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Place	Date	Hours	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices.
	1943			
TOOWCOMBA	2 Jan		Maintenance "MERAUKE" Force (ref Q251/1/2548)	Appx 'A'
"	5 Jan		Equipment Anti-Gas (including clothing) and Helmets Steel.	Appx 'B'
"	12 Jan		Works Requisition forwarded to DDG Allied Works for construction of accommodation for Naval personnel at TOORBUL POINT.	
"	12 Jan		Works Requisition forwarded to DDG Allied Works covering provision of Naval Works - TOORBUL POINT - work consists of Debarkation Stage, Slipway Gantry & Handwinch, Fuel Storage Installation & Supply, Boat Pound.	
"	27 Jan		Administrative matters arising from GOC-in-C's visit to MERAUKE - 17 to 19 Jan 43.	Appx 'C'
"	27 Jan		First Aust Army Administrative Instruction 12 issued.	Appx 'D'
"	31 Jan		Lt-Col McLAN A.T. (AQMG) returned from duty with Adm Staff Gp First Aust Army.	

Wm. C. Law
Maj-Gen.,
DA&QMG First Aust Army.

Appx A

SUBJECT: MAINTENANCE MERAUKE FORCE.

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)

REF: Q251/1/2548

Jan 43

HQ NO 2 BASE SEC USASOS TOWNSVILLE
TORRES STRAIT FORCE (2)
Q'LAND L OF C AREA

Copy: LHQ(AUST)
ADV LHQ(AUST)
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G(SD)
A
CE
S&T
ORD
AEME
POSTAL (2)
PAY
WAR DIARY (2)

1. It is understood that USASOS is to continue the maintenance of MERAUKE Force. This is notified in Adv LHQ(Aust) Operation Instruction 41 of 30 Dec 42.

First Aust Army Operation Instruction 24) of 31 Dec 42.

Adv LHQ(Aust) signal SD1458 of 1 Jan 43) NOT addressed to USASOS

SD1458 of 1 Jan 43 reads as follows:-

"SECRET (.) Ref MERAUKE Force (.) maintenance of this force USASOS responsibility (.) First Aust Army will arrange liaison with 2 US Base Sec TOWNSVILLE to assist co-ordination of supply".

2. In this connection it is requested that the following arrangements be instituted regarding requisitioning and delivery of all supplies to AUSTRALIAN troops in MERAUKE.

(a) RATIONS

(i) That AUSTRALIAN troops at MERAUKE be placed on the AMERICAN scale of supplies, shipped direct by No. 2 Base Sec USASOS TOWNSVILLE. However, instructions have already been issued by ADV LHQ(AUST) vide Operation Instruction No. 41 of 30 Dec 42 referred to above, that the AUSTRALIAN Company detached from 62 Aust Infantry Battalion THURSDAY ISLAND will proceed to MERAUKE with 60 days' reserves of AUSTRALIAN rations.

(ii) As it is desirable that one scale of rations should be adopted as soon as possible, it is suggested that the rations accompanying the AUSTRALIAN troops be incorporated as far as possible, in the UNITED STATES scale.

(b) PETROL, OIL & LUBRICANTS

It is understood that maintenance of petrol, oil and lubricants is a USASOS responsibility, and no action is being taken by HQ First Aust Army in this regard.

(c) ORDNANCE STORES

(1) USASOS is requested to:-

AMMUNITION Arrange with 7 Advanced Ammunition Depot, BARONTA, for the maintenance and reserves of ammunition requirements.

STORES Arrange with 12 Advanced Ordnance Depot, CHARTERS TOWERS, for the maintenance and reserves of Ordnance Stores.

- (11) With regard to sub-sub para 2 (c)(1) HQ QUEENSLAND L of C AREA is requested to make arrangements for an Ordnance representative to liaise with HQ No 2 Base Sec USASOS TOWNSVILLE, and arrange details of initial drawings of ammunition and stores and the method for the maintenance of reserves. HQ QUEENSLAND L of C AREA is also requested to notify HQ First Aust Army (AIF) of the arrangements entered into.

- (d) (1) Controlled Stores. HQ First Aust Army (AIF) will arrange 10% reserves of these for AUSTRALIAN troops in MERAUKE, and will also arrange for the delivery of these to HQ No 2 Base Sec USASOS TOWNSVILLE for onward transmission to MERAUKE.

- (11) OC AUSTRALIAN Coy 62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will signal all casualties of controlled stores to HQ First Aust Army (AIF) repeating same to USASOS TOWNSVILLE and TORRES STRAIT Force. HQ First Aust Army (AIF) will arrange for replacements to be sent forward through USASOS TOWNSVILLE.

- (111) Ordnance representative HQ QUEENSLAND L of C Area is requested to explain the AUSTRALIAN controlled stores position to HQ No. 2 Base Sec USASOS TOWNSVILLE.

- (e) OC AUSTRALIAN Coy 62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) at MERAUKE will requisition for ammunition and Ordnance stores through HQ MERAUKE Force to USASOS dump at MERAUKE.

3. REPAIRS.

Australian pattern equipment requiring repairs beyond the capacity of unit or attached tradesmen should be evacuated to TORRES STRAITS WORKSHOP AEMT at THURSDAY ISLAND.

4. POSTAL

All mail is to circulate via No 3 Aust Adv Post Office TOWNSVILLE, and it is requested that HQ QUEENSLAND L of C AREA make arrangements for close liaison with No 2 Base Sec USASOS TOWNSVILLE.

M. C. Jones Maj
Maj-Gen.,
DACMG First Aust Army.

APPX B'

SECRET

SUBJECT: ANTI-GAS EQUIPMENT (INCLUDING CLOTHING)
AND STEEL HELMETS

HQ First Aust Army(AIF)

REF: 965/8/2579

DISTRIBUTION LIST "D"

5 Jan 43.

(Branches and units down
to infantry battalions
or independent units.)

Less Serials 2, 18-21.

Subtended is copy of LHO(AUSE) SH25423 of 31 Dec 42 for
information and necessary action.

1. Issues of anti-gas equipment and steel helmets are to be
made to formations in accordance with the undermentioned prior-
ities -

(a) All troops, including V.D.C. and Women's Services

1. F.G. Force
2. H.T. Force
3. (3 Aust Corps
5 Aust Div.
4. First Aust Army
5. Queensland I. of C Area
6. (Second Aust Army
Western Australia I. of C Area
7. New South Wales I. of C Area.

(b) Field troops (including V.D.C. allotted operational
roles in vulnerable areas), fixed defence, coastal
defence and A.A. units only, in -

Victoria I. of C Area,
South Australia I. of C Area
Tasmania I. of C Area.

Priorities equivalent to those of formations referred to will
be afforded to Training Units providing reinforcements for those
formations.

2. Until further notice anti-gas equipment and steel helmets
will not be issued to the following personnel in Victoria and
South Australia I. of C Areas and Tasmania Force, but quantities
already on issue will not be withdrawn -

(a) Members (including Women's Services) of base and I
of C Units.

(b) V.D.C. not allotted operational roles in vulnerable
areas.

3. In order to expedite the issues of anti-gas equipment
it is most essential that all units concerned will place indents
for their entitlements on the appropriate Ordnance depots without
delay.

[Signature]
for Maj.-Gen.,
DA & CGS First Aust Army.

APPX C'

SECRET

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS ARISING FROM
GOC-IN-C's VISIT TO MERAUKE - 17 to 19 JAN 43.

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)

REF: Q234/1/2754

27 Jan 43.

Subject	Remarks	Branch & Service Interested
MAINTENANCE	<p>1. The method of maintenance of MERAUKE FORCE under existing conditions is:</p> <p>(a) By ship, usually from TOWNSVILLE, at very irregular intervals.</p> <p>(b) By flying boat, from various ports, also irregular (mails and light freight only)</p> <p>2. Two DUTCH vessels, MINJAK TANAH (170 tons capacity) and SOEDOE (130 tons) owned by K.P.M. and at present controlled by Royal Netherlands Navy in BRISBANE, are used by DUTCH authorities to supply their own people, including natives, in MERAUKE. These vessels usually operate between MERAUKE - BRISBANE but occasionally run to MELBOURNE. As there does not appear to be any co-ordination between AUST or USAFIA and the DUTCH, some space in these vessels is at times not utilised.</p> <p>3. USASOS Base Sec No 2 (TOWNSVILLE) state that they are quite clear on method of maintenance of AUST troops in MERAUKE, as set out in Q251/1/2548 of 2 Jan and do not anticipate any trouble in this regard.</p> <p>4. They agree that some regular means of communication by sea is essential and as a result of reports submitted by two of their own officers from the area will probably recommend that USASOS approach the DUTCH authorities with the view to taking over the MINJAK TANAH and SOEDOE to carry from TOWNSVILLE; all supplies required by MERAUKE. A definite decision as to proposal was not available on Sunday 24 Jan as CO Base Sec No 2 was not available.</p> <p>5. Should the DUTCH not agree to this suggestion and other regular shipping not be available direct from TOWNSVILLE it is considered it may be possible to utilise existing shipping facilities to THURSDAY ISLAND then despatch to MERAUKE per small vessel, which would have to be acquired. Launches from 2 Aust Water Transport Group RAE are not suitable for this purpose.</p>	<p>G(O) G(SD) Q A</p> <p>2 AEME</p>

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Subject	Remarks	Branch & Service Interested
SUPPLIES	<p>Comd TORRES STRAIT Force supports this suggestion as he would thereby have greater control.</p> <p>USASOS Base Sec No 2 oppose it on the grounds that stores may be held longer than than necessary at THURSDAY ISLAND where they do not have a representative.</p>	
	<p>6. Capt J.J. PATES, US Army stationed at TOWNSVILLE has been recommended by Maj. EASTON, OC MERAUKE Force as a co-ordinating officer for all supplies for MERAUKE. Capt PATES has recently returned from a visit to this area and is anxious to do this work as he has an interest in the place having been employed in the NEI prior to the war. From conversations with USASOS offrs in TOWNSVILLE, it would appear this will be approved.</p>	
	<p>7. AMERICAN scale of rations are being supplied to AUST troops through USASOS. 60 days rations taken by 'C' Coy 62 Aust Inf Bn have been incorporated in AMERICAN reserves.</p>	Q S & T
	<p>8.(a) Reserves held for present force of AMERICAN troops plus one coy of AUST are as follows:-</p> <p>(i) Ration 'B' - Corned Beef, biscuits, tea, coffee, sugar etc., ----- 180 days.</p> <p>(ii) Ration 'C' - Meat and beans22 days</p> <p>(iii) Ration 'D' - Chocolate reserve.....6 days.</p> <p>(b) DUTCH authorities supply all rations for NEI troops, chief item being rice. These rations and those required by civilians and natives in area are not the responsibility of USASOS.</p>	
	<p>9. Supply officer at MERAUKE states warranty on corned beef expired in Jul 42. One tin in three has to be discarded.</p>	Q <u>S & T</u>
AMMUNITION	<p>10. STOCKS of POL held in MERAUKE are shown in Appendix 'A'. These are replenished through USASOS Base Sec No 2 when shipping available. All units in area draw from this reserve through AMERICAN Supply Officer.</p>	Q S & T
	<p>11. Holdings of ammunition for force are shown in Appendix 'B'. In the case of AMERICAN units 50% of holding is with gun, the remainder in reserve. Storage in most instances is in the open but arrangements are being made to have all reserves held in a central area and kept in weather-proof magazines.</p>	Q ORL

Subject	Remarks	Branch & Service Interested
ENGINEER STORES	12. AP ammunition is required for the eight 40 mm Bofors guns used in dual role of AA and A/Tk. 100 rds per gun have been asked for through USASOS channels.	Q CE
	13. Apart from a small quantity of barbed wire taken by 'C' Coy 62 Aust Inf Bn there are not any engineer stores in area.	
REPAIR FACILITIES	14. Repairs to vehicles etc. are limited to the capacity of 6 AMERICAN EM with the few hand tools with which they are equipped. There are not any civil facilities in the town. Repairs beyond the capacity of these men will have to be evacuated to either THURSDAY ISLAND (when AEME workshop is established) or to TOWNSVILLE. This is dependant upon a satisfactory shipping service.	Q AEME
	15. Medical personnel in area consist of:- (a) <u>AMERICAN</u> 3 Doctors (one a surgeon) 1 Dentist 1 Vet 33 Hospital Orderlies (b) <u>AUST</u> 1 MO (c) <u>DUTCH</u> 1 MO	
MEDICAL	AMERICAN Portable Hospital has 25 beds at present but is capable of expanding to 40-50 beds.	A Medical
	16. Method of evacuation is by sea or air when these means are available but as this is most unreliable it is suggested MERAUKE be included in the TORRES STRAIT Force air evacuation scheme, in which case a flying boat would be necessary as landing strip is not completed. SMO MERAUKE states he can supply medical orderlies and stores to accompany patients provided the former are returned. To date only three cases have had to be evacuated.	
	17. Supplies of medical stores are adequate for present numbers in area, about 600 but quinine and sulpho drugs may be required in an emergency. Water sterilising facilities are sufficient for 4 months.	
	18. Standard of hygiene is considered satisfactory by SMO. Percentage of sick 1-1 1/2% of force.	

Subject	Remarks	Branch & Service Interested
	19. SMO would appreciate any literature on treatment of gas cases if these could be supplied by Medical service.	<u>Medical</u>
	20. Facilities for storage of perishable foods are non-existent in area. AMERICANS have made application for refrigeration plant	CE Q S&T Medical
POSTAL	21. Postal arrangements are most unsatisfactory. Not only are mails very irregular but when a mail is received some units appear to have been overlooked.	<u>Q</u> <u>Postal</u>
	22. RAAF and TORRES STRAIT Force have just come to an agreement whereby the daily patrol 'plane from HORN ISLAND will drop small parcels for this force through the bomb ways. Parcels must be less than 8" in diameter. This will assist with incoming mail but outgoing will still be uncertain.	Q Postal
	23. 3 Adv Base PO TOWNSVILLE were advised to keep in close touch with Capt PATES, US Army, who will advise on any movement to this area. Through lack of co-ordination mails for AUSTRALIAN troops missed a boat which sailed during the past week.	Q <u>Postal</u>
PAY	24. Depot Paymaster TORRES STRAIT Force has undertaken to make pay available once per month if possible but this is dependant upon communications. Silver and copper is required as very little AUST currency is in area and it is impossible to change bank notes.	A Pay
CANTEENS	25. No organised canteen exists in area but it is requested one be opened. Cigarettes are an issue on AMERICAN ration scale but small quantities of AUST cigarettes and tobacco are required. Tooth brushes, tooth paste, razor blades, writing material and fountain pen ink are also asked for.	A Q <u>S&T</u> <u>ORD</u>
AMENITIES	26. A motion picture projector and battery operated radio sets are desired. AMERICANS have made application to their HQ for former but to date have not received a reply.	A Amenities

..... *Pat Brain* Major.

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CCF, No 2 Base Sec USASOS -
TOWNSVILLE
Aust Defence Canteens -
BRISBANE

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Appendix "A"
to report on visit to
MERAUKE by GOC-IX-C. 17-19 Jan 43.

EXTRACT FROM AMERICAN FUEL REPORT - AUGUSTA FORCE

31 Dec 42.

	Octane, SAE No, or Naval Code No.	Imperial Gallons on Hand
PETROL	100	22,616
"	90	0
"	75	3,014
"	80	14,000
"	70	88
DIESEL OIL		24,000
DIESELENE(LIGHT DIESEL OIL)		1,300
SHELLITE		1,200
KEROSENE (LIGHTING)		300
KEROSENE (POWER)		3,500
MALARIOL		92
PHENOL		92
PLIT		5
AVIATION OIL	120	4,356
CHASSIS (LUBRICANT)	Class II	
CHASSIS (LUBRICANT)	" III	200lbs
CUP GREASE	Class I	
CUP GREASE	" 2	
CUP GREASE	" 3	350lbs
CUP GREASE	Ebon Light	20gal
WATER PUMP GREASE	Grade 4	10lb
WHEEL PACKING	" 2	350lb
GEAR OIL	Class III	20gal
GEAR (LUBRICATING OIL)	Class 90(SAE)90,Gx90)	528gal
GEAR (LUBRICATING OIL)	SAE 140	44gal
TRANSMISSION OIL	" 1100	4gal
MOTOR OILS:	SAE 10	
	" 20	88gal
	" 30	433gals
	" 40	532gals
	" 50	
	Under	
HYDRAULIC BRAKE FLUID		12gal
SHOCK ABSORBER OIL		4pt

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Appendix "B"
to report on visit to
PERAUK by GOC-IN-C
17-19 Jan 43.

AMMUNITION STOCKS - PERAUK - AS AT 17 JAN 43.

USA

.30 cal (all types)	106,500 rds
.45 "	8,000 "
.50 " (all types)	244,240 "
40 mm HE	23,569 "
60 mm (Mortar) (HE)	2,000 "
Grenades Hand	1,035

AUST

.30 Browning	34,500 rds
.303	256,150 "
.38 Pistol	200 "
.45	30,568 "
.455	528 "
Grenades Hand HE 36	2,524 "
" Rifle " "	432 "
" " Smoke	375 "
Mortar 3" HE	908 "
" 3" Smoke	348 "
Ctgs Sig Red	320 "
" " Green	315 "
" Illuminating	469 "

DUTCH

.30 cal	70,000 rds
.45 "	196,000 "
60 mm Mortar	1,700 "
Anti-Tank (Cal unknown)	1,700 "
Grenades Hand	800 "

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27 Jan 43

APPX D

FIRST AUST ARMY ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION. 12...

(issued consequent upon Adv LHQ(Aust) Adm Instrn 4)

GENERAL.

1. (a) Pending the issue of instructions by LHQ(AUST) the provisions set out in this Instruction will be applicable to all future movements of formations, individual units, detachments and reinforcements under command First Aust Army, proceeding to NEW GUINEA and tropical areas north of AUSTRALIA.
- (b) On receipt of Warning Order, units will take immediate action to prepare for tropical service and forward the details required by GRO 104 to HQ First Aust Army unless otherwise instructed. Shipping space is then allotted by LHQ(AUST) and details of personnel, vehicles and tonnage of unit stores, which must NOT be exceeded, will be given in Movement Order issued by the Movement Group concerned.

UNCONTROLLED AND CONTROLLED STORES

2. (a) On receipt of Warning Order unit representatives will immediately contact DADOS of formation concerned for uncontrolled stores to complete unit equipment.
- (b) Details of deficiencies of controlled stores will be immediately forwarded through the usual channels to HQ First Aust Army.

3. LIAISON.

On arrival at port of embarkation OC unit or detachment, or his representative, will immediately contact "Q" Branch:

- (a) DAQMG (Maintenance) HQ Qld L of C Area BRISBANE.
- (b) HQ No 1 L of C Sub Area - TOWNSVILLE,
- (c) HQ No 17 L of C Sub Area - CAIRNS

and the DAQMG (Shipping) of the Movement Control Group operating at the port of embarkation.

4. ALLOTMENT TO SHIPS

Details of allotment to ships and movement order are issued separately by the Movement Control Group concerned. Units and stores will be combat loaded. Units will ensure that stores are so packed that they can be loaded on the ships on which the units are embarked, so that personnel will have their unit equipment and stores on arrival at destination.

5. VEHICLES

(a) General

- (1) Vehicles will be FWD except those vehicles for which no FWD type exists. Units unable to provide FWD vehicles up to full scale allotted will report immediately numbers required to complete, by type, so that exchange may be effected.

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(ii) Two 4-gal sealed drums of petrol will be carried in each vehicle. Supplies will be obtained from the S&T representative at the L of C Area or Sub Area at the port of embarkation.

(iii) Canopies will be lowered to cab height.

(b) Strength Return and Documentation

(i) All units, prior to embarkation, will render a vehicle strength return, AAF Q32, in triplicate, showing all MT vehicles to be shipped. This return will be submitted to DDOS, Adv LHQ(AUST), with copy to DDOS First Aust Army by quickest means immediately it is known that vehicles are moving with the unit.

(ii) Each vehicle will have pasted or marked on the windscreen the following:

Length of vehicle
Breadth of vehicle
Height of vehicle
Tare weight of vehicle
Gross weight of vehicle

(c) Loading Parties

(i) Two (2) drivers will accompany each MT on vehicle trains and road convoys.

(ii) If additional labour is required for loading parties, this is provided under arrangements HQ Qld L of C Area.

(iii) Meals for loading parties and drivers are provided under arrangements HQ Qld L of C Area. All personnel will have messing utensils available.

(d) Defueling of Vehicles

On arrival at the wharf, all vehicles will be defueled at points arranged by HQ Qld L of C Area. Sufficient petrol, as arranged by STO, may be left in tanks to enable vehicles to be moved to positions in holds.

(e) Water Vehicles

(i) Water filters on water vehicles will be tested and drivers instructed in their use.

(ii) At discretion of ESO, water vehicles will be loaded, filled and placed available for use during the voyage.

(f) Surplus Vehicles will be placed in special pool under arrangements made by HQ First Aust Army and held pending LHQ(AUST) instructions re disposal.

CLOTHING, ARMS AND EQUIPMENT

6.

(a) Individual Issues

Osc units or detachments are responsible that all ranks under their command are completely clothed and equipped.

- (b) (i) Scale of Clothing, Arms and Equipment is attached as Appendix "A" and will be carried by all personnel in accordance with the instructions contained therein.
- (ii) Clothing and Equipment will be dyed green.
- (c) Arms and Ammunition
 - (i) Individual issues of ammunition will be made prior to embarkation.
 - (ii) First and second line ammunition will be carried, and will be available for use immediately after disembarkation.
 - (iii) All small arms weapons will be available for use during the voyage.
- (d) Tentage and Accommodation Stores
 - (i) See para 8, Appendix "A".
 - (ii) Reinforcements will NOT take tentage or Scale "A" equipment unless specially instructed.
- (e) Surplus Clothing and Equipment will be returned to the nearest RSD as ordered by the L of C Area or formation concerned. Units stationed in QUEENSLAND and embarking at BRISBANE will return surplus clothing and equipment to RSD, GAYTHORNE; units located in and embarking at TOWNSVILLE to 122 FOD, TOWNSVILLE.
- (f) Blankets

One blanket will be carried on the man and one additional blanket per man will be loaded as unit stores, available for use during voyage.
- (g) Cooking and Messing Equipment

Cooking and Messing Equipment will be loaded so that it is available for use during the voyage.
- (h) Kits will be despatched to Formation Kit Store prior to move. See GRO Q178 for procedure for submission of nominal rolls, labelling, etc.

7. RATIONS

- (a) Unless otherwise ordered, one day's emergency dehydrated ration and one day's landing ration will be carried, and will be issued at the port of embarkation.
- (b) All vessels carry 14 days' special reserve rations for consumption during voyage by troops, in addition to those mentioned in sub para 7 (a).

8. RESERVES

Special arrangements are made direct by Adv LEQ(AUST) through services concerned for shipping of reserves of ammunition, rations, POL, Ordnance and Engineer stores.

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9. ANTI-SABOTAGE AND FIRE PICQUETS

Anti-sabotage guards and fire picquets are provided on the quays and on each hold of the ship under arrangements HQ Qld L of C Area.

10. CANTEENS AND POSTAL FACILITIES AT WHARVES

Canteen and postal facilities are available at the wharves for working parties and troops embarking under arrangement HQ Qld L of C Area.

11. OC TROOPS

The Senior Combatant Officer on each vessel will be OC Troops. The OC will detail necessary ship's staff. The OC will be available to go on board immediately prior to loading, and will inspect in company with Ship's Officer, Port Medical Officer, ES, and STO:

- (a) Accommodation
- (b) Life Saving Equipment
- (c) Fuel, water, rations, etc.

The Ship's Quartermaster will report

- (d) To the shipping representative of the DDST Qld L of C Area at BRISBANE, 'phone F33, Ext 477.
- (e) To the S&T representative in the case of TOWNSVILLE and CAIRNS.

at least 24 hrs prior to sailing, to take over supplies (Vide para 8).

12. RECORDS PROCEDURE (Embarkation)

- (a) Nominal rolls in quadruplicate will be prepared by units, groups, detachments and/or individual persons on draft, by headings shown hereunder: Nominal Rolls will be clearly headed with name of unit, of personnel on draft, and are to be signed by an officer authorised to despatch the members. Also included in the headings will be a reference to the authority for the movement, i.e. number of SM or other authorising memorandum, with dates and registration number. The following are the headings -

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Army No.</u>	<u>Rank & Surname (in block) and</u> <u>full Christian names</u>
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Officers will be shown in order of army numbers at the head of the Nominal Roll. Other ranks will be shown in order of army numbers by platoons or equivalent sub-units. Officers and other ranks will be given a serial number commencing with 1 and continuing through to last name on roll.

- (b) Movement to gangway will be in order of serial number, as per Nominal Roll. Officers will accompany their respective troops.

- (c) Distribution of Nominal Rolls will be as follows:-

- 1 Copy to ESO
- 2 Copies to Records representatives one copy of which will be handed to OC Troops after check by Records representative on completion of embarkation.
- 1 Copy file.

- (d) AAF T51 will also be prepared by units, etc, in sextuplicate, and will be handed by officer or NCO in charge of draft to ESO at wharf.

13. BILLS OF LADING

AAF's G964, Bills of Lading, will be prepared by unit in sextuplicate, covering all vehicles, E2 series equipment and stores shipped, such Bills to be signed by a responsible Officer and handed, together with interim receipt, to Movement Control Officer, for lodgement with ship's agents for affirmation.

14. CERTIFICATE

- (a) OSC of Units and Detachments embarking for service in NEW GUINEA or tropical areas north of AUSTRALIA will render a certificate to OC Troops in the following terms:

"I certify that all personnel under my command are properly equipped (or otherwise) for tropical service, and that all troops embarked have been issued with mosquito nets and individual issues."

- (b) OC Troops will hand certificate/s to ESO before sailing.

15. MEDICAL

A Medical Detachment is to accompany each vessel, under arrangements made by ADGMS Adv LHQ(AUST), GHQ and Movement Control.

16. SECURITY

The necessity for maintaining the strictest security in connection with all movements must be impressed on all concerned. HQ Qld L of C Area is responsible for security of vessels and wharves.

ACK.

Signed at...../400..hours.

DISTRIBUTION: P.T.O.


Maj-Gen.,
First Aust Army.

<u>DISTRIBUTION</u>	<u>COPY</u>	<u>METHOD OF ISSUE</u>
Adv HQ 2 Aust Corps	2 - 10	AIR MAIL
3 Aust Armd Div	11 - 14	DRLS
3 Aust Div	15 - 18	"
Yorkforce	19	Air Mail
Terres Strait Force	20	" "
BRA	21	Hand
HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps	22 - 25	DRLS
HQ RAE First Aust Army		
Tps	26 - 29	"
CSO	30	Hand
Sigs First Aust Army	31 - 34	DRLS
1 Aust ARD	35	"
LHQ(Aust)	36	Air Mail
Adv LHQ(Aust)	37	DRLS
HQ Q'ld L of C Area	38	Air Mail
HQ No. 1 L of C Sub-Area	39	Air Mail
HQ No. 17 L of C Sub-Area	40	"
3 Aust Movt Control Gp	41	"
2/1 Aust Mvt & Tn Gp	42	"
HQ Movt Control BRISBANE	43	"
HQ Movt Control TOWNSVILLE	44	Air Mail
HQ Movt Control CAIRNS	45	" "
GOC-in-C	46	HAND
MGGS	47	"
G(O)	48	"
G(I)	49	"
G(SD)	50	"
DA&QMG	51	"
A	52	"
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APPX "A"

Issued with FIRST AUST ARMY ADM INSTN NO.12 of 27 Jan 43.

Pending the issue of instructions by LHQ (AUST) the following scale of clothing, arms and equipment will be carried by personnel proceeding to New Guinea and tropical areas North of Australia:

SCALE 1511

1. (a) On the man

Knife and Lanyard	1
Identity Discs with Cord (set of 2 discs)	1
Paybook	1
Field Dressing	1

(b) Dress

Jersey, Pullover (if ordered)	1
Socks, prs	1
Shirt Green Drill	1
Trousers Green Drill	1
Boots AB Universal with laces, prs	1
Anklets Web, prs	1
Singlets Cotton Athletic	1
Drawers Cotton Short	1
Hat Khaki Fur with Band and Chinstrap	1
Badge Hat Commonwealth CO	1
Braces, prs	1

2. To be carried in Haversack.

Tins Mess (in cover	1
Knife, Fork and Spoon	1 each
* Rations, Emergency Dehydrated (not to be eaten until authorised)	1 Except in special projects this item will be increased as advised in Orders for the move
Unexpended portion of day's ration	1
Towel	1
Pullover (if not worn)	1
Socks, prs	2
Holdall	1
Soap piece	1
Razor Safety with one spare blade	1
Brush shaving	1
Brush hair	1
Comb	1
Brush tooth	1
Sheet Ground MK VIII	1
* Outfit Ind Water Sterilizing	1
* Cooker, Crown Ring	1) If Specially
* Solidified Alcohol, tins	1) authorised
* Anti-Mosquito Cream, tins	1

3. To be carried in the Pack

Helmet Steel (attached)	1
Blanket (under flap)	1
Tent Mosquito & Sandfly proof (wrapped in blanket)	1

* Solidified Alcohol, Tins		1 (If specially authorised)
Shirts Green, Drill		2
Trousers Green Drill prs		2
Boots AB Universal and 2 prs laces, prs		1
Towel		1
Housewife		1
Singlets cotton athletic		2
Drawers cotton short		2
Cape Gas (carried on back above pack vide Pam I, Protection against Gas & Air Raids, Appx B)		1
* Rations Iron (bivouac) (not to be eaten until authorised)		1
4.	<u>Haversack Respirator</u>	
	Outfit Anti-din	1
	Eyeshields Anti-Gas	6
	Ointment Anti-Gas	1
	Disc Identity	1
	Respirator (facepiece, connecting tube and container)	1
5.	<u>To be carried in bulk</u>	
	One blanket per man	
6.	Equipment to be carried on the man will be in accordance with the W.E.T. of the Unit concerned. The following is set down as a guide:	
	Rifle or Revolver(as authorised)	1
	Pullthrough	1
	Bottle oil (filled)	1
	Flanelette 4 x 2	2 pieces
	Sling Rifle Web	1
	Bayonet	1
	Scabbard Bayonet	1
	Frog Bayonet	1
	Bottle Water (filled)	1
	Carrier bottle water	1
	Belt waist W.E. Patt 37	1
	Braces W.E. Patt 37 Left	1
	" " " " Right	1
	Haversack W.E. Patt 37	1
	Pack	1
	Pouches Basic W.E. Patt 37	2
	Straps Web supporting	2
	Strap shoulder haversack W.E. patt	
	" " " " 37 Left	1
	" " " " Right	1
	Special Equipment for Officers and ORs, as laid down in W.E.T. for Unit concerned.	
7.	<u>Arm (to be carried on the man)</u>	
	S.A.A. .303 rds	50
8.	<u>Tentage and Accommodation Stores</u>	
	Tentage and Accommodation Stores vide GRO 457 will be taken by all units embarking for service in tropical areas North of Australia and New Guinea, unless otherwise ordered. Reinforcements will not take Tentage and Accommodation Stores unless specially ordered.	

9. Items of special issue such as boots ankle half heavy brown, and berets khaki, etc will be carried by personnel, as authorised in GROs 349, 392, 475, 522 and 590.

■ Pre-embarkation issue. Issue to be made at port of embarkation.

- (a) Units embarking at BRISBANE will obtain pre-embarkation issue from the Embarkation Issue Depot - located at 17 Aust Pers Staging Camp, BRISBANE.
- (b) Units embarking at TOWNSVILLE or CAIRNS and not previously issued must obtain these supplies from the S&T representative at the L of C Sub-Area concerned.

Instns regarding War Diaries and Int
Summaries are contained in FS Regs Pt 11
and the Staff Manual respectively. Title
pages will be prepared in manuscript.

Army Form G 2118




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TOOWOOMBA	3 Feb	-	PUBLICATIONS DISTRIBUTION OF (ref Q212/1/2767)	APPX "A"
TOOWOOMBA	12 Feb	-m	CLOTHING SHORTAGES (ref Q38/1/2929)	APPX "B"
TOOWOOMBA	17 Feb	-	MOVEMENTS (Ref Q176/7/2988)	APPX "C"
TOOWOOMBA	18 Feb	-	DISTRIBUTION OF DUTIES "Q" BRANCH FIRST AUST ARMY AS AT 18 FEB	APPX "D"
TOOWOOMBA	19 Feb	-	RESERVE RATIONS HELD BY UNITS (Ref 229/1/2991)	APPX "E"
TOOWOOMBA	20 Feb	-	REINFORCEMENT TRAINING - ORGANIZATION, Notes on conference held at LHQ (AUST) on 16 and 17 Feb 43 attended by Lt-Col McLEAN (AQMG)	APPX "F"
TOOWOOMBA	26 Feb	-	MF MAINTENANCE (Ref Q273/2/3141)	APPX "G"
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APPX A'

SUBJECT: PUBLICATIONS - DISTRIBUTION OF

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)

REF: 2212/1/2767

3 Feb 45.

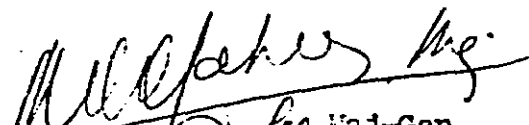
List 'D'

and units
(Branches/dwn to Infantry battalions
or independent units)

1. The following instructions are issued with regard to the future issue of publications:

- (a) First Aust Army Stationery Depot will issue publications, as per distribution list issued or printed in the publication, direct to units, in lieu of forwarding in bulk to formations. All parcels of under eleven pounds weight will be despatched through Army Postal Services.
- (b) All amendments will in future be posted direct to units from LHQ Publications Store, according only to the scale of issue of any particular publication to those units.
- (c) First Aust Army Stationery Depot will hold a small reserve stock of publications, pamphlets, etc., for immediate issue to new units.
- (d) The OC First Aust Army Stationery Depot will, as far as possible, pay periodical visits to all units to discuss publications and stationery problems in order to create a closer liaison between units and the Stationery service.
- (e) It will be a unit responsibility to ensure they are up to date in new publications and amendments, as notified in General Orders etc.
- (f) Units will requisition and communicate direct with First Aust Army Stationery Depot in matters pertaining to stationery and publications.
- (g) Units of First Aust Army will not approach L of C Stationery Depots, but deal only with First Aust Army Stationery Depot.

2. A report will be submitted by units through formation commands to reach this HQ by 20 Apr 45 on the efficiency or otherwise of this method in distribution.


for Maj-Gen.,
DA & QMG First Aust Army.

APPX 'B'

SUBJECT: CLOTHING SHORTAGES

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)

REF: Q38/1/2929

12 Feb 43.

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List 'D'

(Branches and Units down to
Infantry battalions or
independent Units.)
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1. The following LHQ 19756 of 4 Feb 43 is
repeated for information and necessary action:-

"CLOTHING SHORTAGES"

The Minister has notified that men in
camps and in hospital almost universally
complain of the difficulty of obtaining
Drawers and Singlets. Ample stocks of these
items are held in Ordnance Depots and there
appears to be no reason why the proper re-
quirements of the troops in these items
should not be met.

2. The Minister directs that this matter
be given the immediate attention of all con-
cerned in order to remove the cause of such
complaints."

Munro Major
Maj-Gen.,
DA & QIG First Aust Army.

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SUBJECT: MOVEMENTS.

7 APPX "C"
HQ First Aust Army (AIF)

REF: Q176/7/2988

17 Feb 43.

DISTRIBUTION:

LIST "A" (Branches etc., of First Aust Army only).

1. The following procedure will apply for all movements of units or personnel under command of this HQ:-

MOVEMENT OF UNITS:

2. Approval

- (a) Until the GS has approved of a move "Q" Branch will not arrange any movement.
- (b) All requests for movement of units, except administrative units, will be addressed to G(SD) with copy to "Q" Branch.
- (c) In the case of administrative units, requests will be addressed to "A" or "Q" Branch as the case may be. If "A" or "Q" Branch agree to the move, arrangements will be made by them to obtain GS approval.

3. Action by G(SD)

- (a) Issue a warning order to the unit to be prepared to move NOT before a certain date.
- (b) State to where the unit is to be moved.
- (c) Specify what equipment, accommodation stores, tentage, vehs etc., will be taken.
- (d) State who will arrange the movement.
- (e) Specify what details are required and to whom such information is to be supplied.
- (f) Negotiate with LHQ(AUST) or Adv LHQ(AUST) in regard to:-
 - (i) All preliminary matters necessary to effect a move.
 - (ii) Priority for a move.
 - (iii) Arrangements for and allotment to ships.
 - (iv) Any other matter concerning the initial stages of a move.
 - (v) Any policy matter relevant to a move.

p.t.o.

4. Action by Unit:

On receipt of warning order the unit will supply details in accordance with GRO 104 and/or as required by para 3 (e).

5. Addressees for Signals:

Addressees as required by para 3 (e) and para 4 should always include:-

- (a) For all moves by sea - LANDFORCES and LANDOPS.
- (b) For all moves by rail - MVTs BRISBANE and any other Movement Group through which the move will pass. It is to be noted that MVTs CAIRNS are controlled by MVTs TOWNSVILLE and that the former should therefore NOT be addressed separately.
- (c) Where staging will be required - Milbase BRISBANE or similar formation.

6. Channels of Communication:

No communications whatsoever regarding movement are to be made with LHQ(AUST) Adv LHQ(AUST) or Movement Control Groups except:

- (a) By G(SD)
- (b) By "Q" Branch, after approval and all necessary details have been obtained for the move.
- (c) Where units are specifically instructed by G(SD) or "Q" Branch to supply information required.
- (d) By "A" Branch and AMS as covered by paras 12 and 14.

7. Confirmation of Verbal Arrangements:

- (a) All telephone conversations and other verbal arrangements in regard to movements must be immediately confirmed by letter or signal.
- (b) "Q" Branch must receive copies of all signals or letters relating to movement including information required by paras 12 and 13 of this instruction.

8. Action by "Q" Branch:

- (a) The method of all movements under arrangements First Aust Army (except in the case of a Tactical move) will be the responsibility of "Q" Branch who will issue all necessary instructions.
- (b) The only information required by "Q" Branch is covered by paras 3 and 4 of this instruction.

MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL OTHER THAN BY UNITS:

9. Details Required:

All applications for movements of personnel will be in writing or by signal through, and approved by, the appropriate Branch of the Staff and will contain the following information when passed to "Q" Branch for action:-

- (a) State army number, rank, initials and name of personnel to be moved.
- (b) State when personnel are ready to move, where from, and to what destination.
- (c) Also comply with para 13.
- (d) State whether any stores or vehs are to accompany the party and, if so, full details must be given.

10. Air Travel:

- (a) The GOC-in-C has power to authorise air travel for personnel of this HQ which has been delegated as stated in para 10 (b).
- (b) All requests for air travel of personnel will be submitted by the head of a section of a branch or the head of a service, and will NOT be forwarded to "Q" Branch until approval has been obtained from, or on behalf of, either the MGGS or the DA&QMG (according to the circumstances) as deputy for GOC-in-C.
- (c) Maximum weight of baggage allowed in excess of personal equipment carried on the man is 35 lbs for each person. Requests for excess baggage will be treated as for para 10 (d).
- (d) Requests for air freight will be submitted to "Q" Branch in the same manner as for personnel (vide para 10 (b)), stating the following information:-
 - (i) Number of packages.
 - (ii) Weight of each package (must be to nearest lb)
 - (iii) To whom and where the consignment is to be delivered.

11. Movement Orders:

- (a) ALL ranks moving singly or in small parties will travel with a movement order in accordance with GRO Q635.
- (b) It will be the responsibility of the person or the OC of a party to obtain such movement order before moving out of the area.

12. Reinforcements and Transfers:

- (a) Where movement of reinforcements concerns First Aust Army, all policy matters and the initiation of such moves are handled through "A" Branch who pass necessary details, as regards the actual movement, if required, direct to "Q" Branch for action.
- (b) Transfers of Officers from one unit to another are treated similarly by AMS.
- (c) Details in accordance with para 9 (where applicable) are required by "Q" Branch.

13. Reception of Personnel: (to be read in conjunction with paras 9, 10 and 12).

It will be the responsibility of the Branch or Service concerned to notify the unit or formation to which personnel are being transferred, moving to, or visiting:-

- (a) By signal, through the appropriate Branch of the Staff, advising that movement is being arranged and any other necessary details.
- (b) By including the unit concerned as an addressee in correspondence or signals relating to the move.

14. Leave Personnel:

- (a) All arrangements for the issuing of warrants with other necessary documents, and also the despatch of leave personnel of this HQ, will be the responsibility of the Camp Commandant.
- (b) In the case of large parties involving special trains, the matter is under the direction of "A" Branch.
- (c) For other details regarding leave see GRO A559- and any subsequent amendments.

MOVEMENTS BY ROAD:

15. For Units:

- (a) Mvt Control Groups will direct all road moves where it is necessary to co-ordinate with rail or sea moves.
- (b) Where movements under arrangements First Aust Army are to be made by road only, within the formation area, all necessary instructions will be issued by "Q" Branch, who will co-operate with the Mvt Control Group concerned.

(c) No movements by road under arrangements First Aust Army will be made except:-

- (i) As directed by "Q" Branch.
- (ii) As directed by "G" Branch (in the case of a tactical move).

16. For Personnel:

- (a) Normally "Q" Branch in collaboration with Camp Commandant will co-ordinate and control all vehicles required to move outside the immediate vicinity of this HQ.
- (b) A separate instruction will be issued regarding the use of MT for this purpose.

H. E. Fletcher
Maj-Gen.,
DACOM3 First Aust Army.

APPX "D"

DISTRIBUTION OF DUTIES 'Q' BRANCH FIRST AUST ARMY
(Subject to alteration at any time)

ACMG (Lt-Col A.T. McLEAN)

Phone 59 MA

Co-ordination 'Q' Branch
Orders and Instrns 'Q' Paras
Planning.

DAQMG (1) (Major K.C.C. LAHEY)

Phone 60 MA

— SC'Q'(1) (Capt W.H. McGORKELL)

Phone 60 MA

Ammunition & Explosives
Ordnance Stores
Supplies
General Maintenance
Animals (incl Vet Services)
P & SS
Cookery
Postal

DAQMG (2) (Major J. HUMAN)

Phone 69 A

— SC'Q'(2) (Capt E. SARGOOD)

Phone 69 A

Accommodation (incl billeting
water conservancy
hirings and works
services)

Engineer Stores
Laundries
Baths
Canteens
Labour
Movements (supervision of duties
SC'Q'(3))

Tpt
Salvage
Traffic Control (in conjunction
with "A" Branch)

Claims
'Q' Finance
War Diary 'Q' Branch

SC'Q'(4) (Capt T. SHERWOOD)

Phone 61 MA

SC'Q'(3) (Capt L. STONE)

Phone 61 MA

Movements (Rd Rail, Sea & Air
through movement
control)

Movements (detailed
movements of
personnel, Rd
Rail, Sea, Air
under direction
of SCQ(3)

Office Adm 'Q' Branch
Tpt (detailed for
First Aust Army)

Adm Maps

DISTRIBUTION: LIST "B" (Branches & Formations only)

APPX 'E'

SUBJECT: RESERVE RATIONS HELD BY UNITS

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)

REF: Q229/1/2091

19 Feb 43.

DISTRIBUTION:

List "D" (Branches and Units down to Inf Bns
and Independent Units) Less Serials: 2, 20, 51, 32, 33, 57,
38, 43, 44, 47, 53, 54,
(55, 56, 57, ...)

1. A return is required from all indenting units in First Aust Army of any reserve rations held by the unit under the provision of GRO Q501/42 para II as at 28 Feb 43.
2. This return will be rendered as follows:-
 - (a) By units under direct Comd First Aust Army to DDST First Aust Army.
 - (b) Units of 3 Aust Arm Div and 3 Aust Div to CASC of the Division who will forward consolidated return to DDST First Aust Army.
 - (c) Units under comd YORKFORCE and TORRES FORCE through FORCE HQ to DDST First Aust Army.
 - (d) Units under comd 2 Aust Corps to DDST 2 Aust Corps.
3. Nil returns are required if no rations are held as reserve and returns must reach the respective DDST's by the 10 Mar 43.
4. A certificate vide para II GRO Q501/42 that reserves held are intact and in good order will be rendered monthly to DDST First Aust Army and DDST 2 Aust Corps in a similar manner as the initial return, to reach respective DDST's by 10th on each month.

M. J. P. H. H. H.
Maj Gen.,
BA & OMC First Aust Army.

APPX 'F'

SECRET

SUBJECT: REINFORCEMENT TRAINING - ORGANIZATION

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)

REF: Q 35 / 1 / 3065

20 Feb 43.

Notes on Conferences held at LHQ(AUST) on 15
and 17 Feb 43.

Ref LHQ(AUST) SM2358 of 2 Feb 43.

Branch and
Service
Interested.

1. ACCOMMODATION.

- (a) Owing to the fact that USASOS do not require additional camps in Northern NSW at present HQ NE Area Training Centre will be concentrated mainly between WARWICK and TENTERFIELD. On regrouping in these areas GLEN INNES camp will be vacated by training units. CE
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- (b) It appears very unlikely that funds will be made available for additional camp accommodation at either WARWICK or TENTERFIELD for the present, and even if funds were made available it would be impossible to erect any new camps within a reasonable period owing to the shortage of labour, therefore units such as the 1st Trg Depot, 1 AAC Trg Depot, etc, will have to remain in their present locations in the BUIS-BANE Area.
- (c) LHQ(AUST) had not taken the accommodation question into consideration to any great degree before issuing SM2358 of 2 Feb 43, and this memo will have to be amended in order to fit units into the available camps. In this regard Q'd L of C Area at the request of LHQ(AUST) are preparing a statement of accommodation available and in conjunction with Comd Hq Q'd L of C Trg Depots and this HQ will prepare a schedule of accommodation and suggested locations for units for submission to LHQ(AUST). This schedule will be completed on 20 Feb and despatched to LHQ(AUST) immediately.

2. LOCAL ADMINISTRATION.

- (a) The C-in-C has directed that Amie or Corps will be responsible for local administration of training centres. L of C Areas will also have units located in training centre areas and it was considered that the function of local administration should continue to be done by HQ of the L of C Areas concerned. This matter is being represented to the C-in-C again for a final decision. G(SD)
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Q

- (b) At present TENTERFIELD Camp is under HQ No. 3 L of C Sub Area for local administration and all matters affecting this camp have to be referred to HQ NSW L of C Area for decision. LHQ(AUST) were requested to make arrangements to place TENTERFIELD Camp under Q'ld L of C Area in order to simplify this matter.

3. STAFFING OF TRAINING UNITS AND LHQ TRAINING CENTRE - CANUNGRA.

- (a) LHQ(AUST) had decided that the staffing of training units would be responsibility of Formations concerned and in the case of First Aust Army this would include LHQ Training Centre(CANUNGRA). G(SD)
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MEDICAL
- (b) It was pointed out that First Aust Army would not be able to provide full staffs for certain technical training units such as AAOC, AAUS, etc., owing to our limited facilities and that the position may arise when, for instance, 6 Aust Div would be overseas engaged on operations under command of another formation, and the staffs of units of 6 Aust Trg Bde were due for relief in which case this HQ could not order 6 Aust Div to provide the staff required.
- (c) LHQ(AUST) are reconsidering the whole question of the staffing of training units and the policy to be adopted in this regard will be issued later.

4. LHQ TRAINING CENTRE (JW) CANUNGRA.

- (a) It had been decided that this school would be placed under command First Aust Army for local administration including staffing, but that the training policy would remain with LHQ(AUST). G(SD)
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- (b) At present the staff of this school is short of the following officers and NCOs on WE:-
- | | |
|----------|-----|
| Captains | 8 |
| Licuts. | 44 |
| Sgts. | 64 |
| Cpls. | 176 |
- (c) "A" Branch LHQ(AUST) requested that this HQ and Q'ld L of C Area in conjunction with CI LHQ Trg Centre (JW) put up a scheme for providing the above staff. A percentage of the appointments could be made from "B" class personnel. It was pointed out that staff could only be provided by First Aust Army from already depleted Field units.
- (d) Consideration was given to leaving the LHQ Training Centre (JW) under Q'ld L of C for local administration as at present, and a decision will be given by LHQ(AUST) at a later date in this regard. A decision will also be given as to the final policy for the provision of staff for this school.

5. 1 AUST ARTY TRG CENTRE

It is anticipated that this unit will be located at NARELLIAN under Second Aust Army, but that it would not move from TENTERFIELD for approximately 2 months, the final decision has not yet been made by LHQ(Aust). BRA
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6. ATTD AND MVTTC

- (a) Command of the above units is being considered. LHQ(AUST) SM2358 of 2 Feb laid down that ATTD's and MVTTC's would come under command Army or Corps concerned. G(SD)
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- (b) As these units are closely related to courses conducted at Technical Colleges, trade testing of personnel at RRD's etc., it is now considered that they should remain under L of C Areas for local and general administration and under LHQ(AUST) for training policy and supervision.
- (c) If these units remain under L of C Areas it is proposed that the G2 (Tech) will remain on HQ L of C Area and the G3 (Tech) be attached from L of C Area to HQ Training Centre to act as Liaison Officer between HQ Training Centre and HQ L of C and to assist in control and allotment of training unit personnel attending the ATTD or MVTTC for courses.

7. "X" LIST CONCENTRATION DEPOTS.

"A" Branch LHQ(AUST) in an endeavour to speed up the return of "X" List personnel to their units do not want to establish these depots and are working on a scheme whereby personnel will return to units direct through a special wing of GDD or ARD, separate instructions will be issued by LHQ(AUST) concerning "X" List concentration Depots and wings as soon as a decision is reached as to the final policy in this regard. G(SD)
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8. WOMENS SERVICES TRAINING UNITS, VDC, SENIOR CADETS.

The responsibility of the above units is under review but it is considered they will remain with L of C Areas as at present. G(SD)
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9. 1 AAOC TRAINING DEPOT.

The location of AAOC Training Depots is under review and they may be concentrated at BONEGILLA, if this is decided upon 1 AAOC Training Depot will be deleted from O of B NE Reinforcement Training Centre. G(SD)
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10. TRAINING POLICY

LHQ(AUST) laid down in para 4 of SM2358 that training policy and supervision of the training of certain arms would be directly under LHQ(AUST). It was considered that LHQ(AUST) should only lay down the training policy for these arms and that the Army or Corps concerned should implement and supervise the training of these units. This matter is being put up to the DMT for review and decision. G(SD)

11. CLASSIFICATION OF DPI.

In the future the responsibility of certifying personnel as DPI is to be the duty of CO of the training unit concerned, up to date this has had to be done by an officer from outside the training depot organization.

G(SD)
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12. DRAFT CONDUCTING OFFRS

At the moment Trg Depots have to provide Draft Conducting Offrs for personnel proceeding from RRD's to Trg Units. This throws a strain on Trg Depot Staffs and Trg Units and LEQ(AUST) are considering attaching Draft Conducting Offrs and NCO's (B Class) to RRD for this duty. L of C Areas are to notify LEQ(AUST) what personnel they consider necessary for this duty.

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13. 1 AUST CAR TRG SQN
2 AUST MC TRG BN

The disposal of these units was not mentioned in LHQ(AUST) SM2358 and their attention was drawn to this fact. It appears likely that SM2358 will be cancelled and another instruction issued containing the final decisions in regard to Reinforcement Training Organization and covering any units not previously mentioned in that memo.

G(SD)
A

14. WE's

A proposed new WE for HQ NE Trg Centre was given to a rep of the DMT's staff, but this HQ will have to submit to LEQ(AUST) our proposals for Amendments to WE's of existing Trg Units which will require to be reorganized, such as the new WE for HQ 3/5 Aust Inf Trg Bde caused by the amalgamation of the HQ of 3 and 5 Aust Inf Trg Bdes, also our proposals for the WE of HQ NE Trg Centre and any amendments considered necessary to the WE of HQ First Aust Army will have to be submitted to LEQ(AUST).

G(SD)
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Q
AMS

15. DRAFT INSTRUCTION

(a) Attached Appendix 'A' is a draft instruction prepared by LEQ(AUST) in accordance with the policy outlined in SM2358 of 2 Feb.

(b) The dates set out in this draft instruction as to change of commands etc., are very tentative.

(c) Various amendments will have to be made to this instruction when decisions are given on matters brought up at the Conference.

(d) Para 5 (b) of attached draft instruction lays down "G" Staff that will be made available by L of C Areas. If ATTD's and MVTC's remain under command L of C Areas the following staff will be made available to this HQ:-

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ORD

G II Trg 1
G III Trg 1
GS Clerks 4 (approximately)

- (e) G Technical Officers will remain with L of C Areas as stated in para 6 (c) above.
16. Draft instructions prepared by LHQ(AUST) on reinforcement policy, drafting of and detachment of personnel from training units and classification into draft priorities of personnel passing through Recruit Training Depots are being circulated to G(SD) and A.

Asm cheau
Lt-Col.,
ACMG First Aust Army.

DISTRIBUTION:

LIST "A" (Branches etc of
First Aust Army only)

Less Serials 31, 37, 39, 44, 46
47, 52, 53, 54, 56.

APPENDIX "A"

D R A F T

REINFORCEMENT TRAINING - ORGANIZATION

In accordance with the policy outlined in SM.2358 of 2 Feb 43, action will be taken by Formations and L of C Areas concerned as set out hereunder.

2. EXISTING TRG UNITS.

(a) Trg Units already in existence which are not to undergo reorganization and where change of location is not involved will come under command of Formations as set out in Appendices A, B and C of SM.2358, as from 1 March, 1943.

(b) Where change of location for existing units is involved, Formations which are to take over command of such units, will immediately collaborate with present L of C Areas of command and mutually arrange the earliest possible date of movement, consistent with accommodation and other local administrative factors.

LHQ will be kept informed regarding progress and will be advised not later than 15 March of the earliest practicable dates on which movement could be commenced. No interstate movement will take place without prior concurrence of LHQ.

3. NEW UNITS

WEs for new Units will shortly be issued and on receipt of same action will be taken by Formations concerned to raise the units involved.

4. REORGANIZATION OF EXISTING UNITS.

Formations will submit to LEQ their proposals for relevant WE amendments to existing Trg units which will require to be reorganized. These proposals are required to reach LEQ not later than 15 March 43.

On issue of amended WEs action will be taken by Formations vide para 3.

Where change of location is involved, action will be taken vide para 2(b).

5. DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PERSONNEL

Consequent upon the reorganization, the following units will be affected and the personnel concerned will be made available to HQs First and Second Aust Armies for absorption where necessary in accordance with paras 3 and 4.

(a) HQ VIC L OF C AREA TRG DEPOTS

To be disbanded by Vic L of C Area and the personnel made available to Second Aust Army.

(b) HQs 3 AND 5 AUST INF TRG BDES.

HQ 5 Aust Inf Trg Bde will be absorbed by HQ 3 Aust Inf Trg Bde. An increased WE may be required and First Aust Army will submit any proposed amendments vide para 4. Personnel from both HQs will be available to First Aust Army.

(c) 3 AND 5 AUST INF SPEC GPS.

Similar action will be taken by First Aust Army vide para 5(b).

(d) HQ 15 AUST INF TRG BDE.

Unit will be disbanded by Vic L of C Area and personnel made available to Second Aust Army.

Disbandment to be effected following movement of 19 and 23 I T Bs.

(e) 15 AUST INF SPEC GP

Personnel under instruction will be returned to respective Trg Bns and following such action, the unit will be disbanded by Vic L of C Area and personnel made available to Second Aust Army.

(f) HQs Q'LAND, NSW AND VIC L OF C AREAS.

HQs Q'land, NSW and Vic L of C Areas will each retain

G II Trg	1
G III Trg	2 (1 for general trg and C W and 1 for M T.

and will each make available -

G II Trg	2 (inc G II Tech)
G III Trg	2
G S Clerks	6

Personnel from Q'land L of C Area will be made available to First Aust Army and those from NSW and Vic to Second Aust Army.

By mutual arrangement between First and Second Aust Armies, these personnel may be cross posted if necessary.

Relevant amendments to WEs will be issued in due course.

(g) SURPLUS PERSONNEL

O/R personnel who cannot be absorbed in accordance with paras 3 and 4 above, and who are not required to complete WEs, will be made available to respective L of C Area Records Offices for reposting. Details of service, qualifications and med category of these personnel will be advised to the Records Office concerned.

Names of surplus officers will be submitted to LHQ together with details of service, qualifications and med category.

6. STAFFING OF TRG UNITS.

In addition to the instructions herein, the future staffing of the Trg Units enumerated in para 4, SM2358 will be the responsibility of Formations concerned.

Staffing of Aust Armd Corps Trg Centre will be arranged by LHQ.

7. LHQ TRG CENTRE (J W)

Training policy in regard to LHQ Trg Centre (J W) will remain with LHQ, but local administration including staffing will be the responsibility of First Aust Army.

8. "X" LIST CONCENTRATION DEPOTS AND WINGS.

Separate instructions will be issued concerning "X" List Concentration Depots and Wings.

9. DRAFTING OF REINFORCEMENTS

The policy of drafting forward reinforcements from Trg units will remain with LHQ and separate instructions will be issued concerning the procedure to be adopted and returns to be rendered.

10. WOMENS' SERVICES TRG UNITS

The responsibility for all Womens' Services Trg Units will remain with L of C Areas as at present.

11. TRG EQUIPMENT AND STORES.

Separate instructions regarding the disposal of Trg equipment and stores will be issued by M G O.

APPX G

SECRET

SUBJECT: MT MAINTENANCE.

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)

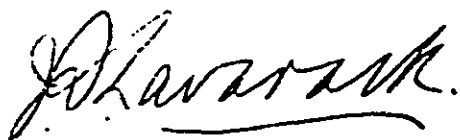
REF: Q273/2/3141

26 Feb 43.

DISTRIBUTION:

LIST "D" (Branches and Units down to Infantry
Battalions or Independent Units).
Plus Serials 60, 61, 65 for information.

1. The present position of vehicle maintenance in First Aust Army is such that vehicles are being evacuated for repairs at a rate considerably greater than AEME Wkshops can deal with them. A very high proportion of these repairs is directly due to careless handling and complete lack of unit maintenance. In addition many vehicles still in service are in more or less urgent need of attention to prevent them requiring extensive repairs at an early date.
2. It is apparent from inspection of vehicles withdrawn into MT pools from units, who are proceeding overseas, that CO's are not supervising unit MT maintenance.
3. Mechanical Vehicle Training Pamphlet No. 1. (Drivers Routine Maintenance) of May 42 lays down that CO's are responsible for the care and maintenance of vehicles on charge to their units, for unit instruction in driving and maintenance, and also that this responsibility cannot be delegated by CO's.
4. So that the Army will be in a position to function in an operational role when required, CO's will ensure that unit MT maintenance is strictly carried out in accordance with the principle laid down in Mechanical Vehicle Training Pamphlet No. 1.
5. The AEME has representatives, including LAD Officers with all Formations. The duty of these EME representatives is to advise the formation or unit commander on technical matters, to accompany him on frequent inspections of his vehicles, and to draw his attention to any failure to maintain them in full battle-worthy condition, in accordance with GRO G70 of 22 Jan 43, and Mechanical Vehicle Training Pamphlet No. 1.
6. An AEME routine inspection of all vehicles on charge to units of First Aust Army will be made in the near future under arrangements of this HQ, and all failures to comply with instructions laid down for maintenance of MT will be reported and disciplinary action will be taken by this HQ against the Officers concerned.



Lt-Gen.,
Comd First Aust Army.

APPX "H"

SUBJECT: ALLOTMENT OF PISTOL AMMUNITION
FOR TRAINING.

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)

REF: Q3/4/3162

27 Feb 43.

DISTRIBUTION:

ALL FIRST AUST ARMY TROOPS.

1. Revolver ammunition .455 and/or .38 has not been on issue for training.
2. It is now advised that 10 rounds, per man on strength entitled to a pistol under WET, will be issued for practice.
3. Units will submit to DDOS First Aust Army (AIF) by 15 Mar 43, an indent for the ammunition required, clearly stating the number of personnel.

McLachlan
Maj-Gen.,
DADOS First Aust Army.

SECRET

APPX J.

SUBJECT: VISIT BY MGGS TO NORTHERN QUEENSLAND
AND MERAUKE - FEB 43.

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)

REF: Q234/1/3161

28 Feb 43.

TORRES STRAIT FORCE.

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1. As a result of the MGGSs visit to NQ and MERAUKE, certain points have been raised with reference to maintenance, and these are now discussed in detail.

2. HIRING OF NATIVE LABOUR - MERAUKE

This question has been referred to LHQ(AUST), and you will be notified as soon as a decision has been received on the matter.

3. AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE BUILDING MATERIALS ETC - MERAUKE

DCRE has authority to expend up to £100 on purchase of Engineer Stores and minor works services, repairs, etc., vide Finance and Accounts - War Organisation and Procedure - 1 Aug 42. Any expenditure over this amount must be referred to CE First Aust Army.

4. RESERVE RATIONS - RED ISLAND POINT.

It has been reported that a large quantity of rations (100,000 approximately) and some ammunition are still located at RED ISLAND POINT, but only seven days supply is with the company at the Aerodrome (apart from 2 day's rations carried on each man).

(a) Please furnish a return and give details of what ammunition is located at RED ISLAND POINT.

(b) Your attention is directed to AST/663/188 of 6 Jan 43 to 9 Aust DID, para 4, quoted hereunder:-

"The reserves to be held at CAPE YORK Peninsula will be 90 days for the number rationed, and items now held at JACKY JACKY in excess of this will be used in current maintenance or transferred to F.S.D. THURSDAY ISLAND. Care will be taken that Reserves of P.O.L. and Fodder are protected against weather conditions to prevent rapid deterioration".

5. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT - MERAUKE

- (a) A list showing deficiencies of controlled and uncontrolled stores of 62 Aust Inf Bn has been received. Action had already been taken by Ord to provide items of WET equipment. Advice has also been received from the servicing depot - 12 AOD - that most of these items have been provided, and urgent provision action has been taken for the remainder.

- (b) In addition action has been taken on the following items:-

- (i) Pressure Lamps - 12
American Gaiters - 1000 prs.

Q'ld L of C has been requested to provide and despatch to USASOS TOWNSVILLE for on movement to MERAUKE.

- (ii) A.R.C. Beach Roadway - 2000 yds
Fly Wire
Ammonal

The first two items mentioned are being provided and TORRES STRAIT Force is requested to forward 2000 lbs of Quarry Monobel in lieu of Ammonal, which is not available.

- (iii) Green Dye
Salt Tablets
Headnets and Woollen Gloves

Green Dye has already been forwarded and provision action taken for the supply of Salt Tablets.

With regard to Headnets and Woollen Gloves, it is now advised that the authorised scale of issue is 100 Headnets and 100 prs of Woollen Gloves, and the excess quantity is to be returned to HQ Q'ld L of C Area when received. My Q2220 of 25 Feb 43 refers.

- (c) Items not included in WET:

With regard to the deficiencies listed under this heading, it is necessary to point out that a special submission will have to be made, giving reasons for the requirements.

- (d) Shorts:

No record is held at this HQ of any instruction to withdraw shorts from 62 Aust Inf Bn, and it is suggested that this clothing, which is no doubt partly worn, remain with the unit. The provisions of GRO A/308/42 para 1 sub para (vi) will, however, still be observed.

(e) Scale of Issue of Clothing:

GRO 349 gives the scale of issue of clothing for units serving at, north of 23rd parallel, as being three pairs of trousers drill khaki, and three shirts, military, per man.

(f) Groundsheets:

The issue of an additional groundsheet per man is NOT approved. It is understood that troops at present in NEW GUINEA are only issued with one groundsheet per man and in view of the scarcity of rubber, it is considered that this extra issue is not warranted.

(g) Spare Parts:

Information was received that spare parts and locks for 13 Vickers Guns together with spare parts for carriers were required at JACKY JACKY. It is pointed out that insufficient information was given at the time to enable spares to be forwarded, and as a result Ord has signalled your HQ for the additional details required.

6. ORD QF 18 pr GUNS - Deficiencies Associated Stores

Enquiries are being made in an endeavour to trace the source of the 2-18 pr guns which have arrived without certain associated stores. It is pointed out that it would be of definite assistance if units, when reporting deficiencies of associated stores, in future would itemise the actual items which were not received with the guns, and state the Ord Depot from which the guns were issued.

7. BOMBS ML 2" MORTAR

The latest stock figures from TORRES STRAIT Force, dated 30 Jan 43, gave holdings of Bombs ML 2" Mortar:-

HE	-	216 rds
Smoke	-	72 rds

OO TORRES STRAIT Force has been asked to Check this holding and submit details of any further ammunition of this type in TORRES STRAIT Force. (vide OS 1118 of 20 Jan 43). However, TORRES STRAIT Force OS 44 of 22 Feb advises that no stocks are held. In view of these contradictory statements Ord First Aust Army is making further enquiries, and on receipt of the required information, instructions regarding the disposal of this ammunition, if any, will be issued.

8. TRANSPORT - MERAUKE

The present intention is that 265 Aust LAD will be located at MERAUKE. DDME First Aust Army advises that suitable arrangements can be made for 116 Ind Bde Gp Wkshop to care for the maintenance of 5 Aust MG Bn. This intention, however, cannot be carried out until after the arrival of 116 Aust Ind Bde Gp Wkshop.

9. 34 AUST HY AA BTY

Three copies of G L Handbooks were forwarded by registered post on 20 Jan and three copies Maintenance Handbook G L equipment on 24 Jan. Please advise if these have yet been received.

(Sgd) A.T. McLEAN Lt-Col.,
for Maj-Gen.,
DA&QMG First Aust Army.

"Q" Branch HQ First Aust Army

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Summaries are contained in FS Regs Pt 11
and the Staff Manual respectively. Title
pages will be prepared in manuscript.

WAR DIARY

Army Form G 2118

original - 6 APR 1943

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Place	Date 1943	Hours	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices.
TOOWOOMBA	4 Mar		Lt-Col McLEAN A.T. (AGMG) marched out to take up appointment as AA&QMG 5 Aust Div	
"	5 Mar		Inspection of all Army Vehicles (refQ286/1/3221)	Appx "A"
"	6 Mar		Census of Warlike Stores (refQ36/1/3244)	Appx "B"
"	6 Mar		Request received from HQ 2 Aust Corps and forwarded to LHQ (aust) asking that representations be made for an increase of newsprint to the "CAIRNS POST" to allow an increase in newspapers to troops - ATHERTON TABLELAND. Reply 31 Mar 43: Not considered advisable to support the application as an AIF PRESS UNIT is being re-organized and will be publishing a newspaper "TABLE TOPS" in that area.	
"	9 Mar		Deficiencies in Initial Unit War Equipment and submission of W.L.T. extracts.	Appx "C"
"	11 Mar		Maj LAHEY K.C.C. (DAQMG) left on visit to HQ's YORKFORCE USASOS and 2 Aust Corps.	
"	17 Mar		Maj LAHEY returned	
"	17 Mar		Requisition forwarded to DDG Allied Works Council covering final construction Road CABOOLTURE - TOORBUL POINT and completion of Loop Road at TOORBUL POINT.	

"Q" Branch HQ First Aust Army

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WAR DIARY

Army Form G 2118

~~INTELLIGENCE SECTION~~
(Phrase heading not required)

Place	Date 1943	Hours	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices.
TOOWOOMBA	21 Mar		Maj LUXTON L. marched in to take up appointment as AQMG First Aust Army vice Lt-Col McLEAN <i>R</i>	
"	23 Mar		Report of Capt SARGOOD E.F. SCQ2 acting as LO between "A" & "Q" Branches First Aust Army/ Q'ld L of C Area and 9 Aust Div at No. 17 Staging Camp, KALINGA - 23 Mar 43. <i>R</i>	Appx "D"
"	25 Mar		To Aust Defence Canteens Board BRISBANE: DAAQMG recommends that Lt-Col LUXTON L. be appointed to the board in lieu of Lt-Col McLEAN. - Maj LAHEY be empowered to attend meetings in the absence of Lt-Col LUXTON: Reply from Canteens Board : Recommendation appreciated and approved. <i>R</i>	
"	28 Mar		Lt-Col LUXTON L. marched out on duty to MERAUKE - ATHERTON areas returning approx 6 April 43. <i>R</i>	
"	30 Mar		Maj HUMAN J.H. (DAQMG2) left on important reconnaissance <i>R</i>	

W. J. H. Human
Maj-Gen
DA & QMG First Aust Army

APPX A'

SUBJECT: INSPECTION OF ALL ARMY VEHICLES.

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)

REF: Q286/1/3221

5 Mar 43.

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LIST "D" Less Serials 1-4

- 1. Attached for information and action is copy of DME Administration Instruction No. 29, dated 20 Feb 43.
2. This instruction will be implemented as under:-
- (a) Units with LADs or Wkshop Pls attached will arrange for inspection of vehicles by OC LAD or Wkshop Pls.
 - (b) Units without a wkshop detachment will arrange for inspection of vehicles by nearest LAD or Wkshop Pl.
3. As an alternative to 2 (b) vehicles may be sent for inspection as follows:-
- TOOWOOMBA Area - 4 Aust Inf Tps Wkshop
AEME, TOOWOOMBA.
 - IPSWICH Area - 2/3 Aust Inf Tps Wkshop
AEME, IPSWICH.
 - NAMBOUR Area - 3 Aust Div Wkshop
YANDINA.
- Units will arrange dates and times with Wkshops concerned.
4. Consolidated returns will be furnished direct to DDME, HQ First Aust Army (AIF).
5. It is a unit responsibility to ensure that -
- (a) All vehicles on charge, including those undergoing repairs in wkshop, are covered by the consolidated return.
 - (b) Returns are furnished as close to the stipulated date as possible, but NOT later than 15 Apr 43.


Major-General,
HQ First Aust Army.

ALLIED LAND FORCES HEADQUARTERS
DIRECTORATE OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION NO. 29

SUBJECT - Inspection of all Army Vehicles.

1. Arrangements are to be instituted, at once, for the inspection of all vehicles. This inspection is to be completed by 31st March, 1943. Should unforeseen circumstances delay the completion of the inspection by this date, an interim report will be forwarded.
2. The motive behind this inspection is to obtain a broad picture of the general condition of all vehicles in the Army.
3. Formation representatives will submit a consolidated report through the normal channels and D.O.M.E., L of C Areas will also report on all vehicles held in Ordnance Depots - each Depot to be shown separately.
4. The inspection of any one vehicle should not take more than 15 minutes. A normal G4 inspection is not required. For the purpose of this inspection, vehicles will be classified as hereunder :-

Class I - Vehicles fit for operational roles for a minimum mileage or period of -

Tanks - Medium M3	50 hours 500 miles
Light M3	"
Infantry Machine	100 hours 500 miles
Light M3 (Hornet)	50 hours 500 miles
Carriers	500 miles
Other wheeled M3 vehicles	500 miles
'E' Vehicles	3,000 miles

These figures are based upon 50% of expected life between major inspections.

Class II - Vehicles which are not Class I but which retain operational life, or may require repairs not beyond the scope of first echelon.

Class III - Operational vehicles which require repair by 2nd Echelon workshops.

Class IV - Operational vehicles which require repair by 3rd or 4th Ech. Workshops.

Class VA - Vehicles which, by reason of non-standard make, age, type, etc. are only suitable for limited use in Base, L of C Areas and/or for training purposes but are in good running order.

Class VB - as class VA, but requiring repair.

5. The formula on reverse hereof is to be used.
6. Inspections will be recorded in Vehicle Log Books, thus obviating any double inspection.
7. Vehicles should not be physically inspected where classification is already known. A report is, however, required.

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(Sgd) FRANK FIELD Colonel
Director of Mechanical Engineering.
10/2/1943. (p.t)

FORMATION.....

Date

Type of Vehicle	Numbers of Vehicles by Classification						Total	Remarks
	I	II	III	IV	VA	VB		
(1) Cars, D.S.								
(2) Trucks and Lorries up to and including 3-ton - (a) W.D. types (b) Conventional								
(3) Semi-trailers (load carrying) (a) W.D. types (b) Conventional								
(4) Transporters, Artillery Tractors								
(5) Technical Vehicles - (any special purpose vehicle). Trailers								
(6) Motor-cycles and Combination.								
(7) Tanks								
(8) Carriers								
(9) Other Armoured Vehicles								
TOTAL								

.....A.D.H.E.
or D.A.D.M.E.

Formation

APPX 'B'

SUBJECT: CENSUS OF WARLIKE STORES

HQ First Aust Army(AIF)

REF: Q36/1/3244

6 Mar 43.

LIST "D"(Branches & Units down
to Infantry Battalions
or Independent Units)
Less Serials 28,29,30,
31,32,34,35,40,41,44,
53,54.

1. The attention of units is drawn to the following G.R.O's affecting the compiling of the monthly Census of Warlike Stores Returns:-

2. G.R.O. 0722/42 which alters the entitlement to be shown by eliminating equipment for reinforcements.

3. G.R.O. 017/43 which amends War Equipment Tables by deleting personal issues of helmets steel, and anti-gas equipment. The figure to be shown as entitlement will be the personal entitlement as per E2-500 based on the Unit strength plus the unit reserve set out in G.R.O. 017/43 e.g. a unit with a War Establishment based on 100 personnel and a strength of 80 would in the census return show an entitlement of 90 respirators made up of one respirator for each man on strength (as provided in E2-500) - 80 plus 10% reserve of War Establishment personnel = 10.

4. G.R.O. 0183/43 which alters the basis of entitlement.

5. The purport of this is that whereas formerly the entitlement shown was that contained solely in the War Equipment Table, in future Census returns the entitlement will be as follows:-

(a) Where a War Equipment Table is in existence for a unit, this will be the basis of entitlement together with the addition of any entitlement contained in Mechanisation Circulars and G.12s.

(b) Where a later War Establishment exists than that quoted in the current War Equipment Table, the entitlement will be adjusted in accordance with this later War Establishment, E2-500 being applied where applicable.


Maj-Gen.,
QA & QMG First Aust Army.

APPX C'

SUBJECT: DEFICIENCIES IN INITIAL UNIT WAR EQUIPMENT
AND SUBMISSION OF WET EXTRACTS.

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)

REF: Q83/6/3275

9 Mar 43.

DISTRIBUTION:

ALL UNITS FIRST AUST ARMY TROOPS.

Copy: Ord

PART I - Applicable to all Units.

DEFICIENCIES IN INITIAL UNIT WAR EQUIPMENT.

1. The following is an extract from DCS Routine Instruction No. 197, dated 20 Feb 43 at LHQ:-

"ADsOS Formations, DADsOS L of C Areas etc., will arrange for the submission by all units of a deficiency list of all items of Initial Unit War Equipment other than expendable items and Controlled Stores. Deficiencies due to wear and tear, losses etc., which should already be covered by submission of AAF G997 will NOT be included. The deficiency list will be prepared on AAF E2(a)'s (War Equipment Table Extracts), sectionised, and with separate sheets for each group of stores. There is no necessity for separate sheets for each section."

2. The above instruction concerns all units, including those who have not submitted either War Equipment Tables, or E2(a)'s, and these units should compile their return from the information contained in the relevant War Establishment, in conjunction with E2-500 (Scales of Personal and Unit equipment). (Additional instructions are promulgated in Part 2 of this instruction for units for whom no War Equipment Table exists).

3. To facilitate the grouping of stores (reference para 1), Appendix "A", enumerating sections by groups, is appended on Page 2. More than one section can be included on any one sheet, provided that the sections concerned, form part of the relevant group.

4. Part I of this instruction requires action by all Units, and returns should be rendered in duplicate to DADOS First Aust Army Troops on or before 20 Mar 43.

PART 2 - Applicable only to Units for whom no War Equipment Table exists.

SUBMISSION OF WAR EQUIPMENT TABLE EXTRACTS (E2(a))

Reference GRO 0.44 of 22 May 42.

1. Units for whom no appropriate War Equipment Table has been published, are instructed that it will be necessary to implement forthwith the GRO referred to above.

2. The War Equipment Table Extracts E2(a)'s can be compiled from E2-500 (Scales of Personal and Unit equipment) in conjunction with the relevant War Establishment.
3. E2(a)'s will be prepared in quadruplicate and three copies submitted to DADOS First Aust Army Troops. Similar procedure to that outlined in Part I, para 3 will be followed.
4. DADOS First Aust Army Troops will arrange to make available to units requiring them, copies of E2-500. Supplies of E2(a)'s can be obtained from Stationery Depot.
5. Returns are to be completed and forwarded to DADOS First Aust Army Troops on or before 20 Mar 43, and units are advised that no indents on AAFC997 for initial issue against War Equipment Table entitlement will be approved after this date.

W. M. Corbett
Maj-Gen.,
DA&QMG First Aust Army.

APPENDIX "A"

Group I	Group II	Group III	Group IV	Group V	Group VI
Sect. LV. 1	Sect. LV. 3	Sect	Sect D1	Sect M1	Sect 31
LV 2	LV 4	Clothing	D2	M2	B2
LV 5	LV 6	A1	E1	M3	C1
LV 7		A2	E3	N1	C2
			E4	N2	C3
			E5	N3	E2
			F	O	L
			G1	P1	V2
			G2	P2	V3
			H1	Q2	W1
			H2	R2	W2
			H3	S2	X
			H4	T2	Y
			J1	U	Z
			J2	V1	
			K	V4	
				V5	
				V6	

APPX 5-
COPY NO. 6

MOST SECRET

SUBJECT: REPORT OF CAPT E.F. SARGOOD ACTING AS LO BETWEEN
"A" AND "Q" BRANCHES FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY - Q'LAND L OF
C AREA AND 9 AUSTRALIAN DIV AT NO 17 STAGING CAMP, KALINGA -
23 MAR 43.

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
Ref: Q234/1/3449
23 Mar 43.

1. A/AQM, Q'land L of C, Maj GREEN, was con- BRANCH INTERESTED
tacted on arrival BRISBANE, and advised LO that Amendment
No. 1 of 20 Mar to Q'land L of C Area Administrative
Instruction No 4 had been despatched to First Aust Army
p.m. 31 Mar.

2. Personnel.

CO of No 17 Staging Camp, Lt-Col SPARKES, was
next contacted at the Staging Camp. He advised that

"A"

- (a) approximately 800 men had returned
from leave up to then - 1800 hrs
23 Mar.
- (b) he anticipated 2-3000 would be in
the camp by 25 Mar.
- (c) he produced Summary of Strength
States of REDDINGTON units, he con-
centrated KALINGA camp he had just
received from A Branch Q'land L
of C Area. Distribution did not
include First Aust Army. Copy of
this was obtained from A Branch Q'land
L of C on request and is being dis-
tributed by A First Aust Army.

3. Stores & Equipment.

It was learned that:

- (a) only personal equipment and kit
were held.
- (b) some Bren guns - 2" and 3" Mortars
had been landed from ship at, it
was thought, SYDNEY. Whether these
were to be subsequently forwarded
to units was not known nor was their
present location known.

"Q"

4. Medical.

No medical equipment is held by medical units, and G1098
Scale (less blankets and tents) which were landed at SYDNEY are "A"
not to hand nor is location known.

5. 9 Aust Div Staff

This should be complete when concentration finalised. "A"

6. Move to ATTENTION.

BRANCH INTERESTED

Asked when it was thought units concentrated
17 Staging Camp would be ready to move, it was
advised that they should be ready to commence on
30 Mar 45.

G(O)
G(2D)
A
Q

E. Hargood

Capt.

EC(4) 2.

Distribution:

Copy No.

PA to GOC in C
G(8)
G(2D)
A
Q
WAR DIARY

1
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6-7

"Q" BRANCH HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

Instns regarding War Diaries and Int
Summaries are contained in FS Regs Pt 11
and the Staff Manual respectively. Title
pages will be prepared in manuscript.

WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
(Erase heading not required)

7 MAY 1943

Place	Date 1943	Hours	Summary of Events and Information
TOOWOOMBA	6 Apr		Lt-Col LUXTON (AQMG) returned from visit to MERAUKE and NORTHERN AREAS
"	8 Apr		Report on visit of AQMG First Aust Army to: MERAUKE, TORRES STRAIT FORCE, 2 AUST CORPS. (Ref Q234/1/3632)
"	13 Apr		Col LEGGE, S.F., marched in to take up appointment as DA of First Aust Army
"	" "		Lt-Col LUXTON, L. left to visit LHQ (Aust), MELBOURNE, for conference re "MOULTRIE" Plan.
"	" "		Capt SARGOOD, E.F., SC(Q) 2 left on reconnaissance GAYNDAR KINGAROY-NANANGO Areas.
"	15 Apr		Capt SARGOOD returned from reconnaissance.
"	16 Apr		Maj-Gen BRIDGEFORD, W., marched out to take up appointment GOC 3 Aust Armd Div as from 18 Apr 43.
"	16 "		Conservation of Rubber - Publicity Campaign (Ref Q239/1/39)
"	17 "		Reconnaissance Report on GAYNDAR and KINGAROY-NANANGO Areas 13-15 Apr by: Capt SARGOOD
"	24 "		Administration Instruction No 13 issued
"	25 "		Lt-Col LUXTON, L., left on visit to TORRES STRAIT FORCE and MERAUKE

"Q" BRANCH HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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WAR DIARY

Army Form G 2118

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
(Erase heading not required)

Place	Date	Hours	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices.
	1943			
TOOWOOMBA	29 Apr		Capt SHERWOOD, T., marched out to RAAF School of Army Co-operation - Course No 16, duration 20 days; then to take up appointment with 3 AUST ARMD DIV. <i>7</i>	

W. J. H. M.
Brig.,
DA&GIG First Aust Army

WAR DEPT
APPX - A

SUBJECT: REPORT ON VISIT OF AQMG FIRST AUST ARMY TO:-
MERAUKE, TORRES STRAITS FORCE, 2 AUST CORPS.

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)

REF: Q234/1/3632

8 Apr 43.

MERAUKE.

1. Deficiency lists etc., covering the following requirements are attached to those concerned for necessary action:-

	<u>Distributed To</u>
List of Vehicles held by Units MERAUKE Force	G(O) G(SD) S&T Ord AEME
POL holdings at MERAUKE as at 31 Mar 43	G(O) "Q" S&T
Outstanding Stationery Requisitions	"Q"
Intelligence Requirements	G(I) "Q" Ord
18 pr Stores required	BRA G(O) G(SD) Ord
Deficiencies vehicle tools and equipment for carriers	G(SD) Ord AEME
List of tools, kits, carpenters required	G(O) G(SD) Ord
List of general purpose tools required	G(O) G(SD) Ord
List of camp and billet stores required for outposts	G(O) G(SD) Ord
List of Engineer ^{-service} Stores required for Defence work	G(O) CE
List of repair tools required by Sigs	CSO G(O) G(SD) Ord
List of tools required for Coys on Defence work	"Q" Ord
List of tools and equipment required by anti-tank Unit	BRA G(O) G(SD) Ord
List of Camp and Billet Stores required for outposts	"Q" Ord
List of Sig equipment required to complete communications	CSO G(O) G(SD) Ord
Medical stores shortages	DMS S&T Ord

Branch or
Service
Interested

--- 2. Attached as Appendix "A" is Staff Table showing weapons and ammunition held by all Units in the Force, with the exception of 59 Aust Fd Bty, information for which was not complete, as the entire Bty had not arrived in the area at the time of the visit.

G(O)
G(SD)
"Q"
Ord

p.t.o.

Branch or
Service
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3. MAINTENANCE OF TROOPS - MERAUKE

The above is the subject of a separate report.

4. CANTEEN STOCKS.

The force is at present on USA rations and is being supplied with supplementary rations at the rate of 6d per man per day in kind. In spite of this the only shipment of canteen stores received to date consisted entirely of tinned meats and fruits plus tooth-paste. No tobacco was included. American issue of cigarettes is not sufficient, and in many cases it was found that troops did not like American tobacco. In addition to this, the shipment of canteen stores was not accompanied by a price list, therefore the canteen staff are unable to sell the present stock as the prices to be charged are not the same as in Australia, owing to the fact that all goods supplied to Dutch NG are duty free. This was taken up with No. 1 L of C Sub Area, who have been instructed to forward price lists to Torres Straits Force, who will have them dropped on the air strip by the patrol plane as soon as possible. The question of tobacco supplies will be taken up with the Canteens Service direct.

"Q"

5. SHIPPING DOCUMENTS.

It was requested that these be forwarded to arrive prior to the ship taking the goods. Arrangements have been made with Movements TOWNSVILLE to have these documents forwarded and dropped on the strip as soon as that organisation takes over the maintenance of this area.

"Q"

6. AMMUNITION

The ammunition is stored on dunnage made from coconut palm logs and is covered with corrugated galvanised iron and local scrub. This type of cover appears to be very effective as it keeps out the weather and is satisfactory camouflage, but will not be sufficient cover during the WET. A visit by an I O O is requested.

"Q"

Ord

7. HEADNETS & GLOVES

It is considered essential that every man in the Force have a personal issue of the above. Stock at date of visit was 290 nets and no gloves. 120 of each have been sent to MERAUKE from TORRES STRAIT Force. Present requirements, allowing for a small reserve, are 1500 of each.

Q

Medical

Ord

8. CLOTHING

No reserves were held, and clothing in the hands of troops is inadequate. It is essential that each man have 3 pairs of boots, 3 shirts and 3 pairs of trousers. It is necessary for all troops to spend portion of their training time in the swamps, frequently up to their armpits, and it is essential that sufficient stocks be forwarded as soon as possible. This is being arranged. To relieve the position some clothing was flown to MERAUKE on 31 March.

"Q"

Ord

Branch or
Service
Interested

9. DUBBIN

100 lbs of above are required URGENTLY for the preservation of boots. This matter was mentioned to No. 1: E of C Sub Area. Request that Ord follow up.

Ord

10. ORD ACCOUNTING

67 Aust Inf Bn has been requisitioning for all Ord Stores for the Force to establish a reserve. CO was instructed to open a separate account for MERAUKE Force and to use this for holding all reserve stores over and above unit reserve.

G(SD)
Ord

11. SHIPMENT OF SMALL ARMS

Recently a shipment of 72 rifles, 10 TSMGs and 100 Magazines, 3 Boys A/ Tk rifles and 6 .38 pistols arrived in the Dutch ship "KHOEN HOEA". The condition of these arms on arrival was deplorable. The rifles and TSMGs were packed in cornsacks and of the rifles 50 are US and will be returned to the mainland. Some 30 TSMG Magazines were also US. The Boys rifles and the .38 pistols were lying loose in an open box with bayonets.

Ord

12. UNSATISFACTORY RIFLES

96 rifles on issue to troops of 62 Aust Inf Bn are old and of various types issued to them during their recruit period at REDBANK Camp. Instructions were issued that these were to be returned to R.S.D., 12 A.O.D., and Ord Officer, TORRES STRAITS Force instructed to forward immediately 100 new rifles to replace them.

G(SD)
Ord

13. 18-PDRS (4)

Three dial sights accompanied the above-mentioned weapons but they are not fitted with brackets to hold the sights.

BRA
G(SD)
Ord

14. CAMOUFLAGE NETS

These are required urgently in the area to cover defence works. It was arranged to have 50 nets, 30' x 30', or their equivalent, forwarded from TORRES STRAIT Force.

CE
Ord

15. SIGNAL EQUIPMENT

The 59 Fd Bty's WET shows No. 11 sets - the Battery is holding 101 sets. It is requested that these be changed as soon as possible,

CSG
Ord

16. MAILS

Dissatisfaction was shown over outward postal mails, it being claimed that of 8 southbound shipments only two had been delivered.

THURSDAY ISLAND.

17. S & E

The position here as far as records are concerned is not satisfactory. The senior ASC officer Captain NEEDHAM, is doing the best he can, but his organisation is understaffed. In addition to being the senior S&T officer, he is OC 9 Aust DID and has what is known as AASC Section, THURSDAY ISLAND, to assist 9 DID. Of this latter unit, the Officer and 6 ORs are efficient; the remainder, who have been in THURSDAY ISLAND for 2 years approximately should be relieved with the least possible delay.

S&T

p.t.c.

Branch or
Service
Interested

S & T (Contd)

It is suggested that this Force should have a minimum S&T establishment of HQ of a Supply Depot Coy, and 2 Supply Depot Platoons. The present half section of the field bakery should be increased to at least one section. Existing personnel are not capable of baking sufficient bread for troops on the island. It is understood that Q'ld L of C have been endeavouring to withdraw some of the above bakers, and this should not be concurred in.

G(SD)
S&T

It is considered that Q'ld L of C are making very little attempt to establish a balanced ration on THURSDAY ISLAND. As an example, there are at present 15000 cases of army biscuits in store. This is equivalent to one year's supply for the present garrison.

S&T

Another complaint is that supplies often are received a considerable time after the warranty has expired. As a result of this in MERAUKE it is necessary at times to destroy as much as 30% of bully beef owing to the fact that it was rotten when opened.

S&T

Captain NEEDHAM admitted that he has been unable to take a physical check of the actual number of balanced rations available on the island. This is, in my opinion, due to the lack of staff.

S&T

18. ORD

TORRES STRAIT Force requests that a WUR table for stores other than ammunition be supplied to them.

Ord

It is requested that Ord (P) prepare scalings for MERAUKE Force.

Ord

The tentative scalings produced by OO TORRES STRAIT Force has been forwarded to "Q" and Ord First Aust Army.

Ord TORRES STRAIT Force complain that as a result of the present maintenance system for MERAUKE Force, whereby USASOS deal direct with this Force, they are unable to ascertain the true Ord position.

Ord

It is most essential that Aust Movement Control take over the maintenance of MERAUKE. As a result of TORRES STRAIT'S efforts to build up a reserve for MERAUKE Force, it is requested that a complete re-issue of Ord stores be made to TORRES STRAITS Force on the original issue basis - Landops Ord Instruction 25 Issue Order No. ACD 12A/P2/25 of 1 Jan 43. This has been taken up with DDOS First Aust Army and arranged.

G(SD)
Ord

OO TORRES STRAITS Force states that in order to give a Service and run reserve dumps as well as check up on the stock position, it is essential that he be provided with Staff as asked for from First Aust Army. His view is concurred in.

Ord

Webbing Equipment: There are considerable deficiencies in this, and it is requested that when the complete re-issue mentioned above has been made the total quantities shown on the issue order be supplied. This has been arranged.

Ord

19. GENERAL

It is URGENT that the policy re location of reserves in this area be decided as soon as possible and that the building of stores be proceeded with. At present there is material at THURSDAY ISLAND for 2 buildings, 90' x 45' and it will be possible to remove 6 buildings 60' x 20' from the Links Camp on THURSDAY ISLAND.

G(O)
G(SD)
Medical
S&T
Ord

Branch or
Service
Interested

GENERAL (Contd)

It is considered that not more than 30 days reserves should be carried in the island for the actual troops occupying these islands and that the balance of the reserves should be carried in a depot on the mainland. The equipment for the 90-bed hospital is due in the area in the very near future, and in view of possible future developments it is suggested that this hospital be built on the mainland. Instructions were issued to have stores landed at RED ISLAND PT for this purpose.

G(O)
G(SD)
Medical
S&F
Ord

TORRES STRAIT Force requests that films be supplied by Amenities for display in the local theatre. Amenities

20. 2 AUST CORPS
CAMP STAFFS OFFICERS

This matter was discussed with DA&QNG of the Corps, and it is requested that Camp Staff on the following basis be provided: per Div:

- 1 Captain
- 3 Lieutenants
- 4 Clerks
- 4 Batmen

"A"
"Q"

This arrangement would allow one Camp 30 per Div Troops and one per Bde Camp.

21. TOWN MAJOR, ATHERTON

This was discussed with 2 Aust Corps and Camp 17 L of C Sub Area, and it was decided that it would be essential to have a Town Major at ATHERTON.

Col COOK requests that the organisation consist of 2 officers with appropriate staff. As ATHERTON is the main town in the area, and will contain an Officers' Club and a hostel for the troops, and is also probably going to be used by the Navy as a rest area for officers and ratings, it is agreed that the above is necessary and it is requested that representation be made to Q'ld L of C by First Aust Army to support 17 L of C Sub Area.

"A"
"Q"

22. ORD STORES

The Corps appears to be satisfied with the rate at which controlled stores are coming forward, in view of the difficulties of rail transportation. The most serious shortage of equipment at the moment would appear to be tent poles. There are sufficient on hand for requirements for the next two weeks, but after that local timber will have to be used.

G(SD)
Ord

23. CLOTHING

Troops of 9 Div and others returning from leave appear to be arriving with winter dress. In addition there are stocks at TOLGA AOD.

Ord

Branch of
Service
Interested

24. COOKING & BAKING SCHOOL

It is requested by 2 Aust Corps that as well as returning equipment belonging to their cooking school WO MURRAY, C.I. of the School, be returned, as the Corps has no other man to take his job.

S&T

25. It is requested that first priority for forward movement of vehicles be given to tipping and water trucks.

G(SD)
Q
Ord

26. REGIMENTAL SUPERNUMARY LIST

DA&QMG requested that the Corps be permitted to furnish a list once per week giving additions or subtractions to the above rather than write an individual letter concerning each case.

AMS

27. PILFERING OF STORES IN TRANSIT.

Considerable cases are being experienced of the above - VOLs in particular. The question of using returning leave personnel as escorts will be discussed with Q'land L of C.

"Q"

28. CCS FOR 6 AUST DIV.

The present medical plan includes two General Hospitals and two CCS. It is suggested that an additional CCS may be required for 6 Aust Div.

"A"
Medical

Lewis D. ... Lt-Col.,
AQMG First Aust Army.

DISTRIBUTION:

BRA
CSO
PA to GOC-in-C
MGGS
G(O)
G(I)
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DA&QMG
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APPX "A" to Q234/1/3632 of 8 Apr 43.

STAFF TABLE SHOWING WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION HELD BY ALL UNITS HERAUXE FORCE.

AMMUNITION	62 Inf Bn	"D" Bty 10th CA	HEI Coy	Port Det A	26 Portable Hosr	RAAF Sigs	RDF
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
.30	34,500	78,000	77,200	109,440 (b) 64,500 (b) 5,000	450		
.303	400,000 (d) 322,000 (e) 189,500 (f) 7,248 (g) 17,740 (h)					5,600	1,500
.32			600				
.38	128					20	72
6.5 mm			3,300				
.45	60,000 (a)	7,000	230,000	12,000 (b) 4,000	300	2000	300
.455	3,458						
.50		32,215		93,270 (a) 1,590			
.37 mm			1,850				
2 pr	64 HE 1,398 AP						
60 mm MOR	140		1,916	414 (c) 1,944 (b)			

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
3" MOR	9088 HE 1134 SH						
18 pr	636			13,500 (a)			
40 mm		2,800 HE 1,920 AP					
Cart Illum	900						
Cart Green	250						
Cart Red	600						
Grenados 36 Grenados US	3,400	1,035	750	950 (b) 12		72	24
.55 AP	1,330						
Grenados Rifle	804						
Grenados Smoke	450						
.303 tracer	7,248						
Cart S.A.R.C. 305	150 (c)						
Mines A.T.	5,016		48				
9 mm							300

U.S. have approx 5 tons explosives,
mainly OLD and US.
GELE and IC/S TNT

NOTES : (a) KALAPA LIME dump
(b) MAIN ST dump
(c) BALLISTITE
(d) with charges
(e) without charges
(f) Stripless Bolt
(g) Tracer
(h) A.P.

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W E A P O I S

	62 INF BN	BTY 104 CA	NEI COY	PORT DET A	26 POR HOSP	RAAF SIGS	RDF
SMG OWEN							4
RIFLE .303	771					9	15
RIFLE .30		186		22	33		
" JOHNSON .30			45				
" .55	17						
PISTOL .38	5		1			3	1
" .455	60						
" .45		12	1	2	6		
" .32			4				
CARBINES 6.5 mm			25				
TSMG .45	110	8	125	8		2	6
IMG BREN	59						
IMG LEWIS .30			4				
IMG VICKERS	14						
IMG BROWNING .30	6		4				
AUTO RIFLE .30		1					
EY MG .30		12		1			
MOR 60 mm	7		3				
Mor 3"	7						
A/Tk 2 pr	4						
A/Tk 37 mm			4				
Guns 18 pr	4						
Bofors		8					
Pistol Sig	21						
LMG Madsen 6.5 mm			2				
LMG LEWIS .303	2						

VEHICLES HELD BY AUSL UNITS - MERRAVER

M/Gs BSA Solo 1940	5
" Horton "	3
Trucks 1/2 ton Jeep (d)	
Willys)	17
Vans 12-cwt Ford 1941	1
" " Chev "	1
" " " 1942	6 (not arr'd)
Trucks 12-cwt F&D Chev 1942	2
Lorries 30 cwt Dodge GS 1940	1
" 3-ton Internatl CG 1940	2
Trucks 3-ton F&D Chev 1942	4
" 3-ton GS 424 Ford	11
" 3-ton water tank Chev	1
Tractors arty No 3 F&D 1940	2
" " " 2A	2
2-pr A/Tk Guns Fortee	1
Carriers	10
3-man tanks	3
Trucks 2 1/2 ton GMC	2
Trucks 1 1/2 cwt (10 Type) Chev	4
1/2 ton P.U. Dodge	1
AMB Dodge 1/2 ton	1
Reeve Car Dodge	1

G(6) G(20) 3AT 6ND AMRE

FUEL STOCKS AT MERRAUKER AS AT 31 MAR 1943

	Octane, SAE No, or Naval Code No.	Imperial Gallons on Hand
PETROL	100	22,000
"	90	0
"	75	3,000
"	80	17,600
"	70	
RANGE FUEL		3,740
DIESELINE (LIGHT DIESEL OIL)		1,276
KEROSENE (LIGHTING)		792
KEROSENE (POWER)		1,500
AVIATION OIL	120	4,300
CHASSIS (LUBRICANT)	Class II	
CHASSIS (LUBRICANT)	" III	355
CUP GREASE	" I	
CUP GREASE	" 2	
CUP GREASE	" 3	510
WATER PUMP GREASE	Grade 4	36 lbs
WHEEL PACKING	" 2	---
GEAR (LUBRICATING OIL)	Class 90 (SAE) 90, Gx90	616 galls
MOTOR OILS:	SAE 10	
	20	264 gals
	30	484
	40	372
	50	44
	60	88
	90	616
	140	132
	240	20
HYDRAULIC BRAKE FLUID		20
SHOCK ABSORBER OIL		4 pts

G(0) 2 S&T

62 AUST INF BN (AIF)

OUTSTANDING STATIONERY REQUISITIONS

500	W.3809
4	A.A. B76
24	A.A. B77
2000	Green Envelopes
1 doz	Pkts Memo letterheads
2 gross	A.F. G904
4 boxes	Typewriter Carbon
1 doz	" Ribbons
500	A.A. A46
2 boxes	Pins
2 "	Pins drawing
1 gross	Gestetner Stencils
3 doz	Black Lead Pencils
1 "	Copying Pencils
1 "	Bottles Office Paste
2 books	W.3008
1 "	W.3009
3 reams	Thin Typewriting Foolscap
500	A.A. C2118
36	Manila Folders
6	Foolscap Books
12	Exercise Books
12	Bulldog Clips
3 boxes	Paper Clips
100	A.A.F. A.18
30	A.A.F. A.33A
100	A.A.F. C.7
1000	A.A.F. C.2128
2 books each	A. 57, ...
100	A.A.F. T.51
5	reams Gestetner Paper
6	Sticks Sealing Wax
1	Duplicator Gestetner
1	Typewriter

REQUISITION FOR INTELLIGENCE SEC

6 Liquid Compasses
3 Rolls DYELINE paper and developer
6 Bottles large BLACK ink
Message forms (02128)
Blank or other suitable paper for
writing reports
Note Books
Ink erasers
Mapping Hibs
Rulers
Chinagraph Pencils -
Red - 1 doz
Blue - 1 doz

Compasses and Dyeline Paper are urgently required

G(I) Q CRD

LIST OF 18 PDR STORES URGENTLY REQUIRED - 62 AUST
INF BN (AIF)

Adaptors -

Air Pipe No 2	2
No 2 Pump liquid portable-	
No 1	1
Pump No 2	1

Pump -

Hand suction and force screw	
acting No 2	1

In addition the following are required by 59 PD BTY:

Apparatus, pulling back gun No 7 Mk I	1
Bren spares to fill 6 spare parts wallets	6 sets
Cases sight clino	2
Cases telescope sighting	1
Cables No 5, sight illuminating apparatus	

No 6 Mk II	7
No 15 Mk I	14

Watches, GS	2
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BRA G(O) G(SD) ORD

29/3/43

62 Aust Inf Bn

LIST OF DEFICIENCIES OF VEHICLE TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT AS PER
AAF-012-58 Entitlement FOR CARRIERS MACHINE GUN Aust No 2 and 2A

ITEM	Qty to complete Entitlement
<u>SECTION F</u>	
Chisels Cold Chrm 3/4"	4
Files-	
Bastard hand safe edge 8"	2
Handles Medium	1
Hammers Engineering Ball Pein 2 lbs	5
Pliers Combination 7"	5
Rolls Tools Vehicle	1
Screwdrivers O S 10"	2
Spanners D E S A E-	
7/16 x 1/2	2
9/16 x 1/2	2
Spanners Adj Crescent Type 6"	3
Padlocks Iron Galv 3 1/2" with 2 Keys	80
Pins Keep Split Assd Pkts	10
Wire Copper Soft 1/4 lb Rolls	6
<u>SECTION K</u>	
Brushes Hand Bass Mk I	10
<u>SECTION W 1</u>	
Cutters-	
Dannert High Tensile Wire	10
<u>SECTION LV 2</u>	
Mountings Vickers	10
Adaptors BREM	9
Cushions	16
Handles-	
Starting	1
Extension	2
Hoods Gunner Adjustable	10
Links Track Spare	10
Plugs Lead for Tracks	120
Mounts A A	7
Punches Track Hinge Pin-	
Starting	10
Spanners-	
Spark Plug and Cylinder Head Nuts	10
Swivels-	
A A LEWIS	1
A A Bren	10
Tools-	
Adjusting Track	1
Dismantling Bogie Springs	10
Track Strainer with loose handles (Winch)	-
" Groove Cleaning	10
Wedges Bogie Springs-	
No 1 Thin	10
No 2 Medium	20
No 3 Wide	10
Belts Fan Spare	10

Brushes Olg Engine 11"	3
Cans Oil Lubricating -	
1 Qrt Cylindrical	4
Cans 2 Galls "O"	1
Cans 2 Galls "W"	2
Funnel Petrol 6" Diameter with 9" Stem	1
Injectors Lubricant Hand Junior Compressor	
No 1	1
Pourers Petrol with 2'6" Rubber Hose for	
4 Gallon Drums	10

SECTION LV6/MT3

Bulbs Electric Spare - Head 6V 8C 21 CP	2
Bulbs Electric Spare -	
Tail 6V 8C 3 CP	1
Ignition Warning Light 6V Min 8C 1 CP	3
Horns Electric	2
Lamps Vehicle -	
Tail with Bulbs	8
Inspection Portable 6V with 12 ft	
TRS Flex	5
Mirrors Driving Exterior	10

SECTION LV6/MT4

Gauges Gap Spark Plug and distributor Univ	2
Holders Spark Plug	1
Tape Insulating 3/4" (1/4 lb Rolls) Rolls	4
Plugs Sparking 14 mm Spare	1

SECTION LV6/MT11

Ropes Towing Steel Heavy (Aus) No 2	2
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SECTION LV6/CT

Books Instruction Carrier MD	10
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LIST OF TOOLS KITS CARPENTERS.

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1. Item	Qty Required	To complete W.E.T.	Surplus to W.E.T.
SECTION F.			
Adzes Carpenters -			
1/2 Head 3 1/2"	6	2	4
Handles	12	2	10
Augers 1 1/2"	2	2	-
Brushes Sash Tools	6	1	5
Bevels	6	1	5
Braces Carpenters Ratchet Type	4	-	4
Braces Carpenters	3	3	-
Brushes Varnish 1 1/2"	3	2	1
Chests Tools Empty No.4(Aust)	4	4	-
Chisels Register-			
1/4"	6	1	5
3/8"	6	1	5
1/2"	6	4	2
3/4"	6	-	6
1"	6	2	4
Handles Chisels asstd Sizes	12	-	12
Files-			
Second Cut Half round 6"	4	4	-
Smooth Flat 6"	4	4	-
Hand saw edge 8"	4	4	-
" " " 12"	8	5	1
Saw taper second cut single			
4"	12	2	10
" " second cut single			
6"	12	2	10
Smooth 3 Square 8"	12	-	12
Gauges Register 1/2"	4	4	-
" " 1"	3	3	-
Gauges Marking Carpenters	5	5	-
Handles Hammers Carpenters Claw 24		-	24
Handles Files -			
Small	6	-	6
Medium	6	-	6
Large	6	1	5
Hammers Carpenters Warrington			
Pattern 8 ozs	2	2	-
Hammers Carpenters Claw 20 ozs	12	-	12
Hack Saws Adjustable	6	2	4
" " Blades 12" doz	6	1 1/2	4 1/2
Knives Drawing 8"	1	1	-
Mallets Carpenters	3	3	-
Nail Pullers	2	-	2
Braces Carpenters-			
Bits			
Sets Aust No. 1			
A Sets	5	3	2
Punches Round-			
1/8"	6	5	1
3/16"	6	1	5
Pincers Carpenters	5	5	-
Pencils Carpenters	36	8	28
Planes Carpenters-			
Jack	4	2	2
Smoothing 2 1/2"	3	-	3
Padlocks with 2 Keys	8	-	8

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LIST OF TOOLS KITS CARPENTERS (Contd)

1. Item	Qty Required	To complete W.E.T.	Surplus to W.E.T.
<u>Section F.</u>			
Oil Stones-			
Medium	3	3	-
Slip	2	2	-
Saws-			
Compass	2	-	2
Hand	11	11	-
<u>Hand Tools</u>			
Saws-			
Tenon	2	2	-
Rip 28"	4	2	2
Rasps Farriers	5	5	-
" Carpenters 16"	2	2	-
Squares Carpenters	3	3	-
Screwdrivers G 3 8"	4	4	-
Shears Tinsman Pra	6	-	6
Tapes Measuring 66ft	2	-	2
Carriers Tools Carpenters			
Canvas	4	4	-
Vice Carpenters	1	-	1
Levels-			
Spirit Rule	2	2	-
Rules Boxwood 3 ft 4 fold	6	6	-
Crowbars 3'6"	13	13	-
Hammers Sledge 10 lb	4	1	3
Hammers Engineers Ball Pein			
1 lb	3	3	-
Grindstones F S	6	-	6
Pliers Combination 7"	48	48	-
Vices Bench Farr Cast 4 1/2"	1	-	1

LIST OF GENERAL PURPOSE TOOLS REQUIRED FOR DEFENCE
WORK AND NOT ON W.S.T.

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Item	Qty Required
Axes Broad 12" Blade	2
Brushes Distemper	24
Crowbars 5'6"	6
Blocks Pulleys-	
Single	2
Double	2
Triple	2
Blocks Snatch	2
Rope (to suit pulleys supplied -ft	500
Wheels Emery 8" Medium complete	2
Wrenches Stillson type 24"	2
Tongs Pipe Chain No. 2	1
Sets Stocks, Dies, and Taps Whit.	
sizes 1/4" to 1" complete sets	1
Chains Snigging with attachments	
complete sets	1
Jacks "Trevella" Stump	3
Pliers Combination 7"	-
Sash Cramp 6 ft	1
Leg Climbing Irons and body belts	
complete	2

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LIST OF CAMP AND BILLET STORES REQUIRED FOR OUTPOSTS
AND ABOVE W.E.F.

SECTION J. 2

Buckets I G	20
Containers Cooking 3 Gals	26
Containers Water 2 Gals	60
Kettles Camp Oval 12 qrts	24
Pans Frying Rectangular(Aust)	28
Forks Cooks	16
Dippers Tin	12
Knives Cook 9"	20
" Opening Tin	24
Spoons Gravy	12
Stoves Oil Wickless	12
Stands Cooking L P	20
Plates Baffle	10
Implements Butchers-	
Knives Cutting or Slicing	12

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LIST OF REPAIR TOOLS REQUIRED BY SIGS, and ABOVE W.E.F.

SECTION F.

Drills Bressat	1
Drills 1/16" 1/8" 3/16" 1/4"	
5/16" 3/8" 7/16"	
1/2" 2 of each	2
Files-	
Slim saw taper 6"	6
Round 6"	6
Bestard Flat 8"	6
" " 10"	6
Irons Soldering 2 oz	1
" " 4 oz	1
Pliers Sidecutting 6"	2
" Round Nose	2
Spanners- E Dick type 3" prs	4
Saws Hack 12"	1
Blades do	12
Screwdrivers 0 S 6"	4
" " 4"	4
" Watchmaker	2
Vice Bench 4"	1

SECTION G2

Solder Soft Reels	6
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SECTION Y

Cords Hand Sets 4 way	12
Cleaners Contact	6
Clips Alligator Type Small	24
" " Large	24
Springs sets tension adjuster	2
Test Phones Portable	6
Scrapers Wire	6

SECTION H 2

Hydrosters	3
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SECTION Y contd

Lugs for SWD Cords	200
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SECTION H 1

Cloth Emery Fine Sheets	12
" " Medium	12

LIST OF TOOLS REQUIRED FOR COYS ON DEFENCE
WORK AND ABOVE W.E.T.

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Shovels R E	500
Axes-	
Felling	150
Handles Axes Felling Spare	100
Pick Heads 4 1/2 lbs	300
Pick Helves	400

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Unit 62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

LIST OF TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT REQUIRED BY ANTI TANK UNIT

Sets Complete Tools and equipment for	
Tractor 2 for Anti Tank Portee Sets	4
Sets Complete Tools Mechanic MV Anti Tank	
Sets	1
Sets Complete Gun Stores 18 pdr Mk II	
Less Dial Lights Sets	4
Breast Drill	1
Drills Sets	1
Paper Emery Extra Fine Sheets	50
Wheels Emery Complete Extra Fine (to be	
used for machine polished gun parts)	1
Connectors Valve No 2 Mk I for 18 pdr	1
Handles driving No 2 and 5 two stage	
Horiz Air Pump sets	1

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Ref Sig Battle Plan M-BAUER FORCE - 1

Physical check on equipment necessary to instal permanently this system as follows -

Cable twisted B111	50 miles
Telephones A.V.	15
Switchboards 10 line A.C.	2
Insulation tape	10 lbs
Pliers side-cutting	6 pairs
Tree climbing irons and safety belt	1 set

Will repeat MIL reserve wire in area. Line laid at present has 3 on down 4 to 6 months. 02 A at Inf Bu wire is salvaged. This material regarded as urgent and could be taken on force charges.

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SERIOUS MEDICAL SHORTAGES - MERAUKE

MENTHOL XTALS	8 Ozs
COD LIVER OIL	40 Ozs
PARRAFIN MOLLE FLAV	4 lbs
SALICYLIC ACID	8 Ozs
COTTON WOOL	24 lbs
BANDAGES 3"	12 doz
" 2"	12 Doz
" 4"	6 "
GAUZE	100 Yds
LINT	12 Pkts
20 PLASTER 3"	24 rolls
20 PLASTER 1"	12 "
12 ELASTOPLAST 3"	24 "
THERMOMETER CLINICAL	12
TANNAFAX	12 tubes
SOL BENEDICTS	40 ozs
LITMUS PAPER RED AND BLUE	1 doz
ETHYL CHLORIDE 100 cc tubes	1 "
GLYCERINE	5 lbs
MIST POT IOD CREOSOTE	1 gall
MIST BISM SED	2 "
INEUS GENT CO CONC 1-19	40 ozs
SODIUM BICARBONATE	10 lbs
TR NUX VOMICA	40 ozs
SYR TRIPLEX	1 gall
MIST SODI SALL	2 "
LINCTUS CAMPH	2 "
MIST TUSSI EXPECT	5 "
COUGH TABLETS	2000
CASTOR OIL	4 gall
PULV BISM CO	5 lbs
UNG ICHTHYOL 30%	10 lbs
GUTT EPHEDRINE	40 ozs
SVR	80 ozs
ZINC SULPH QUARTER PER CENT SOL	20 ozs
PIG HANDLE	40 "
TR BENZ CO	40 "
INHAL MENTHOL CO	40 "
TABS POT BROM	1000
TABS PHENOBAR BITAL ONE GRAIN	200
ACRAFLAVINE ONE OZ BOTS OR POWDER	4
GLYCERIN AND ICHTHYOL	80 ozs
HYDROGEN PEROXIDE	1 gall
METHYLATED SPIRITS	4 "
PASTA MAG SULPH	10 lbs
PULO CHRYSAROBIN	4 ozs
PULO SULPHANILAMIDE	5 lbs
SKIN CLEANER	4 galls
TABS ASPIRIN	1000
TABS CASCARA SAGRADA	500
TABS CATHARTIC	500
TABS DOVER	500
TABS POT CHLOR	500
QUININE QUANTITIES TENCUTRE IODI MITIS	1 gall
LIN TEREBINTH	1 "
LIN METHUL SAL CO	40 ozs
LOTIO CALAMINE UNG WHITFIELD	10 lbs
CREMOR ZINCI	10 lbs
SALT TABLETS	250,000
ZINC & STARCH POWER	35 lbs
CALOMINE PREP	10 "
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LIST OF ENGINEERS SERVICE STORES REQUIRED FOR
DEFENCE WORK

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Item	Quantity Required
Tool Steel -	
1/2"	feet 10
5/8"	" 10
3/4"	" 10
Mild Steel (in 20 ft lengths)	
Round-	
1/4"	feet 100
1/2"	" 100
5/8"	" 300
3/4"	" 300
Flat	
2" x 1/4"	100
3" x 1/4"	100

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APPX 'B'

SUBJECT: CONSERVATION OF RUBBER - PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)

REF: Q239/1/3961

/6 Apr 45.

DISTRIBUTION:

List D (Branches and units down to
infantry battalions or
independent units)

Less Serials: 32, 34, 40, 41, 44

Ref GPO 0/422/42:

1. It has been noted that relatively small numbers of vehicles have the Windscreen sticker affixed, and that in most instances it has been placed in the wrong position.
2. It should be noted that this Sticker is intended to serve as a constant reminder to the driver, and is to be affixed in a prominent position on the dashboard, facing the driving position.
3. Directorate of Printing and Stationery Services has been requested to arrange for further supplies of Windscreen Stickers to be printed for distribution to Stationery Depots.
4. Similar arrangements have been made for further supplies of Mechanization Pamphlet No. 19 to be printed and distributed.
5. Units should requisition through normal channels for their requirements.
6. It is desired that instructions relative to the use of Windscreen Stickers and the distribution of Mechanization Pamphlet No. 19 be brought under the notice of all concerned.


A. M. Collins
Capt.
for Col.
DA & QMG First Aust Army.

War Diary.

APPX 6-

SECRET
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SUBJECT: RECONNAISSANCE REPORT ON GAYEDAH AND KIMDARBY-HANAEBOO AREAS - 13/15 APRIL By:

Capt E.P. SARGOOD,
"C" BRANCH, FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
Ref: Q234/1/3965

17 Apr 43.

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OBJECT: To locate a suitable site for Reserve of PCL and Distillate for 3 Aust Armd Div in each of the above-mentioned areas.

PARTY CONSISTED OF:

Capt ROSE	-	G(o))	
Capt SARGOOD	-	"C")	First Aust Army
Maj HILTON	-	S&T)	
Capt JONES	-	DAQMG(L))	3 Aust Armd Div.
Maj PRESHAW	-	(Sup))	

1. The area necessary for reserves to be laid down was based on requirements stated in SM6736 of 1 Apr 43.

It is, however, understood that these figures are the subject of correspondence between this HQ and LHQ(Aust), and were not taken as a definite basis to work on, but as a minimum.

2. GAYEDAH AREA. (Map Ref GAYEDAH Temporary 1" to 1 mile).

(a) Present reserve in area is 1,200 x 44-gal drums ET Petrol 80-.

Location approximately 1,500 yards East of GAYEDAH Railway Station. Stacked in open within wire enclosure.

Space for approximately double this quantity. NO cover from air.

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- (b) Reconnaissance of the area NORTH of GAYENDAH located a site most suited to all requirements at Map Ref 616235 - 620230 on NORTH side of road.

(c) Description of site

- (i) 150 to 200 acres.
- (ii) Heavy tree cover with moderate seedling undergrowth, affording excellent cover from air. Timber right to road.
- (iii) Good standing. Soil gravel to sand with sandstone bottom.
- (iv) Fire risk practically nil. No grass growing in area at present and nature of country indicates very light growth at any time.
- (v) Small shallow quarry at NE corner of timber.
- (vi) REID CREEK 1 mile to EAST.

(d) Roads

- (i) Road from GAYENDAH to X roads 632216 B1 - gravel and metal.
- (ii) Road X roads to SITE B1 - same as sub para (i).
- (iii) Road X roads to IDERAWAY B1 to B2.
- (iv) Consider roads all weather with odd load of gravel on one or two places between X Roads and IDERAWAY.
- (v) Bridge over REID CREEK 12 tons. Can be strengthened easily if required.

- (e) (i) Distance to site from GAYENDAH approximately $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles.
- (ii) Distance to site from IDERAWAY - approximately $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles.
- (iii) IDERAWAY Railway Station has two spur lines and could be used for a Rail Head for this site if GAYENDAH was not used.

- (f) As an alternative to above site another was located on SOUTH side of BURNETT RIVER, on EAST side of road, at Ref 714164 to 715175.

- (i) Distance from GAYENDAH Railway Station approximately 4 miles.
- (ii) Road GAYENDAH to Ref 714160 is gravel and metal A1.
- (iii) From Ref 714160 to 715175 C1 - sand and earth not good carrying in wet weather but would not require a great amount of gravel to make it usable under wet conditions.
- (iv) Site is approximately 500 yards deep from road between ref 714160 to 715175.
- (v) Lightly timbered with fair amount of low scrub.
- (vi) Cover from air only fair.
- (vii) Very heavy grass.
- (viii) Fire risk considerable.
- (ix) Ground sandy to buckshot - odd places gravel.
- (x) Standing indifferent in wet.
- (xi) Considerable dispersion required.

- (g) Although a reconnaissance was made of all areas within a radius of approximately 10 miles of GAYENDAH no other suitable sites could be found with reasonable cover and for reasonable standing.

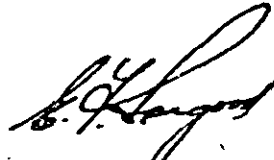
3. KINGAROO AREA (Ref Map KUMBIA 1" to 1 mile)

- (a) Present Dump NY Petrol 80 in 44-gal drums; 79,200 gals is situated Map Ref 897983.
- (b) There are approximately 60 acres still available for expansion of this dump but the proximity to railway, approximately 150 yards distant, was not considered safe for a large dump.
- (c) Suitable site was located in area, ref 882985 - 870988 - 882982 - 882973 - 880975.
 - (i) Approximately 300 acres.
 - (ii) Entry to site can be made from side road.
 - (iii) Thick sapling growth 20-30 ft high.
 - (iv) Good cover from air and ground.
 - (v) Fairly good standing on sand - gravel ground with good drainage.
 - (vi) At bottom road from KINGAROO.
 - (vii) Approximately 4 1/2 miles from KINGAROO.
 - (viii) Fire risk not great as grass not very heavy but would need attention.

4. NANANGO AREA (Map Ref KUMBIA 1" to 1 mile).

Suitable sites exist between:-

- (a) HODGSLIGH - ref 020930 and NANANGO.
- (b) Both sides of road ref 065844.



SC (Q) 2 First Aust Army. Capt.

APPX 'D'

MOST SECRET

FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION 13

24 Apr 43.

" M O U L T R I E "

Copy No. 27

1. GENERAL

The provisions of "Standing Orders for Movement within Australia and its Territories - 1942" will be complied with except as amended by the following paragraphs.

Details of units, vehicles and tonnages of unit stores for Stage I have been notified direct to units concerned.

Details for Stage II will be notified to those concerned when particulars have been finalised.

2. CODE MARKING OF STORES

Code letters for the marking of stores will be :-

MIRAKKE	-	KKK
TORRES STRAIT	-	HTJ
FORCE	-	

3. RATIONS

Two days emergency dehydrated rations will be carried by all ranks. Two days lathing rations will be carried by units and will be available immediately on disembarkation.

4. AMMUNITION

First line ammunition will accompany troops.

5. STOVES FIELD COOKING (CROWLING COOKERS)

2000 of the above, together with a reserve supply of solidified alcohol, will be despatched under arrangements Adv HQ(Aust) for issue to troops as required.

6. BLANKETS

One blanket will be carried on the man and one additional blanket per man will be loaded with unit stores and will be available for use during voyage.

7. P.O.L.

Two 4xgal sealed drums of petrol will be carried in each vehicle.

8. WATER

At discretion of ESO water vehicles will be loaded, filled and placed available for use during the voyage. Individual Water Sterilising Outfits and taste removing tablets will be carried.

9. KITS

Surplus kits will be despatched to Formation Kit Store

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prior to move.

10. SECURITY. The necessity for maintaining the strictest security in connection with all moves must be impressed on all concerned.

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LINEA LIXTERHOLZ per Col.,
DACONG First Aust Army

<u>Distribution</u>	<u>Copy No.</u>	<u>Method</u>
Yorkforce (4)	1 - 4	Air Mail Safe Hand
1 Aust Army Camflg Trg Unit	5	DLRS
RQ 76 AnSL Coy Type B	6	DLRS
2nd Aust Army (4)	7 - 10	Air Mail Safe Hand
Q'land L of C Area	11	DLRS
3 Aust Movt Control Gp	12	DLRS
2/1 Aust Movt & Tn Gp	13	Air Mail Safe Hand
1 Aust Movt Control Gp	14	Air Mail Safe Hand

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