	NORFORCE	N.W.
AREA	AND	U.S.	BASE	SEE
NO.1	WHICH	WE	CONSIDER	MOST
DESIRABLE	(.)	ALLIED	AIR	FORCES
STRONGLY	URGE	ADOPTION	WESTERN	BOUNDARY
OF	N.E.	AREA	AS	FOLLOWS
(.)	FROM	INTERSECTION	TROPIC	CAPRICORN
AND	WESTERN	BOUNDARY	NORTHERN	TERRITORY
TO	SHELLBOROUGH	GO	MILES	N.E.
OF	PORT	HEDLAND	(.)	REASONS
(.)	WITHIN	OPERATIONAL	RANGE	DARWIN
AND	ABSENCE	OF	AIR	FACILITIES
IN	K.W.	OF	W.A.	(.)
G.O.C.	NORFORCE	PREPARED	TO	AGREE
(.)	YOUR	VIEWS	COVERING	BOUNDARY
AND	PROPOSAL	GENERALLY	WOULD	BE
APPRECIATED				

Col. D.M.O. & P.

In cypher 1750K/12

1403

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MOST SECRET

MILCOMAND MORSEY

LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

Q. 25798 12

MOST	SECRET (4)	JAPANESE	DISPLAYING	INTEREST	IN
DEVELOPMENT	OF	ROUTE	MURA	THROUGH	KOKODA
TO	PORT	MORSEY (2)	ADVISE	URGENTLY	YOUR
PLAN	FOR	PROTECTION	OF	THIS	ROUTE
PARTICULARLY	FROM	KOKODA	WESTWARD	AND	OF
THE	VITAL	KOKODA	AREA (.)	INFORMATION	REQUIRED
BY	CHQ	SWP AREA			

[Signature]
Col.
D.M.O. & P.

IMMEDIATE IN CIPHER

1930

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 M.O.3
 War Diary (2) ✓

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MOST SECRET

MILCOMAND MORSEBY

LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

G. 25799 12

MOST	SECRET	(.)	REF	QZQ	OPERATION
INSTRUCTION	17		FOLLOWING	FORM	INFORMATION (.)
FORCE	FOR		BOSTON	WILL	BE
ORDERED	TO		PROCEED	SHORTLY	TO
NEW	AERODROME		SITE	AT	MILNE
BAY (.)	NEW		CODE	NAME	FOLLOWS (.)
OWING	TO		EXPOSED	POSITION	NEW
AERODROME	AND		ITS	PROXIMITY	TO
BE	COAST		IT	IS	CONSIDERED
THAT	INF		DET	OF	ONE
COY	WOULD		BE	INADEQUATE (.)	ROLE
OF	GARRISON		REMAINS	AS	STATED
BUT	WE		SUGGEST	ADDITIONAL	INF
COY	SHOULD		BE	DISPATCHED	TOGETHER
WITH	PROPORTION		CARRIERS	H G (.)	CARRIERS
AT	YOUR		DISCRETION	AFTER	RECCE (.)
TOTAL	DET		ALLIED	LAND	FORCES
TO	BE		SUPPLIED	BY	ME
FORCE	AS		FOLLOWS (.)	TWO	REPEAT
TWO	INF		COYS	9	AUGT
LT	AA		BTYB	DETS	AND
SUPPLIES	AS		IN	OPERATION	INSTRUCTION
17	PARA		2 (e)	AND	(d) (.)
COND	AND		NECESSARY	SIG	PERSONNEL
AND	COMMS		WILL	BE	ARRANGED
BY	H.G.		FORCE (.)	ANTICIPATE	MOVEMENT

MOST SECRET

WILCOX AND HORESEY
LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

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FROM	HORESEY	ABOUT	17	JUNE
AFTER	ARRIVAL	ADDITIONAL	U S	ENGINEERS
FROM	TOWNSVILLE (.)	CONFIRMATORY	ORDERS	ISSUE
APPROX	14	JUN	ACK	

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D.S.D.
E.-in-C.
S.O.-in-C.

War Diary

ack
for D.M.O.A.P.

IMMEDIATE
IN CIPHER

1935

MOST SECRET ⁸² ~~/~~

MELBOURNE COMMAND ROBERTS

LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

G. 25800 12

**MOST
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**SECRET (.) REF
JUNE (.) FALL**

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**G...25799 OF
ACK**

*at hi-land
for D.M.O. & P.*

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IN CIPHER**

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TO FIRTAUSTARRY TOOWOOMBA, MILCOMAND MORESBY

MOST SECRET

FROM LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

Originator's Number

G 25801

Date

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In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

MOST	SECRET	(.)	REF	L H Q	5
OPERATION	INSTRUCTION	19	PARA	2 (B)	10
(.)	1	N E I	FUSILIER	COY	15
WILL	NOT	REPEAT	NOT	PROCEED	20
HORN	ISLAND	(.)	NEW	DESTINATION	25
MERAUKE	(.)	CHANGE	NECESSITATED	BY	30
ESTABLISHMENT	NEW	AIRFIELD	IN	DUTCH	35
TERRITORY	(.)	FUSILIER	COY	WILL	40
MOVE	DIRECT	(.)	CODE	NAME	45
FOR	NEW	LOCATION	FOLLOWS	(.)	50
ADDS	FIRTAUSTARRY	RPTD	MILCOMAND	MORESBY	55
ACK					60
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TO

FIRSTAUST ARMY TOOWOOMBA

MILCOMMAND MORESBY

FROM

LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

Originator's Number

G 25802

Date

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In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

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(.)

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JUNE

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FIRSTAUST ARMY

REPTD.

MILCOMMAND

MORESBY

~~REPTD.~~

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MOST SECRET

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SECRET~~

(5)

TO : FIRSTAUSTARMY TOOWOOMBA
FROM : LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

G 25803 12/6

MOST SECRET (.) REF L H Q OPERATION INSTRUCTION 19 PARA
1 AND MY G 25801 (.) WE PROPOSE TO EXTEND RESPONSIBILITY
FIRSTAUSTARMY TO INCLUDE AUGUSTA (.) ADDITIONAL NEW AIRFIELD
IS BEING DEVELOPED BY ALLIED AIR FORCES AT PORTLAND DOWNS
VICINITY CAPE DIRECTION NORTH QUEENSLAND (.) FIRSTAUSTARMY
WILL PROVIDE DEFENCE AGAINST LAND ATTACK PORTLAND DOWNS
AND HORN ISLAND FROM EXISTING RESOURCES (.) MINIMUM
GARRISON ONE COY AT EACH ACCEPTABLE S H Q AND ALLIED
AIR FORCES (.) A A DEFENCE IS BEING ARRANGED BY USAP/A (.)
CAIRNS REMAINS IMPORTANT AIR INSTALLATION (.) COOKTOWN
WILL BE CONSIDERABLY REDUCED IN IMPORTANCE AND PROTECTION WILL
NOT REPEAT NOT BE NECESSARY AFTER OCCUPATION OF PORTLAND DOWNS
(.) COEN WILL BE REPLACED BY PORTLAND DOWNS (.) ESTIMATED
FIRST STRIP PORTLAND DOWNS COMPLETE END JULY (.) DETAILED
INSTRUCTIONS ISSUE APPROX 14 JUNE ACK

(Sgd.) A.E. Bamford, Lt.-Col.,
for Col.,
D.M.O. & P.

IMPORTANT
in cipher

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D.S.D.
E.-in-C.
S.C.-in-C.
Q (2)
Allied Air Forces
M.O. 2
M.O. 3
War Diary (2) ✓

W32/JD.

SECRET.

L.H.Q. SIGNALS DETS - MOVE TO DARWIN AND HORSEBY.

"O" MOVEMENTS.
"O" BRANCH.

It is requested that the following L.H.Q. Signal Detachments be moved: from Ringwood Vic. to Darwin and Horseby respectively as soon as possible.

Detachment	Personnel	Weight of Equipmt.	H.T.
H.T. FORCE	1 Sargt 3 OMs.	2½ ton	Vans - 1 ton - 3
H.O. FORCE	1 Sargt 3 OMs.	3 ton	Nil.

Tropical kit will be issued and camp equipment vide Memo 58505 of 18 April will be provided under "O" Branch arrangements before departure.

A. G. Crawford
Lt. Col.
for Colonel,
Director of Military Operations & Plans.

12 June. 42.

Copies to:- S.O.-in-C.
D.A.Q.H.O.I (Maj. Woods)
H.O.-2.
H.O.-3.
H.O.-4.
✓ Diary. (2).

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COPY OF OUTWARD MESSAGE

TO: AUSTBASE ADELAIDE MILBASE ADELAIDE MILBASE SYDNEY
FIRSTAUSTARMY TOOWOOMBA

FROM: LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

G 25719 13/6

SECRET	(.)	WARNING	ORDER	(.)
FOLLOWING	DETAILS	1	AUST	ORD
FD	PK	WILL	MOVE	FROM
ADELAIDE	(.)	H Q	(.)	2
R V S	(.)	1	CORPS	SEC
LESS	OFFICERS	2	OTHER	RANGE
22	VIDE	SM 9804	(.)	DESTINATION
FOLLOWS	(.)	L H Q	MOVEMENTS	WILL
ARRANGE	(.)	ADDSD	AUSTBASE	ADELAIDE
REPEATED	MILBASE	ADELAIDE	MILBASE	SYDNEY
FIRSTAUSTARMY TOOWOOMBA				

Johnston Wood
Col.
D.M.O. & P.

1700 K/12

Copies to -

"A" Branch (4)
"Q" Branch (3) to arrange movements
"Q" Branch (Major Wood)
"O" Branch (2)
"F" Branch
D.S.D.
D.M.I.
D.M.O. & P.
M.O.2
M.O.3
M.O.4
War Diary (2) ✓
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COPY OF OUTWARD MESSAGE

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TO: AUSTBASE ADELAIDE MILBASE ADELAIDE MILBASE SYDNEY
FIRSTAUSTARMY TOOWOOMBA

FROM: LANDFORCES MELBOURNE G. 25723 13/6

SECRET	(.)	REFERENCE	OUR	G 25719 OF
	JUNE	(.)	DESTINATION	ALL UNITS
LIVERPOOL	(.)			

J. Hutchinson Lt Col.
Col.,
DMO & P.

1715K/12

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D.M.O. & P.
M.O.2
M.O.3
M.O.4
War Diary (2) ✓
File

TO FIRSTAUSTARMY TOPO COMBA, SECONDAUSTARMY MELBOURNE, COBANESK,
MILBASH BRISBANE.

FROM LANDFORCES MELBOURNE.

G. 25998

13/6

IN REPLY SD.715 OF 11 JUNE (.) RAISING NEW ARTY REGTS DEFERRED (.)
L.H.Q. A.25643 OF 12 JUNE REFERS (.) PERSONNEL OF 239 L.A.D. SHOULD
NOW BE DISPOSED OF IN ACCORDANCE SM.8721 OF 8 MAY (.) ^{FIRST} ADDRESSED AUSTARMY
REPT. SECONDAUSTARMY 1 AUST CORPS MILBASH BRISBANE (.) ACK. (.)

J. J. May
Col.,
D.M.O. & P.

1745 K/13

Copies to "A" Branch D.O.

M.O.2.

M.O.4.

War Diary (2) ✓

File.

SECRET 90

MYLBANK BRISBANE

LANDFORCED WELDOURNE

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0 8368

OF	12	JUNE	(.)	REP	MY
SHIGROO	OF	13	JUNE	(.)	
DEFENSIVELY	EQUIPPED	MERCHANT	SHIPS	(.)	
APPROVAL	GRANTED	INCREASE	TOTAL	NUMBER	
ARMY	AA	PERSONNEL	IN	QUEENSLAND	
L OF C	AREA	FOR	DEMS	FROM	
8	REPEAT	8	TO	58	
REPEAT	58	(.)	ADDITIONAL	PERSONNEL	
TO	HE	RAISED	ON	SAME	
BASIN	AS	AUTHORISED	IN	NY	
GLOORS	OF	21	MARCH	(.)	
ADVISE	DISTRIBUTION	PERSONNEL	IN	DCE	
COURSE	ACK				

Copies to -

"A" Branch

H.G.R.A.

H.O.3

H.O.2

War Diary (2) ✓

Signed A.E.B. Lt Col
for Col.
D.H.C.M.

In cipher 1205

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SECRET

FORFORCE DARWIN

LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

0 26001

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AND	FURTHER	TO	MY	A.25043
OF	12	JUNE	(.)	STILL
DESIRED	PERSONNEL	OF	Y	TROOP
MOVE	TO	H.S.W.	L.OF C.	AREA
BUT	NOW	H-T	PROPOSED	TO
BELIEVE	THEM	(.)	YOU	MAY
WITHDRAW	GUNS	AND	EQUIPMENT	INTO
LOCAL	RESERVE	OR	CONTINUE	TO
USE	AT	YOUR	DISCRETION	(.)
MOVE	TO	TAKE	PLACE	ON
ARRIVAL	ALL	PD.	REOF.	UNDER
YOUR	ARRANGEMENTS	(.)	WILL	WITHDRAWAL
THESE	PERSONNEL	WITHOUT	RELIEF	PERMIT
YOU	TO	CARRY	ON	

Handwritten:
for Col.
D.H.G. & P.

in cipher

1800/K

Copies to -

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 Q. "
 Q. Movements
 D.A.Q.M.O. #1) Maj-Wood.
 M.G.R.A.
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 D.S.D.
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 M.O.4
 ✓ War Diary (2)

M.O.2(b)/B.G.

92.12
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MILBASE MELBOURNE MILBASE ADELAIDE AUSTBASE ADELAIDE MILBASE SYDNEY
MILBASE BRISBANE
LAND FORCES
GENERAL QUARTERS MELBOURNE 26070 14

WARNING	ORDER	FOLLOWING	UNITS	WILL
PREPARE	TO	MOVE	(.)	ONE
(.)	L H Q	ENGINEER	TNG	DEPOT
MELBOURNE	NOT	BEFORE	23	JUN
(.)	TWO	(.)	PIONEER	TNG
BN	REINFORCEMENTS	AND	SUNDRY	PERSONNEL
2/2	PIONEER	BN	NOT	AT
WATSONIA	NOT	BEFORE	23	JUN
(.)	THREE	(.)	ENGINEER	TNG
DEPOT	ECNUCA	NOT	BEFORE	30
JUN	(.)	FOUR	(.)	ENGINEER
TNG	DEPOT	GOORDIWINDI	NOT	BEFORE
7	JUL	42	(.)	FIVE
(.)	ENGINEER	TNG	DEPOT	COWRA
NOT	BEFORE	14	JULY	(.)
SIX	(.)	2/2	PIONEER	BN
(.)	SEVEN	(.)	A I P	PIONEER
TNG	BN	(.)	EIGHT	(.)
122	PIONEER	TNG	BN	(.)
NINE	(.)	AUST	ENGR	TNG
BN	(.)	SIX	TO	NINE
INCLUSIVE	NOT	BEFORE	21	JULY
(.)	UNITS	WILL	MOVE	WITH
PRESENT	EQUIPMENT	(.)	PURNISH	PARTICULARS
OF	PERSONNEL	(.)	VEHICLES	BY

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TYPE	(.)	WEIGHT	OF	STORES
OTHER	THAN	CARRIED	IN	VEHICLES
(.)	ARRANGEMENTS	BY	L H Q	MOVEMENTS
SECTION	(.)	ADDS	MILBASE	MELBOURNE
MILBASE	ADSLAIDE	AUSTEASE	ADSLAIDE	MILBASE
SYDNEY	MILBASE	BRISBANE		

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for
 D.M.O. 1. P.

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MILBASE MELBOURNE
MILBASE ADELAIDE
MILBASE SYDNEY

AUSTBASE ADELAIDE
MILBASE QUEENSLAND *Brisbane*

LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

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MOST	SECRET	(.)	REF	OUR	026070
DESTINATION ALL		UNITS	WAGGA	ADDED	MILBASE
MELBOURNE	RPTD	MILBASE	ADELAIDE	AUSTBASE	ADELAIDE
MILBASE	SYDNEY	MILBASE	QUEENSLAND	<u>ACK</u>	

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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA

S. M. 10260

L. H. Q.

First Aust Army

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ORDER OF BATTLE - ALLIED LAND FORCES

1. In reply to your (S.D.) 495 of 1 Jun 42 relative to units to be added to or deleted from O. of B. First Army, it is advised that amendments to the O. of B. regarding the following may be anticipated:-

ADD - (a) 1 Aust Motor Div. Hd. Cash Office.

(b) Camouflage Troop Units on scale of one each per Army Troop, Corps Troop, Division.

2. The O. of B. Allied Land Forces is at present under review, and consideration will be given to the balance of First Army recommendations for additions and deletions. Further advice on this subject will be forwarded later.

15 Jun 42

R. L. Hopkins
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff

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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA.

S10258

Chief of the Naval Staff.

14 JUN 1942

DEFENCE OF CAIENS.

As the two lighters at CAIENS, with which it has been planned to block the entrance in an emergency, have been removed, First Aust Army have requested that a suitable bulk be provided for this purpose.

2. If, on account of the known shortage of all types of shipping, a bulk cannot be supplied, it is requested that six (6) ground magnetic mines be provided at CAIENS.

Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA

L.H.Q.

S.M. 10201.15/6

First Aust. Army
Second Aust. Army
3 Aust. Corps
Northern Territory Force
New Guinea Force
1 Aust. Armd. Div.
Tasmania Force
Queensland L. of C. Area
New South Wales L. of C. Area
Victoria L. of C. Area
South Australia L. of C. Area
Western Australia L. of C. Area
New Guinea L. of C.

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ORDER OF BATTLE ALLIED LAND FORCES

Approval has been given for the following amendments to be made to the Order of Battle :-

First Aust. Army

Add - "First Aust. Army Camouflage Tng. Unit"

2 Aust. Corps

Add - "2 Aust. Corps Camouflage Tng. Unit"

1 Aust. Div.

Add - "1 Aust. Div. Camouflage Tng. Unit"

2 Aust. Div.

Add - "2 Aust. Div. Camouflage Tng. Unit"

3 Aust. Div.

Add - "3 Aust. Div. Camouflage Tng. Unit"

5 Aust. Div.

Add - "5 Aust. Div. Camouflage Tng. Unit"

10 Aust. Div.

Add - "10 Aust. Div. Camouflage Tng. Unit"

1 Aust. Motor Div.

Add - "1 Aust. Motor Div. Camouflage Tng. Unit"

New Guinea Force

Add - "H.G. Force Camouflage Tng. Unit"

4 Aust. Div.

Add - "4 Aust. Div. Camouflage Tng. Unit"

1 Aust. Armd. Div.

Add - "1 Aust. Armd. Div. Camouflage Tng. Unit"

Northern Territory Force

Add - "11 Aust. Camouflage Tng. Unit"

(Allotted to 11 L. of C. Sub-Area)

"14 Aust. Camouflage Tng. Unit"

(Allotted to 14 L. of C. Sub-Area)

"15 Aust. Camouflage Tng. Unit"

(Allotted to 15 L. of C. Sub-Area)

Tasmania L. of C. Area

Add - "9 Aust. Camouflage Tng. Unit"

Queensland L. of C. Area

Add - "1 Aust. Camouflage Tng. Unit"

(Allotted to 1 L. of C. Sub-Area)

"2 Aust. Camouflage Tng. Unit"

(Allotted to 2 L. of C. Sub-Area)

New South Wales L. of C. Area

Add - "3 Aust. Camouflage Tng. Unit"

(Allotted to 3 L. of C. Sub-Area)

"4 Aust. Camouflage Tng. Unit"

(Allotted to 4 L. of C. Sub-Area)

"5 Aust. Camouflage Tng. Unit"

(Allotted to 5 L. of C. Sub-Area)

Victoria L. of C. Area

Add - "6 Aust. Camouflage Tng. Unit"

(Allotted to 6 L. of C. Sub-Area)

"7 Aust. Camouflage Tng. Unit"

(Allotted to 7 L. of C. Sub-Area)

"8 Aust. Camouflage Tng. Unit"

(Allotted to 8 L. of C. Sub-Area)

South Australia L. of C. Area

Add - "10 Aust. Camouflage Tng. Unit"

Western Australia L. of C. Area

Add - "12 Aust. Camouflage Tng. Unit"

(Allotted to 12 L. of C. Sub-Area)

"13 Aust. Camouflage Tng. Unit"

(Allotted to 13 L. of C. Sub-Area)

2. The official amendment to the Order of Battle Allied Land Forces will be issued shortly.

[Signature]
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

13 L. of C.

MOST SECRET

FIRST STAFF TROOP		6265-26		16		625803
MOST	LAND FORCES	(.)	NY	(.)	AUGUSTA	AUGUSTA
OF	12	JUNE	(.)	AUGUSTA	MAY	
(.)	LATEST	INDICATION	ALLIED	INSTRUCTIONS	NOT	
BE	UNDER	COMD	INSTRUCTIONS	EXCEPT	FOR	
FORCES	(.)	FURTHER	EXCEPT	ISLAND	PLACE	
REPEAT	NOT	AVAILABLE	EMBARKATION	SELECTED	FOR	
HERE	ISLAND	(.)	REQUIRED	FOR		
(.)	ADVISE	URGENTLY				
AND	SUB	UNIT				
GARRISON	(.)	INFORMATION				
TRANSPORTATION						

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REFERENCE	OUR	S.H. 3371 (.)	WARNING	ORDER (.)
R39 L.A.D.	WILL	MOVE	FROM	BRISBANE
AS	SOON	AS	PRACTICABLE (.)	ARRANGEMENTS
BY	L.H.Q.	MOVEMENTS	SEC. (.)	FIRSTAUSTARMY
ADVISE	DETAILS	PERSONNEL	VEHICLES	AND
WEIGHT	OF	EQUIPMENT (.)	SECONDAUSTARMY	ADVISE
DESTINATION (.)	ADDRESSED	FIRSTAUSTARMY	SECONDAUSTARMY	

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FIRSTAUSTARMY TOOWOOMBA MILCOMMAND MORESBY MILBASE SYDNEY

LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

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REF	MY	G.26463	CF	11JUN (.)
FULL	W R	SCALE	M T	TO
MOVE	WITH	REGT	AND	SIG
SEC	AND	L A D (.)	SOME	VEHICLES
MAY	NOT	ACCOMPANY	PERSONNEL (.)	FIRSTAUSTARMY
ADVISE	URGENTLY	DETAILS	PERSONNEL	VEHICLES
AND	STORES (.)	ADDED	FIRSTAUSTARMY	RPTD
MILCOMMAND MORESBY		MILBASE	SYDNEY	

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Maj. Wood
M.O.2.
M.O.3.
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Signed R. L. L. H.
Col.
D.M.O.&P.

In cipher
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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA

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L.H.Q.,

S.M. 10319.

New Guinea L. of C. Area.

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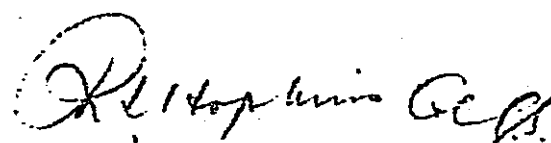
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-----ORDER OF BATTLE ALLIED LAND FORCES

Approval has been given for the following amendment
to be made to the Order of Battle.

New Guinea L. of C. Area.

Delete a marking from "421 Dental Unit"

2. The official amendment to the Order of Battle
Allied Land Forces will be issued shortly.



Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

15 June 40

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ALLIED LAND FORCES S.W. PACIFIC AREA

L.H.Q.

Date.

S.M. 10380

S. AUST. L. OF C. AREA.

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ORDER OF BATTLE ALLIED LAND FORCES

Approval has been given for the following amendment
to be made to the Order of Battle:-

S. AUST. L. OF C. AREA

Add - "15 Aust Bn. and less two Coy's."

2. The official amendment to the Order of Battle
Allied Land Forces will be issued shortly.

Lawrence
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

17 June 42

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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA.

L. R. H.

S.M.10379.

First Aust Army
Second Aust Army
Queensland L. of C. Area
New South Wales L. of C. Area
Victoria L. of C. Area
West Australia L. of C. Area.

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D.S.D.
M.O.E.
M.O.A.

War Diary (2) ✓
P.O.

ORDER OF BATTLE ALLIED LAND FORCES.

Approval has been given for the following amendments to be made to the Order of Battle :-

First Aust Army

Add - "317 Aust L.A.D." (Allotted to 56 Corps Fd. Bk. Coy.)

1 Aust Corps

Add - "318 Aust L.A.D." (Allotted to 59 Corps Fd. Bk. Coy.)
"319 Aust L.A.D." (Allotted to Corps Sig.)

2 Aust Corps

Add - "315 Aust L.A.D." (Allotted to 50 Corps Fd. Bk. Coy.)

10 Aust Div.

Add - "316 Aust. L.A.D." (Allotted to 87 ~~Corps~~ Fd. Bk. Coy.)

Second Aust. Army

Add - "320 Aust. L.A.D." (Allotted to Sig. Second Army)

Queensland L. of C. Area

Add - "113 Aust Lt. A.A. Regt. Sig. Sec."
"113 Aust Lt. A.A. Regt. Workshop Sec."

New South Wales L. of C. Area

Add - "111 Aust Lt. A.A. Regt. Sig. Sec."
"111 Aust Lt. A.A. Regt. Workshop Sec."

Victoria L. of C. Area

Add - "112 Aust Lt. A.A. Regt. Sig. Sec."
"112 Aust Lt. A.A. Regt. Workshop Sec."

West Australia L. of C. Area

Add - "115 Aust Lt. A.A. Regt. Sig. Sec."
"115 Aust Lt. A.A. Regt. Workshop Sec."

2. The official amendment to the Order of Battle
Allied Land Forces will be issued shortly.

17th June '42

Carver
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

FIRST AUSTALIAN TOONOOBIA, MILBANE BRISBANE, MILBANE SYDNEY
LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

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FOLLOW					

[Signature]
Col.
D.R. & P.

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FIRSTAUSTARMY TOONOOMBA MILBASE BRISBANE MILBASE MELBOURNE
LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

SECRET	WARNING	ORDER	(.)	DET	H Q
AND	TWO	SECS	3	DOCKS	OPERATING
COY	STRENGTH	3	OFFRS	AND	196
O RS	WILL	MOVE	NOT	BEFORE	23
JUN	(.)	DESTINATION	FOLLOWS	(.)	ADDRESSED

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~~FIRSTAUSTARMY TOONOOMBA REPRATED MILBASE BRISBANE MILBASE MELBOURNE~~

Col. for
DMO & P.

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MILBASE MELBOURNE NORFORCE DARWIN

LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

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SECRET	WARNING	ORDER	(.)	3	DOCKS <i>operating</i>
COY	LESS	DET	H.Q.	AND	TWO
SECS	STRENGTH	4	OPFRS	219	0 Rs
WILL	MOVE	NOT	BEFORE	23	JUN
(.)	DESTINATION	FOLLOWS	(.)	<i>All informed</i>	ADDRESSED MILBASE
MELBOURNE	REPEATED	NORFORCE	DARWIN		

Col.
DHO & P.

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MOST SECRET

TO NORFORCE DARWIN MILBASE MELBOURNE

FROM LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

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MOST	SECRET	(.)	REF	OUR	G 26864
DE	JUN	18	(.)	DESTINATION	DARWIN
(.)	UNIT	COMES	UNDER	COMD	NORFORCE
ON	ARRIVAL	IN	AREA	(.)	ACK
ADDRESSED	NORFORCE	DARWIN	MILBASE	MELBOURNE	(.)

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DOCKS OPERATING DIRECTORATE

D.S.D.

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MOST SECRET

To :- FIRST AUSTRALIAN TROOPCOMBAT MILITARY BRISBANE MILITARY MELBOURNE

From :- LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

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MOST SECRET(.) REF OUR G 26643 OF 18 JUN(.) DESTINATION CAIRNS
(.) UNIT WILL REMAIN L H Q TROOPS BUT UNDER QLD L OF C AREA FOR
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION(.) ACK ADDRESSED FIRST AUSTRALIAN TROOPCOMBAT
BRISBANE MILITARY MELBOURNE

Signed A.E.A. #4/col
for Col,

D.M.O. & P.

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"Q" (Movements)

D.A.C.M.G. (1) (Major Woods)

S.O. in C.

Decks Operating Directorate

D.S.D.

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War Diary (2) ✓

/B.G.

MOST SECRET

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Command
MILKES, MORESBY
LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

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MOST	SECRET	(.)	FAIL	RIVER
(.)	RMP	MY	G 25799	OF
12	SUN	(.)	ONE	(.)
PROPOSED	AIRFIELD	FOR	HEAVY	BOMBERS
INVOLVING	LONG	RUNWAY	(.)	CONSIDER
THEREFORE	TWO	REPEAT	TWO	COYS
NECESSARY	FOR	PROTECTION	INSTALLATIONS	AND
DISPERSED	AIRCRAFT	(.)	CARRIERS	ALSO
VERY	VALUABLE	(.)	DESIRE	YOU
RECONSIDER	YOUR	G 2943	(.)	ADVISE
(.)	TWO	(.)	YOU	ARE
RESPONSIBLE	SUPERVISION	LOADING	KARSIC	AND
BONTEKOR	FOLLOWING	TROOPS	ADDITIONAL	LAND
FORCE	COMPONENT	(.)	ONE	COY
U S	KNORS	(.)	RADAR	DET
(.)	R A A F	COMMUNICATIONS	DET	(.)
TWO	LATTER	ON	BONTEKOR	(.)
ACK				

Col.
D.M.U. & P.

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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA.

L.H.Q.

S.M. 10448.

First Aust Army
 Second Aust. Army
 1 Aust Corps
 Northern Territory Force
 New Guinea Force
 Solomon Islands Force
 Queensland L. of C. Area
 New South Wales L. of C. Area
 Victoria L. of C. Area
 South Australia L. of C. Area
 Western Australia L. of C. Area
 New Guinea L. of C. Area.

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ORDER OF BATTLE ALLIED LAND FORCES.

Approval has been given for the following amendments
 to be made to the Order of Battle :-

L.H.Q.

Add - "1st Aust. Adv. Ord. Workshop"
 Add - "2nd Aust. Adv. Ord. Workshop"
 Delete - "1st Workshop Det. A.I.P."
 "L.H.Q. Base Ord. Depot A.I.P."

Northern Territory Force.

Add - "1st Aust. Div. Ord. Workshop"
 "Aust. Ord. Depot Mt. Isa"
 Delete - "111 Ind. Bde. Gp. Ord. Workshop"
 "106 Ind. Bde. Gp. Ord. Workshop"
 "23 Ind. Bde. Gp. Ord. Workshop"

First Aust. Army

Delete - "1 Bridge Coy. A.A.S.G."

5 Aust. Div.

Add - "5 Aust. Div. Ord. Workshop"
 "5 Aust. Div. Ord. Hd. Pk."
 Delete - "101 Ind. Bde. Gp. Ord. Workshop"
 "101 Ind. Bde. Gp. Ord. Hd. Pk."
 "102 Ind. Bde. Gp. Ord. Workshop"
 "102 Ind. Bde. Gp. Ord. Hd. Pk."
 "104 Ind. Bde. Gp. Ord. Workshop"
 "104 Ind. Bde. Gp. Ord. Hd. Pk."
 "2 Recon. Bn. Sig. Sec."

3 Aust Div.

Delete - "2 Recon. Bn. Sig. Sec."

2 Aust. Div.

Delete - "21 Recon. Bn. Sig. Sec."

Second Aust. Army

Delete - "2 Bridge Coy. A.A.S.C."

Tasmania Force

Delete - "6 M.D. Pro. Coy."

"H.Q. L. of C. Area Reception Camp"

Queensland L. of C. Area

Delete - "2 V.C. Sec."

"3 V.C. Sec."

"Det. H.Q. 1 Adv. Ord. Workshop A.I.F."

"Det. 1 Ord. Workshop Coy. A.I.F."

New South Wales L. of C. Area

Add - "H.Q. 2/1 Aust. Adv. Ord. Depot"

Delete - "H.Q. 1 Adv. Ord. Workshop less Det. A.I.F."

"1 Ord. Workshop Coy. less Det. A.I.F."

"2 V.E.S."

Det. A.I.F. (M.E.) Reinf. Depot (7 Div. portion) A.I.F."

Victoria L. of C. Area

Delete - "10 V.C.C."

"11 V.C.C."

"1 V.E.S."

"R Vic. L. of C. Area Reception Camp"

South Australia L. of C. Area

Delete "3 Aust. L. of C. Area Reception Camps"

"A.I.F. (M.E.) Reinf. Depot 6 Div. Portion A.I.F."

West Australia L. of C. Area

Amend "110 Gen. Hosp (1200 beds)" to read - "110 Aust. Gen. Hosp. (800 beds)".

2. The official amendment to the Order of Battle Allied Land Forces will be issued shortly.

June 18 '42

Clarence Morgan
 Lieutenant-General,
 Chief of the General Staff.

MOST SECRET

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THIRTEENTH CORPS PERTH

LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

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MOST	SECRET	(.)	A	REPLY	BY	SIG
MESSAGE	TO	OUR		080050	OF	12
JUNE	IS	URGENTLY		REQUESTED	TO	KNOWLEDGE
DECISION	TO	IN		RECEIVED	WITH	O.C.C.
NONFORCE	WHO	IS		NOW	IN	MELBOURNE
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as per
COL
D.M.C. 1

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M.O.2.
M.O.3.
History. (2)

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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA.

L.H.Q.

S.M.10544.
South Australia L. of C. Area
Northern Territory Force

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ORDER OF BATTLE - ALLIED LAND FORCES.

Approval has been given for the following
amendments to be made to the Order of Battle :-

S. Aust.L. of C. Area

Delete "109 Gen. Hosp. (1200 beds)".

No. 11 L. of C. Sub-Area

Delete "44 Camp Hosp. (210 beds) No. 11 Sub-Area"

Add "109 Aust. Gen. Hosp. (1200 beds)"

Raised to 600 beds.

2. The official amendment to the Order of
Battle Allied Land Forces will be issued shortly.

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Philip
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

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FIRSTAUSTARMY TOOWOOMBA

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ORDER OF BATTLE - U.S.A.F.I.A.

LAND FORCES IN AUSTRALIA

Herewith, for information, is Order of Battle of Land Forces, United States Forces in Australia, as at 12 Jun. 42.

2. This Order of Battle Supersedes the Order of Battle, U.S.A.F.I.A., issued with SM.8967 of 20 May 42.
3. Although Coast Arty. (A.A.) Units have been placed under operational control of Allied Air Forces since 1 May 42, such Units have been included on this O. of B. and will continue to be shown on subsequent issues.
4. Service Units are under command H.Q. U.S.A.F.I.A.
5. Acknowledge.

19 Jun 42

Joseph H. Coffey
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

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ORDER OF BATTLE U.S.A.F.I.A.

LAND FORCES IN AUSTRALIA

AS AT 12 JUNE 1942

H.Q. U.S.A.F.I.A.

SERVICE UNITS	STRENGTH			
	Nurses	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total
H.Q. U.S.A.F.I.A.	5	400	650	1,053
41 Coast Arty. Bde. (A.A.) H.Q.		5		5
41 Coast Arty. Bde. (A.A.) H.Q. Bty.		1	38	39
Engr. H.Q. U.S.A.F.I.A.		6	15	21
Det. 832 Sig. Serv. Coy.		3	59	62
4 Gen. Hosp.	122	72	478	672
Det. Finance		1	14	15
501 Postal Unit		1	8	9
503 Postal Unit		1	11	12
Det., 3 Postal Regulating Sec.			5	5
TOTAL	125	490	1,278	1,893

N.T. L. OF C. AREA - U.S. BASE SECTION NO.1

COMBAT UNITS	STRENGTH			
	Nurses	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total
102 Coast Arty. Bn. (A.A.) (Separate) (semi-mob.)		38	831	869
147 Fd. Arty. Regt. (75 m.m.)		67	1,134	1,201
TOTAL		105	1,965	2,070
SERVICE UNITS	STRENGTH			
	Nurses	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total
H.Q. and H.Q. Det. - Base Section No.1		32		32
Det. "G", Base Command		1	19	20
H.Q. Coy. (Port)			69	69
148 Fd. Arty. Regt. (H.Q. and H.Q. Bty.)		2	34	36
43 Engr. Regt. (Gen. Service) (less 2 Bn.)		27	643	670
Det. 832 Sig. Service Coy.			19	19
Det. 176 Sig. Repair Coy.			10	10
394 Q.M. Bn. (Port) (coloured) (less C and D Coys.)		7	422	429
135 Medical Regt. (H.Q. & Service Coy. H.Q. Det. 3 Bn., A, D, E, and F Coys.)		30	444	374
Det. 118 Ord. Coy.		1	20	21
TOTAL		100	1,680	1,780

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QUEENSLAND I. OF C. AREA - U.S. BASE SECTION NO.2

COMBAT UNITS	STRENGTH			
	Nurses	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total
94 Coast Arty. Regt. (A.A.) (Semi.-mob.)		106	2,281	2,387
104 Coast Arty. Bn. (A.A.) (Separate) (Semi.-mob.)		50	866	916
208 Coast Arty. Regt. (A.A.) (Semi.-mob.) (less one Gun Bn.)		78	1,675	1,753
694 Sig. Reporting Coy. (Aircraft) Warning Service; (less one Plotting Pl.)		8	103	111
TOTAL		242	4,925	5,167
SERVICE UNITS	STRENGTH			
	Nurses	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total
H.Q. and H.Q. Det. Base Section No.2		30	34	64
Det "D", Base Command		1	19	20
2 Port of Embarkation - H.Q. and H.Q. Coy. (less H.Q. Det.)	1	21	132	154
46 Engr. Regt. (General Service)		47	1,211	1,258
91 Engr. Bn. (Separate) (coloured)		36	1,189	1,215
96 Engr. Bn. (Separate) (coloured) A and C Coys.		8	571	579
576 Engr. Coy. (Dump truck) (coloured)		4	119	123
585 Engr. Coy. (Dump truck) (coloured)		4	116	120
52 Sig. Bn. (one Pl. A Coy.)		1	53	54
176 Sig. Repair Coy. (two Radio and Repair Secs.)		1	20	21
Det. 202 Sig. Coy. (Depot)			13	13
Det. 832 Sig. Serv. Coy.		1	32	33
48 Q.M. Regt. (Truck) (coloured) 1 Coy.		3	108	111
86 Q.M. Bn. (Lt. Maint.) (A Coy.)		3	178	181
92 Q.M. Coy. (Railhead) (coloured)		4	107	111
Det. 360 Q.M. Coy. (composite)		2	76	78
394 Q.M. Bn. (Port) (coloured)		3	215	218
12 Station Hosp.	29	24	148	201
33 Surgical Hosp.	68	55	267	390
135 Medical Regt. (H.Q. Det. 2 Bn. and E Coy.)		23	290	313
Det. 57 Ord. Coy. (Med. Maint.)		1	13	14
Det. 55 Ord. Coy. (Amn.) (coloured)		1	50	51
TOTAL	98	263	4,961	5,322

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QUEENSLAND L. OF C. AREA U.S. BASE SECTION NO.3

COMBAT UNITS	STRENGTH			
	Nurses	Offrs	O. R.	Total
40 Coast Arty. Bde. (A.A.) H.Q. & H.Q. Bty.		15	79	94
694 Sig. Reporting Coy. (Aircraft Warning Service) (one Plotting Pl.)		2	41	43
699 Sig. Reporting Coy. (Aircraft Warning Service) (one Reporting Pl.)		2	45	47
TOTAL		19	165	184
SERVICE UNITS	STRENGTH			
	Nurses	Offrs	O. R.	Total
H.Q. and H.Q. Det. Base Section No.3		85	206	289
391 Engr. Coy. (Depot) (one Pl.)		1	37	38
176 Sig. Repair Coy. (Radio section)		1	10	11
202 Sig. Coy. (Depot) (less 3 storage and issue Sec. and Det.)		4	97	101
Det. 832 Sig. Service Coy.		1	21	22
72 Q.M. Bn. (Lt. Maint.) A. Coy.		2	161	163
Det. 360 Q.M. Coy. (Composite)		2	105	107
9 Medical Supply Depot (One Sec.)		1	50	51
135 Medical Regt. F. Coy.		1	66	67
1 Evacuation Hosp.	52	47	326	425
10 Evacuation Hosp.	25	45	318	388
153 Station Hosp.	50	21	153	204
37 Ord. Coy. (Med. Maint.)		5	115	119
55 Ord. Coy. (Coloured) (less Det.)		2	121	123
Det. 84 Ord. Coy. (Depot)		1	26	27
636 Ord. Coy. (Amm.) (coloured)		6	180	186
Det. 10 Chem. Coy. (Maint.)		1	28	29
28 Chem. Decon. Coy. (coloured) (one Pl.)		2	57	59
42 Chem. Laboratory Coy.		9	58	67
62 Chem. Depot Coy. (Service Pl. and one Record and Statist. Sec.)		1	50	51
814 Mil. Police Coy.		5	194	199
Det. Finance		2	10	12
Det. 3 Postal Regulating Sec.		2	10	12
TOTAL	107	246	2,397	2,750

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VICTORIA L. OF C. AREA - U.S. Base Section No. 4.

<u>COMBAT UNITS</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>		
	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Total</u>
41 Div. comprising - H.Q. 41 Inf. Div. H.Q. & Mil. Police Coy. 41 Recon. Bn.		679	15051
41 Div. Arty. comprising - H.Q. & H.Q. Bty. and Band 145 Fd. Arty. Bn. (105 mm. How.) (Truckdrawn) 167 Fd. Arty. Bn. (105 mm. How.) (Truckdrawn) 218 Fd. Arty. Bn. (105 mm. How.) (Truckdrawn) 205 Fd. Arty. Bn. (155 mm. How.) (Truckdrawn)			
115 Engr. Bn. (less B Coy.)			
41 Sig. Coy.			
162 Inf. Regt.			
163 Inf. Regt.			
196 Inf. Regt.			
115 Q.M. Bn.			
115 Medical Bn. (less B Coy. and one clearing pl.)			
541 Tank Destroyer Bn. (Light Coast) Attached			
148 Fd. Arty. Regt. (75 mm) (1 Bn. and Band)	38	565	603
52 Signal Bn. (less one pl. A. Coy.)	21	493	514
129 Sig. Coy. (Radio. Int.) (1 Op. Pl.)	1	64	65
TOTAL	739	16173	16912

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VICTORIA L. OF C. AREA - U.S. Base Section No. 1

	STRENGTH			
	Marines	Offrs.	C.R.	Total
<u>SERVICE UNITS</u>				
Lt. & HQ. Ltr. Base Section No. 1		50	130	180
1 Hq. & Hq. Coy. Service Command		12	60	72
2 Hq. & Hq. Coy. Service Command		6	50	56
Ltr. 'A' & 'B' Base Command		2	40	42
2 Replacement Bn.		10	111	121
2 Replacement Bn.		15	113	128
Port Personnel	2	55	863	920
301 Sigs. Coy. (Depot) (loss tw. Fl.)		2	60	62
176 Sigs. Repair Coy. (loss ltr.)		3	75	78
200 Sigs. Coy. (Depot) (Storage and Ltr. Sec.)		6	134	140
84 Q.M. Coy. (Depot supply)		4	144	148
Det. G. Medical Depot		1	18	19
134 Medical Regt. (Band)		1	20	21
2 Station Hosp.	20	17	140	177
13 Station Hosp.	30	22	150	202
17 Station Hosp.	30	20	120	170
18 Station Hosp.	30	21	140	191
23 Surgical Hosp.	56	51	275	382
42 General Hosp.	59	37	254	346
105 General Hosp.	115	63	406	584
118 General Hosp.	80	62	271	373
168 Station Hosp.	60	52	271	383
166 Station Hosp.	61	24	100	185
171 Station Hosp.	31	24	147	202
172 Station Hosp.	31	20	130	181
174 Station Hosp.	31	21	148	200
25 Ltr. Coy. (Med. Maint.)		5	141	146
54 Cpl. Coy. (Amn.)		2	143	145
84 Q.M. Coy. (Depot)		2	37	39
213 Mil. Police Coy.		5	190	195
10 Train Coy. (Maint.) (loss ltr.)		2	77	79
20 Train Coy. (Depot) (depotized) (loss one Fl.)		3	130	133
58 Chem. Depot Coy. (loss service Fl. and one Record & Station Sec.)		3	144	147
TOTAL	595	602	3406	4603

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S.A. L. OF C. AREA - U.S. BASE SECTION NO. 5

<u>COMBAT UNITS</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>			
	Nurses	Offrs.	O.H.	Total
52 Div. comprising :- H.Q. 32 Inf. Div. H.Q. & Mil. Police Coy. 32 Recce. Tp. 32 Div. Arty. comprising :- H.Q. & H.Q. Bty. & Band 120 Fd. Arty. Bn. (105 m.m. How.) (Truck-drawn) 126 Fd. Arty. Bn. (105 m.m. How.) (Truck-drawn) 129 Fd. Arty. Bn. (105 m.m. How.) (Truck-drawn) 121 Fd. Arty. Bn. (155 m.m. How.) (Truck-drawn) 114 Engr. Bn. 32 Sig. Coy. 126 Inf. Regt. 127 Inf. Regt. 128 Inf. Regt. 107 Q.M. Bn. 107 Medical Bn. 632 Tank destroyer Bn. (Light towed) <u>Attached</u>		651	14,950	15,601
TOTAL		651	14,950	15,601
<u>SERVICE UNITS</u>				
H.Q. & H.Q. Det. Base Section No. 6 45 Engr. Regt. (Gen. Service) (2 Bn. less E Coy.) Det. 84 Ord. Coy. (Depot) 118 Ord. Coy. (less Det.) 360 Ord. Coy. (composite)		45 7 1 5 2	93 537 20 127 96	138 544 21 132 98
TOTAL		60	673	733

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W.A. L. OF C. AREA - U.S. BASE SECTION NO.6

COMBAT UNITS	STRENGTH			
	Nurses	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total
197 Coast Arty. Regt. (A.A.) (Semi.-mob.) (less one Gun Bn.)		75	1,679	1,752
699 Sig. Reporting Coy. (Aircraft Warning Service) (less one Reporting Pl.)		9	199	208
TOTAL		82	1,878	1,960
SERVICE UNITS	STRENGTH			
	Nurses	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total
H.Q. and H.Q. Det. Base Section No.6		16	52	68
5 Station Hosp.	30	21	153	204
TOTAL	30	37	205	272

N.S.W. L. OF C. AREA - U.S. BASE SECTION NO.7

COMBAT UNITS	STRENGTH			
	Nurses	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total
301 Coast Arty. Tpt.		4	192	196
754 Tank Bn. (One crew)		1	5	6
TOTAL		5	197	202
SERVICE UNITS	STRENGTH			
	Nurses	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total
H.Q. and H.Q. Det. - Base Section No.7		26	17	43
391 Engr. Coy. (Depot) (one Pl.)		1	48	49
202 Sig. Coy. (Depot) (3 Storage and issue sec.)		1	23	24
91 Q.M. Coy. (Railhead) (coloured)		3	112	115
47 Station Hosp.	30	20	150	200
Det. 84 Ord. Coy. (Depot)			20	20
630 Ord. Coy. (Amn.) (coloured)		6	180	186
TOTAL	30	57	550	637

MOTOR TRANSPORT COMMAND NO.1

SERVICE UNITS	STRENGTH			
	Nurses	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total
29 Q.M. Regt. (Truck) (coloured)		49	1,390	1,439
48 Q.M. Regt. (Truck) (coloured) (less 1 Coy)		56	1,312	1,368
86 Q.M. Bn. (Lt. Maint.) C Coy.		3	179	182
179 Q.M. Bn. (Hy. Maint.)		6	222	228
190 Q.M. Coy. (Gasoline Sup.)		2	114	116
394 Q.M. Bn. (Port) (coloured) C Coy.		5	213	218
TOTAL		121	3,430	3,551

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COMBAT UNITS	STRENGTH			
	Nurses	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total
101 Coast Art. Bn. (A.S.) (Separate) (Semi-mob.)		36	313	354
TOTAL		36	313	354
SERVICE UNITS				
	Nurses	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total
Det. 3 Port at Embarkation		3	21	23
43 Engr. Regt., E Coy.		4	165	169
96 Engr. Bn. (Separate) (coloured) (less A. and C Coys.)		19	655	672
38 Surgical Hosp. (two Surgical Teams)		6	4	10
155 Medical Regt., B & C Coys.		14	225	239
TOTAL		46	1,008	1,113

RECAPITULATION

	COMBAT UNITS		SERVICE UNITS			TOTAL	
	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Nurses	Offrs.	O.Rs.
H.Q. U.S.A.F.I.A.			400	1,378	125	400	1,378
Base Sec. No.1	105	1,905	100	1,680		205	3,585
Base Sec. No.2	242	4,925	265	4,961	92	505	9,886
Base Sec. No.3	19	155	246	3,337	107	285	2,862
Base Sec. No.4	737	15,173	302	5,400	595	1,530	21,661
Base Sec. No.5	651	14,950	30	673		711	15,625
Base Sec. No.6	32	1,273	37	205	30	119	2,053
Base Sec. No.7	5	197	57	550	30	52	737
Motor Tpt. Command			121	3,400		121	3,400
New Guinea	36	313	46	1,008		61	1,356
Totals	1,877	41,071	2,021	21,733			
GRAND TOTAL					935	1,808	62,601

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TO MILCOMMAND MORESBY

FROM LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

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NODECO (.) APPRECIATION OF SITUATION BUNA - KOKODA AREA (.)
FIRST (.) OUR MOVE TO MILNE BAY MAY INVOLVE ENEMY COUNTER
MEASURES (.) SECOND (.) INTELLIGENCE LATE MAY INDICATED
JAP INTEREST IN ROUTE BUNA - KOKODA - MORESBY (.) THIRD (.)
MOVE B Y SEA SALAMAU TO BUNA CONSIDERED POSSIBLE (.) IF
ATTEMPTED SURPRISE LIKELY (.) FOURTH (.) ENEMY FROM BUNA
COULD REACH VITAL PASSES KOKODA AREA BEFORE REINFORCEMENT
FROM MORESBY (.) FIFTH (.) OUR FORCES AREA KOKODA - BUNA
ENTIRELY NATIVE VERY WEAK AND PROBABLY NOT REPEAT NOT STAUNCH
(.) SIXTH (.) YOU WILL TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS (A) TO SECURE
VITAL SECTION OF ROUTE WITH AUST INFANTRY (B) TO PREPARE TO
OPPOSE ENEMY ON LINES OF ADVANCE FROM COAST (.) ACK (.)

Sgd. R.N.L.H.

Col. D.M.O & P

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WARNING ORDER (.) 1 AUST ARMD CORPS TWO REGT 2 AUST MOTOR
 TWO REGT N S W L of C AREA SIG TWO AND RECRUIT DEPOT ALL
 AT TAMWORTH WILL BE PREPARED TO MOVE (.) NO MOVE BEFORE 24
 JUN (.) MILBASE SYDNEY ADVISE DETAILS PERSONNEL VEHICLES BY
 TYPE AND WEIGHT EQUIPMENT AND STORES IN TONS (.) ARRANGEMENTS
 BY LHQ MOVEMENT SECTION ALL INFORMED

A.E. Bamford Lt.-Col.

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 D.A.P.V.
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 M.O.2
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 War Diary (2) ✓

MOST SECRET

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TO FIRSTAUSTARMY TOONOOMBA
ARMED DIV ROKEBY
MILBASE SYDNEY
MILBASE MELBOURNE

FROM LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

027478 20

MOST SECRET (.) REF OUR 027477 OF 20 JUN (.) DESTINATIONS
1 AUST ARMED CORPS TWO REGT 2 AUST MOTOR TWO REGT BOTH
HUMB (.) M S W L of C AREA SIG TWO AND RECRUIT DEPOT BONEGILLA
(.) ACK ADDRESSED FIRSTAUSTARMY ARMED DIV MILBASES SYDNEY
MELBOURNE

A.E. Bamford Lt.-Col.

for Col.
D.M.O. & P.

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"O" "
"Q" Movements
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SECRET

TO : FIRSTAUSTARMY TOOWOOMBA
SECONDAUSTARMY MELBOURNE

FROM : LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

27385
19/6
20.

REFERENCE SD 846 OF 18 JUNE (.) APPROVED 239 L.A.D.

ALLOTTED 59 CORPS FD. PK. COY. (.) ADDRESSED

FIRSTAUSTARMY REPEATED SECONDAUSTARMY.

[Signature]
Col.
D.M.O. & P.

Lapher

1422 K/20

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TO FIRSTAUSTARMY TOOWOOMBA MILCOMMAND MORESBY MILBASE SYDNEY
FROM LANDFORCES MELBOURNE G. 21

WARNING ORDER (.) FOLLOWING A.A.S.C. DETS WILL BE ORGANIZED
IMMEDIATELY TO W.E. PLUS FIRST REINFORCEMENTS FROM 2 AUST DIV SUP
COLN AND WILL BE PREPARED TO MOVE NOT BEFORE 24 JUNE (.) FIRST (.)
REDUCED H.Q. COMMANDER A.S.C. ONE LT. COL. BRACKET LT.COL F. WATTS
ALREADY APPOINTED AND AT DESTINATION BRACKET ONE MAJOR AND TWO CAPTS
INCL. ONE ADJUTANT ONE R.S.M. AND FIVE CLERKS INCL. ONE S/SGT, ONE SGT
ONE CPL TWO DRIVERS M.T. AND FOUR BATMEN DRIVERS (.) SECOND (.)
H.Q. GEN TPT COY. W.E. II/14A/1 (.) THIRD (.) THREE TPT PLS
W.E.II/14B/1 (.) FOURTH (.) TWO COMPOSITE PLS II/14E/1(.)
FIFTH (.) ONE RELIEF DRIVER INCREMENT W.E. II/14F/1 (.) SIXTH (.)
ONE WKSHOP PL. OF H.Q. AND TWO SECS W.E. II/14G/1 (.) TOTAL STRENGTH
425 ALL RANKS (.) AS FAR AS POSSIBLE DETS WILL BE BROUGHT TO FULL
W.E. OF TRANSPORT FROM FIRSTAUSTARMY RESOURCES (.) TENTAGE AND CAMP
EQUIPMENT ON SCALE OUR MEMO 38585 OF 18 APR WILL BE TAKEN (.)
210 DAYS SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED UNDER ARRANGEMENTS BY "Q" BRANCH L.E
L.H.Q. (.) FIRSTAUSTARMY WILL ADVISE DETAILS OF VEHICLES BY TYPE
AND WEIGHT OF EQUIPMENT AND STORES IN TONS (.) ARRANGEMENTS BY L.H.Q.
MOVEMENTS SEC (.) DESTINATION FOLLOWS (.) ALL INFORMED

Wale
COL.
D.M.O. & P.

IMPORTANT
IN CYPHER.

1520

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"O" Branch
"Q" (Movements)
D.A.D.M.G. (1) Major Woods
S.O.-in-C.
D.S.D.
M.O.2
M.O.3
M.O.4
War Diary ✓

SECRET

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TO MILBASE MELBOURNE THREE AUST CORPS PERTH

FROM LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

G

21

WARNING ORDER (.) DET L.H.Q. SIGS ONE SGT FIVE RANK AND FIVE
PREPARE TO MOVE FROM RINGWOOD VICTORIA NOT BEFORE 25 JUNE 42 (.)
DET WILL MOVE WITH EQUIPMENT AS FOLLOWS STORES ELEVEN CWT AND
TWO ONLY VANS ONE TON (.) DESTINATION FOLLOWS (.) ALL INFORMED

Col.
D.M.O. & P.

In cipher 1520K/21

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C.O. L.H.Q. Sigs
"Q" Movements
"O" Branch
"Q" Branch
"A" Branch
DAQHG (major Woods)
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N.O.3
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War Diary (2) ✓

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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA.

SM10661

L.H.Q.

21 June 42

H.G. Force
H.G. L. of C. Area

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A Br. 4	D.M.I.
Q. Br. 3	D.M.O. & P. 3
O. Br. 3	War Diary 2
F. Br. 1	File
D.S.D.	

ORDER OF BATTLE - ALLIED LAND FORCES.

1. Approval is given for the following amendment to be made to the O. of B. - H.G. L. of C. Area : -

Delete "H.G. L. of C. Area Ord. Depot"

Substitute "H.Q. 10 Adv. Ord. Depot (Nucleus only raised)
14 Ord. Store Coy.
H.G. L. of C. Area Ord. Provision Sec."

2. H.Q. 10 Adv. Ord. Depot will be raised to strength of Off. 5, O.Rs. 35 and 14 Ord. Store Coy. to Off. 8, O.Rs. 183.

3. Separate instructions for raising additional personnel required will be issued by A. Br. L.H.Q. as early as possible.

4. L.H.Q. Movements will arrange movement of personnel and equipment.

5. Official amendments to O. of B. and W.E. for Ord. Provision Sec. will be issued shortly.

6. Acknowledge.

George F. May
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

HQA/CP.

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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA.

SM 10660

L.H.Q.

21 June 42

Queensland L. of C. Area
N.S.W. L. of C. Area
Victoria L. of C. Area
S. Aust. L. of C. Area
W. Aust. L. of C. Area
Tasmania Force

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N.G. Force	N.G.F.
	War Staff (2)
	File

ORDER OF BATTLE - ALLIED LAND FORCES

H.Q. COVERING FORCES.

1. Owing to present manpower difficulties, a review of the O. of B. is being made at L.H.Q., with a view to deleting all non-essential units and H.Q.
2. In this regard consideration is being given to the deletion of Headquarters of Covering Forces. It is considered that the recent changes in the allocation of Field Forces throughout AUSTRALIA, and the reduction in size of certain Covering Forces, make the provision of a separate H.Q. Covering Force unnecessary. Under present conditions it is considered that the duties of the H.Q. could be efficiently carried out by the Senior Officer of the Units which comprise the Covering Force.
3. It is however appreciated that certain local conditions may make the provision for some H.Q. Covering Forces desirable. H.Q. L. of C. Areas will therefore give this matter consideration and if it is desired to retain H.Q. Covering Forces will submit full reasons to L.H.Q. as early as possible.
4. acknowledge.

George H. L.
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

MOST SECRET

FIRSTAUSTARNY TOOSOOMBA NILCOMAND MORREBY NILEASE S:DEBY

LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

0:27538 21

HOST	SECRET	(S)	REFERENCE	OUR	0.27531
OF	ELAT	JUNE	(.)	DESTINATION	MORREBY
(.)	DETS	COME	UNDER	COND.	NEW
GUINRA	FORCE	ON	ARRIVAL	(.)	ACK.
ADDRESSED	FIRSTAUSTARNY NILCOMAND	MORREBY	NILEASE	SECRET	

WGR Hlae
Col.
D.M.O.P.

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MOST SECRET

MOB(b)/FIL

TO MILBASE MELBOURNE THREEAUSTCORPS PERTH
FROM LANDFORCES MELBOURNE G.27539 21

MOST SECRET (.) REF OUR G.27532 DESTINATION PERTH (.)
ADDRESSED MILBASE MELBOURNE REPTD THREEAUSTCORPS PERTH

ADZ Hal
Col.
D.M.O. & P.

In cypher

1605-K/21

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"Q" Movements
"O" Branch
"Q" Branch
"A" Branch
D.A.G.H.G. (Major Woods)
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M.O.4
War Diary (2) ✓

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SECRET

THREAUSTCORPS PERTH

27633

LANDFORCES MELBOURNE.

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~~22~~

YOUR Q/90 OF 30 JUN (.) FIRST (.) YOUR REQUEST UNITS TO
MOVE WITH STORES AND TENTAGE SCALE A VIDE G.R.O. 78 NOTED (.)
SECOND (.) MOVE OF ADDITIONAL C.C.S. CONDITIONAL ON MOVE OF
ADDITIONAL TROOPS TO 3 CORPS AND ETA NOT REPEAT NOT YET CLEAR.

COPIES TO:-

A BRANCH

Q

O

D.S.D.

D.A.Q.M.O. (1) Maj. Wood

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M.O.2.

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WAR DIARY (2) ✓

W.F. P. L. Col.
L. Col.

D.M.O. & P.

IMPORTANT.

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SECRET

FIRSTAUSTALY TOWOONIA MILOOMAND MORRESY MILEASE SYDNEY
LANDFORCES MILEDOURE **627736 22**

REDUCED	HQ	NOT	REPEAT	NOT
TO	DE	FORMED	AND	DESPATCHED
BY	FIRST	AUST	ARMY	(.)
FIRST	PARA	OF	OUR	627831
OF	42 2 /	JUN	REFERS	(.)
FURTHER	ACTION	CONCERNING	THIS	REDUCED
HQ	WILL	BE	TAKEN	BY
LHQ	ON	ENCIPHER	OF	LT-COL
HATT'S	REPORT	(.)	ACK	ADDRESSED
FIRST	AUST	ARMY	RECEIVED MILOOMAND	MORRESY
RPTD	MILEASE	SYDNEY		

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"Q" Branch
"O" Branch
"Q" (Movements)
D.A.Q.M.O. (2) Major Woods
S.O. in C.
D.S.D.
M.O.S.
M.O.S. ✓
M.O.S.
War Diary (2)

Signed R. h. d. H.
Col.,
D.M.L. & P.

IMPORTANT
IN CIPHER 18/15/22

**MOST
SECRET**

**FIRST AUST ARMY TOOWOOMBA - VEDOSA PARRAMATTA - THREE AUST CORPS
PERTH - MILBASE SYDNEY.**

LANDFORCES		MELBOURNE	G 27737	22..
MOST	SECRET	(.)	WARNING	ORDER
(.)	2	AUST	DIV	LESS
FOLLOWING	UNITS	WILL	BE	PREPARED
TO	MOVE	NOT	BEFORE	28
JUNE	(.)	ONE	(.)	14
AUST	INF	BDE	INCL	410
ALL	RANKS	A A S C	VIDE	G 27531
OP	21	JUNE	ADDSD	FIRST
AUST	ARMY	(.)	TWO	(.)
21	AUST	RECCE	BN	(.)
THREE	(.)	295	L A D	(.)
UNITS	WILL	MOVE	AT	WAR
ESTABLISHMENT BUT		WILL	NOT	REPEAT
NOT	TAKE	FIRST	REINFORCEMENTS	(.)
51	DIV	ORD	PD	PK
AND	51	DIV	ORD	WKSHOP
WILL	BE	REORGANISED EACH		LESS
ONE	INF	BDE	GP	SEC
(.)	SCALE	A	TENTAGE	AND
CAMP	EQUIPMENT	WILL	BE	TAKEN
AND	VEHICLES	TO	EXTENT	AVAILABLE
AT	DATE	OF	DEPARTURE	WILL
BE	TAKEN	(.)	FURNISH	PARTICULARS
VEHICLES BY		TYPE	AND	WEIGHT
OF	EQUIPMENT	AND	STORES	NOT
LOADED	IN VEHICLES	(.)	ARRANGEMENTS	
BY	L H Q	MOVEMENTS	SEC	(.)
ACK	(.)	ADDRESSED	FIRSTAUSTARMY	REPEATED
2	AUST	CORPS	3	AUST
CORPS	MILBASE	SYDNEY		

signed. R.N.L. HOPKINS

**Ccl.
DMO & P.**

**In Cipher
1830K/22**

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Q.M.G.

M.G.O.

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M.O.4.

WAR DIARY (2)

MOST
SECRET

FIRSTAUSTARMY TOOWOOMBA THREEAUSTCORPS PERTH
LANDFORCES MELBOURNE. G 27738 22.

NODECO	(.)	FRP	OUR	G 27737
OF	22	JUN	(.)	FORMATION
COMES	UNDER	COMD	3	AUST
CORPS	ON	ARRIVAL	(.)	3
AUST	CORPS	ADVISE	DESTINATION	(.)
ACK	ADDRESSED	FIRSTAUSTARMY	3	AUST
CORPS				

signed R.N.L. HOPKINS Col. IMPORTANT 1830X/22
DMO & P. In Cipher

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M.O.4.
WAR DIARY (2).✓

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SECRET

MESSAGE FORM

TO AUSTBASE ADELAIDE MILBASE ADELAIDE SECONDAUSTARMY
MILBASE MELBOURNE

FROM LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

G 27830. 23/6.

SECRET	(.)	WARNING	ORDER	(.)
13	AND	15	DENTAL	UNITS
WILL	MOVE	FROM	ADELAIDE	AS
EARLY	AS	POSSIBLE	(.)	DESTINATION
FOLLOWS	(.)	L.H.Q.	MOVEMENTS	WILL
ARRANGE	(.)	ALL	INFORMED	(.)

J. H. H. H. H. H.
COL.
D.M.O. & P.

C. H. H.

1215 K/23.

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"Q" Branch (Major Wood)
"O" Branch
"F" Branch
D.S.D.
D.M.I.
D.M.O. & P.
M.O.2
M.O.3
MO. 4
War Diary (2)✓
File.

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MESSAGE FORM

TO AUSTBASE ADELAIDE WILBASE ADELAIDE SECONDAUSTARMY
WILBASE MELBOURNE
FROM LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

G 27837 23/6

MOST	SECRET	(.)	REFERENCE	OUR
G 27830.	OF	23.	JUNE	(.)
DESTINATIONS	(.)	13	DENTAL	UNIT
BALCOMBE	(.)	15	DENTAL	UNIT
GEORANG	(.)	ON	ARRIVAL	UNIT
COWE	UNDER	COND	SECONDAUSTARMY	(.)
ALL	INFORMED	(.)		

Handwritten signature
Col.
D.M.O. & P.

Handwritten signature

13/55/13

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- "Q" Branch (Major Wood)
- "O" Branch
- "P" Branch
- D.S.D.
- D.M.I.
- D.M.O. & P.
- M.O.2
- M.O.3
- M.C.4
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THRENAUSTCORPS PERTH

LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

G 27884 23/6

G 388

WITHDRAWAL	U S A	A A	ARTY	NOT
REPEAT	NOT	LIKELY	BEFORE	20
JUL (.)	BY	THAT	DATE	ANTICIPATE
ADDITIONAL	36	BOFORS	AVAILABLE	IN
W A (.)	PRESENT	AUST	HEAVY	A A
16	3.7	GUNS	CONSIDERED	ADEQUATE
BY	C O B (.)	ADDITIONAL	8	3.7
GUNS	PROPOSED	LATER	PRIORITY	(.)

(Sgt) R. H. L. Yd
Col.,
D.M.O. & P.

IMPORTANT
IN CYPHER

1445 K/23

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M.G.O.
D.S.D.
M.G.R.A.
H.O.B
File
War Diary (2) ✓

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SECRET

**FIRST AUST ARMY TOOWOOMBA
HONFORCE DARWIN
LANDFORCES MELBOURNE**

27888

G 23

REF	MY	087238	OF	19
JUN	(.)	11	PD.	REOT
(.)	FIRSTAUSTARMY	ADVISE	HONFORCE	DIRECT
REPEATED	LANDFORCES	DATE	WHERE	EIGHT
18	POUNDERS	NOW	UNDERGOING	REPAIR
BRISBANE	WILL	ARRIVE	DARWIN	REPAIR
ALL	INFORMED			

W.A.
1. Col
Cal
D.M.O. & P.

In cypher.
IMPORTANT

1545/5/23

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"Q" "
"Q" Movements
H.C.R.A.
D.S.D.
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M.O.3
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Diary (2) ✓

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MOST SECRET

(COPY)

TO NORFORCE DARWIN

FROM LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

G27885

23/6

NODECO (.) CONTINUATION MY G27690 OF 22/6 REGARDING ROSS (.)

MINISTER EXTERNAL AFFAIRS CONFIRMS THAT ROSS MUST NOT REPEATNOT
ROSS

BE HELD BY SPARROW (.) HE DESIRES/BE INFORMED (A) APPRECIATION OF

HIS EFFORTS (B) ENDEAVOURS BEING MADE INCLUDE HIM IN MUTUAL EXCHANGE

SCHEME FOR JAP AND BRITISH OFFICIALS (C) HE CAN RENDER BEST SERVICE

TO AUSTRALIA WHILE IN TIMOR BY REMAINING DILLI AND ACQUIRING

INFORMATION (E) DESIRE SPARROW EXTRACT FROM ROSS ALL INFORMATION

REGARDING LOCAL SITUATION FATE PRISONERS AND PASS THESE

HEADQUARTERS EARLY

Sgd. R.N.L.H.

Col.D.H.O.& P

1440K/23

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M01

War Diary (2)

In Cypher
Immediate.

SECRET 1391

TO: FIRST AUSTRALIAN TROOP COEBA SECOND AUSTRALIAN MELBOURNE MILBASS BRISBA NE
MILBASS MELBOURNE

FROM: LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

27889

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WARNING	ORDER	(.)	3	FD.
SVI. Coy.	MOVE	FROM	WOODKID	VIC
NOT	BEFORE	29	JUNE	(.)
ALL	INFORMED.			

Stable
COL.
D.H.O. & P.

IN CIPHER

1545

- COPIES TO:
- "G" BR.
 - "A" BR.
 - "O" BR.
 - "Q" MOVEMENTS
 - D.A.Q.M.O.L. (Major Woods)
 - E.-in-C.
 - D.M.I.
 - S.O.-in-C.
 - Director of Svy.
 - H.O.2.
 - H.O.3.
 - H.O.4.
 - War Diary (S) ✓

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MOST SECRET

TO : FIRST AUSTRALIAN TROOPCOMB SECOND AUSTRALIAN TROOPCOMB, MELBOURNE, MELBOURNE
MELBOURNE MELBOURNE BRISBANE.

FROM: LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

27892 23/6

27889
MOST SECRET (.) REF OUR G (.) FIRST (.) DESTINATION 3 RD
SVY COY LESS ONE DRAWING SEC BRIGADE (.) UNIT LESS ONE DRAW-
ING SEC BECOMES L.H.Q. TROOPS AND WILL BE ATTACHED FIRST AUSTRALIAN
ARMY ON ARRIVAL BRISBANE (.) MOVEMENT BY L.H.Q. MOVEMENTS SEC
(.) SECOND (.) DRAWING SEC BECOMES L.H.Q. TROOPS AND WILL BE
ATTACHED TO L.H.Q. ^{CARTO} GAZCO COY AND MOVE TO BRIDGEO UNDER VIE
L. OF C. ARRANGEMENTS (.) ACK. (.) ADDRESSED FIRST AUSTRALIAN
TROOPCOMB SECOND AUSTRALIAN TROOPCOMB MELBOURNE MELBOURNE MELBOURNE
BRISBANE.

Signed A.E.B. ^{for} COL.
D.M.O. & P.

in after 1600

DISTRIBUTION.

Q BRANCH
A "
C "
Q (Mvts)
D.A.Q.M.C.I. (Major Woods.)
M.-in-C.
D.M.I.
Director of Svy.
S.O.-in-C.
M.O.S.
M.O.J.
M.O.A.
War Diary (2) ✓

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SECRET

TO: SECOND AUSTRALIAN ARMY MELBOURNE MILBASE MORESBY

FROM: LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

27915 23

WARNING ORDER (.) 1 AUST ARMY ORDNANCE
WKSHOP STRENGTH 6 OFFERS 117 O.Rs WILL BE PREPARED
TO MOVE NOT REPEAT NOT BEFORE 2 JUL (.)
TENTAGE AND CAMP EQUIPMENT ON SCALE L H Q MEMO
38585 OF 18 APR WILL BE TAKEN (.) FOLLOWING
VEHICLES ONLY WILL BE TAKEN (.) ONE LIGHT
RECOVERY TRAILER TWO BREAKDOWNS 3 TON ONE TRUCK
3 TON W D TWO TRUCKS 1 TON W D ONE TRUCK 15
CWT G S (.) ARRANGEMENTS BY L H Q MOVEMENTS
SEC (.) DESTINATION FOLLOWS (.) ACK (.) ALL
INFORMED

Col.
D.H.Q. & P.

IMPORTANT
IN CIPHER

1640

Copy to: "A" Branch
"Q" "
"O" "
"Q" (Movements)
S.O.-in-C.
D.S.D.
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War Diary (2) ✓

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MOST SECRET

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TO : SECOND ARMY MELBOURNE
 FROM: LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

G 2792423

MOST	SECRET	(.)	REFERENCE	NY
G 27915	OF	22 JUN	(.)	DESTINATION
MORESBY	(.)	UNIT	COMES	UNDER
COMD	MILBASE	MORESBY	ON	ARRIVAL
AND	WILL	AMALGAMATE	WITH	THE
1 OFFR	34 O.RB	ALREADY	AT	MORESBY
TO	FORM	A	LARGER	NEW
GUINEA	L OF G	AREA	ORD	WKSHOP
(.)	ACK	(.)	ADDRESSED	SECOND ARMY
MILBASE	MORESBY			

[Signature]
 Col.
 D.M.O. & P

IN CIPHER

1650K/23

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 "Q" (Movements)
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MOST SECRET

MOST SECRET.

(COPY)

TO NORFORCE DARWIN

FROM LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

G27944

23/6

**MOST SECRET (.) FOR SPARROW(.)(A) ENDEAVOUR TO ASCERTAINFROM
ROSS NAMES OF PORTUGUESE IN DILLI WHO ARE STILL ANTI JAPANESE
ALSO NAMES OF DEPORTEES AND CHINESE WHO MIGHT PLAY WITH OUR
SIDE (.) (B) WHERE IS BRYANT (.) (C) IS ROSS WELL GUARDED (.)
(D) HAS HE EASY ACCESS TO ANY LIKELY PORTUGUESE FRIENDS (.)
(E) CAN HE SUGGEST ANY MEANS OF COMMUNICATING WITH HIM SECRETLY (.)**

Sgd. R.N.L.H.

Col.D.M.O.& P.

Copies : I.S.D.
M01
War Diary (2)

1720K/23

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SECRET

TO: AUSTRALIA ADELAIDE MILBASS ADELAIDE FIRSTAUSTARNEY
TOORONGA MILBASS BRISBANE

FROM: LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

c.27952. 13
22/8

SECRET	(.)	WARNING	ORDER	(.)	H.Q.
AND	TWO	SECTIONS	ONLY	1	AUST.
LINE	OF	COMMUNICATION	PROVOST	COMPANY	WILL
MOVE	FROM	ADELAIDE	AS	EARLY	AS
POSSIBLE	(.)	DESTINATION	FOLLOWS	(.)	HQ
MOVEMENTS	WILL	ARRANGE	(.)	ALL	INFORMED
(.)					

[Signature]
Col.
D.M.O.&P.

1730 K/13

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- "C" Branch (Major Wood)
- "D" Branch
- "E" Branch
- D.S.D.
- D.H.I.
- D.M.O.&P.
- M.O.S
- M.O.S
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COPY OF OUTWARDS MESSAGE

TO AUSTBASE ADELAIDE FIRST AUSTARMY
MILBASE ADELAIDE MILBASE BRISBANE

FROM LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

G 27953-23/6.

MOST	SECRET	(.)	REFERENCE	OUR	G 27953
OF	23.	JUNE	(.)	DESTINATION	TOOWOOMBA (.)
AND	ON	ARRIVAL	UNDER	COMD	FIRSTAUSTARMY
(.)	ADDSD	AUST	BASE	ADELAIDE	REPTD
MILBASE	ADELAIDE	FIRSTAUSTARMY	MILBASE	BRISBANE	(.)

Frederickson Lt Col
Col.
D.M.O. & P.

174515/23

Copies to - "A" Branch (4)
"Q" " (3)
"Q" " (Major Wood)
"Q" "
"P" "
D.S.D.
D.M.I.
D.M.O. & P.

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FIRSTAUSTARMY TOOZOOMBA VEDOSA PARAMATTA THREEAUSTCORPS PERTH MILBASE SYDN

LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

G.27959 23/6

NOST	SECRET(.)	REFERENCE	MY	G.27737	OF
22nd	JUNE (.)	48	BN.	WILL	NOT
ACCOMPANY	5	AUST.	INF.	BDE.	AND
DATE	ALLOTTED	1	AUST.	DIV.	FROM
DATE	DECIDED	BY	FIRSTAUSTARMY	ACK.	
ADDS.	FIRSTAUSTARMY RPTD	2	AUST.		CORPS
3	AUST	CORPS	MILBASE	SYDNEY	

Signed A.E.B. 27/6/01
for Col.
D.M.O.&P.

IN CYPHER

Copy to :-

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Q.M.G.
M.G.O.
S.O.-in-C.
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MESSAGE FORM

TO MILBASE SYDNEY MILBASE BRISBANE
FROM LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

G27970 23

WARNING	ORDER	(.)	H. Q. 1	ADVANCED	ORDNANCE
DEPOT	WILL	MOVE	FROM	MUSWELLBROOK	HOT
BEFORE	27	JUNE	(.)	ARRANGEMENTS	BY
L.H.Q.	MOVEMENTS	(.)	MILBASE	SYDNEY	ADVISE
DETAILS	PERSONNEL	VEHICLES	AND	STORES	ALL
INFORMED					

Col.
B.M.O. & P.

In cypher
1805/23

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"A" Branch
"Q" Branch
"Q" Movements
"Q" Branch
A.D.Q.M.G. (1) Major Woods
D.S.D.
M.O.2
M.O.3
M.O.3
Diary (2) —
B.M.O.

MOST SECRET

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MESSAGE FORM

TO MILBASE SYDNEY MILBASE BRISBANE
FROM LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

G27974 23

HOST	SECRET	(.)	REF	OUR	G 27970
(.)	DESTINATION	HUGHENDER AND	REMAIN	L.H.Q.	
TROOPS	UNDER	MILBASE	BRISBANE	FOR	LOCAL
ADM	ON	ARRIVAL	ACK	(.)	ADDRESSED
MILBASE	SYDNEY	RPTD	MILBASE	BRISBANE	

[Signature]
D.M.O. & P.

In cypher 1825K/23

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- "Q" Movements
- "Q" Branch
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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA.

L.H.Q.

S.M. 10768.

Northern Territory Force.

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(D.O., D.R.M., D.A.G.(M),
and Mil. Sec.)
"Q" Branch
"O" Branch
"P" Branch
2 Ech. L.H.Q.,
D.P.S.S.
D.S.D.
M.O. 2
M.O. 4
War Diary (2)✓
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ORDER OF BATTLE - ALLIED LAND FORCES.

Approval has been given for the following amendment to be made to the Order of Battle -

No. 11 L. of C. Sub-Area

Add "Adv. Supply Depct (Type C) Mt. Isa"
(Personnel to be drawn from 14 Sup. Per. Coy.)

2. The official amendment to the Order of Battle Allied Land Forces will be issued shortly.

3. Separate instructions for raising the unit will be issued by "A" Branch, L.H.Q.

23 June '42.

Lawrence Mather

Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

SECRET 150

STANDARDIZATION
FOOTCUBER ARMYIT ROBERT NIKKAR STENKE RELEASE BRIGADE

LAMPFCHES KILBOURNS

6

28054

26

REF	RE	REFETT	OF	SO	JON
(.)	INCLINE	S	ANSE	ANES	CONFS
THO	KEPT	IN	NOTE	(.)	BASE
DESIGNATION		<u>AKK</u>	ALL	INCHES	

Chl.,
D.N.C.M.

IN OTHER

1135K/24

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Q

O

Q. movements

D.A.Q. m's. (May Woods)

D. S.D

D.A.F.V.

S.O. in C.

M.O.2

m 03

m 04

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MILBASE MELBOURNE

MILBASE

SYDNEY

LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

G

28135 24

WARNING ORDER (.) DET H Q AND TWO SECS
2 AUST DOCKS OPERATING COY WILL MOVE FROM
MELBOURNE NOT BEFORE 25 JUN ALL INFORMED

Signed A.E.B. Lt/col

*for Col.
E.M.O & P*

IN CIPHER

1450 K/24

Copies to:

"A" Branch
"Q" Branch
"O" Branch
"Q" (Movements)
Director S. & T.
D.A.Q.M.G. I (Maj. Woods)
S.O.-in-C.
D.S.B.
M.C.2
M.O.3
M.O.4
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MILBAGE MELBOURNE MILBAGE SYDNEY

LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

028/39 24

HOST	SECRET	(.)	REF	HY	028/35
OF	24 JUN	(.)	DESTINATION	SECRET	(.)
IES	OF	UNIT	MOVING	REMARKS	L H Q
WPS	AND	ORDER	UPON	MILBAGE	SECRET
FOR	LOCAL	AREA	ON	ARRIVAL	DECEPTION
ACK	APPRO	MILBAGE	MILBAGE	SECRET	

Signed A-E.B. Lt/col

for Col
D.A.O & P

IN CLIPPER

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Copies to:

- 1/1 Branch
- 1/1 "
- 1/1 "
- 1/1 (Movements)
- Director G. & T.
- D.A.O.M.C. (1) - Maj. Woods
- G.O.-10-G.
- D.C.D.
- H.O.2
- H.O.3
- H.O.4
- War Diary (2) ✓

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(COPY)

TO MILCOMMAND MORESBY

FROM LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

G28205

24/6

3619

For G.O.C. from D.C.G.S. (.) C. in C. ~~not repeat~~ not repeat not
send Div. Comd. to Moresby (.) To improve your staff Col. Chilton at
present H.Q. First Army being instructed report you as G 1 (.)
Pitt will remain for present until his relief can be arranged (.)
Do not repeat not intend send Third Bde. to you (.) Arrangements
being made send 14 Bde. AASC Coy. to you shortly (.) Hope visit
you mid July after Chilton is established.

Sgd. R.N.L.H.

.Col.

D.M.O & P.

1720K/24

Copies :-

"A" Br.

S. & T.

D.M.O & P.

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War Diary (2) ✓

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VEDOSA PARRAMATTA FIRSTAUSTARMY TOONOOHEA

LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

G 28240 24

REP	FIRSTAUSTARMY SD 950	OF	ES	JUNE
(.)	APPROVED (.)	INSTRUCTIONS	CONCERNING	DISPOSAL
OF	ANY	PERSONNEL	FOLLOWS	(.)
ACK	ADDRESSED	AUST	CORPS	RPTD
FIRST	AUST	ARMY		

R. H. Lee
Col.
 D.N.S. & P.

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 Q Branch
 Q Movements
 D.S.D.
 M.O. 2
 M.O. 3
 M.O. 4
 ✓ War Diary (2)

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THREE AUST CORPS PERTH, PINSTAUSTARMY TGOCHOCHEA

LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

G 28479

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HOST	SECRET	(.)	REP	3	AUST
CORPS	0342	OF	24	JOB	ADDSO
LANDFORCES	(.)	FIVE	ESS	MOVING	WITH
2	AUST	DIV	(.)	NUMBERS	FOUR
THIRTY	THIRTYFIVE	FIFTYFOUR	FIFTYSIX	ACK	ADDSO
THREE	AUST	CORPS	RPTD	PINSTAUSTARMY	

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 "Q" Branch
 "Q" Movements
 D.A.Q.M.G. (1) General
 "O" Branch M.O. & P. 2 AUST CORPS
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 War Diary (2)

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TO FIRST AUSTRALIAN TROOP

FROM LAND FORCES MELBOURNE

628480

RS

S.D. 900

NOT APPROVED (.)

TANWORTH

CAMP

REQUIRED

FOR PORTION 1

AUST

ARMED.

DIV.

Col.
D.M.O. & P.

In cypher

1730

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Q (Movements)
D.A.Q.M.C. (1) Major Woods
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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA

COPY NO. 26

L.H.Q. 28 June 1942.

	Copy No.		Copy No.
First Aust. Army	1		
Second Aust. Army	2		
3 Aust. Corps	3		

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Qld. L. of C. Area	4	L.G.A.	14
N.S.W. "	5	A.G.	15
Vic. "	6	Q.M.G.	16
W.A. "	7	H.G.O.	17
C-in-C	8	F.M.	18
C.G.S.	9-13		

L.H.Q. OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 22

The following changes in the grouping of formations and in inter-formation boundaries, will take effect from dates to be notified :-

(a) 2 Aust. Div. less 14 Inf. Bde. Gp. and Recce. Bn. from First Aust. Army to 3 Aust. Corps. 48 Bn. will NOT move with 2 Aust. Div.

(b) One U.S. Div. is moving to ROCKHAMPTON area, and one U.S. Div. to BRISBANE area probably in July. Both U.S. Divs. will come under command First Aust. Army on arrival in First Aust. Army area.

(c) H.Q. 2 Aust. Corps and 2 Aust. Corps Tps. will remain in First Aust. Army and will be moved as directed by First Aust. Army to the new army area as defined in sub-para. (d).

(d) The Boundary between First and Second Aust. Armies will be an East-West line from PORT MACQUARIE all incl. Second Aust. Army. This change of boundary will be effective from a date subsequent to the move of H.Q. 2 Aust. Corps and 2 Aust. Div. less 14 Inf. Bde. Gp.

(e) H.Q. Second Aust. Army will move to New South Wales and occupy accommodation vacated by H.Q. 2 Aust. Corps.

(f) 1 Aust. Armd. Div. including 3 Army Tank Bde. remains in G.H.Q. Reserve.

The following are placed in G.H.Q. Reserve :-

1 Aust. Motor Div.
H.Q. and Div. Tps. 2 Aust. Motor Div.
6 Armd. Bde.

Acknowledge.

Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

TO: ACH TOWNSVILLE REPEATED CWR.
FROM: MORESBY.

5968/6
TOO: 0915/23Z/0916Z/23

TOR: 2330K/23/6

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NODECO FOLLOWING FROM H.Q. KANGA FORCE BEGINS. NODECO FROM DAVIS.
LIQUIDATION ABOUT TO COMMENCE SALAMAU AREA. REQUIRE NUISANCE ATTACK
ON WEDNESDAY AND DESTRUCTIVE ATTACKS THERE ON THURSDAY IN PREPARATION
(R) PREPARATION FOR GROUND RAIDS. TARGET (ONE) BUILDINGS ON ISTHMUS.
TARGET (TWO) STRONGPOST IN AREA TOM O'DEA'S HOUSE. TARGET (THREE)
MACHINE GUNPOST AT ROAD JUNCTION MAINLAND END OF ISTHMUS. TARGET (FOUR)
BUILDINGS SALAMAU TO KONG. POINT. DROME AREA NOT REPEAT NOT TO BE
TOUCHED. MESSAGE ENDS. ADVISE URGENTLY.

Distribution

D. of I.
D.N.I.
D.M.I.
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Gen. Sutherland

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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA.

L.H.Q.

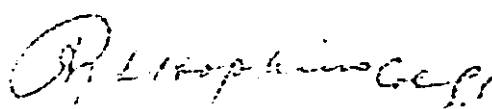
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First Aust Army (3)	C.-in-C.
Second Aust Army (3)	C.G.S. (9)
3 Aust Corps (2)	L.G.A.
N.T. Force (2)	A.G. (4)
N.G. Force	Q.M.G. (4)
Q'land L. of C. Area	M.G.O. (5)
N.S.W. L. of C. Area	F.M.
Vic. L. of C. Area	War Diary (2) ✓
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N.G. L. of C. Area	

ORDER OF BATTLE - U.S.A.F.I.A.

LAND FORCES IN AUSTRALIA.

Herewith, for information, is the Amendment to Order of Battle, as at 12 Jun. 42, of Land Forces in Australia, United States Forces in Australia, showing alterations, other than in individual strength of units, up to 19 Jun. 42.

24 Jun 42

Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

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ORDER OF BATTLE - U.S.A.F.I.A.

LAND FORCES IN AUSTRALIA

AS AT 19 JUN. 42

	STRENGTH			
	Nurses	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total
<u>1. U.S. Base Section No. 2.</u>				
<u>Service Units.</u>				
(a) <u>Delete</u> : "96 Engr. Bn. (Separate) (Coloured) A & C Coys."		8	571	579
"48 Q.M. Regt. (Truck) (Coloured) I Coy."		3	108	111
"394 Q.M. Bn. (Port)(Coloured)"		3	215	218
(b) <u>Amend</u> : "33 Surgical Hosp." to "33 Surgical Hosp. (less one det. and two Surgical Teams)"	68	57	275	400
(c) <u>Add</u> : "17 Station Hosp. (less Det.)"	30	19	134	183
"18 Station Hosp. (less Det.)"	30	19	131	180
"Det. 630 Crd. Coy. (Amn.) (Coloured)"		2	50	52
<u>2. U.S. Base Section No. 3.</u>				
<u>Combat Units</u>				
(a) <u>Add</u> : "Det. 301 Coast Arty. Tpt."		1	22	23
"707 Coast Arty. Bty. (A.A.)"		5	73	78
"708 Coast Arty. Bty. (A.A.)"		5	73	78
"709 Coast Arty. Bty. (A.A.)"		5	73	78
<u>Service Units.</u>				
(b) <u>Add</u> : "69 Engr. Coy. (Topographical)"		5	115	120
"648 Engr. Bn. (Topographical) (less A Coy.)"		18	343	361
"3 Medical Laboratory"		11	45	56
"174 Station Hosp. (less Det.)"	31	19	128	178
"565 Sig. Bn. (Aircraft Warning Service)"		37	1003	1040
"Det. Sig. Photo. Mail"		1	9	10
"Dets. Base Commands"		6	113	119

ORDER OF BATTLE - U.S.A.F.I.A.LAND FORCES IN AUSTRALIAAS AT 19 JUN. 42

	STRENGTH			
	Nurses	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total
<u>3. U.S. Base Section No. 4</u>				
<u>Combat Units</u>				
(a) <u>Add</u> : "Sig. Coy. Prov. (Aircraft Warning Service)"		1	49	50
<u>Service Units</u>				
(b) <u>Delete</u> : "28 Chem. Coy. (Decon.) (Coloured) (less one Pl.)"		3	130	133
(c) <u>Amend</u> : "201 Sig. Coy. (Depot) (1 Storage and Issue Sec.)" to "201 Sig. Coy. (Depot)"		7	122	129
"17 Station Hosp." to "Det. 17 Station Hosp."		1	15	16
"18 Station Hosp." to "Det. 18 Station Hosp."		2	18	20
"166 Station Hosp." to "166 Station Hosp. (less Det.)"	12	14	114	140
"174 Station Hosp." to "Det. 174 Station Hosp."		2	20	22
(d) <u>Add</u> : "1 Replacement Depot H.Q. and H.Q. Coy."		6	120	126
<u>4. U.S. Base Section No. 5.</u>				
<u>Service Units</u>				
(a) <u>Add</u> "Det. 166 Station Hosp."	19	14	36	69
<u>5. U.S. Base Section No. 7.</u>				
<u>Combat Units.</u>				
(a) <u>Amend</u> : "301 Coast Arty. Tpt." to "301 Coast Arty. Tpt. (less Det.)"		3	235	238
<u>Service Units</u>				
(b) <u>Amend</u> : "630 Ord. Coy. (Amn.) (Coloured)" to "630 Ord. Coy. (Amn.) (Coloured) (less Det.)"		4	130	134

ORDER OF BATTLE - U.S.A.F.I.A.LAND FORCES IN AUSTRALIAAS AT 19 JUN. 42

	STRENGTH			
	Nurses	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total
<u>6. Motor Transport Command No. 1.</u>				
<u>Service Units</u>				
(a) <u>Amend</u> : "29 Q.M. Regt. (Truck) (Coloured)" to "29 Q.M. Regt. (Truck) (Coloured) (less E Coy.)"		46	1280	1326
"48 Q.M. Regt. (Truck) (Coloured) (less I Coy.)" to "48 Q.M. Regt. (Truck) (Coloured)"		59	1420	1479
<u>New Guinea</u>				
<u>Service Units</u>				
(a) <u>Amend</u> : "96 Engr. Bn. (Separate) (Coloured) (less A and C Coys.)" to "96 Engr. Bn. (Separate) (Coloured)"		28	1228	1256
(b) <u>Add</u> : "46 Engr. Regt. (General Service) (one Coy.)"		4	175	179
"29 Q.M. Regt. (truck) (Coloured) E Coy."		3	110	113
"394 Q.M. Bn. (Port) (Coloured) D Coy."		3	215	218

H.Q. U.S.A.F.I.A. AND ALL BASE SECTIONS

Amend all total strengths of each as tabulated below :

LAND FORCESRECAPITULATION

	COMBAT UNITS		SERVICE UNITS		NURSES	TOTAL	
	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Offrs.	O.Rs.		Offrs.	O.Rs.
H.Q. U.S.A.F.I.A.			493	1301	128	493	1301
Base Section No. 1	104	2171	94	1661		198	3832
Base Section No. 2	235	4922	279	4202	158	514	9124
Base Section No. 3	35	405	354	4256	162	389	4661
Base Section No. 4	735	16222	509	4897	486	1244	21119
Base Section No. 5	645	14950	76	715	79	721	15665
Base Section No. 6	81	1889	39	204	30	120	2093
Base Section No. 7	4	240	55	500	30	59	740
Motor Tpt. Command			120	3437		120	3437
New Guinea	37	805	64	2135		101	2940
TOTAL	1876	41604	2083	23308			
	GRAND TOTAL				1013	3959	64912

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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA

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Second Aust. Army	2			
3 Aust. Corps.	3			
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Qld. L. of C. Area	4	L.G.A.		14
N.S.W.	5	A.G.		15
Vic.	6	Q.M.G.		16
W.A.	7	L.G.O.		17
C-in-C	8	F.M.		18
C.G.S.	9-13			

L.H.Q. OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 22

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend references to "G.H.Q. Reserve" in para (f)
to read "L.H.Q. Reserve".

Acknowledge.

24 June 44

R. Hopkins
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff

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TO: ~~NAVY~~ FORCE DARWIN

FROM: LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

28093 24/6

Nodoco (.) (A) Plover Force (.) This is code name for Combined Australian and Dutch Force consisting of detachments to proceed DOBO SAUMLAKKI and TUAL respectively (.) Australian Party Commander Captain Jenkins 1 repeat 1 officer 29 repeat 29 other ranks (.) Dutch party Commander Captain Edwards Van Huyen 3 repeat 3 officers 75 repeat 75 other ranks (.) Dutch party leaves MELBOURNE by rail via THEROWIE 23 June due to arrive DARWIN on 1 July (.) Australian party probably proceed by air with stores when assembly complete (B) Force will not move from DARWIN until reports received from recon party now proceeding DOBO (C) Detailed plan for forward movement from DARWIN will be arranged in DARWIN at conference between Navy Airforce Jenkins and Van Huyen under direction Norforce (D) Arrange accommodation and supplies for Dutch force during period in DARWIN area (.) Will advise later re Australian party (.) Acknowledge (.)

(SGD.) R.N.L. Hopkins,
Col.,
D.E.O. & P.

IN CYPHER
IMMEDIATE

1300K/24

Copies to - Admiral Goster (N.E.I. H.Q.)
G.H.Q.
I.S.D.

War Diary (2) ✓

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN TROOP, VEDOSI PARRAMATTA, THREE AUSTRALIAN CORPS PERTH
MILITARY SYDNEY

LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

28207 24/6

REFERENCE	WARSING	ORDER	027737	22ND	JUNE
SCALE	A	TENTAGE	WILL	NOT	REPEAT
NOT	BE	TAKEN	BUT	WILL	BE
SUPPLIED	AT	DESTINATION	<i>all informed</i>		

Copies to:

A.G.
C.M.G.
M.G.O.
S.-in-C.
S.O.-in-C.
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Two
Signed A.G.B. to Col

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To LANDFORCES MELBOURNE Rptd. N.S.W. L.OF C.AREA

From FIRST AUSTRALIAN

S.D. 980

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REQUEST APPROVAL LOCATE FIRST AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF SIGS AT TAMWORTH (.)

TOTAL STRENGTH INCL STAFF 436 ALL RANKS (.) BLOCK 9 MAHILA ROAD CAMP

PARTICULARLY SUITABLE

T00 2025 THI 2053

Copies to -

"A" Branch

"Q" Branch

"Q" Movements

D.A.Q.H.G. (Major Woods)

S.O.-in-C.

D.S.D.

M.O.3

M.O.4

War Diary (2) ✓

COPY OF MESSAGE

6081/8

TO : A.C.H. TOWNSVILLE REPEATED C.W.R.

FROM: PORT MORESBY

TOO: 2107Z/23

TOR: 1325K/24/6

IMMEDIATE OPERATIONAL NODECO

NODECO

FOLLOWING FROM H.Q.N.G.F. BEGINS (.) TONE OF A.C.H. SIGNAL INDICATES THAT THEY STILL UNDER IMPRESSION LARGE SCALE ATTACKS TO BE CARRIED OUT AGAINST SALAMAUVA AND IAE (.) OPERATION IS NOW REDUCED TO SERIES OF (ATTACKS ?) BY KANGA TO HARRASS ENEMY AND DESTROY EQUIPMENT (.) THIS CALLS FOR SERIES OF SMALL PLANS WHICH NOT REPEAT NOT KNOWN (HERE BUT ?) AIR REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS HAS ASKED FOR SPECIFIC TASKS TO BE CARRIED OUT TO FIT IN WITH PLAN OF O.C. KANGA (.) REQUEST YOU WORK ON REQUESTS SUBMITTED BY DAVIS (.) ONLY COMMITMENT FOR AIR IS TO PROVIDE STRIKE AIRCRAFT TO FIT IN WITH RAIDS (.) -- (Signal goes corrupt here. A repetition has been requested, and correction will be forwarded as soon as received)

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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA

L.H.Q.

S.M. 10958.
N.G. Force.

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2nd Ech. L.H.Q. War Diary (2)✓
M.G.R.A. File.
E-in-C.
S.O.-in-C.

ORDER OF BATTLE - ALLIED LAND FORCES

Approval is given for the following unit to the added to the O. of B.

N.G. Force.

"1 Mountain Battery R.A.A."

2. Separate instruction for raising and movement of this unit will be issued by Branches at L.H.Q.

3. War Establishments and official Amendments to O. of B. will be issued shortly.

26 June '42.

C. A. W. G.
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

MO4a/AM.

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T.146/701/542.

ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA.

L.H.Q.

S.M.10959

Victoria L. of C. Area.

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& Mil. Sec.)
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D.P.S.S.
D.S.D.
M.O. 2
M.O. 4
War Diary (2) ✓
File

ORDER OF BATTLE - ALLIED LAND FORCES.

Approval has been given for the following
amendment to be made to the Order of Battle :-

Vic. L. of C. Area

Add "124 Aust Special Hosp."

2. The official amendment to the Order of Battle
Allied Land Forces will be issued shortly.

3. Separate instructions for the raising of the
abovementioned unit will be issued by "A" Branch, L.H.Q.

26th June '42.

[Signature]
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

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96/707/979.

ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA.

L.H.Q.

S.M. 10960.

N.T. Force
S.A. L. of C. Area

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D.P.S.S.

D.M.O. & P. (3)
D.M.I.
D.S.D.
War Diary (2)✓
File

ORDER OF BATTLE - ALLIED LAND FORCES.

1. Approval is given for the following amendments to be made to the O. of B.

S.A. L. of C. Area

Delete "4 L. of C. Pro. Coy."

N.T. Force (11 L. of C. Sub-Area)

Delete "11 L. of C. Sub-Area Pro. Secs"

and

Substitute "11 L. of C. Sub-Area Pro. Coy. less two Secs. (Establishment as for Div. Pro. Coy.)"

2. Instructions for disbanding and raising units referred to above will be issued separately by "A" Branch, L.H.Q.

3. Official amendments to O. of B. will be issued shortly.

26th June '42.

Laurence Math
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

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HO4a/AM.

240/707/53.

ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA.

L.H.Q.

S.M. 10961.

Northern Territory Force.

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& Mil. Sec.)
"C" Branch
"D" Branch
"F" Branch
2 Ech. L.H.Q.
D.P.S.S.
D.S.D.
M.O. 2
M.O. 4
War Diary (2)
File

ORDER OF BATTLE - ALLIED LAND FORCES.

Approval has been given for the following amendment to be made to the Order of Battle :-

No. 11. L. of C. Sub-Area

Delete - "Two Secs. 9 Fd. Bakery"

and substitute -

"14 Aust Fd. Bakery
(Secs. to be raised as required)".

2. The official amendment to the Order of Battle Allied Land Forces will be issued shortly.

3. Separate instructions for the raising of the abovementioned unit will be issued by "A" Branch, L.H.Q.

26th June '42

C. G. H. H. H.
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA

L.H.Q.

S.M. 10962.

N.T. Force

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"Q" Branch	(3)	D.M.I.	
"O" Branch	(2)	D.M.O. & P.	(3)
"F" Branch	(1)	War Diary	(2) ✓
2nd Ech.		File	

ORDER OF BATTLE - ALLIED LAND FORCES

Approval is given for the following amendments to be made to the O. of B. :-

L.H.Q.

Add "10 Aust. Adv. Ord. Wkshop. (For MATARANKA)"

N.T. Force

Add "1 Aust. Mechanical Equipment Wkshop. Sec. A.A.O.C."

2. Separate instructions for raising the above units will be issued by "A" Br. L.H.Q. as early as possible.

3. Official amendments to the O. of B. will be issued shortly.

26 June '42.

Lawrence Martin
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA.

L.H.Q.

S.M. 1096 ~~103~~
N.T. Force

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"Q" Branch (2)	D.M.I.
"C" Branch	D.M.O. & P. (3)
"P" Branch	War Diary (2) ✓
2nd Ech.	File

ORDER OF BATTLE - ALLIED LAND FORCES

1. Approval is given for the following amendment to be made to the O. of B. -

N.T. FORCE - 11 L. of C. Sub-Area

Add "102 Aust. Adv. Depot Med. Stores"

2. Instructions for raising this unit will be issued separately by "A" Branch, L.H.Q.

3. Official amendments to the O. of B. will be issued shortly.

26 June '42.

Craven

Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

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T/146/701/543.

ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA.

L.H.Q.

S.M. 10964.

Northern Territory Force.

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2 Ech. L.H.Q.
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M.O. 4
War Diary (2)✓
File

ORDER OF BATTLE - ALLIED LAND FORCES.

Approval has been given for the following amendment to be made to the Order of Battle -

14a L. of C. Sub-Area

Amend "45 Camp Hosp. (30 beds) No. 14a Sub-Area"

to read -
"45 Camp Hosp. (60 beds) No. 14a Sub-Area"

2. The official amendment to the Order of Battle Allied Land Forces will be issued shortly.

3. Separate instructions for raising the additional personnel for the unit will be issued by "A" Branch, L.H.Q.

26th June '42

Handwritten signature

Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA.

L.H.Q.

S.M. 10993.
N.T. Force

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"Q" Branch (3) D.M.O. & P. (3)
"O" Branch War Diary (2)
"F" Branch File
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D.S.D.

ORDER OF BATTLE - ALLIED LAND FORCES.

1. With reference to N.T. Force 1003/W.2/1 approval is given for the following amendments to be made to the O. of B., N.T. Force -

14 L. of C. Sub-Area

Add - Area Camp Staff KATHERINE
Area Camp Staff PINE CREEK
Area Camp Staff LARRIMAH

2. Recommendation for Area Camp Staff ADELAIDE RIVER is not approved as provision already exists on O. of B. for Camp Admn. H.Q. ADELAIDE RIVER.

3. Separate instructions for raising the new units authorized will be issued by "A" Branch, L.H.Q.

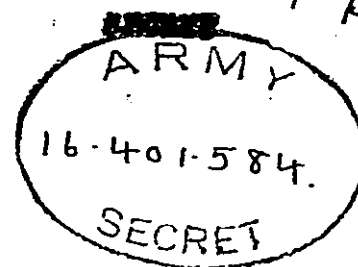
4. Official amendments to O. of B., and War Establishments will be issued shortly.

C. W. M. M. M.
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

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~~MEMORANDUM FOR:-~~

The Secretary,
Department of External Territories,
CANBERRA. - A.C.T.

26 JUN 1942

With reference to your memorandum No. E. 14/2/4 of 1st June, 1942, and further to our S.M. 10377 of 15th June, 1942, it is advised that the G.C. and the remainder of the HAMPDEN ISLAND Infantry Detachment will depart SYDNEY about 27th June, 1942.

Two three inch mortars and a supply of ammunition are to accompany this detachment.

2. As protective measures have already been implemented at the Cable Station by the erection of bomb blast walls round the building, the strengthening of the roof against incendiaries and the placing of the landing point of the cable in a concrete underground structure, it is considered that this form of protection is adequate against all likely scales of air attack. The provision of two Anti-Aircraft guns is not therefore necessary.

(F.R. SINGLAIN)
Secretary

COPY TO:-

20 24/6
*G (MOVEMENT)
*C BRANCH
H.O.E.A.
S.O.-IN-C.
H.O.E.
WAR DEPT(S) ✓

MO3 26/6

24 Jun 42

CYPHER MESSAGE

6695/6

(Recd. by M.I. Ia Sub-Section from C.O.I.C.)

FROM: .PORT MORESBY..... T.O.O. 0713Z/26.....
TO: ...A.C.H. TOWNSVILLE REPEAT Q.M.R. T.O.R. 1940K/26/6.....

EMERGENCY NODECO

A.847 26/5

Following from H.Q. KANGA force to H.Q. N.G.F. begins (.) Ref; your
G.3000 of 25th (.) due to failure of Wednesdays raid have postponed
action for one day (.) We require a raid on SALAMAU on Saturday
night (.) No repeat no bombs to be dropped after 2300 hours 27th
and no repeat no targets on the mainland to be engaged (.) Engage
ISTHMUS and PENINSULAR only (.) will report results (, bombing) and
ground action as soon as possible (.) Message ends (.) Request
appropriate action.

Distribution. C in C, G-2, G-3, DMI, DMI, D of I, SO(I) Navy, SO(1) Army
E Air.

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MOST SECRET

TO : MILCOMMAND MORESBY
FROM : LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

G 28613 26/6

NODECO (.) G H Q HAVE ISSUED FOLLOWING INSTRUCTION (.)
BEGINS MOST ESSENTIAL COMPLETE FALL RIVER FOR BOMBER
OPERATIONS EARLIEST PRACTICABLE DATE ENDS (.) TARGET DATE
20 JUL (.) YOU WILL CO-ORDINATE REQUIREMENTS ALL SERVICES (.)
ADVISE IMMEDIATELY (A) ALL PERSONNEL EQUIPMENT FUEL AND
STORES REQUIRED TO ENSURE COMPLETION BY TARGET DATE SHOWING
FIRST AVAILABLE MORESBY SECOND TO COME FROM OUTSIDE (.)
(B) ADDITIONAL A A AND GROUND DEFENCE UNITS (.) (C)
ESTIMATED SHIPPING NECESSARY AND DATES REQUIRED LOAD MORESBY (.)

(SGD.) R.N.L.HOPKINS
Col.,
D.M.O. & P.

EMERGENCY OPERATION
IN CYPHER

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War Diary (2) ✓
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**PIRSTAUHARRY TOOROCABA VEDOSA PARRAVATTA YERRAUSTOOPS PERTH WILDASH 211
LANDFORCEM MELBOURNE S. 22 SYDNEY**

WANNING	ORDER	(.)	4	AUST	C.C.S.
WILL	BE	PREPARED	TO	MOVE	FROM
WANNILLAN	AT	W.E.	WITHOBY	FIRST	REINFORCEMENT
(.)	NO	MOVE	BEFORE	7	JULY
(.)	ALL	INFORMED			

Signed A.L.B. 27/6
Col.
D.A.G.M.G.

IN CIPHER

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Copy to "A" Branch
 "Q" "
 "O" "
 "Q" (Movements)
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 D.A.M.S.
 D.A.G.M.G. (1) Maj. Woods
 D.S.D.
 W.O.2
 W.O.3
 W.O.4
 War Diary (2) ✓

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VEDOSA PARRAMATTA : ~~THREE~~ AUSTCORPS PERTH FIRST ARMY TOOK ON BA MILBANE SYDNEY

LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

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HOST	SECRET	(.)	REFERENCE	OUR	0.28654
OF	25TH	JUNE	(.)	UNIT	UNDER
COND.	3	AUSTCORPS	ON	ARRIVAL	IN
3	AUSTCORPS	AREA	(.)	ACK.	ADDRESS:
2 <i>2nd Aust Army</i>	AUSTCORPS	3	AUSTCORPS	RPT D	2nd Aust Army PIRECTAC
MILBASE	SYDNEY				

Signed A. E. B. 27/col
for Col.
D.M.O.&P.

IN CYPHER.

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M.O.4
War Diary (2) ✓

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**NORFORCE DARWIN
LANDFORCES MELBOURNE**

G 28792

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NODECO	(.)	HAMBURGER	(.)	BRACKET
ONE	BRACKET	4	INDEPENDENT	COY
WILL	RELIEVE	DET	SPARROW	AND
2	INDEPENDENT	COY	NOW	IN
TIMOR	(.)	NORFORCE	WILL	CONTROL
RELIEF	(.)	RELIEF	TO	COMMENCE
IMMEDIATELY	(.)	BRACKET	TWO	BRACKET
FIRST	STAGE	TO	COVER	EVACUATION
OF	SICK	AND	OTHER	PERSONNEL
NOT	REPEAT	NOT	REQUIRED	BY
LT.-COL	SPENCE	(.)	ESTIMATED	NUMBERS
10	OFFICERS	34	OTHER	RANKS
(.)	THESE	WILL	BE	DEALT
WITH	IN	ACCORDANCE	WITH	SM 10726
OF	23	JUN	(.)	BRACKET
THREE	BRACKET	REMAINDER	2	INDEPENDENT
COY	WILL	BE	RELIEVED	AS
OPPORTUNITY	OFFERS	(.)	RATE	OF
RELIEF	AT	DISCRETION	OF	G O C
NORFORCE	(.)	2	INDEPENDENT	COY
AS	THEY	RETURN	COME	UNDER
COMMAND	NORFORCE	BUT	SHOULD	BE
GRANTED	LEAVE	UNDER	INSTRUCTIONS	NORFORCE
(.)	(FOUR)	AS	FAR	AS
POSSIBLE	REPLACEMENT	PERSONNEL	SHOULD	REACH
TIMOR	BEFORE	PARTY	THEY	ARE
TO	RELIEVE	IS	EVACUATED	(.)
BRACKET	FIVE	BRACKET	SUGGEST	LT COL
SPENCE	SHOULD	REMAIN	TIMOR	UNTIL
MAJORITY	OF	2	COY	WITHDRAWN
AND	MAJOR	WALKER	TO	BE

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HIM	(.)	ACK		

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Q.M.G.
D.M.O & P.
M.O.3
Allied Naval Forces
A.C.N.S. (Aust. Naval Board)
Allied Air Forces

Handwritten signature
for Col.
D.M.O & P

IN CYPHER
IMMEDIATE

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VEDOSA PARRAMATTA, FIRSTAUSTCORPS PERTH, FIRSTAUSTARMY TOOWOOMBA.

LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

28917 27

HOST	SECRET	(.)	REF.	FIRSTAUSTARMY	0439
OF	SS	JUN	NOT	ADDSO.	3
AUST	CORPS	(.)	RCLE	OF	2
AUST	DIV	IN	NEW	AREA	RESERVE
AND	TRAINING	ADDRESSED	2	AUST	CORPS
RPTD.	3	AUST	CORPS	FIRSTAUSTARMY	

Signed A.E.B. Lt/col
 D.H.O. & P.

IN CYPHER

1430 K/27

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 "Q" Movements
 H.O.2
 H.O.4
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MILBASE ADELAIDE

MILBASE MELBOURNE

LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

G 2892827

WARNING	ORDER	(.)	"H"	REPEAT	H
SEC	SIGS	FORMERLY	ATTACHED	108	A TK
REGT	WILL	MOVE	FROM	ADELAIDE	NOT
BEFORE	4	JUL	(.)	ALL	INFORMED

Signed A. E. B. Lt/col

for Col.
D.M.O & P

IN CYPHER

1530K/27

COPIES TO;

"A" BRANCH

"Q" "

"Q" (MOVEMENTS)

D.A.Q.M.G. (Major Woods)

"O" Branch

S.O.-in-C.

D.S.D.

M.O.2

M.O.3

M.O.4

~~M.O.2(1)~~

War Diary (2) ✓

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MILBASE ADELAIDE
LANIFORCES MELBOURNE

MILBASE MELBOURNE

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HOST	SECRET	(.)	REF	OUR	028928
DESTINATION	MELBOURNE	AND	COME	UNDER	COND
SIGS	L H Q	ON	ARRIVAL	(.)	ACK
(.)	ADDS	MILBASE	ADLAIDE	MILBASE	MELBOURNE

Signed A. G. B. *Lo/col*
for Col
D.H.O & P

IN CYPHER

1600K/27

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"A" BRANCH
"C" "
"C" (MOVEMENTS)
D...C.H.G. (MAJ. WOODS)
"O" BRANCH
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D.H.D.
M.G.2
M.O.3
M.O.4
M.O.2(u)
War Diary (2) ✓
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AUSTRASE ADELAIDE MILBASE ADELAIDE MILBASE MELBOURNE
LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

G 29000

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WARNING	ORDER	(.)	PART	ONE
(.)	ALL	BASE	AREA	HEADQUARTERS
AND	OTHER	AIF	UNITS	OF
STEPSISTER	FORCE	NOW	IN	ADELAIDE
WITH	EXCEPTION	UNITS	IN	PART
TWO	WILL	PREPARE	TO	MOVE
(.)	NO	MOVE	BEFORE	3
JUL	(.)	DESTINATION	FOLLOWS	(.)
ARRANGEMENTS	BY	LMQ	MOVEMENTS	(.)
PART	TWO	(.)	UNITS	FOR
WHICH	MOVEMENT	ORDERS	OR	WARNING
ORDERS	FOR	MOVEMENT	HAVE	ALREADY
BORN	ISSUED	BY	LMQ	(.)
DETAILS	1	CORPS	SEC	1
AUST	ORD	PD	PK	OFFICERS
2	ORS	22	VIDE	2M9804
(.)	9	ACH	(.)	14
SPECIAL	HOSP	(.)	ONE	SEC
AIF	KIT	STORE	(.)	AUSTRASE
WILL	FURNISH	URGENTLY	PARTICULARS	OF
UNITS	PERSONNEL	AND	TRANSPORT	TO
BE	MOVED	(.)	ADDRESSED	AUSTRASE
ADELAIDE	MILBASE	ADELAIDE	MILBASE	MELBOURNE

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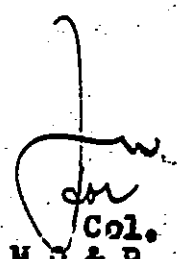
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Col.,
D.M.O. & P.

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AUSTBASE ADELAIDE MILBASE ADELAIDE MILBASE MELBOURNE
LANDFORCES MELBOURNE G 29003 27

MOST	SECRET	(.)	REFERENCE	OUR
G 29000	OF	27TH JUN	(.)	DESTINATION
ALL	UNITS	PART	OF	MELBOURNE
(.)	ADDRESSED	AUSTBASE	ADELAIDE	MILBASE
ADELAIDE	MILBASE	MELBOURNE		


Col.
D.M.O & P IN CIPHER 1915L/27

War Diary (2)

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FIRSTAUSTARMY TOONOOKEA

LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

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MOST	SECRET	(.)	REP.	YOUR	(.)
0455	OF	80th	JUNE	PARA	6
(.)	ONE (.)	DETAILS	PERSONNEL	VEHICLES	BY
TYPE	AND	WEIGHT	EQUIPMENT	AND	STORES
IN	TONS	REQUIRED	BEFORE	APPROXIMATE	DATE
FOR	DEPARTURE	OF	BALANCE	OF	BY.
FROM	CAIRNS	CAN	BE	DECIDED (.)	TWO (.)
ARRANGE	ON	BASIS	THAT	WEAPONS	EXCEL
PERSONAL	WEAPONS	AND	TPT	AT	THURSDAY
ISLAND	WILL	BE	TAKEN	OVER	BY
RELIEVING	UNIT	(.)	THREE	(.)	IF
POSSIBLE	SAME	SHIP	WILL	RETURN	WITH
THURSDAY	ISLAND	INF.	DET.	AND	ANTI-TANK
TROOP	A.I.F.	ACK			

Col.,
D.M.O & P.

In cipher

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- "Q" MOVEMENTS
- D.A.A.M.G. (Major Woods)
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- D.S.D.
- M.O.B.
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TO LANDFORCE

Time Message Rec. 1325

FROM NORTHERN TERRITORY FORCE

Date 28

Checked by

ORIGINATORS No/s

W 131

DATE

28th

T.O.O.

0910/IX/28

T.H.I. 1050

NO DECO (.) MOST SECRET (.)

HAMBURGER (.) ROSS AND SERVANTS CLOSE PRISONERS
IN HOUSE DILLI UNABLE COMMUNICATE ANYONE EXCEPT THOUGH
JAPANESE (.) ONLY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OBSERVANCE OF
JAPANESE PASSING HOUSE AND WHEN ESCORTED THROUGH JAPANESE
OUTPOSTS (.)

FOR LAST 3 MONTHS HAS BEEN UNABLE OBTAIN FOOD OTHER THAN
RICE AND SMALL SUPPLY CHICKENS (.)

HIS VISIT UNDER NO TIME LIMIT OR OTHER CONDITIONS FROM
JAPANESE (.)

REPLY TO YOUR O 27944 (.) NO PORT O L of C
DILLI (.)

ALL IN TIMOR PRO BRITISH IN VARYING DEGREES (.)

WE HAVE SEVERAL WORKING FOR US NOW (.) CHINESE NOT
RELIABLE IN MANY CASES PRETEXT JAPANESE (.)

BRYANT IN HOUSE WITH ROSS DILLI

MESSAGE ENDS

FOR INFORMATION

as received

Corrupt may be read as shown if
suitable

COPY TO	
C.G.S.	FOR INFORMATION
Ops. Rm. (2)	☒
D.M. 04P	
C.N.S.	
C.A.S.	
G.O. P.	
LASD FOR INFORMATION	
28 JUN 1942	

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MOST SECRET

SERIAL No. **X 7/2233 1811**

TO **IMMEDIATE
LANDFORCES MELBOURNE**

Time Message Rec. **2330**

Date **28/6**

FROM **NORTHFORCE DARWIN**

Checked by

ORIGINATORS No/s **F/135**

DATE **28/6**

T.O.O. **1835X/28**

Reply G 28792

RODECO MOST SECRET HAMBURGER

**RELIEF SICK AND OTHER PERSONNEL NOT REQUIRED SPARROW
APPROXIMATE 40 ALL RANKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY KURU PROBABLE
FIRST TRIP FRIDAY OR SATURDAY (.)**

**RELIEF OF REMAINDER 2 INDEPENDENT COMPANY DEPENDANT ON
FIRSTLY RELIEVING 4 INDEPENDENT COY. FROM ITS ROLE ALONG
DALY-ROPER AND VICTORIA RIVER (.)**

**REQUEST MOVE NORTH AUSTRALIA OBSERVATION UNIT BE EXPEDITED TO
RELIEVE 4 INDEPENDENT COY (.) UNTIL ARRIVAL NORTH AUSTRALIA
OBSERVATION UNIT CONSIDER DANGEROUS TO EVACUATE ESSENTIAL
POSTS DALY AND ROPER VALLEYS (.)**

**AFTER RELIEF THESE 2 RIVERS AREAS CONSIDER 2 WEEKS REQUIRED
CONCENTRATE RE EQUIP AND PREPARE 4 INDEP. COY. FOR MOVE TO
TIMOR (.) BOTH AIR GC AND NAVAL OFFICERS IN CHARGE CONCUR
MY OPINION AS STATED IN MESSAGE THIS EFFECT INVALUABLE FROM
ACH TO CWR TODAY.**

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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TO LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

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FROM H.T. FORCE DARWIN

Date 29/6

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DATE 29/6

T.O.O.

MODECO MOST SECRET (.)

HAMBURGER

SURRENDER PROPOSALS BROUGHT BY ROSS REFUSED (.) INTELLIGENCE RE
REPORT FROM ROSS (.) JAPANESE OCCUPY NEARLY ALL BUILDINGS DILLI
PROPER EXCEPT CATHEDRAL (.) ONLY PORTUGUESE IN AREA GOVERNOR
AND STAFF (.) ADMINISTRATOR DILLI PROVES HE WAS NOT
ACCEPTABLE JAPANESE REPLACED BY CANTO WHO IS ANTI-BRITISH (.)
OLD JAPANESE CONSUL LEFT EARLY MAY NEW CONSUL SAITA ARRIVED
MOUTH AGO WITH VICE-CONSUL KAKAYAMA (.)

OLD STAFF REMAINED (.) NEW CONSUL REASONABLE TYPE ROMAN
CATHOLIC EDUCATED SPAIN CONSUL BARCELONA X-ONLY LAST POST
BEIRUT (.) JAPANESE COMMANDER APPEARED YOUNG PROFESSIONAL
SOLDIER EXPERIENCE MANCHURIA HAS HAD DRAFT 2000 REPEAT 2000
CANADIAN PRISONERS APPARENTLY HONG KONG AND ACCEPTED
SURRENDER LIEUT-COL SCOTT AT ANSON (.) SAID AUSTRALIANS HAD
FOUGHT WELL AND DONE DUTY HERE (.)

GUARANTEED PROPER TREATMENT PRISONERS AND WAS EMPHATIC NO
MEN UNDER HIS COMMAND GUILTY MURDERING PRISONERS DILLI (.)
FURTHER DETAILS RE PRISONER SITUATION AND WRITTEN NOTICES NEXT
MAIL.

X Corrupt may be read as shown if suitable.

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ALLIED LANDFORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA.

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S.M. HC 79.

First Aust. Army,
 Second Aust. Army,
 3 Aust. Corps,
 N.T. Force,
 N.G. Force,
 Tasmania Force,
 Q'land L. of C. Area,
 N.S.W. L. of C. Area,
 Victoria L. of C. Area,
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ORDER OF BATTLE - ALLIED LAND FORCES

1. Approval is given for the following amendments to be made to the O. of B. -

N.T. Force

Delete "8 Bomb Disposal Coy. (Three Secs.)"

First Aust. Army

After "1 Aust. Bomb Disposal Coy."
 insert (2, 3, 4 and 5 B.D. Secs.)
 Delete "2 Bomb Disposal Coy."
 "3 Bomb Disposal Coy."

Second Aust. Army

Delete "4 Bomb Disposal Coy."
 Substitute "16 Aust. Independent Bomb Disposal Sec."

3 Aust. Corps

Delete "7 Bomb Disposal Coy."
 Substitute "3 Aust. Bomb Disposal Coy."
 (H.Q. (Lower Estab.) 17, 18 and 19 B.D. Secs.)

Tasmania Force

Delete "6 Aust. Bomb Disposal Coy. L.E."
 Substitute "15 Aust. Independent Bomb Disposal Sec."

N.S.W. L. of C. Area

Add "H.Q. 1 Aust. Bomb Disposal Gp."
 "2 Aust. Bomb Disposal Coy. (H.Q. (Higher Estab.) 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 B.D. Secs.)"

Vic. L. of C. Area

Add "14 Aust. Independent Bomb Disposal Sec."

2. Instructions for disposal of personnel with reference to the new allocation vide para. 1 will be raised separately by "A" Branch, L.H.Q.

29th June '44.

Lawrence Maile
 Lieut.-General,
 Chief of the General Staff.

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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA.

L.H.Q.

S.M. 11080.

First Aust. Army,
Second Aust. Army,
3 Aust. Corps,
Q'land L. of C. Area,
N.S.W. L. of C. Area,
Vic. L. of C. Area,
W.A. L. of C. Area,

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ORDER OF BATTLE - ALLIED LAND FORCES

1. Approval is given for the following amendments to be made to the O. of B. -

<u>First Aust. Army</u>	Delete "% 3 Chem. Warfare Coy."
<u>1 Aust. Corps</u>	Delete "% 1 Chem. Warfare Coy."
<u>2 Aust. Corps</u>	Delete "% 2 Chem. Warfare Coy."
<u>Second Aust. Army</u>	Delete "% 4 Chem. Warfare Coy."
<u>3 Aust. Corps</u>	Delete "% 5 Chem. Warfare Coy."
<u>L.H.Q.</u>	Add "H.Q. 1 Aust. Chem. Warfare Gp. 1 Aust. Chem. Warfare Coy."

2. H.Q. 1 Aust. Chem. Warfare Gp. will be raised in accordance with British W.E. III/1931/14B/1 and 1 Aust. Chem. Warfare Coy. in accordance with A.M.F. III/1940/32/1. The two new units will be formed from personnel of the existing 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Chem. Warfare Coys.

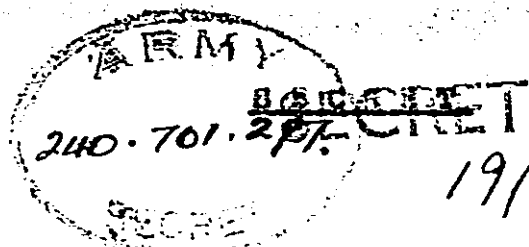
3. Instruction for concentration of personnel and raising the new units in Victoria L. of C. Area will be issued separately by Branches at L.H.Q. as early as possible.

4. Official amendments in the O. of B. will be issued shortly.

29th June '42

Colley
Lieut.-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

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H.Q. First Aust. Army
H.Q. 1st Aust. Arm'd. Div.
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26 JUN 1942

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D.H.Q. & P., War Diary (2).
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DEFENSE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

1. Reference First Aust. Army C(0) 166 of 12 Jan. 42 addressed L.H.Q.
2. The portions of 1 Aust. Arm'd. Div. at present available in NEW SOUTH WALES will be allotted local and emergency operational role under instructions to be issued by First. Aust. Army.
3. On completion of concentration in NEW SOUTH WALES this will apply to the whole of 1 Aust. Arm'd. Div.
4. 1 Aust. Arm'd. Div. remains in L.H.Q. Reserve.
5. Acknowledge.

Sgd G. A. J.
for Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

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ALLIED LAND FORCES S.W. PACIFIC AREA.

L.H.Q.

Date

S.M. 11081.

N.S.W. L. of C. Area

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ORDER OF BATTLE - ALLIED LAND FORCES

1. Approval is given for the following amendment to be made to the O. of B. :-

N.S.W. L. OF C. AREA

Add "E.Q. Fortress Signals N.S.W."

Delete "Frt Sigs" from Sydney Fixed Defences
and substitute "Sydney Sec. Frt. Sigs N.S.W."

Delete "Frt Sigs" from Kembla Fixed Defences
and substitute "KEMBLA Sec, Frt Sigs N.S.W."

Delete "Det KEMBLA Frt Sigs" from JERVIS BAY Fixed Defences
and substitute "Det KEMBLA Sec, Frt Sigs N.S.W."

Delete "FRT Sigs" from NEWCASTLE Fixed Defences
and substitute "NEWCASTLE Sec" Frt Sigs N.S.W."

2. Instructions for raising E.Q. Frt Sigs N.S.W. will be issued separately by "A" Branch L.H.Q.

3. War Establishments and official amendments to O. of B will be issued shortly.

29th June '42.

Anthony Wright
Lieutenant-General
Chief of the General Staff.

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TO SECONDARY ARMY MELBOURNE MIAMI MORLEY
FROM RANDOLPH MELBOURNE 0.29033 28

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TO: FIRST AUST. ARMY TOOWOOMBA - MILBASE MELBOURNE - MILBASE SYDNEY
LANDFORCES AND AIR FORCE

FROM: LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

G29261 29

WARNING	ORDER	(.)	2/3	M.G.
BN.	WILL	MOVE	FROM	BALCOMBE
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ACK.	(.)	ALL	INFORMED.	


Col.,
D.M.O. & P.

In cipher.

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TO: FIRSTHUSTARMY, TOOWOOMBA - MILBASE MELBOURNE - MILBASE SYDNEY
FROM: LANDFORCES MELBOURNE.

G29263 29

NOST	SECRET	(.)	REFERENCE	MY
G29261	OF	2STE	JOB (.)	DESTINATION
TENTERFIELD	AREA	(.)	MILBASE	SYDNEY
TO	ADVISE	DETRAINING	POINT	(.)
UNIT	WILL	CONTINUE	REORGANIZATION AND	
CCME	UNDER	COMD.	N.S.W.	L.
OF	C.	AREA	FOR	LOCAL
ADMIN.	ON	ARRIVAL	(.)	ACK. (.)

ALL ~~INFORMED~~ *added 1st HUSTARMY milbases Melbourne Sydney*

[Signature]
Col.,

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D. H. O. & P.

In cypher.

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TO. TERRAUSTCORPS PERTH, MILBASE ADELAIDE, MILBASE PERTH, MILBASE
BRISBANE.

FROM. LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

G.29265 29

WARNING ORDER (.)	FOLLOWING	UNITS	WILL	PREPARE
TO MOVE	NOT	BEFORE	10	JULY
(.) ONE	(.)	SIGS	WEST	AUST
FIELD TROOPS	COMPRISING	H.Q.	COY.	3
OFFICERS 65	O.Rs.	(.)	NO.	1
COY. 1	OFFICER	6	O.Rs.	(.)
A SEC.	1	OFFICER	37	O.Rs.
(.) B	SEC.	1	OFFICER	39
O.Rs. (.)	D	SEC	2	OFFICERS
82 O.Rs.	(.)	TOTAL	237	ALL
RANKS (.)	TWO	(.)	H.Q.	SIGS
4 M.D.	COMPRISING	1	OFFICER	23
O.Rs. TO	MOVE	NOT	BEFORE	6
JULY (.)	UNITS	TO	MOVE	WITH
PRESENT	EQUIPMENT	AND	VEHICLES	(.)
ACK (.)	ALL	INFORMED		

[Signature]
D.M.O. & P.

1800/12/29
In Cypher

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TO: - THREEAUSTCORPS PERTH, MILBASE ADELAIDE, MILBASE BRISBANE
MILBASE PERTH

FROM: - LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

C. 29268 29

MOST SECRET (.) REFERENCE MY G 29265 OF 29
JUN (.) DESTINATION QUEENSLAND L. OF
C. AREA FOR REORGANIZATION AND GOME
UNDER QUEENSLAND L. OF C. AREA
FOR LOCAL ADMINISTRATION ON ARRIVAL

(.) ACK ~~ALL INFORMED~~ Added

Three Aust Corps Milbases Adelaide Brisbane
Perth

Col.
D.M.O. & P.

In cypher 1200/2/29

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TO : AUSTBASE ADELAIDE, MILBASE ADELAIDE,
MILBASE MELBOURNE, MILBASE BRISBANE.
FROM : LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

20303 29

CANCEL OUR G.29000 AND G.29003 OF 27 JUN (.) WARNING ORDER (.)
ALL BASE AREA HEADQUARTERS AND OTHER A.I.F. UNITS OF STEPLISTER
FORCE NOW IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA WITH EXCEPTION UNITS IN PART THREE
WILL PREPARE TO MOVE (.) NO MOVE BEFORE 3 JUL (.) DESTINATION
FOLLOWS (.) ARRANGEMENTS BY L.H.Q. MOVEMENTS (.) PART TWO (.)
UNITS FOR WHICH MOVEMENT ORDERS OR WARNING ORDERS FOR MOVEMENT
HAVE ALREADY BEEN ISSUED BY L.H.Q. WILL CONTINUE MOVEMENT AS
ALREADY ORDERED (.) NO.2 SEC. A.I.F. KIT STORE WILL MOVE TO
WARWICK (.) PART THREE (.) FOLLOWING REMAIN SOUTH AUSTRALIA
FOR FURTHER ORDERS (.) DETAILS 1 CORPS SEC 1 AUST ORD FD PD
OFFICERS 2 O.Rs. 22 VIDE SM9804 (.) 9 A.G.H. (.) 14 SPECIAL
HOSP (.) HQ AND NO 1 SEC A.I.F. KIT STORE (.) A.I.F. DETENTION
BARRACK (.) AUSTBASE WILL FURNISH URGENTLY PARTICULARS OF UNITS
PERSONNEL AND TRANSPORT TO BE MOVED (.) ADDRESSED AUSTBASE
ADELAIDE, MILBASE ADELAIDE, MILBASE MELBOURNE, MILBASE BRISBANE

Col.
DMD & P.

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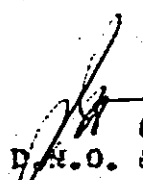
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AUSEASE ADELAIDE. MILBASE ADELAIDE. MILBASE MELBOURNE. MILBASE BRISBAN
LANDFORCES MELBOURNE.

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**MOST SECRET REFERENCE OUR 3. OF 29 JUNE (.) DESTINATION A L UNITS
PART ONE MELBOURNE (.) ADDRESSED AUSTEASE ADELAIDE MILBASE ~~MELBOURNE~~
ADELAIDE MILBASE MELBOURNE MILBASE BRISBANE.**

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HOST	SECRET	(.)	CONFIRM	NO
AUSTRALIAN	TROOPS	ON	NAUHU	OR
OCEAN	ISLAND	(.)	NAUHU	PRESENT
POPULATION	EUROPEANS	MALE	7	CHINESE
194	BILBERTES	AND	ELLICE	ISLANDERS
193	NAUHUANS	1827	TOTAL	2221
(.)	OCEAN	ISLAND	PRESENT	POPULATION
EUROPEANS	MALE	6	CHINESE	NIL
GILBERT	AND	ELLICE	ISLANDERS	MALES
852	FEMALES	315	CHILDREN	323
OCEAN	ISLANDERS	923	(.)	TOTAL
2419	(.)	UNDERSTAND	INSUFFICIENT	NATIVE
FOODS	FOR	OCEAN	ISLAND	POPULATION
WITHOUT	OUTSIDE	SUPPLIES	(.)	

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TO: AUSTFORCE GAZA

FROM: LANDFORCES MELBOURNE.

M.C. 7394.

FURTHER	TO	OUR	MC 6702	OF
27TH	MAY	AND	YOUR	AD 5477/Q
OF	23RD	JUNE	(.)	ADVISE
WHETHER	DISSECTION	GROUP	AND	REAR
HEADQUARTERS	KIT	STORES	HAVE	EMBARKED
(.)	IF	NOT	YET	EMBARKED
ADVISE	EARLIEST	THEY	CAN	BE

DESPATCHED.

R. H. [Signature]

Colonel,
D.M.O. & P.

24 June 47

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TASMANIA FORCE HOBART, MILBASES BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE,
ADELAIDE, PERTH, DARWIN, MORESBY, FIXED THURSDAY ISLAND

FROM: LANDFORCES MELBOURNE	Originator's No.	Date	In reply Number
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REFERENCE	028546	DATED	26	JUNE
(.)	KEY	MEMORANDUM	S P	02292M
RECOGNITION	SIGNALS	WILL	BE	USED
BY	AIRCRAFT	TO	LAND	STATIONS
IN	ACCORDANCE	WITH	AIRFORCE	PUBLICATION
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SIGNALS	WILL	BE	DESPATCHED	TO
UNITS	IN	ACCORDANCE	WITH	SM 9030
AND	ALL	PRECAUTIONS	TAKEN	TO
AVOID	POSSIBILITY	OF	KEY	MEMORANDA
AND	SCRAMBLE	BEING	COMPROMISED	(.)

ACKNOWLEDGE

(Signed)
Lt.Col.
H. Hoare
for Col.
D.M.O. & P

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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA

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Second Aust Army	(3)		
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N.S.W. L.of C. Area		M.G.C.	(5)
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ORDER OF BATTLE - U.S.A.F.I.A.

LAND FORCES IN AUSTRALIA

Herewith, for information, is second Amendment to Order of Battle, as at 12 Jun.42, of Land Forces in Australia, United States Forces in Australia, showing alteration, other than in individual strengths of units, up to 26 Jun.42.

2. Acknowledge.

Chapman

June 22. 42 ✓

Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

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ORDER OF BATTLE - U.S.A.F.I.A.

LAND FORCES IN AUSTRALIA

AS AT 26 JUN 42

SECOND AMENDMENT TO ORDER OF BATTLE

	STRENGTH			
	Nurses	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total
1. <u>H.Q. U.S.A.F.I.A.</u>				
<u>a.</u> Add "Det.Sig. Photo Mail"		1	9	10
2. <u>U.S. BASE SECTION, No.2.</u>				
<u>Combat Units</u>				
<u>a.</u> Add "707 Coast Arty. Bty. (A.A.)"		8	77	85
"708 Coast Arty. Bty. (A.A.)"		5	73	78
"709 Coast Arty. Bty. (A.A.)"		5	73	78
<u>Service Units</u>				
<u>b.</u> Add "43 Engr. Regt. (General Service) (Medical Det. 2 Bn.)"		2	5	7
3. <u>U.S. BASE SECTION No.3.</u>				
<u>Combat Units</u>				
<u>a.</u> Delete "Det. 301 Coast Arty Bty."		1	22	23
"707 Coast Arty. Bty. (A.A.)"		5	73	78
"708 Coast Arty. Bty. (A.A.)"		5	73	78
"709 Coast Arty. Bty. (A.A.)"		5	73	78
<u>b.</u> Add "565 Sig. Bn. (Aircraft Warning Service)"		37	1003	1040
"Sig. Coy. (Prov) (Aircraft Warning Service)"		3	101	104
<u>Service Units</u>				
<u>c.</u> Delete "565 Sig. Bn. (Aircraft Warning Service)"		37	1003	1040
"Det. Sig. Photo. Mail"		1	9	10
<u>d</u> Add "105 General Hosp. (less Det.)"	115	66	476	657
"172 Station Hosp. (less Det.)"	31	19	138	188

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ORDER OF BATTLE - U.S.A.F.I.A.

LAND FORCES IN AUSTRALIA

AS AT 26 JUN. 42

4. <u>U.S. BASE SECTION NO.4</u>		STRENGTH			
<u>Service Units</u>		Nurses	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total
a. Amend: "Port Personnel" to "Port Personnel"		2	53	863 386	918 386
"105 General Hosp." to "Det 105 General Hosp."		115	88 2	496 20	679 22
"118 General Hosp." to "Det.118 General Hosp."		60	42 2	274 20	276 22
"172 Station Hosp." to "Det.172 Station Hosp."		31	20 1	136 11	187 12
5. <u>U.S. Base Section No.5.</u>					
<u>Service Units</u>					
a. Amend "43 Engr. Regt. (General Service) (2 Bn. less 3 Coy)" to "43 Engr. Regt. (General Service) (2 Bn. less 3 Coy and Medical Det.)"			7	337	344
			7	335	342
b. Add "Regulating Office"			2	4	6
6. <u>U.S. Base Section No.7</u>					
<u>Service Units</u>					
a. Add "118 General Hosp."		60	40	234	334
7. <u>NEW GUINEA</u>					
<u>Service Units</u>					
a. Amend "46 Engr. Regt. (General Service) one Coy. to "46 Engr. Regt. (General Service) (E Coy)"			4	175	179
			4	165	169
b. Add "Det. Medical"			3	15	18

HOST SECRETORDER OF BATTLE - U.S.A.F.I.A.LAND FORCES IN AUSTRALIAAS AT 26 JUN. 42

S. H.Q. U.S.A.F.I.A. AND ALL BASE SECTIONS

Amend all total strengths of each as tabulated below:

LAND FORCES-RECAPITULATION

	COMBAT UNITS		SERVICE UNITS		NURSES	TOTAL	
	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Offrs.	O.Rs.		Offrs.	O.Rs.
H.Q. U.S.A.F.I.A.			494	1310	128	494	1310
Base Section No. 1	104	1969	95	1666		199	3635
Base Section No. 2	253	5229	292	4207	152	545	9426
Base Section No. 3	59	1266	394	3819	308	453	5085
Base Section No. 4	732	16172	364	3699	278	1096	19871
Base Section No. 5	545	14950	73	719	19	723	15669
Base Section No. 6	81	1885	39	204	30	120	2093
Base Section No. 7	5	274	95	774	90	100	1018
Motor Tpt. Command			125	3467		125	3467
New Guinea	37	805	66	2140		105	2945
TOTAL	1916	42514	2044	22005	1011		
GRAND TOTAL					1011	3960	64519

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TO: AUSTBASE ADELAIDE MILBASE ADELAIDE, FIRSTAUSTARMY TOONOOMBA,

MILBASE BRISBANE.

FROM: LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

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ALLIED LAND FORCES S.W. PACIFIC AREA.

L.H.Q.

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L.H.Q. OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 23

1. 2 Ind. Coy. will be maintained in TIMOR with the following objects, which will be secured in co-operation with the N.E.I. Force in TIMOR :-
 - (a) Covering possible aerodrome sites at SUAI, BECO and SALAZAR PLATEAU.
 - (b) Harassing and sabotaging hostile positions and facilities.
 - (c) Furnishing intelligence reports concerning hostile activities.
2. If the existence of the Allied Force in its present area is seriously endangered by hostile action, the force will be prepared to withdraw EASTWARDS.
3. If forced to withdraw as in paragraph 2, every effort will be made to maintain the Allied Force in the EASTERN end of TIMOR.
4. SUPPLY.

SUAI will be developed as a supply point for present area.

Alternative supply points will be reconnoitred and developed as required at BETANO and BEACO unless more suitable points are available in the same general areas. In the latter event L.H.Q. and NORFORCE will be advised immediately. Recce. reports on beach and loading facilities at BETANO and on alternative beaches and inlets between BETANO and BEACO will be forwarded to L.H.Q. and NORFORCE.

2.

5. RELIEF OF 2 IND. COY.

Separate instructions are being issued for the gradual relief of 2 Ind. Coy. by 4 Ind. Coy.

6. These instructions will be destroyed immediately after being read.

7. Acknowledge.

Signed at ¹⁴⁴⁵.....hrs.
20/6/42.

C. G. Maitland
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

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LANDFORCES MELBOURNE

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JULY	(.)	ALL	INFORMED	18

Signed A. E. B. Lt Col
for Col.,
D.M.O. & P

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SITREP NO. 24 TO 2000 HRS (.)

SALAMAU (.)

FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY BOMBARDMENT BY ALLIED AIR FORCE DETACHMENT
KANGA STAGED VERY SUCCESSFUL RAID ON SALAMAU SATURDAY NIGHT (.)

OUR FORCES IN AREA CONSISTED ONE COMPANY N.G.V.R. TWO SECTIONS
INDEPENDENT COMPANY AND ONE MORTAR DETACHMENT (.)

OUR CASUALTIES REPORTED TO MIDNIGHT LAST NIGHT ONLY TWO WOUNDED (.)

60 HOUSES DESTROYED AND POSSIBLY MORE (.)

QUANTITIES WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT CAPTURED (.)

MOTAR POSITION ON CENTRE OF ISTHMUS NEAR CUSTOMS HOUSE AND A.A.

GUNS ON SPUR NEAR QUARRY WERE VERY ACTIVE AND TROUBLESOME DURING
RAID (.)

ENEMY REINFORCEMENTS NOW ARRIVED FROM LAE ALSO SHIP 800 TONS

TWO MASTED SHORT FUNNEL SEEN ENTERING SALAMAU FROM DIRECTION

NEW BRITAIN AT 1400 HOURS TODAY POSSIBLY CARRYING REINFORCEMENTS (.)

ENEMY RECONNAISSANCE CARRIED OUT BY TWO FLOAT PLANES OPERATING

FROM SALAMAU HARBOUR ONE SERIAL 32 AND ONE SERIAL 33 (.)

REPORT DELAYED TEMPORARY BREAK IN W/T COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN

KANGA AND ALL FORWARD AREAS DUE VERY BAD ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS (.)

FURTHER REPORT FROM KANGA IS TO FOLLOW