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WAR DIARY

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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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D.A. & Q.M.G. FIRST AUST ARMY

8 Jun 44

Appendix "H"

SUBJECT: Loading of Special Train 3 May 44.

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)

2 May 44

REF: Q176/4/3192

CE	
CSO	S&T
G(O)	Postal
G(SD)	Ord
G(I)	Camp
C Registry	AWAS (3)
A	Sigs First Aust Army
Amenities	RTO TOOWOOMBA

1. Transport and composition of working party :

6 x 3 ton vehicles (without canopies) and 28 personnel provided by BRA will report CE Dump at 0730 hrs 3 May 44.

2. Loading:

Branches will have all stores ready for collection by working party by 0900 hrs 3 May 44.

Order of loading as follows:-

(a) Hmts

A Branch	7
Q "	2
G(O) & AWAS	3
G(I)	2
B Mess	1
G "	4
H "	3
D "	6
F "	2
E "	2
Camp	2
Sigs First Aust Army	4

(b) Amenities stores (to be loaded into louvre van)

(c) First Aust Army Postal Unit (including 3 x 15 cwt vehs)

(d) Postal
(e) S&T
(f) Ord
(g) A Branch
(h) Q "
(j) G(I) "
(k) G(O)
(l) Registry
(m) G(SD)
(n) AWAS)
AWAS Billets)

Stores from CSO, Sigs First Aust Army and Camp will be loaded independently under unit arrangements.

E B Cachs Lt-Col.,
AQMG First Aust Army.

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SUBJECT: AIR TRANSPORTATION TO 4 AUST DIV AREA.

Appendix 'B'

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)

3 May 44

REF: Q6/3/8169

HQ 4 Aust Div.

Copy: G(O))
G(SD)) Adv LHQ memo Q/933.2/Q1 of 17 Apr refers
A)

Ref First Aust Army Q6/3/8067 of 20 Apr 44.

2. As mentioned in para 3 of abovementioned memo Adv LHQ are making further representation to have the air terminus transferred to HIGGINS FIELD from HORN ISLAND.

3. From enquiries made by LHQ it would appear that some doubt exists as to whether RAAF have, or can transfer, all necessary facilities from the present site to HIGGINS FIELD.

4. 4 Aust Div memo Q650/24 of 7 Mar 44 para 6 states that it is understood that RAAF have all the facilities for servicing and refuelling aircraft at the proposed terminus. It is requested that this be confirmed and this Headquarters notified at the earliest.

5. It is suggested that, if Comd 75 Wing is still of the opinion conveyed in para 2 of 4 Aust Div Q/650/24 representations by that HQ through RAAF channels may assist in obtaining the desired change.

Brig.,
DA&QMG First Aust Army.

Appendix 'C'

SECRET.

SUBJECT - MOVEMENT OF REAR FIRST AUST ARMY TO MAREEBA.

Rear HQ, First A st Army (AIF)

10 May 44.

Ref: Q176/1/8253.

Distribution;

G(O)	Pro.	Tpt. Offr.
G (I)	Pay.	RTO, Toowoomba.
G (SD)	Education.	
M C C	Amenities.	
CE.	S T.	
CSO.	Ord.	
A.	E & M E	
Svy.	Postal	
Legal,	AWAS.	
Chaplains.	Camp.	
Dental.	War Diary (2).	

1. The following arrangements, subject to confirmation with Mov Control, have been made for the above movement.

(a). Veh train -

Depart TOOWOOMBA on 12 MAY 44.

Loading -	Vehs -	Det. First Aust Army Pro. Coy.	M/Cs. 15.
		Camp.	Vans, 15cwt. 2. M/Cs. 3 Cars, DS. 4. (one for Lt-Col. ELLIS). Wiles Cooker. 1 Trucks, 3 ton. 2.
		Sigs, First Aust Army.	Vans, 18 & 12cwt 16. Vans, 1 ton. 2. M/Cs. 14. Trucks, 3 ton. 11 Jeeps. 1 Trailers. 5.
	Pers.-	Det, First Aust Army Pro Coy.	3
		Camp.	5.
		Sigs, First Aust Army.	35. (incl. 1 Of

Signals, First Aust Army will appoint one officer as O.C. Train. Name to be submitted to 'Q' Branch by 1500 hrs on 11 May 44.

(b). Stores Train -

Depart TOOWOOMBA on 13 MAY 44.

Loading -	Stores -	All stores for first flight, with exception of office files.
	Pers -	Camp 20.

Camp will supply one senior NCO to act as O. C. Train, name to be submitted to 'Q' by 1500 hrs on 12 May 44.

(c). Pers Train -

Depart TOOWOOMBA a.m. on 14 MAY 44.

Loading -

BRANCH.	OFFRS. M	OFFRS. F.	WOs & SJTS. M.	WOs & SJTS. F.	O Rs. M.	O Rs. F.
G (O).	1		2	1	2	1
G (I).	2				2	
G (SD).	5		1	3	4	6
M C C.	1		1		2	
Registry.	1		1		4	1
BAA & CA.				1		
CE.	2		2		3	1
CSO.	1		1		1	1
SVY.	3		1		2	1
A.	1		1		1	3
Chaplains.	3				1	
Medical.					1	1
Dental.					1	
Pro (incl Pro Coy).	1			2	15	
Legal.					1	2
Amenities.						1
Education.	1		1		2	1
AWAS.		1				2
Q.	1		2		3	2
S & T.	2		1		3	2
Postal.	1		1	1	1	
Ord.	4			1	2	2
E & ME.	2		2		2	1
Camp.	3	1	6	1	47	28
Sigs, First Aust Army.	8		18		91	

2 baggage cars will be attached to this train for conveyance of Officers' baggage, other ranks kit bags, and office files.

O C Train - Maj LETTS.

21 Officers included in the above table will be travelling by air. Names will be notified at a later date. ETD plane early a.m. 15 May 44.

(d). Stores and veh train -

Depart TOOWOOMBA 15 MAY 44.

Loading - Vehs. Det First Aust Army Vans, 15cwt. 1.
Pro. Coy. Vans, 1 ton. 2.

Camp. Cars, DS. 16.
Cars, 6 str. 7.
Vans, 15cwt. 3.
Bus, 21pass. 1.
Trucks, 30cwt. 2.

Stores. Remaining stores from HQ, First Aust Army.

Pers. Camp. 12.

O.C. Train - Capt. CARTER.

(e). Balance of personnel (Second flight).

Depart TOOWOOMBA 17 MAY 44, by ordinary tp. train. O.C. train will be MAJ. MIDDLETON.

2. Personnel travelling by stores and vehicle trains will be on full travelling allowance, but 6 days' rations will be carried for use in emergency.

3. All ranks on troop trains will carry messing gear.

4. OCs trains will report to SC (Q) Movements HQT later than 1500 hrs on day preceding departure of train.

5. 'Q' Branch will be notified immediately of any changes or amendments in connection with the move.

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Lt-Col.,
AQMG, First Aust Army.

Appendix 'D'

SECRET

SUBJECT: MOVEMENT OF REAR FIRST AUST ARMY TO MILDURA

Rear HQ First Aust Army (AIF)

10 May 44

MF: Q176/1/8257

Distribution:

G(O)	Pro.	Tpt. Offr.
G(I)	Pay.	RTO, Toowoomba
G(SD)	Education	
M C C	Amenities	
CE.	S & T	
CSO.	Ord.	
A	E & M E	
Svy.	Postal	
Legal.	[redacted]	
Chaplains.	Camp	
Dental	War Diary (2)	

1. Q176/1/8253 of 10 May refers.

2. Vehicle train shown as departing on 13 May 44 will now depart on 16 May 44.

3. Please amend accordingly.

E Blackshaw Capt
for Brig.
DA & QMG First Aust Army

Appendix 'E'

SUBJECT: Loading of Special Stores Train - 13 May 44

Rear HQ First Aust Army (AIF)

12 May 44

REF: Q176/1/8271

G(O)	Pro	Tpt Offr
G(I)	Pay	RTO TOOWOOMBA
G(SD)	Education	Sigs First Aust Army
MCC	Amenities	O.C. Train
CE	S&T	
CSO	Ord.	
A	EME	
Svy	Postal	
Legal	AWAS	
Chaplains	Camp	
Dental.	War Diary(2)	

1. Working Party and Transport

BRA is providing 12 x 3 ton trucks and 48 personnel Party will report to Camp at 0730 hrs on 13 May 44.

2. O.C. Train

will be responsible for loading and supervision of working party. He will report to RTO, TOOWOOMBA GOODS YARD, before any stores are entrained.

3. Train loading

Stores will be loaded in the following order:-

Camp) as detailed by
Messes) Comp

A
Chaplains
Legal
Education office (excl SWAC)
Q
G(O)
G(I)
Registry
CSO
MCC
G(SD)
Svy
BRA (stores for BRACA)
CE (office stores only)
Ordnance
AEME
Pro (incl First Aust Army Pro Coy)
Medical
Dental
AWAS
S&T
Postal
SWAC
Signals First Aust Army (including CSOs dump)

will load stores independently. RTO will allot necessary space.

CEs dump and huts (if possible)

4. 1 truck 3 ton will be at disposal of Amenities from 0730 until loading completed.

5. O.C train will see that all stores are securely loaded and that they are economically stacked.

6. Any stores which cannot be loaded on this train will be despatched per goods train scheduled to depart TOOWOOMBA on 15 May 44.

E Blackham Capt
for Lt-Col.,
AQMG First Aust Army

SECRET Appendix 'F'

SUBJECT: Movement of Rear First Aust Army to HARLIPA

Rear HQ First Aust Army (AIF)

14 May 44

M.F: Q176/1/8378.

G(O)	Pro	Tpt Offr
G(I)	Pay	RTO TOOWOOMBA
G(SD)	Education	Sigs First Aust Army
ICC	Amenities	
CE	ALT	
CSO	Ord	
A	E&M	
Svy	Postal	
Legal	ADOS	
Chaplains	Camp	
Dental	War Diary (2) ✓	

1. Q176/1/8253 of 10 May refers.

2. The following amendments are promulgated:-

(a) Vehicle train departing 16 May 44

(i) Under Loading Camp

Delete Figure "4" opposite Cars 33 and

Insert "6".

(ii) O.C Train will be W 117101 Capt S.T. DUFF.

(b) Stores Train departing TOOWOOMBA on 16 May 44

(i) Time of departure 1630 hrs

(ii) Personnel - delete figure "20" and insert "4".

(ii) OC train will be QL49249 WOII SMALLEY N.C.

(c) Personnel Train departing 14 May 44

(i) Time of departure 1410 hrs

(d) Stores and Vehicle train departing 15 May 44

(i) Loading - Vehicles : Under Heading Camp

Delete figure 16 opposite Cars 33 and

Insert "15"

Add "3" Aust Fd Section "Vans 15 Cwt - "3"

(ii) Personnel: Add "3" Aust Fd Section -3

and Detachment First Aust Army Inf Coy - 3

[redacted] Lt Col
A.A.G First Aust Army

Appendix 'G'

SUBJECT: Allocation of Officers to Messes.

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)

12 May 44

REF: Q177/1/8477

Distribution:
List 'A' (Branches etc of First Aust Army only)
less serials 10, 11, 13, 14A, 22-24, 30, 33-35, 39-41, 45, 46, 49.

Ref First Aust Army G(SD)1410 of 20 Apr, it is the intention to move all Officers into their respective mess areas on 15 May, with the exception of Officers allotted to 'F' Mess.

2. Camp will arrange to have all Officers' bedding and personal gear moved from their present location by 1200 hrs 15 May and all tents issued with lamps, tubs washing, and buckets by 1300 hrs 15 May.

3. Tents will be allotted by Camp and it is requested that all branches etc notify Camp and 'Q' Branch by 1200 hrs 13 May the names of Officers at present in the area allotted to messes, including 'F' Mess, in accordance with G(SD)1410 of 20 Apr, copy of which can be sighted at 'Q' Branch.

4. Latrines and ablutions will be ready for use at respective mess sites.

5. Messing arrangements will continue as at present owing to shortage of cooks and mess gear.

6. CSO will arrange to instal temporary telephones as follows:

One for B & C Messes
One for D & E Messes

7. Officers allotted to 'F' Mess will be accommodated temporarily in other messes. Allotment will be advised later.

Thomas major for Brig.,
DA & QMG First Aust Army.

Appendix 'H'

SECRET

SUBJECT: Accommodation - Rear HQ CHERMSIDE

Rear HQ First Aust Army (AIF)

13 May 44

REF: Q 2/1/8274

First Aust Army

1. Reference report on above accommodation submitted by Lt. F.E. MILL to CE First Aust Army.

2. Attached is plan showing proposed sites for the erection of the new huts.

3. The accommodation necessitated the erection of two 60' x 18' CA series huts, one for an administrative building partitioned for offices and one for Amenities Officer and bulk stores. The latter being erected at the request of the AAG.

4. In addition 10 prefebricated huts are required, six for Officers sleeping quarters, and four for OR sleeping quarters. Further it is recommended that two extra huts be erected for the use of visiting officers.

5. 'Q' Q'land L of C Area advises that these pre-fabricated huts or their equivalent can be obtained from abandoned camps in their area.

6. It is requested please that CE prepare the necessary F26 for the new buildings consisting of two 60' x 18' CA series huts and 12 prefabricated huts and submit to 'Q' for approval. On approval F26 to be forwarded to Rear HQ for submission to 43 BCRE (Wks) for action.

A. Anderson DSO
Brig.,
DA & QMG First Aust Army

Appendix 'I'

SUBJECT: Allocation of Officers to Messes.

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)

20 May 44

REF: 3177/1/8278

Distribution:

List 'A' (Branches etc of First Aust Army only)
Less serials 11, 13, 14, 18, 22-24, 35

In accordance with G(SD)1410 of 20 Apr, attached as Appendix 'A' is list of Officers appointed to messes.

2. Officers allotted to 'F' Mess will be temporarily accommodated in messes as shown in Appendix 'B' until Mess is ready for occupation.

3. 'D' and 'E' Messes are now complete and as from mid-day meal Sunday 21 May these messes will come into operation. Officers allotted to 'B', 'C' and balance of 'F' Messes will continue to mess in temporary mess in HQ Block.

Major
for Brig.,
DA & QMG First Aust Army.

Serial No	'B' MESS Appointment	'B' MESS Name	'C' MESS Appointment	'C' MESS Name	'D' MESS Appointment	'D' MESS Name
1	G1(o)	Lt-Col D.D. PITT	G2(o) - Two		G2(o)	
2	G2(o)			Maj J.S.D. HILLICK	G2(SD)	Maj V.E. DOWDY
3	G1(SD)	Lt-Col J.W. SPEED	G2(o) SL	Capt R. FERGUSON	G3(o)	Capt C.J. BROWN
4	G2(SD)	Maj F.A. SEMPTON	G3(o)	Lt D. THORNTON	G3(SD)	Lt W.R. FORSYTH
5	G1(I)	Lt-Col T.P. SELLORS	G2(SD)	Maj B.W.B. CARROLL	G3(I) - two	Capt T.M. SHANNON
6	G2(I)	Maj C.C. HARPER	G2(SD) SL	Capt S.R. LEWIS		Capt W.O. GILL
7	SORA 1	Lt-Col R.E. DEVAR	G3(SD) Two	Capt J.N. GRANT	IO - two	Lt H.D. HUTT
8	SORE 1	Lt-Col T.H.B. FOOTT		Capt G.D. CLARKSON		Lt A.G. PRICE
9	SO Sigs 1	Lt-Col S.A. EDDIS	G3(I)	Capt W.R.J. McNEILL	CC PS Sec	Lt C.F. BULL
10	SLO	Lt-Col D. ARUNDEL	G2(I) SL	Capt J.P. BERGIN	DADA	
11	AAG	Lt-Col COX	IO	Lt G. SADLIER	SORE 2 -	Maj V. TADGELL
12	SC 'A'	Capt L.A. GURSANSKY	RAAF LO Int	F/O G. FYNES	two	Maj C.D. SEABROOK
13	AQMG		SORA 2	Maj J.A.C. ANDREW	Cam Offr	Lt A.E. HUNT
14	SC 'Q'	Capt J. HAYDEN-SMITH	SORE 2	Maj W.E. McLAUCHLAN	SO Sigs (TT)	Capt L.O. HARRIS
15	ADMS		Three	Maj J.E. MULHOLLAND	DAAG(L)	Capt E.B. HAYDOCK
16	ADST	Lt-Col W.P. MULCAHY		Capt L.S. CARSON	DAMS	Capt W.H. McGRIGAN
17	ADOS	Maj C.V. HUDSON	SO Sigs		Leg l Offr	Maj P. WOODWARD
18	DADIE	Maj F.B. OLDFIELD	(Lines)	Capt T.A. EASTICK	DAD Amen	Maj L. TYACK
19	Camp	Maj A. KERSHAW	LOs - Two	Maj A.R. COX	AD Educ	Maj ROWLEY
20		Lt-Col J.R. ELLIS			DAQMG (L)	Capt W.H.B. HENDRY
21	SORA 1 AAGCA	Lt-Col A.F. HAINWARD	DAAG	Maj J.S. SUTTER	Svy Offr	Capt C.R. STODDART
22			AMS	Lt-Col L.F. NEWTON	ACG (CE)	Chap A. BELL
23			Legal Offr	Col W.M.W. ERVINE	DADVS	Maj C.C. WARK
24			DADVC - two	Maj J.H. HUNT	API	Maj J. GRIMSHAW
25				Maj L.D. KING	Catering	
26			AD Hyg	Lt-Col D.G. CROLL	Advisor	Capt C. HUCK
27			ADDS	Lt-Col G. BENNETT	DADS	Maj A.B.D. LETTS
28			DDST	Col T.C. MILNER	DADT	
29			ADPS	Lt-Col C.J. FLETCHER	LAC Sal	
30			DDOS	Col J.T. SIMPSON	OO - three	Lt E.H. CHAPMAN
31			DDME	Col C.C. WRIGHT		Lt J.F. TURNBULL
32			AD Svy	Maj [illegible] KUTCHLE		Lt MOTTRAM
33					DADIE - two	
34						
35					UEI	Maj H.J. COOK
36						

'E' MESS			'F' MESS		
Serial No	Appointment	Name	Serial No	Appointment	Name
1	G2 (Air)		1	IO - Five	Capt R.H.B. THOMPSON
2	G3 (Vis Trg)	Capt T. MILNER	2		Lt D.B. LANCRAFT
3	OC Message Control	Lt K.R. LONG	3		Lt R. CRESWICK
4	G3(I)		4		
5	IO - Five	Capt J.W. MOTT	5		
6		Lt M.M. POINTON	6	Sup P & RT	Capt G.H. WATKINS
7		Lt I.C. SHARPLEY	7	A/Sup P & RT	Capt A.H. MUIR
8		Lt H.A. KILBY	8	T'o	Lt W. MURDOCH
9		Lt H.B. DEAKIN	9	Amen Offr	Capt T. ROBERTS
10	IORE	Lt P.E. NEWELL	10	Educ Offr	Lt R. LEESON
11	SORE 3	Capt C.W. BIZZELL	11	ACG (pres)	Chap W.L. COLLINS
12	SC Sigs	Capt S.O.A. PELLICK	12	RMO	Capt W.A. McCULLOCH
13	SC 'A'	Lt J. MORTIMY	13	D&D Lab	
14	SC AMS - Two	Capt S.R. EDMONDS	14	SO Lab	
15		Lt H.P. SHELLEY	15	POL Offr	
16	SC 'Q' - Two	Capt E. BLACKSHAW	16	D.D.P.S	Maj W.M. CORDILL
17		Lt J.D. RAE	17	OC Postal Unit	Lt L.S. SIMMONS
18	D.D Svy	Maj J.M. MIDDLETON	18	D.D.O.S Army Tps	
19	ACG (RC)	Chap H.J. REID	19	EME	Capt H.A.R. SMITH
20	SOMS	Maj C.A. WATTS	20	Asst Camp	Capt J.A. WILSON
21	Capt (Pro)	Capt R.C. HICKS	21	QM	Lt LESLIE
22	Asst Cont MMS		22	SO	Capt A.G. CARTER
23	Comdt MMS	Capt J. NICHOLSON	23	OC Svy Depot	
24	A/Comdt MMS	Lt M.M. SCOTT	24	OC Maint Pl	Lt T.E. LLOYD
25	Two	Lt H. FRIDGLEY	25	Chaplain	Chap [illegible]GS
26	D.D.O.S		26	Comd Paymaster	Capt H.S. SMITH
27	OO - Two	Capt SCHURMANN	27	Paymaster	Lt R.A.B. ARTHUR
28		Lt ARMSTRONG	28	OC Dental Unit	
29	EME - Two	Capt R.M. WALPOLE	29	Y.C.L. Offr	
30		Capt R.J. HARVEY	30	Canteen Offr	
31	OC Registry	Lt J.D. RANGE	31	OC Staty	
32	SORA 3 - Two		32	OC Mob Print	
33			33	EME (Att)	Lt C.W. THOMPSON
34			34	OC L&D - Two	
35			35		
36			36		

Appendix 'B' to HQ First Aust
Army 0177/1/8273

Officers of 'F' Mess will be accommodated in the following messes until such time as 'F' Mess is ready for occupation:

'B' MESS:
Capt R.H.B. THOMPSON
Lt D.B. LANACRAFT
Lt R. CRESWICK
Capt G.H. WATKINS
Capt A.M. MUIR

'C' MESS:
Lt W. HUNDY
Cpt T. ROBINS
Lt R. HOBSON
Chap W.L. COLLINS
Capt K.A. McCULLOCH

'D' MESS:
Maj W.H. CORDELL
Lt L.S. SIMMONS
Capt M.A.R. SMITH
Capt J.A. WILSON
Lt LESLIE

'E' MESS:
Capt A.G. CARTER
Lt T.P. LLOYD
Chap HAGGS
Capt H.S. SMITH
Lt R.A.B. ARTHUR
Lt C.M. THOMPSON

'Q' BRANCH HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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Appendix 'A'

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SECRET.

SUBJECT: Re-Allocation of Printing and Stationery Depots in QUEENSLAND - Responsibility for Supplies.

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
6 Jun 44
Q8591

1 Aust Corps

Copy: First Aust Army Stationery Depot

Attached hereto are seven (7) copies of LHQ SM5364 of 29 May.

In order that all units under command 1 Aust Corps in the Tablelands area may be assured of the necessary supplies of stationery items, AA books and forms, both for current use and for packing and holding in reserve for future requirements, the following action will be taken:

(a) Units will compile and forward to the First Aust Army Stationery Depot on or before 14 Jun two requisitions marked 'A' and 'B' as follows:

Requisition 'A': for one months normal supply for current use.

Requisition 'B': for one months supply on a restricted basis, which is to be packed and held by Units for future use.

(b) The First Aust Army Stationery Unit will pack parcels in formation order, marking them 'A' and 'B' respectively. As parcels for each formation are completed the Stationery Officer will requisition on the formation concerned for transport to collect and distribute to units.

3. In order that the First Aust Army Stationery Unit may complete the foregoing before closing for stocktaking and Audit on 29 Jun Units will not be permitted to seek any immediate service over the counter at the Depot, but will ensure that all their requirements are included in the requisitions submitted.

4. Immediately on receipt of parcels Units will check the items delivered with the duplicate requisition in the parcel, and sign and return the document to First Aust Army Stationery Depot by the fastest means. It is essential that this be done promptly to facilitate the Audit of the Stationery Depot books, which will be taking place on and after 30 Jun.

Sgd - R. Bierwirth - Brig
DA & QMG First Aust Army.

Distributed by 'Q' on 6 Jun 44 to:
G(O)
G(SD)
A
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Appendix 'B'

SUBJECT: Fortress Workshop AEME - BRISBANE - Change of Location

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
6 Jun 44
Q8623

HQ Q'land L of C Area

Copy: BRISBANE Fortress
Rear HQ First Aust Army

It is understood that the Workshop buildings at CHERMSIDE now occupied by 4 Aust Watercraft Workshops, are soon to be vacated.

2. It is desired, in pursuance of project to move Fortress Workshops to CHERMSIDE, in accordance with First Aust Army Q293/1/7653 of 16 Mar, that these buildings be allotted to BRISBANE Fortress Workshop for occupation as soon as 4 Aust Watercraft Workshop moves out.

3. It is advised that hired premises at Coronation Drive and at DUTTON PARK could then be returned, and all MT work would then be concentrated at CHERMSIDE.

4. By taking advantage temporarily of certain hutments adjoining the workshop buildings at CHERMSIDE, Instrument and Armoury Sections could also be accommodated there, and then only the electrical section will remain in hired premises at MILTON. It is not desired at present to move Radio Maintenance Section from KELVIN GROVE.

5. It is requested that you advise this HQ if the accommodation as stated above would be available for these units to take over, and the date when the move may commence.

Sgd J.H. HUMAN MajforBrig.,
DA & QMG First Aust Army

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Appendix 'C'

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SUBJECT: Transport - HQ First Aust Army.

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
8 Jun 44
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1. It is advised that the following arrangements will apply regarding transport in the ATHERTON Area.

2. A Ferry Car will leave the Visitors Car Park at 0830 hrs daily for CAIRNS. It will return to MAREEBA at 1400 hrs or after the arrival of the DAT plane from BRISBANE, which ever is the later.

3. The Driver of the Ferry Car will report to Movement Control Group as soon as practicable and will pick up passengers for the return journey as directed by Movement Control Group.

4. Officers, returning to MAREEBA from CAIRNS by car, are also asked to contact Movement Control Group if there should be room for additional passengers.

5. Applications for transport within the ATHERTON TABLELAND Area and ferry car bookings will be made to the Transport Officer direct. For other transport requirements application will be made through 'Q' Branch.

6. Early advice of proposed trips by car will be appreciated to enable co-ordination of transport to be effected with the consequent saving of petrol and rubber.

for Brig.,
DA & QMG First Aust Army.

War Diary

Appendix 'D'

ALLOCATION OF DUTIES 'Q' BRANCH FIRST AUST ARMY
9 Jun 44

AQMG (Lt-Col BARGHER)
(Ext 59)
Co-ordination 'Q' Branch
Orders and Instns 'Q' Paras
Planning

MAINTENANCE	ACCOMMODATION	MOVEMENTS	SMALL CRAFT
DAQMG Major HUMAN (Q1) (Ext 60)	DAQMG Maj KING (Q2) (Ext 61)	DAQMG Maj KING (Ext 61)	DAQMG Maj MORAY (Q4) (Ext 65)
Staff Capt Capt [illegible]LAW (SC(1)) (Ext 60)	Staff Capt Lt RE (SC(2)) (Ext 59)	Staff Capt Capt HAYDEN-SMITH (SC(3)) (Ext 61)	Small Craft Repair and Recovery Office Supervision Adm Maps War Diary
Supplies POL Animals (incl Vet Services) Ordnance Ammunition Laundries Salvage Printing and Stationery Catering Canteens	Accommodation Quartering Hirings Claims Works Engineer Stores Water Supply	Movements Transport Postal Table-Tops Labour	

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Q177/1

SUBJECT: Allocation of Officers to Messes.

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
9 Jun 44
Q8648

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Plus 'B' Mess
'C' Mess
'D' Mess
'E' Mess
'F' Mess

Further to First Aust Army Q177/1/8477 of 12 May.

2. It is advised that 'B', 'C' and 'F' Messes will come into operation as from, and including, breakfast 11 Jun.

3. Camp will arrange for all messing and cooking gear to be at the above mess sites on 10 Jun.

4. Tents for 'F' Mess will be temporarily erected in a position which will NOT interfere with the area where the permanent tents, with floor boards, will be placed.

M Faughen Lt Col
For Brig.,
DA & QMG First Aust Army.

Appendix 'F'

WEEKLY MOV SUMMARY

FROM: TO: 17 Jun 44.

UNIT	UNDER COMD	FROM	TO:	PROGRESS	REMARKS
Adv Party Rear Details HQ NGF 1 Offr 20 ORs with stores	First Aust Army	NG and leave	KAIRI	Arrived KAIRI 15 Jun Camp Site E5	
2/13 Comp AA Regt 375 all ranks	1 Aust Corps	BRISBANE	MAPEE	ETA T'VILLE 161620K ETA TOLGA 171600K	Adv party already at MAPEE
2/13 Comp AA Regt guns and stores	1 Aust Corps	BRISBANE	MAPEE	ETA T'VILLE 160930K ETA TOLGA 19 Jun	
One sec First Aust Army Pro Coy		TOOWOOMBA	MAREEBA	Vehs depart TOOWOOMBA goods train 15 Jun. Pers and stores ETA T'VILLE 181815K	
D Sec 81 Aust Dental Unit		TOOWOOMBA	MAREEBA	As for sec First Aust Army Pro Coy.	
Det HQ NG Force 100 all ranks		NG	3 Aust Div Area	Disembark T'VILLE shortly	Will proceed on leave.
53 Aust Comp AA Regt 376 all ranks 6 tons stores	1 Aust Corps		RAVENSHOE	ETA CAIRNS 190500K ETA RAVENSHOE 192015K	
V Aust PS Sec	3 Aust Div		3 Div Area	ETA T'VILLE 180655K	To move with 3 Aust Div

UNIT	UNDER COMD	FROM	TO	PROGRESS	REMARKS
16 Aust Fd Coy	4 Aust Div	MERAUKE	MUTEE HEAD	Ready to move 20 Jun 44.	Interchange of Units
27 Aust Fd Coy	4 Aust Div	MUTEE HEAD	MERAUKE	Ready to move 15 Jun 44	
13 Fd Regt less one Tp 19 Aust LAD 13 Fd Regt Sig Sec	3 Aust Div	TOOWOOMBA Area	3 Aust Div Area KAIRI	Complete	NOT to move with 3 Aust Div

LEAVE TRAVEL:

Restrictions on leave travel by rail to WEST AUSTRALIA, imposed as from 22 Feb 44, have been lifted (vide Landforces QM50524 of 16 Jun.)

Appendix 'G'

'Q' CONFERENCE - 17 JUN 44

Present: Lt-Col D.B. MARCHER
Major J.H. HUNAN
Major L.D. KING

1. Engineer Works:
Policy and procedure is as follows:

(a) All demands for Engineer works to be submitted to 'Q' Branch

(b) 'Q' Branch, in consultation with G(SD) will lay down priority.

(c) 'Q' Branch will then instruct CE Branch accordingly.

2. Army Schools:
It has been decided to prepare sites for Army Schools in the MONGABUL Area on the highest priority. Q2 will consult with Staff Duties, and implement this decision.

3. Correspondence:
The practice of exchanging memos with other Branches and Services will be kept to a minimum.

Normally a record of decisions made will be placed on file, following discussion between the parties concerned.

Sgd - D.B. MARCHER.

Appendix 'H'

132/1

SUBJECT: SKULL CREEK - CAPE YORK : 90 Bed Hospital

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
21 Jun 44
98741

LHQ (Aust)

Reference Landforces 049429 of 10 May, and further to First Aust Army 96912 of 16 May.

2. It is advised that the following buildings have been erected by Allied Works Council and Army labour:-

Buildings erected by Allied Works Council:

Operating Theatre	1
X-Ray and Dark Room	1
Pathology Department	1
Laundry	1
Lavatories	6
Dispensary	1
Dysentery Annex	1
Kitchen	1
Preparation Room	1
Officers Showers	1
Ward Annexes	2
Patients Ablutions	1
Pan Room	1
Water Reticulation System	1

Buildings Erected by Army:

Nurses Quarters	1
Ward	1
Dental Centre	1
'Q' Store	1

plus other small incidental buildings

3. Construction of all the above buildings has been completed, and no further buildings are in course of erection.

4. For your information, Allied Works Council have advised that the recorded final cost of the work is £9,440, entailing an over-expenditure of £2,190.

5. First Aust Army has pointed out to the Allied Works Council that the latest figure is hard to reconcile with original estimate given, and have asked for full details.

6. As soon as details are known the information will be passed to LHQ.

Sgd - T. Dierwirth - Brig.
Lt-Gen.
for GOC First Aust Army

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Appendix 'I'

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SUBJECT: Accommodation First Aust Army Schools - WONGABEL

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
22 Jun 44
Q8821

CE

Copies to: G(SD)) Excluding
A) Attachments

G(SD) memo 3621 of 19 Jun 44 is attached, and sets out the accommodation required at WONGABEL for the following First Aust Army Schools:

Regimental Training School
School of Signals
AASC School

It is to be noted that AMAS accommodation is to be provided at the Regimental Training School.

2. It is desired that these works be put in hand immediately. One Coy 2/2 Aust HQ Gd Bn will be made available by 'A' Branch to CE as additional labour for employment on these works. CE to inform 'A' time and place of reporting.

3. By Signal Q6946, copy of which has been passed to CE, LHQ has been requested to approve expenditure of £1200 for extension of the State electricity supply to the Schools, or alternatively to release two 25 KVA sets to provide power.

4. It is confirmed that the three schools, including AMAS quarters, but excluding electric light, are to be completed by 31 Jul 44.

Sgd - R. EBERWIRTH - Brig

D. A. & QMG First Aust Army.

Appendix 'J'

SECRET.

SUBJECT: Accommodation - Water Tpt Gp Allotted to 1 Aust Corps

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
22 Jun 44
08725

LHQ (Aust)

Copy: 1 Aust Corps
Q'land L of C Area
17 Aust L of C Sub Area

Following a reconnaissance by CO 3 Aust Water Tpt Gp (Lt-Col BACKHOUSE), a survey of the CAIRNS area has been made with a view to accommodating units of 3 Aust Water Tpt Gp.

2. The following areas were inspected and are considered suitable:

Area A : Area known as "Project 411" including the large warehouses, slipway and accommodation for approximately 1400 all ranks.

Area B : The wharves and the main wharf shed on SMITHS CREEK, known as "Army Project"

Area C : Small camp in close proximity to warehouses

Area D : Camp on main GORDONVALE - CAIRNS Road

Area E : Area known as "Chinese Camp"

Reference is made to the attached map on which the above areas have been marked.

3. A fourth echelon workshop could also be accommodated.

4. HQ 1 Aust Corps concur in these proposals, and HQ 17 Aust L of C Sub Area has no objections to make.

5. Might these LHQ areas be reserved for the purpose indicated, please.

Sgd - R. BERRYMAN - Brig
Lt-Gen.
for GOC First Aust Army

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Appendix 'K'

WEEKLY MOV SUMMARY

FROM: 18 Jun 44 TO: 24 Jun 44

UNIT	UNDER COMD	FROM	TO	PROGRESS	REMARKS
2/1 Aust Mov and Tn Gp	1 Aust Corps	TOWNSVILLE	BARRINE	Destination advised by 1 aust Corps	ETA not yet known
53 Comp AA Regt 376 all ranks	1 Aust Corps	MILBASE BRISBANE	RAVENSHOE	ETA RAVENSHOE 192015K	
V Aust FS Sec 10 ORs 5 cwt stores	3 Aust Div	Second Aust Army Area	KAIRI	ETA TOLGA 202100K	To move with 3 Aust Div
One Sec First Aust Army Pro Coy 14 ORs	First Aust Army	TOOWOOMBA	MAREEBA	ETA MAREEBA 201750K	
D Sec 81 Aust Dental Unit 1 Offr 2 ORs 12 cwt stores	HQ First Aust Army	TOOWOOMBA	MAREEBA	ETA MAREEBA 201750K	
Adv Party 11 aust Div 8 personnel incl Key personnel G,A & Q	First Aust Army	LAE	MAREEBA	will move by air	
HQ 11 Aust Div and Div Tps	First Aust Army	LAE	KAIRI	Warning order NGF.SD 424	

UNIT	UNDER COMD	FROM	TO	PROGRESS	REMARKS
11 Aust Fd Coy	Milbase BRISBANE while in BNE Area	BRISBANE	WAGGA	Move after march of 29 Aust Inf Bde	Moving to RAE Trg Centre
For 42 Aust Water Transport Coy 7 ALC 40 3 ALC 15 4 ALC (carried as cargo) 1 off 56 OR	1 Aust Corps	BRISBANE Area	TRINITY BEACH	Arrived T'VLLE 210900 ETD 220600	Moving by sea.
2 Aust Landing Craft Wkshop sec 1 Offr 17 OR	1 Aust Corps	BRISBANE	CAIRNS	ETA CAIRNS 22 Jun	
First Aust Army Mob Printing Unit	Milbase BRISBANE	ATHERTON	BRISBANE	Rd party move NOT before 7 Jul Rail party move NOT before 14 Jul	Cease printing 30 Jun
27 Aust Fd Coy	4 Aust Div	JACKY JACKY	MERAUKE	Departed for MERAUKE 21 Jun	16 Aust Fd Coy proceeding on leave turn around same vessel (27 Fd Coy relieving 16 Aust Fd Coy)
2/2 Aust Tk A Regt 2/2 " " " Sig Sec 2/54 Aust LAD	First Aust Army	HELIDON	DARWIN	Departed HELIDON area 12 Jun.	RAQ812 of 231130K

Appendix 'L'

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SUBJECT: MT Holdings - Units 1 Aust Corps Tps

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
16 Jun 44
Q8705

Adv LHQ

Ref Adv LHQ AQ/718.103/22 of 20 May.

2. With reference to para 1 of the above memo, attached hereto is pro forma showing the accommodation available in this area, and units located therein. It will be noted that 1 Aust Corps advise that accommodation has not yet been found for certain units which would obviously be located near the coast.

3. With reference to para 2 attached hereto is list of vehicles at present held by units under command of First Aust Army as shown on list attached to your above memo.

for Lt-Gen.,
GOC First Aust Army.

NOTE: (a) Denotes Unit has arrived in ATHERTON-CAIRNS Area.

Serial No	Arm or Service	Units	Location of Corps Site	Remarks
CORPS TROOPS				
1	HQ (a)	HQ 1 Aust Corps	BARRINE	
2		2 Aust Corps Sec Int Corps	"	
3		'U' Aust Fd Security Sec	"	
4		1 Aust AL Gp	—	Will remain detached with 5th Air Force
5		1 Aust Visitors and Observers Sec	BARRINE	
6		1 Aust Mob Met Flt	"	
7		Mov and Tn Sec	"	
8		HQ Station Coml		No to be raised at present
9	(a)	1 Aust Mil Landing Gp	WONDECLA	
10	(a)	2 Aust Mil Landing Gp	RAVENSHOE	
11	(a)	1 Aust Combined Ops Sec	TRINITY BEACH	
12	(a)	22 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	BARRINE	
13		2 AAPIU	"	
14		3 AAPIU	"	
15		Det Public Relations	"	
16	ARMD			
17	CORPS	2/9 Aust Armd Regt	WONDECLA	
18	ARTY (a)	HQ RAA 2 Aust Corps	BARRINE	
19	(a)	2/1 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div)	HAPES	
20				
21	(a)	2/8 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div)	"	
22	(a)	2/3 Aust Tk A Regt	"	
23				
24		2/4 Aust LAA Regt	"	
25				
26		2/13 Aust Comp AA Regt (LE)	HAPES	
27		53 Aust Comp AA Regt (LE)	RAVENSHOE	
28		77 Aust Mob SL Bty	"	
29		84 Aust Mob SL Bty	HAPES	
30		Ops Sec 1 Aust Naval Bombardment Gp	BARRINE	
31	ENGRS (a)	HQ RAE 1 Aust Corps Tps	"	
32	(a)	2 Aust Fd Coy	WONGABEL	
33	(a)	17 Aust Fd Coy	"	
34	(a)	24 Aust Fd Coy	"	
35		2/23 Aust C Fd Pk Coy	"	
36	(a)	2/11 Aust A Tps Coy	"	
37		2/1 Aust Ry Constn Coy (Mech Eqpt)	"	
38		HQ 1 Aust Water Tpt Gp	ø	ø No provision for accn made in Corps Area

Serial No	Arm or Service	Units	Location of Comm Site	Remarks
39	ENGRS (Contd)			
40	(a)	42 Aust Landing Craft Coy (Type A)	TRINITY BEACH ø	ø No provision for accn made in Corps Area
41		43 Aust Landing Craft Coy (Type A)	ø	
42		13 Aust Small Ship Coy	ø	
43		16 Aust Small Ship Coy	ø	
44		53 Aust Port Craft Coy	ø	
45		54 Aust Port Craft Coy	ø	
46		2/10 Aust Docks Operating Coy (Type C)	ø	
47		6 Aust Docks Operating Coy (Type C)	ø	
48		Two pls 1 Aust Port Maint Coy	ø	
49		One Aust Sea Amb Tpt (Small Craft)	ø	
50				
51	SVY	2/1 Aust A Topo Svy Coy	WOREAREL	
52	(a)	5 Aust Fd Svy Coy	"	
53		Det 12 Aust Fd Svy Depot	"	
54	SIGS	(a) HQ 'A' Aust Corps Sigs	BARRIER	
55	(a)	1 Aust Tech Maint Sec	"	
56	(a)	5 Aust Tech Maint Sec	"	
57	(a)	1 Aust Line Sec	"	
58	(a)	2 Aust Line Sec	"	
59	(a)	3 Aust Line Sec	"	
60		8 Aust Line Sec	"	
61	(a)	1 Aust Line Maint Sec	"	
62		13 Aust Line Maint Sec	"	
63	(a)	1 Aust Op Sec	"	
64	(a)	2 Aust Op Sec	"	
65		13 Aust Tele Op Sec	"	
66		14 Aust Tele Op Sec	"	
67		33 Aust Phone Switd Op Sec	"	
68		1 Aust WT Sec (Hy)	"	
69	(a)	13 Aust WT Sec (Hy)	"	
70	(a)	2 Aust WT Sec (Lt)	"	
71		24 Aust WT Sec (Lt)	"	
72	(a)	2 Aust DR Sec	"	
73	(a)	2 Aust DR Sec	"	
74				
75		2/9 Aust Armd Regt Sig Tp	WOODCLA	
76	(a)	2/1 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) Sig Sec	HAPER	
77				
78	(a)	2/8 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) Sig Sec	HAPER	

Serial No.	Arm or Service	Units	Location of Camp Site	Remarks
79	SIGS	(a)2/3 Aust Tk A Regt Sig Sec (Contd)	HAPES	
80				
81		2/4 Aust LAA Regt Sig Sec	"	
82				
83		(a)4 Aust Engr Sig Sec	BARRIME	
84		2/13 Aust Comp AA Regt Sig Sec	HAPES	
85		53 Aust Comp AA Regt Sig Sec	RAVENSHOE	
86		1 Aust Water Tpt Gp Sig Sec	ø	ø No provision for accn made in Corps Area
87		(a)21 Aust Cipher Sec (Type K)	BARRIME	
88		49 Aust Cipher Sec (Type K)	"	
89		HQ 1 Aust Pigeon Coy	"	
90		(a)4 Aust Pigeon Sec (less 29 Loft)	"	
91		6 Aust Pigeon Sec	"	
92	AASC	(a)HQ Comd 2 Aust Corps Tps AASC	WONGABEL	
93		HQ 2/34 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (TS)	"	
94		2/22 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)	"	
95		2/23 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)	"	
96		2/24 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)	"	
97		2/25 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)	"	
98		2/26 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)	"	
99		One Aust Tpt Pl (TS)	"	
100		One Aust Amphibious Veh Increment	"	
101		2/34 Aust Wksp Pl (TS)	"	
102		HQ 2/105 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (TS)	"	
103				
104				
105				
106				
107				
108				
109				
110				
111				
112		(a)HQ 3 Aust Sup Depot Coy	WONGABEL	
113		(a)11 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	
114		(a)12 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	
115		(a)13 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	
116	MED	10 Aust Fd Amb	HAPES	
117		(a)2/12 Aust Fd Amb	WONGABEL	
118		2/13 Aust Fd Amb	"	

Serial No.	Arm or Service	Units	Location of Camp Site	Remarks
119	MED (a)2/1 Aust CCS (Contd)		KAIRI	
120				
121		2/7 Aust MDU (Type A)	"	" Accn available - allotment will be made as units arrive in Corps Area
122		11 Aust MDU (Type A)	"	
123		15 Aust MDU (Type A)	"	
124		(a)2/117 aust Mob Bn	WONDECLA	
125		2/3 Aust Mob Bact Lab	"	
126		103 Aust Mob Bact Lab	"	
127		104 Aust Mob Bact Lab	"	
128		4 Aust Mob Entomological Sec	"	
129		6 Aust Mob Entomological Sec	"	
130		4 Aust Fusio Max Plastic Surgery Unit	"	
131		103 Aust Adv Depot Med Stores	"	
132		110 Aust Adv Depot Med Stores	"	
133		109 Aust Adv Depot Med Stores	"	
134		22 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit (Type B)	KAIRI	
135				
136	DENTAL	2/1 Aust Dental Unit	"	" Accn available - allotment will be made as units arrive in Corps Area
137		2/2 Aust Dental Unit	"	
138		1 Aust Base Depot Dental Stores (less two Secs)	"	
139	ORD	(a)120 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	WONGABEL	
140				
141		2/9 Aust Armd Regt Ord Fd Pk	WONDECLA	
142	ARMS	(a)319 Aust LAD (Type A)	BARRIES	
143				
144		2/95 Aust LAD (Type H)	WONDECLA	
145		(a)2/43 Aust LAD (Type D)	MAPEE	
146				
147		(a)2/64 Aust LAD (Type D)	"	
148		(a)2/71 Aust LAD (Type G)	"	
149				
150		2/65 Aust LAD (Type A)	WONGABEL	
151		341 Aust LAD (Type A)	"	
152		(a)290 Aust LAD (Type A)	BARRIES	
153		(a)120 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A)	WONGABEL	
154				
155		2/9 Aust Armd Regt Wksp	WONDECLA	
156		2/4 Aust LAA Regt Wksp	MAPEE	

Ref	Arm or Service	Units	Location of Camp Site	Remarks
57	AEME (Contd)			
58		2/13 Aust Comp AA Regt Wksp (LE)	HAPPE	
59		53 Aust Comp AA Regt Wksp (LE)	RAVENSHOE	
60		1 Aust Mech Eqpt Wksp	WONGABEL	
61		1 Aust Floating Dock	ø	ø No provision for accn made in 1 Aust Corps Area
62		2 Aust Floating Dock	ø	
63		1 Aust Floating Watercraft Wksp Sec	ø	
64		2 Aust Floating Watercraft Wksp Sec	ø	
65				
66		2 Aust Landing Craft Wksp Sec	ø	
67		3 Aust Landing Craft Wksp Sec	ø	
68		77 Aust AASL Wksp Sec (Mob)	RAVENSHOE	
69		84 Aust AASL Wksp Sec (Mob)	KAIRI	
70	MISC	1 Aust Armd Div Pro Coy	BARRINE	
71	(a)	2 Aust Corps Postal Unit	"	
72		2 Aust Corps Fd Cash Office	"	
73		NGF Comd Pay Office	"	
74	(a)	2 Aust Corps Sal Unit	TOLGA	
75	(a)	2 Aust Corps Reception Camp	WONGABEL	
76		2/1 Aust Mov & Tn Cp	✱	✱ No allocation made pending receipt of ETA and composition
77		Det SIB	BARRINE	
78		101 Aust Mob Cinema }	WONGABEL	}
79		102 Aust Mob Cinema }	W/- Reception Cp	}
80		6 Aust Graves Registration Unit	WONGABEL	
81		23 Aust Graves Registration Unit	"	
82		24 Aust Graves Registration Unit	"	
83			"	
-	(a)	1 Aust Beach Gp	TRINITY BEACH	
-	(a)	2 Aust Beach Gp		
DIVISIONS AND ATTACHED CORPS TROOPS:				
-	- (a)	6 Aust Div	WONDECLA	
-	-	7 Aust Div less 18 Bde Gp	HAPPY	18 Bde Gp Area must be used by Corps Units to avoid further concstn of accn
-	- (a)	9 Aust Div	RAVENSHOE	

SUBJECT: Vehicles - 2/13 Aust Corps AA Regt

HQ BRISBANE Fortress
12 Jun 44
REF: Q278/13/39

First Aust Army (AIF)
Ref - First Aust Army signals
Q6885 of 102105 and further
to my Q278/13/260 5 Jun 44

2/13 Aust Corps AA Regt

SERIAL NO.	TYPE	MAKE	YEAR OF MANU-FACTURE	MODEL OR SERIES	QTY OF EACH HELD
6000	M/C SOLO	R.S.A.	1940	W	5
"	"	NORTON	1939	W	1
"	"	INDIAN	1942	741	1
6022A	CAR 6 SEATER Utility	Ford	1941	V8 Station Wagon	1
6030	TRUCKS 15-cwt 4x4 GS	CVT	1942	W.O.	5
"	" "	FORD	1943	SH2504	1
6030C	VANS 1 Ton GS	CVT	1941	T R	2
"	" "	FORD	1940	01Y	10
"	" "	"	1941	11Y	7
6062	LORRIES 30 cwt GS	"	1940	01T	7
"	" "	"	1941	01T	3
"	" "	"	1941	11T	1
"	" "	CVT	1941	T R	2
6065 E	LORRIES 3 ton GS	CVT	1940	4016 H	1
"	" "	"	1942	15	2
"	" "	"	1941	4016 H	2
"	" "	FORD	1941	118 T	1
"	" "	"	1940	01T	4
6103 B	VANS 1 Ton OFFICE	FORD	1940	01Y	1
6116	LORRIES WATER CART 200 galls	FORD	1940	01T	2
6127	TRUCKS 3-ton STORES UNARMED	CVT	1942	C 601	3
6185A	TRACTORS ARTY	AEC	1939	0853	12
6186	" " No 6	CVT	1942	11 T	18
6187	" "	FORD	1941	11 T	3
	(HARRISON HARRINGTON)			TOTAL INCL H/Q:	95

2/13 Aust Corps AA Regt Sig Sec.

6030 E	15 CWT GS	FORD	1939		1
6052	15 CWT 4x4 WIRELESS SIGS	CHEV	1942	WO 12	1
6052A	15 CWT 4x2 WIRELESS SIGS	CHEV	1943	WO 73	1
				TOTAL:	3

2/13 Aust Comp AA Regt Workshops AASC.

SERIAL NO.	TYPE	MAKE	YEAR OF MANUFACTURE	MODEL OR SERIES	QUANTITY OF EACH HELD
6000	M/C	BSA	1940	WM	1
6010	TRUCK 1/4 ton 4x4	WILLYS	1943	MB	2
6010	TRUCK 1/4 ton 4x4	FORD	1942	6 PU	1
6030 A	TRUCK 15 cwt 4x2	CVT	1942	C 15	1
6030 B	VAN 15-cwt 4x2	CVT	1942	C 15	1
6037	TRUCK 15 cwt 4x4	FORD	1942	C29176	2
6037	TRUCK 15 cwt 4x4	CVT	1942	C 15	1
6125	TRUCK 3 Ton 4x4	CVT	1942	C60L	3
6127 A	TRUCK 3-ton Stores 4x2	FORD	1942	21 T	3
6132	LORRIES 3-ton B/down 4x2	CVT	1941	LP2	1
6134	TRUCK 3-ton B/down 6x4	SCAMMEL	1939	6 LW	1
6136	TRUCK 3-ton Garage 4x4	FORD	1942	F60L	1
6136	TRUCK 3-ton Garage 4x4	CVT	1942	C60L	1
6137	TRUCK 3-ton Machinery 4x4	FORD	1942	F60L	2
6288	LORRIES Wreakers 6x6	DIAMOND T	1942	969A	2
			TOTAL:		23

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for Cord BRISBANE Fortress
(AOD)

1 AUXT HDQ LANDING GP:	4 Trucks 1/4 ton 4 x 4
1 AUXT OCCB OPS SEC:	1 Truck 8-cwt GS 1 Truck 1/4 ton 4x4
2h AUXT FD COY:	1 Car 6-seater Utility 1 Truck 1/4-ton 4 x 4 3 Vans 1-ton GS 2 Trucks 15-cwt 4 x 2 GS 1 Truck 3-ton GS with Winch Truck 3-ton water 400-galls - 1 5 Motor Cycles
5 AUXT FD SVY COY:	Nil
11h AUXT LT AA REGT:	Nil
11h AUXT LT AA REGT HQ BTY:	Nil
11h AUXT LT AA REGT WKSPS:	Nil
FD 3 Amt SUP DEPOT COY:	Nil
11 Fl:	Nil
12 Fl:	Nil
13 Fl:	Nil

VEHICLES BY MAKES, TYPES ETC

Unit	Make	Type	Year	Model	Qty
13 Aust Tele Op Sec, Sigs FAA	Fd	Van 1-ton	1940	01Y	1
	Fd	Lorry 3-ton	1941	11T	2
14 Aust Tele Op Sec, Sigs FAA	Fd	Van 12-cwt	1940	01A	1
	Fd	Lorry 3-ton	1940	01T	2
2 Aust Mod Regt	BD	M/Cycle, Solo	1942	M2WLA	4
	Fd	Van 1-ton	1941	11 Y	6
	White	Comm. Armd OP	1942	WSA1	2
	Fd	Lorry 30-cwt W/Tank	1941	11T	1
	Fd	Lorry, 3-ton	1941	11BT	1
	Cvt	do.	1942	15	1
	Cvt	Truck 15-cwt 4x2	1942	C15	1
		4x4	1942	C15A	11
		4x2	1941	C15	1
	Fd	Truck 3-ton	1941	F60L	5
			1942	F60L	4
			1943	"	1
			1942	F60S	1
	Cvt	Truck 3-ton	1941	C60L	1
			1942	"	3
			1942	C60S	2
	Willys	Truck 1/4 ton 4x4 Jeep	1943	MB	4
	AEC	Tractors Matador	1940	A187	3
			1941	"	2
	Wiles	Trailer Mobile Cooker 4 wh	-	-	2
Sig Sec, 2 Aust Mod Regt	BSA	M/Cycle, Solo	1941	WM20	2
	Ind	do	"	741B	2
	Cvt	Truck 15-cwt 4x2	1942	C15	2
	Fd	Lorry 3-ton	1941	11T	1
2/4 Aust LAD	BSA	M/Cycle, Solo	1941	WM20	1
	Cvt	Van, 15-cwt	1941	13	1
	GMC	do	1941	93	1
	Fd	Lorry 3-ton	1941	016T	1
	GMC	do	1941	95	1
	Fd	Truck 3-ton B/down	1942	F60L	1
	Cvt	Truck 3-ton Garage	1942	C60L	1

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Army Form G 2118

Place	Date	Hours	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices.
MAREEBA	1 Jul		Weekly Movement Summary - From 25 Jun 44 to 1 Jul 44	Appendix 'A'
"	4 Jul		Cartridges SA Ball .303" Mk VII	Appendix 'B'
"	5 Jul		First Aust Army Administrative Instruction No 8 - Vehicle Inspection by Unit Officers and NCOs	Appendix 'C'
"	7 Jul		Release of Controlled Stores - Authorities for Release	Appendix 'D'
"	7 Jul		Traffic Routes - ATHERTON TABLELANDS - CAIRNS	Appendix 'E'
"	7 Jul		Use of Electric Current	Appendix 'F'
"	8 Jul		Weekly Movement Summary - From 2 Jul 44 to 8 Jul 44	Appendix 'G'
"	10 Jul		'Q' Conference Notes 10 Jul 44	Appendix 'H'
"	11 Jul		'Q' Conference Notes 11 Jul 44	Appendix 'I'
"	12 Jul		'Q' Conference Notes 12 Jul 44	Appendix 'J'
"	13 Jul		1 Aust Inf Tps Wkshop, AEME	Appendix 'K'
"	13 Jul		'Q' Conference Notes 13 Jul 44	Appendix 'L'
"	13 Jul		Lamps Pressure and Non-Pressure	Appendix 'M'
"	15 Jul		'Q' Conference Notes 14 and 15 Jul 44	Appendix 'N'
"	16 Jul		Weekly Movement Summary - From 9 Jul 44 to 16 Jul 44	Appendix 'O'
"	18 Jul		'Q' Conference Notes 17/18 Jul 44	Appendix 'P'
"	20 Jul		Failure of Ammunition Bombs HE 3-in Mortar	Appendix 'Q'
"	20 Jul		'Q' Conference Notes 19/20 Jul 44	Appendix 'R'
"	21 Jul		Adjustment of Discrepancies	Appendix 'S'
"	21 Jul		Traffic Routes - ATHERTON TABLELANDS - CAIRNS	Appendix 'T'
"	22 Jul		'Q' Conference Notes - 21/22 Jul 44	Appendix 'U'
"	25 Jul		Cartridges SA Ball .303" Mk VII Manufacture	Appendix 'V'
"	25 Jul		Cartridges SA Ball .303" Mk VII	Appendix 'W'
"	25 Jul		First Aust Army Administrative Instruction No 10 - Tyre Inflation Pressures	Appendix 'X'

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MAREEBA	26 Jul		Chests Rifle	Appendix 'Y'
"	27 Jul		Traffic Routes - ATHERTON TABLELANDS - CAIRNS	Appendix 'Z'
"	29 Jul		'Q' Conference Notes - 29 Jul 44	Appendix 'AA'
"	23 Jul		Weekly Movement Summary - From 17 Jul to 23 Jul	Appendix 'BB'
"	31 Jul		Weekly Movement Summary - From 24 Jul to 31 Jul	Appendix 'CC'

Appendix 'A'

WEEKLY MOV SUMMARY

FROM: 25 JuN44 TO:1 Jul 44

1.

UNIT	UNDER COMD	FROM	TO	PROGRESS	REMARKS
55/53 Aust Inf Bn	TOWNSVILLE Frt at present	TOWNSVILLE	THURSDAY ISLAND	Will embark to capacity of TARCOOLA on voyage53. ETD not yet received	From TOWNSVILLE Frt to 4 Aust Div to relieve 5 Aust MG Bn and 265 Aust LAD. TARCOOLA will back-load above units to TOWNSVILLE for on mov to NSW L of C for absorption.
13 Aust Line Sec	Allotment to 1 Aust Base Sub Area	THURSDAY ISLAND	BALCOMBE VIC.	Embarked 24 Jun 44	Will move from BALCOMBE later to join 1 Base Sub A Area.
57 Aust BIPOD pl 58 Aust BIPOD pl	2 Aust Beach Gp	BRISBANE	TRINITY BEACH	Ready to move 25 Jun	
Adv Party HQ 11 Aust Div	First Aust Army	LAE	KAIRI	NGF endeavouring arrange air move LAE - TOWNSVILLE 28 Jun	Party to consist GSO2, AA & QMC, DAAG, DAQMG, and 4 ORs.
7 Aust Inf Bde Adv party 1 Offr bde HQ 1 LCO Wkshp 1 NCO Orderly Room 1 RQMS(or CQMS)		CAIRNS	MORESBY	To move by air earliest	Landops SD3382 of 27 Jun refers.
7 Aust Inf Bde 2 personnel 113 Bde Ord Fd Pk 4 personnel 113 Bde Wksps		To move with 7 Aust Div Tps			Landops SD3382 of 27 Jun refers

UNIT	UNDER COMD	FROM	TO	PROGRESS	REMARKS
4 Aust Inf Tps Ord Fd Pk (less Veh Pk Sec) Rd convoy 2 offrs 89 ORs	First Aust Army	TOOWOOMBA	MAREE	ETA TOWNSVILLE 7 Jul	On mov to be arranged by MC Gp TOWNSVILLE MCO 2/347 refers.
Maj Gen MURRAY G.O.C. 4 Aust Div		4 Aust Div	HQ First Aust Army	ETA CAIRNS from TOWNSVILLE 30 Jun by ANA plane	Tpt being arranged by ADC
82 Aust Dental Unit	First Aust Army Milbase BRISBANE on arrival	ATHERTON TABLELAND	BRISBANE Area	To arrive NOT before 1 Aug and NOT after 1 Sep	Warning Order issued. Unit will be concentrated on TABLELANDS before movement to BRISBANE.
Det 7 Aust Inf Bde (1Soffr 3 ORs)		KAIRI	MORESBY	Depart CAIRNS by air 30 Jun for TOWNSVILLE	On mov from TOWNSVILLE by MC Gp TOWNSVILLE
2/10 Aust Docks Op Coy) (Type C)) 3 Pl 1 Aust Port Maint) Coy)	Second Aust Army 1 Aust Corps on arrival	Second Aust Army	NOUMEA	Move deferred until further advised by LHQ	Landforces SD53083 refers
11 Aust Div 40/50 personnel	understood to be staging at TOWNSVILLE EX leave. Diversionto KAIRI has been requested.				
57 Aust DIPOD Pl 1 Offr 18 ORs	1Aust Beach Gp on arrival	BRISBANE	TRINITY BEACH	ETA TOWNSVILLE 0106e5K	MCO 2349 refers 1 Aust Corps on distribution.

UNIT	UNDER CCMD	FROM	TO	PROGRESS	REMARKS
55/53 Aust Inf Bn 33 offrs 613 OR	4 Aust Div on arrival	TOWNSVILLE	4 Aust Div Area THURSDAY IS	embarked "TARCOOLA"	Mov TOWNSVILLE QM9085 refers
17 Aust Line Maint Sec 1 offr 19 ORs 7 cwt stores	Sigs First Aust Army on arrival	Second Army Area	MAREEBA	Dep ALBURY 3 Jul ETA BRISBANE 5 Jul	
Maj Gen MURRAY		TOWNSVILLE	MAREEBA	moving by car	2 Jul

Appendix 'B'

SUBJECT: Cartridges SA Ball .303" Mk. VII

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
4th Jul 44
98934

DISTRIBUTION
List C Less serials 1,7, 23-38(incl)
40-43(incl) 45,46,47,51,52,53.

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1. It is requested that action be taken, in accordance with LHQ instructions, with regard to the following amunition.

(a) Ctges SA Ball .303" Mk. VII CTN
Made by M.O between 12 Aug 43 and 29 Sep 43
(both dates inclusive)

Stencilled "Selected for Practice 1943/44."

The above ammunition will be restricted for use in Vickers Machine Guns and units should return any holdings, to the nearest Ammunition Depot, and obtain replacements.

(b) A few lots of the above cartridges have been packed in cases charger and should automatically be used for rifle practice. Replacements will not be necessary.

2. Please forward particulars of unit holdings as soon as possible.

3. NIL returns required.

A.P. Farquhar Brig.,
DA & QMG First Aust Army

Appendix 'C'

FIRST AUST ARMY ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION
NO. 8

VEHICLE INSPECTION BY UNIT OFFICERS AND NCOs.

1. Technical inspections of units disclose that mechanical vehicles are frequently in poor condition, due to the neglect of maintenance. This is attributed to:-

(a) Failure of COs to observe the provisions of GRO 339/43.
(b) Absence of a thorough system for unit inspections.
(c) Non-compliance with instructions concerning the care and maintenance of equipment.
(d) Sub unit officers are not held responsible for the condition of equipment.
(e) Transport officers either not appointed or unsuitably qualified.
(f) Poor drivers and absence of D & M training within units.
(g) Bad MT Records.

2. The regular inspection of vehicles by unit officers and NCOs is a necessary part of preventive maintenance of equipment and forms :-

(a) A check on the serviceability of the vehicle.
(b) A check on unit training and discipline affecting the use of equipment.
(c) A means of immediately detecting defects and ensuring that appropriate remedial action is taken.

3. Preventive maintenance, which includes daily inspections, cleaning, lubricating, care and preservation etc, is the function of each driver and it is the responsibility of the officers and NCOs to ensure that this is conscientiously performed in accordance with DME Technical Instruction C19-22 of 24 Jan 44.

4. Inspections of vehicles must at all times be conducted in a formal and efficient manner. The Inspecting Officer should possess a good working knowledge of correct methods for inspection and care of vehicles and be conversant with all orders, Mechanization Training Pamphlets 1, 2 and 3, and DME Technical Instruction C 19-22.

Casual glances do NOT constitute an inspection. Not only does this fail to achieve the objective but it implies that 'IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYWAY' with the result that vehicles will certainly deteriorate; moreover the inspection officer or NCO should remember that his inspection is being carried out under the critical gaze of drivers, whose attitude towards the care of their vehicles will be influenced by the thoroughness of the inspection.

5. Appendix 6 of Standing Orders for the Operation and Maintenance of Mechanical Vehicles - 1940 and GRO 339/43 require:-

(a) Weekly inspections by section or sub-unit commander.
(b) Regular inspections by the CO.
(c) Periodical AEME Technical Inspection (Quarterly).

6. In order that inspections by officers and NCOs may be effective, a methodical routine is essential and the attached appendix should serve as a useful guide. This procedure should be followed for all vehicles where possible and not less than 50% should be inspected weekly.

To carry out an inspection the Inspecting Officer (or NCO) requires :-

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(a) Working Dress to get underneath the vehicle.
(b) The driver (who will stand by throughout the inspection).
(c) The vehicle Log Book (AAF 20).
(d) A notebook in which will be entered any maintenance faults and defects disclosed.
(e) Vehicle tool kit for use in examining mechanical features.

7. The driver should be instructed to immediately attend to any defects noted during the inspection or fill in an AAF G17 for submission to and attention by the Transport Officer, if outside the driver's capacity.

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Lt Col
A/ Brig.
DA & QMG First Aust Army.

5 Jul 44

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APPENDIX 'A'

(a)	GENERAL SURVEY	Wheels - Oil leaks - obviously out of line. Body - Cleanliness - paintwork - dented mudguards or panels - veh markings - canopy torn. Tyres - Inflation - worn - damaged - showing misalignment - if branded DNB.
(b)	EXAMINE LOG BOOK	Entries - If up to date - if correct - check petrol and oil consumption. AAF G28 - If entered and in back pocket. VOL - If in back pocket. AAF G4 - Of last inspection in back pocket.
(c)	LIFT BONNET	Engine -and accessories clean - ignition wiring not cracked and terminals secure - check ALL levels and condition of oil. Radiator - Water level and clean - check for leaks - check holding down bolts and condition of hoses. Fan - Belt for adjustment - blades for truth. Battery - (if under bonnet) if clean - terminals tight and not corroded - not loose in carrier - electrolyte levelcorrect. Lights - Check operation of all lights. Air Cleaner - Tight on carburettor and oil level correct (if applicable).
(d)	HAVE DRIVER START ENGINE	Method - Check method of starting - look for overchoking - racing engine - idling too slow. Exhaust - Watch exhaust smoke when engine is accelerated - black smoke too rich a mixture - blue smoke using oil. Noises - Listen for foreign engine noises. Instruments - Check operation. W/S Wiper - Check operation. Fire Extinguisher - If full and correctly mounted.
(e)	GET UNDER-NEATH	Gearbox & Differential - Have driver remove level plugs - check level - check for external signs of oil leaks - check cleanliness. Springs - Examine - U Bolts - clips - centre bolts - for broken leaves - lubrication and cleanliness - shackles. Body Bolts - Check for tightness. Universal Joints - Tightness of bolts - lubrication - cleanliness. Engine Sump - Cleanliness and oil leaks. Chassis - for cracks - check lubrication of all moving parts. Brakes - Check level of master cylinder - check all lines and master cylinder for fluid leaks.
(f)	CHECK TOOLS & EQUIPMENT	Against VOL - All there - properly packed - in working order - not rusted.
(g)	ROAD TEST -	Clutch - Pedal clearance correct - engaging smoothly and quietly. Transmission - Quiet and not slack. Speedometer - Check Operation. Engine - Pulling smoothly and quietly. Body - Squeaks and rattles - windows and door catches. Brakes - Hand and foot - efficient and even operations Steering - Not slack - wandering - pulling to one side.

Appendix 'D'

SUBJECT: Release of Controlled Stores - Authorities for Release.

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
7 Jul 44
Q9011

Distribution:

Rear HQ First Aust Army
BRISBANE Fortress
BRA First Aust Army
Aust Trg Centre (JW)
HQ AA & Frt Sigs NA
9 MAC
First Aust Army Regt Trg School
First Aust Army School of Sigs
First Aust Army AASC School
Aust Water Tpt Trg Centre
1 Aust Army Trades Trg Depot
1 Aust Tech Trg Centre

Ref GRO 0223/44.

1. On and from 8 Jul 44 the authority for release of controlled stores to units serviced by 3 AOD passes from First Aust Army to Queensland L of C Area. All applications for replacement of controlled stores will be submitted to respective DDOS or OO for forwarding to DDOS Queensland L of C Area.

2. Initial issues will continue to be arranged by DDOS First Aust Army.

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Appendix 'E'

SUBJECT: Traffic Routes : ATHERTON TABLELANDS - CAIRNS.

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
7 Jul 44
Q9019

Distribution:
List 'C' (Branches and formations plus units of First Aust Army Tps only)
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Plus copies for information
Mov CAIRNS
Mov ATHERTON

During the construction of the road ATHERTON - MAREEBA - CAIRNS, it will be necessary to close the section of road between KURANDA and the COOK HIGHWAY for a period of about 8 days, as from approximately 22 Jul 44. The actual date of closing will be advised later.

2. The closure of this route between the TABLELANDS and CAIRNS will result in increased traffic using the GILLIES HIGHWAY. To cope with this increase, the following time-table between Control Gates will be introduced and will be publicly gazetted by the Main Roads Commission:

UP FROM CAIRNS	DOWN TO CAIRNS
0200 - 0500 hrs	0600 - 0900 hrs
1000 - 1300 hrs	1400 - 1700 hrs
1800 - 2100 hrs	2200 - 0100 hrs

The date on which the above time-table will come into force will be notified later.

3. While the road KURANDA - COOK HIGHWAY is closed, HQ First Aust Army will co-ordinate the movement of convoys of 5 vehicles or more using the GILLIES HIGHWAY.

4. Addressees when arranging such convoys will advise the following information to reach HQ First Aust Army by 1000 hrs on the day before the desired day of using the Highway:

(a) Formation or unit
(b) UP or DOWN
(c) Number of vehicles
(d) Desired "Gate time"

5. HQ First Aust Army will then either approve the movement or, if necessary, lay down another date or time for the move.

6. It should be noted that the following vehicles are not permitted to use the GILLIES HIGHWAY:

(a) Vehicles heavier than Trucks 3-ton 4 x 4
(b) Vehicles carrying loads greater than 3-ton deadweight
(c) Tracked or steel-tyred vehicles

Such vehicles should use the PALMERSTON HIGHWAY via INNISFAIL and MILLAA MILLAA.

7. Tanks and transporters cannot use either the GILLIES HIGHWAY or the PALMERSTON HIGHWAY, therefore movement of these types of vehicles between the TABLELANDS and the coast will not take place during the period of closure of the road ATHERTON - MAREEBA - CAIRNS.

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Appendix 'F'

SUBJECT: Use of Electric Current.

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
7 Jul 44
Q9014

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The load carried by BARRON FALLS Hydro Electricity Board has now reached the maximum capacity of the plant, Strict economy in the use of electric current is therefore necessary in order to avoid a breakdown.

2. Heads of branches etc, and Presidents of messes, are requested personally to take necessary action to prevent the avoidable use of electric current.

N B Farquhar
Lt Col, AIF
DA & QMG First Aust Army.

Appendix 'G'

WEEKLY MOVEMENT SUMMARY FROM: 2 Jul 44 TO: 8 Jul 44

UNIT	UNDER COMD	FROM	TO	PROGRESS	REMARKS
Bal 55/53 Aust Inf Bn (60 all ranks)		TOWNSVILLE	4 Aust Div Area	Will embark on 'ISLANDER' at early date.	MCO X/597 refers. Embarkation point - CAIRNS.
HQ 3 Aust Div and Div Tps		KAIRI	NEW GUINEA	Stores and eqpt load TOLGA 0800/2100 hrs 3 Jul.	1. Anticipated pers will entrain night 4/5 Jul. 2. LO from 3 Aust Div moves by air to TOWNSVILLE 4 Jul for liaison duties with MC.
AUST INF BDE GPS: Adv HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp Adv 7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec. Adv 20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt. 25 Aust Inf Bn (incl adv party 9 Aust Inf Bn) 224 Aust Sup Dep Pl 1 Coy 11 Aust Fd Amb 61 Aust Inf Bn - less rear details (total approx 1500 all ranks)		KAIRI	NEW GUINEA	Embark CAIRNS H.T. 'KATOOMBA' early date.	
HQ 3 Aust Div and Div Tps		KAIRI	NEW GUINEA	Pers depart TOLGA in two trains at 042330K and 050005K	Concentrate at 13 APSC NOT later than 6 Jul NOTE: Stores were loaded at TOLGA by 032100K - Ship - HMAS 'WESTRALIA'.
1 Aust Inf Tps Wksp Rd convoy - 4 Offrs 16 ORs 29 Out of gauge vehs.	First Aust Army on arrival	BRISBANE	MAPEE	ETA MAPEE 7 Jul 44	Will mov direct to new site.

UNIT	UNDER COMD	FROM	TO	PROGRESS	REMARKS
99 Aust Mob Cinema 2 all ranks 1 x jeep 1 x jeep trailer	Rear 3 Aust Div	SYDNEY	KAIRI	ETA BRISBANE 071305K	
VISITORS: Lt-Col LEITCH) Capt DOWDESWELL) (Accompanied by Maj McCOWEN - LNO)	of CRS Eleventh Army Gp - South-East Asia Comd. Itinerary arranged by Lt-Col JUMP.				
S1 Aust Fd Baking Pl	1 Aust HQ Area Comd for local Adm on arrival Remain Qld L of C OOB	STRATHPINE	RAVENSHOE	ETA TOWNSVILLE 061645K Jul by rail	
Rear party 2/106 Aust Gen Tpt Coy 2 Offrs 2 ORs 32 Vehs 7 Tons stores	Qld L of C on arrival	WONGABEL	TENTERFIELD	Move to CAIRNS by rd 7 Jul pending on move by sea.	Route - GILLIES HIGHWAY 1 Aust Corps Veh Pool prepare vehs for embarkation (1 Aust Corps Unit)
4 Aust Inf Tps Ord Fd Pk 2 Offrs 89 ORs 46 Vehs 4 MCs	First Aust Army	TOOWOOMBA	MAPEE	RTD TOWNSVILLE 070730K Jul ETA MAPEE 9 Jul	Guides arranged by RTO INNISFAIL.

UNIT	UNDER COMD	FROM	TO	PROGRESS	REMARKS
First Aust Army Mob Printing Unit By Rail: 12 pers 11 ton DW stores 1x12 cwt veh By sea: 4 ORs 2 x 3 ton O.G. Vehs	1 Aust Corps Qld L of C on arrival	ATHERTON	BRISBANE	Load rail 080800K O.G. Vehs move 1 Aust Corps Veh Phel by rd before 9 Jul embark early date	(1 Aust Corps Unit)
Det 13 Aust Fd Baking Pl 1 Offr 10 ORs	1 Aust Corps Qld L of C on arrival	RAVENSHOE	BRISBANE	ETD CAIRNS 090750K	Mov to CAIRNS under arrangements Mov CAIRNS (1 Aust Corps unit).

Appendix 'H'

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'Q' CONFERENCE - 10 JULY 44

	Action By
1. The designation of Major MORAY within 'Q' Branch will be "Q4".	Infm
2. Arrangements to be made with 17 Sub Area L of C for postal facilities at CAIRNS Rest Camp. A Branch arranging duty officer for censoring.	Q3
3. Steps will be taken to ensure that no delays occur dealing with 'Q' matters.	All 'Q' Officers
4. The MGO is due to arrive CAIRNS 20 Jul. It is understood that itinerary for inspection of general administrative installations is being arranged by DDOS Q L of C. DDOS First Aust Army is requesting information.	Q1
5. Copies of all matter for distribution will be reduced to the necessary minimum.	All 'Q' Officers
6. When it is necessary to write notes on a file, these will be written neatly in ink. If there is no room on the file the notes will be written on a minute sheet and attached to the file.	All 'Q' Officer
7. Release supplies CORPS Area. Compare present rations strength with authorised reserves. (Reserve)	Q1
8. Submission has been made by RAE for restrictions on the use of electric current. Prepare draft for RO.	Q2.
9. Prepare manning Chart from amended WE for 'Q' Branch.	Q2.
10. Information is to be furnished of changes in occupation of Camp Sites immediately these occur. Camp accommodation chart will then be amended without delay.	Q2.
11. S&T advise having been informed un-officially that butter ration is to be 1½ ozs. per day for 5 days, each week and margarine is to be supplied on the remaining 2 days. Confirmation is being sought.	Infm.
S&T also advise that the allotment of 640 pounds of butter per month has been made to canteens on the TABLELANDS. Ascertain number of meals served by canteens and amount of butter available per meal on this allocation.	Q1
12. Arrange delivery of TABLE TOPS to Rest Camp as from 17 July.	Q3.
13. Authority has been granted by LHQ for movement of certain 6 Aust Div personnel on leave. Major HINDLE of Movements TOWNSVILLE advised by phone 9 July, that he expected to be able to	

	Action By
move 2 trains per day each carrying 360 personnel. Allowing for unforeseen contingencies he was confident of the ability to move 4000 personnel per week.	
This would require entrainment at [illegible]. Personnel would move to [illegible] by road. Trains would depart [illegible] 1930 hrs and 1900 hrs. Troops should arrive [illegible] one hour before these times and would be provided with a meal before entraining.	Instn
A direction from [illegible] has been sought as to the number to be moved per week.	
14. 13 Fd Regt have requested permission to return 40 vehicles to depot. G(T) have no objection from the training point of view. Ascertain if any of these vehicles have been temporarily allotted by 3 Aust Div.	G1
15. 1 Aust Corps are to attach 1[illegible] X 3 ton vehicles to [illegible] Base Corp.	
The formation from which these vehicles are to be obtained will determine the number of troops to move by rail on 16 Jul. So that movementary may have early notice of the approximate number to move by rail on that date, ascertain from Corps whether vehicles are to be provided from the [illegible], or from the Beach Group.	G3
16. An additional workshop has been asked for by G([illegible]). Ascertain present position.	GL.
17. A discussion between the Forestry Officer and 'G' will be held at 1030 hrs on 12 Jul, concerning the Forest areas required for training with a view to placing out of bounds forest areas not so required. G2 will attend the discussion and prepare a draft of necessary instruction.	G
18. 4 Corps DC for this HQ have been released by [illegible]. Follow up.	G
19. Salvage report less than 20 percent used oil is being recovered. 50 per cent should be recovered. Look into this and advise.	GL.

[signature]

[illegible] Lt-Col.,
[illegible] Aust Inf Div

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'Q' CONFERENCE — 12 JULY 44.

	Action By:
1. 'A' Branch advise the possibility of a Reception Camp being placed on the [illegible] of First Aust Army. To accomodate maximum 6[illegible] personnel. Suitable area would be ROCKY CREEK, [illegible], TOLGA. A site is to be tentatively selected.	Q2
2. It is possible that a Medium Regiment will be brought to this area. Ascertain from [illegible] likely location and [illegible]. Consider then site.	Q2
3. Ascertain what labour is being provided from First Aust Army resources at [illegible] GOLDEN GROVE	Q2
4. Information is to be readily available showing vehicle availability of [illegible] units under direct control First Aust Army	Q3
5. C-in-C's car is held at our Transport Lines. Ascertain if on charge to Corps, and if driver is on posted strength of HQ 1 Aust Corps. If so, advise if advisable to transfer vehicle and driver to H First Army	Q3
6. A claim has been submitted for compensation in regard to premises and furniture occupied by [illegible] Mess at [illegible]. Ascertain names of Mess Presidents, and members of [illegible] Mess during the period of occupancy	
7. Laundry at CAIRNS is washing 1000 blankets per day. As ration strength on Tablelands is 56000, and 4 blankets per man are on issue, existing facilities will provide clean turn-over in 22½ days. This does not appear satisfactory. Look into position and submit recommendation.	Q1
8. Owing to derailment of train North of [illegible] Mail delivery has been delayed. Units are to endeavour to arrange delivery of mail in trains held up in the [illegible] area	Inf[illegible]
9. 95 cu tons of stores for the 2nd Beach Detachment of 1 Aust Beach Group have been tropic-proofed and packed, and are held at 15 [illegible] in custody of personnel from the Detachment. 1 Aust Corps desire these stores to be held in CAIRNS area. Ascertain from 17 Aust L of C Sub Area if suitable accomodation is available. If so have accomodation inspected by Corps and if acceptable arrange for it to be made avail-able for the above purpose	

10.	Major GILL will be the 'Q' representative to attend the Command and Staff Course being conducted by 1 Aust Corps from 20-30 Jul. He will need to take Atebrin as from 11 Jul. Major MURAY will relieve during his absence	Q2
11.	At the request of Med patient with serious injury being evacuated today from MAFEBA to BRISBANE	Instn

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Appendix 'J'

'Q' CONFERENCE NOTES - 12 JUL 44

		Action By:
1.	17 Sub Area L of C are to advise quantities of ammunition returned from IRON RANGE and plan for movement of the remainder. Follow this up on 14 Jul and report.	Q1
2.	DA & QMG will meet the MGO on 20 Jul. Submit to AQMG on 12 Jul any matters which it is thought should be discussed with MGO.	All DA QMGs
3.	It has been agreed with 'Q' Branch, 1 Aust Corps that First Aust Army should have direct access to Camp Staff Officers on matters concerning buildings and accommodation stores which will remain the responsibility of Camp Staff Officers when the camp is vacant. Information is to be readily available at this HQ as to ~~make~~ holdings of camp accommodation stores, so that inter-camp transfers can be effected when necessary without delay.	Q2
4.	Arrangements for movement of 6 Div personnel on leave will be made by 1 Aust Corps direct with Movements TOWNSVILLE.	Infm
5.	ITOS advise that no shock absorbers or tie rod ends for Chevrolet Cars are available in AUSTRALIA. How will this affect transport at this HQ.	
6.	13 Fd Regt holds 48 surplus vehicles. Arrange immediate transfer for return to depot.	Q1
7.	Lt HARVEY recommends hire at 3 to 4 pounds per week of printing machinery at MAREEBA to be operated by two personnel. This HQ has advised Qland L of C and recommend acceptance. Follow up on 14 Jul.	Q1
8.	A proposal previously submitted to LHQ by the Canteen Service for provision of showers and latrines at Officers Club, ATHERTON is to be re-examined with a view to re-submission. Obtain file and submit recommendations.	Q1
9.	A plan for the installation of bulk petrol facilities is said to have been arranged by 1 Aust Corps with LHQ. It is understood that this plan is under-way. Ascertain:- (a) What is the plan. (b) What progress has been made. (c) Expected date of completion.	Q4
10.	1 Aust Corps Adm Instruction for the movement of troops to tropical areas has been brought up to date and will be promulgated in First Aust Army Administrative Standing Orders. Care will be exercised to ensure that necessary amendments are promulgated without delay.	All DA QMGs
11.	Forward to CE application from Ord for amendment to CE. Obtain and submit from other Services any proposed amendments to CE.	Q1
	CE states that he has made arrangements for the completion of "C" Wing, LHQ Tactical School.	Q2

		Action By:
13.	Width of proposed new roads as submitted by CE will be 16 feet. Have schedule suitably revised and prepare for our submission to LHQ.	Q2
14.	Reference damage to roads MACHAN Shire. CE advise that Col CARR was to have had a discussion with the Shire Engineer on 10 Jul. Result not yet known. Lt-Col WILLIS was informed, but not for action.	Q2
15.	Advise 1 Aust Corps that vehicles to be provided by them for CAIRNS Rest Camp will be reduced from 10 to 6. Arrange 2 x 7 ton AASC vehicles to be attached to Leave Camp from Army resources.	Q3.

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Appendix 'K'

SUBJECT: 1 Aust Inf Tps Wksp AEME

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
13 Jul 44
Q9088

HQ First Aust Army (for Camp)
HQ 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
26 Aust Maint Pl
2 Aust AA & Frt Coy
Det 3 Aust Fd Svy Coy
Sigs First Aust Army
1 Aust Para Bn
2/2 Aust HQ Gd Bn
2/77 Aust LAD
First Aust Army Comd Pay Office
First Aust Army Pro Coy
First Aust Army Postal Unit

The above workshop has commenced oporations at GORDONVALE 1" to mile - 455-363 and will carry out 2nd and 3rd echelon repairs for all Army Tps Units situated on the Tablelands north of ATHERTON which are not otherwise serviced. Where possible, vehicles should be evacuated through an LAD.

2. Equipment will be submitted to workshops with 2 copies of repair requisition (AAF F3A); drivers will accompany vehicles to workshops and will assist with cleaning, servicing and repairs as directed by OC Workshops.

3. Pending direct connection to MAPEE Switchboard workshop may be contacted by telephone through 2/7 Aust Cav Commando Regt, Extension 6.

A B Farquhar Lt Col
Brig.,
DA & QMG First Aust Army.

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Appendix 'L'

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'Q' CONFERENCE NOTES - 13 JUL

	Action By:
1. At Conference with Forestry Officer on 12 Jul the following facts were elicited:-	
(a) Timber may be cut in some areas without authority.	
(b) In some areas timber may be cut after authority is received from Forestry Officer.	
(c) In certain re-forested areas timber will not be cut.	
(d) The same conditions apply in the use of forest areas for exercises.	
(e) An agreement covering these matters was made with 1 Aust Corps some time ago.	
Action is being taken to bring the agreement up to date and to promulgate any necessary instructions as an Army Order after the concurrence of 1 Corps has been obtained.	Q2
2. Arrangements are being made for the transfer from 1 Aust Corps to First Aust Army of the C-in-C's car.	Q3
3. Prepare RO drawing attention to GRO dealing with reclamation of used oil.	Q1
4. During a visit on 12 Jul to 13 AOD, it was pointed out that existing facilities for washing blankets were inadequate, and would lead to large accumulation of unwashed blankets unless increased facilities were provided. Lt-Col [illegible] said he would take this matter up with the DCO.	Infm
5. In discussion with Lt-Col [illegible] on 12 Jul, AAG was informed that 17 L of C Sub-Area would provide postal facilities for the [illegible] Rest Camp.	Infm
6. Inform LHQ date WAC accommodation at [illegible] will be completed.	Q2
7. Endeavour to obtain for 7 Adv Ord Veh Pk - 12 portable huts. These are required for administrative purposes.	Q2
8. Chevrolet vehicles on this HQ comprise 29 cars and 8 trucks. DDF advise that a satisfactory improvised tie rod end has been produced, and that an improvised shock absorber is being tested. This action was taken as a result of the report that these parts were not available in AUSTRALIA.	Infm

Action By:

9. The third leave train for 1 Aust Corps personnel will leave INNISFAIL at 1415 hrs on 15 Jul. / Infm

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AQMG First Aust Army

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Appendix 'M'

SUBJECT: Lamps Pressure and Non-Pressure

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
12 Jul 44
Q9087

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Various types of lamps are held by units in this area, but large quantities are not being used due to minor defects.

2. In order to obtain the necessary spare parts for repair of these lamps, it is requested that a return, embodying the following information, be submitted as soon as possible:

(a) Entitlement
(b) Holding (by types) showing condition
e.g. "serviceable", "doubtful"
"unserviceable"

3. Information re hurricane lanterns is not required.

R Vaughan Lt Col
for Brig.,
DA & QMG First Aust Army.

Appendix 'N'

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NOTES ON 'Q' CONFERENCE - 14 & 15 JUL

	Action By:
1. BRA is to indicate which vehicles of 13 Fd Regt are to be withdrawn. Such types as are required by other units are to be transferred direct and the remainder returned to depot. Arrange EME inspection of all vehicles for transfer or return to depot.	Q1
2. Work on [illegible] officers quarters which was to be commenced on 18 Jul is now not expected to commence until 1 Aug.	Infm
3. Showers and latrines for officers Club ATHERTON: there are three proposals; namely:- (a) Plan to cost £600 understood to have been submitted to IHQ through Canteens Service. No information available. (b) Plan understood to have been discussed at recent meeting of officers Club Committee. (c) Plan for which L100 is available, submitted by OC Canteens ATHERTON. Plan "c" was examined by A/MG on the ground on 14 Jul and is thought to be satisfactory. Obtain particulars of plan "b".	Q1
4. Tentage held by 11 Bde has been in use for approximately six months, but is serviceable. Approval was requested for replacement of 800 tents by new tentage from 13 AOD. This would exhaust stocks of Tropic Proofed tentage held in the depot. After discussion with DDOS it was decided to submit the proposal to IHQ for direction as it was considered that this was a matter of IHQ policy.	Q1
5. Kit Store ATHERTON can hold 3000 kits and can handle 1500 per day (say 20 tons). If the kits of a Division are to be moved it is expected that a detachment of the Kit Store could be placed in the Div area to receive kits and despatch by rail direct to [illegible]ICH. It is considered that existing Kits Store accommodation would be sufficient for the kits of one Div NOT dealt with in this way. If the kits of two Divs were to be handled concurrently double the existing accommodation would be required. To meet this possibility, a suitable building is being sought which could temporarily be hired. This building will then be reserved for the above purpose, and will not be hired until necessary	Q2
6. Storage for Tropic Proofed stores of 1 Aust Beach Group was arranged through 17 Aust L of C Sub Area at 7 Aust Ord Veh Wkshop at [illegible]RTON.	Infm
7. It is understood that this space is available in an Igloo hut. 1 Aust Corps have been advised and will make all necessary further arrangements.	
7. Owing to recent rail delay certain Canteen Amenities are likely to be in short supply until about 24 Jul.	

		Action By:
	This will particularly apply to Tobacco and cigarettes, the position being aggravated by the issue of these items to troops proceeding on leave to cover their requirements until they reach the last LTD.	Infm
8.	Officers Club HAVENSHOE is expected to open on 22 Jul.	Infm
9.	1640 lbs of butter per month has been allotted to Canteens on the TABLELANDS. Based on the number of meals served this will represent approximately ¼ ounce per meal and this is considered satisfactory.	Infm
10.	780 dozen bottles of soft drinks have been produced daily at the ATHERTON factory during the past week.	Infm

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WEEKLY MOVEMENT SUMMARY From: 9 Jul 44 To: 16 Jul 44.

UNIT	UNDER COMD	FROM	TO	PROGRESS	REMARKS
Train Accident: As result accident at NUKMAN CREEK 924 miles north of BRISBANE, rail traffic TOWNSVILLE - CAIRNS temporarily suspended. No Army personnel involved in accident. Anticipate delay of 48 hours. Wednesday resumption.					
First Aust Army Mob Printing Unit	1 Aust Corps Qld L of C on arrival	ATHERTON	BRISBANE	Departed ATHERTON area 10 Jul 44.	
Train delays: Movements CAIRNS advised us by phone that it is expected that trains on section TOWNSVILLE - CAIRNS will resume running at 0900 hrs 13 Jul 44 (Thursday) Gen. MORESHEAD SYDNEY - MAREEBA to-day.					
6 Aust Div (leave trains)	First two trains conveying pers on leave ETD INNISFAIL as follows:- 1415 hrs 14 Jul 1900 hrs 14 Jul				Mov being arranged direct 1 Aust Corps with Mov TOWNSVILLE.
Rail Traffic TOWNSVILLE - CAIRNS section	Traffic expected to re-commence 13 Jul. First train ETD CAIRNS for TOWNSVILLE 1200 hrs 13 Jul. First train ETA CAIRNS from TOWNSVILLE 0300 hrs 14 Jul.				
3 Aust Div Concert Party 21 all ranks.	Qld L of C on arrival	WONGABEL	TOWNSVILLE	ETA INNISFAIL 141700K Jul by rd.	LHQ Tps.
106 Aust Adv Med Stores 9-all ranks.	1 Aust HQ Area Comd on arrival.	NT	ROCKY CREEK	ETD TOWNSVILLE 140300K Jul	Relieves 2/1 Aust Base Depot Med Stores.
2/1 Mov & Tn Gp 20 - all ranks	1 Aust Corps on arrival	TOWNSVILLE	WONGABEL	ETD TOWNSVILLE 132030K Jul	To concentrate WONGABEL

UNIT	UNDER COMD	FROM	TO	PROGRESS	REMARKS
5 Aust MG Bn	Formerly under comd 4 Aust Div				Has arrived in BRISBANE after relief by 55/53 Aust Inf Bn. Moves to NSW L of C Area departing BRISBANE 14 Jul.
1 Aust CA Trg Bty	BRISBANE Fortress	BRISBANE	NSW L of C Area	Depart BRISBANE 14 Jul 44	
Gen. MILFORD - Col FITZGERALD (D of Survey) arrived air MAREEBA 14 Jul 44.					

Appendix 'P'

'B' CONFERENCE NOTES - 17/18 JUL 44

		Action By:
1.	7 Bde advised that tentage was wet and requested provision of new tentage to be taken on their move to a tropical area. Arranged issue of 29) tents tropic-proofed and tropic-packed ex 13 A[illegible].	
	Corresponding tentage left by the Bde will be struck when dry and returned to depot	G1
2.	No reply has been received from [illegible] concerning proposal to hive printing machinery at [illegible]. Follow up as previously directed	G1
3.	A quantity of Field Operational Rations ~~have~~ Last proved to be unfit for human consumption. DAT have given instructions that no further rations of this type are to be issued pending an investigation. DAT have taken action through service channels. Obtain full particulars and report	1
4.	Date of closing Road [illegible]-[illegible] cannot yet be advised by Engineers. They have undertaken to give 7 days notice of such closing.	Infn
5.	Action taken by 17 L of C Sub Area regarding provision of Refrigerators and Hot Water System to [illegible] Rest Camp will be ascertained.	G2
6.	Canteens were unable to supply tobacco and cigarettes to certain messes on 17 Jul. Ascertain position from Canteens Officer, and prepare draft of memo to [illegible] recommending that sufficient reserves be held to cover contingencies such as railway breakdown for several days.	
	Point out also the necessity for providing reserves from which to provide requirements of any troops moving overseas	G1
7.	[illegible] advises that 1 Aust Corps arranged accommodation at [illegible], [illegible] for Watercraft Workshop. Ascertain particulars and keep on record.	G2
8.	It will be the responsibility of any officer initiating a message, or important memo, to ensure that the document is despatched without delay. The Chief Clerk will instruct his staff that any message prepared for signature of an officer who is temporarily absent, will be referred to another officer without delay for signature.	

[signature]

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Appendix 'B'

SUBJECT: Failure of Ammunition
Bombs ML HE 3-in Mortar

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
20Jul 44
Q9205

Distribution:
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units of First Aust Army Tps only)
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25-51 (incl) 53-83 (incl) 85-89 (incl)

Bombs ML HE 3-in Mortar Batch B228 have given unsatisfactory performance at practice. In anticipation of LHQ Instructions, these bombs are to be withdrawn.

2. (G1033) Holdings are to be returned to Ordnance, endorsing vouchers "Dextrinated Lead Azide Detonators".

3. It is requested that particulars of quantities involved be advised as early as possible.

4. NIL returns required.

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Lt Col
for Brig..
DA & QMG First Aust Army.

Appendix 'R'

'Q' QUEENSLAND FORCE - 19/20 JUL

Action By:

1. 17 Aust L of C Sub Area have obtained approval for installation of hot showers in CAIRNS Rest Camp, but expect a delay of 6 months before work can be commenced. RAE First Aust Army cannot assist at this juncture, but are experimenting with hot water systems, and will keep this branch informed. Follow up — Q2

2. Large ice box is located in CAIRNS Rest Camp. Ascertain:

   (a) Is this in use
   (b) Is it adequate
   (c) If not what is cubic capacity — Q2

3. Recent inspection of ORs kitchen at this HQ indicated an unsatisfactory condition. Action has been taken, and condition is now satisfactory. Follow up — Q1

4. Arrange with Movements CAIRNS to obtain monthly figures of rail movement between CAIRNS and TABLELANDS — Q3

5. SGT report as follows:

   (a) Dri-balm in use by Fd Bakery ATHERTON has deteriorated, and continued use will result in a proportion of bread being unfit for use

   (b) Only by the production of white bread can issue of wholesome bread be assured. Q1

   Medical inspection has been arranged, and pending receipt of report, authority has been given for the baking of white bread

6. Meat contents of some Field Op Rations has been found to be blown. LHQ and Q'land L of C have been advised through service channels, and rations sent to BRISBANE for examination. Remaining Op Rations are being issued plus 12-oz Meat Preserved with each ration — Info

7. It is expected that 30x3-ton vehicles will be required from Army resources for the movement of the last flight of 7 Bde — Q3

8. Complaints of delay in mail delivery have been received from Rear HQ 3 Aust Div, 'B' and 'C' Pls 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy, and Adv HQ 11 Aust Div — Q3

		Action By:
9.	Adv 11 Aust Div have requested furniture for GOC's Mess. Cadmess can provide material for making 12 canvas chairs. Arrange	Q1
10.	Authority has been given by EHQ to issue to 7 Bde new tropic-proofed tentage. Arrange issue of new tentage and return to RAD of existing tentage.	Q1
11.	Tentage position 13 AOD on 19 Jul was as follows:	

In Depot 12x12 Tropic-proofed	710
In Depot 180-lbs, not Tropic-proofed	230
In Transit 12x12	1580
Total 2520	Info

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SUBJECT: Adjustment of Discrepancies.

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
21 Jul 44
99234

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The following extracts from standing orders on the procedure for adjustment of discrepancies in Ordnance Stores received from Ordnance Depot are promulgated for information:

Standing Orders Australian Army Ordnance Service Part 1

Para 186:

"In the case of discrepancies being found in consignments of stores received by the AAOD from units the voucher will be amended by the consignee to show the exact quantities received, and a discrepancy report forwarded to the unit in duplicate on AAF F39. If the discrepancy be not admitted by the consignor the matter will be investigated by him and the COO informed of the result. If a deficiency, the matter will then be dealt with in accordance with AR & O as a loss of public stores."

Standing Orders Equipment. Part I, General Volume I

Para 45:

"When discrepancies are found to exist between the quantities or descriptions of stores actually received and those charged, a discrepancy report on AAF F39, in duplicate accompanied by packing notes, will be sent to the consignor. The fullest information will be given thereon, all numbers and weights, and any marks upon the packages giving evidence of their having been tampered with being carefully recorded. The packages, with their notes and all wrappers, will be retained until the inquiry closes. The original copy of the discrepancy report, with the subsequent correspondence, will be attached to the receipt voucher in support of the alterations made therein. The original entry in the consignor's ledger will be allowed to stand. The duplicate copy of the discrepancy report, showing how the discrepancy has been adjusted, will be attached by the consignor to the issue voucher.

The numbers and descriptions of stores actually received will be brought to account, and a receipt given to the consignor for these numbers and descriptions only, except where it is clear that the full numbers charged were actually issued by the consignor and it is also evident to the consignee how the deficiency has arisen, e.g. a loss from a sling in unloading a vessel. The inquiry (as ordered by AR & O) will be made by the consignee and a reference to the proceedings and decision will be quoted upon the consignee's receipt voucher and discrepancy report, a clear receipt being given to the consignor.

If the discrepancy be admitted by the consignor, his accounts will be adjusted by certificate receipt or issue voucher for the numbers over or under charged, a reference being given upon the certificate voucher to the original issue voucher and upon the original issue voucher to the certificate voucher.

When the consignor cannot admit that the consignee's report of the discrepancy represents the actual issue, the matter will be dealt with by the consignor, and in the case of deficiencies action will be taken in accordance with the AMR & O as a deficiency of public stores. The consignee will be notified on the original copy of the discrepancy report of the method of adjustment approved. The consignor will indorse his copy of the issue voucher with a reference to the authority for adjustment."

Para 93 (a) (xi):

" Discrepancies in stores are not to be adjusted by conversion vouchers (AAF F5) except in cases where discrepancies are clearly shown to the satisfaction of the DADOS to be due to errors in vouchers or errors in nomenclature. (See AMR & O 690).

The conversion vouchers will be approved by the DADOS, and must in all cases be endorsed with an explanation of the circumstances supported where necessary by a reference to voucher numbers."

Brig.,
DA & QMG First Aust Army.

'Appendix 'I'

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SUBJECT: Traffic Routes : ATHERTON TABLELANDS - CAIRNS

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
2/ Jul 44
Q9235

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Plus copies for information
Mov CAIRNS
Mov ATHERTON

Ref First Aust Army Q9019 of 7 Jul 44.

1. The date on which the section of road between KURANDA and the COOK HIGHWAY will close is not yet firm.

2. It is anticipated that one week's warning of date of closing will be given.

[redacted]
BRIG.,
DA & QMG First Aust Army.

Appendix "U"

'G' CONFERENCE [illegible] - 21/22 JUL

		Action Taken:
1.	Following information received from [illegible] and DAT for week-ending 29 Jul 44:- Average Service troop trains per day 4 Average daily tonnage of service freight 150 tons Average Ration strength 57000 Pounds per man per day moved by rail 5.9 These figures indicate a reduction in reserves held on the Tablelands. This is being examined	Info Info
	Obtain these figures weekly	G3
2.	Blanket holdings 13 AOD 22 Jul 44: Held [illegible] Dues In, now at CAIRNS 47000 Dues In, in transit 105000 Total: [illegible]	 Info
3.	Ice Chest at Rest Camp is in operation. Capacity 48 cu ft. Required Capacity 150 cu ft. 17 L of C Sub Area endeavouring to obtain Refrigerator to meet the requirements. Follow up.	G2
4.	1 Aust Corps advise that 7313 troops of 1 Aust Corps Troops and 6 Aust Div are qualified for movement on leave. 4430 of this total had moved up to 21 Jul. The figure for 9 Aust Div not yet available.	Info
5.	Arrangements have been made to establish Stationery Store below OOD's office, to be named under arrangements Camp	Info
6.	Of the returned from first flight to Rest Camp CAIRNS appear to have enjoyed their stay at the Camp.	Info
7.	With a view to reducing wear and tear on operational vehicles it is desired to have on issue to units of the task forces sufficient adm vehicles for their domestic needs. To this end the following action is being taken: (a) 1 Aust Corps are taking a census to ascertain number, by types, of adm vehicles required. (b) DMT is ascertaining number of adm vehicles, by types, awaiting repair in 7 Aust Ord Veh Pk, and approximate dates of availability. (c) 1 Aust Corps has been asked to indicate extent of availability of workshop facilities in formations under command for repair of these vehicles. (d) LHQ will then be asked to provide vehicles not available from local sources.	

	Action Taken.
This proposal has been outlined to HQ, whose re-actions were favourable, but he desires admission to LEO at appropriate time.	Info
8. First Echelon Repair facilities for units in ATTERTON-TOLGA area have been improvised and will be located at ATTERTON. This workshop is expected to commence operations on 27 Jul	Info
9. CO Rest Camp advises Postal arrangements are satisfactory.	Info

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SUBJECT: Cartridges S.A. Ball .303" Mk VII HQ Manufacture.

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
25 Jul 44
Q9311

Distribution:
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It is requested that action be taken, in accordance with LHQ Instructions, with regard to the following ammunition:

Cartridges S.A. Ball .303" Mk VII Carton or Charger Packed

Made by HQ between 12 Aug 43 and 29 Sep 43 (both dates inclusive) stencilled "Selected for Practice 1943/44"

2. The above ammunition will be restricted for use in Vickers Machine Guns and rifles only and units should return any holdings to the nearest ammunition depot, and obtain replacements.

3. Please forward particulars of unit holdings as soon as possible.

4. NIL returns required.

for Brig.,
DA & QMG First Aust Army.

Appendix 'W'

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SUBJECT: Cartridges SA Ball .303" Mk VII

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
25 Jul 44
98310

Distribution:
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of First Aust Army Tps only)
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40-43 (incl) 45,46,47,51-53 (incl)

It is advised that First Aust Army memo 98934 of 4 Jul 44 has been cancelled.

For Brig.,
DA & QMG First Aust Army.

Appendix 'A'

FIRST AUST ARMY ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO 10.

TYRE INFLATION PRESSURES.
(Mechanisation Circular No 324)

The following table of recommended tyre pressures is issued supplementary to those contained in Mechanisation Circular No 324.

TYRE SIZE	PLY	VEHICLE TYPE	PRESSURE			
			Road		Cross Country	
			Front	Rear	Front	Rear
600 x 16 B T	6	Jeep ¼-ton 4 x 4	30	30		
650 - 20	6		40	50		
700 - 20	8	(Replace 32-6 8-ply)	40	55		
750-20		GMC 2½-ton 6 x 6	55	55	38	38
900 - 13	Sand	Cars 6-seater Utility	24	24		
900 - 13		Arty Bofors AA	20	20		
1050 - 20	10	(Tractor Arty Aust No 8	50	70		
		(Tractor Arty Quod	50	70		
1100 - 20		BL 155MM Gun Type MIA1 (Carrier and Limber Wheels)	70		50	
1350 - 20	16	Tractor Arty Matador 4 x 4	60	70	36	50
1400 - 20		AEC Arm Comd Vans	55	65		
700 - 20/32-6 (Group Size)	10		65	80		
900 - 16 R F		(Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 4 (Battery Staff Metal Van	25	25		
		(Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 4 (Battery Staff Wood Body	25	25		

A B Farquhar Lt Col
for Brig.,
DA & QMG First Aust Army.

25 Jul 44

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SUBJECT: CHESTS, RIFLE.

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
28 Jul 44
Q9350

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All chests, rifle, not actually in use for storage of rifles will be returned to 13 AOD as early as possible to meet an urgent requirement.

2. Advice of holdings so despatched is to be notified to this HQ by 3 Aug 44, NIL returns required.

R. Fonsheu Lt Col
for Brig.,
DA QMG First Aust Army

Appendix 'Z'

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SUBJECT: Traffic Routes : ATHERTON TABLELANDS - CAIRNS.

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
17 Jul 44
Q9355

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Mov CAIRNS
Mov ATHERTON

Ref First Aust Army Q9019 dated 7 Jul 44.
Ref Map CAIRNS 1-in = 1 mile

1. The section of road to be closed has been extended and is now from 645787 (junction with COOK HIGHWAY) to 549780 (approx 2-3/4 miles SW of KURANDA).

2. This section of road will be closed from 3 Aug 44 to 10 Aug 44 (both dates inclusive) and during this period the special time-table for the GILLIES HIGHWAY will operate.

Brig.,
DA & QMG First Aust Army.

Appendix AA

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'Q' CONSERVATION FORCE - 29 JUL 44

		Action By:
1.	Q(SD) advise ref Anti-Gas Equipment: First Aust Army Tps 10% 11 Aust Div 100%	Q1
2.	Work of installing petrol bowsers at RAVENSHOE, WONDECLA and WONDADEL has commenced. Bulk storage at KAIRI and ATHERTON is now in operation. One petrol road waggon has been completed, and the remaining four are expected to be ready by 20 Aug	Infn
3.	It is expected that 1500 troops of 7 Bde will move from this area on 2 or 3 Aug. Approximately 350 will then remain for later movement.	Infn
4.	After consultation with DDME it was decided that 10 Aust Bde Wasp and Fd Pk should be located in SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND, at location to be determined by DDME.	Infn
5.	Q(SD) have accepted action for provision of vehicles for 29 Aust Bde on arrival this area	Infn
6.	TAROOMA will carry meat to capacity to BRISBANE ETA 4 Aug	Infn
7.	A complaint from Rear HQ 3 Aust Div that personnel were not receiving mail was investigated. It was found that the mail in question had been addressed to HQ 3 Aust Div	Infn
8.	As at 28 Jul the following Canteen Supplies for the TABLELANDS were held at CAIRNS: On rail awaiting movement - Beer 60 tons Dry Goods 110 tons In Bulk Store at CAIRNS - Bottled Beer 180 tons Tinned Fruit 40 tons Custard Powder 10 ton Cigarettes 10 tons Tobacco 2 tons To avoid a shortage of cigarettes and tobacco two 7-ton AASC vehicles were made available on 29 Jul to convey these items from CAIRNS to ATHERTON. Canteens Officer, ATHERTON will visit CAIRNS next week, and will report on the question of transport.	

Lt-Col.,
AQMG First Aust Army.

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'Q' CONFERENCE ITEMS - 29 JUL 44

Action By:

1. Q(SD) advise re Anti-Gas Equipment:

   First Aust Army Tps 10%
   11 Aust Div 100% Q1

2. Work of installing petrol bowsers at RAVENSHOE, WINDOLA and WONDABIL has commenced. Bulk storage at KAIRI and ATHERTON is now in operation. One petrol road waggon has been completed, and the remaining four are expected to be ready by 20 Aug Inftn

3. It is expected that 1500 troops of 7 Bde will move from this area on 2 or 3 Aug. Approximately 350 will then remain for later movement. Inftn

4. After consultation with [illegible] it was decided that 101 Aust Bde Wksp and Pd Pk should be located in [illegible] QUEENSLAND, at location to be determined by DMGS. Inftn

5. Q(SD) have accepted action for provision of vehicles for 29 Aust Bde on arrival this area Inftn

6. TABOOLA will carry meat to capacity to [illegible] 4 Aug Inftn

7. A complaint from Rear HQ 3 Aust Div that personnel were not receiving mail was investigated. It was found that the mail in question had been addressed to HQ 3 Aust Div Inftn

8. As at 28 Jul the following Canteen Supplies for the TABLELANDS were held at CAIRNS:

   On rail awaiting movement - Beer 60 tons
   Dry Goods 110 tons
   In Bulk Store at CAIRNS - Bottled Beer 180 tons
   Tinned Fruit 40 tons
   Custard Powder 10 ton
   Cigarettes 10 tons
   Tobacco 2 tons

   To avoid a shortage of cigarettes and tobacco two 7-ton AASC vehicles were made available on 29 Jul to convey these items from CAIRNS to ATHERTON. Canteens Officer, ATHERTON will visit CAIRNS next week, and will report on the question of transport.

Lt-Col.,
AQ(M) First Aust Army.

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Appendix 6B

WEEKLY MOVEMENT SUMMARY FROM: 17 Jul TO: 23 Jul

UNIT	UNDER COMD	FROM	TO	PROGRESS	REMARKS
7 Aust Inf Bde Gp First Flight - 1500 All ranks, moves as under:-	11 Aust Div to				
(a) Adv Party 36 All ranks	NGF	TOLGA	CAIRNS	Dep TOLGA 0925 hrs 18 Jul	
(b) Stores with escort 1 Offr 15 ORs				to arrive CAIRNS by 1700 hrs 19 Jul	Move by rail TOLGA - CAIRNS Embark per HMT 'KATOOMBA' at CAIRNS.
(c) Main body				Dep TOLGA night 19/20 Jul	

6 Aust Div leave moved on leave up to night 17 Jul - 2150

6 Aust Div leave drafts	760 pers will entrain INNISFAIL on 19 Jul 44. Total pers moved on leave by night 19 Jul - 3670

7 Aust Inf Bde Gp First Flight	(a) Adv party (36 all ranks) and stores departed TOLGA for CAIRNS 18 Jul (b) 560 pers entrained TOLGA for CAIRNS night 18/19 Jul (2 trains) (c) Balance personnel depart in three trains as follows: 19 Jul ETD 1400 hrs ETD 1910 hrs 20 Jul ETD 0145 hrs

MGO arrives 20 Jul.
Brig FIELD leaves this area to-day, 18 Jul.

6 Aust Div Leave Drafts	380 all ranks entrain INNISFAIL 22 Jul 44, making total moved on leave 4810.

UNIT	UNDER COMD	FROM	TO	PROGRESS	REMARKS
1 Aust Corps Leave		1 Aust Corps advises that the number of personnel who have not had leave during past 9 months and who are available for movement is 2883. This figure excludes 9 Aust Div (whose figures have not yet been received) and 4430 pers of 6 Aust Div who have already moved.			
One Pl 15 Aust Wks Coy 2 Offrs 109 ORs	Qld L of C Area. On arrival 4 Aust Div for allotment 11 Aust Inf Bde	BRISBANE	MERAUKE	Embark ISLANDER early date	Relieves one pl 15 Aust Wks Coy.
30 Club Concert Party	Come under comd Qld L of C Area 17 Jul	WONDECLA	CAIRNS	Moved 22 Jul	
4 Aust Line Maint Sec	From Sigs First Aust Army	MAREEBA	BALCOMBE VIC.	Entrain 240155K	
6 Aust Div Leave;	Two leave trains depart INNISFAIL 24 Jul conveying 761 pers. Total moved then 6334 all ranks.				

Appendix CC

WEEKLY MOVEMENT SUMMARY FROM: 24 Jul 44 TO: 31 Jul 44.

UNIT	UNDER COMD	FROM	TO	PROGRESS	REMARKS
HQ 11 Aust Div and Div Tps (524 all ranks)	First Aust Army on arrival	NEW GUINEA	AUST	Disembarked TOWNSVILLE 25 Jul 44	(a) GOC ETA KAIRI 27 Jul 44 (b) Approx 100 all ranks will move to KAIRI; balance of pers proceed on leave.
4 Aust Inf Tps Wksp	From First Aust Army	TOOWOOMBA	NEW GUINEA	Embark HMT DUNTROON early date	
7 Aust Inf Bde Gp (number to be advised later) (approx 225 pers)	From First Aust Army	KAIRI	NEW GUINEA	" "	
HQ and 3 Secs First Aust Army Pro Coy 45 all ranks.	First Aust Army	TOOWOOMBA	MAREEBA	Departed BRISBANE 26 Jul	
11 Aust Inf Bde Gp				Shipping expected to be available as follows: From MERAUKE: 'TAROONA' 4 Aug (to THURS IS only) FROM THURS IS: 'CANBERRA' 7 Aug " 3 Aug " 11 Aug 'TAROONA' 14 Aug	
15 Aust Inf Bde Gp	First Aust Army on arrival	NEW GUINEA	AUSTRALIA	Approx 1400 all ranks expected to disembark TOWNSVILLE 30 Jul 44	(a) Verbal advice only, from mov TOWNSVILLE (b) Pers will proceed on leave after disembarkation.

UNIT	UNDER COMD	FROM	TO	PROGRESS	REMARKS
6 Aust Div leave		One train ETD INNISFAIL 28 Jul 44 conveying 380 all ranks. Total moved on leave will then by 7094			

Traffic routes :- ATHERTON TABLELANDS - CAIRNS.

1. The road ATHERTON - MAREEBA - KURANDA - CAIRNS will be closed to all traffic over the section between COOK Highway and a point approx 2 3/4 miles SW of KURANDA from 3 Aug to 10 Aug 44, both dates inclusive.
2. During this period a special time table will operate on the GILLIES HIGHWAY.
3. Advice has been given to all concerned.

4 Aust Tech Maint Sec 1 Offr 16 ORs	1 Aust Indep Sig Gp on arrival	MAREESA	BALCOMBE Vic	ETD MAREEBA 1 Aug
Adv Party and First Main body First Aust Army Regt Trg School 2 Offrs) 11 ORs) Adv Par. 4 cwt stores) 4 Offrs) first 14 ORs) main 5 Vehs) body 6 ton stores)	First Aust Army	BRISBANE Area	WONGABEL	Adv party ETD BRISBANE 28 Jul First main body ETD BRISBANE 5 Aug
63 Aust Tele Op Sec and Det 7 Aust Cipher Sec 35 all ranks AWAS 2 vehs	First Aust Army on arrival	BRISBANE	MAREEBA	ETD BRISBANE 28 Jul

UNIT	UNDER COMD	FROM	TO	PROGRESS	REMARKS
Det 41 Aust Landing craft coy 200 all ranks	1 Aust Corps on arrival	MT MARTHA	CAIRNS	Arrived BRISBANE 28 Jul for on mcv TOORBUL POINT	Det has been diverted to Aust Water Tpt Trg Centre TOORBUL POINT. Understood may be required to ferry craft to CAIRNS. G(SD) are acting Aust Water Tpt Trg Centre have been advised through Rear HQ First Aust Army.
6 Aust Div Leave	One train ETD INNISFAIL 29 Jul 44 Total moved on leave will then be 7474.				
7 Aust Inf Bde Gp		KAIRI	NEW GUINEA	1500 all ranks ETD CAIRNS 2/3 Aug 44 (approx) This will leave approx 350 pers still to move.	
11 Aust Div Details 13 Offrs 78 ORs	11 Aust Div	NEW GUINEA	KAIRI	Arrived 30 Jul TOLGA	
First Aust Army Pro Coy 34 all ranks	First Aust Army	TOOWOOMBA	MAREEBA	Arrived MAREEBA 30 Jul	
Det RRA & CA First Aust Army 5 all ranks		BRISBANE	MAREEBA	Arrived MAREEBA 30 Jul	
63 Aust Tele Op Sec Det 7 Aust Cipher Sec 35 AWAS all ranks	Sigs FAA	BRISBANE	MAREEBA	ETA MAREEBA 31 Jul	By rd from CAIRNS.

UNIT	UNDER COMD	FROM	TO	PROGRESS	REMARKS
First Aust Army Sch of Sigs 10 Offrs 46 ORs	First Aust Army	BRISBANE	WONGABEL	ETA CAIRNS 31 Jul	
First Aust Army Regt Trg Sch 2 Offrs 11 ORs	First Aust Army	BRISBANE	WONGABEL	ETA CAIRNS 31 Jul	

'Q' BRANCH - HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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Place	Date	Hours	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices.
HAREEBA	1 Aug		'Q' Conference Notes - 1 Aug 44	Appendix 'A'
"	2 Aug		Ferry Car HQ First Aust Army	" 'B'
"	3 Aug		'Q' Conference Notes - 3 Aug 44	" 'C'
"	3 Aug		Anti-Gas Equipment (Including Anti-Gas Clothing)	" 'D'
"	3 Aug		Changes in Duty - 'Q' Branch	" 'E'
"	5 Aug		'Q' Conference Notes - 5 Aug	" 'F'
"	5 Aug		Census of Forms, Dining, Tent	" 'G'
"	6 Aug		Weekly Movement Summary - 31 Jul to 6 Aug	" 'H'
"	9 Aug		'Q' Conference Notes - 9 Aug	" 'I'
"	11 Aug		First Aust Army Adm Instn No 11 - Re-Allocation of Accommodation KAIRI - TAPEE AREAS	" 'J'
"	11 Aug		Distribution - TABLE TOPS	" 'K'
"	12 Aug		'Q' Conference Notes - 12 Aug	" 'L'
"	14 Aug		1 Inf Tps Wksp ceasing acceptance of work - change of location	" 'K'
"	13 Aug		Weekly Movement Summary - 7 Aug to 13 Aug	" 'L'
"	16 Aug		'Q' Conference Notes - 16 Aug	" 'H'
"	18 Aug		Addendum 1 to First Aust Army Adm Instn 10 - Tyre Inflation Pressures	" 'N'
"	20 Aug		First Aust Army Adm Instn No 13 - Notes for the guidance of Unit Officers when Inspecting Tyres	" 'O'
"	20 Aug		Weekly Movement Summary - 14 Aug to 20 Aug	" 'P'
"	21 Aug		'Q' Conference Notes - 21 Aug	" 'Q'
"	22 Aug		First Aust Army Adm Instn No 12 - Demands for Engr Works Services and Engineer Stores	" 'R'
"	24 Aug		Changes in Duty - 'Q' Branch	" 'S'
"	26 Aug		'Q' Conference Notes - 26 Aug	" 'T'
"	28 Aug		'Q' Conference Notes - 28 Aug	" 'U'
"	28 Aug		Re-Organisation HQ First Aust Army Officers Messes	" 'V'
"	28 Aug		Re-Organisation HQ First Aust Army Officers Messes - Amendment	" 'W'
"	28 Aug		Weekly Movement Summary - 21 Aug to 27 Aug	" 'X'
"	3 Sep		Weekly Movement Summary - 28 Aug to 3 Sep	" 'Y'
"	21 Aug		'Q' Conference Notes - 31 Aug	" 'Z'

'Q' CONFERENCE NOTES — 1 AUG 44. appx "A"

Action By:

1. Movements TOWNSVILLE now expect 7 Bde to move on 3 or 4 Aug — Infn

2. Movement Control CAIRNS advise no mail delays in movement of Canteen goods to TOWNSVILLE. A delay of some days occurred in movement of a shipment of beer ex Brewery, as Brewery had made arrangements through civil channels.

   Future consignments will be arranged through RTO, and this is expected to prevent delays. — Infn

3. There are 1743 tents at MAREE against strength of 4278. This holding of tentage is excessive. Investigate. — Q1

4. G(SD) are to request LHQ to place on the OOB of Q'land L of C Area the following units:

   41 Aust Sup Depot Pl
   9 Aust HAC

   These units now appear on the OOB of First Aust Army. — Infn

Lt-Col.,
ACIC First Aust Army.

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SUBJECT: FERRY CAR HQ FIRST AUST ARMY.

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
2 Aug 44
Q9429

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Reference First Aust Army Q8634 of 8 Jun 44 and Q9355 of 27 Jul 44.

2. Due to the closing of the section of the road referred to in First Aust Army Q9355 the daily ferry car will proceed to CAIRNS and return, via the GILLIES HIGHWAY.

3. During the period 3 Aug 44 to 10 Aug 44 the schedule will be as follows:

Depart MAPEEBA 0645 hrs arrive CAIRNS 1000 hrs
Depart CAIRNS 1845 hrs arrive MAREEBA 2200 hrs

Brig.,
DA & QMG First Aust Army.

'Q' CONFERENCE — 3 AUG 44 appse "C"

Action By:

1. 5 stoves held by Engineers to be installed at WEWAK in First Aust Army School Sites. Additional stoves are being obtained by Engineers. Position regarding refrigeration will be ascertained on the return of Major HOLHOLLAND on 5 Aug. Follow up — Q2

2. 17 L of C Sub Area have agreed that accommodation in Area 'D' at CAIRNS will be made available at 24 hours notice for Water Transport Group. Moorings for craft are understood to be available South of the US Navy Wharf. This will be confirmed by Major MURRAY on 4 Aug. — Q4

3. Capacity of 73 RAD is being ascertained and should be available on 6 Aug. 17 L of C Sub Area advise that US Army Ammunition Installation at WHITE ROCK is being taken over by Aust Army and should be available by approximately 20 Aug — Q1

4. All demands for Works Services will pass through Q Branch, who will allot priorities, if approved, and pass to DAE for action. List of current works in order of priority will be maintained and kept up to date by Q2.

   'Q' Branch alone will alter priorities with the exception of those changes directed by the C-in-C or the DA & QMG — Q2

5. Ref Bulk Petrol Supply. 5 road waggons now ready for test. Two roadside pumps installed at WEWAKLA. Remainder, except at HAIRI and HANSEMBA, are being installed. Installation at HAIRI deferred pending arrival CASC 11 Div, who will site these pumps.

   HANSEMBA installation deferred owing to distance from bulk storage ATHERTON making it uneconomical to maintain with present limited number of road waggons. — Q1

6. LHQ have approved of hire, on hourly basis, of printing machinery at HANSEMBA. L of C asked for ETA of tradesmen, who will operate machinery. Stationery Officer ATHERTON will call on 7 Aug to advise firm hiring arrangements. — Q1

7. Re-organisation Static AA and Coast Defences. DAE are to submit list of current works. 'Q' will be asked to indicate what current works are essential. Work will then be immediately stopped on non essential projects. Q2 will ensure that no delay occurs in this matter. Concurrently with the foregoing, particulars of existing accommodation and requirements after re-organisation, will be obtained from Fortress Cmds. These will include hirings. Action will then be taken to terminate unnecessary hirings, and a full statement of the position will be submitted to LHQ. — Q2

8. HQO has requested that Major COCK, Unit Equipment Inspector, report to Q'land L of C on 7 Aug for special duty over a period of approximately 3 weeks. Arrangements have been made accordingly.

9. The employment of 26 Maint Pl is to be discussed with Lt-Col CARR at 1030 hrs on 5 Aug. Q will deliver to RAE by 1200 hrs 4 Aug priorities of current work for Engineer element. These priorities will then be submitted to DA & QMG for approval. Lt-Col CARR is to bring with him a list of priorities of L of C Work. A decision will then be reached as to the best means of dealing with the tasks of First Aust Army and 17 L of C Sub-Area.

10. Q will visit 17 L of C Sub Area on 4 Aug to obtain particulars of vacant camp accomodation in the CAIRNS Area.

11. 289 personnel will move to REST Camp CAIRNS on night 5/6 Aug.

Lt-Col.,
ACHQ First Aust Army.

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SUBJECT: ANTI-GAS EQUIPMENT (INCLUDING ANTI-GAS CLOTHING).

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
7 Aug 44
99411

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Ref GRO 224/44 and LHQ B25745 of 20 Apr 44.

2. All First Aust Army Troops will arrange to return to Ordnance all Anti-Gas Equipment at present held surplus to the scaling shown hereunder:

3. Anti-Gas Equipment and Anti-Gas Clothing will be made available to addressees on the following basis:

(a) For training purposes:
  (i) Reinforcement training units; 20% of WET entitlement or in cases where no WET is held sufficient to meet 20% of unit strength authorised by WE (including personnel under instruction).
  (ii) LHQ Gas School: Full Entitlement
  (iii) Other Schools: 10% of entitlement
  (iv) All other units: 10% of unit entitlement

(b) Obsolescent but serviceable equipment will be used as far as available in satisfaction of training requirements except for formations and units referred to in sub paras (a) (i), (ii), (iii) above.

4. In future units submitting WET to Ordnance Depot will show Anti-Gas Equipment on WET as "NOT required". Indents on AF G997 will be submitted for entitlement as shown in para 3.

5. No restrictions will be placed on the issue of Helmets, Steel.

for Brig.,
DA & QMG First Aust Army.

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SUBJECT: CHANGES IN DUTY - Q BRANCH

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
2 Aug 44
Q9454

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The following changes in duty will take effect from 0830K hrs 3 Aug:-

DAQMG 1	Major J.H. HUMAN	to	DAQMG(Mov)	Ext	106
DAQMG(Mov)	Major L.D. KING	to	DAQMG (Maint)	Ext	60

A.E. Vaughan
Lt/Col
for Brig.,
DA & QMG First Aust Army

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NOTES ON 'Q' CONFERENCE - 5 AUG 44 appx "F"

	Action By:
1. 17 L of C Sub Area advise that tent boards or material for making same are not available.	Infm
2. Applications for write offs submitted by S&T must bear the signature of the Investigating Officer. The report of the Investigating Officer must be written neatly and legibly or typed. Applications not complying with the foregoing will be returned to S&T for necessary action.	Q2
3. LHQ have given financial approval £2,100 for completion of the 90 bed hospital SKULL CREEK (TORRES Area).	Infm
4. Reference proposed ARD at CAIRNS. US Para Camp GORDONVALE is a possible site. Capacity 3,000. Now empty except guard personnel. Not yet taken over by L of C. Stated to be adjacent to good training area. Rifle range adjacent 28 targets 600 yards range.	
5. At the request of CSO accommodation has been arranged at EIGF HILL for detachment AA & FRT Sigs.	Infm
6. 17 L of C Sub Area advise verbally that American Red Cross are to vacate Strand Hotel on 1 Dec and not 1 Sep as understood previously. This implies that the United States Navy will not vacate SMITHS CREEK before 1 Dec. It is therefore improbable that Area 'B' at CAIRNS will be wholly available for Water Craft Gp before 1 Dec except possibly some portion of it. In the absence of suitable alternative accommodation for Water Craft Group the question of its movement should be considered.	Infm
7. It is understood that sales of Pig Swill at 1/- per 44 gals is valued at approximately £130 per month. This means that food to the extent of approximately 4[illegible] rations per man per month is being sold as Pig Swill. This is excessive. Investigate and report.	Q1
8. New supplies of Dry Balm should now have reached the Bakery. Check this with a view to withdrawing authority for the baking of white bread.	Q1
9. 17 L of C Sub Area advise that the 300 CC refrigerator which it was expected would be installed at the Rest Camp is not available. Efforts are being made to procure another refrigerator. Follow this up.	Q8
10. An Engineer Officer from 8 CRE(Wks) Staff has inspected the Officers' Club ATHERTON with Canteens Officer and is to	

	Action By:
prepare plans for proposed showers and latrines.	Q2
11. Lt-Col CARR reports having received advice unofficially that a Maintenance Pl is shortly to move to CAIRNS In view of this he will make no change in the disposition of 26 Maintenance Pl.	Q2.

Lt-Col.,
AQMG First Aust Army

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SUBJECT: CENSUS OF FORMS, DINING, TENT. appx "C"

HQ First Aust Army (AIP)
5 Aug 44
09463

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1. It is requested that a census of all forms, dining, tent, be taken as at 12 Aug 44, and a return forwarded to HQ First Aust Army as soon thereafter as possible.

2. Returns are to be submitted as under:

(a) Serviceable
(b) Repairable
(c) Total held

3. Census of forms held by L of C Units is being taken by L of C Sub-Areas.

4. NIL returns are required.

Brig.,
DA & QMG First Aust Army.

WEEKLY MOVEMENT SUMMARY

FROM: 31 Jul to 6 Aug 44. appx "H"

UNIT	UNDER COMD	FROM	TO	PROGRESS	REMARKS
6 Aust Div leave	One train departed INNISFAIL 31 Jul carrying 380 pers. Total moved on leave then 8614				
CAIRNS Rest Camp	289 all ranks entrain for Rest Camp night 1/2 Aug 44.				
(a) First Aust Army School of Sigs (b) Adv party First Aust Army Regtl Trg Sch		BRISBANE	WONGABEL	ETA WONGABEL 011655K	Reception and fostering by 1 Aust Mtn Bty
11 Aust Inf Bde Gp		~~4~~ Aust Div Area		Disembarked TOWNSVILLE 1~~5~~ Aug 44 as follows: 26 Aust Inf Bn - 454 all ranks 55/53 Aust Inf Bn - 196 all ranks Total 650	
11 Aust Inf Bde Gp A Coy 26 Aust Inf Bn		TANAHMERAH	HIGGINS FD	Move by air complete	Awaiting move south with balance 55/53 Aust Inf Bn.
7 Aust Inf Bde Gp		Second flight will probably embark next week-end 5/6 Aug			
Traffic routes		Road to CAIRNS via KURANDA closed for 8 days as from 3 Aug 44.			
Ferry Car	As from 3 Aug -	Departs MAREEBA 0645 hrs Arrives CAIRNS 1000 hrs Departs CAIRNS 1845 hrs Arrives MAREEBA 2200 hrs			
15 Aust Inf Bde and parties 1 Offr 34 ORs 6 ton stores		NG	KAIRI	ETD TOLGA 031430 hrs	11 Aust Div advised

WEEKLY MOVEMENT SUMMARY

UNIT	UNDER COMD	FROM	TO	PROGRESS	REMARKS
7 Aust Inf Bde Gp (second flight)		KAIRI	NEW GUINEA	Adv party 36 all ranks	ETD TOLGA 030915K
				Stores 208 tons (with escort 27 all ranks)	Load TOLGA 030800K to 031800K
				Main body 350 pers 300 pers 230 pers 350 pers 270 pers	ETD TOLGA 040001K " " 040145K " " 041900K " " 050001K " " 050145K
				1500 pers	

Personnel will stage at REDLYNCH Staging Camp while awaiting embarkation.

55/53 Aust Inf Bn 24 Offrs 429 ORs	11 Aust Inf Bde	THURSDAY IS	MAINLAND		
A Coy 26 Aust Inf Bn 6 Offrs 144 ORs					Departed on HT CANBERRA 3 Aug 44.
22 Aust Sup Dep Pl 2offrs 22 ORs Total 627 all ranks					
31 Don R Sec AWAS	Sigs First Aust Army	BRISBANE	MAREEBA	Departed BRISBANE 071300K on P501	Should arrive approx 11 Aug.

WEEKLY MOVEMENT SUMMARY

NOTE: CAIRNS Rest Camp 143 pers ex 6 Div did NOT report RTO WONGABEL for rest train 5/6 Aug. 1 Aust Corps are investigating and will report.

'Q' CONFERENCE HQ RS - 9 AUG 44 appx "I"

		Action By:
1.	AA & Frt Coy RAR is under direct command First Aust Army, and are subject to Camp only in his capacity as Local Commandant. Any matters arising concerning Hygiene, Accommodation etc would require action by 'A' or 'Q' Branch of this HQ.	Q2
2.	5 Petrol Road Waggons are being calibrated at one per day from 8 Aug. Calibration of storage tanks is awaiting arrival of equipment. Follow up to ensure there is no delay	Q4
3.	DDST is investigating the necessity for two 6000 gallon storage tanks for WONDECLA Area	
4.	RAR cannot assist at this juncture in the preparation of the Recreation Centre, ATHERTON. 'A' Branch have been fully informed, and any action now rests with HQ 1 Aust HQ Area Comd.	Infn
5.	13 AOD advise no cover available for storing bulk equipment of the Para Bn. Inquiries are being made through Ordnance channels regarding use of storage at CAIRNS for the bulk equipment not immediately required. In the meantime approval has been given for the erection of one 60x18 hut in the Para Bn area for storage of equipment	Q2
6.	RAE advise that 'C' Wing LHQ Tactical School will be completed by 24 Aug	Q2
7.	Compositor provided by 9 Aust Div will commence operations on 10 Aug at MAREEBA Printing Works	Infn
8.	A Recce party representing 'G' 'Q' Engineers and Med, will inspect possible sites in the CAIRNS Area for ARD, on 10 Aug	Infn
9.	No further allocation of personnel not on WE of HQ First Aust Army will be made to the Tpt Mess.	Q2
10.	1 Aust Corps advise having arranged a course for Armourers in the "POLSTEN" Gun to commence 14 Aug	Q1
11.	On 8 Aug AQMG this HQ requested DA & QMG and AQMG 1 Aust Corps to take hastening action in obtaining numbers of administrative vehicles required by 1 Aust Corps to reduce the use of operational vehicles for administrative tasks. An assurance was given that this information would be advised to this HQ as soon as possible.	Infn

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AQMG First Aust Army.

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FIRST AUST ARMY ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO 11

RE-ALLOCATION OF ACCOMMODATION - KAIRI - MAPEE AREAS

Ref Landops SD3721 of 9 Aug 44 and First Aust Army SD6855 of 10 Aug, NOT to all addressees.

GENERAL:

1. 7 Aust Div is to move from the BRISBANE Area to the ATHERTON TABLELANDS, and 11 Aust Div will move from KAIRI to MAPEE Area.

ACCOMMODATION:

2. Accommodation is allotted as follows:

(a) To 1 Aust Corps:

(i) KAIRI Camp, complete
(ii) D Block complete, MAPEE Camp
(iii) E13, E14 and E15 MAPEE Camp

(b) To 11 Aust Div:

(i) A, B and C Blocks, complete, MAPEE Camp
(ii) E3 and 4, E7 to 12 MAPEE Camp

(c) To 3 Aust Field Survey Coy - E5 MAPEE

(d) To 132 Aust Bde Wksp - E6 MAPEE

(e) To 1 Aust Inf Tps Wksp and 4 Aust Inf Tps Ord Fd Pk - E16 MAPEE

(f) Rear Details NEW GUINEA Force now located in E5 KAIRI will be accommodated under arrangements 1 Aust Corps.

ORDER OF MOVEMENT:

3. 1 Aust Corps will arrange for the following areas to be vacated by the dates as shown:

(i) E1, E3, E9, E10, E11 - 18 Aug
(ii) E4, E6 - 21 Aug

4. 11 Aust Div will move from KAIRI to MAPEE forthwith. Movement will be completed by 21 Aug.

5. 3 Aust Field Survey Coy will move under unit arrangements from E13 to E5 MAPEE by 17 Aug.

6. 1 Aust Inf Tps Workshop and 4 Aust Inf Tps Ord Fd Pk will move from D2 and D6 MAPEE respectively to E16 MAPEE on completion of Scale 'A' Accommodation at E16 (approximately 20 Aug). Separate instructions will be issued.

7. 132 Aust Bde Workshop will move under arrangements 11 Aust Div from D6 KAIRI to E6 MAPEE by 21 Aug.

TENTAGE AND ACCOMMODATION STORES.

8. Units will move with tentage and accommodation stores, Scale 'A', at present held.

REPAIR AND RECOVERY:

9. 2nd line (for 11 Aust Div and Army Troops only) - to 132 Aust Bde Workshop, MAPEE

3rd line (for all units KAIRI and MAPEE Areas) - to 1 Aust Inf Tps Workshop, MAPEE

4th line (for all units KAIRI and MAPEE Areas) - to 3 Aust Adv Workshop, TOLGA.

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES - KAIRI and MAPEE DIVISIONAL AREAS.

10. Reference First Aust Army (ATHERTON TABLELANDS) Administrative Order 1 dated 3 May 44, and First Aust Army Administrative Standing Orders Chapter 3, Sections 3 and 4.

11. Responsibilities for administration in accordance with First Aust Army Administrative Standing Orders Chapter 3, Section 3 in the KAIRI and MAPEE Divisional Areas is re-allocated as from 22 Aug 44 as follows:

(a) To 1 Aust Corps - KAIRI Divisional Area plus that portion of MAPEE Divisional Area which is allotted to units of 1 Aust Corps - being that area of MAPEE Camp EAST of casting grid line 44.

(b) To 11 Aust Div - MAPEE Divisional Area less portion allotted to 1 Aust Corps.

CAMP AREAS:

12. (a) As from 0001 hrs 22 Aug 44 the following areas in MAPEE Camp will cease to be the responsibility of Camp Staff Officer MAPEE and will come under Camp Staff Officer, KAIRI:

(i) D Block complete
(ii) E13, E14 and E15

(b) As from 22 Aug 44 these areas will become part of KAIRI Camp and will be re-designated as follows:

D Block MAPEE will become F Block KAIRI

Sites E13, E14 and E15 MAPEE will become respectively sites F7, F8 and F9 KAIRI.

Lt Col
20 Brig.,
DA & QMG First Aust Army.

Signed at [illegible] hrs 11 Aug 44.

DISTRIBUTION:

	Copy No:	Method:
1 Aust Corps	1-5	DRLS
11 Aust Div	6-8	"
3 Aust Fd Svy Coy	9	"
4 Aust Inf Tps Ord Fd Pk	10	"
1 Aust Inf Tps Wksp	11	"
1 Aust HQ Area Comd	12	"
Camp Staff Officer KAIRI	13	"
Camp Staff Officer MAPEE	14	"
GOC	15	Hand
BGS	16	"
G(o)	17	"
G(SD)	18	"
DA & QMG	19	"
A	20	"
AHS	21	"
BRA	22	"
CE	23	"
CSO	24	"
Svy	25	"
Legal	26	"
Chaplains	27	"
Med	28	"
Dental	29	"
Pro	30	"
Education	31	"
Amenities	32	"
S&T	33	"
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E & ME	35	"
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Catering	37	"
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For Information:

Queensland L of C Area	41-42	D.R.L.S.
17 Aust L of C Sub Area	43	"

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SUBJECT: DISTRIBUTION - TABLE TOPS.

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
Aug 44
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1 Aust Corps	(15	copies	of	appendices)
11 Aust Div	(3	"	"	")
1 Aust HQ Area Comd	(2	"	"	")
First Aust Army Press Unit	(2	"	"	")
Camp Staff Officer WONGABEL	(2	"	"	")
Camp Staff Officer MAPEE	(2	"	"	")
Camp Staff Officer KAIRI	(2	"	"	")
CAIRNS Rest Camp	(1	"	"	")
8 Aust CRE	(1	"	"	")
132 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	(1	"	"	")
6 Aust MAC	(1	"	"	")
2/1 Aust Con Depot	(2	"	"	")
13 AOD	(2	"	"	")
Camp Comdt First Aust Army	(3	"	"	")
Town Major ATHERTON	(1	"	"	")

First Aust Army Q8676 of 13 Jun 44 and 1 Aust Corps Q1203 of 21 Jan 44 are cancelled.

2. Attached are following Appendices covering collection and distribution of Table Tops:

Appx 'A'	WONGABEL Area
Appx 'B'	WONDECLA "
Appx 'C'	RAVENSHOE "
Appx 'D'	MAPEE "
Appx 'E'	BARRINE and CAIRNS Area
Appx 'F'	TOLGA - ROCKY CREEK - MAREEBA Area
Appx 'G'	ATHERTON Area
Appx 'H'	KAIRI Area

This method of collection and distribution will commence operation at 0001 hrs 15 Aug 44.

1 Aust Corps will advise First Aust Army Press unit direct with a copy to this HQ of all increases and decreases in papers required for units under command. All other units on the ATHERTON Tablelands will advise changes to this HQ.

A B Farquhar Lt Col
Brig.,
DA&QMG First Aust Army.

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APPENDIX 'A'

Serial	Unit	Location	No of Bundles of 25
	ALL UNITS WONGABEL CAMP	WONGABEL	23 bundles

1. Responsibility for collection and distribution: DID WONGABEL

2. Time to collect papers from ATHERTON: 0600 hrs daily

3. Distribution Instructions:
   (a) One paper per seven personnel

   (b) Units will collect papers from DID

   (c) Camp Staff Officer WONGABEL will be responsible that the number of papers received are in accordance with the ration strength and will request 'Q' Branch HQ 1 Aust Corps direct for any increase or decrease.

DISTRIBUTION: 1 Aust Corps
HQ Comd 1 Aust Corps Tps AASC
Camp Staff Officer WONGABEL
First Aust Army Press Unit

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APPENDIX 'B'

Serial	Unit	Location	No of bundles of 25
1	6 Aust Div	WONDECLA	57 bundles

1. Responsibility for collection and distribution: 6 Aust Div

2. Time to collect papers from ATHERTON: 0500 hrs daily

3. Distribution - one paper per seven personnel

4. 6 Aust Div will be responsible that the number of papers received are in accordance with ration strength and will request 'Q' Branch HQ 1 Aust Corps direct for any increase or decrease.

DISTRIBUTION: HQ 1 Aust Corps
6 Aust Div
First Aust Army Press Unit

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APPENDIX 'C'

Serial	Unit	Location	No of bundles of 25
1	ALL UNITS RAVENSHOE AREA	RAVENSHOE	80 bundles

1. Responsibility for collection and distribution: DID RAVENSHOE

2. Time to collect papers from ATHERTON: 0730 hrs daily

3. Distribution - one paper per seven personnel

4. 9 Aust Div will be responsible that the number of papers received are in accordance with ration strength and will request 'Q' Branch HQ 1 Aust Corps direct for any increase or decrease

DISTRIBUTION: HQ 1 Aust Corps
HQ Comd 1 Aust Corps Tps AASC
9 Aust Div
First Aust Army Press Unit

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APPENDIX 'D'

Serial	Unit	Location	No of bundles of 25
1	ALL UNITS MAPEE CAMP	MAPEE	23 bundles

1. Responsibility for collection and distribution: DID MAPEE

2. Time to collect papers from ATHERTON: 0515 hrs daily

3. Distribution Instructions:
   (a) One paper per seven personnel

   (b) Units will collect papers from DID

   (c) Camp Staff Officer MAPEE will be responsible that the number of papers received are in accordance with the ration strength and will request 'Q' Branch HQ 1 Aust Corps direct for any increase or decrease.

DISTRIBUTION: HQ 1 Aust Corps
HQ Comd 1 Aust Corps Tps AASC
Camp Staff Officer MAPEE
First Aust Army Press Unit

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APPENDIX 'E'

Serial	Unit	Location	No of bundles of 25
1	8 Aust MAC	EAST BARROW	1 bundle
2	8 Aust CRE	YUNGABURRA	5 papers
3	2/1 Aust Con Depot	LAKE BARRINE	4 bundles
4	'A' Aust Corps Sigs	BARRINE	4 bundles
5	1 Aust Armd Div Pro Coy	"	15 papers
6	HQ 1 Aust Corps	"	5 bundles
7	2 Aust Fd Punishment Centre	WASP CREEK)	15 papers
8	5 Aust Farm Coy	" ")	
9	1 Aust Beach Gp		12 bundles
10	2 Aust Beach Gp		10 bundles
11	CAIRNS Rest Camp		2 bundles and 8 papers

1. Responsibility for collection and distribution: HQ 1 Aust Corps

2. Time to collect papers from ATHERTON: 0600 hrs daily

3. Distribution Instructions:
   (a) One paper per seven personnel

   (b) Distribution from HQ 1 Aust Corps to serials 1-8 both inclusive will be by mutual arrangements

   (c) Papers for serials 9, 10 and 11 will be placed on 1 Aust Corps Ferry Car and delivered to Movement Control Office, CAIRNS.

   (d) Serials 9, 10 and 11 will collect from Movement Control Office, CAIRNS at 1000 hrs daily.

   (e) Serials 9 and 10 will be responsible that the number of papers received are in accordance with ration strength, and will request 'Q' Branch HQ 1 Aust Corps direct for any increase or decrease.

DISTRIBUTION:
HQ 1 Aust Corps - 'Q' Branch
Camp Comdt HQ 1 Aust Corps
TO 1 Aust Corps
First Aust Army Press Unit
1 Aust Beach Gp
2 Aust Beach Gp
CAIRNS Rest Camp

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APPENDIX 'F'

Serial	Unit	Location	No of bundles of 25
1	X 13 AOD)	TOLGA	
2	4 Aust Amb Train)	"	6 bundles
3	RTO	"	1 paper
4	73 FAD	"	8 papers
5	3 Aust Div Reception Camp	"	8 papers
6	2 Aust Corps Salvage	"	7 papers
7	3 Aust Adv Base Wkshops	"	3 bundles
8	132 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	"	1 bundle 16 papers
9	2/2 AGH	ROCKY CREEK	10 bundles
10	2/6 AGH)	" "	
11	105 Aust Depot Med Stores)	" "	8 bundles
12	X 2/1 Aust Con Depot	" "	4 bundles
13	2/6 Aust Mob Laundry Unit)	" "	
14	2 Aust Hospital Laundry Unit)	" "	
15	3 Aust Hospital Laundry Unit)	" "	12 bundles 16 papers
16	9 Aust Hospital Laundry Unit)	" "	
17	Det AACS)	" "	
18	Feeding Point MAREEBA	MAREEBA	
19	5 Tac/R Sqn)	"	3 bundles
20	24 OBU)	"	
21	Maintenance Bty)	"	
22	X HQ First Aust Army	"	5 bundles
23	Sigs First Aust Army	"	1 bundle 11 papers
24	26 Aust Maint Pl	"	6 papers
25	2 Aust AA & Frt Coy	"	12 papers
26	2/2 Aust HQ Gd Bn	"	4 bundles
27	1 Aust Para Bn	"	4 bundles
28	Gp 263 M.P.M.U.	"	12 papers

X Denotes collection point

1. Responsibility for collection and distribution: S&T First Aust Army

2. Time to collect papers from ATHERTON: 0530 hrs daily

3. Distribution Instructions:
   (a) Papers for serials 1 and 3 to 7 to be delivered to serial 1

   (b) Papers for serial 8 to be delivered direct

   (c) Papers for all serials in MAREEBA Area will be delivered to HQ First Aust Army Tpt lines, Serial 22.

   (d) Papers for serials 2 and 9 to 17 to be delivered to serial 12

   (e) Collection from all delivery points will be by mutual arrangements

   (f) Distribution basis - 1 paper to 7 personnel

   (g) Serials 1, 8, 12 and 22 will be responsible that correct number of papers are received in accordance with ration strength and will notify 'Q' Branch this HQ direct for any decrease and/or increase. Units under comd 1 Aust Corps will continue to notify that formation.

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APPENDIX 'G'

SERIAL	LOCATION	NO OF BUNDLES OF 25
1	ATHERTON	7 and 8 papers

1. Responsibility for collection and distribution: Town Major ATHERTON

2. Time to collect papers from ATHERTON: 0800 hrs daily

3. Distribution Instructions:
   (a) Papers for all personnel in ATHERTON Area will be delivered to Town Major ATHERTON

   (b) Collection will be by mutual arrangements

   (c) Distribution basis - one paper to seven personnel

   (d) Town Major ATHERTON will be responsible that number of papers received are in accordance with ration strength and will notify 'Q' Branch this HQ direct for any decrease and/or increase.

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Appendix 'H'

SERIAL	LOCATION	NO OF BUNDLES OF 25
1	KAIRI	40

1. Responsibility for collection and distribution:

11 Aust Div

2. Time to collect papers from ATHERTON: 0700 hrs daily

3. Distribution Instructions:
   (a) Papers for all troops in KAIRI will be delivered to Camp Staff Officer, KAIRI
   (b) Collection will be by mutual arrangements
   (c) Distribution basis - one paper to seven personnel
   (d) 11 Aust Div will be responsible that number of papers received are in accordance with ration strength and will notify 'Q' Branch this HQ direct for any decrease and/or increase.

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'Q' CONFERENCE NOTES - 12 AUG 44

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		Action By:
1.	Obtain 15 extra copies of AASC report on Air Dropping. Arrange distribution including 9 for 1 Aust Corps.	Q1
2.	Circulation of LHQ Adm Instruction Number 9 is not satisfactory. Look into it with a view to providing extra copies for 1 Aust Corps.	Q3
3.	Endeavour to arrange release of AASC personnel from duty at ASD MILANDA.	Q1
4.	In view of probable increase in ration strength on the TABLELANDS additional accommodation for bulk rations will probably be required. Have a survey made of suitable accommodation available for hiring within First Aust Army area.	Q2
5.	DA & QMG 1 Aust Corps intimated his sympathy with the suggestion that drivers should be attached to 7 Aust Ordnance Vehicle Park for the purpose of maintenance of vehicles. Ascertain personnel required and submit draft of letter to Corps requesting personnel.	Q1
6.	Take action to bring up to strength in personnel and vehicles the two Gen Tpt Coys under direct command First Aust Army.	Q1.
7.	Submit recommendation for the relief of the 'Q' clerk at Rear HQs.	Q2.
8.	Movement of the C-in-C or the Army Commander and all other important urgent matters will be referred immediately on receipt to the AQ'G. The Chief Clerk will instruct his staff that there must be no delay in handling such matters and that they will be referred immediately to the AQMG for instructions.	All members of 'Q' Branch.
9.	'G' Branch advise that the area previously selected for the LHQ Gas School is inadequate in view of recent ~~inspection~~ expansion of the school. Recce will be made on 14 Aug by 'Q' 'G', Engr, and Med representatives.	Q2
10.	Send to 11 Div copy of Appendix "T" to the instruction concerning "TABLE TOPS".	Q3
11.	QLD L of C Area have been requested to replace two condemned boilers on issue to 2 and 9 Aust Hosp Laundries. Follow up.	Q1.
12.	The COO from 13 AOD will be visiting CAIRNS 13 Aug and will endeavour to arrange suitable accommodation for Para Battalion Stores.	Q1

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WEEKLY MOVEMENT SUMMARY FROM: 7 Aug 44 TO: 13 Aug 44.

	UNIT	UNDER COMD	FROM	TO	PROGRESS	REMARKS
	Rear HQ 3 Aust Div 85 All ranks 4 tons DW stores	First Aust Army	KAIRI	NEW GUINEA	ETD TOLGA 080915K by rail Stores by rd to CAIRNS then load rail	Embark HT GORGON at TOWNSVILLE
	Adv Party 101 Aust Bde Hqsp 101 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk 1 Offr 12 ORs	First Aust Army on arrival	Second Aust Army Area	TOOWOOMBA	ETA TOOWOOMBA 081435K	Reception arranged by Rear First Aust Army.
	11 Bde Gp 31/51 Bn 16/445 11 Bde details 2/122 11 Bde details 7/239 11 Bde details 20/232 31/51 Bn 44 ORs 31/51 Bn 1/44 ORs	First Army for THURS IS only for TOWNSVILLE for BRISBANE for SYDNEY for THURS IS on corvette 'PARKS' " " " " " 'BALLARAT'	MERAUKE	BRISBANE area	Departed on TAROONA 061700K	
1.	11 Aust Inf Bde Gp Rear party remaining MERAUKE 5 offrs 73 OR (see also serial 4)	First Aust Army	MERAUKE	TOWNSVILLE	First party ETD MERAUKE by DAT 080630K	Landops are flying out all these pers to TOWNSVILLE by ordinary DAT service.
2.	11 Aust Inf Bde Gp 55/53 Bn 518 all rks 26 Aust Bn 162 " " 223 Sup Dep Pl 24 " " 31/51 Bn 560 " " 4 Div leave details 268 Total 1572	First Aust Army	MERAUKE	TOWNSVILLE	Embarked KATOOMBA 7 Aug ex THURS IS	
3.	31 Aust DR Sec (AWAS) 1 Offr 22 ORs	Sigs First Aust Army	VICTORIA	MAREEBA	ETA TOWNSVILLE 9 Aug	Should arrive MAREEBA 10/11 Aug

WEEKLY MOVEMENT SUMMARY FROM: 7 Aug 44 TO: 13 Aug 44

UNIT	UNDER COMD	FROM	TO	PROGRESS	REMARKS
4.Serial 1 above 8 aug 40 pers moved 36 remain to be moved.					two empty planes ex HOLLANDIA used for purpose
5.DDOS First Aust Army delayed MERAUKE due lack of tpt ETD 4 Aust Div Area 10 Aug.					
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First Aust Army Regt Trg School 4 offrs 8 ORs (first main body)	First Aust Army	BRISBANE Area	WONGABEL	ETA WONGABEL 111700K Aug	
52 offrs EX 5 Aust Inf Bde entrain TOLGA 120100K Aug for Aust Trg Centre (JW) CANUNGRA.					
First Aust Army AASC School Adv party	First Aust Army	TOOWOOMBA	WONGABEL	19 all ranks ETA ranks TVILLE 13 Aug 12 all ranks vehs and stores ETA TVILLE 15 Aug Aug	
Rear HQ 3 Aust Div NG Force		KIARI	NEW GUINEA	9 offrs 75 OR ETD CAIRNS for TOWNSVILLE 090750K	
Brig BAXTER COX arrives CAIRNS 2000 hrs for move tothis area Capt EDGECOMBE will meet him and bringhim to this HQ on 10 Aug.					
31 Aust DR sec					

UNIT	UNDER COMD	FROM	TO	PROGRESS	REMARKS
31 Aust DR Sec 1 Offr) 22 ORs) AWAS	Sigs First Aust Army	BALCOMB VIC	MAREEBA	ETA CAIRNS 100700K Aug	Move to MAREEBA by MT ETA 101200K
1 Aust Mountain Bty 5 offrs 68	First Aust Army	WONGABEL	Para Trg Centre RICHMOND	Entrain 120020K ETD CAIRNS 130800K	
C-in-C and QMG arrive MAREEBA 1230 hrs 12 Aug by air					
GOC arrives MAREEBA 13 Aug by air					
7 Aust Inf Bde (second flight) 1500 all ranks	3 Aust Div	KAIRI	NEW GUINEA	Commence embarkation CAIRNS 141300K Aug	Have been staging REDLYNCH since 4 Aug due to non-arrival of vessel
24 Aust Inf Bde Gp	9 Aust Div	RAVENSHOE	TRINITY BEACH	5 trains depart RAVENSHOE 14-15-16 Aug capacity each 320 personnel	
C-in-C departs for HIGGINS FIELD 0900 hrs 14 Aug					
7 Aust Div	2 trains per day commencing 16 Aug.				

MOVE OF 11 BDE GP TO MAINLAND

UNIT	STRENGTH Offr	STRENGTH ORs	SHIP	FROM	TO	REMARKS
26 Bn	5	130	by air	TANAMERAH	HIGGINS FIELD	ETD 1 Aug
31/51 Bn		44	Corvette 'PARKS'	MERAUKE	THURSDAY ISLAND	ETD 6 Aug
31/51 Bn	1	44	Corvette BALLARAT	"	" "	ETD 6 Aug
26 Bn	23	431	TAROONA	THURSDAY ISLAND	TOWNSVILLE	Arrived TOWNSVILLE
55/53 Bn	8	188	"	" "	"	1 Aug
31/51 Bn	17	455	TAROONA	MERAUKE	THURSDAY ISLAND	To disembark THURSDAY
11 Bde details	2	124	TAROONA	MERAUKE	TOWNSVILLE)	
11 Bde details	7	238	"	"	BRISBANE)	Sailed 6 Aug
11 Bde details	20	232	"	"	SYDNEY)	
55/53 Bn		518	KATOOMBA	THURSDAY ISLAND	TOWNSVILLE)	
26 Bn		182	"	" "	")	Sailed 7 Aug
223 Sup Dep Pl		24	"	" "	")	
31/51 Bn		560	"	" "	")	
4 Div leave details		228	KATOOMBA	THURSDAY ISLAND	TOWNSVILLE	
Total shipped to mainland(less 4 Div leave pers)	60	2498				
11 Bde details	5	73	by air	MERAUKE	TOWNSVILLE	40 flown out by 8 Aug
	65	2571				

9 Aug 44

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'Q' CONFERENCE NOTES - 16 AUG 44 appx "M"

	Action By:
1. OC Rest Camp advises refrigerator not yet installed. Ascertain from L of C present position.	Q2
2. Refrigerators are not available for installation in the First Aust Army Schools Area. Q L of C requested to supply 3; 1 of which is for 1 Inf Tps Wkshp. Follow up.	Q2
3. 73 FAB can hold WE and training ammunition, but not refills for all Formations on the TABLELANDS. It is considered that refills should not be brought to the TABLELANDS, therefore it is not proposed to examine possible storage elsewhere. In view of the foregoing it is considered there should be no interference with Corps'policy not to issue WE ammunition to units.	Infm
4. Ascertain present position reference bulk petrol supply and submit Progress report to LHQ.	Q1
5. Army printing is now being done at MAREEBA.	Infm
6. Reference recent conference of Mess Presidents.	
(a) tool kits have been supplied to Camp.	Q2
(b) timber for floor boards has been obtained, but is too green for immediate issue.	
(c) some work is proceeding at "D" and "E" Messes. Position at "F" Mess to be ascertained.	
7. Rear HQ has moved to ENOGGERA (16 1000K)	Infm
8. Ascertain number of days at present rate of consumption are held in the firewood reserve. Then consider if this is sufficient to cover possible reduced production during the Wet season.	Q1
9. When restrictions on movement of convoys on road MAREEBA - KURANDA - CAIRNS are no longer necessary cancel instruction now current.	Q3
10. LHQ direct ~~with~~ that First Aust Army is to pay for printing done at MAREEBA. Ensure that accounts not exceeding £25 are promptly submitted.	Q2
11. DDST reports that vegetable crates are in short supply. Freeze cases at Salvage Depot TOLGA for use of OC Farm. Confirm with S&T that OC Farm arranges direct with OC Salvage Depot and issue suitable instruction to DAC Salvage.	Q1
12. It has been ascertained that the maximum number of trains which could be used between CAIRNS and the TABLELANDS is 22 per day if sufficient engines were available. It is understood that with present engine availibility the maximum is an average of 14 trains per day.	Infm
13. DDST advises that maize on the KAIRI farm requires to be picked before the end of Sep. 1 Aust Corps has provided 20 personnel from Detention Barracks under guard First Aust Army Provost for this work. 'A' have agreed that additional labour will be supplied as and when available and desire 'Q' to indicate priorities in regard to demands for labour. Watch the position and advise 'A' when labour can be switched to maize picking.	Q2

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ADDENDUM NO 1 TO -

FIRST AUST ARMY ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO 10 DATED 25 JUL 44

TYRE INFLATION PRESSURES

1. Add the following:

Tyre Size	PLY	VEHICLE TYPE	PRESSURE			
			ROAD		Cross Country	
			Front	Rear	Front	Rear
1050x16 BT		Trucks Amb Indian Type	45	60		
		Amb 3-ton Canadian 4x4	40	40		
		Amb 30-cwt CVT - WD	55	60		
700x20 CT		Trucks Amb Indian Type	35	45		
900x200 BT		Trucks 3-ton 6x6 Breakdown	45	65		

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FIRST AUST ARMY ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO 13

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF UNIT OFFICERS WHEN INSPECTING TYRES.

1. To carry out an inspection, the officer concerned must have a knowledge of tyre maintenance and procedure. In this connection, attention is directed to Mechanisation Pamphlet No 19, 1942 (Tyres - Care and Maintenance).

2. Inspection Procedure

(a) Examine:-

(i) Driver for knowledge of tyre pressures, care and DAILY maintenance

(ii) All tyres for wear or damage and D D brand

(iii) Valve caps missing and bent valve stems

(iv) Dented or distorted rims

(v) Alignment of front wheels

(vi) Duals for "matching" and "spacing"

(vii) Correct rotation of Bar Tread Tyres

(viii) Log book, for entry of correct tyre pressures and tyre position changes

(ix) Pressures of all tyres

(x) Correctness of tyre gauge (with master gauge if available) and efficiency of pump on vehicle.

(xi) That Conservation of Rubber sticker affixed to vehicle (on dashboard if practicable).

(b) Indents will be submitted and tyres replaced when tread pattern has almost disappeared or when cuts or abrasions extend to canvas fabric.

(c) Ground vehicles if two or more tyres excessively worn or damaged.

(d) Vehicles standing idle for long periods are to be raised on blocks and tyres protected from weather. Where practicable, the removal and storage of tyres is desirable.

(e) New or worn tyres in store to be protected from weather and sunlight.

(f) Return repairable tyres promptly, correctly labelled with G155 attached.

3. Proper maintenance of tyres can prevent premature tyre failure in the field and help to conserve rubber. Listed hereunder are suggestions which should help unit officers in forming an opinion when carrying out an inspection of tyres on their charge.

DEFECT	CAUSE	REMEDY
Rapid and uneven wear, feather edge	Misalignment. Excessive play in wheel bearings, tie rods and steering gear. Grabbing clutch. Out of true brake drums	Correction of mechanical irregularities

DEFECT	CAUSE	REMEDY
Cuts and abrasions on tread and sidewalls	Bruising, road shocks, stakes, sharp rocks, nails glass etc.	Careful driving. Inspect tyres daily. Remove all foreign material imbedded in tyres or lodged between duals
Bulge on sidewalls of tyre or indentation in tyre tread. Indicates injury in canvas plies.	Fracture of all or part of canvas plies. Result of striking an abrupt obstruction with enough force to break canvas plies	Careful driving. Reduced impact or greater cushioning can be accomplished by travelling at low Speeds over rough terrain.
Bulges on sidewall. This can be detected by a flapping noise from the tyre when the vehicle is in motion. Drivers should be instructed to report this defect immediately.	Tread lifting from canvas. Incorrect inflation plus high speeds causes excessive heat which melts junction rubber between tread and breaker strips. Result, junction rubber falls to sidewalls of tyre therefore no adhesion between tread and canvas.	Correct inflation. Normal speeds
Perished sidewalls of tyres; particularly noticeable in "spares"	Exposure to weather	If vehicles are stationary for long periods and it is necessary to leave tyres on, jack wheels up and cover tyres. On running vehicles carry no spares longer than 90 days without changing
Abnormal wear on tread "shoulders"	Under-inflation or over loading. Load is concentrated on "shoulders" or outside edges of tread. Edges are subjected to a scrubbing or wiping action on road surface.	Correct inflation. Ensure that vehicles are not loaded beyond rated capacity. See that load is distributed evenly
Rapid wear in centre of tyre only.	Over-inflation. Undue wear at centre of tread (aggravated by bounce and spin of the over-inflated tyre).	Correct inflation. Tyres must not be inflated beyond the authorised maximum pressure.
Soft spots of spongy rubber on parts of tyre	Contact with oil and grease	Wash off immediately with solution of 5 parts soap and 95 parts water Vehicles should not be parked on surfaces coated with oil or grease
Scraped or gouged tyres	Obstructions on vehicle or oversize tyres fitted to vehicle causing tyres to rub against drag link or springs on front wheels	Inspect vehicle for bent fenders, projecting bolts, nipples, fenders stays or bent steering stops. Make certain correct size tyre is

DEFECT	CAUSE	REMEDY
		fitted to vehicle (vide Mech Circular 308)
One tyre of duals more worn than other	Incorrect matching of dual tyres. The large tyre carries the load and will wear rapidly.	Match tyres correctly. Of vital importance. On duals, measure over all circumference with a piece of string or tape. Do not match if more than 1½" difference in circumference.
Rapid wear. Parts of tyre tread worn to canvas	Excessive use of brakes. Rapid acceleration	Normal braking. Normal acceleration and gradual stops and starts, result in longer tyre life

4. The presence of small stumps and rocks in the approaches or vicinity of unit parking areas is often the cause of damage to tyre side-walls and tread. Unit officers, when inspecting such areas, will initiate action for clearing of such obstructions liable to cause tyre damage.

5. To obtain maximum life from tyres the following points must also be strictly observed:

(a) Speeds must not exceed those prescribed.

(b) Overloading must be avoided.

(c) Tyre pressures must be maintained at the figure given in Mechanisation Circular 324.

6. Due to the shortage of natural rubber, tyres of synthetic rubber are being issued. These are distinguished by code letters or numerals superimposed on a coloured medallion on the tyre walls.

Synthetic rubber tyres take longer in the production process, require additional machinery and manpower and have a shorter life.

Heat caused by carcase flexing due to under-inflation or overloading or from continued high speed is detrimental to any tyre. Synthetic rubber tyres generate more heat due to flexing and are therefore more susceptible to premature failure than standard rubber tyres.

For information the following GROs dealing with conservation of rubber are listed as a guidance for inspecting officers:

GRO 150/42 Conservation of rubber - restricted use MT and Procedure for Tyre Maintenance
GRO 215/42 Run Flat Tyres - their use, maintenance and inspection.
GRO 4[illegible]/42 Conservation of rubber. Publicity Campaign. Letter and stickers.
GRO 10/43 Conservation of rubber. Deterioration of tyres on stationary vehicles under load
GRO 136/43 Conservation of rubber. Artillery equipment.
GRO 222/43 Conservation of rubber. Instructions for drivers on use of MT.
GRO 409/42 Tyres - Conditions governing use of Tyres

GRO 451/43 Issue, return and storage of tyres; tubes and flaps in complete assemblies
GRO 452/43 Tags for returned tyres. AAG 155
GRO 696/43 Mounting of Bar Tread Tyres
GRO 697/43 Valve caps on tyres
GRO 755/43 Combat tyres and metal bead locks
GRO 175/44 Trucks ¼-ton 4x4 Jeep and Trailer (Aust) No 2 & 3. Interchangeability of tyres and tubes.
Mechanisation Circular 92 (Operation and Maintenance of MT Vehicles)
Mechanisation Circular 324 - Tyre inflation pressures (latest amendment First Aust Army Administration Instruction 10/44)

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WEEKLY MOVEMENT SUMMARY

FROM: 14 Aug 44 TO: 20 Aug 44

UNIT	UNDER COMD	FROM	TO	PROGRESS	REMARKS
101 Aust Bde Wksp 101 Aust Bde Ord Pd Pk	First Aust Army on arrival	SYDNEY	TOOWOOMBA	Personnel veh and stores ETA 16 Aug. Out of gauge vehs ETA 18 Aug	
12 Aust Army Tps Coy	Qld L of C	ATHERTON	WAGGA	Adv party ETD 14 Aug by rail Main body by rd to INNISFAIL ETD 15 Aug. Rear party ETD 22 Aug Approx.	
	Brig TORR CE arrives CAIRNS PM 15 Aug - CE arranging reception				
First Aust Army AASC School personnel 19 all ranks	First Aust Army	CABARLAH (T'WOOMBA)	WONGABEL	ETA 151700K	
Vehs 16 Aug Adv parties 17 Aug	All arrangements for move 7 Aust Div now in hand				
	GOC BGS and DA&QMG ETA MAREEBA 1230 hrs 16 Aug (special plane HUDSON A16/118)				
	Adv party 7 Aust Div 6 offrs 1 sgt ETA CAIRNS by air 16 Aug) 1 aust corps Balance adv party 4 offrs 3 ORS ETA CAIRNS by air 17 Aug) arranging reception				
Lt-Col SLADIN	DAPS LHQ ETA CAIRNS 17/18 Aug (Inspection postal installations)				
DUNTROON next trip carries approx 400 pers 7 Aust Div to CAIRNS and embarks balance 7 Aust Inf Bde to NG					
Two pls 132 Aust Gen Tpt Coy move to REDLYNCH 19 Aug for 7 Div move					

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NOTES ON 'Q' CONFERENCE - 21 AUG 44

	Action By
1. Toothbrushes appear to be in short supply. Ascertain position.	Q1
2. On receipt of new WE for HQ ~~First Aust Army~~ NGF ascertain number by types of tents required and arrange for these to be earmarked in 13 AOD.	Q1
3. It is proposed to place in 6 Div Area a detachment of Kit Store ATHERTON to receive kits in situ and despatch direct by rail to IPSWICH. Check with Kit Store to ensure that this can be done.	Q2
4. The following tents are required by 6 Div: Store tents 66 12 x 14 3,200 Tents halves 15,600 Provision and despatch will be discussed with Col GRANT at Landops.	Infm
5. Ascertain number of personnel and quantity of stores held in 11 Div Area for 15 Bde and 29 Bde.	Q1
6. DDME is arranging an inspection of vehicles held by this HQ with a view of deciding what vehicles are suitable to move to new NGF. Promised by 24 Aug. Follow up.	Q1
7. NGF are being requested to supply the following information:- (a) inventory of Officers and Sjts Mess gear, (b) inventory of office furniture and equipment, (c) particulars and dimensions of buildings, (d) vehicles to be left and (e) other stores and equipment to be left.	Infm
8. 132 Gen Tpt Coy is located at ROCKY CREEK. HQ and 1 pl of 161 Gen Tpt Coy are located at MILLAA MILLAA. DDST desires to move 161 to MILANDA from which point he considers they can operate more economically. Enquire from Hirings as to availability of CCC Camp at MILANDA.	
9. Owing to uncertainty regarding dates of return from leave of 6 Div personnel the date ready to leave to be shown in GRO particulars may not be accurate. It is for consideration whether arrangements should be made for all personnel arriving at LTD BRISBANE after a certain date to remain there for on movement to destination.	Infm

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AQ/G First Aust Army

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FIRST AUST ARMY ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO 12

DEMANDS FOR ENGINEER WORKS SERVICES AND ENGINEER STORES.

1. First Aust Army Q84/1/7785 of 31 Mar 44 is cancelled.

2. The following procedure will be adopted when submitting demands for either Engineer Works Service or Engineer Stores.

ENGINEER WORK SERVICES

3. (a) Minor Works - Repairs and Maintenance:
AAF P26 will be prepared in triplicate by the Unit, Branch or Service demanding the work.

Details of the work required including sketch plans and full dimensions will be endorsed on AAF P26 by the Unit etc.

(b) P26 will be forwarded through normal channels to First Aust Army for approval by 'Q' Branch.

(c) In the case of Branches and Services of HQ First Aust Army P26's will be forwarded to Camp Commandant for co-ordination prior to submission to 'Q' Branch.

(d) Where it is intended that materials only are required and the Unit, Branch or Service will provide labour, a note to this effect will be endorsed on the P26.

ENGINEER STORES

4. (a) AAF S18 will be prepared in triplicate by the Unit, Branch or Service requiring the stores. Reasons for requesting the stores will be shown on the S18.

(b) S18's will be forwarded to First Aust Army for approval by 'G' or 'Q' as appropriate.

(c) As in Para 3 (c) above, S18's from Branches and Services will be forwarded to Camp Commandant.

(d) Units, or Camp Commandant (in the case of Branches and Services of HQ First Aust Army), will be advised by the Engineer unit concerned of the location, date and time at which the stores will be made available for collection.

(e) AAF S18 will only be used for Engineer Loan Stores and NOT for stores which are to be used for the construction of any buildings, structure or fitting etc (Ref para 3 (d) above).

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for Brig.,
DA & QMG First Aust Army.

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HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
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The following changes in duty will take effect from 0830F 23 Aug.

DAQMG(Mov)	Major J.H. HUMAN	to	DAQMG(Maint)	Ext 60
SCQ1	Capt A.H. PHILLIPS			Ext 60
SCQ(Mov)	Capt J. HAYDEN-SMITH	to	DAQMG(Mov)	Ext 106
SCQ(Mov)	Capt G.C. COOPER			Ext 61

Lt-Col
AQ G First Aust Army

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'Q' CONFERENCE NOTES - 26 AUG

		Action By
1.	Rentage 6 Div: 12x14 tents are to be stored at CAIRNS. Tent Halves are to be moved to TOWNSVILLE and will be issued as personal equipment, store tents - 66 required. 1 Aust Corps instructed to equip 6 Div by withdrawal from other formations if necessary.	Q1
	Ensure that Ordnance arrange off-loading of 12x14 tents at CAIRNS, and check on equipping of 6 Div with 66 store tents	
2.	Prepare draft routine order directing attention to GRO 293/44	Q1
3.	GRO particulars for 6 Div: A/MG discussed with G(SD) Major STRETTON, the probable unreliability of personnel figures in view of uncertainty regarding date of return from leave of 6 Div personnel. It was also pointed out that at an appropriate time, it should be arranged that 6 Div personnel be held at LRD BRISBANE for later on movement direct to destination.	Q3
	Major STRETTON has accepted action on these matters, but Q3 will ensure that Staff Duties are advised of the appropriate time for leave personnel to be held at LRD	
4.	Ascertain present position regarding P3 for this HQ.	Q2
5.	Ref new NGF HQ. The following action is being taken:	
	(a) An inventory is being prepared of the requirements of the new HQ in office equipment, tentage, accommodation stores, Cots Folding etc. Information is being obtained of availability of these items from Rear NGF Details, this HQ, and present NGF. The deficiencies disclosed on receipt of this information will be obtained.	Q1
6.	Lt-Col SLADEN, DADS, has intimated that he will arrange for an L of C Postal Unit to take over the Postal Centre at ATHERTON.	Infn
7.	Examine proposal that administrative vehicles now held by 6 Div be transferred in due course direct to other units of 1 Aust Corps, and not returned to 7 Aust Ord Veh Pk	Q1
8.	Rear HQ First Aust Army request that a CWO and Storeman be attached. As only 26 all ranks are on the HQ, this seems unnecessary. The 'Q' work should be done by HQ BRISBANE Fortress.	Q1
9.	Prepare a list of all First Aust Army units, and units under command 1 Aust Corps, but not on Corps O/B, and ascertain progress of equipping of these units for tropical service.	Q1

10. Proposed Movement of 1 Amph Div Ascertain units to move to this Area, and report on accommodation aspects. — Q2

11. All typewriters held by Rear Details HQ are being examined and overhauled by Stationery Depot, ATHERTON. — Instn

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AQMG First Aust Army.

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'Q' CONFERENCE NOTES - 28 Aug

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Action By:

1. The following proposals have been submitted in connection with the re-organisation of 4 Aust Div area

   (a) Authorised holdings laid down by G are 60 days for:

HERAUDS	3000
TORRES	3000

   LHQ have been informed through service channels that this covers AIF personnel only.

   (b) Proposed new WE for reduced AOD's at both HERAUDS and TORRES have been submitted to G(SD).

   (c) The proposal for a Composite Workshop at TORRES providing all EME facilities required in that area has been submitted. Infm

   (d) It is considered that a Docks Op Coy, Type D will be sufficient for both areas and a proposal is being submitted accordingly. AA & QMG 4 Aust Div concurs in this.

   (e) A proposal that a modified HQ Port Craft Coy with one Small Craft Pl and one Tug and Launch Pl could meet the reduced requirements of the TORRES and HERAUDS Areas has been submitted to 4 Div for comment.

2. G have concurred in the proposal to hold 30 days Intense and 30 days Quiet Ammunition reserve at HERAUDS. This will release approximately 1000 tons of Ammunition. Arrangements are being made by Ord for return to Base Amn Depot Infm

3. On receipt of CRO particulars ref 6 Div prepare Staff Table showing DOB and progress of movement Q3

   Also prepare similar Staff Table for units under command First Aust Army but excluding 6 Aust Div warned for movement.

4. 1 Aust Corps Ven Pk at CAIRNS is able to handle the vehicles of 6 Aust Div for shipment. 1 Aust Corps will deal direct with the Vehicle Park. Infm

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AQMG First Aust Army.

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SUBJECT: RE-ORGANISATION HQ FIRST AUST ARMY OFFICERS MESSES.

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
Aug 44
29818

Mess Presidents 'B' Mess
" " 'C' "
" " 'D' "
" " 'E' "
" " 'F' "
Central Mess Committee (2)

Copy: C(SD)
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GENERAL

1. In consequence of the above re-organisation, certain Officers will remain on this HQ, and others will move to a new HQ.

2. The number of Officers messes to remain on HQ First Aust Army will be reduced to four, including 'A' Mess. Two messes will, therefore, be closed.

3. At the appropriate time re-allotment to messes will be made, so that Officers who are to remain will be allotted and moved to their new permanent messes before the re-organisation of this HQ is fully implemented.

4. Officers who are to leave this HQ will form a 'Z' Mess, which will take any necessary action such as purchase of furniture from the Central Committee, making levies on members, and distribution of mess property at destination.

5. This instruction does not apply to 'A' Mess.

CENTRAL MESS COMMITTEE

6. The following members will constitute the Central Mess Committee:

Lt-Col C.J. FLETCHER	ADPS
Capt T. ROBERTS	Amenities Officer
Capt C.C. HUCK	Catering Adviser

Capt R.M. EWING, Legal Officer, will be available as Secretary, if required. This Committee will control the disposal of mess furniture in accordance with these instructions.

NOMINAL ROLLS

7. Each mess will submit on 3 Sep 44, to the Central Committee a Nominal Roll of members as at 31 Aug 44.

MESS EQUIPMENT

8. Crockery, Glassware, Cutlery, Table linen, Kitchen Equipment etc will be disposed of as follows:

(a) Now held by the two messes to be closed -- to be taken over complete by 'Z' Mess

(b) Now held by the three messes to remain -- to be held intact for use of Officers remaining on HQ First Aust Army.

9. An Inventory of mess equipment as at 31 Aug 44 will be submitted by messes to 'Q' Branch by 3 Sep 44.

MESS FURNITURE

10. All mess furniture (excluding Army property and equipment enumerated in para 7 above) held as at 31 Aug 44 will be listed, with a valuation shown against each item, and such lists delivered to the Central Committee on 3 Sep 44. The Committee will inspect each item and confirm valuations. Messes will then advise the Central Committee the amount of the share of each Officer on the Nominal Roll as at 31 Aug 44, the total amount of such shares to agree with the total valuation of the mess furniture.

11. Credit vouchers for these amounts will be issued by the Central Committee to the Officers concerned, who at the appropriate time will hand such vouchers to their new messes, and receive credit for same in the mess books. The new messes will use the credit vouchers so received to purchase mess furniture from the Central Committee. The Central Committee will allot such furniture equitably according to strengths of the various messes. Any necessary financial adjustments will be effected between the messes concerned, and the Central Committee, and the messes will make such cash levies as may be necessary to enable this to be done.

BAR STOCKS AND SURPLUS MESS FUNDS

12. Disposal of these is a domestic matter for each mess.

A.B. Sturgher

Lt-Col.,
AQMG First Aust Army.

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SUBJEST: RE-ORGANISXATION HQ FIRST AUST ARMY OFFICERS MESSES

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
28 Aug 44
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Mess Presidents 'B' Mess
" " 'C' "
" " 'D' "
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Central mess Committee (2)

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Ref HQ First Aust Army Q9818 of 26 Aug para 10 second line; please amend reference to para 7 to read "para 8 above".

Sgd - D B FARGHER - Lt-Col
for Brig
DA&QMG First Aust Army

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WEEKLY MOV SUMMARY From 21 Aug 44 to 27 Aug 44

UNIT	UNDER COMD	FROM	TO	PROGRESS	REMARKS
7 Aust Inf Bde Details		320 all ranks entrain Tolga 231905K Aug 56 All ranks entrain Tolga 240920K Aug Stores by road to Port MCO Cairns 24 Aug			Stage Redlynch Embark early date DUNTROON. This completes move
6 Aust Div Leave Personnel		1500 all ranks embark KATOOMBA for CAIRNS shortly			
7 Aust Bde Gp Rear Details A		400 all ranks embark DUNTROON 28 Aug			
11 Aust Div Sigs	11 Aust Div	Balcombe	MAPPEE	Depart MELBOURNE 30 Aug	
First Aust Army Regt Trg School (Second Main Body)		40 all ranks arrive CAIRNS 28 Aug. Will move by road to WONGABEL. Stores and eqpt ETD BRISBANE 24 Aug for INNISFAIL			
		Accelerated rail travel will be troop train only for all ranks until further advised.			Lanforces Sig QM72886 refers

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WEEKLY MOV SUMMARY From 28 Aug 44 to 3 Sep 44

UNIT	UNDER COMD	FROM	TO	PROGRESS	REMARKS
41 Aust Ldg Craft Coy	1 Aust Corps	BRISBANE (Toorbul Pt)	CAIRNS	Convoy 13 X ALC 40's Offrs 13, OR's 135 departed BRISBANE 271600K	
		BGS and Party ETA CAIRNS 291230K (Tpt arranged by G(O) Inculdes Brig BARHAM Maj HAY of Landops, Col FRENCHAM Maj CARROL)			
11 Aust Div Sigs		MELBOURNE	MAPPER	ETA BRISBANE 1 Sep	
24 Aust Inf Bde		RAVENSHOE	TRINITY BEACH	Commences move by road via PALMERSTON HIGHWAY	
26 Aust Inf Bde		TRINITY BEACH	RAVENSHOE	Commences move via MAREEBA.	

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'Q' CONFERENCE NOTES - 31 AUG 44

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Action By:

2. 6 Aust Div:
Phone conversation AQMG - Lt-Col KIEL, Landops.
The following message was passed by AQMG for Col GRANT.

(a) Owing to period of time in use, store tents on the Tablelands are not suitable for movement, with the exception of 60 held by 109 CCS and approximately 20 others. LHQ have been asked through service channels to provide 68 tents Hospital extending for 104 and 109 CCS's. If these are supplied no additional tentage will be required - if not, 150 tents marquee double will be required for 6 Div and Army units being equipped on the Tablelands.

(b) First Army were informed by Assistant Controller of Canteens during his recent visit here that canteen supplies would be carried on troopships for issue to troops during the voyage. Will this be the case on troopships for 6 Aust Div?

(c) Army desires an Engineers Stores Dump, containing material for construction of Scale A Accommodation for 6 Aust Div to accompany the Division. Please advise: Infn

(i) Will Engineer Stores Dump with Base Sub Area enable 6 Div dump to be equipped at destination?

(ii) If not, can you despatch from Southern ports Engineers Stores Dump for 6 Div?

AQMG stated that if the answer to each of the above questions was negative, Army proposed to equip 6 Div Engineer Stores Dump from resources on the Tableland.

Lt-Col KIEL said he would pass the foregoing to Col GRANT, and request him to phone AQMG.

2. RAE advise that NRC desire to close section of the road KURANDA-CAIRNS for a period of 10 days. They were informed that the road must be kept open until movement of 7 Aust Div is complete. The matter is to be reconsidered on 6 Sep. Q3 will refer the matter to AQMG on that date. Q3

3. It has been reported that water supply to Hospitals at ROCKY CREEK has diminished 50%. Engineers are investigating. Keep in touch and report. Q2

4. AAG 1 Aust Corps advises that 50 personnel would report on 1 Sep to Farm Coy KAIRI for maize picking for period of 7 days. Infn

5. Ensure that requirements of Q9818 are submitted to Central Committee on 3 Sep, and that the Central Committee comply with that instruction without delay. Q1

6. What is the present position regarding issues of tea and sugar to philanthropic bodies? Q1

7. On receipt of information regarding vehicle holdings at NGF, ascertain from DDOS his proposals for meeting the WE requirements of NGF and this HQ. Q1

8. Arrangements have been made for the washing of 2500 blankets per day at CAIRNS. Infn

9. A return has been called for from Branches on allotment of office furniture and non-expendable stationery items between this HQ and FGF. Ensure that this information is obtained promptly, and when holdings at FGF are known take immediate steps to procure the deficient items — Q1

10. It is reported that the Cordial factory in the TORRES Area is to be withdrawn. Inquire if this is so, and represent First Army's view that this factory should continue to function — Q1

11. An instruction has been issued providing for control of convoyed traffic on the PALMERSTON Highway by First Army as from 4 Sep. Matter was discussed with 'A' Branch and Pro, who concur — Infn

12. With a view to avoiding difficulty in finalisation of mess books, it was proposed to 'A' Branch that Officers proceeding on leave, or leaving this HQ should present a clearance, certified by their messes, before leaving the HQ. 'A' Branch concurred, and are taking necessary action. — Infn

13. It is for consideration whether 1 Aust Corps Veh Pool at CAIRNS should come under the command of Army. At present it is under command 1 Aust Corps and is functioning satisfactorily. The pool handles many vehicles of units not under command Corps, and theoretically should be an Army responsibility.

As, however, its major task will be the receipt, preparation for shipment, and shipment of vehicles of 6 Aust Div, and the movement of the vehicles into the Pool will be the responsibility of 1 Aust Corps, it is considered from the practical point of view that the present arrangement should continue, at least until the movement of 6 Aust Div vehicles is completed. It is proposed, therefore, that no change be made at present. — Infn

14. The AG2G is to be informed immediately any information is received concerning the movement of General Officers and visiting Staff Officers of parallel and superior HQs. — Q3

15. Careful attention will be paid to signal procedure. The use of deferred will be made whenever appropriate. — All Offrs

16. Submit on Friday of each week a statement of all bed boards and camp beds held in the various camp areas. — Q2

17. 'D' and 'P' messes will be the two messes to be closed on this HQ. All work of a permanent nature at these messes will cease. The hot-water system at 'P' Mess is not to be installed. — Q2

18. Rest Camp: Refrigeration and hot-water service not yet installed. 17 L of C Sub Area state that inquiries are being made to purchase three refrigerators from the ANC. Follow up. — Q2

19. 6 Div advise they will probably require 12,000 empty 4-gallon petrol drums. Ensure that stocks are available if required, and report position. — Q1

20. G Branch request that bivouac accommodation be provided for 100 personnel of 2/13 Aust Comp AA Regt in an area immediately South of MAREEBA Airfield, ref map 1" 3350. Suitable area has been allotted. — Infn

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Unit CSO FIRST AUST ARMY *Date and Time.—From* 1 Sep 44 *To* 30 Sep 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MAREEBA	2 Sep 44		CSO Weekly Activity Summary - XFA/342	Appendix 'A'
	4 " "		CSO Col. R.C. REEVE moved to new appt at HQ 2 AUST CORPS	
			SO SIGS I, Lt-Col. C?K. GUINEY took over duties of A/CSO	
	8 " "		SOII Wireless Lt. G.D. WYNTER marched out on 24 days Rec leave	
	9 " "		CSO Weekly Activity Report - XFA/342	Appendix 'B'
	16 " "		" " " " - "	" 'C'
	17 " "		Col. BODEN A/SO in C arrived this area on inspection visit	
	21 " "		Issued FIRST AUST ARMY Sig Instn No.6 - XFA/6/73 - Communications CAPE YORK - THURSDAY ISLAND Area	Appendix 'D'
	23 " "		CSO Weekly Activity Report - XFA/342	Appendix 'E'
	26 " "		Col BODEN A/SO in C. departed this area	
	28 " "		Lt-Col. C.K. GUINEY, appointed CSO REAR ECHELON FIRST AUST ARMY	
	30 " "		CSO Weekly Activity Report - XFA/342	Appendix 'F'

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C.K. Guiney Lt-Col

CSO REAR ECHELON FIRST AUST ARMY.

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War Diary

CSO's WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT -
WEEK ENDED 2 SEP 44.

Appx A

CSO FIRST AUST ARMY
XFA/342

2 Sep 44.

Signal Officer in Chief,
L.H.Q.

Copy to:- Deputy Signal Officer in Chief,
Adv L.H.Q.

LINES:

(a) MAREEBA AREA -

Replacement of field cable in this area by the installation of U.G. and permanent line construction is now complete.

(b) RAVENSHOE AREA -

Construction of permanent line route from RAVENSHOE along TULLY FALLS ROAD is now 20% completed.

WIRELESS:

2. Nil.

OFFICERS LIAISON AND INSPECTION TOURS:

3. (a) CSO returned this HQ on 31 Aug 44 from visiting Signal Officer in Chief and Deputy Signal Officer in Chief.

(b) Lt.Col LITTLE, Maj. MELVILLE and Lt. CRUICKSHANKS arrived in the area on 30 Aug 44 on an inspection of installations.

GENERAL:

4. AWAS personnel of 54 AUST TELEPHONE SWITCHBOARD OPERATING SECTION to replace males, arrived in the area on 28 Aug 44 and have now taken over the operating of HQ Switchboard.

5. Lt. J.M. GARRETT arrived on 28 Aug 44 to take up her duties as SOIII (AWAS) on CSO Staff.

6. British Officers of BASE PLANNING COMMITTEE are now in the area and will be making a detailed reconnaissance in accordance with the itinerary laid down.

Col.
CSO FIRST AUST ARMY

Appendix "B"

CSO'S WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED 9 SEP 44.

CSO FIRST AUST ARMY
XFA/342

9 Sep 44.

Signal Officer in Chief,
L.H.Q.

Copy to:- Deputy Signal Officer in Chief,
Adv L.H.Q.

LINES:

(a) RAVENSHOE AREA -

Details of 7 pair PL route from RAVENSHOE along TULLY FALLS Road is appended.

Date commenced	22 Aug 44
Mileage completed	3½ miles
Mileage to be completed	Regulating and tying in only
Anticipated date of completion	9 Sep 44
Circuits to be provided	9 AUST DIV to ATHERTON 2 pairs
	9 AUST DIV to RAVENSHOE civil 1 pair
	9 AUST DIV to RAVENSHOE military 1 pair
	Div to Bdes 3 pairs

(b) THURSDAY ISLAND -

Telephone installations for R.A. Navy oil fuel tank control system has been commenced.

Progress report .-

(i) 8 pair PL route 70 lb CC from PMG terminal daily at R.A.N. HQ to the proposed switchboard site at the R.A.N. Workshops has been completed.

(ii) 1 pair PL route of 70 lb CC at the R.A.N. Workshops to the town jetty has been completed.

Project 40% complete.

WIRELESS:

2. 1 AUST CORPS -

The following links are established :-

(a) 1 AUST CORPS - 9 AUST DIV established 011800K. Schedule working 0900 - 2359 hrs daily.

(b) 1 AUST CORPS - HQ RAA BIBOHRA area. Established 041200K. Schedule working 0800 - 2200hrs daily.

PIGEONS:

3. A detachment from 4 AUST PIGEON SEC is employed with 26 AUST INF BDE in amphibious training at TRINITY BEACH.

TORRES STRAIT AREA -

35 operational flights have been made from Small Craft flying in this area, but
SECTION. All ...

OFFICERS LIAISON AND INSPECTION TOURS:

4. (a) CSO departed this HQ 031400K en route to NEW GUINEA.

(b) A/CSO with OC 4 Coy A DV LHQ SIGS, inspected line arrangements in TRINITY BEACH Area.

(c) Lt.Col COX, CO 11 AUST DIV SIGS arrived in area on 7 Sep 44 and reported to CSO's office.

(d) SOIII AWAS accompanied Maj. MELVILLE on an inspection of AWAS installations MAREEBA - CAIRNS area, 1 - 4 Sep 44.

(e) SOIII Wireless departed on 24 days recreational leave 8 Sep 44.

GENERAL:

SIGS 11 AUST DIV arrived in the area 2200 hrs 7 Sep 44. Are now located at MAPEE Camp - reference map DIMBULAH 1" to 1 mile 389413.

Lt.Col.
A/CSO FIRST AUST ARMY

Appx 'C'

CSO'S WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT FOR WEEK ~~ENDED~~ ENDED 16 SEP 44.

CSO FIRST AUST ARMY
XPA/342

16 Sep 44.

Signal Officer in Chief,
L.H.Q.

Copy to:- Deputy Signal Officer in Chief,
Adv L.H.Q.

LINES:

(a) KAIRI AREA -

1 AUST LINE SEC replacing existing D VIII twisted poled cable in 7 AUST DIV Area.

Mileage completed	5½
Mileage to be completed	24
Mileage recovered	6
Anticipated date of completion	25 Sep 44

This project necessary due to deterioration of existing twisted D VIII cable which has been erected for over 12 months.

(b) BRISBANE AREA -

Lines installed for old searchlight set up are being recovered.
Cables in CALOUNDRA Area being recovered consequent upon move of CCA to BRIBIE BTY.

(c) THURSDAY ISLAND -

Line work for RAN oil fuel tank project proceeding satisfactorily.

Progress report :-

(i) All PL construction completed.
An amendment is notified to para (b)(i) of last week's Report in that 118 lb wire has been used throughout in lieu of 70 lb CC

(ii) Protected terminal box has been installed and fitted to PL route and lines to RAN PBX have been tailed and terminated.

(iii) Back boards for all oil tank and jetty telephones have been installed and work has commenced on running extensions from oiling switchboard at RAN Workshop.

Project 75% complete.

WIRELESS:

2. The following wireless links have been discontinued :-

(a) 1 AUST CORPS to HQ RAA BIBOOHRA Area. Closed 082200K.

(b) Wireless link between 2 Coy and 3 Coy QLD AA & CA SIGS (closed for further training of operators).

D.R.L.S.:

3. Nil

PIGEONS:

4. Nil

OFFICERS LIAISON AND INSPECTION TOURS:

5. SOII Lines attended GSO's 1 AUST CORPS Officers Conference on 13 Sep 44.

Lt.Col.
A/CSO FIRST AUST ARMY

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FIRST AUST ARMY SIGNAL INSTRUCTION - NO.6

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY
XFA/6/73

21 Sep 44.

Copy No. 16

INFORMATION

1. HQ 4 AUST DIV and certain ancillary troops will be moving from CAPE YORK area under separate instructions. This will necessitate a regrouping of communications, and responsibilities in CAPE YORK - THURSDAY ISLAND area.

INTENTION

2. To provide communications in accordance with diagram attached as Appendix 'A' by 061200K Oct 44.

METHOD

3. LINE

(a) Teleprinter channel STUART - 4 AUST DIV will close 201200K Sep 44 and Sounder channel STUART - TORRES STRAIT area will open at same time. This instruction has already been issued separately.

(b) Sig Office 4 AUST DIV will close 061200K Oct 44.

(c) Units remaining CAPE YORK area will be given direct connections to trunk Switching Centre provided that no additional lines will be constructed for this purpose.

(d) All local lines and all telephone equipment in CAPE YORK area, with the exception of such equipment and lines necessary to provide communications to units remaining, as in para 3(c), will be dismantled and recovered except that s uch local lines as are required for RAAF purposes will be handed over to RAAF by SIGS 4 AUST DIV by mutual arrangement prior to departure from the area.

(e) Trunk switching Centre switchboard will be manned by SIGS FIRST AUST ARMY.

(f) The maintenance of N - S trunk route, including CAPE YORK, excluding 12° South latitude will be the responsibility of SIGS FIRST AUST ARMY.

(g) A small Line Maintenance dump with sufficient material to provide 30 days line maintenance during wet season will be established both N - S of JARDINE RIVER.

4. WIRELESS

(a) 11 AUST WIRELESS SEC (HY) will maintain the following WT channels until 061200K Oct 44 when they will be closed:-

(i) 4 AUST DIV - FIRST AUST ARMY

(ii) 4 AUST DIV - MERAUKE AREA

(b) Two Wireless Sets No.133 will move from CAPE YORK to THURSDAY ISLAND as soon as possible and will open the following WT channels at 061200K Oct 44:-

(i) TORRES STRAIT Area - FIRST AUST ARMY

(ii) TORRES STRAIT Area - MERAUKE

(c) Existing codesigns, frequencies etc allotted will continue to be used.

(d) There w ill be no diminition in signal traffic by W/T due to move and channels will maintain standard loading of 3000 groups daily, dummy traffic being used if necessary.

5. GENERAL

Technical Control of sig secs of SIGS FIRST AUST ARMY in TORRES STRAIT and MERAUKE areas will revert to SIGS FIRST AUST ARMY forthwith and OC 2 Coy SIGS FIRST AUST ARMY will co-ordinate the activities of all signal sections in these areas to ensure smooth and efficient functioning of the signal system. Command channels of AA & CA SIG SECS will remain unaltered.

ADMINISTRATION

6. HQ 2 Coy SIGS FIRST AUST ARMY will move to THURSDAY ISLAND, departing CAIRNS 231030K Sep 44 and will open THURSDAY ISLAND upon arrival.

7. EQUIPMENT

Teleprinters, Switchboards, surplus Telephones and other stores from CAPE YORK area will be packed crated and returned to CSO FIRST AUST ARMY FSS Dump C/- 1 Coy Q'LD AA & CA SIGS ENOGGERA BRISBANE. Details of consignments will be forwarded to CSO FIRST AUST ARMY repeated Q'LD AA & CA SIGS on completion of this action.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Lt-Col.
A/CSO FIRST AUST ARMY

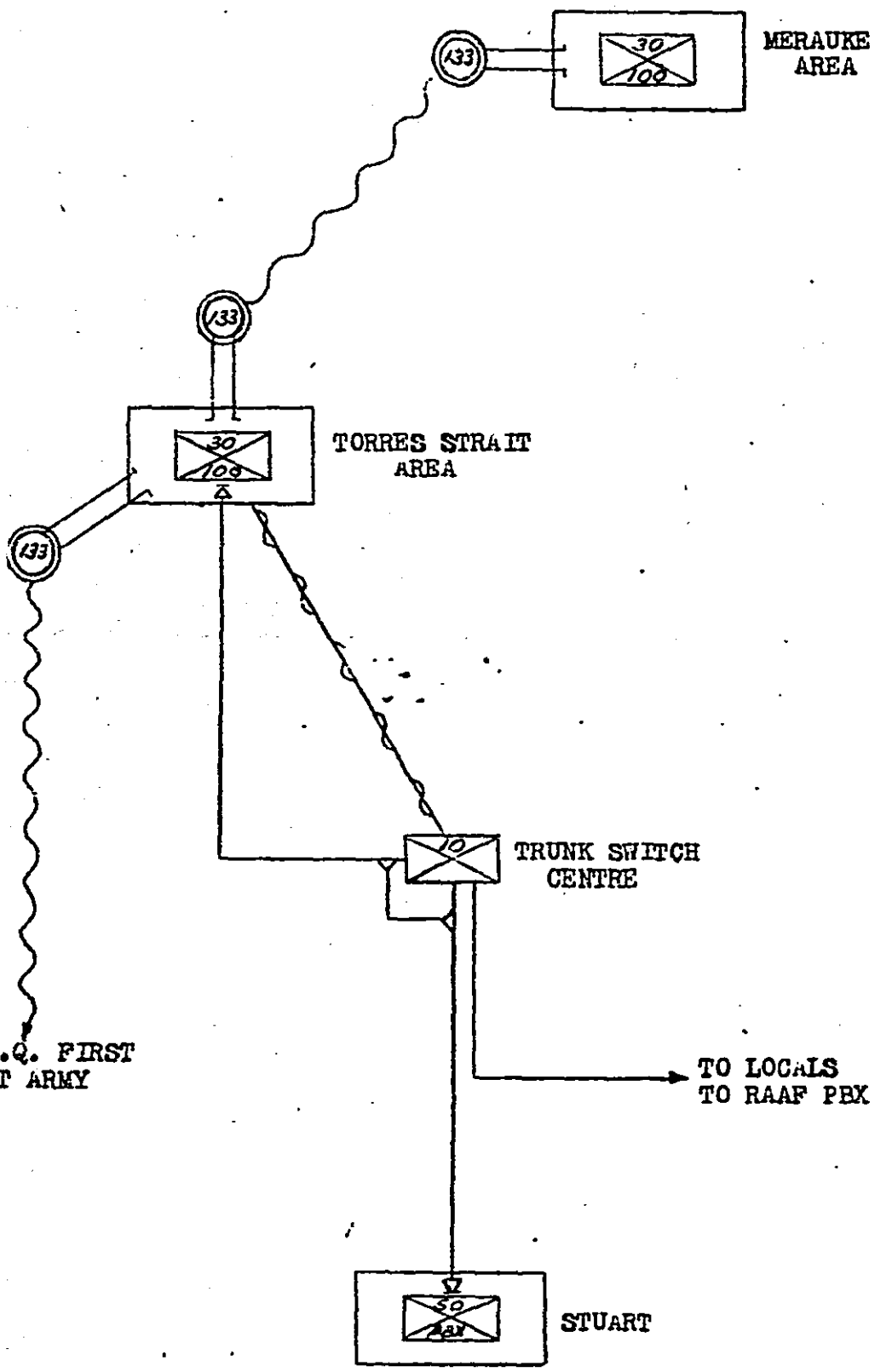
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SIGNAL OFFICER IN CHIEF	7	7
DEPUTY SIGNAL OFFICER IN CHIEF	8	8
CSO 1 AUST CORPS	9	9
CSO Q'LD L OF C AREA	10	10
BGS	11	11
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HQ TORRES STRAIT AREA	14	14
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PROPOSED COMMUNICATIONS - TORRES STRAIT AREA.



APPENDIX "A" TO FIRST AUST ARMY SIGNAL INSTRUCTION No. 6.

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CSO's WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED 23 SEP 44.

CSO FIRST AUST ARMY
XFA/342

23 Sep 44.

Signal Officer in Chief,
L.H.Q.

Copy to :- Deputy Signal Officer in Chief,
Adv L.H.Q.

LINES:

(a) Wongabel Area -

Field cable at present in use to connect subscribers to the switchboard is being replaced by P/L.

Date commenced	12 Sep 44
Mileage completed	2½ miles cleared, pegged, holes dug and poles laid out.
Mileage to be completed	3½ miles
Anticipated Date of Completion	16 Oct 44.

(b) Kairi Area -

Mileage completed	27 miles
Mileage to be completed	9 miles
Mileage recovered	16 miles

(c) Brisbane Area -

Consequent on the closing down of REAR HQ FIRST AUST ARMY at 200001K Sep 44, the following changes in communications have taken place :-

(i) Fullerphone channel LANDOPS to ENOGGERA discontinued
(ii) ENOGGERA end of the ENOGGERA - HELIDON fullerphone channel moved to ST. LUCIA.
(iii) Tie line ENOGGERA - LANDOPS discontinued.

(d) Cape York Area -

TX channel STUART - 4 AUST DIV closed 201200K hrs Sep 44.
Sounder channel STUART - TORRES STRAIT AREA opened 201200K hrs Sep 44.

(e) Thursday Island -

Work for RAN oil fuel tank project almost completed. Progress report :-

(i) All P/L internal and extension wiring is complete.
(ii) On arrival of the cordless switchboard and telephones, the installation will be completed.

WIRELESS -

2. The following wireless links have been discontinued :-

(a) 4 AUST DIV - HQ TORRES STRAIT AREA - MUTEE HEAD closed 201200K Sep 44.

(b) 4 AUST DIV - MERAUKE closed 201200K Sep 44.

The following link is established :-

HQ TORRES STRAIT AREA - MERAUKE

D.R.L.S:

3. Nil

PIGEONS:

4. (a) 4 Aust Div -

Pigeons were employed on the following operational tasks:-

(i) Mainland - 9 operational flights from small craft.
(ii) Torres Strait Area - 21 operational flights from small craft.
(iii) Merauke Area - 2 operational flights from small craft.

(b) 1 Aust Corps.-

Pigeons were used with good results during 26 AUST INF BDE amphibious training at TRINITY BEACH.

OFFICERS LIAISON AND INSPECTION TOURS:

5. (a) Col. BODEN arrived this area 17 Sep 44.

(b) A/CSO, with Col. BODEN inspected FIRST AUST ARMY SCHOOL OF SIGS and SIGS 11 AUST DIV

GENERAL:

6. (a) SIGS 4 AUST DIV relinquished their operational role in CAPE YORK Area at 201200K Sep 44. FIRST AUST ARMY Signal Instruction No.6 issued 21 Sep 44, covers re-arrangement of communications in the area.

(b) Advance party of HQ 2 Coy SIGS FIRST AUST ARMY consisting of 1 Officer and 1 OR departed CAIRNS by air 231030K Sep 44 to take up duty in TORRES STRAIT Area.

Lt.Col.
A/CSO FIRST AUST ARMY

WAR DIARY
Appx 'F'

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CSO REAR ECHELON FIRST AUST ARMY

30 Sep 44.

CSO's WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED 30 SEP 44.

Signal Officer in Chief,
L.H.Q.

Copy to:- Deputy Signal Officer in Chief

LINES:

Nil.

WIRELESS:

2. Wireless communication has been established with road party moving from CAPE YORK Area and control of this move will be taken over as from 01000 Oct 44.

D.R.L.S:

3. Nil.

PIGEONS:

4. Cape York Area - 23 Aust Pigeon Loft

Pigeons supplied - 150. Operational flights - 25.

42 Aust Pigeon Loft

Operational flights - 8.

OFFICERS LIAISON AND INSPECTION TOURS:

5. (a) Col. BODEN departed this area 26 Sep 44.
(b) SO Sigs II attended CSO 1 AUST CORPS conference 27 Sep 44.
(c) SC ANAS visited 4 Coy LHQ Area ATHERTON 29 Sep 44.
(d) Maj. C.L.W. REID, SO II Lines HQ FIRST AUST ARMY departed by air for NEW GUINEA 300815 Sep 44.

GENERAL:

6. Balance HQ 8 Coy SIGS FIRST AUST ARMY departed CAIRNS 301030EKSep 44 to complete establishment of HQ in TORRES STRAIT Area.

7. With effect from 280ODEKSep 44, HQ FIRST AUST ARMY closes MAREEBA and will re-open at LAE 2 Oct 44.

Lt.Col.
C3O REAR ECHELON FIRST AUST ARMY

Q Branch REAR ECH FIRST AUST ARMY

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

WAR DIARY

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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Army Form G 2118

Place	Date	Hours	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices.
MAREEBA	4 Sep 44		Unexpired value - Commonwealth property	Appendix 'A'
	8 "		Anti Gas Equipment and Clothing	" 'B'
	9 "		Traffic Routes Atherton Tablelands - CAIRNS	" 'C'
	10 "		First Aust Army Veh Pool - CAIRNS	" 'D'
	10 "		Lamps Pressure and Non-pressure	" 'E'
	12 "		First Aust Army Adm Order No 14 Movement to Tropical Areas	" 'F'
	14 "		First Aust Army Adm Order No 14 Corregendum No 1.	" 'G'
	19"		Ferry Car HQ First Aust Army	" 'H'
	19 "		Traffic Routes - Atherton Tablelands - CAIRNS	" 'I'
	19 "		War scale of clothing and Necessaries for all Ranks (Male) on Full Time Duty (incl VDC) - AIF	" 'J'
	20 "		Reorganisation HQ First Aust Army Officers' Messes	" 'K'
	25 "		Allocation of Officers to Messes	" 'L'

Appendix 'A'

83/4/41

SUBJECT: UNEXPIRED VALUE

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
4 Sep 44
Q9977

Distribution:
List 'E' (Branches and units down to Inf Bns or Independent Units)
Less serials 58-63,65,70,71-74,76, 78-83,85-88.

Following is repeat of LHQ (61/1/116) B57088 of 31 Aug 44 for information and any necessary action:

"Considerable difficulty has been found in arriving at the "unexpired value" of lost or destroyed articles of Commonwealth property on personal issue to members, i.e., the value of the articles at the time of the loss or destruction, for the purpose of effecting stoppages of pay against a member under GRO A.727/43 or of listing deficiencies in terms of GRO A.813/43.

2. It is impossible to issue a vocabulary of unexpired values because the unexpired value of an article necessarily depends on the condition of the article, in respect of which a deduction is sought, at the time of its loss or destruction. Further, any such vocabulary would not be admissible in evidence before a CO or court-martial hearing a charge of losing by neglect, as evidence of the extimated unexpired value of the lost or destroyed article must be given by a witness before a deduction can be awarded. A deduction by consent under para 10 (b) of GRO A.727/43 and a listing of deficiencies under GRO A.813/43 must also be based on a fair estimate of the unexpired value of the lost or destroyed articles, though formal evidence of the estimate by a witness is not necessary for the purpose.

3. Members called upon to estimate the unexpired value of an article should have regard to the following:-

(a) the vocabulary price of the article when new

(b) The normal rate of wear of article of the type of that lost or destroyed

(c) The period which has elapsed between date of issue of the article to the member and the date of loss or destruction.

(d) Any other relevant factor affecting the normal rate of wear of articles of the type of that lost or destroyed in the particular unit concerned.

4. Consideration is being given to amending the second and third paras of Note 16 in MML (Aust. Ed (p.488) - quoted in GRO A.727/43, para 8 - as the reference to regulation for fixing the value of articles by their age in the second para of that note is misleading as it is inapplicable to the AMF."

B Vaughan
Brig.,
DA & QMG First Aust Army.

Appendix 'B'

CONFIDENTIAL

83/8/12

SUBJECT: ANTI-GAS EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
8 Sep 44
Q10036

Distribution:
List 'C' (Branches and formations plus units of First Aust Army Tps only)
less serials 12,48,58-67,69-73, 75-76,80-82,87,88,90
plus Rear Details NEW GUINEA Force

Subtended is the text of LHQ memo (61/02/3) B56628 of 30 Aug 44:

" A complete review of anti-gas clothing and equipment for the purpose of reviewing existing scalings, is to be immediately made.

2. In order that this may be done, the complete AMF stocks of clothing and equipment are required from both units and depots.

3. Formations and depots will submit a return to show the following -

(a) All stocks held except those which have already been earmarked for special consignments of IM(A), IM(B) etc, series.

(b) All stocks which may still be on issue to units, including the respective percentage held for Training purposes, both in units and reinforcement Training units."

4. It is requested that this return reach IHQ no later than 20 Sep 44."

2. It is requested that returns be forwarded to reach Headquarters First Aust Army by 16 Sep 44.

Brig.,
DA & QMG First Aust Army

Appendix 'C'

SUBJECT: TRAFFIC ROUTES : ATHERTON TABLELANDS - CAIRNS.

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
9 Sep 44
Q10045

Distribution:
List 'C' (Branches and formations plus units of First Aust Army Tps only)
Less serials 1, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 30, 31, 39, 41, 42, 48, 50, 55-57, 71, 72.
Plus copies for information
Mov CAIRNS
Mov ATHERTON
Rear Details HQ NGF (Aust)

During the construction of the road ATHERTON - MAREEBA - CAIRNS, it will be necessary to close the section of road between KURANDA and the COOK HIGHWAY for a period of about 10 days, as from approximately 22 Sep 44. The actual date of closing will be advised later.

2. The closure of this route between the TABLELANDS and CAIRNS will result in increased traffic using the GILLIES HIGHWAY. To cope with this increase, the following time-table between Control Gates will be introduced and will be publicly gazetted by the Main Roads Commission:

UP FROM CAIRNS	DOWN TO CAIRNS
0200 - 0500 hrs	0600 - 0900 hrs
1000 - 1300 hrs	1400 - 1700 hrs
1800 - 2100 hrs	2200 - 0100 hrs

The date on which the above time-table will come into force will be notified later.

3. While the road KURANDA - COOK HIGHWAY is closed, HQ First Aust Army will co-ordinate the movement of convoys of 5 vehicles or more using the GILLIES HIGHWAY.

4. Addressees when arranging such convoys will advise the following information to reach HQ First Aust Army by 1000 hrs on the day before the desired day of using the highway:

(a) Formation or unit
(b) UP or DOWN
(c) Number of vehicles
(d) Desired "Gate time"

5. HQ First Aust Army will then either approve the movement or, if necessary, lay down another date or time for the move.

6. It should be noted that the following vehicles are not permitted to use the GILLIES HIGHWAY:

(a) Vehicles heavier than Trucks 3-ton 4 x 4
(b) Vehicles carrying loads greater than 3-ton deadweight
(c) Tracked or steel-tyred vehicles

Such vehicles should use the PALMERSTON HIGHWAY via INNISFAIL and MILLAA MILLAA.

7. Tanks and transporters cannot use either the GILLIES HIGHWAY or the PALMERSTON HIGHWAY, therefore movement of these types of vehicles between the TABLELANDS and the coast will not take place during the period of closure of the road ATHERTON - HARDEBA - CAIRNS.

G.H. Cooke Capt
for Brig.,
DA & QMG First Aust Army.

Appendix 'D'

RESTRICTED

SUBJECT: FIRST AUST ARMY VEHICLE POOL - CAIRNS

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
9 Sep 44
Q10064

Distribution:
List 'A' (Branches etc of First Aust Army)
Less serials Nos 1,11,65,71,73,75,
76,81,82,87,88
Plus serials Nos 3,7,27
For information: 1 Aust Corps
17 L of C Sub Area
13 Aust AOD
Movement Control CAIRNS

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1. The following instruction will take effect forthwith.

2. The vehicle pool at CAIRNS now known as "1 Aust Corps MT Pool" and located at FRESHWATER will be re-designated "First Aust Army Vehicle Pool".

3. It will come under command CAIRNS Fortress for local administration and under command First Aust Army for all other purposes.

4. Its function will be the reception of vehicles of formations and units under command First Aust Army, but excluding those of 1 Aust Corps, moved forward for embarkation or entrainment or awaiting transit after disembarkation or detrainment

5. It is not designed to stage convoys in normal transit.

6. Units may deal direct with OC Pool but a minimum of 24 hours notice will be required before vehicles can be accepted.

Brig.
DA & QMG First Aust Army.

Appendix 'E'

83/4/13

SUBJECT: LAMPS PRESSURE AND NON-PRESSURE.

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
/O Sep 44
Q10068

DISTRIBUTION:

List C (branches and formations plus units of First Aust Army Tps only) less serials 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 14, 17, 19, 21, 22, 26, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 39, 40, 41, 48, 49, 50, 52-59 incl, 63.

Ref First Aust Army memo Q9087 of 13 Jul 44.

2. Returns show large numbers of lamps held as being unserviceable or repairable.

3. It is desired that units holding unserviceable or repairable lamps return them to RSD forthwith.

4. On receipt at RSD, action will be taken to repair as many as possible by utilizing parts from unserviceable lamps.

5. Units should submit indents for replacement lamps, if required.

Brig.,
DA&QMG First Aust Army.

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Appendix 'F'

SECRET

FIRST AUST ARMY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO 14 Copy No: 32

MOVEMENT TO TROPICAL AREAS Date: 12 Sep 44

REF: GROs
Standing Orders for Movement 1942
First Aust Army ASOs

GENERAL

1. Where this instruction is at variance with First Aust Army Administrative Standing Orders this instruction will apply.

CLOTHING ARMS and EQUIPMENT

2. Clothing will not be dyed green.

3. The following will be the dress of all personnel during movement:

(a) Trousers
(b) Shirts
(c) Hats, khaki, fur
(d) Anklets web
(e) Personal arms and webbing equipment - marching order including packs, haversacks and water bottles (filled)
(f) Gas capes will be rolled on top of packs
(g) Blanket to be rolled in ground sheet and attached to back of waist belt

TENTAGE AND ACCOMMODATION STORES

4. Attention is directed to First Aust Army Order Q149 of 7 Jun 44.

RATIONS AND EXPENSE STORES

5. Units will move with one emergency ration per man, three days landing rations less petrol, oils and lubricants and three days expense and anti-malarial stores

VEHICLES

6. Vehicles authorised for shipment will be moved to First Aust Army Vehicle Pool CAIRNS under unit arrangements.

7. "BAR TREAD" tyres only will be fitted to all operational vehicles. These tyres can be of directional or non-directional type. Attention is directed to GRO 409/42. Directional "BAR TREAD" tyres will be fitted in accordance with GRO 696/43.

8. All vehicles must be moved complete with canopies and frames. Indents must be submitted forthwith for any deficiencies.

9. Preparations, such as the loosening of bolts, will be made for the lowering of all canopies before embarkation. Canopy frames will not be lowered before vehicles are warned for movement from First Aust Army Vehicle Pool to embarkation area.

(a) Trucks ¼-ton 4x4 will be embarked with hoods and windscreens lowered.

(b) All vehicles before movement from this area will have a sticker on the inside top RH corner of the windscreen as follows:

Class and Type .....

Veh No ....., Engine No ..... Chassis No .....

Unit Serial No .....

Height ....., Length ..... Width .....

Tare Weight ..... Loaded Weight .....

10. All unauthorised vehicle markings will be removed or obliterated. All vehicles will have unit Serial Numbers, 2" high, and colours, 8" x 2", on nearside front mudguard and rear offside of vehicle.

11. All vehicles will move complete with non-skid chains.

12. Vehicles will move to ship's side carrying 2 x 4-gall sealed drums of petrol.

13. One driver will accompany each vehicle to First Aust Army Vehicle Pool. Scale of escorts for voyage will be notified.

14. Vehicles not authorised for shipment held by units other than HQ First Aust Army will be returned to Ord. The requirements of GRO 589/43 will be carefully observed.

4-GALLON PETROL DRUMS FOR SHIPMENT WITH MT VEHICLES

15. No empty 4-gallon petrol drums will be despatched with vehicles.

ENGINEER STORES

16. Engineer stores not authorised to be taken with units and not forming part of camp buildings and facilities will be returned to 1 Aust Corps Engineer Dump.

SAFETY OF ARMS, AMMUNITION, EQUIPMENT AND STORES

17. OCs are reminded that they are responsible for the safe custody of arms, ammunition, equipment and stores at all times, and adequate measures must be taken to protect these items. A label showing Army Number, name of owner, and serial number of unit, will be attached to the upper sling swivel of each rifle, and to the trigger guard of each pistol.

MESSING ON SHIP

18. Unit cooking and messing equipment will be so loaded that it is available for use during voyage.

BILLS OF LADING

19. A specimen Bill of Lading (AAF G964) with instructions for filling in, is contained in First Aust Army ASOs

(a) 10 copies of AAF G964, (Bills of Lading) will be prepared to cover all vehicles, and stores carried outside vehicles, and handed to ESO at port of embarkation.

(b) Vehicles will not be shown on same sheet as stores. Vehicles will be listed by types, vehicle numbers will be shown in numerical order. Description of vehicle will include Length, Breadth, Height and gross dead weight.

(c) Each G964 sheet will be signed

(d) Each G964 sheet will be totalled to show number of packages, etc, with their total tonnages.

(e) Forms may be obtained from this HQ.

VACATION OF CAMPS

20. Unit areas will be left in a clean and hygienic condition, and all rubbish incinerated.

(a) All bedboards and beds will be neatly stacked in one dump, if possible in a camp building.
(b) Camp Staff Officer will take over all such equipment on AAF G1033 and units will provide a representative to Camp SO for checking purposes
(c) All surplus and removable Engineer and camp accommodation stores such as shower buckets, tanks, latrine seats, and safes etc will be returned to Engineer Stores Dump under arrangements Camp SO
(d) All bush or home made furniture which may be of use to any incoming unit will be stacked in one neat heap in unit lines.
(e) Any broken fences around unit lines must be repaired before vacation of camp
(f) In the case of units located in the MAREEBA area the disposal of stores etc indicated in sub paras (b) and (c) of this para will be co-ordinated by Camp Commandant HQ First Aust Army.

21. Units will obtain clearance from Camp SO on vacating lines. If camp lines are not considered to be handed over in a satisfactory manner, the Camp SO will immediately advise this HQ.

LOADING PARTIES

22. (a) Units will supply necessary loading parties for equipment at entraining station
(b) Wharf loading parties will be supplied where instructed
(c) All loading parties will be under the control of an Officer and personnel will not under any circumstances be allowed into towns.

23. On all trains carrying stores proceeding from this area to embarkation point, a guard of one Officer per train and one OR per truck will be supplied as instructed by this HQ. One unit representative will accompany all unit stores to destination.

EMBARKATION DOCUMENTS

24. Strength Return on Embarkation - AAF T51

(a) Eleven copies will be prepared by each unit or sub-unit or detachment embarking provided the party consists of five personnel or more.
(b) Ten copies will be handed to the ESO or Records Liaison Officer at port of embarkation. One copy will be returned for unit file after checking by ESO or Records Liaison Officer and prior to ship's departure.
(c) Units will forward one copy to this HQ on disembarkation at destination.

25. Nominal Roll for Embarkation

(a) Eleven copies will be prepared by each unit or sub-unit or detachment embarking.
(b) The name of the unit, sub-unit or detachment will be shown at the head of each page of the roll. Endorsed at the top of the front page of each roll will be -

Nominal Roll for Embarkation

Entrained or Embussed at ..... on 44

Embarked at ..... on 44

per " ....." vessel

Disembarked at ..... on 44

(c) Preparation of the rolls will be in accordance with the following pro forma and details thereunder:

Pro Forma

Serial No (a)	Army No (b)	Rank (c)	Name (d)	Remarks (e)

(i) The names of Officers in order of Army Number will be shown first, followed by WOs, S/sjts, Sjts including L/Sjts in order of Army Numbers, then rank and file in order of Army Number.

(ii) The rolls will be serially numbered and each name appearing will be given a serial number commencing with number 1 opposite the first name and continuing consecutively through the roll.

(iii) The rolls will be signed by the Commanding Officer of the unit or OC of the sub-unit or detachments.

(iv) Eleven copies will be handed to the ESO or Records Liaison Officer at the port of embarkation together with the AAF T51 referred to in para 24 (b) above. One copy will be returned for unit file.

(v) Additional copies will have to be prepared by Records Office and in order to save time and to economise in the use of stencils, all wax stencils used for the preparation of nominal rolls will be carefully preserved and handed to the Records representatives at the port of embarkation at the same time as the nominal rolls are delivered.

(d) Movement to gangway will be in order of serial numbers as per nominal roll. Officers will accompany their respective troops.

(e) Amendments to rolls up to time of embarkation will be notified to ESO.

STAGING CAMPS

26. Immediately upon arrival at Staging Camps, OC unit or detachment will furnish to OC Staging Camp 2 copies of Embarkation Nominal Roll. On marching out of the Staging Camp, unit or detachment will furnish to OC Staging Camp a nominal roll in duplicate of all personnel who marched into Staging Camp but who are, for any reason, not embarking with unit. This will ensure that rear parties, excluded personnel etc. can be traced.

27. WATER BOTTLES -

All troops will move from this area with filled water bottles and bottles must be checked before final movement to embarkation. A physical check will be carried out as soon as possible to ensure that all water bottles are in a serviceable condition.

28. ANTI MALARIAL STORES

Full scale anti malarial stores will be drawn and carried by units.

29. MALARIA -

Attention is drawn to GRO A321 of 4 Sep 44, paras 15-21.

30. SCRUB TYPHUS

The following instructions regarding precautions against scrub typhus will be strictly enforced and any departure from these orders will result in disciplinary action being taken against all offenders.

31. Anti-mite fluid will be used at all times by all ranks to protect themselves from the mite. The scale of issue of anti-mite fluid will be 2 ozs per man per month and fluid may be obtained on indent through normal AASC channels. The method of use is as follows:-

(a) Clothing should be treated every 14 days (treatment will withstand 7 washings in soap and cold water, half as many if the clothes are boiled).

(b) When men are fully exposed to risk, i.e. when they have to sit, lie or sleep in mite infested country, the method of treating the clothes is as follows:-
A man dips his fingers in the fluid, taking enough to smear the hands lightly. The clothing is rubbed and worked between the smeared hands at the rate of at least 4 smears per sock, 6 per trouser-bottom (to provide a band from above the gaiters to above the knees)and 6 about the fly. The shirt receives 6 smears about the waist, 4 to each complete sleeve, and 8 to the shoulders, collar and front. If the smears are light enough just to cover the hands it will be found that the area will be treated by ½ oz or a little over, and should be gone over again till 1 oz is used up. The greater number of light smears ensures good cover. The job can be done in under 10 minutes per set, with practice.

(c) If they are only required to stand or walk in mite infested country, socks and trouser bottoms need only be treated, and 1 oz of the fluid will serve for 5 or 6 sets of clothes.

(d) Gaiters need not be treated. Socks and trousers are rather more easily treated on the body. The clothes need not be turned inside out.

(e) If socks are not worn, at least 4 smears inside the boots give protection.

(f) Where troops have to go on long expeditions, one pre-treated set of clothes should last three weeks.

32. INOCULATION AND RE-VACCINATION -

Attention is directed to GRO A306/44, the provisions of which must be fulfilled. However, at present, sufficient stocks of the necessary vaccines or sera are not available, and action

is being taken to obtain supplies and units will be notified by this HQ.

33. CASUALTY RETURNS ETC -

Casualty Returns, Offence Reports etc in respect to matters occurring during movement to port of embarkation will be rendered in the usual manner. During movement by sea these returns, etc, will be rendered to OC Troops.

34. FINANCE GENERAL -

The following instructions concerning finance will be implemented:-

(a) Accountable Forms:
Accountable books and forms are to be returned to Paymaster from whom they were drawn prior to the move, e.g. HL1's, HL2's, Railway Consignment Notes, Rail Warrants, Coach Warrants, Air Warrants etc.

(b) Clothes Ration Coupons -
Issues will be completed and all surplus coupons returned to Paymaster from whom they were drawn prior to unit movement from this area.

(c) Petty Cash -
Outstanding expenditure is to be reimbursed and initial advance repaid.

(d) Sub Imprest Advances -
Unit Commanders will ensure that full and correct acquittal is made of all outstanding advances whether for pay or subsistence.

(e) Pay Sergeants -
Unit Commanders will examine Pay Sgts Receipt Book to ensure that all credits to paybooks and cash remittances have been brought to account and cash lodged with Paymaster serving the unit concerned.

(f) Claims -
All outstanding claims are to be lodged with the Paymaster serving the unit concerned.

35. ACCOUNTS -

All mess and regimental accounts with civilian firms will be finalised prior to departure and in all cases receipts obtained in final settlement.

36. Unit Comds or OC detachments will render to this HQ three days prior to movement a certificate under their own hand that all debts due and owing by the unit or detachment have been paid and that no claims against the unit or detachment are outstanding or in dispute. Form WF132 will be rendered to Paymaster serving the unit concerned.

37. Each unit will furnish to this HQ three days prior to movement a certificate that an audit has been carried out on all books of account in accordance with the provisions of GRO 819/43, paras 16 and 30, and GRO 435/43 para 4(b).

38. PERSONNEL -

(a) Arrangements will be made by HQ First Aust Army for the return to units of personnel at present on detachment for duty to units within First Aust Army area, except tour of duty personnel, attached to Schools or training units. Units will submit to this HQ immediately a warning order is received particulars of all such personnel.

(b) Personnel who do not rejoin their unit from leave or X List prior to movement of the unit will be returned to unit direct from LTD or GDD.

39. All personnel medically downgraded other than such personnel who may be posted against WE will be disposed of prior to movement in accordance with First Aust Army A4379 of 26 Aug 44.

40. Units will arrange direct with Fd Punishment Centre for release of personnel shown on unit strength serving sentences of Fd Punishment. The Commanding Officer of the unit will sign a warrant in Form U Appendix III AMR & O, altered as may be necessary, and will provide a unit escort to present the warrant to Comd Field Punishment Centre and take delivery of the soldier.

41. Personnel under unsuspended sentences of detention up to and including 28 days are on unit X list. Personnel under unsuspended sentences exceeding 28 days lose unit identity on commital and on release are dealt with by 2nd Echelon as general reinforcements. If a Commanding Officer desires a member of his unit, sentenced to 28 days detention or less, returned to his unit for movement, he may take action to remit the unserved balance of sentence and obtain release of the soldier by serving upon the Comd of the place where he is detained an Order for Release in Form M, Appendix III, AMR & O. Personnel under unsuspended sentences of detention exceeding 28 days cannot be released to the unit for movement.

42. No underage personnel will move with units, vide GRO 321/43. Units will notify this HQ of the number on strength and instructions will be issued as to their disposal.

43. Where a member of a unit is charged with an offence for which he is waiting trial, Commanding Officers will ensure that such soldier does not remain in this area if the witnesses and evidence embark and vice versa will ensure that he does not embark if the evidence against him is only available on the mainland.

44. Where a member of a unit has been tried by Court Martial, the sentence of the Court will be promulgated to him and the original Court Martial proceedings returned to this HQ prior to commencement of movement. If in any case it appears to a CO unlikely that he will be able to comply with this requirement he will make specific application to this HQ for a direction.

45. <u>AMENITIES - SPORTING EQUIPMENT, RADIOS ETC</u> -

Maximum unit sporting equipment, amenities requisites, and radio sets, will be taken. Radio sets will be cased prior to move and will not under any circumstances be used en route.

46. Furniture, wireless sets and other recreational equipment provided by philanthropic organisations (ACF, YMCA, Salvation Army, etc) will be returned prior to movement to nearest representative of the organisation concerned, and receipt obtained.

47. <u>BAND INSTRUMENTS</u> -

Band Instruments will be taken at discretion of CO.

48. <u>WARNING FOR EMBARKATION AND ABSENTEES</u> -

On receipt of a Warning Order, units will take immediate action to ensure that all personnel are warned for draft. Muster parades will be held, and a warning given to all personnel in the following terms:-

> "All personnel are warned that as from now they are "on draft" for service overseas in an operational area. Any member who absents himself without leave after the giving of this warning is liable to be charged with and convicted of DESERTION".

49. Officers when giving such warning to troops will at the same time issue a warning against disclosure of information.

50. It is imperative that complete and accurate records be kept of all personnel who are present on parade when the warning is given. The warning will be given by an officer in the presence of at least two senior NCOs, each of whom must be able, if required in the future, to give evidence as to the giving of the warning, and as to the identity of personnel present on parade when the warning was given. Units will accordingly prepare nominal rolls in duplicate of all personnel present on parade when the warning was given. These rolls may be prepared either as Company or Platoon rolls, but will, in either case, be signed and dated, by the officer giving the warning and the two senior NCOs in whose presence it was given, opposite the names of the personnel who were present on parade.

51. Units will take action to ensure that all personnel who march into the unit after the initial warning has been given are similarly warned and that their names are included in the nominal rolls as above provided.

52. When all personnel have been warned, the nominal rolls will be signed by the unit commanders, who will forward one copy to Queensland Echelon and Records for safekeeping, and will retain the other copy in unit custody.

53. To ensure that personnel absenting themselves without leave after being warned are appropriately dealt with, units will advise this HQ immediately of the identity of any soldier so absenting himself together with particulars of the time and date on which he absented himself, the date on which the warning was given, and particulars of the soldier's home address.

54. Units will ensure that the provisions of GRO A599/43 and A513/43 are strictly and promptly observed.

55. <u>SECURITY</u> -

Prior to movement, the following security precautions will be observed:-

(a) All unit vehicle markings will be removed or obliterated.

(b) All unit names appearing on packing cases, packages or equipment will be removed or obliterated.

(c) Wharf or rail loading parties will be strictly controlled. These parties will not be permitted to wander into town areas.

(d) All personnel will remove colour patches and puggarees prior to leaving unit areas and will not replace them until embarkation is complete. Hatbands will be issued by Ordnance for wear to destination. Puggarees will be carried in packs.

(e) All ranks must be informed that it is imperative that no information whatsoever should be divulged regarding our activities in AUSTRALIA with reference to movements or installations, particularly in the CAIRNS and ATHERTON area. It is essential that the utmost secrecy be observed, and the possibility of information reaching the enemy be precluded.

(f) The name of the port of disembarkation, which necessarily must be known to some officers, must not be divulged to personnel embarking, or to unauthorised persons. The port of disembarkation will not be shown on AAF G51, but will be inserted after completion by the ESO when signing documents prior to hand over to OC Troops.

(g) As from receipt of this order all inquiries by civilians will be handled by Camp 80 WONDECLA, to whom all civilians must be directed.

(h) All security measures for disposal of documents, etc, will be strictly enforced.

(i) Contracts and social appointments will be terminated with discretion so that NO troop movement is indicated.

56. All orders regarding movements are secret, and particulars will be communicated by Commanding Officers only to those Officers whose duties necessitate knowledge of such information and then only at the last moment consistent with the efficient discharge of such duties.

57. Commanders units and detachments will impress on all ranks the vital necessity of not making in their correspondence any allusion to move pending, in progress, or completed. Stringent orders will be issued that before embarkation and after disembarkation, or until orders are received to the contrary, no telegrams will be sent notifying change of location, or otherwise indicating that a move is contemplated, taking place, or has taken place.

58. It is emphasised that unless otherwise ordered a change of location does not alter the postal or telegraphic address for private correspondence. Officers responsible for censoring correspondence will be warned to pay particular attention to these points.

59. CAMERAS -

The use of cameras, except by persons acting under specific authority during an embarkation or other move, is forbidden. Approved photographers are provided with properly signed authority, which must be produced on demand. Cameras will be withdrawn from personnel prior to departure. See GRO G18/44, para 6, for procedure to be adopted upon withdrawal.

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A B Vaughan
Brig.
DA & QMG First Aust Army.

Method of Issue:

Time of Signature 1045 hrs

Distribution:
List 'A' (Branches etc of First Aust Army)
Less serials 1, 20, 70-74, 88
Plus Units under command First Aust Army warned for movement in accordance with Adv LHQ G/440/SD of 1 Sep 44
First Aust Army Vehicle Pool
Camp 80 MAPEE
1 L of C Sub Area
17 L of C Sub Area
Movements TOWNSVILLE
Movements CAIRNS
Det Q'land Ech and Records CAIRNS
16 APSC
13 APSC

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FIRST AUST ARMY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO 14

MOVEMENT TO TROPICAL AREAS

CORRIGENDUM NO 1

DELETE the following:

Para 55 (a)

Para 55 (g)

Brig.,
DA & QMG First Aust Army.

14 Sep 44

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Less serials 1, 20, 70-74, 88
Plus Units under command First Aust Army warned for movement in accordance with Adv LHQ G/440/SD of 1 Sep 44
First Aust Army Vehicle Pool
Camp SO l'APEE
1 L of C Sub Area
17 L of C Sub Area
Movements TOWNSVILLE
Movements CAIRNS
Det Q'land Ech and Records CAIRNS
16 APSC
13 APSC

Appendix 'H'

SUBJECT: FERRY CAR HQ FIRST AUST ARMY

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
19Sep 44
Q10205

Distribution:
List 'A' (Branches and Services of First Aust Army only)
Less serials 1, 11, 55, 56, 57,
Plus copies for information
Mov CAIRNS
Mov ATHERTON
Rear Details HQ NGF (Aust)

Reference First Aust Army Q10045 of 9 Sep 44 and Q10214 of 19 Sep 44.

2. Due to the closing of the section of the road referred to in First Aust Army Q10045 the daily ferry car will proceed to CAIRNS and return, via the GILLIES HIGHWAY.

3. During the period 22 Sep 44 to 1 Oct 44 the schedule will be as follows:

Depart MAREEBA 0645 hrs arrive CAIRNS 1000 hrs
Depart CAIRNS 1845 hrs arrive MAREEBA 2200 hrs

G Cooper Capt
for Brig.
DA & QMG First Aust Army

Appendix 'I'

SUBJECT: TRAFFIC ROUTES : ATHERTON TABLELANDS - CAIRNS

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
19 Sep 44
Q10204

Distribution:
List 'C' (Branches and formations plus units of First Aust Army Tps only)
Less serials 1, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 30, 31, 39, 41, 42, 48, 50, 55-57, 71, 72.
Plus copies for information
Mov CAIRNS
Mov ATHERTON
Rear Details HQ NGF (Aust)

Ref First Aust Army Q10045 dated 9 Sep.

1. The section of road (KURANDA to junction with COOK HIGHWAY) will be closed from 22 Sep to 1 Oct (both dates inclusive) and during this period the special time-table for the GILLIES HIGHWAY will operate.

G.E. Cooper Capt
for. Brig.
DA & QMG First Aust Army

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Appendix 'J'

38/1/19

SUBJECT: WAR SCALE OF CLOTHING AND NECESSARIES FOR ALL RANKS (MALE) ON FULL TIME DUTY (INCLUDING VDC) - AMF

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
19 Sep 44
Q10216

Distribution:

List 'C' (Branches and Formations plus units of First Aust Army Tps only)
Less serials 1, 3, 5-7, 9, 11, 12, 20, 21, 38, 43, 44, 52-79, 81-86

LHQ advises that the provisions of LHQ memo B14634 of 1 Mar 44 (distributed vide this HQ Q38/1/7566 of 10 Mar 44) regarding the disposal of surplus clothing on movement from temperate to tropical areas, will not apply to personnel on strength of units located on the ATHERTON TABLELANDS, or to reinforcements for such units.

2. As certain units not under command at that time are possibly NOT in possession of the above memo, copy is attached hereto.

[signature]
Brig.,
DA & QMG First Aust Army.

SUBJECT: WAR SCALES OF CLOTHING AND NECESSARIES FOR ALL RANKS (MALE) ON FULL TIME DUTY (INCLUDING VDC) - AIF

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)

10 Mar 44

REF: 938/1/7566

Distribution:
List 'E' - less serials 18, 19, 28, 29-33A, 35-37, 41, 44, 45, 50, 51, 56

The following is copy of LHQ B14634 of 1 Mar 44.

" Revised Scales are shortly to be published which will consolidate GRO's, as amended, dealing with scales as above and with the disposal of clothing on movement from one area to another.

2. Publications of these scales and cancellation of GRO 0.612/43 "Jackets, SD, Trousers SD, and Greatcoats - Deposit in Kit Stores", may be anticipated in respect of the following instructions which will apply forthwith.

3. Clothing, disposal of surplus on movement from areas where Scale 'A' applies to areas where Scale 'B' applies.

(i) When personnel are to proceed to areas where Scale 'B' (Tropical) Scale of Clothing and Necessaries applies, each member will place articles of other than service origin in his Bag, kit, universal.

(ii) Each member will place his surplus Scale 'A' clothing, viz:

Greatcoat	1	Singlets, wool	2
Jacket, SD	1	Drawers, wool	2 prs
Trousers, SD	1 pr		

in a sandbag. Where issue of additional jacket and trousers SD, or jacket SD and breeches MS, has been made, such garments will be returned to RSD.

(iii) To each Bag, kit, universal and Sandbags will be attached a label (AAF W.3387) on which will appear member's Army No., Rank, Name and Unit. Each article of clothing placed in the sandbag will be clearly marked with the Army No. only of the owner. A Packing Slip (AAB 66) showing his Army No, Rank, Name and Unit, and a list of the articles enclosed, will be placed by each member in the sandbag.

(iv) Units will be responsible that Bags, kit, universal and Sandbags are deposited with Aust Kit Stores in accordance with GRO Q.178/42. The surplus Scale 'A' clothing contained in the sandbag will be dry cleaned or laundered before return to the individual.

(v) Where an individual soldier or small party is being moved to such areas, the last GDD, RRD, ARD or LTD through which the soldier or small party passes will ensure that the items referred to are dealt with as in sub-para (3) (ii) and (iii) above and not carried forward with the man nor handed in to RSDs.

4. Clothing - Issues of Scale 'A' to personnel proceeding from Tropical Areas.

(i) Personnel proceeding from areas where Scale 'B' applies, on duty, leave or transfer to areas where Scale 'A' applies, will obtain clothing, previously deposited with Aust Kit Stores and will receive items of clothing and necessaries to bring their issues up to Scale 'A' after taking into consideration articles deposited with Aust Kit Stores.

(ii) Issues will be made from unit stocks, if stocks are held, or from an RRD, ARD, LTD or Staging Camp.

(iii) Issues will not be made from unit stocks unless climatic conditions at the point of departure approximate to those existing at the time in the area to which personnel are proceeding.

(iv) If issues have not been made from unit stocks they will not be made until personnel reach an RRD, ARD, LTD or Staging Camp where climatic conditions approximate to those existing at the same time in the area to which personnel are proceeding. "

Sgd - J.H. HUMAN - Major
for Brig.
DA & QMG First Aust Army

Appendix 'K'

SECRET

SUBJECT: REORGANISATION HQ FIRST AUST ARMY OFFICERS' MESSES

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
20 Sep 44
Q10253

Mess President B Mess
do C "
do D "
do E "
do F "
Central Mess Committee (3)

Copies
G (SD)
A
Ord
Amenities
Camp (2)
Maj STILLWELL (A Branch)

Ref First Aust Army Q9818 of 26 Aug 44

1. A meeting of Mess Presidents and the President of the Central Mess Committee was held in the office of the AQMG at 1430 hrs 20 Sep 44.

PRESENT

Lt-Col D B FARGHER	Chairman	
Lt-Col N P Mulcahy	B Mess	
Lt-Col C J Fletcher	C Mess	and Central Mess Committee
Maj S H S GILL	D Mess	
Maj D A WATTS	E Mess	
Maj W H CORDELL	F Mess	
Maj L D KING	Q Branch	

2. It was resolved :

(a) That the procedure for the disposal of mess property, as set out in Q9818 of 26 Aug 44 would not be followed.

(b) That the following procedure would be adopted -

(i) B Mess be left complete for incoming HQ.

(ii) C, D, E and F Mess furniture (excl Wireless Sets) to be pooled under arrangements Central Mess Committee and distributed equally between messes at new location.

(iii) Wireless Sets to be sold to Amenities under mess arrangements and at price to be decided by Central Committee, Amenities and Mess concerned.
Amenities to resell these sets to messes at new location - at same price. Messes to ballot for right to purchase these sets, as they will be cheaper than new sets.

(iv) Mess equipment, other than furniture and wireless sets, from C, D, E & F Messes and Rear NGF to be pooled and utilised by Central Mess Committee at new location as follows:

Firstly : To equip visitors' mess
Secondly: To be distributed equally to Messes B - I

Balance of departmental issue items to be provided through QM.

Balance of re-payment items to be purchased by individual messes through Ord (Central Committee to co-ordinate demands).

(v) Central Mess Committee to be furnished with officers'-manning list for HQ First Aust Army as soon as possible, and with details of allocations to messes. Central Mess Committee then to arrange for the available members of each new mess to meet and decide what additional furniture (if any) is required for their messes. Central Mess Committee to place bulk demand on Ordnance for these items to be provided against repayment.

(c) That the Central Mess Committee be increased to five members. The three members nominated in Q9818 to remain; the President of the Central Committee, in conjunction with the AQMG, to select two additional members.

Lt Col
CHAIRMAN OF MEETING

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Appendix 'L'

SECRET

SUBJECT: ALLOCATION OF OFFICERS TO MESSES.

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
23 Sep 44
Q10309

DISTRIBUTION:

List A (Branches etc of First Aust Army)
Less serials 1, 11, 19, 44, 61, 68, 85, 86,
Plus serials 14, 25, 27, 37, 46,
A B C D E & F Officers' Messes Central Mess
Committee (2) TO Maj STILLWELL (A Branch)

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1. A schedule setting out the allocation of Officers to Messes is attached as Appendix 'A' and will come into effect upon arrival at the new location.

2. No change will be made in this allocation without the prior approval of 'Q' Branch.

3. Additional Officers becoming attached to the HQ will be allotted to Messes by Camp Comdt.

4. A separate visitors' accommodation and Mess area (J Mess) will be established. ALL visitors to the HQ (excl visitors to 'A' Mess) will use this Mess which will be controlled by Camp Comdt through the Lt (Visitors Sec).

M Langhorne
Lt Col
Fd Brig.,
DA&QMG First Aust Army.

ALLOCATION OF OFFICERS TO MESSES - HQ FIRST AUST ARMY
(Issued as Appx 'A' to First Aust Army Q10309 dated 2[illegible] Sep 44.)

'A' MESS	'B' MESS	'C' MESS	'D' MESS	'E' MESS	'F' MESS	'G' MESS
GOC	G1(G)	G2(O)	G2(O)	G3(O)	G3(O)	G3(SD)
BGS	G1(SL&Trg)	G2(SD)	G(SL Ops)	G3(SD)	G3(I)	G3 (Trg)
BRA	G1(I)	G2(SD)	G(SL SD&Trg)	G3(I)	Lt(Visual Trg)	Lt (G Registry)
CE	G1(Air)	G2(Trg)	G2 (I)	IO	IO	IO
DA&QMG	LO1	G2(I)	G3 (I)	IO	IO	IO
DMS	SORA1	G2(Air)	LO	IO	IO	IO
DDST	SORE1 (Jps)	LO	RAAF LO(Int)	G3(Air)	IO	IO
PA	CSO	SORA2(AA&C)	SCRA	Tech Offr CW	SORE3	IORE
ADC	DC Sigs1	SORA2(Fd)	SORE2(Roads)	IORA	SO Sigs 3(Stc es)	Stores Offr Engrs
	AAG	SORE1(Wks)	SORE2(E&M)	SORE3 (Pers)	SC(A)	SO Sigs 3 (Cipher)
	Col Q	SORE2(Stores)	DAD Svy	SO Svy	SC(MS)	SC (A)
	Col (Mov&Tn)	AD Svy	SO Sigs2(Plans)	SO Sigs3 (Wireless	SC(Q)	SC (MS)
	AQMG	SC Sigs 2 (Lines)	A(SL,Maj)	SL(A) Capt	SC(Mov)	Legal Offr (Capt)
	AQMG(Plans)	DAAG(O)	DAQMG	Q(SL)	SC(Mov)	Capt (Pro)
	AQMG(E)	DAAG(PS)	DAQMG(Mov)	SC(Q)	Capt AASC (POL)	Capt AASC (Sups)
	AMS	DAMS	DAQMG(Mov)	SL(Mov)	DADMS (Eqpt)	DADOS (Gen Stores)
	ACG	AQMG(Mov&Tn)	Q(SL)	SC(Mov)	Med Statistician	OO (Mov Liaison)
	ACG	DAQMG	SC(Q)	SC(Mov)	DAD Amenities	OO (Tech Stores)
	ACG	DAQMG	Legal Offr(Maj)	Legal Offr (Capt)	Education Offr	OO (Asst to DDOS)
	ADMS	AI Hyg	DADS(POL)	Education Offr	Catering Adviser	OO
	DDDS	Malariologist	Capt AASC(Adm)	DADT	DADOS (Amn)	DADME (Watercraft)
	DDLS	ADLS	DADMS	Capt AASC(Accounts)	OO (Pers)	EME (Wksp)
	APM	PPCM	DADOS(Tech Stores)	SOMS	OO (Watercraft)	Eqpt Offr (EME)
	ADST	AD Education	DADME(Armt)	MO(Maj)	OO (Statistics)	DADLS
	DDOS	DADS	EME(Vehs)	OO(Gen Stores)	DADME (Vehs)	Amen ties Offr
	ADOS(Plans)	ADOS(L of C Install)	Adm Offr AEME	DADME(Telecom)	EME (Instruments)	DAD War Graves
	DDME	ADME(Eqpt)	Camp	EME(Rubber)	Adm Offr AEME	Asst Comp
	ADLS(Crs)	CEME	Offr ORS	Offr ORS	DAD Salvage	TO
	ADPS	OC ORS			QM	

'H' MESS	'I' MESS	'J' MESS (Visitors)
Supervisor P & RT	Dental Offr	Lt (Visitors Sec)
Lt (Message Control)	Dental Offr	
IO	OC Postal Unit	
IO	OC LAD	
Fd Engr (Lt)	ATIS Offrs	
SC (A)	AAPIU Offrs	
SL (A) Capt	IOO	
SC (Q)	Air Sp Offrs	
SC (AQMG(E))	Mil History Offrs	
Legal Offr (Capt)	Public Relations Offrs	
Amenities Offr	OC Mob Met Flt	
Capt AASC (Sups)	OC Gd Pl	
Hygiene Instr	Chaplain	
MO (Capt)	Red Cross Rep	
DADOS (MT)	Salvation Army Rep	
SIOO	YMCA Rep	
IOO	Offr ORS	
OO (MT)	OC FS Sec	
OO (RSD)	Asst Camp	
EME (Small Arms)		
EME (Mech Eqpt)		
Adjt to CEME		
Salvage Offr		
SC War Graves		
SC Labour		
Catering Offr		
Offr ORS		
Offr ORS		