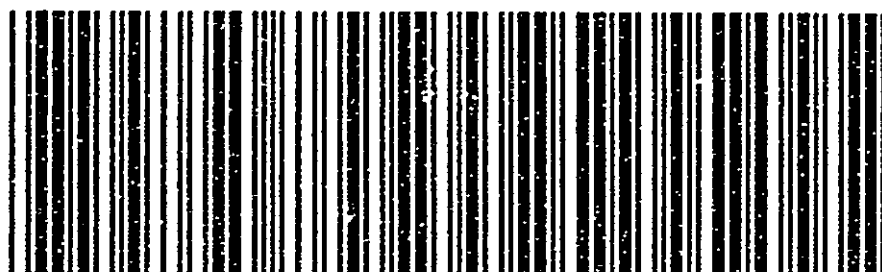


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1 MATTERS CURRENT - 17 NOV 44

| Serial | Subject                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Action By |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1      | DC advice from Forland indicates likelihood of US Army requesting Aust Army to assume all responsibility for supply of POL products to Aust forces at Iae. LHq have been advised and requested to provide Hq and one Pl of a Bulk Petrol Store Coy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Infm      |
| 2      | Following submission by LAM and PAAZ of insufficient native labor at Madang, with consequent increase in incidence of sickness, the position has been examined.<br><br>(a) There has been no important reduction in allotment of natives for malaria control in the area.<br>(b) There has been no increase in incidence of sickness in the AMF, but the malaria rate for PAAZ increased from 2 per thousand 26 Sep 44 to 6.4 per thousand 20 Oct 44. Medical advice indicates that this increase is probably due to failure to take atabrin rather than a slackening in malaria control.<br>(c) Malariaologist First Aust Army considers that malaria control at Madang has been good and the number of natives allotted adequate.<br>(d) Effective native labor at Madang is 15% of European ration strength. At Iae it is 22%.<br><br>A conference is to be held at ANZAC on 20 Nov which will be attended by AGG (P) to examine the native labor position throughout New Guinea. The requirements of Madang as well as other areas will be considered at this conference. | Infm      |
| 3      | Ascertain from Nov type of fuel and quantities required for small ships moving into First Aust Army area. Arrange that BAF then take necessary provision action.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | AAG       |
| 4      | CG is endeavoring <del>to obtain</del> to obtain on improvement dredging equipment now at Bulolo with a view to its use at Aitape to keep open river <del>mouth</del> <i>mouth</i> and remove sand-bars off beaches.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Infm      |

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| Serial | Subject                                                                             | Action by |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 5      | Ascertain action taken to meet demand for oxy<br>gas cylinders from 3 Base Sub Area | AAC       |

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Lt-Col  
A/Col - First Aust Army

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17 Nov 44.

DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN No 188  
( as at 1200 hrs 17 Nov 44 )

| IN PORT                                               | STD            | FOR     | EN ROUTE                                                                                        | FROM                                                 | ETA                              | REMARKS                                                                                                                                                               |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AITAPE<br>F PARKMAN<br>T CORWIN<br>KATOOMBA<br>MEXICO | 18/11<br>18/11 | MADANG  | DUNTHOON<br><br>J ISAACSON<br>RIVER DERWENT<br>S J REED<br><br>BONTEKOE                         | T'VILLE<br><br>AUST<br>SYDNEY<br>AUST<br><br>AUST    | <br><br>30/11<br>15/12<br>3/12   | on berth<br>T'VILLE 23<br>Nov<br>ex SYDNEY<br>Thence CAIRNS<br>on berth SYD<br>25/11<br>ex T'VILLE                                                                    |
| MADANG<br>CAPE ALBA                                   | 18/11          | B'VILLE | J S MORETON<br>J EARLY<br><br>MAIWARA<br>PARKMAN                                                | JACQUINOT<br>LAKE<br><br>FINSCH<br>AITAPE            | 18/11<br>18/11<br>19/11<br>19/11 | Thence<br>AITAPE                                                                                                                                                      |
| FINSCHAPPEN<br>BONTEKOE                               |                | T'VILLE | F PEATE<br>W H POINT<br><br>MAIWARA                                                             | JACQUINOT<br>SYDNEY<br><br>LAKE                      | 19/11<br>18/11                   | 81d ex SYD<br>7/11                                                                                                                                                    |
| LAKE<br>J OLIVER                                      | 18/11          | B'VILLE | ATLAS<br><br>ORVISTON<br>F PARKMAN                                                              | AUST<br><br>HOLLANDIA<br>MADANG                      | <br><br>26/11<br>20/11           | To load ex<br>SYD 25<br>Nov<br>for T'VILLE<br>Thence to<br>JACQUINOT                                                                                                  |
| MAIWARA<br>VAN DER BOSCH                              | 18/11          | TALASEA |                                                                                                 |                                                      |                                  |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| JACQUINOT<br>J S MORETON<br>SHAWNEE                   | 17/11          | MADANG  | ANN McKIM<br>L M GARRISON<br>VAN HEDTZ<br>EVANGELINE<br>W B ROGERS<br>JANE ADAMS<br>SWARTENHOUT | AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST | 25/11<br>3/12<br>1/12            | ex BRIS &<br>CAIRNS<br>on berth<br>BRIS 18/11<br>on berth<br>BRIS 16/11<br>on berth<br>BRIS 17/11<br>ex SYD on<br>berth 18/11<br>ex BRIS on<br>berth 18/11<br>ex BRIS |
| MORRIS<br>CHARGE                                      | 22/11          | SYDNEY  | EDNA                                                                                            | AUST                                                 | 23/11                            | ex SYDNEY<br>21/11                                                                                                                                                    |
| ELWOOD BAY                                            |                |         | TORRENS<br>ELWOOD BAY                                                                           | AUST                                                 |                                  | ex SYDNEY<br>21/11                                                                                                                                                    |

| IN PORT                                                         | REF   | FOR | EN ROUTE                                                               | FROM                                    | ETA                              | REMARKS                                                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>FALASRA</u><br><u>HOSKINS</u>                                |       |     | MAIWARA                                                                | LAE                                     |                                  |                                                              |
| <u>BOUGAINVILLE</u><br><u>NORMAN SEA</u><br><u>SANTA MONICA</u> |       |     | INDIAN VICTORY<br>J OLIVER<br>CAPE ALEXANDER<br>ARCHER<br>CAPE VICTORY | AUST<br>LAE<br>MADANG<br>SYDNEY<br>AUST | 26/11<br>22/11<br>19/11<br>30/11 | ex SYD &<br>CAIRNS<br><br>Thence for<br>JACQUINOT<br>ex BRIS |
| <u>HOLLANDIA</u><br><u>ORNISTON</u>                             | 23/11 |     | GORGON (14)<br>TORRENS                                                 | BRIS &<br>CAIRNS<br>MILNE<br>BAY        |                                  |                                                              |

**NOTE**

**ETA - Expected Time of Arrival at Destination**

ETD - Expected Time of Departure from Loading Port

for 1st Aust Artillery Brig.  
DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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MC HOSKINS :  
MC TOROKINA  
MC JACQUINOT BAY  
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SUBJECT- " GORGON " (Voy 14) BRISBANE TO HOLLANDIA

HQ FIRST AUST AELV (AIF)  
17 NOV 44

Q 2467

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E & IE  
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1. Cancel our Q 2422 of 13 Nov and Q 2464 of 16 Nov. Not to all addressees.

2. Advice has been received that vessel " GORGON " will now load at BRISBANE the following Personnel, Vehicles and Unit Equipment.

3. (a) CARGO

| SERIAL | CONSIGNOR            | DESCRIPTION                                          | TONS (G) |
|--------|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 1.     | Camp Comdt Adv L H Q | {General stores includ-<br>ing 2 x 5 KVA. Generators | 625      |
| 2.     | DE in C              | {1 x 25 KVA. Generator &<br>Fire Fighting Equipment  | 34       |
| 3.     | 7 ABCD               | {Ordnance Stores<br>(11 Jeeps                        | 20<br>86 |
| 3.(a)  | " "                  | {1 x 3 ton Water Cart)<br>(6 x 3 ton Veh GS          | -        |
| 4.     | DSC in C             | {4 x 15 cwt Vchs<br>4 Generators (trailers)          | -<br>54  |
| 5.     | Canteens             | Stores                                               | 160      |

(b) UNITS & DETS.

| SERIAL | UNIT or DETACHMENT                 | APPROX<br>Strength<br>all ranks | STORES<br>(Tons G) | VEHICLES                                           |
|--------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 6.     | Det Fwd Ech L H Q (misc)           | 23                              | -                  | -                                                  |
| 7.     | Det Adv L H Q                      | 154                             | -                  | -                                                  |
| 8.     | Adv Party 1 Aust Base Sub<br>Arce  | 90                              | -                  | 4 Jeeps                                            |
| 9.     | Det 1 Aust CRE Works               | 4                               | -                  | -                                                  |
| 9 (a)  | 1 Pl 2/1 Aust Docks Cp Coy         | 89                              | Accom<br>stores    | 1 x 3 ton Veh<br>1 x 15 cwt Veh                    |
| 10.    | One Sec 2/3 Aust L of C Pro<br>Coy | 16                              | -                  | 2 Jeeps<br>4 M/Cycles                              |
| 11.    | 207 Aust LAD                       | 13                              | 60                 | 7 Vchs                                             |
| 12.    | HQ 23 Aust L of C Sigs             | 68                              | 93                 | Vehicles to<br>remaining<br>capacity of<br>vessel. |
| 13.    | 24 Aust D R Sec                    | 13                              | 2                  |                                                    |
| 14.    | 8 Aust Op Sec                      | 27                              | 7                  |                                                    |
| 15.    | 6 Aust Line Sec                    | 67                              | 162                |                                                    |
| 16.    | 16 Aust Maint Sec                  | 24                              | 19                 |                                                    |

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2. (b) Contd.

| SER<br>I/L | UNIT or DETACHMENT        | APPROX<br>Strength<br>all ranks | STORES<br>(Tons M) | VEHICLES                                                                     |
|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 17.        | 4 Aust Tech Maint Sec     | 19                              | 6                  | .. Vehicles<br>to remaining<br>capacity of<br>vessel.<br>-<br>- ..<br>-<br>- |
| 18.        | 37 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy) | 14                              | 38                 |                                                                              |
| 19.        | 10 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy) | 38                              | 38                 |                                                                              |
| 20.        | 110 Aust Sw/Bd Telo Cp    | 22                              | -                  |                                                                              |
| 21.        | Det 2/2 Aust Gd En        | 7                               | -                  |                                                                              |
|            | TOTAL                     | 688                             | 425                | -                                                                            |

4. Serials 3<sup>e</sup> & 9<sup>e</sup> which have been included in this loading advice to be at the expense of Serials 12 to 20 inclusive.

5. Serials 6, 9 & 21 have been authorised to proceed by air, but if not moved before departure date of vessel, will be embarked as above. The same remarks apply to 12 personnel of Serial No 8.

*Rebunnam, Capt*  
for DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (ALP) DRIG.

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HQ FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AIF)  
17 Nov 44

DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 488.  
(From 1000 hrs 16 Nov to 1000hrs 17 Nov)

| 1. BY SEA |                                       |                       |    |        |        |                           |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|----|--------|--------|---------------------------|
| SERIAL    | UNIT                                  | STRENGTH<br>OFFRS ORS |    | FROM   | TO     | REMARKS                   |
| 1.        | Q'land L of C Area<br>Leave Personnel | 2                     | 10 | AITAPE | CAIRNS | 81d<br>DUNFROON<br>14 Nov |
| 2.        | N S W.L of C Area<br>Leave Personnel  | 1                     | 39 | "      | "      | "                         |
| 3.        | Vic L of C Area Leave<br>Personnel    | -                     | 45 | "      | "      | "                         |
| 4.        | S A.L of C Area Leave<br>Personnel    | -                     | 7  | "      | "      | "                         |
| 5.        | T A.L of C Area Leave<br>Personnel    | 1                     | 2  | "      | "      | "                         |
| 6.        | Tasmania L of C Leave<br>Personnel    | 2                     | 5  | "      | "      | "                         |
| 7.        | RAAF                                  | 1                     | -  | "      | "      | "                         |

| 2. AIR GENERAL :-       |                       |   |               |               |                             |  |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|---|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--|
| UNIT                    | STRENGTH<br>Offrs ORS |   | FROM          | TO            | DETAILS                     |  |
| 2/160 Aust Sup Depot Fl |                       | 5 | NADZAB        | AITAPE        | ) GOC 6 Aust<br>Div & party |  |
| 17 Aust Works Coy       |                       | 3 | "             | "             |                             |  |
| HQ 6 Aust Div           |                       | 3 | AITAPE<br>LAE | LAE<br>AITAPE |                             |  |

| COMM UNITS AND SPECIAL A/C |              |              |          |            |                                              |  |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------|------------|----------------------------------------------|--|
| UNIT                       | NO OF A/C    |              | FROM     | TO         | DETAILS                                      |  |
| 9 Comm Unit RAAF           | 1 BEAUFORT   | (2 missions) | LAE      | MADANG     | Miscellaneous<br>pers and stores<br>DMT etc. |  |
| "                          | 1 C47        |              | LAE      | MORESEBY   |                                              |  |
| "                          | 1 BEAUFORT   |              | TOROKINA | LAE        |                                              |  |
| 21 Service Gp USAAF        | 2 C47 (drop) |              | NADZAB   | AIYURA     | ANGAU stores<br>FIB rations                  |  |
| "                          | 1 C47        |              | "        | ANNEENBURG |                                              |  |

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| DFO NEW GUINEA    | Q (2)        | S & T      | WAR DIARY |
| NG FORCE SEC AACs | Q (MOV & TN) | ORD        |           |
| EGS               | ERA          | E & ME     |           |
| G (OPS)           | CE (2)       | POSTAL (2) |           |
| G (SD)            | CSO          | SALVAGE    |           |
| A                 | MED          | AMEN       |           |

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SUBJECT- "JUAL EARLY" LAG TO MADANG &amp; AITAPE.

HQ FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AIF)  
17 NOV 44

Q 2469

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E & ME  
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Advice has been received that vessel "JUAL EARLY" loaded following Personnel, Vehicles & Cargo at LAE for MADANG & AITAPE. Vessel sailed ex LAE 17 Nov.

1. For MADANG  
(a) Personnel, Vehicles & Cargo

| SERIAL                                                                               | UNIT                   | STRENGTH |     | VEHICLES<br>etc |                                                                               | TONS (m)<br>VEHICLES &<br>CARGO |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------|-----|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                                                                      |                        | OFFERS   | ORS |                 |                                                                               |                                 |
| 1.                                                                                   | Various                | 2        | 9   | -               |                                                                               | -                               |
| 2.                                                                                   | 2/1 Rly Contr Coy      | -        | -   | 5               |                                                                               | 146                             |
| 3.                                                                                   | 593 Engr B & S Regt    | -        | -   | -               |                                                                               | 2                               |
| 4.                                                                                   | NG Trg School Mob Wing | -        | -   | -               |                                                                               | -                               |
| 5.                                                                                   | ACF                    | -        | -   | -               |                                                                               | 68                              |
| 6.                                                                                   | ARCS                   | -        | -   | -               |                                                                               | 144                             |
| 7.                                                                                   | ALCS                   | -        | -   | -               |                                                                               | 187                             |
| 8.                                                                                   | 7 THO                  | -        | -   | 2 KVA Plants    |                                                                               | 396                             |
| 9.                                                                                   | DADST                  | -        | -   | 9 Vchs          | 3675 x 1 1/2 FOL<br>13 x 4 Oil<br>178 Drums<br>Grease<br>8 c/s Oil<br>Rations | 1087                            |
| 10.                                                                                  | 105 Aust FAD           | -        | -   | -               |                                                                               | 1409                            |
| 11.                                                                                  | ANGAU                  | -        | -   | -               |                                                                               | 16                              |
| 12.                                                                                  | 48 Aust DCRE           | -        | -   | -               |                                                                               | 50                              |
| 13.                                                                                  | RAE 5 Aust Div         | -        | -   | 2 Vchs          |                                                                               | 153                             |
| 14.                                                                                  | MFO                    | -        | -   | -               |                                                                               | 137                             |
| 15.                                                                                  | 23 Hospital laundry    | -        | -   | 1 Vch           |                                                                               | 7                               |
|                                                                                      |                        |          |     |                 |                                                                               | 30                              |
| Total Aust cargo for MADANG 3701 tons incl 16 vchs 447 tons and gen cargo 3254 tons. |                        |          |     |                 |                                                                               |                                 |

2. For AITAPE.

| SERIAL | UNIT                  | STRENGTH |     | VEHICLES<br>etc         |                         | TONS (m)<br>VEHICLES &<br>CARGO |
|--------|-----------------------|----------|-----|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
|        |                       | OFFERS   | ORS |                         |                         |                                 |
| 16.    | Various               | 8        | 235 | -                       |                         | -                               |
| 17.    | SAL Army              | -        | -   | -                       |                         | 8                               |
| 18.    | APD                   | -        | -   | -                       |                         | 23                              |
| 19.    | 16 AAAD               | -        | -   | -                       |                         | 17                              |
| 20.    | 19 AAAD               | -        | -   | 4 x 25 pdr<br>5 x 2 pdr | 844 plges<br>ord stores | 148                             |
| 21.    | 2/2 Aust Forestry Coy | -        | -   | 1 vch                   |                         | 19                              |
| 22.    | 19 Aust L of C Sigs   | -        | -   | -                       |                         | 30                              |
| 23.    | 7 THO RAAP            | -        | -   | 7 vchs                  |                         | 148                             |
| 24.    | 2/1 Rly Constr Coy    | -        | -   | 12 vchs                 |                         | 109                             |
| 25.    | 1 Hosp Ldry           | -        | -   | 5 vchs                  |                         | 358                             |
| 26.    | ANGAU                 | -        | -   | 2 vchs                  |                         | 14                              |

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| SERIAL                                                                                                    | UNIT                | STRENGTH<br>OFFERS ORS | VEHICLES<br>etc |                                             | TONS (M)<br>VEHS &<br>CARGO |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 27.                                                                                                       | DADST               | -                      | -               | Stores                                      | 23                          |
| 28.                                                                                                       | 85 Mob Cinema       | -                      | 1 Veh           |                                             | 10                          |
| 29.                                                                                                       | 81 Dep Cash Office  | -                      | 1 Veh           |                                             | 16                          |
| 30.                                                                                                       | A Pl 2 MAC          | -                      | 21 Vchs         |                                             | 520                         |
| 31.                                                                                                       | 5 Pl 1 Port Maint   | -                      | -               |                                             | 4                           |
| 32.                                                                                                       | 126 AGTC            | -                      | 38 Vchs         |                                             | 1073                        |
| 33.                                                                                                       | YMCA                | -                      | -               |                                             | 1                           |
| 34.                                                                                                       | 22 Aust Supply Pl   | -                      | -               |                                             | 5                           |
| 35.                                                                                                       | RAE                 | -                      | 2 Vchs          |                                             | 83                          |
| 36.                                                                                                       | 19 AAOD             | -                      | -               | 107 pkges sup-<br>ply dropping<br>apparatus | 11                          |
| 37.                                                                                                       | 2 Aust Forestry Coy | -                      | -               |                                             | 1                           |
| 38.                                                                                                       | 54 DCRE             | -                      | -               |                                             | 1                           |
| 39.                                                                                                       | USASOS Various      | -                      | 15 Vchs         |                                             | 468                         |
| Total Aust cargo for AITAPE 2510 tons including 85 vehicles,<br>9 guns 2131 tons, General cargo 379 tons. |                     |                        |                 |                                             |                             |

*W. Cunningham, Capt*  
for COL (MOV & TN) HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) Lt-Col.

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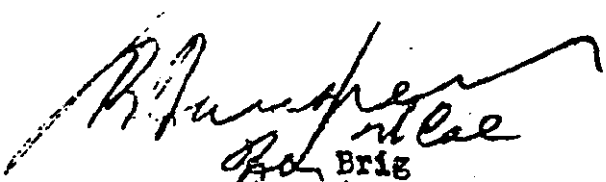
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FIRST AUST ARMY ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 9  
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ENGINEER STORES DUMPS

Amend Para 1 to read:-

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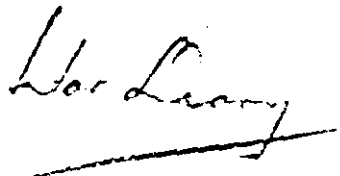
1. Army dumps have been established as follows:

|               | <u>Type</u>         | <u>Tonnage (M)</u> |
|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| AITAPE        | 0.5 CE plus 0.5 CRE | 1500               |
| JACQUINOT BAY | 0.5 CE              | 1000               |
| TOROKINA      | 1 CE                | 2000               |
| LAE (reserve) | 0.5 LHQ plus 1 CRE  | 9000               |

  
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AGHQ'S CONFERENCE NOTES - 17 NOV 44

POL - ATTAPU

1. S&T have received advice from ADST 3 Aust Base Sub Area that the US Forces will now move out with all their POL. There will be none available for hand-over to AUST Forces. Infm

STATIONERY FOR 3 AUST BASE SUB AREA

2. Ref notes of 13 Nov para 4.  
The stationery was loaded aboard JUBAL EARLEY at 0300 hrs 17 Nov. 3 Base has been advised. Infm

FUEL FOR SMALL SHIPS AUST TO TOROKINA

3. Q (Mov & Tn) advise that certain small ships moving AUST to TOROKINA will stage at MILNE BAY for re-fuelling not before 30 Nov. Q(Mov)  
S&T

4. Quantities and types of fuel required have been received from Q(Mov & Tn) and passed to S&T.

S&T states that fuel is available at MILNE BAY and will make necessary arrangements for issue.

MILTON-HARRINGTON TRACTORS - 3 AUST BASE SUB AREA

5. Ref notes 9-10 Nov para 2.  
Ord advise no M-H tractors available. Examination of a proposal to use cars for this task revealed that these vehs would be too light for the task and their tracks would not provide sufficient grip. Q(Maint)
6. DMR is submitting a further recommendation to us on this matter.

INSECT REPELLENT

7. Further to notes of 8 Nov paras 10 and 11.  
There has been a change in med plan and the repellent obtained from US Forces is now not required. S&T have arranged for the stocks to be returned to the US Forces. Q(Maint)  
S&T

REFUGEES AT AMENBERG

8. LAE Base ask if they are responsible for sup of refugees at AMENBERG. If so what types and quantities of rations are required. Q(Maint)

MARINE ENGINES - CAPE GLOUCESTER

9. Ref notes of 8 Nov paras 7 - 9.  
AME and S&T reps depart for GLOUCESTER 18 Nov 44. Infm

REFRIGERATION

10. Infm has been received from LEQ through Engr channels that our recommendations in this matter have been accepted. A letter is en route setting out details of implementation. Q(Wks)  
Infm

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| Col Q    | Staff       | Capt AQ | Postal        |
| AC       | Q(Mov & Tn) |         | Sal           |
| Q(Maint) | S&T         |         | Labour        |
| Q(Misc)  | Ord         |         | Camp          |
| Q(Wks)   | AME         |         | War Diary (S) |
|          |             |         | Lae BSA File  |

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)

18 Nov 44

FIRST AUST ARMY ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 10

TRACTORS, INDUSTRIAL, WHEELED AND TRACKED

1. GENERAL: This instruction sets out--

- (a) The division of responsibilities between CE, DDST, and DDOS First Aust Army for provision, distribution, and maintenance of:--

TRACTORS, INDUSTRIAL, WHEELED AND TRACKED  
INCLUDING AGRICULTURAL AND CRANE-MOUNTED  
TYPES, AND EARTH-MOVING EQUIPMENT.

- (b) The division of responsibility between units and AEME for routine maintenance, inspection, repair and recovery of the above equipment.

2. ENTITLEMENT: Unit entitlement of Industrial Tractors with associated equipment will appear on Unit War Establishments under heading of Part IV "Mechanical Equipment".

Entitlements will also appear in Unit War Equipment Tables (AAF-E2 Series) under heading of "RAE Origin" with the following notation, where appropriate:--

All units other than RAE: "Will be drawn from Ordnance Depots";

RAE Units: "Will be issued through Engineer Channels".

Where industrial tractors and associated stores are required for fixed installations and depots (other than RAE Services) which have no WET, the relevant Service or Corps will be responsible for advising DDOS First Aust Army of approved requirements.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES: The responsibility for provision, distribution, and maintenance of Tractors, Industrial, Wheeled and Tracked, including agricultural and crane-mounted types and earth-moving equipment, is defined as follows:

(a) Provision of Tractors, Etc.

- (i) For Arms and Services Other than RAE: DDOS First Aust Army will co-ordinate requirements in regard to quantity and associated stores and arrange provision as necessary.

- (ii) For RAE: CE First Aust Army is responsible for provision through Engineer Stores Service.

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(b) Distribution

- (i) For Arms and Services Other Than RAE: DDOS will be responsible for distribution in detail through normal Ordnance channels.
- (ii) For RAE: CE will be responsible for distribution in detail through Engineer Stores Service.

(c) Census Record

- (i) DDOS First Aust Army will maintain, in accordance with GROs covering census of warlike stores, a complete census of all tractors, industrial, wheeled and tracked, including cranes and other earth-moving plant, etc., on strength of units other than RAE, and will forward one copy to CE First Aust Army.
- (ii) For RAE, CE First Aust Army will maintain a complete census of all tractors, industrial, wheeled and tracked, including cranes and other earth-moving plant, etc., on the strength of RAE, and will obtain this information through Engineer channels.

(d) Routine Maintenance Inspection, Repair and Recovery

- (i) Routine Maintenance, 1st Echelon Repairs and Recovery: GRO G339/43 will apply generally in regard to the responsibilities of all concerned in respect to unit routine maintenance and 1st echelon repair and recovery. The conditions pertaining to AASC will also apply to RAE. The LAD attached to Mechanical Equipment Coys and Railway Construction Coys RAE will have no responsibility for 1st echelon repair and recovery of tractors tracked, this being performed by the RAE Wksp Pl. The LAD is responsible vide GRO G339/43 for 1st echelon repair and recovery of unit transport vehicles.
- (ii) 2nd Echelon Repairs and Recovery: For RAE and AASC this is the function of the unit workshop platoon or section. AEEME is responsible for units other than RAE and AASC.
- (iii) 3rd and 4th Echelon Repairs and Recovery: This is the responsibility of AEEME and all units.

(e) Inspection

- (i) COs of units will be responsible for the periodic unit inspection of industrial tractors in a similar manner to that laid down in GRO G339/43 Appx B sub-para (h) and (p). This will be a weekly inspection.
- (ii) For RAE and AASC, the OC Wksp Pl or Sec will inspect industrial tractors monthly. He will classify vehicles for mechanical condition vide sub-para (iv) below. He will inform the unit commander of these classifications and give a forecast of spares required for 1st and 2nd echelon repairs to the Engineer Stores unit from which he draws spares. For units other than RAE and AASC this will be the responsibility of the appropriate AD commander.

(iii) DDME First Aust Army, in conjunction with CE and/or DDST First Aust Army, is responsible for arranging periodic inspections of industrial tractors. These inspections will be made at intervals of not less than three months, and will be used to forecast replacement, 3rd and 4th echelon repair programmes, and provisioning of spare parts for such programmes.

(iv) Classification of Industrial Tractors (Mechanical Condition): There will be four classes, based on the mileage or period for which tractors should give adequate service; viz--

- Class I - Tractors fit for a minimum mileage or period of 500 miles .  
100 hrs
- Class II - Tractors requiring repairs not beyond the scope of 1st echelon.
- Class III - Tractors requiring repairs not beyond the scope of 2nd echelon.
- Class IV - Tractors requiring 3rd and 4th echelon repairs.

(f) Permissive Repair Schedules

Schedule of permissive repairs is attached as Appx A.

(g) Spare Parts

(i) Procurement: CE is responsible for provision action and procurement through Engineer Stores Service of all spare parts for items covered by this Instruction, except tyres and tubes, which remain an Ordnance responsibility.

(ii) Distribution: For arms and services other than RAE, Engineer Stores Service distributes only to 3rd and 4th Echelon Ord Fd Pks or to 2nd Echelon Ord Fd Pks in the absence of 3rd Echelon. Ord Fd Pks are responsible for distribution to units for 1st echelon repairs. For RAE units, CE is responsible for detailed distribution through Engineer Stores Service.

(iii) Scales of Spare Parts: To be held by 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Echelons, will be as agreed by E in C and LGO, and will be promulgated through the respective service channel. Stocks will not be held in Ord Depots.

4. EQUIPMENT MOUNTED ON AUTOMOTIVE CHASSIS: This Instruction will apply to excavating and bitumen plant mounted on automotive chassis, but will not apply to cranes or other types of equipment mounted on automotive chassis, the responsibility for all action in regard to provision, maintenance, and distribution of such vehicles being in accordance with normal procedure applicable to "A" and "B" vehicles.

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APPENDIX A TO

FIRST AUST ARMY ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 10

PERMISSIVE REPAIR SCHEDULES - TRACTORS, INDUSTRIAL,  
WHEELED AND TRACKED, INCLUDING EARTH-MOVING EQUIPMENT

1st ECHELON: Replacement of assemblies (if readily accessible)  
such as--

- (a) Light radiators, cooling fans
- (b) Water pumps
- (c) Fuel transfer pumps (Diesel) and fuel pumps (petrol)
- (d) Diesel engine fuel pumps and injectors
- (e) Carburettors
- (f) Generators and starters, magnetos
- (g) Instruments and gauges
- (h) Suspension and track components

Adjustment of--

- (a) Valve clearances
- (b) Electrical equipment
- (c) Brakes and steering clutches, master clutch, and starter clutch
- (d) Governor
- (e) Petrol starting motors
- (f) Fan belt
- (g) General adjustment of equipment

Replacement and/or Adjustment of--

- (a) Steering linkage
- (b) Suspension bogies, tracks, etc. (except drive sprockets and front idlers)

Check, Clean, and/or Replace air cleaners oil and fuel filters

Replacement and/or Minor Repair to individual components of vehicles which do not require the use of machine tools. Modification as specified

NOTE: 1st Echelon will not include dismantling of Diesel fuel pumps and injectors, which will only be undertaken in 4th Echelon. Under normal circumstances should not include removal of cylinder-head, dropping a crank case, or opening a major unit assembly, such as a rear axle assembly, etc.

2nd ECHELON: Replacement of major unit assemblies which are readily accessible and the effecting of minor repairs or adjustments which are beyond the scope of 1st Echelon.

Replacement of--

- (a) Heavy radiators (water and oil) and cooling fans
- (b) Front idlers and drive sprockets (only if special tools are available)

Light repairs to electrical equipment and/or replacement of assemblies. Light welding, brazing, and machining of components within the scope of the machine tools available.

Repairs to radiators

Modifications as specified

3rd ECHELON: Replacement of engine assemblies. Partial strips and overhaul of engines using new or reconditioned components, except when engine is due for complete overhaul. Refacing and reseating of valves.

The overhaul of assemblies by replacement of individual components such as fan assembling, electrical equipment, gearbox, steering clutch, final drive.

Modifications as specified.

4th ECHELON: Dismantling and repair of Diesel fuel pumps and injectors. Complete strip, overhaul, and rebuilding of equipments and assemblies, together with complete reconditioning of components and all modifications which cannot be effected in forward echelons.

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DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 489  
(as at 1200 hrs 18 Nov 44)

| IN PORT                                              | ETD                              | FOR                            | SHIP ROUTE                                                                                                    | FROM                                                        | ETA                                                | REMARKS                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| AITAPE<br>P PARKMAN<br>T CORWIN<br>KATOGMA<br>MEXICO | 20/11<br>28/11<br>18/11<br>24/11 | MADANG<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST | DENTROCK<br>J ISAACSON<br>RIVER DEWENT<br>S J REED<br>J EARLY<br>DONTROCK                                     | T/VILLE<br>AUST<br>SYDNEY<br>AUST<br>MADANG<br>AUST         | <br><br>30/11<br>15/12<br>23/11<br>3/12            | on berth<br>T/VILLE 23/11<br>3/12 ex SYDNEY 17/11<br>thence CAIRNS<br>on berth<br>SYDNEY 25/11<br>ex T/VILLE                                                                                      |
| MADANG<br>J EARLY                                    | 22/11                            | AITAPE                         | J S MORTON                                                                                                    | JACQUINOT                                                   | 24/11                                              | also to load<br>LAE for<br>JACQUINOT                                                                                                                                                              |
| ELNSCHAFEN<br>DONTROCK                               |                                  | T/VILLE                        | P PENTE<br>H POINT<br>KAIKURA                                                                                 | JACQUINOT<br>SYDNEY<br>LAE                                  | 19/11<br>18/11<br>19/11                            | SLC ex SYDNEY<br>7/11<br>thence MOSKIE                                                                                                                                                            |
| LAE<br>J OLIVER                                      | 19/11                            | DO/VILLE                       | ATLAS                                                                                                         | AUST                                                        |                                                    | To load ex SYDNEY<br>ETD 25/11                                                                                                                                                                    |
| VAN DER BOSCH                                        | 20/11                            | AUST                           | ORRISTON<br>P PARKMAN<br>J S MORTON                                                                           | HOLLANDIA<br>AITAPE<br>MADANG                               | 26/11<br>21/11<br>25/11                            | for T/VILLE<br>thence to<br>JACQUINOT<br>thence to<br>JACQUINOT                                                                                                                                   |
| JACQUINOT<br>SHAMREE<br>J S MORTON                   | 20/11                            | MADANG                         | P PARKMAN<br>ANN MCKIM<br>L M GARRISON<br>VAN HEUTZ<br>EVANGELINE<br>W B ROGERS<br>JANE ADAMS<br>SWARTERHONDT | LAE<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST | 26/11<br>25/11<br>3/12<br>1/12<br><br><br><br><br> | ex BRISBANE &<br>CAIRNS 17/11<br>on berth<br>BRISBANE 18/11<br>on berth<br>BRISBANE 16/11<br>on berth<br>DARWIN 17/11<br>ex SYDNEY,<br>on berth 18/11<br>ex DARWIN on<br>berth 18/11<br>ex DARWIN |
| MORSEY<br>CLARON                                     | 22/11                            | SYDNEY                         | EDNA                                                                                                          | AUST                                                        | 23/11                                              | ex SYDNEY<br>11/11                                                                                                                                                                                |
| MILNE WAY                                            |                                  |                                | TORRENS<br>ELSON READE                                                                                        | AUST                                                        |                                                    | ETD not set                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| <u>T/LASRA</u><br><u>HOSKINS</u> |              |            | <u>MAHARA</u>                                                    | <u>FINSON</u>                                             | <u>23/11</u>                 |                         |
| <u>DOUGAINVILLE</u>              |              |            | <u>INDIAN</u><br><u>VICTORY</u>                                  | <u>AUST</u>                                               | <u>26/11</u>                 | ex SYDNEY &<br>CAIRNE   |
|                                  |              |            | <u>J OLIVER</u><br><u>ARCHER</u>                                 | <u>LAE</u><br><u>SYDNEY</u>                               | <u>22/11</u><br><u>30/11</u> | thence for<br>JACQUINOT |
|                                  |              |            | <u>CAPE</u><br><u>VICTORY</u><br><u>CAPE</u><br><u>ALEXANDER</u> | <u>AUST</u><br><u>MAHARA</u>                              | <u>22/11</u>                 | ex BRISBANE             |
| <u>HOLLANDIA</u>                 |              |            |                                                                  |                                                           |                              |                         |
| <u>OMNISTON</u>                  | <u>23/11</u> | <u>LAE</u> | <u>GORGON (14)</u><br><u>TORRENS</u>                             | <u>DEIS</u><br><u>CAIRNS</u><br><u>MILNE</u><br><u>BY</u> |                              |                         |

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AGLG's CONFERENCE NOTES - 18 NOV 44

LANDING RATIONS

1. Reports indicate that some units moving to JACQUINOT BAY had their ldg rations bottom stowed. Q(Ltint)
2. Look up standing instrs on this and draw attention to it in First Aust Army Orders.
3. What definition of responsibility is there for correct stowage of ldg rations.

OXYGEN FOR AIRCRAFT

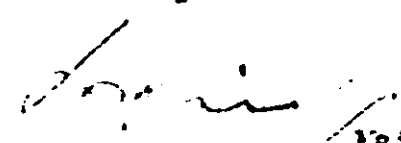
4. 3 Aust Base Sub Area requested 30 cylinders oxygen be despatched for repair US ldg craft, some to go by air. 20 cylinders loaded JUBAL LARRY. 10 cylinders being air-shipped. Q(Mov & Tn) expect to despatch them today. Infm

FIGURES - ADM CONFERENCE ROOM

5. Infm in the Adm Conference Room will be based on infm passed to Q by the Services. Q will be responsible for marking up the boards. (Adjint) Services
6. Services concerned will be responsible for the accuracy of the infm shown on the board and will arrange for an officer to check the board at 2100 hrs each Friday.

LAGERIES FOR 5 AUST BASE SUB AREA

7. Ord arranged for 1100 machetes to be shipped ex LAE to JACQUINOT with 18 Aust AOD per "J" S LORSTON. Infm  
If necessary this will meet requirement of natives ex MADANG, referred to in Notes of 16 Nov paras 10 and 11.

  
A/AGM First Aust Army Maj

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18 NOV 44.

**DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 489**  
**From 1000 hrs 17 Nov to 1000 hrs 18 Nov.**

| BY SEA. | UNIT                              | STRENGTH |     | FROM    | TO     | REMARKS                         |
|---------|-----------------------------------|----------|-----|---------|--------|---------------------------------|
|         |                                   | OFFRS    | ORS |         |        |                                 |
| 1.      | A F S Sec                         | 1        | -   | CAIRNS  | AITAPE | Disembkd<br>ex MEXICO<br>16 Nov |
| 2.      | 35 Aust Hy Wireless Sec           | 1        | 32  | "       | "      | "                               |
| 3.      | 2/4 Aust Inf Bn                   | 2        | 33  | "       | "      | "                               |
| 4.      | 2/8 Aust Inf Bn                   | 2        | 13  | "       | "      | "                               |
| 5.      | 2/11 Aust Inf Bn                  | 4        | 149 | "       | "      | "                               |
| 6.      | 135 Aust Bde V/shops              | -        | 1   | "       | "      | "                               |
| 7.      | 2/2 Aust Tpt Pl                   | 1        | 59  | "       | "      | "                               |
| 8.      | 2/188 Aust Supply Dep Pl          | 2        | 34  | "       | "      | "                               |
| 9.      | Det 6 Aust Div Pro                | 1        | 33  | "       | "      | "                               |
| 10.     | Det 6 Aust Div Salvage            | -        | 14  | "       | "      | "                               |
| 11.     | Det Aust Army Catering<br>Service | -        | 18  | "       | "      | "                               |
| 12.     | 2/4 Aust Dental Unit              | 2        | 8   | "       | "      | "                               |
| 13.     | Adv Party HQ 17 Aust<br>Inf Bde   | 4        | 12  | "       | "      | "                               |
| 14.     | Adv Party 2/5 Aust<br>Inf Bn      | 4        | 16  | "       | "      | "                               |
| 15.     | Adv Party 2/6 Aust<br>Inf Bn      | 4        | 16  | "       | "      | "                               |
| 16.     | Adv Party 2/3 Aust<br>M G Bn      | 2        | 25  | "       | "      | "                               |
| 17.     | 2/8 Aust Fd Coy                   | 5        | 216 | "       | "      | "                               |
| 18.     | 2/7 Aust Inf Bn                   | 23       | 454 | "       | "      | "                               |
| 19.     | Det Mil History Sec               | 3        | 4   | "       | "      | "                               |
| 20.     | 2 Aust V & O Sec                  | 2        | 4   | "       | "      | "                               |
| 21.     | 53 Aust Port Craft Coy            | 1        | -   | "       | "      | "                               |
| 22.     | Mina Base Sub Area                | -        | 4   | ORO RAY | CAIRNS | Embkd<br>DUNTROON<br>17 Nov     |
| 23.     | RAAF                              | 40       | 116 | "       | "      | "                               |
| 24.     | British Army Personnel            | 1        | -   | "       | "      | "                               |
| 25.     | Canadian Army                     | -        | 10  | "       | "      | "                               |
| 26.     | Det 23 Aust Hospital<br>Laundry   | -        | 2   | LAE     | MADANG | Sic<br>J EARLY<br>17 Nov        |
| 27.     | ACCS                              | -        | 2   | "       | "      | "                               |
| 28.     | 15 Aust Ord Store Coy             | -        | 1   | "       | "      | "                               |
| 29.     | ACCS                              | -        | 1   | "       | "      | "                               |
| 30.     | RAAF                              | 1        | 3   | "       | "      | "                               |
| 31.     | RAN                               | 1        | -   | "       | "      | "                               |
| 32.     | HQ 22 ASD Pl                      | 2        | 9   | LAE     | AITAPE | "                               |
| 33.     | 52 Aust MPOD                      | -        | 14  | "       | "      | "                               |
| 34.     | 5 Pl 1 Aust Pt Maint              | -        | 5   | "       | "      | "                               |
| 35.     | Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship          | -        | 5   | "       | "      | "                               |
| 36.     | 81 Aust Depot Cash<br>Office      | -        | 2   | "       | "      | "                               |
| 37.     | 85 Aust Mob Cincm                 | -        | 2   | "       | "      | "                               |
| 38.     | HQ First Aust Army P R            | -        | 1   | "       | "      | "                               |
| 39.     | 9 Aust L of C Stationery          | -        | 4   | "       | "      | "                               |
| 40.     | Det 126 AGF Coy                   | 3        | 97  | "       | "      | "                               |
| 41.     | 5 Aust Fd Mking Pl                | 1        | 36  | "       | "      | "                               |
| 42.     | 1 Pl 2 Aust MAC                   | 1        | 34  | "       | "      | "                               |
| 43.     | 7 Aust Grays Unit                 | 1        | 5   | "       | "      | "                               |
| 44.     | Det 1 Aust Hosp Idry              | -        | 15  | "       | "      | "                               |
| 45.     | HQ 4 Aust ASD                     | -        | 1   | "       | "      | "                               |
| 46.     | Det 2 Aust Forest Svy<br>Coy      | -        | 4   | "       | "      | "                               |

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| SERIAL | UNIT                                        | STRENGTH |      | FROM   | TO           | REMARKS                                  |
|--------|---------------------------------------------|----------|------|--------|--------------|------------------------------------------|
|        |                                             | OFFERS   | ORs  |        |              |                                          |
| 47.    | 19 Aust Ord Amm Coy                         | -        | 1    | LAE    | AITAPE       | Sld<br>J EARLY<br>17 Nov                 |
| 48.    | Serials 40-45 on Return<br>No 185 of 14 Nov | 75       | 1454 | MADANG | BOUGAINVILLE | Disembkd<br>ex SANTA<br>MONICA<br>17 Nov |
| 49.    | ANGAU Natives                               | -        | 94   | MANUS  | FINSCH       | Disembkd<br>ex CELCOX<br>15 Nov          |
| 50.    | ANGAU Natives                               | -        | 2    | FINSCH | LAE          | Sld<br>ALCV 1024<br>15 Nov               |

## 2. AIR GENERAL

| SERIAL | UNIT                     | STRENGTH |     | FROM     | TO       | REMARKS                           |
|--------|--------------------------|----------|-----|----------|----------|-----------------------------------|
|        |                          | OFFERS   | ORs |          |          |                                   |
| 1.     | 23 Aust Hy W/T Sec       |          | 5   | DOBODURA | LAE      |                                   |
| 2.     | 2/2 Aust Dock's Op Coy   |          | 7   | LAE      | TOROKINA | on transf<br>2/6 Dock's<br>Op Coy |
| 3.     | Indian Army Sepoys       |          | 8   | NADZAB   | T'VILLE  |                                   |
| 4.     | 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy | 1        | 10  | T'VILLE  | NADZAB   |                                   |

## COMM AND SPECIAL A/C

| UNIT             | NO. OF A/C     | FROM            | TO               | DETAILS                                        |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 9 Comm Unit RAAF | 1 C47          | LAE<br>TOROKINA | TOROKINA<br>LAE  | Miscellan-<br>eous pers<br>mail and<br>freight |
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2 MATTERS CURRENT - 18 NOV 44

| Serial | Subject                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Action By      |
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| 1      | Apart from workshop section with G T Pl no workshop facilities are on projected SOB of Area Comd Madang. To meet the requirements of the Area Comd detachment of approx one-third of 133 Bde Wkshops is authorised.                                                                                                          | AJMG           |
| 2      | DMLS will be used whenever suitable.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Col Nov & AJMG |
| 3      | If necessary I will co-ordinate between Ord and Loe Base sub Area concerning date of movement of Ord Veh Park Loe to new site.                                                                                                                                                                                               | AJMG           |
| 4      | A representative of 3 SOB is to visit this HQ soon to discuss transfer of LCMs to First Aust Army. To ensure that Col Jillett will be available for these discussions Forland is being requested to arrange visit not before 20 Nov.                                                                                         | Col Nov        |
| 5      | It is expected that Dumpu will be evacuated by AMF, leaving only AMGF at that point. Ascertain quantity of equipment and stores held at Dumpu. Then arrange transfer to AMGF of those items which can be taken over by them in situ. Then arrange air evacuation of such of the remaining items as warrant transport by air. | Col Nov & AJMG |

*[Signature]*  
Lt-Col

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A/Col . First Aust Army

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2 Col I  
3 Col Nov  
4 AJMG - Pass to AJMG (F)  
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SUBJECT - " CAPE ALEXANDER " LADANG TO BOUGAINVILLE

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
29 NOV 44

Q 2476

|                      |              |            |
|----------------------|--------------|------------|
| 2 AUST CORPS         | A            | PRG        |
| 4 AUST BASE SUB AREA | Q (4)        | S & T      |
| DA & QMG             | Q (LCV & TH) | CHD        |
| G (CPS)              | CH (2)       | E & I      |
| G (SD)               | CSO          | POSTAL (2) |
|                      | LED          | RANLC      |

1. Advice has been received that vessel CAPE ALEXANDER loaded ..  
following Personnel, Vehicles and Cargo at Ladang for Bougainville.  
Vessel sailed 17 Nov.

2. Personnel, Vehicles & Stores.

| SERIAL | UNIT                          | STRENGTH  |            | VEHICLES                                    | STORES<br>(TONS L) |
|--------|-------------------------------|-----------|------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|
|        |                               | OFFRS     | ORS        |                                             |                    |
| 1.     | 113 Aust Bde Crd Fd Pk        | 1         | 17         | 17                                          | -                  |
| 2.     | B Pl 158 AGT Coy              | 1         | 88         | 35                                          | -                  |
| 3.     | 227 Aust Sup Dep Pl           | 1         | 33         | 4                                           | 21                 |
| 4.     | 1 Aust Marine Food<br>Sup Pl  | -         | 15         | 9 boats & launches                          | 14                 |
| 5.     | HQ & 3 Coy 11 Aust Fd<br>Amb  | 7         | 146        | 10                                          | 90                 |
| 6.     | HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde             | 3         | 9          | -                                           | 1                  |
| 7.     | Det 10 Aust L of C<br>Pro Coy | -         | 13         | -                                           | -                  |
| 8.     | Det 61 Aust W/T Sec           | -         | 5          | -                                           | 2                  |
| 9.     | Det 129 AGT Coy               | 1         | 10         | 79                                          | 18                 |
| 10.    | 113 Aust Bde W/shops          | 2         | 125        | 23                                          | 30                 |
| 11.    | Aust Details                  | -         | 11         | -                                           | -                  |
| 12.    | RAE Torokina                  | -         | -          | -                                           | 6                  |
|        | <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b>16</b> | <b>472</b> | <b>167 Vehicles &amp;<br/>9 Water Craft</b> | <b>182</b>         |

*B. Cunningham, Capt*  
for DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) <sup>Brig.</sup>

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HQ FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AIF)  
19 NOV 44

DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 190  
(From 1000 hrs 18 Nov to 1000 hrs 19 Nov)

1. BY SEA.

| SERIAL | UNIT                                        | STRENGTH<br>OFFRS ORS |     | FROM    | TO      | REMARKS                         |
|--------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----|---------|---------|---------------------------------|
| 1.     | Serials 26-31 on Return<br>No 189 of 18 Nov | 2                     | 9   | LAE     | MADANG  | Disembkd<br>J EARLY<br>18 Nov   |
| 2.     | 12 M T Inspection Sect                      | 1                     | -   | ORC DAY | LAE     | Sid DULCE<br>17 Nov             |
| 3.     | 8 Aust Fd Amb                               | -                     | 2   | " "     | "       | "                               |
| 4.     | 113 Aust Bde Crd Fd Pk                      | 1                     | 17  | MADANG  | BOVILLA | Sid CAPE<br>ALEXANDER<br>17 Nov |
| 5.     | B Pl 158 AGT Coy                            | 1                     | 88  | "       | "       | "                               |
| 6.     | 227. Aust Sup Dep Pl                        | 1                     | 33  | "       | "       | "                               |
| 7.     | 1 Aust Marina Food<br>Supply Pl             | -                     | 15  | "       | "       | "                               |
| 8.     | HQ & B Coy 11 Aust Fd<br>Amb                | 7                     | 146 | "       | "       | "                               |
| 9.     | HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde                           | 3                     | 9   | "       | "       | "                               |
| 10.    | Det 10 L of C Pro Coy                       | -                     | 13  | "       | "       | "                               |
| 11.    | Det 61 Aust W/T Sec                         | -                     | 6   | "       | "       | "                               |
| 12.    | Det 129 AGT Coy                             | 1                     | 10  | "       | "       | "                               |
| 13.    | 113 Aust Bde W/shops                        | 2                     | 125 | "       | "       | "                               |
| 14.    | Aust Details                                | -                     | 11  | "       | "       | "                               |

2. AIR GENERAL.

| UNIT              | STRENGTH<br>Offrs ORS |   | FROM     | TO         | DETAILS |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---|----------|------------|---------|
| 14 Ord Stores Coy |                       | 9 | NADZAB   | TOWNSVILLE |         |
| AACS              |                       | 6 | MORESEBY | NADZAB     |         |
| HQ 2 Aust Corps   |                       | 5 | BRISBANE | NADZAB     |         |
| P'son and escort  | 1                     | 6 | AITAPE   | LAE        |         |

COMM UNITS AND SPECIAL A/C.

| UNIT                   | NO OF A/C  | FROM     | TO               | DETAILS                                       |
|------------------------|------------|----------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 9 Comm Unit RAAF 1 C47 |            | LAE      | MORSEBY          | miscellaneous<br>pers and stores.<br>courier. |
| "                      | 1 BEAUFORT | MORESEBY | LAE              |                                               |
| "                      |            | LAE      | MADANG<br>AITAPE |                                               |

*Capt. H. J. Napier* Brig.  
D A & Q M G-First Aust Army (AIF)

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NG ADV 2 ECH  
DFO NEW GUINEA  
NG FORCE SEC AACS  
BGS  
DA 2 SNG  
C (CPS)  
C (SD)  
A

AMS  
Q (2)  
Q (MOV & TR)  
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CE (2)  
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MED.

DENTAL  
S & T  
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POSTAL (2)  
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HQ FIRST AUST AT Y (AIF)  
19 Nov 44.

DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN No 190.  
(as at 1200 hrs 19 Nov 44)

| IN PORT           | STD   | FOR     | EN ROUTE     | FROM      | ETA   | REMARKS                              |
|-------------------|-------|---------|--------------|-----------|-------|--------------------------------------|
| <u>AITAPE</u>     |       |         |              |           |       |                                      |
| F PARKMAN         | 20/11 | ADAMS   | DUTCHBOON    | TIVILLE   |       | on berth TIVILLE                     |
| C CORBIN          | 25/11 | AUST    |              |           | 23/11 |                                      |
| MEXICO            | 21/11 | AUST    | J ISAACSON   | AUST      | 3/12  | ex SYDNEY 17/11<br>thence CAIRNS     |
|                   |       |         | RIVER DEWENT | SYDNEY    | 30/11 |                                      |
|                   |       |         | S J REED     | AUST      | 15/12 | on berth SYD<br>25/11                |
|                   |       |         | J EARLY      | ADAMS     | 23/11 |                                      |
|                   |       |         | BOUTEKOS     | AUST      | 3/12  | ex TIVILLE                           |
| <u>JACQUINOT</u>  |       |         |              |           |       |                                      |
| J EARLY           | 22/11 | AITAPE  | J S WORTON   | JACQUINOT | 21/11 | also to load<br>L&S for<br>JACQUINOT |
| <u>WILSON</u>     |       |         |              |           |       |                                      |
| BOUTEKOS          |       | TIVILLE | F PEATE      | JACQUINOT | 19/11 |                                      |
| T POINT           |       |         | SAIYARA      | L&S       | 19/11 | thence<br>HOSKINS                    |
| <u>L&amp;S</u>    |       |         |              |           |       |                                      |
|                   |       |         | ATLAS        | AUST      |       | to load ex SYD<br>STD 25/11          |
| VAN DER BOSCH     | 20/11 | AUST    | ORRISTON     | HOLLANDIA | 26/11 | for TIVILLE                          |
|                   |       |         | F PARKMAN    | AITAPE    | 21/11 | thence to<br>JACQUINOT               |
|                   |       |         | J S WORTON   | ADAMS     | 25/11 | thence to<br>JACQUINOT               |
| <u>JACQUINOT</u>  |       |         |              |           |       |                                      |
| SHARPE            |       |         | F PARKMAN    | L&S       | 25/11 |                                      |
| J S WORTON        | 20/11 | ADAMS   | ANN WICK     | AUST      | 25/11 | ex BRISBANE &<br>CAIRNS 17/11        |
|                   |       |         | L W GARRISON | AUST      | 3/12  | on berth<br>BRISBANE 15/11           |
|                   |       |         | VAN HEUTZ    | AUST      | 1/12  | on berth<br>BRISBANE 16/11           |
|                   |       |         | EVANGELINE   | AUST      |       | on berth<br>DARWIN 17/11             |
|                   |       |         | W B ROGERS   | AUST      |       | ex SYDNEY, on<br>berth 15/11         |
|                   |       |         | JANE ADAMS   | AUST      |       | ex DARWIN on<br>berth 15/11          |
|                   |       |         | SEALSMOND    | AUST      |       | ex DARWIN                            |
| <u>WILSON</u>     |       |         |              |           |       |                                      |
| CHARON            | 22/11 | SYDNEY  | SDYA         | AUST      | 23/11 | ex SYDNEY 11/11                      |
| <u>WILSON BAY</u> |       |         |              |           |       |                                      |
|                   |       |         | TODDERS      |           |       |                                      |
|                   |       |         | ELWOOD BADE  | AUST      |       | STD not set                          |

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| IN PORT                          | ETD   | FOR | EN ROUTE               | FROM                          | ETA   | REMARKS                 |
|----------------------------------|-------|-----|------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|
| <u>TALASEA</u><br><u>HOSKINS</u> |       |     | MAIWARA                | FINSCH                        | 23/11 |                         |
| <u>BOUGAINVILLE</u>              |       |     | INDIAN<br>VICTORY      | AUST                          | 26/11 | ex SYDNEY<br>& CAIRNS   |
|                                  |       |     | J OLIVER               | LAE                           | 22/11 |                         |
|                                  |       |     | ARCHER                 | SYDNEY                        | 30/11 | thence for<br>JACQUINOT |
|                                  |       |     | CAPE<br>VICTORY        | AUST                          |       | ex BRISBANE             |
|                                  |       |     | CAPE<br>ALEXANDER      | MADANG                        | 22/11 |                         |
| <u>HOLLANDIA</u>                 |       |     |                        |                               |       |                         |
| ORMISTON                         | 23/11 | LAE | GORGON (14)<br>TORRENS | BRIS &<br>CAIRNS<br>MILNE BAY |       |                         |

NOTE

ETA - Expected Time of Arrival at Destination.

ETD - Expected Time of Departure from Loading Port.

*for* *South Pacific* BRIG.  
DA & QLG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION

2/1 AUST MC/ & TN GP  
8 AUST MC GP  
3 AUST DOCKS GB  
MC MORESEY  
MC FINSCHAFEN  
MC MADANG  
MC AITAPE  
MC HOLLANDIA  
MC HOSKINS  
MC TROKINA  
MC JACQUINOT BAY  
NG FORCE SEC AACS

EGS  
DA & QLG  
G (SD)  
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Q (4)  
Q (MOV & TN)  
CE (2)  
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MED  
ORD  
S & T  
POSTAL (2)  
DAD TN (DOCKS)

DAD TN (WATER TPT)

FOR INFORMATION

2 AUST CORPS  
6AUST DIV  
ADV LHQ (FOR LOV)  
FWD ECH LHQ (FOR MOV)  
LHQ (FOR MOV)  
RANLO  
GHQ REG OFFR LAE  
WAR DIARY (2)  
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DB

Subject: "JOHN ISAACSON" - SYDNEY & CAIRNS TO AITAPE

HQ FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AIF)  
19 Nov 44.

Q2482

|                            |              |            |
|----------------------------|--------------|------------|
| 6 AUSTRALIAN DIV           | G (SD)       | S & T      |
| 3 AUSTRALIAN BASE SUB AREA | A            | ORD        |
| W & SEC AACS               | Q (4)        | POSTAL (2) |
| DA & QWG                   | Q (NOT & TH) | HANLO      |
| G (OPS)                    | GB (2)       |            |

1. Ref our Q2426 of 15 Nov NOT to all addressees.
2. Advice has been received that vessel "JOHN ISAACSON" loaded following cargo at SYDNEY for discharge AITAPE.
3. (a) CARGO

| Serial | Service  | Description        | Tons (u)       |
|--------|----------|--------------------|----------------|
| 1.     | DDST     | Rations<br>POL     | 3,021<br>1,000 |
| 2.     | DDOS     | Ammunition         | 287            |
| 3.     | CANTEENS | Canteen Stores     | .95            |
| 4.     | POSTAL   | 659 Bags Aust Mail | -              |

(b) WATER CRAFT

3 x ALC 30s ( Escorts ORs 6 ).

4. Vessel sailed ex SYDNEY for CAIRNS 17 Nov.
5. Vessel to load further cargo for AITAPE ex CAIRNS.

Brig  
DA & QWG FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY ( AIF )

FILE (7)  
WAR DIARY ✓

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DC

Subject : " ANY VCKIUM " - AUST TO JACQUINOT.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (1AF)  
10 Nov 44.

**Q2481**

|                      |              |            |
|----------------------|--------------|------------|
| 5 AUST DIV           | A            | ORD        |
| 5 AUST BASE SUB AREA | Q (4)        | E & TE     |
| DA & QEG             | Q (FOV & TP) | POSTAL (2) |
| G (OPS)              | GE (2)       | RANLO      |
| G (SD)               | IED          |            |

1. Ref our Q2423 of 13 Nov 44.
2. Advice has been received that vessel "ANN TOLIN" loaded following cargo at OAIRES for JACQUINOT.
- 3.

| Serial | Unit                        | Vehs & Stores                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Tonnage (D.W.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|--------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.     | 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy      | 4 x Auto Petrol Caterpillars<br>6 x Bulldozers D4<br>5 x Angle Dozers D6<br>9 x Angle Dozers HD7<br>8 x Transporter Trlrs<br>8 x Transporter Tractors<br>4 x Ripper<br>1 x Trailer Welder 2-Wheeler<br>3 x Trailers Water 2-Wheeler<br>6 x Trlrs 3 ton Wksp<br>2 x Trucks 3 ton Stores<br>5 x Trucks 3 ton Winch<br>4 x Trlrs Grader<br>4 x Scoops Carryall<br>4 x Excavators(Boom att)<br>4 x Dragline Boots<br>4 x Drag Shovels(unloading)<br>4 x Drag Shovels(handled)<br>2 x Rollers Sheepfoot<br>3 x Air Compressors<br>18 x Jeeps<br>16 x Jeep Trailers<br>30 x 3 ton Tippers<br>1 x 3 ton Truck Derrick<br>1 x 3 ton Water Cart<br>14 c/s Mech Engr Stores | ea 10½ ton<br><br>ea 6½ ton<br>ea 11½ ton<br>ea 10 ton<br>" 5½ tons<br>" 9 tons<br>" 1½ tons<br><br>1½ tons<br><br>ea 1½ tons<br>" 9 tons<br>" 9 "<br>" 7½ "<br>" 3½ "<br>" 3½ "<br>" 9½ "<br>" 8 cwt<br>" 9 "<br>" 3 "<br>" 5 tons 2cwt<br>" 1 tons 6cwt<br>" 1 ton<br>" 15 cwt<br>" 7½ tons<br>" 5 tons<br>4½ tons<br>1 ton |
| 2.     | 287 Aust LAD                | 1 x 3 ton Truck Workshop<br>1 x Truck B/down Diamond T<br>2 x Jeeps<br>2 x Jeep Trailers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 8 ton 16cwt<br>9 ton 13cwt<br>ea 1 ton<br>ea 15 cwt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 3.     | Det 1 Aust Water Amb Convoy | 2 x ALGs 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | ea 9½ tons                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 4.     | 107 Aust Ord Fd Pk          | 1 x Truck 4x4 15 cwt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 4 tons                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

**NOTE : All vehicles loaded DW Tonnage shown.**

4. Vessel sailed ex CAIRNS 17 Nov. *Wilmington, CA*  
 FILE (7) WAR DIARY *Brig*  
*for DA & QMC FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)*

FILE 8/13/1

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Subject : " ORRISTON " - TORNEVILLE TO LAE.

HQ FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AST)  
19 Nov 44.

Q2450

LAE BASE SUB AREA

DA & QMG

2 (OPS)

3 (SD)

1

Q (4)

Q (MOV & TR)

POSTAL (2)

RANLO

1. Amend our Q2343 of 6 Nov as follows:-

2. PERS TO EMBARK-

(a) ADD

3 Comd AL Sec

22 Sqn AL Sec

26 Sqn AL Sec

38 Sqn AL Sec

43 Sqn AL Sec

62 Sqn AL Sec

63 Sqn AL Sec

} 21 offrs 219 ORs

} Vehs 7

(b) Amend Serial - X LIST, Leave and school. Returnees Strength  
All ranks 461 to read - Pers to embark to capacity of vessel,

*Thurman, 3/7*  
Brig  
DA & QMG FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AE)

FILE 7  
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Subj: "MAIWARA" LAM FOR HOSKINS VIA FINSCHAFEN

DE

HQ FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AIF)  
20 Nov 44.

Q2483

|             |              |            |
|-------------|--------------|------------|
| HQ SEC AACS | Q (4)        | POSTAL (2) |
| DI 3 QMG    | Q (MOV & TR) | RAWLO      |
| G (OPS)     | CE (2)       |            |
| G (SD)      | MED          |            |
| A           | ORD          |            |

1. Advice has been received that vessel "MAIWARA" loaded following pers, vehs and cargo at LAM for HOSKINS.

Vessel departed LAM 18 Nov.

2. No personnel or cargo loaded for FINSCHAFEN.

3. FOR HOSKINS

(a) PERSONNEL EMBARKED

| Serial | Unit         | Strength<br>Offrs ORs |    |
|--------|--------------|-----------------------|----|
| 1.     | 17 Aust AAD  | 3                     |    |
| 2.     | A I B        | 2                     |    |
| 3.     | AACS         | 1                     |    |
| 4.     | Aust Details | 1                     | 26 |
| Total  |              | 1                     | 32 |

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|       |                        |   |    |
|-------|------------------------|---|----|
| 5.    | HQ 3 Aust Water Tpt Gp | 1 | -  |
| 6.    | 2/31 Aust Docks Op Coy | 1 | 19 |
| 7.    | 8 Aust M C Gp          | 1 | -  |
| Total |                        | 3 | 19 |

(b) CARGO

| Serial | Unit                 | Description              | Vehs | Tons (u) |
|--------|----------------------|--------------------------|------|----------|
| 1.     | BASCO 36 Aust Inf Bn | 5,426 pkgs Rations       |      | 209      |
| 2.     | 17 Aust AAD          | 1,429 pkgs Ammn          |      | 52       |
| 3.     | ADOS 5 Aust Div      | 154 " Ord Stores         |      | 14       |
| 4.     | AACS                 | 646 " Stores             |      | 45       |
| 5.     | 36 Aust Inf Bn       | 135 Drs & c/s POL        |      | 31       |
|        |                      | 150 cartons Xmas Hampers |      | 15       |
| 6.     | 6 Aust Fd Amb        | 20 c/s comforts          |      | 12       |
| 7.     | 17 Aust AAD          | Qty Stores               |      | -        |
|        |                      | 4 x Tents                |      | -        |
|        |                      | 1,000 ft Timber 4"x 3"   |      | -        |

8. AAPO

173 Bags Mail

1 x Jeep 13  
1 x Jeep Tlr 9

FILE (7) WAR DIARY

for ) R. Cunningham, Capt  
DA & QMG FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AIF)

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS RETURN No 191  
(From 1000 hrs 19 Nov to 1000 hrs 20 Nov)

## 1. BY SEA

| Serial | Unit                              | Strength<br>Offrs ORs | From    | To          | Remarks                    |
|--------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|-------------|----------------------------|
| 1.     | ANGAU                             | 4                     | FINSCH  | LAE         | Sld LCH<br>0187 17/11      |
| 2.     | Qland Leave Personnel             | 16                    | AITAPE  | T'VILLE     | Embkd<br>KATOOMBA<br>18/11 |
| 3.     | NSW Leave Personnel               | 44                    | "       | "           | "                          |
| 4.     | Vic " "                           | 1                     | "       | "           | "                          |
| 5.     | SA " "                            | 1                     | "       | "           | "                          |
| 6.     | WA " "                            | 1                     | "       | "           | "                          |
| 7.     | RAAF                              | 3                     | "       | "           | "                          |
| 8.     | 17 Aust Fd Amb                    | 1                     | MUNDA   | TREASURY IS | Sld Naval<br>craft 18/11   |
| 9.     | 7 Aust Inf Bn                     | 1                     | "       | "           | "                          |
| 10.    | 40 Aust Indep Tpt pl              | 2                     | B'VILLE | GREEN IS    | Embkd                      |
| 11.    | 27 Aust Inf Bn                    | 90                    | "       | "           | "JOHN BALL"                |
| 12.    | 23 Aust Inf Bde                   | 2                     | "       | "           | 18/11                      |
| 13.    | 17 Aust Fd Amb                    | 8                     | "       | "           | "                          |
| 14.    | 36 Aust Wireless Sec              | 1                     | "       | "           | "                          |
| 15.    | 23 Aust Fd Coy                    | 1                     | "       | "           | "                          |
| 16.    | 109 Aust Bde Wkaps                | 3                     | "       | "           | "                          |
| 17.    | AACS (Escort)                     | 1                     | "       | EMIRAU      | "                          |
| 18.    | HQ 2 AUST CORPS                   | 1                     | LAE     | B'VILLE     | Sld "JAMES<br>OLIVER"      |
| 19.    | 10 Aust DR Sec                    | 1                     | "       | "           | 19/11                      |
| 20.    | 58 Aust Corps Fd Pk               | 3                     | "       | "           | "                          |
| 21.    | 317 Aust LAD                      | 1                     | "       | "           | "                          |
| 22.    | 1 Aust Pigeon Sec                 | 3                     | "       | "           | "                          |
| 23.    | 230 Aust LAD                      | 1                     | "       | "           | "                          |
| 24.    | 25 Aust FS Sec                    | 1                     | "       | "           | "                          |
| 25.    | A Coy NGIB natives                | 139                   | "       | "           | "                          |
| 26.    | ANGAU natives                     | 101                   | "       | "           | "                          |
| 27.    | Sig Sec 1 Aust Water Tpt          | 1                     | "       | "           | "                          |
| 28.    | A I B                             | 2                     | "       | "           | "                          |
| 29.    | 244 Aust LAD                      | 7                     | "       | "           | "                          |
| 30.    | 126 Aust Bde Wkaps                | 1                     | "       | "           | "                          |
| 31.    | 126 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk            | 1                     | "       | "           | "                          |
| 32.    | HQ 1 Aust Water Tpt Op            | 1                     | "       | "           | "                          |
| 33.    | 53 Aust Fd Pk Coy                 | 1                     | "       | "           | "                          |
| 34.    | 7 Aust Bomb Disposal              | 3                     | "       | "           | "                          |
| 35.    | 10 Aust AOD                       | 2                     | "       | "           | "                          |
| 36.    | A Coy NGIB                        | 5                     | "       | "           | "                          |
| 37.    | ANGAU                             | 2                     | "       | "           | "                          |
| 38.    | ANGAU NORES                       | 6                     | "       | "           | "                          |
| 39.    | 2 Aust Forestry Survey            | 1                     | "       | "           | "                          |
| 40.    | 2 Aust Forestry Survey<br>Natives | 10                    | "       | "           | "                          |
| 41.    | 17 Aust AAD                       | 3                     | LAE     | HOSKINS     | Sld                        |
| 42.    | A I B                             | 2                     | "       | "           | MAIWARA                    |
| 43.    | AACS                              | 1                     | "       | "           | 18/11                      |
| 44.    | Aust Details                      | 1                     | "       | "           | "                          |

CONTD.

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2. AIR GENERAL

| UNIT                | STRENGTH<br>OFFICERS | OF | FROM   | TO         | DETAILS |
|---------------------|----------------------|----|--------|------------|---------|
| 7 Aust Base Postal  | 6                    |    | MALDEN | TORREVILLE |         |
| LAL base sub area   | 5                    |    | "      | "          |         |
| 2/7 Aust Adv Traps  | 6                    |    | "      | "          |         |
| 18 Aust Ord Stores  |                      |    | "      | "          |         |
| Coy                 | 5                    |    | "      | "          |         |
| 2 Aust Forestry Svy | 5                    |    | "      | AITAPE     |         |
| Coy                 | (natives)            |    |        |            |         |

COMM UNITS AND SPECIAL A/C.

| UNIT             | NO OF A/C  | FROM | TO            | DETAILS  |
|------------------|------------|------|---------------|----------|
| 9 Comm Unit RAAP | 1 BEAUFORT | LAL  | MALDEN-AITAPE | Courier. |

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 HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)....  
 20 NOV 44

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**DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO. 191.**  
 ... (as at 1200hrs. 20th Nov 44) ...

| IN PORT                             | ETD            | FOR         | ROUTE                                                                                                                          | FROM                                                            | ETA                                                             | REMARKS                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ATTAPE<br>F PARKMAN<br>T. CORWIN    | 20/11<br>21/11 | LAE<br>AUST | DURTECOON<br><br>J ISAACSON<br>RIVER DERWENT<br>S J REED<br>BONTEKOE<br>J EARLY                                                | T'VILLE<br><br>AUST<br>SYDNEY<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>MADANG         | <br><br>3/12<br>30/11<br>15/12<br>3/12<br>23/11                 | On berth T'ville<br>23/11<br>ex SYD 17/11 thence<br>CAIRNS<br>on berth SYD 25/11<br>ex T'ville 19 Nov.                                                                           |
| MADANG<br>J EARLY                   | 22/11          | ATTAPE      | J S MORTON.                                                                                                                    | JACQUINOT                                                       | 24/11                                                           | also to load Lae<br>for Jacquinot.                                                                                                                                               |
| FINSCHAFEN<br>W H POINT<br>F PRATER |                |             |                                                                                                                                |                                                                 |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| LAE                                 |                |             | ATLAS<br><br>ORRISTON<br>F PARKMAN<br>J S MORTON                                                                               | AUST<br><br>HOLLANDIA<br>ATTAPE<br>MADANG                       | <br><br>26/11<br>21/11<br>23/11                                 | to load ex Syd.<br>ETD 25/11<br>for T'ville<br>thence to Jacq.<br>thence to Jacq.                                                                                                |
| JACQUINOT<br>J S MORTON             | 23/11          | MADANG      | F PARKMAN<br>ANN MC KIM<br>L M GARRISON<br><br>VAN HEUTZ<br><br>EVANGELINE<br><br>W B ROGERS<br>JANE ADAMS<br><br>SWARDENHONDT | LAE<br>AUST<br>AUST<br><br>AUST<br><br>AUST<br>AUST<br><br>AUST | 26/11<br>25/11<br>3/12<br><br>1/12<br><br><br><br><br><br>12/11 | dep Cairns 17/11<br>on berth Bris.<br>18/11<br>on berth Bris.<br>16/11<br>on berth DARWIN<br>17/11<br>on berth SYD 18/11<br>on berth DARWIN<br>12/11<br>on berth DARWIN<br>13/11 |
| ROSEBY<br>CARSON                    | 22/11          | SYD         | EDNA                                                                                                                           | AUST                                                            | 23/11                                                           | ex Syd. 11/11                                                                                                                                                                    |
| MILNE BAY                           |                |             | TORRENS<br>ELWOOD MEADE                                                                                                        | AUST                                                            |                                                                 | ETD not set.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| TALASKA<br>HESKIES                  |                |             | MAIWARA                                                                                                                        | FINSCH                                                          | 23/11                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| BOULDERVILLE<br>CAPE<br>ALEXANDER   |                |             | INDIAN<br>VICTORY<br>J OLIVER<br>ARCHER<br>CAPE<br>VICTORY                                                                     | AUST<br>LAE<br>SYD<br><br>AUST                                  | 26/11<br>22/11<br>30/11                                         | ex SYD CAIRNS<br>thence for JACQ.<br><br>ex BRIS.                                                                                                                                |

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| IN PORT               | ETD   | FOR | EN. ROUTE              | FROM                          | ETA | REMARKS |
|-----------------------|-------|-----|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----|---------|
| HOLLANDIA<br>ORRISTON | 23/11 | LAE | GORGON (14)<br>TORRENS | BRIS &<br>CAIRNS<br>MILNE BAY |     |         |

ETA - Expected Time of Arrival at Destination.

ETD - Expected time of departure from Loading Port.

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DA & CMG FIRST AUST. ARMY (AIF) BRIG.

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MC HOSKINS  
MC TOROKINA  
MC JACQUINOT DAY  
NG FORCE SEC AACS

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POSTAL (2)  
DAD Tn (DOCKS)

DAD Tn (WATER TPT)

FOR INFORMATION  
2. AUST. CORPS...  
6 AUST DIV  
ADV LHQ (FOR MOV)  
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LHQ (FOR MOV)  
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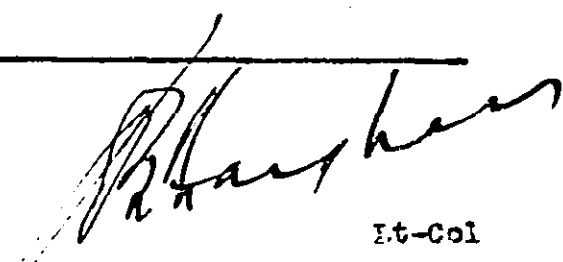
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| Serial | Subject                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Action By           |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1      | LH1 advises that instructions have been issued to intermediate section Base F that trans-shipment of freezer cargo for Aitape, New Britain, Lae, Madang, and Buna will be effected ex Pinschhafen. On receipt of copy of memo conveying this instruction the matter will be taken up by 4 (Nov) with Base F. | Col Nov<br>& A.J.C. |
| 2      | Responsibility for allocation of native labor passed to 4 Base Sub Area from 14 US Corps on 16 Nov. It is noted that native labor at Bougainville totals 2,300.                                                                                                                                              | Infm                |
| 3      | 3 Base Sub Area advises that US Forces at Aitape are to take with them all their PCL. None will be available to hand over to Aust Forces.                                                                                                                                                                    | Infm                |

Distribution

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- 1 DA&JG 4pass to A.J.C.
- 2 Col 4
- 3 Col Nov
- 4 A.J.C. - Pass to A.J.C. (1)
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A/Col 1 First Aust Army

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HQ First Aust Army (AIF)  
20 Nov 44  
Q.2520

Subject: FUNCTIONS OF AUST ARMY CATERING CORPS

1. The attention of all commanders is drawn to the importance of the functions fulfilled by the Aust Army Catering Corps. This memo is issued as a guide to Commanders on what assistance and advice can be expected from Catering representatives.
2. The Catering Corps has been organised with the object of providing more efficient supervision of Army cooking and catering and for the maintenance and improvement of the standard thereof. The principal task of Catering representatives is ensuring that the best use is made of Army rations and that food is well-cooked and attractively served to the troops. Every assistance should be given them in carrying out this task.
3. Organisation of Aust Army Catering Corps in the field is:--
  - Army HQ - DADAC
  - Corps HQ - Catering Supervisor
  - Divisional HQ - Catering Adviser
  - Base Sub Areas and Area Commands - Catering Officer
  - Bns and equivalent - WO Caterer.
4. Catering representatives are competent to advise and report on the following:--
  - (a) All matters in the kitchen involving the preparation and cooking of food and the use of equipment.
  - (b) The use of field cooking apparatus and improvised ovens. Recipes suitable for the field.
  - (c) Breadmaking and the correct method of handling dehydrated and tinned foods.
  - (d) Ration scales and entitlements. Condition, quality, and quantity of rations.
  - (e) Deletions from ration scale, causes of overstocking.
  - (f) General advice to messing officers.
  - (g) The efficiency of WO Caterers and Trade Group II Cooks in preparation of food with the rations available.
  - (h) Training requirements with reference to the establishing of Mobile Cooking Schools in Formation areas.
  - (i) Trade-testing of potential Trade Group II Cooks. Promotions and transfers of cooks.
  - (j) The training of volunteer cooks to provide replacements for personnel absent, sick, or on leave.
5. Catering representatives at Area Commands and Base Sub Areas, in addition to their normal functions, control emergency cooking and training centres, if established, and advise on the allotment of vacancies. They can arrange for experts to take over the cooking arrangements of backward units and generally assist unit COs.

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53, 55, 56, 58-60, 63, 65-69).

DA & QMG First Aust Army.

Subject : " W B ROGERS " - SYDNEY FOR JACQUINOT

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY(AIF)  
20 Nov 44.

Q2529

|                      |              |                |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 5 AUST DIV           | A            | ACF            |
| 5 AUST BASE SUB AREA | Q (4)        | AUST RED CROSS |
| E G SEC AACOS        | Q (MOV & TR) | S & T          |
| EA & QMG             | CE (2)       | ORD            |
| G (OPS)              | MED          | RAWLO          |
| G (SD)               | AMENITIES    |                |

1. Advice has been received that vessel "W B ROGERS" will load undermentioned cargo at SYDNEY for JACQUINOT.

2. (a) CARGO

| Serial | Consignor | Description       | Tons (m) |
|--------|-----------|-------------------|----------|
| 1.     | S & T     | Rations           | 1,159    |
|        |           | Native Rations    | 100      |
|        |           | Expense Stores    | 100      |
|        |           | Hospital supplies | 15       |
|        |           | Sundries          | 43       |
|        |           | FOL               | 596      |
| 2.     | ORD       | Ord Stores        | 282      |
|        |           | Ammunition        | 297      |
| 3.     | ENG       | Ingr Stores       | 1,601    |
|        |           | Refrigerators     | 27       |
| 4.     | MEDICAL   | M & V Stores      | 112      |
| 5.     | CANTEENS  | Stores            | 100      |
| 6.     | AMENITIES | Stores            | 5        |
| 7.     | ACF       | Stores            | 13       |
| 8.     | RED CROSS | Stores            | 50       |
| Totals |           |                   | 4,500    |

(b) VEHICLES

| Serial | Unit                          | Vehs & Trlrs | Tons (m) |
|--------|-------------------------------|--------------|----------|
| 1.     | ORD for 13 Aust Inf Bde       | 190          | 1,580    |
| 2.     | ORD for 107 Aust Ord Vch Park | 22           | 825      |
| 3.     | ORD for 18 AOB                | 25           | 349      |

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2 (b) VEHICLES (contd)

| Serial | Unit           | Vehs & Trlrs | Tons (w) |
|--------|----------------|--------------|----------|
| 4.     | ORD for 17 AAD | 12           | 151      |
| Totals |                |              | 2,905    |

(c) LANDING CRAFT

| Serial | Det or Unit            | Craft                                                                |
|--------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.     | 53 Aust Port Craft Coy | ALC 20's - maximum number<br>ships gear can handle<br>(with Escorts) |

*R. Cunningham, Lt*  
Brig

for DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY ( AIF )

FILE (E)

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Subject: " JAMES OLIVER " - LAZ TO BOUGAINVILLE.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
20 Nov 44.

Q2530

|              |           |            |       |
|--------------|-----------|------------|-------|
| DA & QMG     | RAA       | SAL ARMY   | RANLO |
| G (OPS)      | CR (2)    | S & T      |       |
| G (SD)       | OSO       | ORD        |       |
| L            | SVY.      | E & ME     |       |
| G (4)        | PRO       | POSTAL (2) |       |
| G (MOV & TR) | AMENITIES | LABOUR     |       |

1. Advice has been received that vessel " JAMES OLIVER " loaded following personnel, vehs and cargo at LAZ for BOUGAINVILLE. Vessel sailed 19 Nov.

2 (a) PERSONNEL

|         | <u>Strength</u> |            | <u>Remarks</u>                                                                                  |
|---------|-----------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|         | <u>Offrs</u>    | <u>ORs</u> |                                                                                                 |
| Various | 17              | 506        | For details by Units see our Daily Return of Movements No 191 of 20 Nov - serials 18 to 40 incl |

(b) CARGO, VEHs etc

| Serial | Unit                          | Description of Cargo         | Vehs & Mech Equip                                                     | Tons (V. Stores Vehs & Mech Equip etc) |
|--------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 1.     | 2 Aust Corps (Amenities Offr) | 26 c/s stores                |                                                                       | 5                                      |
| 2.     | 5 Aust CRs                    | 89 c/s stores                |                                                                       | 7                                      |
| 3.     | 53 Aust Fd Pk Coy             | 1 KVA<br>13 crates (3 tanks) | 63 vehs incl ditchers, Dozers etc                                     | 1,492                                  |
| 4.     | HQ 1 Aust Water Tpt           | 30 crates stores             | 5                                                                     | 79                                     |
| 5.     | 1 Aust Water Tpt Sig Sec      | 112 pkges stores             | 1                                                                     | 53                                     |
| 6.     | 58 Aust Corps Fd Pk           | 113 crates stores            | 45 incl Scoops Rippers etc                                            | 1,232                                  |
| 7.     | 3 Aust Docks Op Gp            | 20 bags coke                 |                                                                       | 3                                      |
| 8.     | 1 Aust Port Maint             | stores                       | 1 launch                                                              | 42                                     |
| 9.     | 7 Aust Bomb Disposal          |                              | 1 Compressor                                                          | 26                                     |
| 10.    | 2 Aust Forest Svy Coy         |                              | 2 vehs                                                                | 25                                     |
| 11.    | 5 Aust Army Tps               | 6 c/s stores                 |                                                                       | 1                                      |
| 12.    | 13 AID                        | ammn                         |                                                                       | 190                                    |
| 13.    | 19 Aust AOD                   | 142 pkges stores             |                                                                       | 9                                      |
| 14.    | 16 Aust AOD                   | 747 pkges stores             | 6 x 25 pdr guns<br>4 x 40mm Guns<br>8 x 2 pdr "<br>2 x Trlrs Gen Sots | 340                                    |

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(b) CARGO, VEHs etc (Contd)

| Serial | Unit               | Description of Cargo | Vehs & Mech Equip                 | Tons(m) Stores Vehs & Mech Equip etc |
|--------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 15     | 126 Aust Bde Wkaps | 119 boxes stores     | 29 vehs                           | 1,147                                |
| 16     | 2/30 Aust LAD      |                      | 8 vehs                            | 176                                  |
| 17     | HQ 21 Aust Fd Coy  | 6 c/s stores         |                                   | 1                                    |
| 18     | NGIB               | 158 pkges            | 1 Jeep                            | 16                                   |
| 19     | ANGAU 8 & 3        | 92 "                 |                                   | 7                                    |
| 20     | AIB                | 44 c/s radio eqpt    |                                   | 7                                    |
| 21     | 25 Sac 75 Wing     | Stores               | 3 Jeeps                           | 21                                   |
| 22     | 1 Aust Pigeon Sec  | 32 baskets pigeons   |                                   | 4                                    |
|        |                    | 72 pkges stores      |                                   | 208                                  |
| 23     | 244 Aust LAD       | stores               | 7 vehs                            | 50                                   |
| 24     | 2 Aust Corps       | 407 pkges stores     | 1 veh                             | 13                                   |
| 25     | ANGAU              | 495 " rations        |                                   | 8                                    |
| 26     | 6 Aust Farm Coy    |                      | 1 Tractor                         |                                      |
| 27     | ORE 4 Aust Base    |                      |                                   |                                      |
|        | Sub Area           | 400 bdles AMG mesh   |                                   | 276                                  |
| 28     | DADST 4 ABSA       | 70 bags coke         |                                   | 12                                   |
| 29     | Sal Army           | 25 c/s stores        | 1 Mob Canteen                     | 36                                   |
| 30     | M.F.O.             | 8 pkges              |                                   | 1                                    |
| 31     | AACS               | 3,003 c/s stores     |                                   | 75                                   |
| 32     | APO                | 187 bags mail        |                                   | 14                                   |
| 33     | 5 Aust CRE         | 2 crates Boats       |                                   |                                      |
|        |                    | 4 Refrigerators      |                                   | 82                                   |
| TOTALS |                    |                      | 189 incl<br>1 launch &<br>18 guns | 5,663                                |

*Robb Cunningham, Capt* Lt Col  
for Col (Mor & Tn) HQ First Aust Army (AIF)

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
21 NOV 44

DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 192.  
(as at 1200 hrs 21 Nov 44)

| IN PORT           | ETA   | FOR    | EN ROUTE     | FROM      | ETA   | REMARKS                        |
|-------------------|-------|--------|--------------|-----------|-------|--------------------------------|
| <u>AITAPE</u>     |       |        |              |           |       |                                |
| F PARKMAN         | 31/11 | LAE    | DUNTRON      | T'VILLE   |       | On berth T'VILLE 23/11         |
| F SCHULTZ         | 21/11 | AUST   | J ISAACSON   | AUST      | 3/12  | ex SYD 17/11 thence CAIRNS     |
|                   |       |        | RIVER DEWENT | SYDNEY    | 30/11 |                                |
|                   |       |        | S J REED     | AUST      | 18/12 | on berth SYD 26/11             |
|                   |       |        | DUNTRON      | AUST      | 3/12  | ex T'VILLE 19/11               |
|                   |       |        | J EARLY      | MADANG    | 28/11 |                                |
| <u>MADANG</u>     |       |        |              |           |       |                                |
| J EARLY           | 24/11 | AITAPE | J S LORTON   | JACQUINCT | 21/11 | also to load LAI for JACQUINCT |
| <u>FINSCHAFEN</u> |       |        |              |           |       |                                |
| W H KENT          |       |        |              |           |       |                                |
| <u>LAE</u>        |       |        |              |           |       |                                |
|                   |       |        | ATLAS        | AUST      |       | to load ex SYD 25/11           |
|                   |       |        | CHRISTON     | HOLLANDIA | 26/11 | for T'VILLE                    |
|                   |       |        | F PARKMAN    | AITAPE    | 22/11 | thence to JACQUINCT            |
|                   |       |        | J S LORTON   | MADANG    | 28/11 | thence to JACQUINCT            |
| <u>JACQUINCT</u>  |       |        |              |           |       |                                |
| J S LORTON        | 23/11 | MADANG | F PARKMAN    | LAE       | 27/11 | dep CAIRNS 17/11               |
|                   |       |        | ANN McKILL   | AUST      | 26/11 | on berth BRIS 18/11            |
|                   |       |        | L H GARRISON | AUST      | 3/12  | on berth BRIS 16/11            |
|                   |       |        | VAN HEUTZ    | AUST      | 1/12  | on berth BRIS 17/11            |
|                   |       |        | EVANGELINE   | AUST      |       | on berth BRIS 17/11            |
|                   |       |        | W D ROGERS   | AUST      |       | on berth SYD 18/11             |
|                   |       |        | JANE ADAMS   | AUST      |       | on berth LAE 18/11             |
|                   |       |        | STANTENHOLM  | AUST      |       | on berth LAE 18/11             |
| <u>ACRESBY</u>    |       |        |              |           |       |                                |
| CHARON            | 22/11 | SYDNEY | EDNA         | AUST      | 28/11 | ex SYDNEY 11/11                |
| <u>LILLY BAY</u>  |       |        |              |           |       |                                |
|                   |       |        | TORRENS      | AUST      |       | ETA not set                    |
| <u>TALASEA</u>    |       |        |              |           |       |                                |
| <u>ROBINSON</u>   |       |        | WINNIE       | FINSCH    | 23/11 |                                |

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| IN PORT             | EPD   | FOR | EN ROUTE               | FROM                       | ETA            | REMARKS              |
|---------------------|-------|-----|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| <u>DOUGAINVILLE</u> |       |     | INDIAN VICTORY         | AUST                       | 26/11          | ex SYD & CAIRNS      |
|                     |       |     | J OLIVER ARCHER        | LAE SYDNEY                 | 22/11<br>30/11 | thence for JACQUINOT |
|                     |       |     | CAPE VICTORY           | AUST                       |                | ex BRISBANE          |
| <u>HOLLANDIA</u>    |       |     |                        |                            |                |                      |
| ORRISTON            | 23/11 | LAE | GORGON (14)<br>TORRENS | BRIS & CAIRNS<br>MILNE BAY |                |                      |

NOTE

ETA - Expected Time of Arrival at Destination.

EPD - Expected Time of Departure from Loading Port.

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FOR INFORMATION  
 2 AUST CORPS  
 6 AUST DIV  
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*John H. Dutton* Capt. BRIG.  
 DA & QLG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF).

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Subject : " BONTOKOR " - TOWNSVILLE TO AITAPE AND LAE.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
21 Nov 44.

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|                      |              |            |
|----------------------|--------------|------------|
| 6 AUST DIV           | Q (MOV & TR) | ORD        |
| 5 AUST BASE SUB AREA | RAA          | E & ME     |
| DA & QMG             | CE (2)       | POSTAL (2) |
| G (OPS)              | VED          | RAWLO      |
| G (SD)               | PRO          |            |
| A                    | SAL ARMY     |            |
| Q (14)               | S & T        |            |

1. Ref our Q2446 of 15 Nov.
2. Advice has been received that vessel "BONTOKOR" loaded the following pers, vehs and cargo at TOWNSVILLE for AITAPE and cargo for LAE - Vessel sailed ex TOWNSVILLE 19 Nov.

3. FOR AITAPE

(a) Pers, vehs and cargo.

| Serial | Unit                    | Strength<br>Offrs OKs | Vehs           | Tons(m)<br>Unit<br>stores<br>and vehs |
|--------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1.     | HQ 6 Aust Div (Details) | 2 17                  |                | 30                                    |
| 2.     | 2/7 Aust Fd Lnb         | 10 197                |                | 104                                   |
| 3.     | 2/2 Aust Fd Coy         | 8 185                 |                | 1                                     |
| 4.     | 2/7 Aust Inf Bn         | 14 236                |                |                                       |
| 5.     | 2/1 Aust Gd Bgt         | 1 34                  |                |                                       |
| 6.     | 2/42 Aust LAD           | 1 13                  |                | 12                                    |
| 7.     | HQ 6 Aust Div Pro Coy   | - 5                   |                |                                       |
| 8.     | 53 Aust Port Craft Coy  | 1 12                  | 10             | 60                                    |
| 9.     | 2/3 Aust Fd Bgt         | 10 99                 |                | 1                                     |
| 10.    | R & M                   | 1                     |                |                                       |
| 11.    | 1 Aust Fd Sqn           | - 2                   |                | 35                                    |
| 12.    | 2/6 Aust Inf Bn         | - -                   | 4 x 2 pdr guns | 171                                   |
| 13.    | 2/5 Aust Inf Bn         | - -                   | 4 x 2 pdr guns | 115                                   |
| 14.    | 2/2 Aust Tpt Pl         | - -                   | 15 vehs        | 438                                   |
| 15.    | M F O                   | - -                   | -              | 1                                     |
| 16.    | QM USA                  | - -                   | -              | 4507                                  |
| 17.    | 17 Aust Inf Bde         | - -                   | 58             | 292                                   |
| 18.    | RAAF                    | - -                   | -              | 9                                     |
| 19.    | Aust Supply Officer     | - -                   | -              | 39                                    |
| 20.    | Aust Post Office        | - -                   | (Mail)         | 44                                    |

Total 48 800

4. FOR LAE

| Serial | Consignee  | Description      | Tons(m) |
|--------|------------|------------------|---------|
| 1.     | MFO        | 49 pkgs effects  | 4       |
| 2.     | ADST       | 1,262 pkgs       | 2507    |
| 3.     | APO        | 2,998 Bags Mail  | 300     |
| 4.     | HED SHIELD | 40 pkgs comforts | 6       |

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WAR DIARY

for DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
21 Nov 44

DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NC 192.  
(From 1000 hrs 20 Nov to 1000 hrs 21 Nov.)

| 1. BY SEA |                                        |                        |                |              |                                  |
|-----------|----------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| SERIAL    | UNIT                                   | STRENGTH<br>OFFERS ORS | FROM           | TO           | REMARKS                          |
| 1.        | 8 Aust Inf Bn                          | -                      | 2 BOUGAINVILLE | GREEN IS.    | Sld LCT 299 19/11                |
| 2.        | AACS                                   | 1                      | - AITAPE       | HOLLANDIA    | Sld LCT 728 19/11                |
| 3.        | HQ First Aust Army                     | 2                      | - LAE          | TIVILLE      | Sld VAN DER BOSCH 19/11          |
| 4.        | HQ Lae Base Sub Area                   | 1                      | - "            | "            | "                                |
| 5.        | Seals 4 - 14 on Return No 190 of 19/11 | 16 472                 | LADANG         | BOUGAINVILLE | Disembkd ex CAPE ALEXANDER 20/11 |
| 6.        | 18 Aust Fd Amb                         | -                      | 1 FINSCH       | LAE          | Sld F. P. 20/11                  |

| 2. AIR GENERAL: |                        |                        |         |         |         |
|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| SERIAL          | UNIT                   | STRENGTH<br>OFFERS ORS | FROM    | TO      | REMARKS |
| 1.              | A I B                  | 4                      | TIVILLE | NADZAB  |         |
| 2.              | HQ First Aust Army     | 13                     | NADZAB  | TIVILLE |         |
| 3.              | 14 Aust ORD STORES COY | 6                      | "       | "       |         |
| 4.              | 10 Aust AOD            | 5                      | "       | "       |         |
| 5.              | 103 Aust FAD           | 21                     | "       | "       |         |
| 6.              | 18 Aust Ord Stores Coy | 10                     | "       | "       |         |

| AIR COM and SPECIAL A/C. |                     |              |        |           |                 |
|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------|-----------|-----------------|
|                          | UNIT                | No of A/C    | FROM   | TO        | DETAILS         |
|                          | 21 Service Gp USAAF | 1-C47 (drop) | NADZAB | ANNENBERG | PIB Maintenance |
|                          | " " " "             | 1-C47 (Drop) | "      | AIYURA    | ANGAU Stores    |

*[Signature]* BRIG  
DA & G FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION

- HQ ADV 2 ECH  
INFO NEW GUINEA  
HQ FORCE SEC AACS  
BGS  
DA & QMG  
G (OPS)  
G (SD)  
A-
- AIS  
G (2)  
G (MOV & TR)  
BRA  
CE (2)  
CSO  
MED  
DENTAL
- S & T  
ORD  
E & ME  
POSTAL (2)  
SALVAGE  
ARMY  
FILE (7)  
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SECRET

Hq First Aust Army (AIF)  
Branch

CURRENT MATTERS - 21 NOV 44

| Serial | Subject                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Action By |
|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1      | In view of the possibility of an acute shortage of tentage in First Aust Army area attention of formations is to be drawn to the necessity for strict supervision of erection and maintenance of tents.                                        | AJG       |
| 2      | NOIC Moresby has advised IAN LO on this HQ that fuel is required for naval ML craft at Jacquinot. Look into this and take any necessary provision action.                                                                                      | AJG       |
| 3      | Have reconnaissance made to determine what areas would be suitable for the erection of AVAS barracks adjacent to this HQ.                                                                                                                      | AJG       |
| 4      | DA&MG, accompanied by Col Q, rep A Branch, DCS, and DA&MG's batman, are to move as follows:<br><br>24 Nov 0800 Leave Lae for Torokina<br>26 Nov 0800 Leave Torokina for Green Is<br>27 Nov 0800 Leave Green Is for Enirau Is,<br>Thence to Lae | Infm      |
| 5      | Mariner flying boat has the following capacity:<br><br>Not stripped - 4,000 lb; Stripped - 8,000 lb                                                                                                                                            | Infm      |

Distribution

Copy No

- 1 DA&MG - Pass to AAC
- 2 Col Q
- 3 Col Mov
- 4 AJG - Pass to AJG (F)
- ✓ 5-6 War Diary

A/Col Q First Aust Army

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SUBJECT : "THOMAS CORBIN"  
CAIRNS to AITAPE

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)  
21 Nov 44.

Q 2533

6 Aust Div  
3 Aust Base Subarea  
3 Aust LC Gp (AIF)  
LC AITAPE

Q (Mov & Tn)  
RAA  
CZ (2)  
Led  
S & T  
Crc  
E & LE  
Postal (2)  
RANLO

DA 8 G  
G (Cpe) G  
G (SD)  
A  
Q (4)

Advice has been received that "THOMAS CORBIN" will  
embark following personnel for AITAPE :

| UNIT                             | Strength |      | Stores                | Vehs                                  |
|----------------------------------|----------|------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                                  | Ofrs     | ORe  |                       |                                       |
| Rear Details<br>6 Aust Div       | 3        | 5    |                       |                                       |
| HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde               | 2        | 20   |                       |                                       |
| 2/6 Aust Inf Bn                  | 37       | 787  |                       |                                       |
| 'C' Sec<br>2/4 Aust Dental Unit  | 1        | 4    |                       | According<br>to<br>space<br>available |
| 2/2 Aust Fd Regt                 | 23       | 306  |                       |                                       |
| " " " " Sig Sec                  |          | 1    |                       |                                       |
| 2/40 Aust LAD                    |          | 1    |                       |                                       |
| Various - General<br>Inflammable |          |      | 65 tons (u.)<br>5 c f |                                       |
| TOTALS                           | 66       | 1134 |                       |                                       |

Brig.  
DA & G G First Aust Army (AIF).

FILE (7)

AD STAFF.

DQ  
Hq First Aust Army (AIF)  
Nov 44

ACMG's CONFERENCE NOTES - 20/21 NOV 44.

Evacuation of Personnel from ANNENBERG.

1. Q (Mov & Tn) are asking NORCOM RAAF to provide a small aircraft ex MADANG to evacuate personnel from ANNENBERG. Q (Mov)

Flying Boat Service To NEW BRITAIN.

2. NORCOM RAAF advise that a WARRINER Flying Boat will arrive SALAMUA 21 Nov to conduct survey of anchorages at JACQUINOT. Inf'n
3. At NORCOM request, arrangements have been made through LAE Base for AVGAS to be available SALAMUA 21 Nov for re-fuelling.

Waterproofing Kits.

4. AVG(E) on return from TOROKINA, advised that 3 Aust Div asked for waterproofing material to be provided for 18 x 3 ton trucks. Q (Maint).
5. Q (Maint) will take action through Ord.

Unit Equipment Inspector.

6. IHQ has directed that this Officer return to Rear Echelon First Aust Army. Inf'n.

Vehicles - BUNA.

7. AEME representative has returned from BUNA and will submit report on vehicles. AEME  
Q (Misc)

Marine Engines - CAPE GLOUCESTER.

8. Reference Notes 17 Nov para 9. Service representatives have returned from GLOUCESTER and report that there are no engines available. Q (Misc)  
Ord  
AEME.
9. Q (Misc) will inform CE Branch.

Replacement Engines.

10. Ord will ascertain from IHQ the ETA LAE of replacement Engines on order. Ord.

Unloading Aircraft - LAE.

11. Q (Mov & Tn) advise ATO reports occasional delays in obtaining working parties to unload aircraft. Ord.
12. LAE Base will maintain a det of native labourers on call for this work. ATO will submit his demands to LAE Base "2" L.O. LAE Base  
Sub Incc.  
Q (Mov).

20-21 Nov

Road Grader - LAE.

13. LAE Base report that their last grader is nearly U/S. LAE Base Engineers taking up matter with G.E. Q (Wks).

14. Follow up this position.

Fuel for Naval ML's at JACQUINOT.

15. Understood that Naval LO has received request to provide more fuel at JACQUINOT. Q (Maint)

16. Contact Naval LO, ascertain position, and make any arrangements necessary.

Dredging Equipment for AITAPE.

17. CE is endeavouring obtain a dredge from BULOLO for use at AITAPE to clear sand bars from river mouths. Q (Wks).

18. Keep in touch with this matter.

Proposed WE's for Watercraft Wksp.

19. DME will make submissions. Refer to Q (Mov) for comments then submit to G (SD). Q (Maint)

Refrigerators.

20. Despatch 300 cu ft refrigerators as follows:- Q (Wks)

(a) Ex Area Comd MADANG to 3 Aust Base Sub Area.

2 x 300 cu ft at present awaiting shipment to LAE.  
To move in first available ship (JUBAL EARLY).

(b) Ex LAE Base Sub Area to 5 Aust Base Sub Area

1 x 300 cu ft (formerly at DID LABU).  
To move in Phase Q ship to JACQUINOT.

DISTRIBUTION:

Col Q

AQ

Q (Maint)

Q (Misc) Q (Wks)

Staff Capt AQ

Staff Capt Col Q

Mov & Tn

S & T

Ord

ARME

Postal

Scl

Camp

LAE Base Sub Area

War Diary (2)

File.

*[Signature]*  
Maj.  
A/AQM First Aust Army.

HQ First Aust. Army (AIF)  
2/ Nov 44  
Q 2521

MB 7411  
D12

Subject: EXTRA MESSING ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Reference First Aust Army Q2268 of 31 Oct 44.

1. In addition to the normal Canteens supplies, the range of items referred to in para 4 of the above instruction is limited to the following:--

| <u>Item</u>       | <u>Price</u>           | <u>Allocation</u>        |
|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Turkey            | 3/- per lb             | $\frac{1}{2}$ lb per man |
| or                |                        |                          |
| Chicken           | 2/10 " "               | $\frac{1}{2}$ " " "      |
| Ham               | 2/7 " "                | $\frac{1}{2}$ " " "      |
| Christmas Pudding | 1/1 <sup>1</sup> " tin | 1/3 " " "                |

Normal discount of 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ % will be allowed.

2. Units will submit indents in duplicate to the nearest AA Canteens Service Issuing Point on the prescribed form (attached as Appendix A) on or before 12 Dec 44.
3. After distribution in accordance with the above allocation has been made to all units, surplus supplies held by Canteens will be disposed of to units desiring to purchase additional supplies.
4. Demands for Canteens Supplies will be signed by COs or OCs in all cases. The identity of the unit representative making the purchase will be established by the production of an authority on the prescribed form (attached as Appendix B) signed by the CO or OC of the unit or detachment.
5. The authorised unit representative will certify on the three copies of the Canteens invoice that delivery of the goods enumerated thereon has been duly effected. The first copy will be returned to the unit representative, the remaining two copies being retained by Canteens.
6. Further to para 3 of Q2268 of 31 Oct 44, reimbursements of 1/- Messing Allowance will be made only through Unit Trust Accounts. Units not possessing a Unit Trust Account will open such an account in order to obtain the necessary refund.
7. Where it is desired that the account be overdrawn, requirements for such overdraft will be endorsed on the back of the WF 132 and signed by the CO, as follows:--

\*Estimated overdrawal of £ : : required for  
.....personnel at 1/- per member per day for 25  
Dec 44.

(Signed) .....CO."

Distribution List E

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

*L. King*  
Brig.  
DA & QMG First Aust Army.

War Diary

APPENDIX A FOR  
Q 2521

DEMAND FOR CANTEENS SUPPLIES

(To Be Completed in Triplicate)

Unit ..... Unit Strength.....

Canteen Issuing Point at which delivery will be accepted:

.....

| Description of Goods         | Quantities Required |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Turkey 3/- per lb            | .....               |
| Chicken 2/10 " "             | .....               |
| Ham 2/7 " "                  | .....               |
| Christmas Pudding 1/10 " tin | .....               |
| Other Items                  |                     |

..... Commanding Officer  
..... Unit  
..... Date

APPENDIX B FOR  
Q 2521

EXTRA CHRISTMAS MESSING RATION ALLOWANCE AUTHORITY

To AA Canteens Service

.....

The bearer ..... whose signature  
appears below is hereby authorised to purchase and take  
delivery of Canteen goods on behalf of .....  
..... (Unit)

Date ..... Specimen signature of bearer.....

..... Commanding Officer  
..... Unit  
..... Date

Note: Certificate as follows to be endorsed on duplicate of  
Appendix B--

"I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge  
the estimated strength of this Unit as at 25 Dec  
44 will be .....

..... Commanding Officer  
..... Unit  
..... Date

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HQ PTST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
22 NOV 44DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 182.  
(as at 1200 hrs 22 Nov 44)

| IN PORT                                      | ETD   | FOR    | EN ROUTE                                                                                         | FROM                                                | ETA                           | REMARKS                                                                                                                                                      |
|----------------------------------------------|-------|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>AITAPE</u>                                |       |        | DUNTROON<br>J ISAACSON                                                                           | T'VILLE<br>AUST                                     | 3/12                          | on berth<br>T'VILLE<br>ex SYDNEY<br>17/11 thence<br>CAIRNS                                                                                                   |
|                                              |       |        | RIVER DERWENT<br>S J REED                                                                        | SYDNEY<br>AUST                                      | 30/11<br>15/12                | on berth<br>SYDNEY 25/11                                                                                                                                     |
|                                              |       |        | BONTEKOE<br>J EARLY                                                                              | AUST<br>MADANG                                      | 3/12<br>24/11                 | ex T'VILLE<br>19/11                                                                                                                                          |
| <u>MADANG</u><br>J EARLY                     | 23/11 | AITAPE | J S MORTON                                                                                       | JAC-<br>QUINOT                                      | 24/11                         | also to load<br>LAE for<br>JACQUINOT                                                                                                                         |
| <u>FINSCHAFEN</u><br>W H PCINT               |       |        |                                                                                                  |                                                     |                               |                                                                                                                                                              |
| <u>LAE</u>                                   |       |        | ATLAS<br>ORLISTON<br>F PARKMAN<br>J S MORTON                                                     | AUST<br>HOLLAND<br>IA<br>AITAPE<br>MADANG           | 26/11<br>22/11<br>28/11       | to load ex<br>SYD ETD 25/11<br>for T'VILLE<br>thence to<br>JACQUINOT<br>thence to<br>JACQUINOT                                                               |
| <u>JACQUINOT</u><br>J S MORTON<br>ANN McKILM | 23/11 | MADANG | F PARKMAN<br>L M GARRISON<br>VAN HEUTZ<br>EVANGELINE<br>W B ROGERS<br>JANE ADAMS<br>SWARTENHONDT | LAE<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST | 27/11<br>3/12<br>1/12<br>3/12 | on berth<br>BRISBANE 18/11<br>dep CAIRNS<br>21/11<br>dep DARWIN<br>20/11<br>on berth<br>SYDNEY 18/11<br>on berth<br>DARWIN 18/11<br>on berth<br>DARWIN 18/11 |
| <u>MCRESBY</u>                               |       |        | EDNA                                                                                             | AUST                                                | 22/11                         | ex SYDNEY<br>11/11                                                                                                                                           |
| <u>MILNE BAY</u>                             |       |        | TORRENS<br>ELWOOD LEADE                                                                          | AUST                                                |                               | ETD not set                                                                                                                                                  |
| <u>TALASEA -<br/>HCSKINS</u>                 |       |        | MAIWARA                                                                                          | FINSCH                                              | 23/11                         |                                                                                                                                                              |

P.T.O.

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| IN PORT             | ETD   | FOR | EN ROUTE                     | FROM                          | ETA   | REMARKS                 |
|---------------------|-------|-----|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|
| <u>BOUGAINVILLE</u> |       |     | INDIAN<br>VICTORY            | AUST                          | 26/11 | ex SYDNEY &<br>CAIRNS   |
| J OLIVER            |       |     | ARCHER                       | SYDNEY                        | 30/11 | thence for<br>JACQUINCT |
|                     |       |     | CAPE VICTORY<br>SANTA MONICA | AUST<br>AUST                  |       | ex BRISBANE             |
| <u>MOLLANDIA</u>    |       |     |                              |                               |       |                         |
| CR ISTON            | 28/11 | LAE | GORGON (14)<br>TORRENS       | BRIS &<br>CAIRNS<br>MILNE BAY |       |                         |

NOTE

ETA - Expected Time of Arrival at Destination.

ETD - Expected Time of Departure from Loading Port.

*for 1st AUST ARMY (ALF)*  
DA & QLG FIRST AUST ARMY (ALF)

DISTRIBUTION

2/1 AUST MOV & TN GP  
8 AUST H C GP  
3 AUST DOCKS GP  
HC MORESBY  
HC FINSCHAFEN  
HC MADANG  
HC AITAPE  
HC MOLLANDIA  
HC MOSKINS  
HC TOROKINA  
HC JACQUINCT BAY  
NG FORCE SEC AACS

BGS  
DA & QLG  
G (SD)  
A  
Q (4)  
C (MOV & TN)  
CE (2)  
CSO  
MED  
CRD  
S & T  
POSTAL (2)

DAD TN (DOCKS)  
DAD TN (WATER TPT)

FOR INFORMATION  
2 AUST CORPS  
6 AUST DIV  
ADV LHQ (FOR MOV)  
FWD ECH LHQ (FOR MOV)  
LHQ (FOR MOV)  
RANLO  
GHQ REG OFFR LAE  
WAR DIARY (2)  
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Subject : " P ARCHER " - SYDNEY & BRISBANE TO BOUGAINVILLE.

DT

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
22 Nov 44.

Q2453

|                      |              |            |
|----------------------|--------------|------------|
| 2 AUST CORPS         | Q (4)        | ORD        |
| 4 AUST BASE SUB AREA | Q (MOV & TH) | E & ME     |
| 3 G SEC AACs         | CE (2)       | POSTAL (2) |
| DA & QMG             | MED          | RANLO      |
| G (OPS)              | AMENITIES    |            |
| G (SD)               | ACF          |            |
| A                    | S & T        |            |

1. Advice has been received that vessel " P ARCHER " has been made available to load undermentioned cargo at SYDNEY AND BRISBANE for BOUGAINVILLE.

2. EX SYDNEY

(a) CARGO

| Serial | Consignor | Description                                                   | Tons(              |
|--------|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1.     | DDST      | Rations<br>Expense and anti-<br>malarial stores<br>Vegetables | 1,359<br>50<br>100 |
| 2.     | DDOS      | Ord Stores                                                    | 1,429              |
| 3.     | DE in C   | Engr Stores                                                   | 2,605              |
| 4.     | MEDICAL   | Med & Vet Stores                                              | 353                |
| 5.     | CANTEENS  | Stores                                                        | 564                |
| 6.     | ACF       | Beer and Spirits                                              | 315                |
| 7.     | AMENITIES | Xmas Comforts                                                 | 211                |
| 8.     | 16 AAOD   | Stores<br>Tractor, Bulldozer.<br>Cased Equip                  | 3<br>15            |
| Totals |           |                                                               | 7,005              |

(b) LANDING CRAFT AND ESCORTS

| Serial | Unit                                                                     | Escorts            | L/craft                                                        |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.     | 42 Aust Landing Craft Coy<br>(less 1 pl) and 2 Landing<br>Craft Workshop | MINIMUM<br>ESCORTS | 9 x ALCs 20<br>1 x 35' FSB<br>No 1482<br>2 x 40' work<br>boats |

3. EX BRISBANE

(a) UNIT VEHICLES AND ESCORTS

| Serial | Unit                        | Escorts                                                            | Vehs                    |
|--------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1.     | Eal of vehs 29 Aust Inf Bde | No accommodation<br>is available for<br>veh escorts ex<br>BRISBANE | Number to be<br>advised |
| 2.     | 12 Aust Adv Wkshps          |                                                                    | 16                      |
| 3.     | 3 Mob Gas Generating Sec    |                                                                    | 4                       |
| 4.     | 11 Aust Inf Bde             |                                                                    | approx 233              |

FILE (8) WAR DIARY

for *W. Cunningham, Capt*  
DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
22 NOV 44.

DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS = RETURN NO 193.  
(From 1000 hrs 21 Nov to 1000 hrs 22 Nov)

1. BY SEA

| SERIAL | UNIT                                    | STRENGTH<br>OFFRS CRS |             | FROM    | TO     | REMARKS.                       |
|--------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|--------|--------------------------------|
| 1.     | A B T E                                 | 1                     | 1           | LAE     | DUNA   | DISMISSED EX<br>DULCIS 21/11   |
| 2.     | 36 AUST INF BN                          | 2                     | 5           | HOSKINS | FINCH  | DISMISSED<br>EX F126<br>19/11. |
| 3.     | 1 AUST CASE DEPCT ATT<br>COAST ARTY 10Y | 1                     | 113         | MORSEY  | SYDNEY | SLD CHARON<br>21/11            |
| 4.     | NG DETAILS DEPCT                        | 1                     | 1           | "       | "      | "                              |
| 5.     | A B C CORRESPONDENT                     | 1                     | -           | "       | "      | "                              |
| 6.     | R A H                                   | -                     | 10          | "       | "      | "                              |
| 7.     | ANGAU                                   | 5                     | (civilians) | "       | "      | "                              |
| 8.     | FREIGHT CONDUCTING<br>OFFICER           | 1                     | -           | "       | "      | "                              |

2. AIR GENERAL

| Serial                    | Strength<br>Offrs Orgs | FROM           | TO            |
|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. HQ First Aust Army     | 3                      | LAE            | JACQUINOT BAY |
| 2. " " "                  | 5                      | JACQUINOT BAY  | LAE           |
| 3. P I B                  | 6                      | DUMPU          | HADZAB        |
| 4. 18 Aust FG Amb         | 1                      | DREGER         | LAE           |
| 5. 22 Aust Wks Coy        | 4                      | HADZAB         | TOWNSVILLE    |
| 6. 103 Aust FAD           | 9                      | "              | "             |
| 7. 18 Aust Ord Stores Coy | 5                      | "              | "             |
| 8. RPC (Native recruits)  | 19                     | AITAPE         | HADZAB        |
| 9. A I B                  | 1                      | (natives) BLAK | "             |

AIR - COMM AND SPECIAL A/C.

| UNIT                | NO OF A/C    | FROM          | TO            | DETAILS     |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| 8 Comm Unit RAAF    | 1 CATALINA   | LAE           | JACQUINOT BAY | Weekly      |
| 9 Comm Unit RAAF    | 1 C47        | JACQUINOT BAY | LAE           | courier     |
| 21 Service Gp USAAF | 1 C47 (drop) | LAE           | HADANG        | GOC & party |
| 6 Sqn RAAF          | 2 BEAUFORTS  | HADZAB        | ATEMBLE       | PIB maint.  |
|                     | (drop)       | HADZAB        | NEW BRITAIN   | AIB maint.  |

for *[Signature]*  
D A & Q M C FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION

NG ADV 2 ECH  
DFO NEW GUINEA  
NG FORCES SEC AACS  
BCS  
DA & QMG  
G (OPS)  
G (SD)  
A  
AMS  
Q (2)  
Q (MOV & TH)  
BRA  
CE (2)  
CSO  
MED  
DENTAL  
S & T  
ORD  
E & IE  
POSTAL (2)  
SALVAGE  
AMEN  
FILE (7)  
WAR DIARY

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SUBJECT - " CHARON " MORSEBY TO SYDNEY.

HQ FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AIF)  
22 NOV 44

Q 2535

DA & CIG  
G (CPS)  
G (SD)  
A

Q (4)  
Q (MOV & TH)  
RAA  
S & T

CRD  
POSTAL (2)  
SALVAGE  
RANLC

1. Advice has been received that vessel " CHARON " departed  
Morseby 21 Nov for Sydney. Loading as follows.

2. (a) PERSONNEL

| SERIAL | UNIT                        | STRENGTH |            |
|--------|-----------------------------|----------|------------|
|        |                             | CEFS     | ORS        |
| 1.     | 1 Aust Base Depot Att Coast | 1        | 113        |
| 2.     | Arty LBY                    |          |            |
| 3.     | NG Details Depot            | 1        | 1          |
| 4.     | A B C Correspondent         | 1        | -          |
| 5.     | R A N                       | -        | 10         |
| 6.     | ANGAU (Civilians)           | 5        |            |
|        | Freight Conducting Officer  | 1        | -          |
|        | <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>9</b> | <b>124</b> |

2. (b) CARGO

| SERIAL | CONSIGNEE                 | DESCRIPTION OF CARGO                     | NO OF VEHICLES     | TONS (MEAS) |
|--------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1.     | AACS                      | 1500 c/s Cordials                        |                    | 47          |
| 2.     | MFO                       | 37 Pkgs Effects                          |                    | 2           |
| 3.     | Dept of External Affairs  | 2 Pkgs                                   |                    |             |
|        |                           | 1495 Pkgs Crude Rubber                   |                    | 958         |
| 4.     | Salvage Control Offr      | 5387 Pkgs Copra                          |                    |             |
|        |                           | 3245 Pkgs Qty Scrap Rubber Equip & Parts |                    | 537         |
| 5.     | No 1 TEO RAAF             |                                          |                    | 85          |
| 6.     | DDS & T N S W L of C Area | 21690 c/s Rations                        |                    | 903         |
| 7.     | NOIC                      | 31 Pkgs                                  |                    | 5           |
| 8.     | 2 & 3 Ord Port Dets       | 59 Pkgs Radar Equip                      |                    | 432         |
|        | " " "                     |                                          | 12 x 15 cwt GS     |             |
|        |                           |                                          | 6 x 3 ton GS       | 421         |
|        |                           | 834 Pkgs Ord Stores                      |                    | 153         |
|        |                           | <b>TOTALS</b>                            | <b>18 Vehicles</b> | <b>3543</b> |

*Robert Cunningham, Capt*  
for COL (MOV & TH) FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AIF) Lt Col.

File (8)  
War Diary

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SUBJECT - " EVANGELINE " DARWIN TO JACQUINOT.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
22 NOV 44

Q 2536

|                      |              |            |
|----------------------|--------------|------------|
| 5 AUST DIV           | G (SD)       | S & T      |
| 5 AUST BASE SUB AREA | A            | ORD        |
| DA & CNG             | Q (4)        | POSTAL (2) |
| G (CPS)              | Q (MOV & TR) | RANLO      |
|                      | CE (2)       |            |

1. Advice has been received that vessel "EVANGELINE" departed Darwin 20 Nov for Jacquinot, loading as follows.

2. PERSONNEL & STORES.

| SERIAL | UNIT            | STRENGTH |      | STORES & EQUIP<br>TONS (Leas) |
|--------|-----------------|----------|------|-------------------------------|
|        |                 | OFFRS    | ORS  |                               |
| 1.     | 13 Aust Inf Bde | 58       | 1183 | 50 Tons                       |

*Kennings, Cpt*  
for DA & CNG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) BRIG.

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HQ First Aust Army  
Q Branch

CURRENT Q MATTERS - 22 NOV 44

| Serial | Subject                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Action By |
|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1      | 400 native laborers are to move from Arawa to Jacquinot Bay. This should make the total available 1400 plus any local recruitment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Infm      |
| 2      | 2 Aust Corps advises that Aust troops at Bougainville have not yet received any fresh supplies. Arrangements will be made to fly to Bougainville one issue for troops in that area. 100 tons vegetables are due to arrive 30 Nov and 60 tons of meat have been allotted to a ship, but ETA is not yet known.                                                                                         | AJMG      |
| 3      | The maintenance margin for ammunition to be held additional to the reserves laid down by Forland will be held as follows:<br><br>4 BSA 60 days moderate for all troops on projected COB<br>5 BSA 60 days (m) for a bde gp and 60 days (q) for a division less a bde gp<br>3 BSA 60 days (m) for a bde gp and 60 days (q) for a division less a bde gp<br><br>Advise LHQ of amended reserve holdings. | AJMG      |
| 4      | ADPS advises that the cause of delay to movement of mail south of Brisbane has been removed and the position is now satisfactory.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Infm      |
| 5      | Report has been received that a number of refugee natives may be withdrawn to Annenberg. ANGAU advises that no provision action is required at this juncture as the position is not yet firm.                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Infm      |
| 6      | RAAF 10, who visited this HQ today, states that if the Mariner flying boat operates from Salamaua RAAF will accept responsibility for procuring Avgas, manning fuel dump at Salamaua, and refuelling aircraft. First Aust Army will be responsible for transportation only. This is to be confirmed by NCFCCM.                                                                                       | Infm      |
| 7      | Advice has been received through AEME channels that a DUKW and an LCM have been able to enter Raihu River. It is considered likely that the river channel will again silt up.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Infm      |
| 8      | Request by Ordnance for personnel to picket ammunition depots cannot be met because of the shortage of suitable personnel.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | AJMG      |

Distribution

Copy No

- 1 DAA/MG - Pass to AAC
- 2 Col Q
- 3 Col Mov
- 4 AJMG - pass to AJMG (P)

5 - 6

*[Signature]* Lt-Col  
A/Col Q First Aust Army

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Subject : " VAN HEUTZ " - CAIRNS TO JACQUINOT.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
22 Nov 44.

Q2537

|                      |              |            |       |
|----------------------|--------------|------------|-------|
| 5 AUST DIV           | A            | PRO        | RANLO |
| 5 AUST BASE SUB AREA | Q (4)        | S & T      |       |
| DA & QMG             | Q (MOV & TR) | ORD        |       |
| Q (OPS)              | CE (2)       | E & ME     |       |
| Q (SD)               | MED          | POSTAL (2) |       |

1. Ref our Q2365 of 7 Nov 44.
2. Advice has been received that vessel "VAN HEUTZ" departed CAIRNS 21 Nov for JACQUINOT, loading as follows.

3. PERSONNEL, VEHs AND CARGO

| Serial | Unit                                                       | Strength |       | Vehs | Stores<br>Tons (T)           |
|--------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|------|------------------------------|
|        |                                                            | Offrs    | ORs   |      |                              |
| 1.     | 2/3 Aust Rly Constr Coy and<br>287 Aust LAD                | 5        | 195   |      | 35                           |
| 2.     | 3 Aust Mech Equip Wksps                                    | 1        | 54    |      | 22                           |
| 3.     | 21 Aust AMCU                                               | 1        | 10    | 8    | 16                           |
| 4.     | 107 Aust Ord Veh Park                                      | 1        | 28    |      | 10                           |
| 5.     | Det 53 Aust Port Craft Coy less<br>3 Port Landing Craft Pl | 1        | 64    |      | 22                           |
| 6.     | 17 Aust Army Fd Coy                                        | 9        | 200   | 10   | 24                           |
| 7.     | 68 Aust BIPOD                                              | 1        | 27    |      | 16                           |
| 8.     | 283 Aust LAD                                               | 1        | 13    |      | 2                            |
| 9.     | 2 Aust Fd Amb                                              | 8        | 163   |      | 65                           |
| 10.    | 128 Aust Bde Wksps                                         | 1        | 76    |      | 14                           |
| 11.    | Det 2 sec Second Aust Army<br>Pro Coy                      | -        | 15    |      |                              |
| 12.    | 11 Aust Div Pro Coy                                        | -        | 31    | 8    | 3                            |
| 13.    | Adv Party 1 Aust Inf Tps<br>Wksps                          | 6        | 172   | 13   | 50                           |
| 14.    | First Aust Army Pro Coy                                    | 1        | 31    | 13   | 9                            |
| 15.    | Det 1 Aust Water Amb Convoy                                | -        | 4     |      | 35                           |
| 16.    | 7 AAD Port Det                                             | -        | -     |      | 50W                          |
| 17.    | A S O                                                      |          |       |      | Rations<br>and 121<br>Stores |
| Totals |                                                            | 36       | 1,083 | 52   |                              |

*K. Cunningham, Capt*  
Brig.  
for DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

FILE (7)  
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HQ First Aust Army (A1P)

ANGAU'S CONFERENCE NOTES - 22 NOV 44

PROPOSED WTS FOR WATERCRAFT WSPS

1. Ref Notes 20/21 Nov, para 19.  
DIME requests that no action be taken re his sub-  
mission unless further requested, Q (Maint)

PACK RELOADING PERS FOR TOROKINA

2. Ord will submit recommendation for addition of  
para refolders and packers to RAD at TOROKINA. Ord  
Q (Maint)

REFUGEES AT ANKUTIERG

3. Ref Notes 17 Nov, para 8.  
ANGAU (Northern Region) state there are some  
refugee natives reported to be making towards  
ANKUTIERG. LBSA
4. No action is required re maint of these natives  
unless requested by ANGAU.

FRESH RATIONS - SOLCHONG

5. 4560 lbs fresh meat will be despatched by air  
ex LAE, probably on 23 Nov. Inform  
100 tons vegetables ETA TOROKINA 30 Nov. 60 tons  
meat allotted ship ex AUST but ETA not yet known.

NATIVE LABOURERS - JACQUINOT BAY

6. Arrangements in hand to move approx 400 natives  
from KOME to JACQUINOT. This should bring  
total at JACQUINOT BAY to 1400. Q (Wks)  
Q (Nov)

FUEL FOR MARINER F/BOAT

7. Further to Notes of 20/21 Nov, para 2.  
Rep from NORCCM visited this HQ to inquire what  
arrangements could be made to fuel f/boat at  
SALAMUA should that pt be selected as anchorage. Q (Maint)  
LBSA  
S & T

8. Was informed that procedure would be:--

- (a) RMT responsible for providing AVGAS  
in LAE and informing LAE Base Sub Area  
of location and when available.
- (b) LAE Base would collect and transport to  
SALAMUA (with co-op of Q Mov & Tn).
- (c) RMT would be responsible for fuel  
dump at SALAMUA and for re-fuelling  
arrangements.

9. NORCCM rep unable state quantities of fuel involved  
but may be up to 1200 gals per trip. When scheme  
firm he will contact us again.

CLOTHING FOR FORWARD

10. Request received to despatch quantity clothing by  
air to HOLLANDIA. Q (Maint)  
Ord  
Q (Nov)  
Qrd and Q (Mov & Tn) taking action. Expect  
despatch 23 Nov.

11. SIGS SCHOOL - YALU

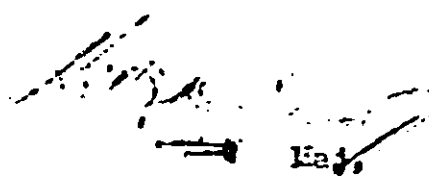
LAE Base report work proceeding

Q (Wks)

WRITING-OFF VEHICLES

12. AEME will provide Q with figures showing write-offs effected since new write-off standard came into force.

AEME  
Q (Maint)

  
A/AQMG First Aust Army.

DISTRIBUTION:

Col Q  
AQ  
Q (Maint)  
Q (Misc)  
Q (Wks)  
Staff Capt AQ  
Staff Capt Col Q  
Q (Mov & Tn)  
S & T  
Ord  
AEME  
Postal  
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Camp  
LAE Base Sub Area  
War Diary (2) ✓  
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23 NOV 44

*14/11/54*  
Lt-Gen  
GOC FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (1st AIF).

1. This schedule is compiled with respect to personnel, vehicles and general cargo.
2. Details of personnel and vehicles by units are shown wherever possible, otherwise estimated number of Aust Troops to be embarked is given.

| SERIAL | VESSEL    | UNIT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | ALLOTMENTS                                                                          |                                                                                                                            |        | FROM PORT | ETD   | TO PORT   | ETA   | REMARKS |
|--------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|---------|
|        |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Pers                                                                                | Vehs                                                                                                                       | Stores |           |       |           |       |         |
| 1.     | F PARKMAN | 3 pl 12 Fd Coy<br>15 sup depot pl<br>HQ 6 Inf Bde<br>6 Inf Bde Sig Sec<br>18 pl E Coy 2/1 Cd Regt<br>269 LAD<br>19 Inf Bn<br><br>Rear 14/32 Inf Bn<br>G Pl 158 Gen Tpt Coy<br>6 Fd Amb less 2 coys<br>137 Bde Ord Fd Pk<br>2/137 Bde Wksp<br>det 5 Mob Mot Plt<br>Veh escorts and vans for adv party 15 Inf bde Gp (approx) | 58<br>27<br>72<br>23<br>9<br>15<br>740<br><br>21<br>82<br>73<br>16<br>91<br>3<br>20 | 23<br>2<br>8<br>3<br><br>10<br>14<br>(incl guns<br>37<br>7<br>10<br>14<br>1<br>60<br>(incl 12<br>2000<br>180<br>(incl guns |        | LAE       | 26/11 | JACQUINOT | 27/11 |         |
|        |           | Total                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1,243                                                                               |                                                                                                                            |        |           |       |           |       |         |

| SERIAL | VESSEL     | UNIT                                                | ALLOTMENT |      |        | FROM PORT | ETD   | TO PORT   | ETA   | REMARKS        |
|--------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------|------|--------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|----------------|
|        |            |                                                     | Pers      | Vehs | Stores |           |       |           |       |                |
| 220    | S MORRISON | Bal 165 Para Bde Coy shut out from Phase (2) approx | 150       | 20   |        |           |       |           |       |                |
|        |            | HQ 5 Div less Recce Adv and Rear Parties 5 Div      | 108       | 14   |        |           |       |           |       |                |
|        |            | GHQ Liaison Party                                   | 9         | 7    |        |           |       |           |       |                |
|        |            | HQ 6 Coy & 19 Pl 2/1 ad Regt                        | 31        | 3    |        |           |       |           |       |                |
|        |            | 5 Div Reception Camp                                | 11        | 4    |        |           |       |           |       |                |
|        |            | 2 Aust FS Sec                                       | 5         | 1    |        |           |       |           |       |                |
|        |            | Sigs 2 Div less det                                 | 86        | 12   |        |           |       |           |       |                |
|        |            | HQ RAE 5 Div                                        | 19        | 4    |        |           |       |           |       |                |
|        |            | 7 Engr Sig Sec                                      | 17        | 13   |        | MADANG    | 28/11 | JACQUINOT | 1/12  | routed via LAE |
|        |            | Mech Equipt pl and wkps pl (less det) 55 Pd Fk      | 97        | 43   |        |           |       |           |       |                |
|        |            | 284 LAD                                             | 14        | 7    |        |           |       |           |       |                |
|        |            | One tp 2/14 Pd Regt                                 | 83        | 16   |        |           |       |           |       |                |
|        |            | 55 Pd Fk less 2 pls                                 | 61        | 35   |        |           |       |           |       |                |
|        |            | 5 Div Postal Unit                                   | 13        | 6    |        |           |       |           |       |                |
|        |            | HQ Comd AASC                                        | 29        | 2    |        |           |       |           |       |                |
|        |            | 5 Div Pro Coy                                       | 43        | 5    |        |           |       |           |       |                |
|        |            | 231 LAD less det                                    | 10        | 2    |        |           |       |           |       |                |
|        |            | 5 Div Cash Office                                   | 10        | -    |        |           |       |           |       |                |
|        |            | 77 Dental Unit                                      | 35        | 2    |        |           |       |           |       |                |
|        |            | Totals                                              | 831       | 256  |        |           |       |           |       |                |
|        |            | Adv Party 13 Inf Bde and att troops                 | 300       | -    |        |           |       |           |       |                |
|        |            | 9 Aust Pigeon Soc                                   | 5         | 3    |        | LAE       | 29/11 | JACQUINOT | 1/12  |                |
| 3      | S MORRISON | Field and Base Sps for Phase D approx               | 1,200     | 330  |        | MADANG    | 14/12 | JACQUINOT | 15/12 |                |
| 4      | ORION      | Leave draft approx                                  | 60        | -    |        | LAE       | 27/12 | ROSEVILLE | 1/12  |                |

| SER<br>IAL | VESSEL  | UNIT                                                | ALLOTMENT |      |        | FROM    | ETD   | TO PORT   | ETA  | REMARKS                           |
|------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------|------|--------|---------|-------|-----------|------|-----------------------------------|
|            |         |                                                     | Pers      | Vehs | Stores |         |       |           |      |                                   |
| 5.         | J EARLY | Ord Vehs                                            | -         | 112  |        | MADANG  | 4/12  | LAE       | 5/12 |                                   |
|            |         | Bal Phase D Troops if any<br>shut out from serial 3 |           |      |        | MADANG  | 4/12  | JACQUINOT | 9/12 | Vessel<br>routed<br>MADANG<br>LAE |
|            |         | Bal Phase D Troops approx                           | 270       | 40   |        | LAE     | 5/12  | JACQUINOT | 9/12 | JACQUINOT                         |
| 6.         | EDNA    | General Cargo                                       |           |      | 700    | MORESBY | 29/11 | AUST      | 5/12 |                                   |

# DISTRIBUTION

BGS

DA & QMG

G (OPS)

G (SD) (2)

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Q (2)

POSTAL (2)

GHQ REGULATING OFFR LAE

WAR DIARY (2)

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
23 NOV 44DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 194.  
(as at 1200 hrs 23 Nov 44)

| IN PORT                          | ETD | FOR | EN ROUTE                                                                                         | FROM                                                | ETA                                      | REMARKS                                                                                                                                       |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>AITAPE</u>                    |     |     | DUNTRON<br>J ISAACSON<br>RIVER HERBERT<br>S G REED<br>BONTEKOE<br>J EARLY                        | T'VILLE<br>AUST<br>SYDNEY<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>LADANG | 3/12<br>30/11<br>15/12<br>25/11<br>24/11 | on berth<br>T'VILLE<br>ex SYD 17/11<br>thence CAIRNS<br>on berth<br>SYDNEY 25/11<br>ex T'VILLE<br>19/11                                       |
| <u>LADANG</u>                    |     |     | J S MORTON                                                                                       | JACQUINOT                                           | 25/11                                    | also to load<br>LAE for<br>JACQUINOT                                                                                                          |
| <u>FINSCHAFEN</u><br>W H POHLE   |     |     |                                                                                                  |                                                     |                                          |                                                                                                                                               |
| <u>LAE</u>                       |     |     | ATLAS<br>ORISTON<br>F PARKMAN<br>J S MORTON                                                      | AUST<br>HOLLANDIA<br>AITAPE<br>LADANG               | 26/11<br>24/11<br>28/11                  | to load ex<br>SYD ETD 25/11<br>for T'VILLE<br>thence to<br>JACQUINOT<br>thence to<br>JACQUINOT                                                |
| <u>JACQUINOT</u><br>ANN McKIE    |     |     | F PARKMAN<br>L I GARRISON<br>VAN HEUTZ<br>EVANGELINE<br>W B ROGERS<br>JANE ADAMS<br>SWARTENHOEDT | LAE<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST | 27/11<br>3/12<br>27/11<br>26/11          | on berth<br>BRISBANE 18/11<br>dep CAIRNS<br>21/11<br>dep DARWIN<br>20/11<br>on berth<br>SYDNEY 18/11<br>on berth<br>DARWIN 18/11<br>ex DARWIN |
| <u>MORSEBY</u><br>EDNA           |     |     |                                                                                                  |                                                     |                                          |                                                                                                                                               |
| <u>MILNE BAY</u>                 |     |     | TORRENS<br>ELWOOD LEADE                                                                          | AUST                                                |                                          | ETD not set                                                                                                                                   |
| <u>TALAMBA</u><br><u>HOSKINS</u> |     |     | MAWARA                                                                                           | FINSCH                                              | 23/11                                    |                                                                                                                                               |

P.T.O.

| IN PORT                         | ETD   | FOR | BY ROUTE                                                    | FROM                             | ETA            | REMARKS                                                       |
|---------------------------------|-------|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>BOUGAINVILLE</u><br>J OLIVER |       |     | INDIAN<br>VICTORY<br>ARCHER<br>CAPE VICTORY<br>SANTA LONICA | AUST<br>SYDNEY<br>AUST<br>AUST   | 27/11<br>30/11 | dep CAIRNS<br>22/11<br>thence for<br>JACQUINCT<br>or BRISBANE |
| <u>HOLLANDIA</u><br>OBLISTON    | 23/11 | LAE | GORGON (14)<br>TORRENS                                      | BRIS &<br>CAIRNS<br>MILNE<br>BAY |                |                                                               |

**NOTE**

ETA - Expected Time of Arrival at Destination.

ETD - Expected Time of Departure from Loading Port.

*for* *NAIDUTON* BRIG.  
DA & CIG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

**DISTRIBUTION**

2/1 AUST LCV & TN GP  
8 AUST M C GP  
3 AUST DOCKS GP  
MC MORESBY  
MC FIRESCHAFEN  
MC MADANG  
MC ATTAPU  
MC HOLLANDIA  
MC BOSKINS  
MC TORCKINA  
MC JACQUINCT  
MG FORCE SEC AACB

BGS  
DA & CIG  
G (SD)  
A  
Q (4)  
Q (LOV & TN)  
CE (2)  
CSC  
MED  
CRD  
S & T  
POSTAL (2)

DAD TN (DOCKS)  
DAD TN (JATER TPT)

**FOR INFORMATION**

2 AUST CORPS  
6 AUST DIV  
ADV LHQ (FOR LOV)  
FWD ECH LHQ (FOR LOV)  
LHQ (FOR LOV)  
RANLO  
GHQ REG OFFR LAE  
WAR DIARY (2)  
FILE (7)

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AID)  
23 NOV 44.

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DAILY RETURN OF LOVELL'S RETURN NO 194.  
(From 1000 hrs 22 Nov to 1000 hrs 23 Nov)

1. BY SEA.

| SERIAL | UNIT                                        | STRENGTH<br>OFFERS ORS | FROM   | TO     | REMARKS                                   |
|--------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1.     | FIRST AUST ARMY                             | 1                      | HADANG | FINSCH | SLD NAVAL VESSE<br>(for Lee) 21 NOV.      |
| 2.     | 105 AUST C C S                              | 1                      | AUST   | JACQUE |                                           |
| 3.     | 53 AUST PORT CRAFT COY                      | 4                      | "      | NOT.   | DISSEMBLED EX A.<br>No KILL 22/11.        |
| 4.     | 283 AUST L A D                              | 1                      | "      | "      | "                                         |
| 5.     | 8 I B.                                      | 2                      | "      | "      | "                                         |
| 6.     | SERIALS 18-40 ON RETURN<br>NO 191 OF 20 NOV | 17                     | 506    | LAE    | R/VILLE DISSEMBLED EX J.<br>CLIVER 22/11. |
| 7.     | ANGAU (NATIVES)                             | 23                     | "      | FINSCH | DISSEMBLED EX AS<br>60 20/11.             |

2. AIR GENERAL

| SERIAL | UNIT                     | STRENGTH<br>OFFERS ORS | FROM   | TO      |   |
|--------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------|---------|---|
| 1.     | R P C Natives            | 12                     | AITAPE | NADZAB  |   |
| 2.     | 52 First Aust Army       | 18                     | NADZAB | T/VILLE |   |
| 3.     | 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy | 1                      | 6      | "       | " |
| 4.     | 22 Aust Works Coy        | 7                      | "      | "       | " |
| 5.     | Lae Base Sub Area        | 7                      | "      | "       | " |
| 6.     | 20 Aust Fd Coy           | 6                      | "      | "       | " |

3. AIR COM AND SPECIAL A/C.

| SERIAL | UNIT                 | NO OF A/C             | FROM   | TO              | LOADING                    |
|--------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| 1.     | 6 Sqn R.A.A.F.       | 3 Beauforts<br>(Drop) | NADZAB | NEW<br>BRITAIN  | Maint AID<br>field party   |
| 2.     | 9 Comm Unit R.A.A.F. | 1 Beaufort            | LAE    | HADANG          | COURIER                    |
| 3.     | 21 Service Gp USAAF  | 3 C47                 | NADZAB | AITAPE          |                            |
| 4.     | " " " "              | 3 C47<br>(Drop)       | "      | DUEPU<br>AIYURA | PIB Maint<br>-ANGAU Stores |

for *Howell/Kaplan* ERIC  
DA & QLG FIRST AUST ARMY  
(AL)

DISTRIBUTION.  
HQ ADV 2 ECH  
LPO NEW GUINEA  
NG FORCE SEC AACS  
BGS  
DA & QLG  
G (CPS)  
G (SD)  
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AIS  
Q (2)  
Q (MOV & TN)  
BRA  
C (2)  
CSC  
MED  
DENAL

S & T  
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E & ME  
POSTAL (2)  
SALVAGE  
AMEN  
FILE (7)  
WAR DIARY.

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HQ First Aust Army (AIF)  
Q Branch

AQMG's CONFERENCE NOTES - 23 NOV 44

Fresh Food ex MORESEY

1. AQMG (Plans) on returning from MORESEY said that 1000 eggs per week, plus fresh vegetables, could be provided for hospitals in LAE Q(Maint)  
Q(Mov)  
S&T
2. Q(Maint) will arrange details with S&T and Q(Mov & Tn). Consideration should be given to sending some of this food to SOLOMONS.

Landing Rations

3. Ref Notes 18 Nov, para 1.  
Responsibility for correct storage of ldg rations rests with MC Gps. Infm  
Q (Mov & Tn) have brought under notice of MC Gps that bottom stowing has occurred and drawn attention to responsibility of MC Gps for ensuring that ldg rations are available immediately on arrival at destination.

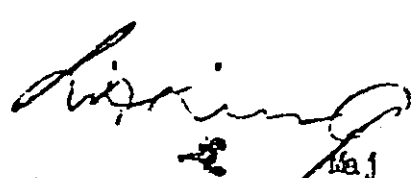
Stowage of Ships

4. ADOS (Depots) reports that acen stores were bottom stowed on J-3 MORETON to JACQUINOT; also that he saw many examples of bad stowage resulting in damage to cargo. Q(Maint)  
DAQMG (Mov) was also at JACQUINOT and was aware of this but reports that taking all ships into account, stowage was very good.
5. At one time, Port Dets comprising reps of Services used to function with MC Gps but these dets have been disbanded.  
LAE Base report that a recommendation for a Port Det was submitted to HGF but was not approved.
6. Services are in favour of these dets and LAE Base will give us the reference of their submission and advise whether the proposed org still applies. The matter will then be re-considered here with Q (Mov) and Services.

Stores & Eqpt at DUMPU

7. ANGAU have indicated that they do not want to take over anything at DUMPU. Q(Maint)
8. Q (Mov & Tn) state that it is practically certain that aircraft will not be available to evacuate all stores.
9. Q (Maint) will examine the list of stores and eqpt at DUMPU and recommend -  
(a) What should be evacuated  
(b) What should be abandoned.

DISTRIBUTION

|           |                  |         |                                                                                       |
|-----------|------------------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Col Q     | Staff Capt AQ    | AEEME   |  |
| AQ        | Staff Capt Col Q | Postal  |                                                                                       |
| Q (Maint) | Q(Mov & Tn)      | Sal     |                                                                                       |
| Q (Misc)  | S&T              | Camp    |                                                                                       |
| Q (Wks)   | Ord              | LAE BSA |                                                                                       |

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SUBJECT : " INDIAN VICTORY " CAIRNS TC  
BOUGAINVILLE.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
23 NOV 44.

C 2540.

|                      |              |        |
|----------------------|--------------|--------|
| 2 AUST CORPS         | 2 (MOV & TN) | RANLC. |
| 4 AUST BASE SUB AREA | CE (2)       |        |
| DA & QIG             | SVY          |        |
| G (CPS)              | IED          |        |
| G (SD)               | PRO          |        |
| 4                    | S & T        |        |
| C (4)                | POSTAL (2)   |        |

- Ref our Q2363 of 7 Nov and Q2316 of 12 Nov, not to all addressees.
- Advice has been received that vessel "INDIAN VICTORY" departed CAIRNS 22 Nov for BOUGAINVILLE, loading as follows.  
NOTE-(Vessel also loaded cargo for BOUGAINVILLE ex SYDNEY as per our Q 2316 of 12 Nov.)

3. (a) PERSONNEL, VEHICLES & LANDING CRAFT.

| SERIAL | UNIT                                  | STRENGTH |     | VEES & LANDING CRAFT                        | TONNAGE                        |
|--------|---------------------------------------|----------|-----|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|        |                                       | OFFRS    | CRS |                                             |                                |
| 1.     | 42 Aust Landing Craft Coy             | 2        | 14  | 4 x ALC 20's                                | ea 23 tons (DJ)                |
| 2.     | 1 Aust Water Amb Convoy               |          | 5   | 2 x 40' Work Boats and Cradles<br>1 x ALC 5 | ea 9 tons (DJ)<br>10 tons (DJ) |
| 3.     | First Aust Army Pro Coy ( 2 Secs)     | 1        |     | 2 Vehs                                      |                                |
| 4.     | 46 AL Sec , 33 Sen AL Sec             |          |     | 22 Vehs                                     |                                |
| 5.     | 3 Aust Svy Bty                        |          | 1   | 7 Vehs                                      |                                |
| 6.     | R A A F Bougainville                  |          |     | 9 Vehs                                      |                                |
|        |                                       |          |     | 100 Vehs (various)                          |                                |
|        |                                       |          |     | 4 M/Cycles                                  |                                |
| 7.     | 6 Comd AL Sec                         |          | 2   |                                             |                                |
| 8.     | 19(?) Air Liaison Sec & 33 Sen AL Sec |          | 2   |                                             |                                |
| TOTALS |                                       | 2        | 25  | 140 Vehs, 4 M/Cycles & 7 Water Craft        |                                |

(b) CARGO AND UNIT STORES

| SERIAL | UNIT OR SERVICE                    | DESCRIPTION                                      | TONS (LBS) |
|--------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 1.     | Aust Postal                        | 1208 Bags Mail                                   |            |
| 2.     | Aust Supply Officer                | 118 Pkges Rations & Supplies                     |            |
| 3.     | First Aust Army Pro Coy ( 2 Secs ) | 7 Pkges Unit Equip                               |            |
| 4.     | R A A F Bougainville               | 6040 Pkges Unit Equip incl qty Tent Floor Boards | 531        |

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*P. Cunningham, Capt*  
for DA & QIG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) BRIG.

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HQ First Aust Army (AIF)  
24 Nov 44  
Q 2572

Subject : CLEANLINESS OF OFFICE AREAS

1. As the availability of general duty personnel within HQ First Aust Army is very limited, it is not possible to allot them for work in the office area.

2. It is therefore requested that all Branches, Arms and Services co-operate by using their own staff to keep the area around their offices in a tidy condition.

*[Signature]*  
Brig  
DA&QMG First Aust Army

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Subject : "RIVER DERWENT" - SYDNEY, T'VILLE & CAIRES TO AITAF

HQ FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AIF)  
24 Nov 44

Q2543

|                            |              |            |
|----------------------------|--------------|------------|
| 5 AUSTRALIAN DIV           | A            | S & T      |
| 3 AUSTRALIAN BASE SUB AREA | Q (4)        | ORD        |
| HQ SEC AACB                | Q (MOV & TR) | POSTAL (2) |
| DA & QMG                   | ON (2)       | RAIL       |
| C (OPS)                    | MED          |            |
| F (SD)                     | RED CROSS    |            |

1. Ref our Q2197 of 26 Oct and Q2259 of 31 Oct NOT to all addressees.
2. Advice has been received that vessel "RIVER DERWENT" departed SYDNEY 20 Nov for T'VILLE. Loaded cargo at SYDNEY for AITAF as follows:-
3. (a) CARGO

| Serial | Description Cargo     | Tons (m) |
|--------|-----------------------|----------|
| 1      | Rations               | 1,527    |
| 2      | Canteen Stores        | 554      |
| 3      | FOI                   | 973      |
| 4      | Ord Stores            | 470      |
| 5      | Ammunition            | 810      |
| 6      | Med Stores            | 141      |
| 7      | Engr Stores           | 75       |
| 8      | Aust Red Cross Stores | 80       |
| 9      | RAAF ( Bombs )        | 250      |
| TOTAL  |                       | 4,830    |

(b) PERSONNEL

| Serial | Unit          | Strength<br>Offrs ORs | Remarks         |
|--------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1      | LEQ (Escorts) | 3                     | ( Voyage only ) |

*Delivered to, 24 Nov 44*  
for DA & QMG FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AIF)

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Subject : VESSELS "MEXICO" AND "SHAWNEE" - BRISBANE TO BOUGAINVILLE

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
24 Nov 44.

Q2544

|                      |              |       |
|----------------------|--------------|-------|
| 2 AUST CORPS         | Q (4)        | RANLO |
| 1 AUST BASE SUB AREA | Q (MOV & TR) |       |
| 1 Q (S)              | CE (2)       |       |
| 1 (OPS)              | S & T        |       |
| 1 (SD)               | ORD          |       |
| 1                    | POSTAL (2)   |       |

1. Advice has been received that vessels "MEXICO" and "SHAWNEE" have been made available to load at BRISBANE personnel, stores, equip etc of 11 Aust Inf Bde at an early date. Destination BOUGAINVILLE.

2. CAPACITY OF VESSELS

| <u>Vessels</u> | <u>Personnel</u> |
|----------------|------------------|
| MEXICO         | 1,205            |
| SHAWNEE        | 1,569            |
| Totals         | <u>2,774</u>     |

3. Units will move with tentage, Unit Equip and accom-stores etc and such light vehicles as may be loaded.

4. Freezer/cooler cargo will be loaded to capacity of respective vessels.

*for* *Williamson, G/V* Brig.  
DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
24 NOV 44

DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 195.  
(as at 1200 hrs 24 Nov 44)

| IN PORT             | ETD   | FOR    | EN ROUTE                                                                                                   | FROM                                                       | ETA                                              | REMARKS                                                                                                                                       |
|---------------------|-------|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>AITAPE</u>       |       |        | DUNTROON<br>J ISAACSON<br>RIVER DERWENT<br>S G REED<br>BOWLEKOE<br>J EARLY<br>T CORWIN                     | CAIRNS<br>AUST<br>SYDNEY<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>MADANG<br>AUST | 3/12<br>15/12<br>25/11<br>4/12                   | on berth<br>CAIRNS<br>ex SYD 17/11<br>thence CAIRNS<br>ex SYD 23/11<br>on berth<br>SYDNEY 25/11<br>ex CAIRNS<br>26/11                         |
| <u>MADANG</u>       |       |        | J S MORTON                                                                                                 | JACQUINOT                                                  | 25/11                                            | also to load<br>LAE for<br>JACQUINOT                                                                                                          |
| <u>ELUSCHAFER</u>   |       |        |                                                                                                            |                                                            |                                                  |                                                                                                                                               |
| W H POINT           |       |        |                                                                                                            |                                                            |                                                  |                                                                                                                                               |
| <u>LAE</u>          |       |        | ATLAS<br>CRISTON<br>F PARELAN<br>J S MORTON                                                                | AUST<br>HOLLANDIA<br>AITAPE<br>MADANG                      | 26/11<br>24/11<br>28/11                          | to load ex<br>SYD 25/11<br>for TIVELIN<br>thence to<br>JACQUINOT<br>thence to<br>JACQUINOT                                                    |
| <u>JACQUINOT</u>    |       |        | F PARELAN<br>L M GARRISON<br>VAN HEUTZ<br>EVANGELINE<br>W B ROGERS<br>JANE ADAMS<br>SWARTENHONDT<br>MORTON | LAE<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>LAE | 27/11<br>3/12<br>27/11<br>26/11<br>20/11<br>1/12 | on berth<br>BRISBANE 18/11<br>dep CAIRNS<br>21/11<br>dep DARWIN<br>20/11<br>on berth<br>SYDNEY 18/11<br>on berth<br>DARWIN 18/11<br>ex DARWIN |
| <u>FINA</u>         | 27/11 | SYDNEY |                                                                                                            |                                                            |                                                  |                                                                                                                                               |
| <u>ELWOOD LEADE</u> |       |        | TORRENS<br>ELWOOD LEADE                                                                                    | AUST                                                       |                                                  | did not set                                                                                                                                   |
| <u>CAIRNS</u>       |       |        |                                                                                                            |                                                            |                                                  |                                                                                                                                               |
| <u>WILKINSON</u>    |       |        |                                                                                                            |                                                            |                                                  |                                                                                                                                               |
| <u>P.T.O.</u>       |       |        |                                                                                                            |                                                            |                                                  |                                                                                                                                               |

| IN PORT                       | ETD   | FOR | EN ROUTE                                                            | FROM                                   | ETA                | REMARKS                                                       |
|-------------------------------|-------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>COUGAINVILLE</u><br>CLIVER |       |     | INDIAN<br>VICTORY<br><br>ARCHER<br><br>CAPE VICTORY<br>SANTA MONICA | AUST<br><br>SYDNEY<br><br>AUST<br>AUST | 27/11<br><br>30/11 | dep CAIRNS<br>22/11<br>thence for<br>JACQUINOT<br>bx BRISBANE |
| <u>HOLLANDIA</u><br>CRISTON   | 23/11 | LAE | GORGON (14)<br>TORRENS                                              | BRIS &<br>CAIRNS<br>MILNE<br>BAY       |                    |                                                               |

NOTE:

ETA - Expected Time of Arrival at Destination.

ETD - Expected Time of Departure from Loading Port.

*for* *South Pacific* BRIG.  
DA & QEG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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2/1 AUST LCV & TN GP  
8 AUST H C GP  
3 AUST DOCKS GP  
MC MCRESBY  
MC FINSCHAFEN  
MC MADANG  
MC ATTAPU  
MC HOLLANDIA  
MC HOSKINS  
MC TOROKINA  
MC JACQUINOT  
NG FORCE SEC ALCS

BGS  
DA & QEG  
G (SD)  
A  
Q (4)  
Q (MOV & TN)  
CE (2)  
CSC  
MED  
ORD  
S & T  
POSTAL (2)

DAD TN (DOCKS)  
DAD TN (WATER TPT)

FOR INFORMATION:

2 AUST CORPS  
6 AUST DIV  
ADV LHQ (FOR LCV)  
FWD ECH LHQ (FOR MOV)  
LHQ (FOR LCV)  
RANLO  
GHQ REG OFFER 1  
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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
24 NOV 44.

DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS- RETURN NO 195.  
( From 1000 hrs 23 Nov to 1000 hrs 24 Nov )

1. BY SEA.

| SERIAL. | UNIT                     | STRENGTH | FROM | TO           | REMARKS     |
|---------|--------------------------|----------|------|--------------|-------------|
|         |                          | OFFRS    | ORS  |              |             |
| 1.      | A A C S (ESCORT)         |          | 2    | TREASURY     | SLD NAVAL   |
| 2.      | 38 AUST W/T Sqn          |          | 1    | "            | CRAFT 22/11 |
| 3.      | 7 Aust Inf Bn            | 2        | 35   | BOUGAINVILLE | SLD S REED  |
| 4.      | A A C S                  |          | 1    | "            | 14/11       |
| 5.      | School Personnel         | 3        | 4    | "            | SLD S REED  |
| 6.      | Medical Evacuees         |          | 7    | "            | 14/11       |
| 7.      | Medical Officer (Voyage) | 1        | -    | "            | "           |
| 8.      | N S W Leave Details      | 3        | 104  | "            | "           |
| 9.      | Nth Q'land Leave Details |          | 16   | "            | "           |
| 10.     | Sth Q'land Leave Details |          | 25   | "            | "           |
| 11.     | Tasmanian                |          | 6    | "            | "           |
| 12.     | Sth. Aust.               | 1        | 15   | "            | "           |
| 13.     | West Aust.               | 2        | 4    | "            | "           |
| 14.     | Victorian                | 3        | 80   | "            | "           |

2. AIR GENERAL :-

| UNIT               | Strength   | FROM     | TO      |
|--------------------|------------|----------|---------|
|                    | Offrs Ors  |          |         |
| 101 Aust Lt Fd Amb | 7          | LAE      | MORESBY |
| 6 Aust A A Ops Rm  | 11         | MADANG   | LAE     |
| A I B              | 8          |          |         |
|                    | Natives-10 | BRISBANE | LAE     |

COMM AND SPECIAL A/C:-

| UNIT             | NO OF A/C    | FROM   | TO       | DETAILS         |
|------------------|--------------|--------|----------|-----------------|
| 9 Comm Unit RAAF | 1 C47        | LAE    | MORESBY  | pers & stores   |
|                  | 1 BEAUFORT   | LAE    | AITAPE   | courier         |
|                  | 1 "          | LAE    | TOROKINA | personnel       |
| 21 Service Gp    | 1 C47 (drop) | NADZAB | AITEMELE | PIB maintenance |
| USAAF            | 2 C47        | "      | AIXURA   | ANGAU stores    |

*for [Signature]*  
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D A & Q M G FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION:-

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| NG ADV 2 ECH      | E & ME     |
| DFO NEW GUINEA    | POSTAL (2) |
| NG FORCE SEC AACS | SALVAGE    |
| EGS               | AMEN       |
| DA & QMB          | FILE (7)   |
| G (OPS)           | WAR DIARY  |
| G (SD)            |            |
| A                 |            |
| AMS               |            |
| Q (2)             |            |
| Q (MOV & TR)      |            |
| JRA               |            |
| CE (2)            |            |
| CSO               |            |
| ED                |            |
| DENTAL            |            |
| S & T             |            |
| ORD               |            |

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ACMG's CONFERENCE NOTES - 24/25 NOV 44

DIAMOND T WRECKERS

1. LHQ advise that Diamond T Wreckers will only be issued to units of 1 Aust Corps, 6 7 and 9 Divs, 1 and 2 Aust Beach Gps, 1 Aust Base Sub Area and 4 Aust Armd Bde. Infm
2. Units moving to First Aust Army area will be equipped with Trucks 3-ton 4 x 4 Breakdown.

TENTAGE

3. Ref notes of 16 Nov 44 para 3.  
Ord now advise that 2500 tents which were expected ex AUST are not now available. This posn is unsatisfactory and DDOS intends take matter up with DOS when in MELB-OURNE. Infm  
Ord
4. As sup posn in AUST is acute and depot holdings in First Aust Army area are negligible, consideration will be given to approaching US Forces at OKO BAY with a view to obtaining tents under Lend-Lease.
5. The posn will be discussed in detail with ADOS(Depots)

AIR STRIP - JACQUINOT

6. RAAF responsible for constr and maint. Q(Wks)  
First Aust Army responsible for provision of engr stores. NORCOM RAAF has been requested to send an executive offr and an engr offr to this HQ within next few days to discuss detailed requirements so that CE can place demands on AUST.

WITHDRAWAL OF VEHs ON LOAN TO PHILANTHROPIC BODIES

7. DDOS has received an instr from DOS, LHQ to withdraw these vehs. Q(Maint)  
Ord  
Submit the relative veh list to A Branch and ascertain what vehs, if any, can be withdrawn without interfering with the efficiency of the bodies concerned.  
Staff will decide what action is to be taken.

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|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| COL Q            |                   |
| AQ               |                   |
| Q(Maint)         |                   |
| Q(Miso)          | Sal               |
| Q(Wks)           | Camp              |
| Staff Capt AQ    | LAE Base Sub Area |
| Staff Capt Col Q | War Diary (2) ✓   |
| Q(Mov & In)      | File              |
| S&T              |                   |
| Ord              |                   |
| AEME             |                   |
| Postal           |                   |

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25 NOV 44

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DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO. 195  
(from 1000hrs 24 Nov to 1000hrs 25 Nov)

1. BY SEA

| SERIAL | UNIT                                | STRENGTH |     | FROM    | TO       | REMARKS                |
|--------|-------------------------------------|----------|-----|---------|----------|------------------------|
|        |                                     | OFFRS    | ORS |         |          |                        |
| 1      | Serial 41-44 on Ret.No.191 of 20/11 | 1        | 32  | LAE     | HOSKINS  | D'bkd ex Maiwaro 24/11 |
| 2      | Serials 3&4incl. Return 195 24/11   | 2        | 36  | B'ville | TREASURY | D'bkd ex S Reed 16/11  |
| 3      | 2/6 Cav Cndo                        | 3        | 89  | CAIRNS  | AITAPE   | Sld Duntroon 24/11     |
| 4      | 2/1 Aust Fd Coy                     | 4        | 199 | "       | "        | "                      |
| 5      | HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde                  | 6        | 66  | "       | "        | "                      |
| 6      | Det A.S S Sec                       | -        | 4   | "       | "        | "                      |
| 7      | 17 Aust Bde Sig Sec                 | 1        | 50  | "       | "        | "                      |
| 8      | Det 2/41 Cypher Sec                 | -        | 1   | "       | "        | "                      |
| 9      | 11 Pl 2/1 Gd Bn                     | 1        | 34  | "       | "        | "                      |
| 10     | Sec 6 Aust Div Prov Coy             | -        | 18  | "       | "        | "                      |
| 11     | Det 6 Aust Div Post                 | -        | 5   | "       | "        | "                      |
| 12     | 2/46 LAD                            | 1        | 11  | "       | "        | "                      |
| 13     | 2/5 Aust Inf Bn                     | 37       | 726 | "       | "        | "                      |
| 14     | 2/7 Aust Inf Bn                     | 8        | 93  | "       | "        | "                      |
| 15     | 2/22 Aust Sup Dep                   | 2        | 32  | "       | "        | "                      |
| 16     | 2/23 Aust Sup Dep                   | 1        | 19  | "       | "        | "                      |
| 17     | 2/3 Aust Tpt Pl.                    | 2        | 58  | "       | "        | "                      |
| 18     | 13 Sec 2/4 Dental                   | 1        | 3   | "       | "        | "                      |
| 19     | Det 6 Aust Div Rec Camp             | -        | 9   | "       | "        | "                      |
| 20     | 2/2 Aust Fd Bgt                     | 1        | 40  | "       | "        | "                      |
| 21     | 2/2 Aust Fd Amb                     | 1        | 1   | "       | "        | "                      |
| 22     | HQ 6 Aust Div                       | 2        | -   | "       | "        | "                      |
| 23     | 6 Aust Div Details                  | -        | 5   | "       | "        | "                      |

2. AIR GENERAL

| UNIT                | STRENGTH |     | FROM   | TO         | DETAILS          |
|---------------------|----------|-----|--------|------------|------------------|
|                     | Offr     | Ors |        |            |                  |
| HQ First Aust Army  | 8        | 4   | LAE    | TOROKINA   | DA & QMG & party |
| 19 Aust L of C Sigs |          | 14  | MADZAB | TOWNSVILLE |                  |

COMM & SPECIAL A/C.

| UNIT             | NO OF A/C  | FROM | TO               | DETAILS          |
|------------------|------------|------|------------------|------------------|
| 9 Comm Unit RAAF | 1 C47      | LAE  | TOROKINA         | DA&QMG and party |
| "                | 1 BEAUFORT | LAE  | MADANG<br>AITAPE | Courier.         |

*for Mr. H. H. Hapton Capt.*  
D A & Q M G FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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10 ADV GUINEA  
10 FORCE SEC AACS  
DCS  
LA & CMC  
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3 ( )  
3 ( )  
3 ( )  
3 ( )

Q (MOV & TH)  
BRA  
CE (2)  
CSO  
MED  
DENTAL  
S & T  
ORD  
E & ME  
POSTAL (2)  
1. 1000hrs

SALVAGE  
AMEN  
FILE (7)  
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Subject: "GEORGE M HINSE" BRISBANE & TOWNSVILLE  
TO HOLLANDIA

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
25 Nov 44

Q2546

DA & QMG  
G (OPS)  
G (SD)  
A  
Q (H)  
Q (MOV & TN)

CG (2)  
GSO  
SVT  
PRO  
ORD  
N & ME

POSTAL (2)  
RABLO

1. Advice has been received that abovementioned vessel will load at BRISBANE and TOWNSVILLE following personnel, vehs and equipment for HOLLANDIA.

(a) EX BRISBANE

| Serial | Consignor                 | Vehs & Trlrs         |
|--------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1.     | Adv LEQ                   | 6                    |
| 2.     | 2/1 Aust Docks Op Coy     | 2                    |
| 3.     | Sec L of C Provost        | 2 & 4 M/cycles       |
| 4.     | 207 Aust LAD              | 3                    |
| 5.     | Hq 23 L of C Sigs         | 19 & 1 bull<br>dozer |
| 6.     | 24 DR Sec                 | 24                   |
| 7.     | 8 Op Sec                  | 2                    |
| 8.     | 6 Lino Sec                | 11                   |
| 9.     | 16 Maint Sec              | 7 & 2 M/cycles       |
| 10.    | 4 Tech Maint Sec          | 4                    |
| 11.    | 37 Aust Wireless Sec (Ky) | 16                   |
| 12.    | 10 " " "                  | 16                   |
| 13.    | 110 Aust SWED Tele Op     | 4                    |

TOTALS . 116 vehs & trlrs 1 bulldozer  
6 M/cycles

(b) EX TOWNSVILLE

| Serial | Unit                           | Strength<br>all ranks | Vehs | Stores<br>Tons (m) |
|--------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------|--------------------|
| 1      | 2/1 Aust Army<br>Top & Svy Coy | 148                   | 15   | 103                |
| TOTALS |                                | 148                   | 15   | 103                |

*[Signature]*  
Lt Col  
Mov & Tn

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Subject : TARCOONA (63) SYDNEY & TOWNSVILLE TO LAE

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
25 Nov 44  
Q2545

LAE BASE SUB AREA  
DA & QMG  
G (OPS)  
G (SD)  
A  
Q (4)  
Q (MOV & TR)

CH (2)  
MED  
PRO  
S & T  
ORD  
PCSTAL (2)  
RAILO

1. Advice has been received that following personnel and stores for LAE will load at SYDNEY and TOWNSVILLE on vessel "TARCOONA":

(a) EX SYDNEY

| Serial | UNIT                   | STRENGTH<br>all ranks | STORES<br>Tons (m) |
|--------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1.     | RAH                    | 100                   | .....              |
| 2.     | 108 Adv Dep Med Stores | 9                     | 2                  |
| TOTALS |                        | 109                   | 2                  |

(b) EX TOWNSVILLE

| Serial | UNIT                             | STRENGTH<br>all ranks | STORES<br>Tons (m) |
|--------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 3.     | 3 Aust Corp Pro Coy              | 117                   | 5                  |
| 4.     | AIB                              | 3                     | 14 (DW)            |
| 5.     | I LIST Leave school<br>Returnees | 520                   | .....              |
| TOTALS |                                  | 640                   | 19                 |

NOTES General cargo, mails, equipment etc NOT to exceed 250 tons (M) will also be loaded at TOWNSVILLE.

*for* DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
26 Nov 44.DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN No 197.  
(as at 1200 hrs 26 Nov 44)

| IN PORT              | ETD   | FOR       | EN ROUTE             | FROM      | ETA   | REMARKS                              |
|----------------------|-------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|-------|--------------------------------------|
| <u>AITAPE</u>        |       |           | DUNTHOON             | CAIRNS    | 29/11 | ex CAIRNS                            |
|                      |       |           | J ISAACSON           | AUST      | 3/12  | 24/11, ex SYD & CAIRNS               |
|                      |       |           | RIVER DEWENT         | AUST      |       | ex SYD 22/11 thence TIVILLE & CAIRNS |
|                      |       |           | S G REED             | AUST      | 15/12 | on berth SYD 25/11                   |
|                      |       |           | BONTEKON             | AUST      |       | on berth TIVILLE 26/11               |
|                      |       |           | J EARLY              | MADANG    | 26/11 |                                      |
|                      |       |           | F CORWIN             | AUST      | 4/12  | ex CAIRNS                            |
|                      |       |           | SIMON BENSON         | LAE       | 29/11 |                                      |
| <u>MADANG</u>        |       |           |                      |           |       |                                      |
| J S MORETON          | 28/11 | JACQUINOT |                      |           |       | also to ld LAE for JACQUINOT         |
|                      |       |           | THREE CHEERS         | AUST      |       | ex SYD 8/11                          |
| <u>PINSCHHAGEN</u>   |       |           | NORLAGO              | AUST      |       | ex BRIS 15/11                        |
| <u>LAE</u>           |       |           | TAROONA              | AUST      |       | ex SYD & TIVILLE                     |
| SIMON G BENSON 27/11 |       |           | ATLAS                | AUST      |       | dep SYD 25/11                        |
| OZARK                |       |           | ORMISTON             | HOLLANDIA |       | for TIVILLE                          |
| PARKMAN              | 29/11 | JACQUINOT | J S MORETON          | MADANG    | 29/11 | thence JACQ                          |
|                      |       |           | CITY OF HOUSTON      | AUST      | 3/12  | ex SYDNEY                            |
|                      |       |           | WILKINIA             | AUST      |       | ex BRIS 20/11                        |
|                      |       |           | CITY OF PHILADELPHIA | SYDNEY    |       | via M/BAY via MILNE BAY & ORO        |
| <u>JACQUINOT</u>     |       |           | F PARKMAN            | LAE       | 31/11 |                                      |
| ANN MCKIM            |       |           | L M GARRISON         | AUST      | 3/12  | ex BRIS                              |
| VAN LEUTZ            |       |           |                      |           |       |                                      |
|                      |       |           | EVANGELINE           | AUST      | 26/11 | ex DARWIN 20/11                      |
|                      |       |           | W B ROGERS           | AUST      |       | on berth SYD 18/11                   |
|                      |       |           | JANE ADAMS           | AUST      | 31/11 | DEP DARWIN 28/11                     |
|                      |       |           | SWARTENEONDT         | AUST      |       | ex DARWIN                            |
|                      |       |           | MORETON              | LAE       | 1/12  |                                      |
| <u>MORESEY</u>       |       |           |                      |           |       |                                      |
| EDNA                 | 27/11 | SYDNEY    |                      |           |       |                                      |
| <u>MILNE BAY</u>     |       |           | TORREYS              |           |       | ETD not set                          |
|                      |       |           | ELWOOD MEADE         | AUST      |       | To load SYD                          |
|                      |       |           | CITY OF PHILADELPHIA | SYDNEY    |       | for MILNE BAY ORO and LAE            |

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| IS FROM                                                        | ETD   | FOR    | BY ROUTE                                                                     | FROM                                         | ETA            | REMARKS                                                                                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <del>SALAMBA</del><br><del>HOSKINS</del><br><del>MAIVARA</del> | 27/12 | MADANG |                                                                              |                                              |                |                                                                                          |
| <del>BOUGAINVILLE</del>                                        |       |        | SHAVEN<br>INDIAN VICTORY<br>ARCHER<br>CAPE VICTORY<br>SANTA MONICA<br>MEXICO | AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST | 27/12<br>30/12 | ex SYD<br>ex CAIRNS<br>22/12<br>ex SYD chance<br>JACQUINOT<br>ex BRISBANE<br>ex BRISBANE |
| HOLLANDIA<br>ORLSTON                                           |       | LAE    | GORGON (14)<br>TORRENS<br>G M HIMES<br>MICHAEL KERR                          | AUST<br>MILNE BAY<br>AUST<br>AUST            | 1/12           | ex<br>CAIRNS<br>ex BRISBANE<br>ex SYDNEY                                                 |

**NOTE:**

ETA - Expected Time of Arrival at Destination.

ETD - Expected time of Departure from Loading Port.

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 DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (ALF)

**DISTRIBUTION**

2/1 AUST MOV 6 TH GP  
 8 AUST 2.C. GP  
 3 AUST DOCKS GP  
 M.C. MORESBY  
 M.C. FINSCHHAFFEN  
 M.C. MADANG  
 M.C. AITAPE  
 M.C. HOLLANDIA  
 M.C. HOSKINS  
 M.C. TOROKINA  
 M.C. JACQUINOT BAY  
 NG FORCE SEC AACS

BGE  
 DA & QMG  
 G (SD)  
 A  
 Q (4)  
 Q (MOV & TH)  
 CE (2)  
 CSO  
 MED  
 ORD  
 S & T  
 POSTAL (2)

DAD TH (DOCKS)  
 DAD TH (WATER TPT)

**FOR INFORMATION**

2 AUST CORPS  
 6 AUST DIV  
 ADV LHQ (FOR MOV)  
 FWD MCH LHQ (FOR MOV)  
 LHQ (FOR MOV)  
 RANLO  
 GHQ REG OFFR LAE  
 WAR DIARY (2)  
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Subject : " JUBAL EARLY " - MADANG TO AITAPE.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
26 Nov 44.

|          |             |            |        |
|----------|-------------|------------|--------|
| DA & QMG | Q(MOV & TR) | POSTAL (2) | Q 2577 |
| G (OPS)  | CE (2)      | RANLO      |        |
| G (SD)   | WED         |            |        |
| A        | S & T       |            |        |
| Q (4)    | ORD         |            |        |

1. Advice has been received that vessel " JUBAL EARLY " departed MADANG 25 Nov for AITAPE loading as follows :-

2. (a) PERSONNEL

| Serial | Unit                                       | Strength<br>Offrs ORs |    |
|--------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----|
| 1.     | 126 AGT Coy                                | 1                     | 1  |
| 2.     | Rear Det C Sqn Group<br>2/4 Aust Armd Regt | 1                     | 23 |
| 3.     | Rear Det 2/11 AGH                          | 1                     | 14 |
| Totals |                                            | 3                     | 38 |

(b) VEHICLES AND STORES

| Serial | Consignee                | Vehs                            | Tons (m)<br>Stores |
|--------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1.     | C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt | 25                              | -                  |
| 2.     | 126 AGT Coy              | 6                               | -                  |
| 3.     | 2/11 AGH                 | 4                               | 88                 |
| 4.     | 7 Aust Docks Op Coy      | 2                               | -                  |
|        |                          | 1 (Tobruk lighter)              | -                  |
| 5.     | 54 Aust DORE Works       | 1                               | 1                  |
| 6.     | RAE Dump                 | 1                               | 91                 |
| 7.     | DADST                    | 1                               | 46 (Rations)       |
| 8.     | 106 Ord Veh Pk           | 1                               | -                  |
| 9.     | 19 Aust AOD              | 1                               | 54                 |
| 10.    | 16 Aust ASD              | -                               | 6 (Timber)         |
| Totals |                          | 38 vehs and<br>1 Tobruk Lighter | 286                |

*P. Cunningham, Capt*  
for COL ( HQ ) HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
26 NOV 44.

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**DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS-RETURN NO 197.**  
(From 1000 hrs 25 Nov to 1000 hrs 26 Nov.)

| 1. BY SEA.           |                                                                                      |                       |         |           |           |                             |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| SERIAL               | UNIT                                                                                 | STRENGTH<br>OFFRS ORS |         | FROM      | TO        | REMARKS                     |
| 1.                   | ATTEND SERIAL 18 ON<br>RETURN NO 196 OF 25/11<br>TO READ.<br>"B" SEC 2/4 AUST DENTAL | 1                     | 3       | CAIRNS    | AITAPE    | SLD DUNTROON<br>24/11.      |
| 2.                   | DET 3 AUST WATER TPT<br>SIG SEC                                                      |                       | 2       | LAE       | JACQUINOT | SLD AK 94<br>24/11.         |
| 3.                   | ANGAU S & S                                                                          |                       | 4       | "         | "         | "                           |
| 4.                   | ANGAU (DET)                                                                          |                       | 1       | "         | "         | "                           |
| 5.                   | " (NATIVES)                                                                          |                       | 43      | "         | "         | "                           |
| 6.                   | " COY 1 NGIB                                                                         | 4                     | 21      | LAE       | HANSA BAY | SLD AK 95<br>24/11          |
| 7.                   | " (NATIVES)                                                                          |                       | 127     | "         | "         | "                           |
| 8.                   | MED EVACUEES                                                                         |                       | 3       | JACQUINOT | MADANG    | SLD J S I.C.<br>RTON 24/11. |
| 9.                   | 126 AGT COY                                                                          | 1                     | 1       | MADANG    | AITAPE    | SLD JUBAL EARLY<br>25/11.   |
| 10.                  | REAR DET C SQN GROUP<br>2/4 AUST ARD REGT                                            | 1                     | 23      | "         | "         | "                           |
| 11.                  | REAR DET 2/11 AGH                                                                    | 1                     | 14      | "         | "         | "                           |
| 2 AIR GENERAL :-     |                                                                                      |                       |         |           |           |                             |
| UNIT                 | STRENGTH<br>OFFRS ORS                                                                |                       | FROM    | TO        | DETAILS   |                             |
| ANGAU                | 2                                                                                    | 4                     | MORESBY | NADZAB    |           |                             |
| 101 Lt FC Amb (AANS) | 6                                                                                    |                       | "       | "         |           |                             |
| RPC (natives)        |                                                                                      | 34                    | AITAPE  | "         |           |                             |
| "B" Coy PIB          |                                                                                      | 1                     |         |           |           |                             |
|                      | natives-21                                                                           |                       | LUMPU   | "         |           |                             |

**COMM AND SPECIAL A/C**

| UNIT                | NO OF A/C | FROM   | TO     | DETAILS        |
|---------------------|-----------|--------|--------|----------------|
| 21 Service Gp USAAF | 1 C47     | DUMPU  | NADZAB | move B Coy PIB |
|                     | 2 C47     | NADZAB | AIYURA | ANGAU maint.   |

*John*  
D A & Q M G FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

**DISTRIBUTION**

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| NG ADV 2 ECH      | BRA        |
| DFO NEW GUINEA    | CE (2)     |
| NG FORCE SEC AACS | CSO        |
| BGS               | MED        |
| DA & QLG          | DENTAL     |
| G (OPS)           | S & T      |
| G (SD)            | ORD        |
| A                 | E & ME     |
| AMS               | POSTAL (2) |
| Q (2)             | SALVAGE    |
| Q (MOV & TN)      | AMEN       |
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HQ First Aust Army (AIF)  
28 Nov 44  
Q 2804

**Subject : CONSERVATION OF TENTAGE - GPO 0385 OF 20 OCT 44**

1. Advice has been received that the provision of tentage for AIF requirements can be expected to become progressively worse. For some time past, all duck for tropic treated tentage has been imported from AMERICA. That country now finds that supplies are inadequate for its own requirements and has advised that it cannot supply the quantities which we require.

2. The type of duck and tents obtainable from INDIA (our only other source) is not suitable for tropic treatment. It therefore becomes even more necessary than ever that a very strict inspection of pitched tentage should be maintained to ensure the longest possible life.

3. It is desired that addressees take vigorous action to ensure that utmost care is taken of all tentage and it is requested that officers be appointed to make continuous inspections to ensure that the provisions of GPO 0385 are rigidly carried out.

4. It is also desired that a review of tentage holdings be made by addressees and that consideration be given to reducing, as far as practicable, unit holdings of tents.

*Leaving*  
DAGONG First Aust Army

**DISTRIBUTION LIST '0' (Parachutes and Formations  
plus units of First Aust  
Army tps only)**  
Class Serials: 16  
22  
27  
28  
35  
36  
39/40  
45/46  
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55/56  
58/59  
61/63  
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Subject : " ATLAS " - SYDNEY TO LAE.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
26 Nov 44.

|                   |                |            |        |
|-------------------|----------------|------------|--------|
| LAE BASE SUB AREA | Q(MOV & TN)    | S & T      | Q 2580 |
| HQ SEC AAOS       | OE (2)         | ORD        |        |
| DA & QMG          | MET            | RANLO      |        |
| 1 (OPS)           | ACF            | POSTAL (2) |        |
| 1 (SD)            | AUST RED CROSS |            |        |
| A                 | YMCA           |            |        |
| Q (4)             | AMENITIES      |            |        |

1. Ref our Q 2447 of 15 Nov and Q 2463 of 16 Nov not to all addresses.

2. Advice has been received that vessel " ATLAS " departed SYDNEY 25 Nov for LAE loading as follows :-

3.

| Serial | Description of Cargo  | Vehs          | Tons (m)<br>Stores incl vehs |
|--------|-----------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| 1.     | Rations               | -             | 2029                         |
| 2.     | Ord Stores            | 38 Jeeps      |                              |
|        |                       | 35 Jeep Trlrs | 2566                         |
| 3.     | Engrs Stores          | -             | 399                          |
| 4.     | P O L                 | -             | 557                          |
| 5.     | Canteen Stores        | -             | 768                          |
| 6.     | Medical Stores        | -             | 76                           |
| 7.     | Stationery            | -             | 24                           |
| 8.     | Aust Mail             | -             | 330                          |
| 9.     | Angau Stores          | -             | 86                           |
| 10.    | A O F Stores          | -             | 118                          |
| 11.    | Aust Red Cross Stores | -             | 72                           |
| 12.    | M F O                 | -             | 13                           |
| 13.    | Y M C A               | -             | 5                            |
| 14.    | American Red Cross    | -             | 105                          |
| Totals |                       | 73            | 7148                         |

for *W. Cunningham, Capt*  
Brigadier  
DA & QMG HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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Subject : " INDIAN VICTORY " - CAIRNS TO BOUGAINVILLE.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
26 Nov 44.

Q2579

|                      |             |            |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|
| 2 AUST CORPS         | Q(4)        | S & T      |
| 4 AUST BASE SUB AREA | Q(MOV & TR) | POSTAL (2) |
| DA & QMG             | CE (2)      | RAHLO      |
| G (OPS)              | SVY         |            |
| G (SD)               | MED         |            |
| A                    | PRO         |            |

1. Amend our Q2540 of 23 Nov as follows.

Ref Para 3 sub para (a):

ADD

To Serial 7 add 14 vehs

May Serial 9 54 Wing RAAF 3 offrs 4 ORs

REDUCE Serial 3 to read 5 vehs

*B. Cunningham, Capt* Brig  
for DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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Subject : " JANE ADAMS " - DARWIN FOR JACQUINOT

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
26 Nov 44.

Q2578

|                      |             |            |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|
| 5 AUST DIV           | A           | ORD        |
| 5 AUST BASE SUB AREA | Q (4)       | POSTAL (2) |
| DA & QMG             | Q(MOV & TR) | RAHLO      |
| G (OPS)              | CE (2)      |            |
| G (SD)               | S & T       |            |

1. Advice has been received that vessel " JANE ADAMS " departed DARWIN 25 Nov for JACQUINOT loading as follows :-

2 (a) PERSONNEL

| Serial | Unit            | Strength<br>Ofrs ORs |
|--------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1.     | 13 Aust Inf Bde | 37 833               |

(b) CARGO

Loaded approx 1,200 tons (m) rations, stores and equip.

*Yibou. in. Cap* Brig  
for DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY(AIF)

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Subject : " CAPE VICTORY " - BRISBANE TO BOUGAINVILLE

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
27 Nov 44.

Q2584

|                    |              |            |
|--------------------|--------------|------------|
| AUST CORPS         | Q (MOV & TN) | S & T      |
| AUST BASE SUB AREA | OE (2)       | ORD        |
| DA & QMG           | CSO          | S & ME     |
| (OPS)              | SWY          | POSTAL (2) |
| (SD)               | MED          | RAWLO      |
| (4)                | DENTAL       |            |
|                    | PRO          |            |

Ref our Q2441 of 15 Nov.

Advice has been received that vessel "CAPE VICTORY"  
departed BRISBANE 23 Nov for BOUGAINVILLE loading as follows :-

| Serial        | Consignee                  | Strength<br>Offrs ORs |       | Tons (m)<br>Stores and<br>Equip |
|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------|---------------------------------|
| 1.            | HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde         | 3                     | 56    | 24                              |
| 2.            | 15 Aust Inf Bn             | 37                    | 745   | 279                             |
| 3.            | 15 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt     | 1                     | 30    | 5                               |
| 4.            | 11 Aust Fd Coy             | 1                     | 32    | 26                              |
| 5.            | 29 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec    |                       | 8     | 2                               |
| 6.            | 56 Aust Tpt Pl             |                       | 45    | 10                              |
| 7.            | 18 Aust Sup Dep Pl         | 1                     | 31    | 13                              |
| 8.            | 19 Aust Sup Dep Pl         | 1                     | 25    | 11                              |
| 9.            | 7 Aust Fd Amb              | 1                     | 28    | 43                              |
| 10.           | 104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk     | 1                     | 12    | 81                              |
| 11.           | 104 Aust Bde Wkaps         |                       | 16    | 30                              |
| 12.           | 312 Aust LAD               | 1                     | 17    | 21                              |
| 13.           | Six Sec 5 Aust Div Pro Coy |                       | 14    | 1                               |
| 14.           | 13 Aust Small Ship Coy     | 4                     | 106   | 19                              |
| 15.           | FEL0                       | 1                     | 4     | 15                              |
| 16.           | Education offr 2/1 AGE     | -                     | -     | 1                               |
| 17.           | AASC                       | -                     | -     | 60                              |
|               |                            |                       |       | Rations)<br>POL ) 1,185         |
|               | DENTAL                     | -                     | -     | 3                               |
|               | AD Survey 2 Aust Corps     | -                     | -     | 2                               |
|               | DAD EDUCATION 2 Aust Corps | -                     | -     | 1                               |
|               | Sigs                       | -                     | -     | 24                              |
|               | RAE                        | -                     | -     | 92                              |
|               | AP0                        | -                     | -     | 132                             |
|               |                            |                       | Mail  |                                 |
| <u>Totals</u> |                            | 52                    | 1,169 | 2,080                           |

for *R. Birmingham, Capt* Brig.  
DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
27 NOV 44DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 22  
(as at 1200 hrs 27 Nov)

| IN PORT            | ETD             | FOR | IN ROUTE        | FROM      | ETA   | REMARKS                    |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----|-----------------|-----------|-------|----------------------------|
| <u>AITAPE</u>      |                 |     | DUNTRON         | CAIRNS    | 29/11 | ex CAIRNS 24/11            |
| BONTEKOE           |                 |     | J ISAACSON      | AUST      | 3/12  | ex SYD 17/11 & CAIRNS      |
| J EARLY            |                 |     | RIVER DERWENT   | AUST      |       | ex SYD 22/11               |
|                    |                 |     | RIVER DERWENT   | AUST      | 15/12 | on berth SYD 25/11         |
|                    |                 |     | S G REED        | AUST      | 4/12  | ex CAIRNS                  |
|                    |                 |     | T CORWIN        | AUST      |       |                            |
| <u>MADANG</u>      |                 |     | MAWARA          | HOSKINS   | 28/11 |                            |
| J S MORTON         | 29/11 LAE       |     | THREE CHEERS    | AUST      |       | ex SYD 8/11                |
| <u>FINSCHEAFEN</u> |                 |     | NOELAGO         | AUST      |       | ex BRIS 15/11              |
| W H POINT          |                 |     | OZARK           | AUST      |       | ex BRIS 22/11              |
|                    |                 |     | PETER MORAN     | AUST      |       | ex SYD 20/11               |
| <u>LAE</u>         |                 |     | TARONA          | AUST      |       | ex SYD & T'VILLE           |
| SIMON G BENSON     | 27/11 AITAPE    |     | ATLAS           | AUST      | 30/11 | ex SYD 25/11 for T'VILLE   |
| F PARKMAN          | 29/11 JACQUINOT |     | ORRISTON        | HOLLANDIA | 30/11 | thence JACQ                |
|                    |                 |     | J S MORTON      | MADANG    | 3/12  | ex SYD 22/11               |
|                    |                 |     | CITY OF HOUSTON | AUST      |       | ex BRIS 20/11              |
|                    |                 |     | WILCANNIA       | AUST      |       | via MILNE Bay              |
| <u>JACQUINOT</u>   |                 |     | F PARKMAN       | LAE       | 1/12  |                            |
| ANN McKIM          | 29/11 BRIS      |     | L H GARRISON    | AUST      | 3/12  | ex BRIS                    |
| VAN HEUTZ          |                 |     | NATHANIEL MACON | AUST      |       | on berth SYD 18/11         |
|                    |                 |     | JANE ADAMS      | AUST      | 1/12  |                            |
|                    |                 |     | SEABTENHOFDT    | AUST      |       | ex DARWIN                  |
|                    |                 |     | J S MORTON      | LAE       | 2/12  |                            |
| <u>MILNE BAY</u>   |                 |     | TORRENS         |           |       |                            |
|                    |                 |     | MILWOOD LEADE   | AUST      |       | ETD not set                |
|                    |                 |     | URALBA          | AUST      |       | ex SYD 22/11 thence M/D, J |
| <u>MILNE BAY</u>   |                 |     |                 |           |       |                            |
| <u>HOSKINS</u>     |                 |     |                 |           |       |                            |
| <u>MUGAIVILLE</u>  |                 |     | SHAWNEE         | AUST      | 30/11 | ex BRISBANE                |
| J OLIVER           |                 |     | ARCHER          | AUST      |       | ex SYD thence JACQUINOT    |
| INDIAN             |                 |     | SANTA MONICA    | AUST      |       |                            |
| VICTORY            |                 |     | MEXICO          | AUST      |       | ex BRISBANE                |
| CAPE VICTORY       |                 |     |                 |           |       |                            |

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| IN PORT   | ETD   | FOR | EN ROUTE                              | FROM                      | ETA | REMARKS                          |
|-----------|-------|-----|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|
| HOLLANDIA |       |     |                                       |                           |     |                                  |
| ORRISTON  | 27/11 |     | GORGON (14)                           | AUST                      |     | ex BRISBANE<br>14/11 &<br>CAIENS |
|           |       |     | TORRENS<br>G M HILLES<br>MICHAEL KERR | MILNE BAY<br>AUST<br>AUST |     | ex BRIS<br>ex SYDNEY             |

NOTE :

ETA - Expected Time of Arrival at Destination.

ETD - Expected Time of Departure from Loading Port.

*for distribution*  
DA & GIG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION

2/1 AUST MCV & TN GP  
3 AUST M C GP  
3 AUST DOCKS GP  
MC CRESSBY  
MC PINSCHKE  
MC MADANG  
MC AITAP  
MC HOLLANDIA  
MC POSKIES  
MC JACQUINET BAY  
MC FORCE SEC AAC

SGS  
DA & GIG  
G (SD)  
A  
Q 4  
Q (MOV & TN)  
CE (2)  
CSO  
LED  
ORD  
S & T  
POSTAL (2)

DAD TN (DOCKS)  
DAD TN (WATER TPT)  
FOR INFORMATION  
2 AUST CORPS  
6 AUST DIV  
ADV LHQ (FOR MOV)  
FWD ECH LHQ (FOR MOV)  
LHQ (FOR MOV)  
RAWLQ  
GHQ REG OFFER LAE  
WAR DIARY (2)  
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CONFIDENTIAL

Subject : "DUNTROON" (19) - CAIRNS TO AITAPE.

HQ FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AIF)  
27 Nov 44.

Q2581

|                            |              |        |            |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------|------------|
| 6 AUSTRALIAN DIV           | A            | OSO    | S & ME     |
| 3 AUSTRALIAN BASE SUB AREA | Q (4)        | DENTAL | POSTAL (2) |
| DA & QMG                   | Q (MOV & FW) | PRO    | HANLO      |
| 3 (OP3)                    | RAA          | S & T  |            |
| 3 (SD)                     | CH (2)       | ORD    |            |

1. Cancel our Q2465 of 16 Nov.
2. Advice has been received that vessel "DUNTROON" loaded at CAIRNS for AITAPE. Details of loading are as follows:

| Serial | Unit                             | Strength<br>Offrs ORs |       | Vehs and<br>Trailers          | Stores<br>Tons(m)                         |
|--------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1.     | 2/6 Aust Cav Commando Regt       | 3                     | 89    | -                             | -                                         |
| 2.     | 2/1 Aust Fd Coy                  | 4                     | 199   | -                             | 11                                        |
| 3.     | HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde               | 6                     | 66    | -                             | 48                                        |
| 4.     | Det "A" FS Sec                   | -                     | 4     | -                             | -                                         |
| 5.     | 17 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec          | 1                     | 50    | -                             | -                                         |
| 6.     | Det 2/41 Aust Cipher Sec         | -                     | 1     | -                             | -                                         |
| 7.     | 11 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Bn             | 1                     | 34    | -                             | -                                         |
| 8.     | Sec 6 Aust Div Pro Coy           | -                     | 18    | -                             | -                                         |
| 9.     | Det 6 Aust Div Postal Unit       | -                     | 5     | -                             | -                                         |
| 10.    | 2/46 Aust LAD                    | 1                     | 11    | -                             | 7                                         |
| 11.    | 2/5 Aust Inf Bn                  | 37                    | 726   | -                             | 30                                        |
| 12.    | 2/7 Aust Inf Bn                  | 8                     | 93    | -                             | -                                         |
| 13.    | 2/22 Aust Sup Dep Pl             | 2                     | 32    | -                             | 7                                         |
| 14.    | 2/23 Aust Sup Dep Pl             | 1                     | 19    | -                             | 6                                         |
| 15.    | 2/3 Aust Tpt Pl                  | 2                     | 58    | -                             | 2                                         |
| 16.    | B Sec 2/4 Aust Dental Unit       | 1                     | 3     | -                             | 3                                         |
| 17.    | Det 6 Aust Div Reception<br>Camp | -                     | 9     | -                             | 10                                        |
| 18.    | 2/2 Aust Fd Regt                 | 1                     | 4     | (includes 67 tons<br>DW Ammo) | 180                                       |
| 19.    | 2/2 Aust Fd Amb                  | 1                     | 1     | 16                            | 6                                         |
| 20.    | HQ 6 Aust Div                    | 2                     | -     | 6                             | 1                                         |
| 21.    | 6 Aust Div Details               | -                     | 5     | -                             | -                                         |
| 22.    | 2/40 Aust LAD                    | -                     | -     | 10                            | 5                                         |
| 23.    | 2/3 Aust Inf Bn                  | -                     | -     | 4                             | 1                                         |
| 24.    | 2/2 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec         | -                     | -     | 6                             | 3                                         |
| 25.    | 17 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk            | -                     | -     | -                             | 20                                        |
| 26.    | Aust Supply Officer              | -                     | -     | -                             | 1,784 Pkgs<br>Rations<br>183 Bags<br>Mail |
| 27.    | A P O                            | -                     | -     | -                             | 9                                         |
| 28.    | M F O                            | -                     | -     | -                             | 70                                        |
| Totals |                                  | 71                    | 1,427 | 44                            | -                                         |

3. Vessel sailed ex CAIRNS 24 Nov 44.

FILE (7) WAR DIARY

*for* *Robbington, Capt*  
Brig.  
for DA & QMG FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AIF)

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT : "NATHANIEL MACON" - SYDNEY TO JACQUINOT.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
27 NOV 44

Q 2585

5 AUST DIV  
5 AUST BASE SUB AREA  
NG SEC AACS  
DA & CNG  
G (OPS)  
G (SD)

A  
Q (4)  
Q (MOV & TN)  
CE (2)  
MED  
AGENCIES

A C F  
AUST RED CROSS  
S & T  
ORD  
RANLO

1. Ref our Q2529 of 20 Nov 44.
2. Amend vessels name to read "NATHANIEL MACON" in lieu of  
W B ROGERS.

*Birmingham, Capt* BRIG.  
for DA & CNG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

FILE (7)  
WAR DIARY

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CONFIDENTIAL

Subject : " EDNA " - MORESBY TO SYDNEY VIA CAIRNS

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY(AIF)  
27 Nov 44.

Q2582

|          |              |       |
|----------|--------------|-------|
| DA & QMG | Q (MOV & TN) | RANLO |
| 3 (OPS)  | S & T        |       |
| 4 (SD)   | ORD          |       |
| A        | POSTAL (2)   |       |
| Q (4)    | SALVAGE      |       |

1. Advice has been received that vessel " EDNA " departed MORESBY 26 Nov loading as follows :-

| Serial | Consignee                | Description of Cargo                | Tons (4)  |
|--------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1.     | M F O                    | 15 Pkges                            | 1         |
| 2.     | SASO Spectacle Is        | 72 pkges Ammn(Explosives)           | 5         |
| 3.     | 2 & 3 Aust Ord Port Det  | 418 pkges stores                    | 55        |
| 4.     | Dept of External Affairs | 827 " Crude Rubber<br>1,172 " Copra | 46<br>190 |
| 5.     | Salvage Control Offr     | Qty General Salvage                 | 426       |
| 6.     | DDS & T NSW L of C Area  | 357 pkges Rations                   | 16        |
| Total  |                          |                                     | 739       |

*B. Birmingham, Capt*  
Lt-Col.

for Col (Mov & Tn) HQ First Aust Army (AIF ).

FILE (7)

WAR DIARY

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CONFIDENTIAL

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
27 NOV 44DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 198.  
(From 1000 hrs 26 Nov to 1000 hrs 27 Nov)

## 1. BY SEA.

| SERIAL | UNIT                                                          | STRENGTH<br>OFFRS ORS |     | FROM     | TO        | REMARKS                             |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----|----------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| 1.     | HQ NOREG ANGAU                                                | 2                     | 3   | LAE      | FINSCH    | Sld AS31                            |
| 2.     | Area Comd Finschhafen                                         | -                     | 1   | "        | "         | 26/11                               |
| 3.     | 2/3 Aust Rly Constr Coy<br>& 287 Aust LAD                     | 5                     | 195 | CAIRNS   | JACQUINOT | Disembkd ex<br>VAN HEUTZ<br>26/11   |
| 4.     | 3 Aust Mech Equip W'shops                                     | 1                     | 54  | "        | "         | "                                   |
| 5.     | 21 Aust AMCU                                                  | 1                     | 10  | "        | "         | "                                   |
| 6.     | 107 Aust Ord Veh Park                                         | 1                     | 28  | "        | "         | "                                   |
| 7.     | Det 53 Aust Port Craft<br>Coy Less 1 Port Landing<br>Craft Pl | 1                     | 64  | "        | "         | "                                   |
| 8.     | 17 Aust Army Fd Coy                                           | 9                     | 200 | "        | "         | "                                   |
| 9.     | 68 Aust BIPOD                                                 | 1                     | 27  | "        | "         | "                                   |
| 10.    | 283 Aust LAD                                                  | 1                     | 13  | "        | "         | "                                   |
| 11.    | 2 Aust Fd Amb                                                 | 8                     | 163 | "        | "         | "                                   |
| 12.    | 128 Aust Bde W'shops                                          | 1                     | 76  | "        | "         | "                                   |
| 13.    | Det 2 Sec Second Aust<br>Army Pro Coy                         | -                     | 15  | "        | "         | "                                   |
| 14.    | 11 Aust Div Pro Coy                                           | -                     | 31  | "        | "         | "                                   |
| 15.    | Adv Party 1 Aust Inf<br>Tps W'shops                           | 6                     | 172 | "        | "         | "                                   |
| 16.    | First Aust Army Pro Coy                                       | 1                     | 31  | "        | "         | "                                   |
| 17.    | Det 1 Aust Water Amb<br>Convoy                                | -                     | 4   | "        | "         | "                                   |
| 18.    | 7 Aust Inf Bn                                                 | -                     | 4   | TREASURY | MUNDA     | Sld NAVAL<br>VESSEL 26/11           |
| 19.    | 36 Aust Inf Bn (Details)                                      | 2                     | 28  | HOSKINS  | FINSCH    | Sld AS141<br>26/11                  |
| 20.    | HQ 3 Aust Water Tpt Gp                                        | 1                     | -   | "        | LAE       | Sld MAIWARI<br>26/11                |
| 21.    | AACS                                                          | -                     | 1   | "        | "         | "                                   |
| 22.    | 36 Aust Inf Bn                                                | -                     | 2   | "        | "         | "                                   |
| 23.    | AIB                                                           | -                     | 2   | "        | "         | "                                   |
| 24.    | 6 Aust Fd Amb                                                 | 1                     | 3   | "        | "         | "                                   |
| 25.    | 28 AMCU                                                       | 1                     | 2   | "        | "         | "                                   |
| 26.    | Serials 9 to 11 on Ret-<br>urn No 197 of 26/11                | 3                     | 38  | MADANG   | AITAPE    | Disembkd ex<br>JUBAL EARLY<br>26/11 |
| 27.    | Serials 32 to 47 on Ret-<br>urn No 189 of 18/11               | 8                     | 235 | LAE      | "         | "                                   |

## 2. AIR GENERAL:-

| UNIT                  | Strength<br>Offrs ORS |  | FROM   | TO     | DETAILS           |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|--------|--------|-------------------|
| ANGAU (natives)       | 39                    |  | MADANG | LAE    |                   |
| 474 Aust Hy A A Tp    | 14                    |  | LAE    | MADANG |                   |
| 475 Aust Hy A A Tp    | 18                    |  | "      | "      |                   |
| COMM AND SPECIAL A/C. |                       |  |        |        |                   |
| UNIT                  | NO OF A/C             |  | FROM   | TO     | DETAILS           |
| 9 Comm Unit RAAF      | 1 C47 (3 missions)    |  | LAE    | MADANG | Personnel, mail.  |
|                       |                       |  | MADANG | LAE    | & general stores. |
|                       | 1 BEAUFORT            |  | LAE    | AITAPE | Courier.          |

Brig.  
D E & Q M G FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION:-

NG ADV 2 ECH  
DFO NEW GUINEA  
NG FORCE SEC AACS  
BGS  
DA & QMG  
G (OPS)  
G (SD)  
A  
AMS  
Q (2)  
Q (MOV & TN)  
BRA  
CE (2)  
CSO  
MED  
DENTAL  
S & T  
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E & ME  
POSTAL (2)  
SALVAGE  
AMEN  
FILE (7)  
WAR DIARY

SECRET

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AQMG's CONFERENCE NOTES - 27 NOV 44

Vehs - 13 Aust Inf Bde

1. LAE Base reported that vehs and eqpt have been issued to Adv 13 Aust Inf Bde. Infm

HQ 5 Aust Div  
8 Aust Inf Bde

2. Closes MADANG 271200I, opens JACQUINOT same time. Infm  
8 Aust Inf Bde then assumes op responsibility MADANG area.

Op Control - AITAPE

3. 6 Aust Div has assumed op responsibility in AITAPE. Infm

Shipping - MORESBY to LAE

4. Q (Mov and Tn) advise that two ships have been allotted for mov of vehs and stores. Date "on berth" not yet known. Services  
Q (Maint)  
Services will review their shipping requirements and issue any additional instrs to their Services in MORESBY. This will probably be the last opportunity of moving stores MORESBY to LAE.
5. Q (Maint) will inform Engrs and Canteens.

Fuel for Naval MLs - JACQUINOT

6. Further to Notes of 20/21 Nov para 15. Arrangements have been made for 12,000 gals 100 octane fuel to be loaded on FRANCIS PARKMAN ETD LAE 29 Nov. (Maint)  
Q (Mov)
7. The question of provision of further stocks is being discussed by REMLO with NOB. We will be informed of requirements.

Ice Plants

8. Instrs have been issued to move ice-making plants as follows:-- Q (Wks)  
4-ton plant - MORESBY to LAE  
5-ton plant - LAE to AITAPE.

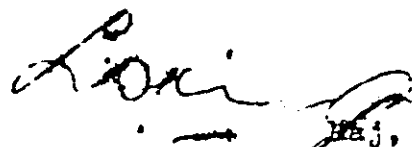
Xmas Fare

9. Advice received through Canteens Service that Xmas Fare expected to arrive approx 6 Dec. Q (Maint)
10. INQ has been asked for confirmation and details.

Mail to AUST

11. Satisfactory. Infm

Distribution:

|               |                  |                                                                                                                          |
|---------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Col Q         | Staff Capt Col Q | <br>Maj.<br>A/AQMG First Aust Army. |
| AQ            | Q (Mov & Tn)     |                                                                                                                          |
| Q (Maint)     | S & T            |                                                                                                                          |
| Q (Misc)      | Ord              |                                                                                                                          |
| Q (Wks)       | AEME             |                                                                                                                          |
| Staff Capt AQ | Postal           | Camp                                                                                                                     |
|               | Sal              | LAE Base Sub Area                                                                                                        |
|               |                  | War Diary (2) -                                                                                                          |
|               |                  | File 3                                                                                                                   |

F.C.

SECRET

ADMG's CONFERENCE NOTES 28 NOV 44

Tentage 13 Aust Inf Bde Gp

1. The tentage for this Bde Gp was to be despatched ex SYDNEY direct to JACQUINOT. It has not arrived on the first maint ship, and LHQ has been asked if the tentage is en route; if not, to despatch urgently. Q (Maint)
2. The Bde is arriving at JACQUINOT, and tentage and other coverage is being despatched ex MADANG under 5 Aust Div arrangements, and ex IAE under First Aust Army arrangements, to meet requirements pending arrival tents ex AUST.

Issue of Icecream

3. In some areas in the SOLOMONS the US Forces have indicated that they are prepared to make an issue of icecream to our tps on basis of 8 ozs per man per week. We have authorised acceptance of the icecream in lieu of the 1 5/7 ozs cheese per man per week. LHQ has confirmed our action. Infm

Dredging Eqpt for AITAPE

4. Ref Notes of 20/21 Nov, para 17: At the request of CE we have arranged for IAE Base to obtain the desired eqpt from BULOLO and pack it for shipment to AITAPE. Q (Wkz)

Fresh Rations for TOROKINA

5. 4660 lbs of fresh meat left IAE for TOROKINA 0500 hrs 28 Nov. Infm

Fresh Food ex MORESBY

6. Arrangements made for approx 1000 eggs per week, plus vegetables as available, to be despatched by air to TOROKINA for hosp use. This arrangement should be discontinued when fresh sups are going regularly to TOROKINA ex AUST. Q (Maint)  
S & T

Refugees at ANNENBERG

7. Ref Notes 22 Nov, para 3: NOREG ANGAU state refugees commencing to arrive ANNENBERG. NOREG will inform IAE Base of their detailed maint requirements. IAE Base will arrange the dropping. LBSA

Canteens Refrigerators - MORESBY

8. Canteens advise that they have 2 x 300 cu ft refrigerators in MORESBY for which they have no use and which they desire to sell to the Army. Q (Wkz)
9. LHQ approval of the transaction has been requested.
10. In anticipation of LHQ approval arrangements have been made for Canteens to despatch the refrigerators to IAE by next ship.

Canteens Sups MADANG

11. ADCS has received advice from MELBOURNE that endeavours are being made to arrange shipment of canteen goods by Naval sup vessels direct from AUST to MADANG. Q (Maint)

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Proposed WE for Watercraft Wks

12. Ref Notes 22 Nov, para 1: DDME is preparing complete ARME recommendations, and will submit as soon as possible.

Airstrip - JACQUINOT

13. SASO and wks offr NORCOM are KIA LAE approx 1 Dec. Infm

*L. King*  
Maj,  
A/AQMG First Aust Army.

DISTRIBUTION:

Col Q  
AQ  
Q (Maint)  
Q (Misc)  
Q (Wks)  
Staff Capt AQ  
Staff Capt Col Q  
Q (Mov & Tn)  
S & T  
Ord  
ARME  
Postal  
Sal  
Camp  
LAE Base Sub Area  
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CONFIDENTIAL

**B**

SUBJECT - "SIMON BENSON" LAE TO AITAPE.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
28 NOV 44

Q 2591

DA & CIG  
G (CPS)  
G (SD)  
A  
Q (4)

Q (MOV & TN)  
CE (2)  
CSO  
MED  
PRO

AMENITIES  
S & T  
CRD  
POSTAL (2)  
RANLC

1. Advice has been received that vessel "SIMON BENSON" departed LAE  
28 Nov for AITAPE Loading Aust Army Pers & Cargo as follows.

2. (a) PERSONNEL

| SERIAL | UNIT              | STRENGTH |     |
|--------|-------------------|----------|-----|
|        |                   | OFFERS   | ORS |
| 1.     | 9 Aust Cipher Sec | -        | 1   |
| 2.     | Aust Details      | 5        | 8   |
| 3.     | 29 Aust F S Sec   | -        | 3   |
| TOTAL  |                   | 5        | 12  |

2. (b) CARGO & VEH.

| SERIAL | CONSIGNEE               | VEHS | TONS (L)      |
|--------|-------------------------|------|---------------|
|        |                         |      | VEHS & STORES |
| 1.     | 29 Aust F S Sec         | 1    | 7             |
| 2.     | Amenities Officer       | -    | 5             |
| 3.     | 3 Aust B S A            | -    | 51            |
| 4.     | D/DST                   | -    | 4             |
| 5.     | 104 Aust Med Stores     | -    | 15            |
| 6.     | 19 AACD                 | -    | 8             |
| 7.     | 2/1 Aust Rly Constr Coy | -    | 15            |
| 8.     | 54 Aust DCRG            | -    | 1             |
| 9.     | HQ R L J                | -    | 1             |
| 10.    | Educ Offr 3 Aust B S A  | -    | 1             |
| 11.    | 1 F O                   | -    | 1             |
| 11.    | 9 Aust Cipher Sec       | -    | 1             |
| TOTALS |                         | 1    | 109           |

*Robert Birmingham, Capt*  
for CCL (MOV & TN) HQ FIRST AUST ARMY Lt Col.

FILE (7)  
WAR DIARY

10/2/1.

CONFIDENTIAL  
HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
28 NOV 44.

DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 199.  
(From 1000 hrs 27 Nov to 1000 hrs 28 Nov)

1. BY SEA.

| SERIAL | UNIT                                | STRENGTH<br>OFFERS ORS |     | FROM     | TO        | REMARKS                                |
|--------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-----|----------|-----------|----------------------------------------|
| 1.     | HQ 6 Aust Div (Details)             | 2                      | 17  | T'ville  | Aitape    | Disembkd ex<br>BONTEKOE 26/11          |
| 2.     | 2/7 Aust Fd Amb                     | 10                     | 197 | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 3.     | 2/2 Aust Fd Coy                     | 8                      | 125 | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 4.     | 2/7 Aust Inf Bn                     | 14                     | 236 | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 5.     | 2/1 Aust Gd Regt                    | 1                      | 34  | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 6.     | 2/42 Aust LAD                       | 1                      | 13  | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 7.     | HQ 6 Aust Div Pro Coy               | -                      | 5   | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 8.     | 53 Aust Port Craft Coy              | 1                      | 12  | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 9.     | 2/3 Aust Fd Regt                    | 10                     | 99  | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 10.    | R A N                               | 1                      | -   | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 11.    | 1 Aust Fd Sqn                       | -                      | 2   | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 12.    | HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde                  | 3                      | 56  | Brisbane | Bo'ville  | Disembkd ex<br>CAPE VICTORY<br>27/11   |
| 13.    | 15 Aust Inf Bn                      | 37                     | 745 | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 14.    | 15 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt              | 1                      | 30  | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 15.    | 11 Aust Fd Coy                      | 1                      | 32  | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 16.    | 29 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec             | -                      | 8   | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 17.    | 56 Aust Tpt Pl                      | -                      | 45  | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 18.    | 18 Aust Supply Depot Pl             | 1                      | 31  | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 19.    | 19 " " " "                          | 1                      | 25  | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 20.    | 7 Aust Fd Amb                       | 1                      | 28  | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 21.    | 104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk              | 1                      | 12  | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 22.    | 104 " " Workshops                   | -                      | 16  | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 23.    | 312 Aust LAD                        | 1                      | 17  | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 24.    | Six Sec 5 Aust Div Pro Coy          | -                      | 14  | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 25.    | 13 Aust Small Ships Coy             | 4                      | 106 | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 26.    | FELO                                | 1                      | 4   | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 27.    | 84 Wing R A & F                     | 3                      | 4   | Cairns   | Bo'ville  | Disembkd ex<br>INDIAN VICTORY<br>26/11 |
| 28.    | 42 Aust Landing Craft Coy           | 2                      | 14  | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 29.    | 1 Aust Water Amb Convoy             | -                      | 5   | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 30.    | First Aust Army Pro Coy<br>(2 Secs) | -                      | 1   | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 31.    | 3 Aust Svy Bty                      | -                      | 1   | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 32.    | 6 Comd AL Sec                       | -                      | 2   | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 33.    | Air Liason Sec & 33 Sqn<br>AL Sec   | -                      | 2   | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 34.    | HQ 13 Aust Inf Bde                  | 12                     | 58  | Darwin   | Jacquinot | Disembkd ex<br>EVANGELINE<br>26/11     |
| 35.    | Det Second Aust Army Pro<br>Coy     | -                      | 19  | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 36.    | 12 Aust Div Cash Office             | -                      | 4   | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 37.    | 279 Aust LAD                        | 1                      | 17  | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 38.    | 13 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec             | 1                      | 41  | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 39.    | 2 Aust Fd Amb                       | 1                      | 5   | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 40.    | 250 Aust Supply Depot Pl            | 1                      | 26  | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 41.    | 52 Aust Tpt Pl                      | 2                      | 93  | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 42.    | 16 Aust Inf Bn                      | 33                     | 719 | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 43.    | 28 Aust Inf Bn                      | 1                      | 30  | "        | "         | "                                      |
| 44.    | 13 Aust Fd Coy                      | 6                      | 171 | "        | "         | "                                      |

P.T.O.

2. AIR GENERAL:-

| UNIT               | STRENGTH |     | FROM   | TO         |
|--------------------|----------|-----|--------|------------|
|                    | Offrs    | Ors |        |            |
| 8 Aust M C Gp      | 3        | 12  | NADZAB | TOYNSVILLE |
| PIB (natives)      |          | 19  | DUMPU  | NADZAB     |
| HQ 5 Aust Div      | 7        | 5   | MADANG | LAE        |
| HQ First Aust Army | 8        | 4   | EMIRAU | LAE        |
| R P C (natives)    |          | 22  | LAE    | AITAPE     |

COMM AND SPECIAL A/C

| UNIT                | NO OF A/C  | FROM  | TO          | DETAILS                     |
|---------------------|------------|-------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| 9 Comm Unit RAAF    | 1 BEAUFORT | LAE   | FINSCHHAFEN | Maj-Gen Wordsworth & party. |
|                     | 1 BEAUFORT | LAE   | AITAPE      | Courier.                    |
| 21 Service Gp USAAF | 1 C47      | DUMPU | NADZAB      | PIB pers & stores.          |

*W. Cunningham, Capt*  
for D AG & Q H G FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) <sup>Brig</sup>

DISTRIBUTION:-

NG ADV 2 ECH  
DFO NEW GUINEA  
NG FORCE SEC AACs  
EGS  
DA & QMG  
G (OPS)  
G (SD)  
A  
AMS  
Q (2)  
Q (MOV & TH)  
BRA  
CE (2)  
CSO  
MED  
DENTAL  
S & T  
ORD  
E & ME  
POSTAL (2)  
SALVAGE  
AMEN  
FILE (7)  
WAR DIARY—

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SUBJECT - "VAN HEUTZ" & "SEA SNIPE" BRISBANE TO BOUGAINVILLE.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
28 NOV 44  
Q 2586

2 AUST CORPS  
4 AUST BASE SUB AREA  
DA & QLG  
G (OPS)  
G (SD)

A  
Q (4)  
Q (MOV & TN)  
CE (2)

S & T  
ORD  
POSTAL (2)  
RANLO

1. Advice has been received that vessels "VAN HEUTZ" and "SEA SNIPE" have been made available to load following personnel, stores & equip at BRISBANE for BOUGAINVILLE.

2. Capacity of Vessels

| <u>VESSEL</u> | <u>PERSONNEL</u> | <u>ALLOTMENT</u>                            |
|---------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| VAN HEUTZ     | 1200             | Part 29 Aust Bde &<br>Adv Party 11 Aust Bde |
| SEA SNIPE     | 2200             | 11 Aust Bde & Adv<br>Party 15 Aust Bde.     |
| <u>TOTALS</u> | <u>3400</u>      |                                             |

3. Cargo. Units will move with tentage, unit equip and accommodation stores etc and such light vehicles as may be loaded.

*Rob Cunningham, Capt*  
for DA & QLG FIRST AUST ARMY. (AIF) BRIG.

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SUBJECT - "TARCONA" AUST TO LAE.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
28 NOV 44

Q 2587

LAE BASE SUB AREA  
DA & QMG  
G (OPS)  
G (SD)  
A  
Q (4)

Q (MOV. & TN)  
CE (2)  
MED  
PRO  
AMENITIES

S & T  
ORD  
POSTAL (2)  
RANLO

1. Ref our Q 2545 of 25 Nov not to all addressees.
2. Advice has been received that vessel "TARCONA" departed TOWN-SVILLE 27 Nov for LAE, loading as follows.

3. (a) PERSONNEL

| SERIAL | UNIT                  | STRENGTH<br>OFFS ORS |
|--------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1.     | Allied Int Bureau     | - 3                  |
| 2.     | Merchant Navy         | 1 -                  |
| 3.     | 3 Aust Corps Pro Coy  | 3 109                |
| 4.     | Soldiers Under Arrest | - 17                 |
| 5.     | NG Details            | 37 376               |
| TOTALS |                       | 41 505               |

3. (b) CARGO

| SERIAL | CONSIGNEE            | DESCRIPTION OF<br>CARGO | TONS<br>(meas) |
|--------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1.     | Amenities            | 8 c/s Equip             | 2              |
| 2.     | 3 Aust Corps Pro Coy | 76 pkges Equip          | 8              |
| 3.     | Port Director        | 186 pkges Stores        | 31             |
| 4.     | Aust Post Office     | 323 bags Mail           | 32             |
| 5.     | M F O                | 28 Pkges                | 3              |
| 6.     | Ord Officer          | 8 c/s Stores            | 2              |
| TOTAL  |                      |                         | 78             |

NOTE. Vessel loaded at SYDNEY.

1. 7 Days L & R Rations for 600 all ranks.
2. 10 Tons Freezer Cargo.

*Edmunds, Capt*  
for DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) BRIG.

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
28 NOV 44DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 199  
(as at 1200 hrs 28 Nov)

| IN PORT                                     | ETD          | FOR                                     | EN ROUTE                                                                                    | FROM                                           | ETA                                     | REMARKS                                                                                                                        |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>ATTAPE</u><br>BONTOKOE<br>J EARLY        | 3/12<br>5/12 | LAKE<br>LAKE<br>LAKE                    | DUNTCOON<br>J ISAACSON<br>RIVER DERWENT<br>S G REED<br>T CORWIN<br>S G HENSON               | CAIRNS<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>LAE  | 29/11<br>3/12<br>15/12<br>4/12<br>28/11 | ex CAIRNS<br>24/11<br>ex SYD 17/11<br>& CAIRNS<br>ex SYD 22/11<br>on berth<br>SYD 25/11<br>& CAIRNS                            |
| <u>MADANG</u><br>J S MORTON                 | 29/11        | LAE                                     | LAKE<br>THREE CIGERS<br>J EARLY                                                             | HOSKINS<br>AUST<br>ATTAPE                      | 28/11<br>6/12                           | ex SYD 8/11<br>thence LAE<br>JACQUINCT                                                                                         |
| <u>PINSCHAPEN</u><br>W H POINT              |              |                                         | NORLAGE<br>OZARK<br>PETER MORAN                                                             | AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST                           |                                         | ex BRIS 15/11<br>ex BRIS 22/11<br>ex SYD 20/11                                                                                 |
| <u>LAE</u><br>F PARKMAN                     | 3/12         | JACQUINCT                               | TARCONA<br>ATLAS<br>J S MORTON<br>CITY OF HOUSTON<br>WILLOANNA<br>CITY OF<br>PHILADELPHIA   | AUST<br>AUST<br>MADANG<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST | 2/12<br>30/11<br>3/12                   | ex SYD 27/11<br>ex SYD 25/11<br>thence JACQ<br>ex SYD 21/11<br>ex BRIS 20/11<br>via Milne Bay<br>ex SYD via<br>Milne Bay & ORO |
| <u>JACQUINCT</u><br>ANN McKILL<br>VAN HEUTZ | 29/11        | BRISBANE<br>thence<br>BO'VILLE<br>(via) | F PARKMAN<br>B L GARRISON<br>NATHANIEL<br>MACON<br>JANE ADAMS<br>SWARTENHONDT<br>J S MORTON | LAE<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST<br>LAE     | 4/12<br>3/12<br>1/12<br>2/12            | ex BRIS<br>on berth<br>SYD 18/11<br>ex DARWIN                                                                                  |
| <u>MORESBY</u>                              |              |                                         | CHARON                                                                                      | AUST                                           |                                         | on berth SYD<br>22/11 for LAE                                                                                                  |
| <u>MILNE BAY</u>                            |              |                                         | TORRENS<br>ELWOOD LEADE<br>URALBA<br>PATRAS                                                 | AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST                           |                                         | ETD not set<br>ex SYD 22/11<br>thence MADANG<br>ex SYD 20/11                                                                   |
| <u>TALASEA</u><br><u>HOSKINS</u>            |              |                                         |                                                                                             |                                                |                                         |                                                                                                                                |

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| IN PORT                                                             | ETD  | FOR     | EN ROUTE                                                                  | FROM                                             | ETA   | REMARKS                                                                                               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <del>BOUGAINVILLE</del><br>INDIAN<br>VICTORY<br><br>CAPE<br>VICTORY |      |         | SEA SNIPE<br>SHAWNEE<br>ARCHER<br><br>SANTA MONICA<br>MEXICO<br>VAN HEUTZ | AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST<br><br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST | 30/11 | ex BRISBANE<br>ex BRIS 1/12<br>ex SYD thence<br>JACQUINOT<br>ex BRIS 30/11<br>ex BRIS 3/12<br>ex BRIS |
| <del>HOLLANDIA</del><br>ORMISTON                                    | 2/12 | T'VILLE | GORGON (R4)<br>TORRENS<br>J P CHATEAU<br>MICHAEL KERR                     | AUST<br>MILNE BAY<br>AUST<br>AUST                | 2/12  | ex BRIS 19/11<br><br>ex BRIS<br>ex SYDNEY                                                             |

NOTE:

ETA - Expected Time of Arrival at Destination.

ETD - Expected Time of Departure from Loading Port.

*for New Guinea Staff*  
BRIG.  
DA & GNG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION

2/1 AUST MOV & TN GP  
8 AUST L C GP  
3 AUST DOCKS GP  
MC MCRESBY  
MC FINSCHHAFFEN  
MC MADANG  
MC AITAPE  
MC HOLLANDIA  
MC HOSKINS  
MC JACQUINOT BAY  
NG FORCE SEC AACE

BGS  
DA & GNG  
G (SD)  
A  
Q(4)  
Q (MOV & TN)  
CE (2)  
CSO  
MND  
ORD  
S & T  
POSTAL (2)

DAD TN (DOCKS)  
DAD TN (WATER TPT)

FOR INFORMATION

8 AUST CORPS  
6 AUST DIV  
FWD HCH LHQ (FOR MOV) (3)  
LHQ (FOR MOV)  
RANLO  
GHQ REG OFFR LAN  
WAR DIARY (2)  
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SUBJECT - "GORGON" (VOY 14) BRISBANE TO HOLLANDIA.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
28 NOV 44

Q 2588

NG SEC AACS  
DA & QIG  
G (OPS)  
G (SD)  
A

Q (4)  
Q (MOV & TR)  
CE (2)  
CSO  
PRO

S & T  
ORD  
E & ME  
POSTAL (2)  
RAMLO

1. Ref our Q 2467 of 17 Nov.

2. Advice has been received that vessel "GORGON" departed BRISBANE 18 Nov for HOLLANDIA loading as follows.

3. (a) PERS, VEHs & STORES.

| SERIAL | UNIT                                  | STRENGTH<br>OFFERS ORS | VEHs &<br>TRKRS             | STORES<br>TONS (M) |
|--------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1.     | Adv LHQ                               | 28 106                 |                             |                    |
| 2.     | No 1 Det 1 Aust B S A                 | 8 35                   | 2                           | 50                 |
| 3.     | No 2 Det 1 Aust B S A                 | 7 34                   | 2                           |                    |
| 4.     | 1 Aust CRE Works                      | - 4                    |                             |                    |
| 5.     | Det 2/1 Aust Docks Cp Coy             | 2 86                   | 2                           | 25                 |
| 6.     | 2/3 Aust L of C Pro Coy               | - 100                  | 6 & 4 L/C                   | 5                  |
| 7.     | 207 Aust LAD                          | 1 14                   | 1                           | 18                 |
| 8.     | 24 Aust D R Sec                       | 1 14                   |                             | 9                  |
| 9.     | HQ 23 Aust L of C Sigs                | 10 87                  | 4                           | 385                |
| 10.    | 8 Aust Cp Sec                         | 1 25                   |                             |                    |
| 11.    | 6 Aust Line Sec                       | 2 34                   |                             |                    |
| 12.    | 16 Aust Line Maint Sec                | - 6                    |                             | 15                 |
| 13.    | 4 Aust Tech Maint Sec                 | 1 17                   |                             | 15                 |
| 14.    | 37 Aust W/T Sec Ry                    | 1 11                   |                             |                    |
| 15.    | 10 Aust W/T Sec Ry                    | 1 29                   |                             | 38                 |
| 16.    | 110 Aust Phone Switch<br>Board Cp Sec | - 21                   |                             | 4                  |
| 17.    | 2/2 Aust Gd Bn                        | - 7                    |                             |                    |
| 18.    | No 3 Pl Brisbane S I B<br>Maritime Gp | - 3                    |                             |                    |
| 19.    | A A C S Q'land Det                    | - 4                    |                             |                    |
| 20.    | No 1 Det 2 Aust Adv 2 Ech             | - 3                    |                             |                    |
| 21.    | No 2 " 2 " " 2 "                      | - 3                    |                             |                    |
| 22.    | Det Fwd Ech LHQ                       | - 23                   |                             | 265                |
| 23.    | 6 Aust Intercepting Sec               | - -                    |                             | 48                 |
| 24.    | R A E                                 | - -                    |                             | 26                 |
| 25.    | ORD                                   | - -                    | 1 Gen Set                   | -                  |
| 26.    | Canteens                              | - -                    | 9                           | 15                 |
| 27.    | U S A Mail                            | - -                    |                             | 175                |
| 28.    | A P O                                 | - -                    |                             | 2                  |
|        |                                       |                        |                             | 36                 |
|        | TOTALS                                | 63 506                 | 26 Vehs, 4 L/C<br>1 Gen Set | 1131               |

3. (b) COOLER CARGO

|                     |       |     |
|---------------------|-------|-----|
| A A S G<br>U S Army |       | 107 |
|                     | TOTAL | 135 |
|                     |       | 242 |

3. (c) FREEZER CARGO

|                     |       |    |
|---------------------|-------|----|
| A A S C<br>U S Army |       | 21 |
|                     | TOTAL | 21 |
|                     |       | 45 |

FILE (7) WAR DIARY

Roburningham, Capt  
for DA & CHG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) BRIG.

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SUBJECT = "CHARON" SYDNEY TO PORT MORESBY & LAE.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
29 NOV 44

Q 2592

|                        |              |                |
|------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| LAE BASE SUB AREA      | Q (4)        | AUST RED CROSS |
| AUST AREA GOLD CRESSBY | Q (LCV & TN) | AMENITIES      |
| NG SEC A A C S         | CE (2)       | S & T          |
| DA & GIG               | MEED         | ORD            |
| G (CPS)                | A C F        | POSTAL (2)     |
| G (SD)                 | Y M C A      | RANLO          |
| A                      |              |                |

Advise has been received that vessel "CHARON" has been made available to load the undermentioned cargo at SYDNEY.

(1) FOR PORT MORESBY

(a) GENERAL CARGO

| SERIAL | CONSIGNEE            | DESCRIPTION OF CARGO | TONS (L) |
|--------|----------------------|----------------------|----------|
| 1.     | S & T                | Rations              | 800      |
| 2.     | "                    | Expense Stores       | 7        |
| 3.     | ORD                  | Gen Stores           | 22       |
| 4.     | ENGINEERS            | " "                  | 205      |
| 5.     | CANTEENS             | " "                  | 200      |
| 6.     | "                    | Beer & Spirits       | 10       |
| 7.     | STATIONERY           | Stores               | 4        |
| 8.     | A C F                | X'mas Hampers        | 40       |
| 9.     | EXTERNAL TERRITORIES | Stores               | 18       |
| 10.    | Y M C A              | "                    | 2        |
| 11.    | AMENITIES            | "                    | 5        |
| 12.    | AUST RED CROSS       | "                    | 10       |
| 13.    | NAVY                 | Vegetables           | 15       |
| TOTAL  |                      |                      | 1338     |

(b) REFRIGERATOR CARGO

| SERIAL | CONSIGNEE | DESCRIPTION OF CARGO     | TONS (L) |
|--------|-----------|--------------------------|----------|
| 1.     | CANTEENS  | X'mas Fare               | 3        |
| 2.     | "         | General Freezer & Cooler | 10       |
| 3.     | NAVY      | Freezer & Cooler         | 20       |
| TOTAL  |           |                          | 33       |

(c) VEHICLES

| SERIAL | CONSIGNEE | NUMBER OF VEH     |
|--------|-----------|-------------------|
| 1.     | ORD       | 6 x 3 ton tipping |

(2) FOR LAE

(a) GENERAL CARGO

| SERIAL | CONSIGNEE            | DESCRIPTION OF CARGO | TONS (L) |
|--------|----------------------|----------------------|----------|
| 1.     | S & T                | P O L                | 84       |
| 2.     | ORD                  | General Stores       | 75       |
| 3.     | ENGINEERS            | General Engne Stores | 1042     |
| 4.     | STATIONERY           | Stores               | 96       |
| 5.     | DIRECTORATE OF DOCKS | General Stores       | 2        |
| 6.     | A C F                | 2 Cranes             | -        |
| 7.     | EXTERNAL TERRITORIES | Stores               | 105      |
| 8.     | Y M C A              | "                    | 10       |
| 9.     | AMENITIES            | "                    | 6        |
| 10.    | AUST RED CROSS       | "                    | 30       |
| TOTAL  |                      |                      | 1450     |

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(b) REFRIGERATOR CARGO

| SERIAL | CONSIGNEE      | DESCRIPTION OF CARGO | TONS (L) |
|--------|----------------|----------------------|----------|
| 1.     | AUST RED CROSS | Cooler Cargo         | 10       |

(c) CRAFT

|    |                |                     |
|----|----------------|---------------------|
| 1. | 2 SPECIAL UNIT | 3 x Motor Tug Boats |
|----|----------------|---------------------|

NOTE:

Balance of Freezer & Cooler and Cooler space available for MORESEY.

*Roburningham, C/W*  
for DA & QEG HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) BRIG.

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SUBJECT - "J P CHATEAU" BRISBANE & T'VILLE TO HOLLAND.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
29 NOV 44

Q 2630

DA & QMG  
G (OPS)  
G (SD)  
A  
Q (4)

Q (LCV & TN)  
CE (2)  
CSC  
SVY  
PRO

ORD  
E & IZ  
POSTAL (2)  
RANLC

Ref our Q 2546 of 25 Nov

Amend vessel's name to read-

"J P CHATEAU" in lieu of "GEORGE M HINES"

*R. Cunningham, Capt* Lt Col  
for COL (LCV & TN) HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
29 NOV 44

DAILY RETURN OF LOVSLENTS RETURN NC 200.  
(From 1000 hrs 28 Nov to 1000 hrs 29 Nov)

| 1. BY SEA: |                                                                     |          |      |           |           |                               |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| SERIAL     | UNIT                                                                | STRENGTH |      | FROM      | TO        | REMARKS                       |
|            |                                                                     | OFFRS    | ORS  |           |           |                               |
| 1.         | 9 Aust Cipher Sec                                                   | -        | 1    | LAE       | AITAPE    | Sld SILCH G<br>JENSON 23/11   |
| 2.         | Aust Details                                                        | 5        | 8    | "         | "         | "                             |
| 3.         | 29 Aust F S Sec                                                     | -        | 3    | "         | "         | "                             |
| 4.         | 3 Aust Water Tpt Gp<br>Sig Sec                                      | -        | 2    | LAE       | JACQUINOT | Disembkd ex<br>AK94 27/11     |
| 5.         | ANGAU S & S                                                         | -        | 4    | "         | "         | "                             |
| 6.         | ANGAU (Det)                                                         | -        | 1    | "         | "         | "                             |
| 7.         | " (Natives)                                                         | -        | 43   | "         | "         | "                             |
| 8.         | Amend Serial 20 on Return<br>No 196 of 25/11 "STRENGTH"<br>to read- | 1        | 4    | CAIRNS    | AITAPE    | Sld DUNTROON<br>24/11         |
| 9.         | Serials 3 to 23 incl on<br>Return No 196 of 25 Nov                  | 71       | 1427 | "         | "         | Disembkd ex<br>DUNTROON 23/11 |
| 10.        | 9 Aust Ad Coy                                                       | 5        | 191  | JACQUINOT | BRISBANE  | Sld VAN HEUTZ<br>28/11        |
| 11.        | Aust Details                                                        | -        | 6    | "         | "         | "                             |

2. AIR GENERAL:-

| UNIT          | STRENGTH |     | FROM   | TO        | DETAILS       |
|---------------|----------|-----|--------|-----------|---------------|
|               | Offrs    | ORS |        |           |               |
| HQ 5 Aust Div | 7        | 5   | MADANG | LAE       | GOC 5 Aust    |
| "             |          |     | LAE    | JACQUINOT | Div and party |
| R A H         | 4        | 2   | LAE    | MADANG    |               |

COMM AND SPECIAL A/C:-

| UNIT             | NO OF A/C  | FROM      | TO            | DETAILS         |
|------------------|------------|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| 8 Comm Unit RAAF | 1 CATALINA | LAE       | JACQUINOT BAY | personnel,      |
| 9 Comm Unit RAAF | 1 BEAUFORT | JACQUINOT | LAE           | stores and mail |
| 21 Service Gp    | 1 C47      | LAE       | AITAPE        | Courier         |
| USAAF            |            | BIVILLE   | LAE           | pers and mails. |
|                  |            | MADZAB    | KEROWAGI      | Angau stores.   |

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D A & Q H G FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION

|                |            |
|----------------|------------|
| NG ADV 2 ECH   | CE (2)     |
| DFO NEW GUINEA | CSO        |
| NG FORCE AACB  | MED        |
| BGS            | DENTAL     |
| G (OPS)        | S & T      |
| G (SD)         | ORD        |
| A              | E & ME     |
| ALS            | POSTAL (2) |
| Q (2)          | SALVAGE    |
| Q (MOV & TH)   | AMEN       |
| ERA            | FILE (7)   |
|                | WAR DIARY  |

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HQ FIRST AUST ARLY (AIF)  
29 NOV 44DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 200  
(as at 2200 hrs 29 Nov)

| IN PORT          | ETD   | FROM   | EN ROUTE             | FROM   | ETA   | REMARKS                     |
|------------------|-------|--------|----------------------|--------|-------|-----------------------------|
| <u>AITAPE</u>    |       |        |                      |        |       |                             |
| BONTKECE         | 3/12  |        | J IS/JACON           | AUST   | 3/12  | ex SYD 17/11<br>& CAIRNS    |
| J EARLY          | 5/12  | INDANG | RIVER DEWENT         | AUST   | 15/12 | ex SYD 22/11                |
| DUNTRON          |       |        | S G REED             | AUST   |       | on berth                    |
| S G BENSON       |       |        | T CORWIN             | AUST   | 4/12  | SYD 25/11<br>ex CAIRNS      |
| <u>INDANG</u>    |       |        |                      |        |       |                             |
| J S MORTON       | 29/11 | LAE    | THREE CHIEFS         | AUST   | 6/12  | ex SYD 8/11                 |
| LAHARA           | 30/11 | LAE    | J EARLY              | AITAPE |       | thence LAE                  |
| WILLCANNIA       | 30/11 | LAE    |                      |        |       | JACQUINOT                   |
| <u>FIRSCRAFT</u> |       |        |                      |        |       |                             |
| W H POINT        |       |        | NOHLAGO              | AUST   |       | ex BRIS 18/11               |
|                  |       |        | ENTER MORAN          | AUST   |       | ex SYD 20/11                |
| <u>LAE</u>       |       |        |                      |        |       |                             |
| F PARKMAN        | 3/12  | JACQ   | TARCONA              | AUST   | 30/11 | ex P'VILLE                  |
|                  |       |        | ATLAS                | AUST   |       | 27/11                       |
|                  |       |        | J S MORTON           | INDANG | 30/11 | ex SYD 25/11                |
|                  |       |        | CITY OF HOUSTON      | AUST   | 3/12  | thence JAC                  |
|                  |       |        | WILLCANNIA           | INDANG | 1/12  | ex SYD 21/11                |
|                  |       |        | CITY OF PHILADELPHIA | AUST   |       | ex SYD via<br>L/Day & GR    |
| <u>JACQUINOT</u> |       |        |                      |        |       |                             |
| ANN McKILL       |       |        | F PARKMAN            | LAE    | 4/12  |                             |
|                  |       |        | L H GARRISON         | AUST   | 3/12  | ex BRIS                     |
|                  |       |        | MATEWELL             | AUST   |       | on berth                    |
|                  |       |        | MACON                | AUST   |       | SYD 18/11                   |
|                  |       |        | JANE ADAMS           | AUST   | 1/12  | ex DRAVIL                   |
|                  |       |        | SWARTENHONDT         | AUST   |       |                             |
|                  |       |        | J S MORTON           | LAE    | 2/12  |                             |
| <u>MCRESBY</u>   |       |        |                      |        |       |                             |
|                  |       |        | CEARCH               | AUST   |       | on berth SYD<br>23/11 for L |
| <u>LILIE BAY</u> |       |        |                      |        |       |                             |
|                  |       |        | TORRENS              | AUST   |       | ETD not set                 |
|                  |       |        | ELWOOD READE         | AUST   |       | ex SYD 22/11                |
|                  |       |        | URALBA               | AUST   |       | thence INDANG               |
|                  |       |        | PATRIS               | AUST   |       | ex SYD 20/11                |
| <u>TAL/SEA</u>   |       |        |                      |        |       |                             |
| <u>POSSINS</u>   |       |        |                      |        |       |                             |

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| IN PORT                                                              | ETA          | FOR            | IN ROUTE                                                                   | FROM                                             | ETA   | REMARKS                                                                                          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <del>EUROPEAN</del><br>INDIAN<br>VICTORY<br>CAPE<br>VICTORY<br>OZARK |              |                | SEA SNIPES<br>SEALION<br>ARCHER<br><br>SANTA MONICA<br>MEXICO<br>VAN HEUTZ | AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST<br><br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST | 30/11 | ex BRISBANE<br>ex BRIS 1/12<br>ex SYD<br>thence JACQ<br>ex BRIS 30/11<br>ex BRIS 3/12<br>ex BRIS |
| <del>HOLLANDIA</del><br>ORLSTON<br>GORGON                            | 1/12<br>5/12 | T'VILLE<br>... | TORRES<br>J P CHASEAU<br>MICHAEL KERR                                      | MILNE BAY<br>AUST<br>AUST                        |       | ex BRIS<br>ex SYDNEY                                                                             |

## NOTE :

ETA - Expected Time of Arrival at Destination.

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BRIG.  
DA & GIG HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

## DISTRIBUTION

2/1 AUST MOV & TN GP  
8 AUST M C GP  
8 AUST DOCKS GP  
IC LORSEY  
IC FINSCHADEN  
IC LADANG  
IC AIRTEL  
IC HOLLANDIA  
IC HOSKINS  
IC JACQUENOT BAY  
NG FORCE ENG AACB

RAA → BGS  
DA & GIG  
G (ED)  
A  
G (4)  
G (MOV & TN)  
CH (2)  
CSO  
LND  
CRD  
S & T  
POSTAL (2)

DAD TN (DOCKS)  
DAD TN (WATER TPT)

## FOR INFORMATION

2 AUST CORPS  
6 AUST DIV  
FWD ECH LRG (FOR MOV) (3)  
LRG (FOR MOV)  
BANLC  
CHC REG OFFER LAM  
WAR DIARY (2)  
FILE (7)

**SECRET** *FN*

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)  
Q Branch

CURRENT Q MATTERS - 30 NOV 44

| <u>Serial</u> | <u>Subject</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <u>Action By</u> |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1             | Points arising from recent examination of position at Ord Voh Park, Madang:<br><br>(a) Arrangements made for bde workshop to repair up to 12 vehicles per week from Ord Voh Park.<br>(b) In view of shortage of jeeps and trailers in First Aust Army area, 15 cwt trucks are to be issued in lieu to Area Command units.<br>(c) This will leave a surplus of 20 15 cwt vehicles and it is proposed to issue these to 8 Bde provided equivalent jeeps are grounded. The object is to reduce wear on operational vehicles in short supply.<br>(d) 50 jeeps and 60 3-ton vehicles requiring 2nd and 3rd echelon repairs are to be shipped to Lae.<br>(e) This will leave 110 3-ton vehicles at Madang but not repairable with available resources at that point. These vehicles will be classified into: Repairable within New Guinea; Not repairable in NG but repairable in Aust; and vehicles for write-off. | AQAG             |
| 2             | LHQ have advised a serious shortage of tentage in Aust. Depot stocks in NG are very low. It appears improbable that stocks will come forward from Aust within the next few months. The probable monthly wastage in First Aust Army area is being examined and is expected to be about 2000 per month. The position is likely therefore to be very serious before tentage becomes available from Aust. It is considered that First Aust Army policy should be to accommodate base troops in huts with a view to releasing tentage for field formations. A firm proposal will be submitted in the course of a day or two.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | AQMG(P)          |
| 3             | Obtain from Engineers estimated date of completion of ORs' recreation hut at this HQ.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | AQMG             |
| 4             | It is proposed to bring to Lae area 57 female cipher personnel. Ascertain:<br><br>(a) What number can be accommodated in present AAMWS barracks.<br>(b) Extra accommodation, if any, required and ETC.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | AQMG             |
| 5             | HQ USASOS have directed that trans-shipment of freezer cargo will be arranged by USASOS as follows:<br><br>(a) From Finschhafen to Aitape and Jacquinot Bay.<br>(b) From Lae to Madang and Buna.<br><br>Q Mov are taking action to confirm shipping arrangements and S&T have sent an officer to Finschhafen to arrange AASC procedure.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Col Mov<br>AQMG  |
| 6             | Norcom have advised that provision of Avgas at Salamaua is not now required. It is presumed therefore that flying boat for courier service to Jacquinot Bay will not now be based at Salamaua. The position will be ascertained on return of G 1 (Air) from visit to Norcom.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Infra            |

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Serial Subject Action By

- 7 It was reported to LEQ that troops were arriving in First Aust Army area with only two pairs of trousers and shirts. LEQ have advised that owing to shortage of supplies it will not be possible to equip troops moving to this area with three sets of these articles. It is understood that the shortage will continue for several months.

Info

- 8 It is reported that maintenance ships ex Aust for Jacquinot Bay will call at Lae en route where they will be held pending sailing forward to Jacquinot. It is understood the object is to avoid congestion in the port at Jacquinot.

Info

Distribution

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- 1 DAA HQ - Pass to AAG
- 2 Col Q
- 3 Col Mov
- 4 AQMG - Pass to AQMG (P)
- ✓ 5-8 War Diary

*Blanchard*  
Lt-Col  
A/Col Q First Aust Army

F&D ECH LHQ (3)  
 LHQ (for Infn)

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 HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
 30 NOV 44

PROPOSED SHIPPING ALLOTMENTS AS AT 29 NOV 44.

1. This schedule is compiled with respect to personnel, vehicles and general cargo.
2. Details of personnel and vehicles by units are shown wherever possible, otherwise estimated number of Aust Troops to be embarked is given.

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 for Lt-Gen.  
 GOC FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF).

| SERIAL | VESSEL    | UNIT                                                      | ALLOTMENT |                 |        | FROM PORT | ETD  | TO PORT   | ETA  | REMARKS |
|--------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|--------|-----------|------|-----------|------|---------|
|        |           |                                                           | Pers      | Vehs            | Stores |           |      |           |      |         |
| 1.     | F PARKMAN | 3 pl 12 Fd Coy                                            | 58        | 18              |        | LAN       | 3/12 | JACQUINOT | 4/12 |         |
|        |           | 15 Sup Depot Pl                                           | 27        | 1               |        |           |      |           |      |         |
|        |           | HQ 6 Inf Bde                                              | 58        | 6               |        |           |      |           |      |         |
|        |           | 6 Inf Bde Sig Sec                                         | 23        | 2               |        |           |      |           |      |         |
|        |           | 18 Pl & Coy 2/1 Gd Regt                                   | 9         |                 |        |           |      |           |      |         |
|        |           | 269 LAD                                                   | 15        | 8               |        |           |      |           |      |         |
|        |           | 19 Inf Bn                                                 | 741       | 14              |        |           |      |           |      |         |
|        |           |                                                           |           | (incl guns)     |        |           |      |           |      |         |
|        |           | 2000 14/32 Inf Bn                                         | 22        |                 |        |           |      |           |      |         |
|        |           | C Pl 158 Gen Tpt Coy                                      | 82        | 10              |        |           |      |           |      |         |
|        |           | 6 Fd Amb less 2 coys                                      | 73        | 8               |        |           |      |           |      |         |
|        |           | 137 Bde Ord Fd Pk                                         | 16        | 9               |        |           |      |           |      |         |
|        |           | 2/137 Bde Wksp                                            | 84        | 6               |        |           |      |           |      |         |
|        |           | dot 5 Mob Met Flt                                         | 3         | 1               |        |           |      |           |      |         |
|        |           | Veh escorts and vehs for adv party 13 Inf Bde Gp (approx) | 41        | 54              |        |           |      |           |      |         |
|        |           |                                                           |           | (incl 12 guns)  |        |           |      |           |      |         |
|        |           | 9 Pigeon Sec                                              | 7         | 1               |        |           |      |           |      |         |
|        |           | Total                                                     | 1,259     | 138 (incl guns) |        |           |      |           |      |         |

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| SERIAL | VESSEL      | UNIT                                                               | ALLOTMENT |      |        | FROM PORT | ETD   | TO PORT    | ETA   | REMARKS        |
|--------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------|--------|-----------|-------|------------|-------|----------------|
|        |             |                                                                    | Pers      | Vehs | Stores |           |       |            |       |                |
| 2.     | J S MORETON | HQ 5 Div less Recce Adv and Rear Parties 5 Div                     | 121       | 14   |        | MADANG    | 29/11 | JACQUINOT  | 2/12  | routed via LAE |
|        |             | GEQ Liaison Party                                                  | 9         | 6    |        |           |       |            |       |                |
|        |             | HQ 4 Coy & 19 Pl 2/1 Gd Regt                                       | 26        | 5    |        |           |       |            |       |                |
|        |             | 5 Div Reception Camp                                               | 7         | 5    |        |           |       |            |       |                |
|        |             | 2 Aust FS Sec                                                      | 9         | 1    |        |           |       |            |       |                |
|        |             | Sigs 2 Div less dets                                               | 94        | 12   |        |           |       |            |       |                |
|        |             | HQ RAE 5 Div                                                       | 18        | 4    |        |           |       |            |       |                |
|        |             | 7 Engr Sig Sec                                                     | 15        | 13   |        |           |       |            |       |                |
|        |             | Mech Equipt pl and wksp pl (less dets) 55 Fd Pk                    | 154       | 76   |        |           |       |            |       |                |
|        |             | 284 LAD                                                            | 14        | 7    |        |           |       |            |       |                |
|        |             | One tp 2/14 Fd Regt                                                | 83        | 16   |        |           |       |            |       |                |
|        |             | 5 Div Postal Unit                                                  | 13        | 6    |        |           |       |            |       |                |
|        |             | HQ Comd AASC                                                       | 29        | 2    |        |           |       |            |       |                |
|        |             | 5 Div Pro Coy                                                      | 43        | 5    |        |           |       |            |       |                |
|        |             | 231 LAD less det                                                   | 10        | 3    |        |           |       |            |       |                |
|        |             | 5 Div Cash Office                                                  | 9         | 2    |        |           |       |            |       |                |
|        |             | 77 Dental Unit                                                     | 36        | 2    |        |           |       |            |       |                |
|        |             | General cargo                                                      |           |      | 927    |           |       |            |       |                |
|        |             | Totals                                                             | 690       | 177  | 927    |           |       |            |       |                |
|        |             | If space available to load pers & vehs to capacity for 165 AGT Coy |           |      |        |           |       |            |       |                |
|        |             | Adv Party 13 Inf Bde and att troops                                | 300       | -    | -      | LAE       | 1/12  | JACQUINOT  | 2/12  |                |
|        |             | Adv Party 2/8 AGE                                                  | 50        | -    | -      |           |       |            |       |                |
|        |             |                                                                    | 1040      | 177  | 927    |           |       |            |       |                |
| 3.     | PAROONA     | Leave draft approx                                                 | 150       | -    |        | LAE       | 30/11 | TOWNSVILLE | 4/12  |                |
|        |             | H.Q.F. Pro Coy                                                     | 117       | -    |        |           |       |            |       |                |
|        |             | General Cargo approx                                               |           |      | 50     |           |       |            |       |                |
|        |             |                                                                    | 267       | -    | 50     |           |       |            |       |                |
| 4.     | J S MORETON | Field and Base Tps for Phase D approx                              | 1200      | 330  |        | MADANG    | 14/12 | JACQUINOT  | 15/12 |                |

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| SERIAL | VESSEL    | UNIT                                                         | ALLOPMENT |      |        | FROM PORT      | ETD   | TO PORT   | ETA   | REMARKS                                     |
|--------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------|--------|----------------|-------|-----------|-------|---------------------------------------------|
|        |           |                                                              | Pers      | Vehs | Stores |                |       |           |       |                                             |
| 5.     | J EARLY   | Ord Vehs approx                                              | -         | 100  |        | MADANG         | 10/12 | LAE       | 11/12 |                                             |
|        |           | Bal Phase D Troops if any shut out from serials 2 & 4 approx | 200       | 100  |        | MADANG         | 10/12 | JACQUINOT | 15/12 | Vessel routed<br>MADANG<br>LAE<br>JACQUINOT |
|        |           | Bal Phase D Troops and shut outs serial 1 approx             | 300       | 97   |        | LAE            | 14/12 | JACQUINOT | 15/12 |                                             |
| 6.     | VAN HEUTE | 9 Pd Coy                                                     | 190       | 3    |        | JACQUI-<br>NOT | 29/11 | BRISBANE  | 5/12  |                                             |

DISTRIBUTION

BGS  
 DA & QMG  
 G (OPS)  
 G (SD) (2)

L  
 Q (2)  
 POSTAL (2)  
 GHC REGULATING OFFR LAE

WAR DIARY (1)  
 FILE (3)

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Subject : " EVANGELINE " - CAIRNS TO AITAPE

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
30 Nov 44.

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6 AUST DIV  
3 AUST BASE SUB AREA  
DA & QMG  
G (CSG)  
G (SD)  
A  
Q (4)

Q (MOV & TR)  
CB (2)  
S & T  
ORD  
POSTAL (2)  
RANLO

Advice has been received that vessel " EVANGELINE " has  
been made available to load 6 Aust Div pers and equip at CAIRNS for  
AITAPE.

Troop capacity of vessel 1,372.

*Robert Ingleton, Capt*  
Brig.  
for DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF).

FILE (7)

WAR DIARY

10/3/24

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CONFIDENTIALHQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
30 NOV 44DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 201.  
(as at 1200 hrs 30 Nov)

| IN PORT             | ETD  | FOR    | EN ROUTE        | FROM            | ETA   | REMARKS          |
|---------------------|------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|------------------|
| <u>AITAPE</u>       |      |        |                 |                 |       |                  |
| BONTERCE            | 3/12 |        | J ISAACSON      | AUST            | 3/12  | ex SYD 17/11     |
| J EARLY             | 5/12 | MADANG | RIVER D. RHEENT | AUST            |       | & CAIRNS         |
|                     |      |        | S G REED        | AUST            | 15/12 | ex SYD 22/11     |
| DUNTROON            |      |        | T CORVIN        | AUST            | 4/12  | on berth         |
|                     |      |        | EVANGELINE      | AUST            |       | SYD 25/11        |
|                     |      |        |                 |                 |       | ex CAIRNS        |
| <u>MADANG</u>       |      |        |                 |                 |       |                  |
|                     |      |        | THREE CHEERS    | AUST            |       | ex SYD 8/11      |
|                     |      |        | J EARLY         | AITAPE          | 6/12  | thence LAE       |
|                     |      |        |                 |                 |       | JACQUINOT        |
| <u>FINSCHHAFFEN</u> |      |        |                 |                 |       |                  |
|                     |      |        | NORLAGO         | AUST            |       | ex BRIS 15/11    |
|                     |      |        | PETER LORAN     | AUST            |       | ex SYD 20/11     |
| <u>LAE</u>          |      |        |                 |                 |       |                  |
| F PARKLAN           | 2/12 | JACQ   | TAROONA         | AUST            | 1/12  | ex T'VILLE       |
|                     |      |        | ATLAS           | AUST            |       | 27/11            |
|                     |      |        | J S MORTON      | MADANG          | 30/11 | ex SYD 25/11     |
|                     |      |        | CITY OF         |                 |       | thence JACQ      |
|                     |      |        | HOUSTON         | AUST            | 3/12  | ex SYD 21/11     |
|                     |      |        | WILLCANNIA      | MADANG          | 1/12  |                  |
|                     |      |        | CITY OF         |                 |       | ex SYD via       |
|                     |      |        | PHILADELPHIA    | AUST            |       | L/Day & CRC      |
|                     |      |        | MAHARA          | MADANG & FINSCH | 2/12  |                  |
| <u>JACQUINOT</u>    |      |        |                 |                 |       |                  |
| ANN McKILL          |      |        | F PARKLAN       | LAE             | 4/12  |                  |
|                     |      |        | L E GARRISON    | AUST            | 3/12  | ex BRIS          |
|                     |      |        | NATHANIEL       |                 |       | on berth         |
|                     |      |        | MACON           | AUST            |       | SYD 18/11        |
|                     |      |        | JANE ADAMS      | AUST            | 1/12  | ex DARWIN        |
|                     |      |        | SWARTENHOUT     | AUST            |       |                  |
|                     |      |        | J S MORTON      | LAE             | 2/12  |                  |
| <u>LORESEY</u>      |      |        |                 |                 |       |                  |
|                     |      |        | CILARCH         | AUST            |       | on berth         |
|                     |      |        |                 |                 |       | SYD 28/11        |
|                     |      |        |                 |                 |       | for LAE          |
| <u>MILNE BAY</u>    |      |        |                 |                 |       |                  |
|                     |      |        | TORRENS         |                 |       |                  |
|                     |      |        | ELWOOD LEADE    | AUST            |       | ex T'VILLE 29/11 |
|                     |      |        | URALSA          | AUST            |       | ex SYD 22/11     |
|                     |      |        | PATRAS          | AUST            |       | thence MADANG    |
|                     |      |        |                 |                 |       | ex SYD 20/11     |

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| IN PORT                                       | ETD  | FOR     | EN ROUTE                                                                 | FROM                                             | ETA   | REMARKS                                                                                                      |
|-----------------------------------------------|------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>BOUGAINVILLE</u>                           |      |         |                                                                          |                                                  |       |                                                                                                              |
| INDIAN<br>VICTORY<br>CAPE<br>VICTORY<br>OZARK |      |         | SEA SNIPE<br>SEAWEE<br>ARCHER<br><br>SANTA MONICA<br>MEXICO<br>VAN HEUTZ | AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST<br><br>AUST<br>AUST<br>AUST | 30/11 | ex BRISBANE<br>ex BRISBANE 1/12<br>ex SYDNEY<br>thence JACQUINOT<br>ex BRIS 30/11<br>ex BRIS 3/12<br>ex BRIS |
| <u>TILABEA<br/>HOSKINS</u>                    |      |         |                                                                          |                                                  |       |                                                                                                              |
| <u>HOLLANDIA</u>                              |      |         |                                                                          |                                                  |       |                                                                                                              |
| ORRISTON                                      | 1/12 | T'VILLE | TORRENS<br>J P CHATEAU                                                   | LILIBAY<br>AUST                                  |       | ex BRISBANE                                                                                                  |
| GORGON                                        | 5/12 | LAE     | MICHAEL<br>KERR                                                          | AUST                                             |       | ex SYDNEY                                                                                                    |

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DISTRIBUTION

2/1 AUST MCV & TN GP  
 8 AUST H C GP  
 3 AUST DOCKS GP  
 MC LORESEY  
 MC FINSCHERFAN  
 MC LINDANG  
 MC AITAPE  
 MC HOLLANDIA  
 MC JACQUINOT BAY  
 MC HOSKINS  
 MC FORCE SEC AACB  
 BGS

DA & CIG  
 G (SD)  
 A  
 Q (4)  
 Q (MOV & TN)  
 RAA  
 CE (2)  
 DSO  
 MED  
 ORD  
 S & T  
 POSTAL (2)

DAD TN (DOCKS)  
 DAD TN (WATER TPT)

FOR INFORMATION

2 AUST CORPS  
 6 AUST DIV  
 FWD ECH LHQ (FOR MOV) (3)  
 LHQ (FOR MOV)  
 RANLO  
 GHQ REG OFFR LAE  
 WAR DIARY (2)  
 FILE (7)

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
30 NOV 44

DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS RETURN NO 201.  
(From 1000 hrs 29 Nov to 1000 hrs 30 Nov)

1. BY SEA

| SERIAL | UNIT                                             | STRENGTH |     | FROM     | TO                      | REMARKS                          |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------|----------|-----|----------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
|        |                                                  | OFFERS   | ORS |          |                         |                                  |
| 1.     | 3 Aust Water Tpt Gp                              | 1        | -   | Hoskins  | Ladang                  | Disembkd on<br>Melwera 28/11     |
| 2.     | 8 Aust L C Gp                                    | 1        | -   | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 3.     | A E M E                                          | 1        | 1   | Oro Bay  | Leo                     | Sld 753 29/11                    |
| 4.     | 4 A A O D                                        | -        | 2   | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 5.     | Buna Base Sub Area                               | -        | 1   | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 6.     | Serials 1 to 3 incl on<br>Return No 200 of 29/11 | 5        | 12  | Leo      | Aitape                  | Disembkd on<br>S Jensen<br>29/11 |
| 7.     | Adv L H Q                                        | 28       | 106 | Brisbane | Hollandia               | Disembkd.<br>ex Gorgon<br>29/11  |
| 8.     | No 1 Det 1 Aust B S A                            | 8        | 35  | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 9.     | No 2 " " " "                                     | 7        | 34  | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 10.    | 1 Aust C R E Works                               | -        | 4   | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 11.    | Det 2/1 Aust Docks Op Coy                        | 2        | 86  | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 12.    | 2/3 Aust L of C Pro Coy                          | -        | 100 | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 13.    | 207 Aust L A D                                   | 1        | 14  | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 14.    | 24 Aust D R Sec                                  | 1        | 14  | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 15.    | HQ 23 Aust L of C Sigs                           | 10       | 27  | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 16.    | 8 Aust Cp Sec                                    | 1        | 25  | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 17.    | 6 Aust Line Sec                                  | 2        | 34  | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 18.    | 16 Aust Line Maint Sec                           | -        | 6   | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 19.    | 4 Aust Tech Maint Sec                            | 1        | 17  | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 20.    | 37 Aust W/T Sec Hy                               | 1        | 11  | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 21.    | 10 " " " "                                       | 1        | 29  | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 22.    | 110 Aust Phone Switch<br>Board Cp Sec            | -        | 21  | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 23.    | 2/2 Aust Gd En                                   | -        | 7   | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 24.    | No 3 Pl Brisbane S I B<br>Maritime Gp            | -        | 3   | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 25.    | A A C S (Q'land Det)                             | -        | 4   | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 26.    | No 1 Det 2 Aust Adv Ech                          | -        | 3   | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 27.    | No 2 " 2 " " "                                   | -        | 3   | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 28.    | Det Fwd Ech L H Q                                | -        | 23  | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 29.    | HQ 5 Aust Div                                    | 23       | 95  | Ladang   | Jaquinet Sld<br>Via Leo | J S Lorton<br>29/11              |
| 30.    | Sigs 2 Aust Div                                  | 7        | 82  | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 31.    | 2/14 Aust Fd Regt                                | 5        | 77  | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 32.    | Det 2/1 Aust Gd Regt                             | 1        | 25  | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 33.    | HQ R A E 5 Aust Div                              | 1        | 15  | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 34.    | 7 Aust Engr Sig Sec                              | 1        | 14  | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 35.    | 5 Aust Div Pro Sec                               | 2        | 42  | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 36.    | 231 Aust L A D                                   | 1        | 9   | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 37.    | 77 Aust Dental Unit                              | 7        | 28  | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 38.    | HQ Comd 5 Aust Div A A S C                       | 6        | 21  | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 39.    | G H Q Liaison Det                                | 1        | 8   | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 40.    | 2 P9 Sec                                         | 1        | 8   | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 41.    | A D O S 5 Aust Div                               | -        | 4   | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 42.    | 5 Aust Div Cash Office                           | 1        | 8   | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 43.    | 5 " " Postal                                     | 1        | 8   | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 44.    | 5 " " Reception Comp                             | -        | 7   | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 45.    | 284 Aust L A D                                   | 1        | 13  | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 46.    | 55 Aust Fd Pk Coy                                | 6        | 159 | "        | "                       | "                                |
| 47.    | Det L H Q Dental Stores                          | -        | 2   | "        | "                       | "                                |

## 2. AIR GENERAL :-

| UNIT                 | STRENGTH |     | FROM    | TO     |
|----------------------|----------|-----|---------|--------|
|                      | Offrs    | Ops |         |        |
| ANGAU (natives)      |          | 31  | DUMPU   | NADZAB |
| " "                  |          | 24  | MADANG  | LAE    |
| " "                  |          | 16  | NADZAB  | AITAPE |
| Rear First Aust Army |          | 7   | MORESBY | NADZAB |

## COMM AND SPECIAL A/C :-

| UNIT             | NO OF A/C             | FROM   | TO        | DETAILS               |
|------------------|-----------------------|--------|-----------|-----------------------|
| 9 Comm Unit RAAF | 1 C47<br>(3 missions) | LAE    | MADANG    | personnel and freight |
| 21 Service Gp    | 1 C47 (2missions)     |        |           |                       |
| USAAF            |                       | NADZAB | GAROKA    | ANGAU rations         |
|                  | 1 C47                 | "      | ANNENBURG | " "                   |

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Subject: AIR TRANSPORT AND MAINTENANCE - FIRST AUST ARMY AREA -

AIRCRAFT REQUIREMENTS

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF).  
30 Nov 44.

Q.2631

L H Q. (2)

Copies:- Adv LHQ.  
Fwd Ech LHQ.  
Northern Comd RAAF.

- ... 1. Attached hereto (for LHQ only) copy of HQ First Aust Army Q2093 of 19 Oct 44, setting out inter alia, consolidated monthly air freight requirements within this area and to and from AUSTRALIA. Estimated monthly poundage, based on existing needs, totals approximately 300,000 lbs (i.e. 60 C47 sorties per month).
2. On further appreciation of the points raised therein, it is considered certain that operations planned in this theatre commencing approx January 45, will involve maintenance by air dropping, and later by landing, of forces up to and including brigade group strengths. It is further considered that air maintenance programme may be required in three areas simultaneously, i.e. in NEW GUINEA, NEW BRITAIN, and SOLOMONS areas. Past experience of terrain, such as met with in these areas, has shown very clearly, that without air maintenance, little can be achieved.
- ... 3. Attached as APPX "A" is a table setting out aircraft requirements for maintenance by air dropping and landing of forces of bn and bde group strength, together with natives allocated to them. Table is based on following constants obtained from Adv LHQ G567-21SD of 23 July, Adv LHQ G567-2SD of 7 Oct and records of previous operations in this area. All calculations are based on C47 aircraft.

STRENGTHS :-

|     |                      |       |         |       |          |
|-----|----------------------|-------|---------|-------|----------|
| (a) | Bn Gp (without arty) | 1,000 | whites, | 600   | natives. |
|     | Bde Gp (less arty)   | 3,500 | "       | 1,300 | "        |
|     | Bde Gp (with one     |       |         |       |          |
|     | fd bty)              | 3,700 | "       | 1,300 | "        |

POUNDRAGE RATES - WHITES

(b) 21 lbs per man per day will cover overall maintenance of force less arty.

25 lbs per man per day will cover overall maintenance of bde gp incl one fd bty with usage rates of all arm "intense".

Neither figure covers reserves or engr eqpt for construction of airfields, roads, etc.

POUNDRAGE RATES - NATIVES -

(c) 5 lbs per native per day will cover overall maintenance.

RECOVERY PERCENTAGE-

- (d) With trained air maintenance coy personnel, pilots and guides, percentage will normally be high. Weather and type of dropping area will also affect recovery. 70% is considered a safe percentage as basic figure.

PAYLOAD C47 AIRCRAFT

- (e) LANDING - 5,000 lbs.  
DROPPING - 4,000 lbs - taking into account droppers, parachutes, slides and packing.

4. In addition to air freighting and air maintenance programmes it may be necessary from time to time to effect minor troop movements by air. It will be appreciated that no precise estimate can be given but it is considered that 70 C47 sorties per month would cover all demands for this purpose.
5. It will be noted that all calculations are based on C47 aircraft. Past experience has shown that this type is ideal for transport and maintenance tasks and that no effective substitute type is available. BEAUFORTS have been treated purely as a temporary expedient, and, whilst valuable for employment on minor air dropping tasks such as maintenance of AIB field parties, are impracticable for use on a larger scale. For instance, the maintenance of a force of battalion group strength by air dropping would involve at least 36 BEAUFORT sorties daily as against 9 C47 sorties.
6. In view of the stated policy that RAAF units will be employed in support of AUST ground forces, advice is sought as to the extent to which this HQ may call upon RAAF for support in the case of air transport and maintenance.
7. It is considered that an allocation of transport aircraft to Northern Comd RAAF is imperative. It is not suggested that aircraft be allocated to all possible needs, but that a nucleus sufficient to cover normal air freighting requirements and minor troop movements (vide para 4) be initially placed with Northern Comd RAAF.
8. It is stressed however that for planning of operations this HQ must know well in advance the extent to which it may call on RAAF for support in operations involving air maintenance.
9. Therefore it is recommended that the following action be taken.
  - (a) One squadron (i.e. 12 serviceable craft daily) be allotted to Northern Comd RAAF as soon as possible.
  - (b) A further two squadrons (i.e. 24 serviceable craft daily) be earmarked for move to this area as required.

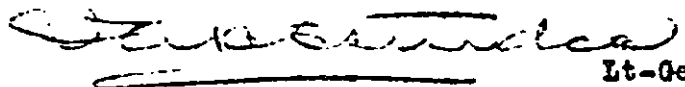
This HQ would then be in a position to plan operations with the sure knowledge that air maintenance problems could be solved

- (3) -

by disposition of sufficient aircraft to meet all demands to bases in immediate rear of fighting troops.

In addition to C47 aircraft a number of small effective rescue craft are urgently required for tasks involving remote airfields unsuitable for larger craft. The L5 type is ideal and 15 craft would meet all requirements.

10. May urgent consideration please be given to these matters.



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APPX A

TABLE OF AIRCRAFT REQUIREMENTS - AIR MAINTENANCE - BN &amp; BDE GPS.

| Serial | Force                          | Strengths |         | Poundage per day |       |      |      | Total<br>lbs | Dropping recovery<br>adjustment |                      | C47 Aircraft required<br>per day |                                   |
|--------|--------------------------------|-----------|---------|------------------|-------|------|------|--------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|        |                                | Whites    | Natives | Rate             | lbs   | Rate | lbs  |              | % recovery                      | lbs to be<br>dropped | Landing<br>(Payload<br>5000 lbs) | Dropping<br>(Payload<br>4000 lbs) |
|        |                                |           |         |                  |       |      |      |              |                                 |                      |                                  |                                   |
| 1.     | Bn 3r<br>(No arty)             | 1000      | 600     | 21               | 21000 | 5    | 3000 | 24000        | 70                              | 34286                | 5                                | 9                                 |
| 2.     | Bde Gp<br>(less arty)          | 3500      | 1300    | 21               | 73500 | 5    | 6500 | 80000        | 70                              | 114286               | 16                               | 29                                |
| 3.     | Bde Gp<br>(incl one<br>fd lty) | 3700      | 1300    | 25               | 92500 | 5    | 6500 | 99000        | 70                              | 141429               | 20                               | 36                                |

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SUBJECT - "J S LORTON" MADANG TO JACQUINOT VIA LAO.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)  
30 NOV 44

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5 AUST BASE SUB AREA  
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Advice has been received that vessel "J S LORTON" departed  
Madang 29 Nov for Jacquinot via Lao.  
Loading as follows :

1. Personnel, Vehicles, Stores etc.

| SERIAL | UNIT                      | STRENGTH |     | VEHS, TRLS<br>TRACTORS &<br>MACH EQUIP | TONS (L)<br>STORES &<br>EQUIP |
|--------|---------------------------|----------|-----|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|        |                           | OFFRS    | ORS |                                        |                               |
| 1.     | HQ 5 Aust Div             | 23       | 95  | 14                                     | 116                           |
| 2.     | Sigs 2 Aust Div           | 7        | 82  | 12                                     | 54                            |
| 3.     | 2/14 Aust Fd Regt         | 5        | 77  | 15 & 4x25 Pdr<br>Guns                  | 50                            |
| 4.     | Det 2/1 Aust Gd Regt      | 1        | 25  | 3                                      | 35                            |
| 5.     | HQ R A A 5 Aust Div       | 1        | 15  | 6                                      | 5                             |
| 6.     | 7 Aust Engr Sig Sec       | 1        | 14  | 13                                     |                               |
| 7.     | 5 Aust Div Pro Sec        | 2        | 42  | 6                                      | 4                             |
| 8.     | 231 Aust L A D            | 1        | 9   | 2                                      |                               |
| 9.     | 77 Aust Dental Unit       | 7        | 28  | 2                                      | 24                            |
| 10.    | HQ Comd 5 Aust Div AASC   | 6        | 21  | 2                                      | 23                            |
| 11.    | G H Q Liaison Sec         | 1        | 8   | -                                      |                               |
| 12.    | 2 PS Sec                  | 1        | 8   | 1                                      |                               |
| 13.    | A D C S 5 Aust Div        | -        | 4   | 1                                      | 188                           |
| 14.    | 5 Aust Div Cash Office    | 1        | 8   | -                                      | 4                             |
| 15.    | 5 Aust Div Postal         | 1        | 8   | 6                                      | 2                             |
| 16.    | 5 Aust Div Reception Camp | -        | 7   | -                                      | 56                            |
| 17.    | 284 Aust L A D            | 1        | 13  | 7                                      | -                             |
| 18.    | 55 Aust Fd Park Coy       | 6        | 159 | 72                                     | 468                           |
| 19.    | Det L E Q Dental Stores   | -        | 2   | -                                      | 1                             |
| 20.    | G H Q'S Det               | -        | -   | 5                                      |                               |
| TOTALS |                           | 65       | 625 | 167 &<br>4 Guns                        | 1030                          |

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for DA & QMG HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) BRIG.

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