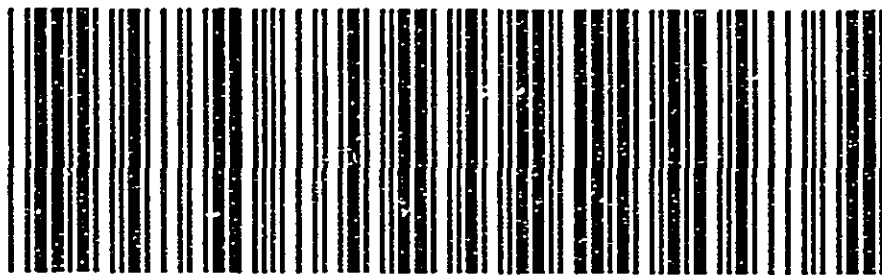


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LAE	1 Jan 45		VAN HEUTZ - CAIRNS to TOROKINA	Appendix A
"	1 Jan 45		FRANCIS PARKMAN - MADANG to JACQUINOT BAY	" B
"	1 Jan 45		JOSIAH EARL - SYDNEY to TOROKINA	" C
"	1 Jan 45		KATOOMBA (Voyage 35) - BRISBANE to JACQUINOT	" D
"	1 Jan 45		Daily Return of Movements - Return No 233	" E
"	1 Jan 45		Daily Shipping Position Return No 233	" F
"	2 Jan 45		Daily Return of Movements . Return No 234	" G
"	2 Jan 45		Daily Shipping Position Return No 234	" H
"	2 Jan 45		Current Q Matters - 2 Jan 45	" I
"	2 Jan 45		FAIRISLE - TOWNSVILLE to TOROKINA	" J
"	2 Jan 45		AQMGs Conference Notes - 1/2 Jan 45	" K
"	2 Jan 45		Daily Return Of Movements - Return No 235	" L
"	3 Jan 45		Current Q Matters - 3 Jan 45	" M
"	3 Jan 45		SHAWNEE - TOWNSVILLE to TOROKINA	" N

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LAE	2 Jan 45		Current Q Matters - 2 Jan 45	Appendix O
"	3 Jan 45		Fairsisle - TOWNSVILLE to TOROKINA (Amended Schedule)	" P
"	3 Jan 45		Daily Shipping Position Return No 235	" Q
"	4 Jan 45		ACMGs Conference Notes 3/4 Jan 45	" R
"	4 Jan 45		Daily Return of Movements Return No 236	" S
"	4 Jan 45		Daily Shipping Position Return No 236	" T
"	4 Jan 45		Current Q Matters - 4 Jan 45	" U
"	4 Jan 45		SUVA - CAIRNS to TOROKINA	" V
"	4 Jan 45		TAROONA - TOWNSVILLE to JACQUINOT BAY	" W
"	5 Jan 45		Edward J O'BRIEN - SYDNEY BRISBANE and TOWNSVILLE to TOROKINA	" X
"	5 Jan 45		DUNTROON - BRISBANE to JACQUINOT	Y
"	5 Jan 45		Daily Shipping Position Return No 237	Z
"	5 Jan 45		James Clements - BRISBANE to JACQUINOT BAY	" AA

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	5 Jan 45		Daily Return of Movements - Return No 237	Appendix AB
"	6 Jan 45		Air Transport and Maintenance-First Aust Army Area Aircraft requirements	" AC
"	6 Jan 45		Lindley M GARRISON - CAIRNS to AITAPE	" AD
"	6 Jan 45		ALAGRA - TOWNSVILLE to LAE	" AE
"	6 Jan 45		Daily Return of Movements - Return No 238	" AF
"	6 Jan 45		Daily Shipping Position Return No 238	" AG
"	6/7 Jan 45		Daily Return of Movements - Return No 239	" AH
"	6 Jan 45		Daily Shipping Position - Return No 239	" AI
"	6 Jan 45		AQMGs Conference Notes 5/6 Jan 45	" AJ
"	7 Jan 45		SHAWNEE - TOWNSVILLE to TOROKINA	" AK
"	7 Jan 45		DUNTROON - BRISBANE to JACQUINOT BAY	" AL
"	8 Jan 45		Daily Shipping Position Return No 240	" AM
"	8 Jan 45		Daily Return of Movements - Return No 240	" AN
"	8 Jan 45		CHARON - SYDNEY to PORT MORESBY	" AO

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LAE	8 Jan 45		"E J O'BRIEN" SYDNEY BRISBANE & TOWNSVILLE TO TOROKINA	Appendix AP
"	9 Jan 45		Daily Return of Movements - Return No. 241	" AQ
"	"		Daily Shipping position Return No.241	" AR
"	10 Jan 45		Daily Shipping Position - Return No.242	" AS
"	"		Daily Return of Movements - Return No.242	" AT
"	"		AQMG's Conference Notes 8-10 Jan 45	" AU
"	11 Jan 45		"TAROONA" TOWNSVILLE TO LAE	" AV
"	"		Daily Shipping Position - Return No.243	" AW
"	"		Daily Return of Movements - Return No.243	" AX
"	"		Unit Maintenance Inspectors	" AY
"	12 Jan 45		AQMG's Conference Notes 11/12 Jan 45	" AZ
"	"		Daily Return of Movements - Return No.244	" BA
"	"		Daily Shipping Position - Return No.244	" BB
"	"		Q Matters Outstanding - First Aust Army	" BC

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LAE	13 Jan 45		"RIVER FITZROY" SYDNEY BRISBANE & TOWNSVILLE to LAE	Appendix BD
"	13 Jan 45		"TAROONA" - TOWNSVILLE TO LAE	" BE
"	13 Jan 45		Daily Shipping Positions Return No.245	" BF
"	13 Jan 45		Daily Return of Movements - Return No.245	" BG
"	14 Jan 45		Daily Shipping Position Return No.246	" BH
"	14 Jan 45		Daily return of Movements - Return No.246	" BI
"	16 Jan 45		E J O'BRIEN - BRISBANE TO TOROKINA	" BJ
"	16 Jan 45		Daily Return of Movement - Return No.247	" BK
"	16 Jan 45		Daily Shipping REMARKS Position Return No.247	" BL
"	16 Jan 45		AQMG's Conference Notes, 13,15,16 Jan 45	" BM
"	16 Jan 45		Daily Shipping Position Return No.248	" BN
"	16 Jan 45		Daily return of Movements	" BO
"	16 Jan 45		Current & Matters - 16 Jan 45	" BP
"	16 Jan 45		"ALAGNA" TOWNSVILLE TO LAE	" BQ

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	17 Jan 45		"RIVER CLARENCE" - SYDNEY TO LAE	Appendix BR
"	"		"RIVER FITZROY - SYDNEY BRISBANE & TOWNSVILLE TO LAE	" BS
"	"		AQMG's Conference Notes - 17 Jan 45	" BT
"	"		Daily Return of Movements - Return No.249	" BU
"	"		Daily Shipping Position - Return No.249	" BV
"	"		"JUBAL EARLY" - MADANG TO JACQUINOT BAY	" BW
"	"		Proposed Shipping Allotment as at 17 Jan 45	" BX
"	18 Jan 45		Daily Shipping Position - Return No.250	" BY
"	"		Q Matters Current - 18 Jan 45	" BZ
"	"		Daily Return of Movement - Return No.250	" CA
"	"		"G M EMBIRICOS" SYDNEY BRISBANE & TOWNSVILLE for AITAPE via HOLLANDIA	" CB
"	"		Proposed Shipping Allotments as at 17 Jan 45	" CC
"	19 Jan		Daily Return of Movements - Return No.251	" CD
"	"		Daily Shipping Position - Return No.251	" CE

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	19 Jan 45		First Aust Army Admin Instr No.10 Amendment No.1	Appendix CF
"	"		AQMG's Conference Notes 18/19 Jan 45	" CG
"	20 Jan 45		Daily Shipping Position Return No.282	" CH
"	"		Daily Return of Movements - Return No.252	" CI
"	"		"E J O'BRIEN" - TOWNSVILLE TO TOROKINA	" CJ
"	"		"TAROONA" - TOWNSVILLE TO LAE	" CK
"	21 Jan 45		"BONTAKOE" - TOWNSVILLE TO HOLLANDIA & AITAPE	" CL
"	"		"GORGON" (Voyage 15) - TOWNSVILLE TO AITAPE	" CM
"	"		Daily Return of Movements - Return No.253	" CN
"	"		Daily Shipping Position - Return, No.253	" CO
"	"		Daily Return of Movements - Return No.254	" CP
"	"		Daily Shipping Position - Return No.254	" CQ
"	22 Jan 45		Q Matters Current - 22 Jan 45	" CR
"	23 Jan 45		AQMG's Conference Notes - 20,22 & 23 Jan 45	" CS

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LAE	23 Jan 45		"TAROONA" TOWNSVILLE TO LAE	Appendix CT
"	"		Daily Return of Movements - Return No.255	" CU
"	"		Daily Shipping Position - Return No.255	" CV
"	"		"BAN HONG LIONG" SYDNEY TO LAE	" CW
"	24 Jan 45		Daily Shipping Position - Return No.256	" CX
"	"		AQMG's Conference Notes 24 Jan 45	" CY
"	25 Jan 45		Daily Return of Movements - Return No.257	" CZ
"	"		Daily Shipping Position Return No.257	" DA
"	"		Proposed Shipping Allotments as at 24 Jan 45	" DB
"	26 Jan 45		Daily Shipping Position Return No.258	" DC
"	"		Addendum No.2 FAA Adm Instr No.14 of 19 Dec 44	" DD
"	"		"RIVER FITZROY" - BRISBANE TOWNSVILLE TO LAE	" DE
"	"		Daily Return of Movements - Return No.258	" DF
"	27 Jan 45		Daily Shipping Position Return No.259	" DG

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	27 Jan 45		Daily Return of Movements - Return No.259	Appendix DH
"	28 Jan 45		"G M EMBERICOS" - SYDNEY BRISBANE & TOWNSVILLE for AITAPE via	" DI
"	"		"CHARON" SYDNEY to MORESBY HOLLANDIA	" DJ
"	"		Daily Shipping Position - Return No.260	" DK
"	"		Daily Return of Movements - Return No.260	" DL
"	29 Jan 45		"SWARTENHONDT" - TOWNSVILLE TO ORO BAY, LAE & FINSCHHAFEN	" DM
"	"		Daily Shipping Position - Return No.261	" DN
"	"		Daily Return of Movements - Return No.261	" DO
"	"		"JOHN HOPE" SYDNEY & CAIRNS TO JACQUINOT BAY	" DP
"	"		"RIVER FITZROY" - TOWNSVILLE TO LAE	" DQ
"	"		"RING LARDNER" SYDNEY & TOWNSVILLE FOR TOROKINA	" DR
"	30 Jan 45		Daily Shipping Position Return No.262	" DS
"	"		Daily Return of Movements - Return No.262	" DT
"	"		"BONTIKOE" TOWNSVILLE TO AITAPE	" DU

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SUBJECT - "VAN HEUTZ" - CAIENS TO TOROKINA.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
1 JAN 45.
QM 1006

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

A
Q (MAINT) (4)
Q (MOV & EN)
CE (2)
MED

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

Ref our Q2881 of 27 Dec 44 NOT to all addressees

Advice has been received that above mentioned vessel departed
CAIENS 30 Dec for TOROKINA, loading as follows-

SER IAL	UNIT/CONSIGNEE	STRENGTH		VEHS & TRILRS	UNIT STORES TONS (M)
		OFFRS	ORS		
1.	24 Aust Inf Bn	25	609	-	171
2.	4 Aust Supply Depot P1	2	30	-	41
3.	3 Aust Supply Depot P1	1	32	-	95
4.	15 Aust Fd Amb	9	167	-	-
5.	15 Aust Fd Coy	1	18	3	47
6.	129 Aust Bde /shops	2	74	-	14
7.	266 Aust LAD	1	16	-	2
8.	53 Aust Fd P1	-	17	-	34
9.	101 Aust Bde Support Coy	8	158	83	1
10.	58/59 Aust Inf Bn	-	13	-	-
11.	57 Div Support Park	-	6	-	-
	60 Aust Inf Bn	-	2	-	4
12.	HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde	-	-	-	50
13.	129 Aust Bde Ord Fd Park	-	-	-	-
14.	Port Director (Rations)	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		49	1142	86	456

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DA & CMG HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT - "FRANCIS PARKMAN" - MADANG TO JACQUINOT BAY.HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
1 JAN 45.

QH 1008

DA & CMG

G (OPS)

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POSTAL (2)

Advice has been received that above mentioned vessel departed
MADANG 30 Dec for JACQUINOT BAY, loading as follows -

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		VEHS, TRLS & GUNS ETC	UNIT STORES (INC AIF) TONS (M)
		OFFRS	ORS		
1.	28 Fd Bty, 2/14 Aust Fd Regt	12	170	-	-
2.	77 Aust Dental Unit	1	4	-	4
3.	HQ RAA 5 Aust Div	3	18	4	17
4.	Rear HQ 5 Aust Div	1	38	28	26
5.	Sigs 2 Aust Div	1	15	-	-
6.	5 Aust Svy Bty	5	42	10	29
7.	4 Aust Supply Depot Coy	2	12	11	31
8.	5 Aust Mobile Laundry	2	81	23	68
9.	165 AGT Coy	7	179	84	-
10.	10 Aust Fd Bakery Pl	1	31	1	60
11.	4 Aust Mob Amm Repair Shop	-	12	3	2
12.	83 Aust Dental Unit	1	8	1	7
13.	18 Aust War Graves Unit	1	8	3	-
14.	9 Aust L of C Stationery Depot	-	3	-	31
15.	107 Aust Adv Depot Med Stores	-	3	1	134
16.	Adv LHQ Depot Dental Stores	-	2	-	8
17.	81 Aust Mobile Cinema	-	2	2	-
18.	2/14 Aust Fd Regt	-	-	8 x 25pdr Guns 1 x 25ft Boat	67
19.	Sigs 2 Aust Div	-	-	27	59
20.	5 Aust Base Sub Area	-	-	12	144
21.	18 Aust AOD	-	-	-	13
22.	Port Director	-	-	-	4
TOTALS		37	628	240 Vchs & Trlrs 8 x 25pdr Guns 1 x 25ft Boat	676

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SUBJECT - "JOSIAH EARL" - SYDNEY TO TOROKINA.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
1 JAN 45.

QM 1013

2 AUST CORPS
4 AUST BASE SUB AREA
NG SEC AACS
DA & QMG
G (SD)
A

Q (MAINT) (4)
Q (MOV & TN)
CE (2)
AMENITIES
ACF
YMCA

S & T
ORD
POSTAL (2)
RANLO

RMF our Q 2837 of 19 Dec 44.

2. Advice has been received that above-mentioned vessel sailed from SYDNEY 29 Dec, loading as follows -

SERIAL	CONSIGNOR	DESCRIPTION	TONS (MEAS)
1.	S & T	Rations	3876
		P O L	5222
2.	Ordnance	Stores	510
		Amm	120
		5 Trucks	
		8 Tractors	
		2 Semi-Trlrs	
		3 ALC Barges	
3.	Engineers	Stores plus	16
		2 Graders	
		1 Tractor	
4.	AACS	-	87
5.	ACF	-	46
6.	Amenities	-	2
7.	YMCA	-	4
8.	Postal	-	241
Total Cargo 10,124 tons plus Vehs, Barges etc.			

Richard W. Ingham, Capt
for DA & QMG HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) BRIG.

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SUBJECT - "KATOOMBA"(VOYAGE 35) - BRISBANE TO JACQUINOT.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
1 JAN 45.

QM 1014.

5 AUST DIV
5 AUST BASE SUB AREA
DA & QMG
G (OPS)
G (SD)
A

Q (MAINT)(4)
Q (MOV & TN)
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Advice has been received that above-mentioned vessel will load
BRISBANE to JACQUINOT as follows -

SER IAL	UNIT	APPROX STRENGTH ALL RANKS	VEES	STORES TONS (M)
1.	Deta 4 Aust Inf Bde	1300	-	713
2.	104 Mob Bact Lab	5	-	-
3.	15 Depot Fd Cash Office	7	1	-
4.	120 Aust Mob Cinema	3	2	1
5.	HQ 31 Aust Supply Depot Coy	18	4	86
6.	X- List, Leave, School Returnees etc	167	-	-
TOTALS		1500	7	800

W. Cunningham, C. P. V.
for DA & QMG HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) BRIG.

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DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 233.
(From 1000 hrs 31 Dec to 1000 hrs 1 Jan 45)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
1 JAN 45.

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH OFFERS	ORS	FROM	TO	REMARKS
1.	43 Aust L/C Coy	1	4	JACQ	LAE	Embkd AB582 30/12
2.	Ordnance	19	35	TOROKINA	EMIRAU	Embkd AS1742 30/12
3.	AASC	-	1	"	"	"

2. AIR GENERAL :-

UNIT	STRENGTH OFFERS	ORS	FROM	TO	DETAILS
P I E		5			
1 Aust Water Amb Cvy	(natives) 1	9	LAE	MORLESBY	
55 Aust Inf Bn		4	"	AITAPE	
29 Aust F S Sec		7	"	MADANG	
2/1 Aust Gd Regt		3	MADANG	LAE	
4 Aust Inf Bn		3	"	"	
43 Aust L C Coy		4	FINSCH	"	

COMB AND SPECIAL A/C :-

UNIT	NO OF A/C	FROM	TO	DETAILS
CRTC MADZAB	1 C47 (drop)	MADZAB	KOKODA	ANGAU main
	1 C47 "	"	ATEMBLE	reserves
				AMFENBERG
9 Comn Unit RAAF	1 C47 (mission 1)	LAE	MORLESBY	FORCE
	1 C47 "	2 "	MADANG	misc pers and
	1 C47 "	3 "	FINSCH	stores
	1 BEAUFORT	"	"	ferry service
	1 "	"	MADANG	"
			AITAPE	courier

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3 AUST ADV 2 ECH
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NG FORCE SEC AACS
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DA & QMG
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Q (3)
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RAA
CE (2)
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DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 233.
(As at 1200 hrs 1 JAN 45.)

NO. FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
1 JAN 45.

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>AITAPE</u>						
I ISAACSON S G BENSON J EARLY S G REED JANE ADAMS SAN SIMON	3/1 2/1 5/1	MADANG	MATARA MEXICO L M GARRISON RIVER DERWENT	MADANG AUST AUST FINSCH	2/1 4/1	ex CAIRNS 29/12 ex CAIRNS after rationing FINSCH
<u>MADANG</u>						
COORABIE MELINGA (Repairs)	2/1					
<u>FINSCHAFEN</u>						
TUNG SONG (Repairs) MARRAWAH	7/1	LAE LAE	RIVER DERWENT SAN PEDRO	AITAPE AUST	31/12	thence return AITAPE for discharge ex SID 27/12
<u>LAE</u>						
C G SELLARS			OLMISTON RIVER FITZROY NORLAGO GEORGE PEAT	AUST AUST AUST MILNE BAY	1/1 2/1	ex T/VILLE 29/12 on berth SYD 1/1 via BRIS on berth SYD 26/12 for LAE & FINSCH
<u>JACQUINOT</u>						
NATHANIEL MACON SWARTENHOEDT	1/1		F PARKMAN J CLEMENTS DUNTRON (41) TAROONA KATOOMBA	MADANG AUST AUST AUST AUST	31/12	ex. SYD 28/12 via BRISBANE ex BRIS ex T VILLE ex BRIS
<u>MORESEY</u>						
MATTHEY FLINDERS <u>MILNE BAY</u>			RIVER DERWENT	AITAPE		for LAE via MILNE BAY
			FRANCOIS PEATE VAN SWOLL RIVER DERWENT CHARON	LAE MORESEY LAE	1/1	via TONA ex BRIS for LAE for AUST

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IN PORT	ETD	FOR	ES. BOOKS	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>BOUGAINVILLE</u>			VAN HEUTZ	AUST	2/1	ex CAIRNS 30/12
J S MORTON			FAIRISLE	AUST		ex T/VILLE
			J EARL	AUST	6/1	ex SYDNEY 29
			SUVA	AUST	5/1	ex CAIRNS 1/1
			R J WALKER	AUST		on berth SYD 24/12 via BRIS
			GEORGE PEATE	LAE		
<u>HOLLANDIA</u>			C G SELLARS	AUST		via LAE
J P CHOULEAU			MICHAEL KERR	AUST		ex SYDNEY

NOTE :

ETD - Expected Time of Departure from Loading Port.

ETA - Expected Time of Arrival at Destination.

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2/1 AUST MOV & TN GP
8 AUST M C GP
3 AUST DOCKS GP
MC MORESBY
MC FINSCHHAFEN
MC AITAPE
MC HOLLANDIA
MC JACQUINOT
MC MADANG
MC HOSKINS
NG. FORCE SEC AACB
BGS
DA & QMG

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Q (MAINT)(4)
Q (MOV & TN)(3)
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2 AUST CORPS
6 AUST DIV
ADV LHQ (MOV)(3)
LHQ (MOV)
RANLO
GHQ REG OFFR LAE

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DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 234.
(From 1000 hrs 1 Jan to 0000 hrs 2 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AIF)
2 JAN 45.

1. BY SEA.						
SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO	REMARKS
		OFFERS	ORS			
1.	NG Details	6	42	LAE	T'VILLE	EMBKD CHARON 31/12
2.	NG Med & Vet Stores	1	20	"	"	"
3.	8 Aust AAD	-	1	"	"	"
4.	4 Aust AOD	-	1	"	"	"
5.	HQ First Aust Army	1	1	"	"	"
6.	ANGAU (Natives)	-	46	FINSCH	LAE	Embkd AK96 30/12
7.	ANGAU	1	2	"	"	"
8.	Aust Army Details	-	20	MADANG	LAE	Embkd COORABIE 31/12
9.	AASO	-	1	"	"	"
10.	4 Aust AOD	-	1	"	"	"
11.	6 Aust Mob Met Flt	-	6	T'VILLE	LAE	Disembkd ex ORMISTON 2/1
12.	7 Aust Jungle Trunk Line Maintenance Sec	-	38	"	"	"
13.	67 Aust BIPOD PL AASC	1	25	"	"	"
14.	General Reinforcements	-	44	"	"	"
15.	NG Details ex Leave	6	97	"	"	"
16.	6 Aust Jungle Trunk Line Maintenance Sec	1	38	"	"	"
17.	Soldiers Under Arrest	-	8	"	"	"
18.	1 Aust Inf Tpt Workshop	-	2	"	"	"
19.	ACF	1	-	"	"	"
20.	HQ 2 Aust Pigeon Sec	1	3	"	"	"
21.	1 Aust Broadcasting Sig Sec	1	5	"	"	"
22.	LHQ School of Mech	1	24	"	"	"
23.	NG Details	8	126	"	"	"
24.	AANS & AALWS	49	2	"	"	"
25.	6 Aust Mob Met Sec RAAF	-	6	"	"	"
26.	AFV	-	-	"	"	"

2 AIR GENERAL :-

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO	DETAILS
		OFFERS	ORS			
1.	17 Aust Wks Coy		3	LAE	AITAPE	
2.	43 Aust L C Coy	1	16	FINSCH	LAE	
3.	R P C (Natives)		7	MORESEY	LAE	
4.	7 Aust Comd A L Sec		2	MADANG	AITAPE	

AIR - COMM AND SPECIAL A/C :-

UNIT	NO OF A/C	FROM	TO	DETAILS
9 Comm Unit RAAF	1 C47 (mission 1)	LAE	FINSCH	Perry service
	1 C47 (Mission 2)	LAE	MADANG	Misc pers & stores
	1 BEAUFORT	LAE	AITAPE	7 Comm A L Sec
			MORESBY	Misc pers & store

for *Handwritten signature* Brig
D A & Q L G FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION

1 AUST ADV 2 ECH
3 AUST ADV 2 ECH
DFO NEW GUINEA
NGFFORCE SEC AACs
EGS
DA & QMG
G (OPS)
G(SD)
A

AMS
Q (3)
Q (MOV & TN)
RAA
CE (2)
CSO (2)
MED
DENTAL
S & T

ORD
E & ME
POSTAL
SALVAGE
AMEN
FILE (7)
WAR DIARY

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DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 234.
(As at 1200 hrs 2 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
2 JAN 45.

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>AITAPE</u> J ISAACSON S G BENSON J EARLY S G REED JANE ADAMS SAN SIMEON	2/4 7/4 3/4 5/4	MADANG	MELINGA MATTARA MEXICO L M GARRISON RIVER DERWENT	LAE MADANG AUST AUST FINSCH	9/4 2/4 4/4	ex CAIRNS 29/12 ex CAIRNS after rationing FINSCH
<u>MADANG</u>			JUBAL EARLY	AITAPE	4/4	to load for JACQ
<u>FINSCHhafen</u> TUNG SONG (Repairs) MELINGA MARRAWAH RIVER DERWENT	8/4 2/4 4/4	LAE LAE LAE AITAPE	SAN PEDRO	AUST		ex SYD 27/12
<u>LAE</u> C G SELLARS ORMISTON	3/4	T'VILLE	MELINGA MARRAWAH RIVER FITZROY. NORLAGO TUNG SONG GEORGE PEAT COORABIE	FINSCH FINSCH AUST AUST FINSCH MILNE BAY MADANG	3/4 5/4 9/4 2/4 3/4	to load for AITAPE on berth SYD 4/4 via BRIS on berth SYD 26/12 for LAE & FINSCH for JACQ
<u>JACQUINOT</u> NATHANIEL MACON F PARKMAN			J CLEMENTS DUNTROON (41) TARCONA KATOOMBA GOORABIE JUBAL EARLY	AUST AUST AUST AUST LAE MADANG		ex SYD 28/12 via BRIS ex BRIS ex T'VILLE ex BRIS
<u>MORESEBY</u> MATEMAN FLINDERS			RIVER DERWENT	AITAPE		for LAE via MILNE BAY
<u>MILNE BAY</u> CHARON		T'VILLE	FRANCOIS PEATE VAN SWOLL RIVER DERWENT	LAE MORESEBY		via RUNA ex FRMS for LAE

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IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
BOUGAINVILLE			VAN HEUTZ	AUST	2/1	ex CAIRNS 30/12
			FAIRISLE	AUST	5/1	ex T'VILLE 1/1
			J EARL	AUST	6/1	ex SYD 29/12
			SUVA	AUST	5/1	ex CAIRNS 1/1
			R J WALKER	AUST		on berth SYD 24/12 via BRIS
			GEORGE PEATE			
HOLLANDIA			C G SELLARS	AUST		via LAE
J P CLOULAU			MICHAEL KEER	AUST		ex SYDNEY

NOTE :

ETA - Expected Time of Arrival at Destination.

ETD - Expected Time of Departure from Loading Port.

I *Robert M. Kinnear*
DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) BRIG.

DISTRIBUTION

2/1 AUST MOV & TN GP
8 AUST M C GP
3 AUST DOCKS GP
MC MORESBY
MC FINSCHHAFEN
MC AITAPE
MC HOLLANDIA
MC JACQUINOT BAY
MC HOSKINS
MC WADJANG
NG
BGS
DA & QMG

G (SD)
A
Q (MAINT)(4)
Q (MOV & TN) (3)
RAA
AMF LO
CE (2)
CSO
MED
ORD
S & T
POSTAL (2)

FILE (10)
WAR DIARY (2)
FOR INFORMATION
2 AUST CORPS
6 AUST DIV
ADV LHQ (MOV)(3)
LHQ (MOV)
RARLO
GHQ REG OFFR LAE

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Hq First Aust Army
Branch

CURRENT MATTERS - 2 JAN 45

Serial	Subject	Action By
1	A report from 5 Aust Base Sub Area states that a tug will be required to manoeuvre a Liberty ship into the wharf now under construction at Jacquinet Bay. No suitable tugs are available from First Aust Army resources and it would be uneconomical to have a tug of the necessary size allotted for this task. Col Nov will look into this matter and discuss with Naval representative whether in fact a tug will be necessary and if so could it be supplied by the Navy.	Col Nov
2	Pending the arrival in First Aust Army area of parachutes demanded in November last these items will be in short supply. In consequence the maximum use should be made of parachutes recovered from air-droppings. At Milne Bay were recovered from 767 dropped. Re-folding is delayed because of wet condition of the parachutes. 3 Aust Base Sub Area have been instructed to provide drying facilities as soon as possible and LAF have been asked to move by fastest means parachute re-folding personnel now ready for movement ex Aust. Because of the slow rate of discharge of ships in port at Milne Bay considerable delay may occur in unloading parachutes actually on ships in the port. It is probable, because of this, that further supplies of parachutes will have to be sent to Milne Bay in small ships from Lae. In view of this it has been requested to forward stocks now available in Aust to Lae by first available ship.	Col Nov LAF
3	1 Aust Aircraft Workshop now at Rabu is to be relieved by 10 Aust Aircraft Workshop. DAF has proposed that the new workshop be located at Sal- traus because this area is considered more suitable than Rabu. A conference of interest parties will be held on 3 Jan to discuss the proposal and if considered desirable to re-evaluate the site at Rabu.	

L/Col First Aust Army

Distribution

Copy No

- 1 DA&MG - Pass to AAG
- 2 Col 4
- 3 Col Mov
- 4 AAG - Pass to AAG (P)
- ✓ 5-6 War Diary

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SUBJECT - "FAIRISLE" - TOWNSVILLE TO TOROKINA.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
2 JAN 45.
QM 1016

2 AUST CORPS	A	MED
4 AUST BASE SUB AREA	Q (MAINT) (4)	S & T
DA & QMG	Q (MOV & TN)	ORD
G (OPS)	CE (2)	E & ME
G (SD)	CSO	POSTAL (2)
G (AIR)		RANLO

Ref our Q 2875 of 26 Dec 44.

1. Advice has been received that above mentioned vessel departed TOWNSVILLE 1 Jan for TOROKINA, loading as follows -

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		VEHS	UNIT STORES & EQUIPT inc VEHS TONS (M)
		OFFRS	ORS		
1.	57/60 Aust Inf Bn	26	617	-	-
2.	15 Aust Fd Coy	4	160	-	-
3.	HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde	2	30	-	-
4.	129 Aust Bde W'shops	-	31	-	-
5.	129 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	1	13	-	-
6.	53 Aust Tpt Pl	2	73	-	-
7.	Aust Army Details	32	367	-	-
8.	112 FCU (RAAF)	12	337	50	887
					84 Rations & Stores
					46 Mail
TOTALS		79	1628	50	1017

DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) BRIG.

FILE (10)
WAR DIARY (2)

Distribution of AQMG's Conference Notes:

Col Q
AQ
Q (Maint)
Q (Miso)
SC1 (Maint)
SC2 (Maint)
Q (Wks)
SC AQ
EC Col Q
Q (Mov & Tn)
S&T
Ord
ARME
Postal
Salvage
Camp
LAE Base Sub Area
War Diary (2) ✓
File

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AQMG's CONFERENCE NOTES- 1-2 JAN 45

Reefer cargoes ex AUST

1. LHQ advise that shipments for First Aust Army area from AUST will be :- Infm

MORESBY	Direct
MILNE BAY) BUNA)	Rationed under arrangements USASOS
LAE	Direct
SOLOMONS	Direct
NEW BRITAIN) MADANG) AITAPE)	Transhipped through FINSCHAFEN

Tarps for TOROKINA

2. 4 Base Sub Area confirm receipt of 20,000 sq ft tarpaulin coverage Infm

Fresh Ration Holdings - HOSKINS

3. S&T will arrange obtain these figures for inclusion in weekly maint schedule. Q(Maint)
S&T

Parachutes

4. Parachutes are in short sup at AITAPE pending receipt of stocks from AUST. 600 parachutes have been sent fwd from LAE per AS25 which departed LAE 1 Jan. A further 400 will go forward per "MELINGA", ETA AITAPE 6/9 Jan. No further shipments can be made ex LAE. Q(Maint)
S&T
Ord
Q(Mov)
5. LHQ has been requested to despatch to LAE per "RIVER FITZROY" or earlier ship, 60 days res and 30 days maint stocks of paras and accessories. Pending arrival of stocks at AITAPE direct from AUST, AITAPE requirements will be met by shipping quantities as required from LAE (ex the R FITZROY shipment).
6. This will avoid possibility of paras arriving AITAPE in big ships ex AUST, but not being available because of slow rate of discharge in the port.

Correspondence and signals to ANGPCB

7. Copies of such correspondence and sigs will, in all cases, be forwarded to ANGPAU. All
DAQMGs

Beer Ration

8. Owing to difficulties of sup in AUST, beer ration in First Aust Army area is being reduced to 1 bottle per week as a temp measure. Infm

Jeep Trlrs ex AUST

9. 200 Jeep Trlrs coming from AUST as follows :- Infm

for JACQUINOT 125
for TOROKINA 75

Natives ex GLOUCESTER

10. First priority for natives ex GLOUCESTER will be given to TOROKINA. Q(Wks)
Q(Mov) in conjunction with Q(Mov) will arrange ship natives as follows :- Q(Mov)

200 approx 10 Jan } to TOROKINA
200 approx 20 Jan }

11. Balance of natives, 300 odd, will not be available for mov before 1 Mar.

Trousers for MADANG

12. 3000 prs required ex LAE 1600 move by air 2 Jan. Q(Maint)
Balance will go fwd by sea. Ord

Mails - HOSKINS

13. Next drop expected 5 Jan Q(Misc)
Q(Mov) are asking RAAF to divert a courier Q(Mov)
plane to land at HOSKINS once per week. Posts

Mails to AITAPE

14. Now coming from AUST by MARINER to MADANG, three Q(Misc)
times per week. Q(Mov)
This is unsatisfactory as on mov from MADANG Posts
sometimes difficult.

15. Investigations being made of two alternatives :-
(a) direct AUST to AITAPE
(b) AUST to PINSOHEAPEN then tranship to AITAPE.

Tents JACQUINOT - 13 Bds

16. 800 tents aboard "N MACON" which is discharging Q(Maint)
at JACQUINOT.
Inform 5 Div and 5 Base

Vehs ex MILNE BAY

17. GEORGE PEAT loaded for LAE :- Infm

18 Vehs
4 M/Cs

Balance will be moved per "RIVER DERWENT"

DISTRIBUTION:

Col Q	Staff Capt AQ	
AQ	Staff Capt Col Q	Salvage
Q(Maint)	Q(Mov & Tn)	Camp
SC1 (Maint)	S&T	LAE Base Sub Area
SC2 (Maint)	Ord	War Diary (2)
Q (Misc)	AEME	File
Q (Wks)	Postal	

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SUBJECT - "SHAWNEE" - TOWNSVILLE TO TOROKINA.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
3 JAN 45.
QM 1019

2 AUST CORPS	A	S & T
4 AUST BASE SUB AREA	Q (MAINT)(4)	ORD
DA & QMG	Q (MOV & TN)	E & ME
G (OPS)	CE (2)	POSTAL (2)
G (SD)	CSO	RANLO
	RED	

Advice has been received that above mentioned vessel will load
TOWNSVILLE to TOROKINA. as follows -

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH ALL RANKS
1.	42 Aust Landing Craft (First Det)	158
2.	2/1 Aust AGH (AANS)	26
3.	109 Aust CCS (AANS)	8
4.	4 Sec Aust Offrs Shop	22
5.	2/3 Aust Con Depot	(All Available)
6.	X List, Reinforcements, Details etc	(All Available)

NOTE :

Vehs and Equipt 2/3 Aust Con Depot will be loaded BRISBANE
on E J O'BRIEN.

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

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HQ First Aust Army
Q Branch

CURRENT Q MATTERS - 3 JAN 45

Serial

Subject

Action by

- 1 GHA directed that 5A.F would be responsible for the construction of the air-strip at Jacquinot Bay. An airfield construction squadron was allotted this task and is now in Aust awaiting movement. Norcom advise that shipping has not yet been allotted. In consequence of this Adv LH have been requested to press for early movement to Jacquinot Bay of the airfield construction squadron. Info
- 2 3 Aust Base Sub Area advise that US Forces at Aitape have withdrawn LCLs. Information is being sought as to the numbers of LCLs, LCMs, and DUKWs still remaining at Aitape with US Forces. Particulars of serviceable and unserviceable craft to be shown. Col Row
- 3 LH advised some time ago that two 100-ton and one 400-ton floating dock had been allotted to First Aust Army. These were allotted by First Aust Army as follows:

100-ton floating docks - one each to Torokina and Lae.
400-ton floating dock - Milne Bay.

Adv LH now advise that only one 100-ton dock will be available to First Aust Army. This will be allotted to Torokina. The requirements at Lae will be met with the improvised floating dock recently completed and now at Labu. A 10
- 4 It was intended to construct a 100-ton floating dock at Torokina by using engineer stores at that point. These stores are now required for other purposes and instructions will be issued to 4 Aust Base Sub Area that the projected 100-ton floating dock will not be constructed. A 10
- 5 Adv instrn issued by 6 Aust Div indicates an air supply plan for the maintenance of 1300 white troops and 1400 natives by air at five points. Ensure that adequate provision action is taken to cover the requirements in parachutes and air-drop accessories to enable this plan to be implemented. A 10
- 6 It is expected that natives will be available as follows for movement to Torokina:

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DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 235
(From 1000 hrs 2 Jan to 1000 hrs 3 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
2 Jan 45

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO	REMARKS
		OFFERS	ORS			
1.	52 Sqn AL Sec	1	2	TOROKINA	EMIRAU	EMBKD AS1742 30/12
2.	Vide serials 21-37 (incl) Return No 232 of 31 Dec	37	688	MADANG	JACQUINOT BAY	DISEMBKD EX F PARKMAN 2/1
3.	4 Aust AOD		1	LAE	AITAPE	EMBKD AS25 1/4

2. AIR GENERAL :-

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO	
		OFFERS	ORS			
1	2/51 Aust Docks Op Coy		10	LAE	FINSCHHAFEN	
2	2/14 Aust Fd Regt	3	-	LAE	MADANG	

AIR - SPECIAL AND COMM A/C :-

UNIT	NO OF A/C	FROM	TO	DETAILS
9 Comm Unit RAAF	1 C47	LAE	MADANG) AITAPE)	Courier
	1 Beaufort	LAE	FINSCHHAFEN	Ferry Service
	1 "	"	MORESBY	Misc pers & stores

John C. ...
Brig
D A & Q M G FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION

1 AUST ADV 2 ECH
3 AUST ADV 2 ECH
DFO NEW GUINEA
NG FORCE SEC AACB
BGS
DA & QMG
G (OPS)
G (SD)
A

AMS
Q (3)
Q (MOV & TN)
RAA
CE (2)
CSO (2)
MED
DENTAL
S & T

ORD
E & ME
POSTAL (2)
SALVAGE
AMEN
FILE (7)
WAR DIARY

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3 JAN 45.

QM 1021

2 AUST CORPS
4 AUST BASE SUB AREA
DA & QMG
G (OPS)
G (SD)
G (AIR)A
Q (MAINT) (4)
Q (MOV & TN)
CE (2)
CSOS & T
ORD
E & ME
POSTAL (2)
RAILO

1. Cancel our QM1016 of 2 Jan.

2. Amended loading vessel FAIRISLE from TOWNSVILLE to TOROKINA is as follows -

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		VEHS, TRKRS	UNIT EQUIPT INC VEHIS TONS (M)
		OFFRS	ORS		
1.	57/60 Aust Inf Bn	26	617	-	200
2.	15 Aust Fd Coy	4	160	-	30
3.	HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde	2	30	-	23
4.	129 Aust Bde W/shops	-	31	-	-
5.	29 Aust Bde Ord Fd Fk	1	13	-	-
6.	53 Aust Tpt Pl	2	73	-	10
7.	Aust Army Details	32	367	-	-
8.	112 FCU (R/AF)	12	337	38	1404
9.	266 Aust LAD	-	-	2	10
10.	14 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	-	-	-	(15 ft)
11.	15 Bde Aust Sigs	-	-	-	2
12.	58/59 Aust Inf Bn	-	-	-	3
13.	MFO	-	-	-	2
14.	APO	-	-	-	46
15.	Aust Supply Officer	7	-	-	83
TOTALS		79	1628	40	1813

NOTE :

Vessel sailed ex TOWNSVILLE 1 JAN.

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

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DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 235.
(As at 1200 hrs 3 Jan 45)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
3 JAN 45.

IN. PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>AITAPE</u> S G BENSON S G REED JANE ADAMS SAN SIMEON MEXICO J EARLY	7/1 5/1 3/1	 MADANG	MELINGA MAIWARA L M GARRISON RIVER DERWENT	LAE MADANG AUST FINSCH	9/1 2/1 	 ex CAIRNS from rationing FINSCH
<u>MADANG</u>			JUBAL EARLY	AITAPE	4/1	to load for JACQ
<u>FINSCHHAFEN</u> TUNG SONG (Repairs) MELINGA MARRAWAH RIVER DERWENT	8/1 4/1 4/1	LAE LAE LAE AITAPE	SAN PEDRO	AUST		ex SYD 27/12
<u>LAE</u> GEORGE PEAT	3/1	B'VILLE	MELINGA MARRAWAH RIVER FITZROY NOELAGO TUNG SONG COORABIE RAHIAH	FINSCH FINSCH AUST FINSCH MADANG B'VILLE	4/1 5/1 8/1 3/1 12/1	to load for AITAPE on berth SYD 1/1 via BRIS on berth SYD 26/12 for LAE & FINSCH for JACQ to load for B'VILLE
<u>JACQUINOT</u> NATHANIEL MACON F PARKMAN	3/1		J CLEMENTS DUNTRON (41) TARCOONA KATOOMBA COORABIE JUBAL EARLY	AUST AUST AUST AUST LAE MADANG		ex SYD 28/12 via BRIS ex BRIS ex B'VILLE ex BRIS
<u>HOSKINS</u>			TUNG SONG	LAE		
<u>MORESBY</u> MATTHEW FLINDERS			RIVER DERWENT	AITAPE		for LAE via MILNE BAY

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IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>MILNE BAY</u> CLARON		T'VILLE	FRANCIS PEAT VAN SWOLL RIVER DERWENT	LAE MORESBY		via BUNA ex BRIS for LAE
<u>BOUGAINVILLE</u> RAENAE VAN HEUTZ	8/1 3/1	LAE	E J O'BRIEN FAIRISLE J EARL SUVA R J WILKER GEORGE PEATE SHAWNEE	AUST AUST AUST AUST AUST LAE AUST	5/1 6/1 7/1 7/1	ex BRIS ex T'VILLE 1/1 ex SYD 29/12 ex CAIRNS 4/1 on berth SYD 24/12 VIA BRIS ex T'VILLE
<u>HOLLANDIA</u>			C G SELLARS MICHAEL KERR	AUST AUST	4/1	ex LAE 2/1 ex SYDNEY

NOTE :

ETA - Expected Time of Arrival at Destination.

ETD - Expected Time of Departure from Loading Port.

DA & QMG
DA & QMG FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AIF) BRIG.

DISTRIBUTION

2/1 AUST MOV & TN GP
8 AUST M C GP
3 AUST DOCKS GP
MC MORESBY
MC FINSCHLAFEN
MC AITAPE
MC HOLLANDIA
MC JACQUINOT BAY
MC HOSKINS
MC MUDANG
NG SEC AACS
BCS
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POSTAL (2)

FILE (10)
WAR DIARY (2) ✓
FOR INFORMATION
2 AUST CORPS
6 AUST DIV
ADV LHQ (MOV) (3)
LHQ (MOV)
RAJLO
GHQ REG OFFER LAE

Distribution of AQMG's Conference Notes:

Col Q
AQ
Q (Maint)
Q (Misc)
SC1 (Maint)
SC2 (Maint)
Q (Wks)
SC AQ
~~SC AQ~~
Q (Mov & Tn)
S&T
Ord
AKME
Postal
Salvage
Camp
LAE Base Sub Area
War Diary (2) ~~---~~
File

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AQMG'S CONFERENCE NOTES - 3-4 Jan 45

ORs' CLUB - JACQUINOT BAY

1. Base Sub Area Comd advises that, owing to limited resources and higher priority works, no indication can be given of expected date of commencement of building ORs' Club. Q (Maint)

USE OF SMALL SHIPS

2. Small ships available in this area (LAE) have primary task of resupply of MADANG and HOSKINS. The use of these small ships to carry cargoes to AITAPE and JACQUINOT BAY will be exceptional and will be restricted to minimum quantities required to meet an emergency before supplies can be obtained from AUST. DAQMG (Maint) will ensure that demands for shipping are in accordance with this policy. Infm

STANDARD SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS

3. To enable Q (Mov & Tn) to estimate the shipping required monthly for movement intra First Aust Army Area, Services will supply immediately to Q (Maint) an estimate of their standard monthly shipping requirements. This requirement must be kept to a minimum. The information will be passed to Q (Mov and Tn). Q (Maint)
Q (Mov)
Services

FLOATING DOCKS

4. Adv LHQ has advised that only two floating docks are available to First Aust Army, not three as requested. Adv LHQ has been informed that we require these docks to be allotted as follows:--
100-ton dock - TOROKINA
400-ton dock - MILNE BAY. Infm

DOCK - TOROKINA

5. In view of allocation of a floating dock to TOROKINA, Engrs have requested that 4 Base be instructed to cease work on the pontoon (?) dock which is said to be under construction. Q (Wks)
6. Check posn with Engrs and Mov & Tn and draft appropriate signal.

TRANSIT CAMP - FINSCHHAFEN

7. Ref Notes 27 Dec, paras 1-3: LAE Base report that engrs have inspected the camp and engr pers have been allotted to assist in camp constr. Arrangements have been made to sup engr stores needed for the work. LAE Base will keep First Aust Army informed re progress. LB3A

RES FOR WHITE INF PL - ANNEBERG

8. There is still one plane load to be dropped to complete 30 days' res. Q (Maint)
Q (Mov)
LB3A

REFRIGERANTS - 5 BASE SUB AREA

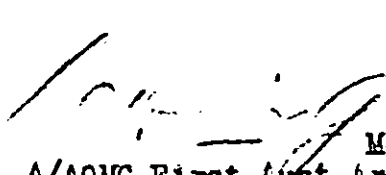
9. Ref Notes 28 Dec, paras 9-10: Engrs report that quantity refrigerant flown LAE-JACQUEHOT 2 Jan. Q (Wks)

GEORGE PEAT

10. Carries urgent engr stores LAE-TOROKINA. On return trip will move Mech Eqpt Sec which is being det from wkps at TOROKINA and att 2/7 Adv Wkps LAE. Infm

NATIVES FOR TOROKINA EX LAE

11. Q (Nov) will investigate suitability of reefer ship RANNAH for mov natives LAE to TOROKINA. Q (Wks)
Q (Nov)


Maj,
A/AQMG First Army.

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DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 236.
(From 1000 hrs 3 Jan to 1000 hrs 4 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
4 JAN 45.

1. BY SEA

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO	REMARKS
		OFFERS	ORS			
1.	Amenities	-	2	MUNDA	TREASURY	Embkd APC 3217 2/1
2.	14 Pro Coy	-	1	"	"	"
3.	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	2	8	CAIRNS	AITAPE	Disembkd ex MEXICO 3/1
4.	2/5 Aust Inf Bn	4	57	"	"	"
5.	2/6 Aust Inf Bn	1	54	"	"	"
6.	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	5	67	"	"	"
7.	2/46 Aust LAD	-	1	"	"	"
8.	Rear HQ 6 Aust Div	-	10	"	"	"
9.	2/24 Aust Supply Dep Pl	2	30	"	"	"
10.	2/25 " " " "	3	28	"	"	"
11.	2.5 Aust Tpt Pl	2	109	"	"	"
12.	2/23 Aust Supply Dep Pl	1	14	"	"	"
13.	2/155 AGT Coy	1	60	"	"	"
14.	2/5 Aust Supply Dep Coy	1	9	"	"	"
15.	Sigs 6 Aust Div	2	40	"	"	"
16.	110 Aust Bde W/shops	3	123	"	"	"
17.	2/1 Aust Fd Regt	1	10	"	"	"
18.	2/3 " " "	4	40	"	"	"
19.	2/2 " " "	2	46	"	"	"
20.	2/3 Aust LG Bn	1	28	"	"	"
21.	6 Aust Div Salvage Unit	1	25	"	"	"
22.	6 Aust Div Postal Unit	-	6	"	"	"
23.	6 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	-	3	"	"	"
24.	110 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	1	18	"	"	"
25.	2/117 Aust Mob Bath Unit	1	13	"	"	"
26.	Details 6 Aust Div	10	79	"	"	"
27.	AACS	-	9	"	"	"
28.	2/7 Aust Fd Amb	-	15	"	"	"
29.	Det 2/2 Aust Fd Amb	2	12	"	"	"
30.	2/1 Aust Fd Amb	11	215	"	"	"
31.	D Sec 2/4 Aust Dental Unit	1	4	"	"	"
32.	2/3 Aust Inf Bn	-	2	"	"	"
33.	2/6 Aust Inf Bn	-	1	"	"	"
34.	2/5 Aust Inf Bn	1	-	"	"	"
35.	24 Aust Inf Bn	25	609	CAIRNS	TOROKINA	Disembkd ex VAN HEUTZ 3/1
36.	4 Aust Supply Depot Pl	2	30	"	"	"
37.	3 " " "	1	32	"	"	"
38.	15 Aust Fd Amb	9	167	"	"	"
39.	15 Aust Fd Coy	1	18	"	"	"
40.	129 Aust Bde W/shops	2	74	"	"	"
41.	266 Aust LAD	1	16	"	"	"
42.	53 Aust Tpt Pl	-	17	"	"	"
43.	101 Aust Bde Support Coy	8	158	"	"	"
44.	58/59 Aust Inf Bn	-	13	"	"	"
45.	57 Div Support Pk	-	6	"	"	"
46.	60 Aust Inf Bn	-	2	"	"	"
46.	HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde	-	2	"	"	"

P.T.O.

2. AIR GENERAL :-

UNIT	STRENGTH OFFRS	ORS	FROM	TO	DETAILS
3 AUST CORPS PRO 39 WKS COY		3 9	LAE JACQUINOT	FINSCHTAPE LAE	
COLE AND SPECIAL A/C :-					
UNIT	NO OF A/C	FROM	TO	DETAILS	
9 Comn Unit RAAF	1 BEAUFORT	LAE	FINSCHTAPE	ferry service	
	"	"	KORLBY	misc pers and stores	
	1 "	"	MADANG)		
			AITAPE)		
CRTC USAAF	1 C47(drop)	NADZAE	AITENBERG	courior maint ANIKH- BERG FORCE	

Commissioned Capt
Brig
D A & Q M G FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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3 AUST ADV 2 ECH
NG FORCE SEC AACG
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DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 236.
(As at 1200 hrs 4 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
4 JAN 45.

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>AITAPE</u> S G BENSON S G REED JANE ADAMS SAN SIMON MEXICO J EARLY	7/1 5/1 3/1	 MADANG	MELINGA MARRAWA L M GARRISON RIVER DERWENT	LAE MADANG AUST FINSCH	9/1 4/1 4/1	ex CAIRNS from rationing FINSCH
<u>MADANG</u>			JUBAL EARLY	AITAPE	4/1	to load for JACQUINOT
<u>FINSCHHAFEN</u> TUNG SONG (Repairs) MELINGA MARRAWA	8/1 4/1 4/1	LAE LAE LAE	SAN PEDRO	AUST		ex SYD 27/12
<u>LAE</u> GEORGE PEAT COORABIE	4/1 5/1	B'VILLE JACQUINOT	MELINGA MARRAWA RIVER FITZROY NORLAGO TUNG SONG R/INNAH	FINSCH FINSCH AUST AUST FINSCH B'VILLE	4/1 5/1 8/1 12/1	to load for AITAPE on berth SYD 1/1 via BRIS on berth SYD 26/12 for LAE & FINSCH to load for B'VILLE
<u>JACQUINOT</u> NATHANIEL MACON F PARKMAN	4/1		J CLEMENTS DUNTHOON (41) TAROOMA KATOOMBA COORABIE JUBAL EARLY	AUST AUST AUST AUST LAE MADANG	 7/1 7/1	ex SYD 28/12 via BRIS ex BRIS ex T'VILLE 3/1 ex BRIS
<u>HOSKINS</u>			TUNG SONG	LAE		
<u>MORESBY</u> MATTHEW FLINDERS MOMBA			RIVER DERWENT	AITAPE		for LAE vi MILNE BAY P.T.O.

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IN PORT	ETD	FOR	IN ROUTE	FOR	ETA	REMARKS
<u>MILNE BAY</u>			FRANCIS PEAT VAN SMOUL RIVER DEWENT	LAE MORESBY		via DUNA ex BRIS for LAE
<u>BOUGAINVILLE</u>						
RANLAN	8/1	LAE	E J O'BRIEN FAIRISLE	AUST AUST	5/1	ex BRIS ex T'VILLE 1/1
VAN HEUTZ	3/1		J EARL	AUST	6/1	ex SYD 29/12
			SUVA	AUST	7/1	ex CAIRNS 3/1
			R J WALKER	AUST		on berth SYD 24/12 via BRIS
			GEORGE PEAT SHANNON	LAE AUST	7/1	ex T'VILLE
<u>HOLLANDIA</u>						
			O G SELLARS	AUST	4/1	ex LAE 2/1
			MICHAEL KERR	AUST		ex SYDNEY

NOTE :

ETA - Expected Time of Arrival at Destination.

ETD - Expected Time of Departure from Loading Port.

For information (afk)
 DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) BRIG.

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2/1 AUST MOV & TN GP
 8 AUST MC GP
 3 AUST DOCKS GP
 MC MORESBY
 MC FINSCHLAFEN
 MC AITAPE
 MC HOLLANDIA
 MC JACQUINOT BAY
 MC HOSKINS
 MC MADANG
 NG SEC AAOS
 BGS
 DA & QMG

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 GHQ REG OFFR LAE

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Hq. First Aust Army
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CURRENT MATTERS - 4 JAN 45

Serial	Subject	Action By
1	Landops were advised that estimated ration holding in depot at Aitape on 3 Jan was six days and that the quantity of cargo discharged from ships in port on 2 Jan was only 61 tons. It was suggested that C Coy 593 ABs now at Madang should be moved to Aitape immediately to relieve the critical position at that port.	Info.
2	A conference was held on 3 Jan with representatives of Morcom MAAF concerning the ability of Morcom to meet First Aust Army air requirements with resources now available. The conclusion arrived at and agreed upon by all parties was that after fully committing all present resources available to MAAF, an additional two C47 aircraft would be required to enable them to meet the present First Aust Army requirements. It was pointed out that a submission has been made by First Aust Army to LHM covering ultimate requirements of First Aust Army and that nothing which passed at the conference could be taken to imply any reduction in the resources asked for in such submission.	Col. by 100
3	Owing to restricted supplies available in Aust it is expected that a reduction in the beer ration in First Aust Army area to one bottle per man per week will be necessary.	Info.

Distribution:

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- 1 LHM 10 - Pass to AAC
- 2 Col. .
- 3 Col. Lov
- 4 AAC - Pass to AAC (P)
- ✓ 5-6 Ser. Diary

B. Langhorne
A/Col. First Aust Army

10/13/1

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SUBJECT - "SUVA" - CAIRNS to TOROKINA.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
4 JAN 45.

QM 1024

2 AUST CORPS	G (SD)	S & T
4 AUST BASE SUB AREA	A	ORD
DA & QMG	Q (MAINT) (4)	E & ME
G (OPS)	Q (MOV & TR)	POSTAL (2)
G (INT)	CE (2)	RANLO
	YMCA	

Ref our Q2839 of 19 Dec, Q2869 of 22 Dec, and Q2880 of 27 Dec
NOT to all addressees.

2. Advice has been received that the above mentioned vessel
departed CAIRNS 3 Jan for TOROKINA, loading as follows -

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		MACHINERY LAUNCH & GUNS	VEHS & TRLRS	UNIT STORES & EQPT. TONS
		OFFERS	OES			
1.	FELO Crew of M496 & Native Police Boys	1	3	1 Launch M496	-	9 DW (Crado)
2.	15 Aust Inf Bde Veh Escort	3	18	-	3	-
3.	RanF	-	-	-	-	10 (H)
4.	Aust Supply Offr	-	-	-	-	3 (M)
5.	15 Aust Fd Coy	-	-	-	39	-
6.	266 Aust LAD	-	-	-	4	-
7.	24 Aust Inf Bn	-	-	4 x 2pdr Guns	3	-
8.	57/60 Aust Inf Bn	-	-	4 x 2pdr Guns	3	-
9.	58/59 Aust Inf Bn	-	-	4 x 2pdr Guns	3	-
10.	YMCA	-	-	-	1	-
11.	15 Aust Fd Amb	-	-	-	15	-
12.	4 Aust Supply Depot	-	-	-	4	-
13.	129 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pl	-	-	-	10	-
14.	129 Aust Bde W/shops	-	-	6 x 3ton (Machinery)	8	-
15.	53 Aust Tpt Pl	-	-	-	67	-
TOTALS		4	23	1 Launch 12 x 4pdr Guns 6 x 3ton Machi	160	13 (H) 9 (DW)

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

FILE (10) WAR DIARY (2)

9/10/17

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SUBJECT - "TAROOMA" - TOWNSVILLE TO JACQUINOT BAY.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
4 JAN 45.

QM 1025

5 AUST DIV	A	SALVATION ARMY
5 AUST BASE SUB AREA	Q (MAINT) (4)	S & T
DA & CMG	Q (MOV & EN)	ORD
G (INT)	CE (2)	E & ME
G (SD)	MED	POSTAL (2)
		RANLO

Ref our Q2945 of 30 Dec. NOT to all addressees.

2. Advice has been received that the above mentioned vessel departed TOWNSVILLE 3 Jan for JACQUINOT BAY, loading as follows -

SER IAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		VEHS	UNIT STORES TONS (M)
		OFFRS	ORS		
1.	1 Aust Inf Tpt W/shops	-	2	-	9
2.	Soldiers Under Arrest	-	1	-	-
3.	AME Details	13	225	-	-
4.	1 Aust Water Amb Convoy	1	21	-	11
5.	Army Details	15	321	-	-
6.	17 Aust Fd Coy	-	18	-	-
7.	33 Aust FS Sec	1	11	-	3
8.	Salvation Army	-	-	2	31
9.	APO	-	-	-	1
10.	Senior Supply Offr (Jacquinot Bay)	-	-	-	29
11.	RAN (Milne Bay)	-	-	- (Mail)	1
TOTALS		30	599	2	85

W. J. ...
for DA & CMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) BRIG

FILE (10)
WAR DIARY (2)

9/17/11

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SUBJECT - "EDWARD J O'BRIEN" - SYDNEY, BRISBANE,
AND TOWNSVILLE TO TOROKINA.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
5 JAN 45.

QM 1026

2 AUST CORPS
4 AUST BASE SUB AREA
NG SEC AACB
DA & QMG
G (SD)

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

S & T
E & ME
POSTAL (2)
RANLO

Ref cur Q 2939 of 28 Dec 44.

Advice has been received that vessel "E J O'BRIEN" has been substituted for the "R J WALKER".

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

FILE (10)
WAR DIARY (2) ✓

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SUBJECT : "DUNTRON" - BRISBANE TO JACQUINOT.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
5 JAN 45.

QM 1028.

5 AUST DIV
5 AUST BASE SUB AREA
DA & QMG
G (OPS)
G (SD)
A

Q (MAINT) (4)
Q (MOV & TR)
CE (2)
CSO
MED

AMENITIES
S & T
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POSTAL (2)
RANLO

1. Ref cur QM1014 of 1 Jan.
2. Advice has been received that vessel DUNTROON after discharge JACQUINOT on present trip has now been assigned to load BRISBANE -- JACQUINOT in substitution for vessel KATOOMBA.
3. Amend our QM1014 accordingly.

105-DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY BRIG. (AIF)

FILE (10)
WAR DIARY (2)

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DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 237.
(As at 1200 hrs 5 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AIF)
5 JAN 45.

IN-PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>AITAPE</u> S G BENSON S G REED JANE ADAMS SAN SIMEON MEXICO J EARLY RIVER DEWENT	9/1 6/1 6/1 5/1	MADANG MORESEBY	MELINGA MAIWARA L M GARRISON	LAE MADANG AUST	9/1 4/1	
<u>MADANG</u>			JUBAL EARLY	AITAPE	6/1	to load for JACQ
<u>FINSCHHAFFEN</u> TUNG SONG (Repairs) MELINGA	8/1 4/1	LAE LAE	FRANCIS PARKMAN SAN PEDRO	JACQ AUST	5/1	ex SYD 27/12
<u>LAE</u> COORABLE	5/1	JACQ	MELINGA MARRAWAH RIVER FITZROY NORLAGO TUNG SONG RAHNAH	FINSCH FINSCH AUST AUST FINSCH B'VILLE	4/1 5/1 8/1 12/1	to load for AITAPE on berth SYD 1/1 via BRIS on berth SYD 26/12 for LAE & FINSCH to load for B'VILLE
<u>JACQUINOT</u> NATHANIEL MACON			J CLEMENTS DUNTROON (41) TAROGA DUNTROON (next trip) COORABLE JUBAL EARLY	AUST AUST AUST LAE MADANG	10/1 7/1 7/1	ex BRIS 3/1 ex BRIS ex T'VILLE 3/1 ex BRIS
<u>EOSAINS</u>			TUNG SONG	LAE		

P.T.O.

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IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>MORESBY</u> MATTHEW FLINDERS MOMBA	6/1		RIVER DERWENT	AITAPE		for LAE via MILNE BAY
<u>MILNE BAY</u>			FRANCIS PEAT VAN SWOLL RIVER DERWENT	LAE MORESBY		via BUNA ex BRIS for LAE
<u>BOUGAINVILLE</u> RANNAH FAIRISLE	8/1	LAE	E J O'BRIEN J EARL SUVA GEORGE PEAT SHAWNEE	AUST AUST AUST LAE AUST	6/1 7/1 7/1	ex BRIS ex SYD 29/12 ex CAIRNS 3/1 ex T'VILLE
<u>HOLLANDIA</u>			C G SELLARS MICHAEL KERR	AUST AUST	4/1	ex LAE 2/1 ex SYDNEY

NOTE :

ETA - Expected Time of Arrival at Destination.

ETD - Expected Time of Departure from Loading Port.

for Robert H. Wainwright Capt
DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) BRIG.

DISTRIBUTION

2/1 AUST MOV & TN GP
8 AUST MC GP
3 AUST DOCKS GP
MC MORESBY
MC FINSCHHAFEN
MC AITAPE
MC HOLLANDIA
MC JACQUINOT BAY
MC HOSKINS
MC MADANG
NG SEC AACS
BGS
DA & QMG

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2 AUST CORPS
6 AUST DIV
ADV LHQ (MOV) (3)
HQ (MOV)
RANLO
GHQ REG OFFR LAE

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9/18/18

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SUBJECT - "JAMES CLEMENTS" - BRISBANE TO JACQUINOT BAY.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
5 JAN 45.

QM 1027

5 AUST DIV
5 AUST BASE SUB AREA
DA & QMG
G (OPS)
G (SD)
A

Q (MAINT) (4)
Q (MOV & TN)
CE (2)
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E & ME
POSTAL (2)
RANLO

Ref our Q2840 of 19 Dec and Q1004 of 30 Dec NOT to all addressees.

2. Advice has been received that the above mentioned vessel departed BRISBANE 3 Jan for JACQUINOT BAY, loading as follows -

SER IAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		VEHS	GUNS	UNIT STORES TONS (H)
		OFFERS	ORS			
1.	57/52 Aust Inf Bn	-	1	16	4 x 2pdr	17
2.	4 Aust Fd Coy	-	2	51	-	7
3.	22 Aust Inf Bn	1	1	17	4 x 2pdr	14.
4.	29/46 Aust Inf Bn	-	1	18	4 x 2pdr	29
5.	104 Aust Mob Bact Lab	-	1	5	-	-
6.	4 Aust Inf Bde	-	-	6	-	1
7.	4 Aust Fd Amb	-	-	18	-	3
8.	130 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	-	-	18	-	4
9.	130 Aust Bde W/shops	-	-	19	-	2
10.	Sundries	-	-	-	-	1.
11.	Ordnance	-	-	2	-	21
12.	ASC	-	-	-	-	424
13.	APC	-	-	-	-	15
14.	Engineers	-	-	-	-	39
15.	2/1 Aust Gd Regt	-	-	2	-	-
16.	4 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	-	-	6	-	-
17.	3 Aust Div Postal Unit	-	-	2	-	-
18.	264 Aust LAD	-	-	10	-	-
19.	88 Aust Tpt Pl	-	-	75	-	-
20.	1 Aust Supply Depot Pl	-	-	4	-	-
21.	2 Aust Supply Depot Pl	-	-	4	-	-
TOTALS		1	6	273	12 x 2pdr	577

BRIG.
Lt DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 237.
(From 1000 hrs 4 Jan to 1000 hrs 5 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
5 JAN 45.

1. BY SEA.

SER IAL.	UNIT	STRENGTH OFFERS	ORS	FROM	TO	REMARKS
1.	15 Agn AL Sec	-	1	TOROKINA	GREEN IS	Embkd AV1361 3/1
2.	AACS	-	1	"	"	"
3.	NG Details Depot	2	5	"	"	"
4.	LFO Escort	-	1	"	"	"
5.	43 Aust Landing Craft Coy	1	5	JACQUINOT	LAE	Disembkd ex AB582 3/1
6.	LHQ School of Mech	1	21	T'VILLE	LAE	Disembkd ex ORMISTON 3/1
7.	HQ 2 Aust Pigeon Coy	1	3	"	"	"
8.	6 Aust Jungle Trunk Line Maintenance Sec	1	38	"	"	"
9.	NG Details (ex leave)	6	97	"	"	"
10.	ACF	1	1	"	"	"
11.	1 Aust B'casting Sig Sec	1	1	"	"	"
12.	AANS	47	1	"	"	"
13.	AAMWS	2	2	"	"	"
14.	67 Aust BIPOD Pl	1	25	"	"	"
15.	7 Aust Jungle Trunk Line Maintenance Sec	1	37	"	"	"
16.	6 Aust Mob Met Flt	-	6	"	"	"
17.	Soldiers Under Arrest	-	8	"	"	"
18.	6 Aust Mob Flt RAAF	-	6	"	"	"
19.	General Reinforcements	-	44	"	"	"
20.	NG Details(ex duty)	8	126	"	"	"
21.	1 Aust Inf Tps W'shops	-	2	"	"	"
22.	6 Rader Det	-	11	LAE	T'VILLE	Embkd ORMISTON 3/1
23.	4 Aust AOD	-	146	"	"	"
24.	HQ First Aust Army	2	1	"	"	"
25.	AANS	7	1	"	"	"
26.	8 Salvage Depot	1	1	"	"	"
27.	9 Aust DOC	1	1	"	"	"
28.	HQ LAE Base Sub Area	1	1	"	"	"
29.	LHQ Dental Store	-	2	"	"	"
30.	NG Details	5	70	"	"	"
31.	8 Aust AAD	-	24	"	"	"
32.	10 RSD	-	38	"	"	"
33.	82 Mobile Cinema	-	3	LAE	JACQUINOT	Embkd AK95 3/1
34.	HQ First Aust Army	2	1	"	"	"
35.	Aust Survey Directorate First Aust Army	2	1	"	"	"
36.	2/2 Docks Op Coy	-	1	"	"	"
37.	NG Details	-	5	"	"	"
38.	AIB	1	-	FINSCH	LAE	Embkd MARRAWAH 4/1
39.	NG Details	3	66	LAE	TOROKINA	Embkd GEORGE PEAT 4/1

2 AIR - GENERAL

Serial	UNIT	OFFRS	CRS	FROM	TO
1	39 Aust Wks Coy	-	3	LAE	TOWNSVILLE
2	ANGAU	1	4	MORESEBY	LAE

AIR - COMN & SPECIAL A/C :-

UNIT	NO OF A/C	FROM	TO	DETAIL
9 Comn Unit RAAF	1 BEAUFORT	LAE	FINSCHHAFEN	ferry service
	1 "	LAE	MADANG	Courier
	1 "	LAE	AITAPE	
	1 "	LAE	MORESEBY	also pers & stores
6 Sqn RAAF	3 "	LAE	NEW BRITAIN	mainly AIB id parties

for *Robert Brown*
D A & Q & G FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) *Bri*

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3 AUST ADV 2 ECH
DFO NEW GUINEA
NG FORCE SEC AAOB
EGS
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G(SD)
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Q (3)
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Subject : AIR TRANSPORT AND MAINTENANCE - FIRST AUSTRALIAN AREA.
AIRCRAFT REQUIREMENTS

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
6 Jan 45

QM1029

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Fwd Ech LHQ
Northern Comd RAAF

1. Reference is made to HQ First Aust Army memo Q2093 of 19 oct and Q2631 of 30 nov 44.

2. Whilst it is realised that everything is being done to provide aircraft to fulfil our overall requirements, it is considered that at this stage our immediate needs should again be summarised, and recommendations made for their fulfilment. This is particularly necessary as USAAF organisations at NADZAB have completely closed down on our demands and C47 aircraft on loan to 9 Comm Unit RAAF have been withdrawn.

3. Attached as APPX "A" is a table showing such immediate needs and as applicable :-

either - the existing means by which they are met

or - the action taken to provide aircraft to meet them

4. The present situation has been discussed with representatives of Northern Comd RAAF and air priorities officer HQ 7th RAAF, and it has been agreed that present aircraft strengths available in this area are insufficient to meet our immediate needs, even if every BEAUFORT aircraft, both operational and converted, were to be employed on administrative tasks.

5. It is therefore recommended as follows :-

- (a) One C47 aircraft be based at TOROKINA vide SERIALS 1 and 2 of APPX "A" attached, and as requested in our signal QM3695 of 3 jan 45.
- (b) One additional C47 aircraft be based at AITAPE to cover SERIAL 4, and as requested in our signal QM3675 of 1 jan 45
- (c) Sufficient C47 aircraft to cover SERIALS 5-8 inclusive be based in LAE area. It is considered that the full time services of at least 3 C47 aircraft are needed to cover these commitments.

6. It is particularly stressed that these recommendations in no way reduce our original demands as contained in memo Q2093 of 19 oct and Q2631 of 30 nov 44, but are that part of them which must be fulfilled immediately. In addition the converted BEAUFORT aircraft held by 9 comm unit RAAF are essential for supplementary courier and air mail services as well as communication tasks.

7. It will be noted that "backlogs" shown in SERIALS 5, 6, and 8 are becoming serious.

8. It is requested that the earliest consideration be given to these recommendations.

W. A. S. M. D. G. Lt - Gen
GOC FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AIF)

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TABLE OF AIRCRAFT REQUIREMENTS.

APPX "A" to HQ First Aust Army 211029

SERIAL	AREA	COMMITMENTS	COMMITMENT (in lbs)		EXISTING MEANS OF FULFILLING COMMITMENT OR ACTION TAKEN TO MEET COMMITMENT
				PRESENT MONTHLY BACKLOG	
1.	SOLOMONS	Air field parties to be maintained by air dropping	40,000		To present time effected by VENTURA and AVENGER aircraft of PWZAF. On it unsuitable and in view of losses PWZAF anxious to be relieved of responsibility. Request made to HQ for 1 C47 to be based TOROKINA for task. C47 would also cover intra SOLOMONS freighting as in SERIAL 2. First Aust Army signal 12495 of 5 Jan 45 to HQ info Adv HQ refers
2.	"	2 Aust Corps commitment to outer islands incl air mails personnel and urgent freight.	80,000		vide SERIAL 1
3.	NEW BRITAIN and SEPIK	Air field parties to be maintained by air dropping	20,000		Responsibility Northern Comd RAAF and effected by BAUFORT aircraft of 6 Sqn based GOODENOUGH ISLAND. Satisfactory.
4.	NEW GUINEA	Maintenance by air dropping elements 6 Aust Div MITAPE area	700,000		One RAAF C47 at present based MITAPE capable of dropping 400,000 lbs monthly. Request made for one additional craft vide First Aust Army signal M3675 of 1 Jan.
5.	"	Maintenance ANGAU stations BENA BENA area (KEROZAGI, AIYURA, MT HAGEN, GAROKA).	130,000	135,000	Previously carried out by ULAAF organisations from NADZAB.
6.	"	Maintenance AMBENBERG FORCE (one native pl and one AMF platoon)	50,000	25,000	Previously carried out as in SERIAL 5. Request for aircraft made to HQ 7THO RAAF on 26 Dec who agreed to meet commitment as aircraft become available. Since that time, 2 only C47 missions allocated
7.	"	Essential air freighting LAE-INTRA NEW GUINEA	55,000		Previously carried out as in SERIAL 5 and by C47's based with 9 Comm Unit RAAF. C47's have since been returned to 33 Sqn for courier duties.
8.	"	Maintenance ANGAU stations and signal line maintenance parties KOKODA area	40,000	10,000	Extent of this commitment depends on reconstruction of carrier lines rendered ineffective by recent heavy rains.

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SUBJECT - "LINDLEY M GARRISON" - CAIRNS TO AITAPE.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
6 JAN 45.

QM 1032

6 AUST DIV
3 AUST BASE SUB AREA
DA & QMG
G (OPS)
G (SD)
A

Q (MAINT) (4)
Q (MOV & TR)
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POSTAL (2)
RANLO

Ref our Q2977 of 30 Dec NOT to all addressees.

2. Advice has been received that above mentioned vessel departed CAIRNS 4 Jan for AITAPE, loading as follows -

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		UNIT STORES TONS (M)
		OFFERS	ORS	
1.	2/1 Aust Fd Regt,	52	614	185
	2/1 " " " Sig Sec,			
	2/45 Aust LAD			
2.	2/1 Aust Tk/A Regt	12	152	14
3.	2/1 " " " Sig Sec	1	13	-
4.	2/49 Aust LAD	1	25	-
5.	6 Aust Div Details	3	10	-
6.	6 Aust Div Reception Camp	1	9	1
7.	6 Aust Div Pro Coy	-	13	1
8.	HQ 6 Aust Div	-	-	7
9.	E Sec 6 Aust Div Sigs	-	-	16
10.	2/3 Aust LG Bn	-	-	2
11.	A A P C	-	-	2
12.	A A P O	-	-	116 bags Mail
13.	A S O	-	-	44
14.	R A H	-	-	3 bags Mail
TOTALS		70	836	272 Tons 119 bags Mail

William J. ...

DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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SUBJECT - "ALAGNA" - TOWNSVILLE TO LAE

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
6 JAN 45.

QM1031

LAE BASE SUB AREA
NG SEC AACS
DA & QMG
G (OPS)
G (SD)

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Q (MAINT) (4)
Q (MOV & TR)
SAL ARMY

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RANLO

Ref our Q2835 of 18 Dec 44. NOT to all addressees.

2. Advice has been received that above mentioned vessel departed TOWNSVILLE 4 Jan for LAE, loading as follows -

SERIAL	UNIT	DESCRIPTION OF STORES	TONS
1.	M F O	Personnel Effects	3 (M)
2.	Ordnance Officer	1 Case Stores	(1 ft)
3.	9 Aust L of C Stationery Depot	STATIONERY	1 (M)
4.	Salvation Army	1 Case Comforts	(10 ft)
5.	A A P O	111 Bags Mail	11 (M)
6.	A A C S	Freezer Cargo	20 (M)
7.	A D S & T	" "	108 (M)
8.	"	Cooler "	179 (M)
9.	"	Rations	255 (M)
10.	QM U S Army	Beef	19 (DW)
11.	" " "	Butter, Eggs & Potatoes	47 (M)
TOTALS			624 (M) 19 (DW) 11 (ft)

P. J. Cunningham, GfV
for DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) BRIG.

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DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 238.
(From 1000 hrs 5 Jan to 1000 hrs 6 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
6 JAN 45.

1. BY SEA.

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO	REMARKS
		OFFERS	ORS			
1.	Aust Details	-	6	MADANG	AITAPE	Embkd THREE CREERS 5/1
2.	57/60 Aust Inf Bn	26	617	T'VILLE	TOROKINA	Disembkd ez FAIRISLE 5/1
3.	15 Aust Fd Coy	4	160	"	"	"
4.	HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde	2	30	"	"	"
5.	129 Aust Bde W/shops	-	31	"	"	"
6.	129 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	1	13	"	"	"
7.	53 Aust Tpt Pl	2	73	"	"	"
8.	Aust Army Details	32	367	"	"	"
9.	112 FCU (RAAF)	12	337	"	"	"
10.	Details	1	49	GREEN IS	TOROKINA	Embkd AV136: 5/1

2. AIR - GENERAL

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO
		OFFERS	ORS		
1.	"U" Aust Hy Bty	-	5	LAE	TOWNSVILLE
2.	39 Aust Wks Coy	-	5	"	"
3.	2/4 Aust Armd Regt	-	7	MADANG	LAE
4.	2/31 AUST Docks Op Coy	-	7	FINSCHHAFEN	LAE

AIR - COMM AND SPECIAL A/C

UNIT	NO OF A/C	FROM	TO	DETAILS
9 Comm Unit RAAF	1 BEAUFORT	LAE	FINSCHHAFEN	ferry service
	1 "	LAE	MADANG	misc pers and stores
	1 "	"	MORSEY	misc pers and stores
	1 "	"	MADANG) AITAPE)	courier

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

DISTRIBUTION :-

1 AUST ADV 2 ECH
3 AUST ADV 2 ECH
DFO NEW GUINEA
NG FORCE SEC AACB
EGS
DA & QMG

G (OPS)
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DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 238.
(As at 1200 hrs 6 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
6 JAN 45.

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>AITAPE</u> MAIWARA S G BENSON S G REED JANE ADAMS SAN SIMON MEXICO RIVER DERWENT	10/I 9/I 6/I 6/I	LAE MORESBY	MELINGA L M GARRISON	LAE AUST	12/I 9/I	ex CAIRNS 4/I
<u>MADANG</u>			MARRAWAH JUBAL EARLY	LAE AITAPE	8/I 6/I	to load for JACQ
<u>FINSCHHAFFEN</u> TUNG SONG MELINGA	9/I 6/I	LAE LAE	SAN PEDRO	AUST		ex SYD 27/I2
<u>LAE</u> COORABIE MARRAWAH	6 /I 7/I	JACQ MADANG	MAIWARA MELINGA RIVER FITZROY NORLAGO TUNG SONG RANNAH ALAGNA	AITAPE FINSCH AUST AUST FINSCH B'VILLE AUST	13/I 7/I 9/I 12/I 9/I	for JACQ to load for AITAPE on berth SYD 1/I on berth SYD 26/I2 for LAE & FINSCH for HOSKINS to load for B'VILLE ex T'VILLE 4/4
<u>JACQUINOT</u> NATHANIEL MACON			J CLEMENTS DUMTROON (41) TARCONA DUMTROON (next trip) COORABIE JUBAL EARLY MAIWARA	AUST AUST AUST AUST LAE MADANG LAE	10/I 7/I 8/I 16/I	ex BRIS 3/I ex BRIS ex T'VILLE 3/I ex BRIS
<u>HOSKINS</u>			TUNG SONG	LAE	12/I	

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IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
MORESEY MATTHEW FLINDERS MOMBA	6 /I		RIVER DERWENT	AITAPE		for LAE via MILNE BAY
MILNE BAY			FRANCIS PEAT VAN SWOLL RIVER DERWENT	LAE MORESEY		via BUMA ex BRIS for LAE
BOUGAINVILLE RAHNAH FAIRISLE	9/I	LAE	E. J O'BRIEN J EARL SUVA GEORGE PEAT SHAWNEE	AUST AUST AUST LAE AUST	6/I 7/I 7/I	ex SYD & BRIS ex SYD 29/12 ex CAIRNS 3/1 ex T'VILLE
HOLLANDIA C G SELLARS			MICHAEL KERR	AUST		ex SYD

NOTE :

ETA - Expected Time of Arrival at Destination.

ETD - Expected Time of Departure from Loading Port.

for Robert M. ...
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DISTRIBUTION

2/I AUST MOV & TN GP
8 AUST MC GP
3 AUST DOCK GP
MC MORESEY
MC PINSCHAEFFEN
MC AITAPE
MC MADANG
MC HOLLANDIA
MC JACQUINOT BAY
MC HOSKINS
NO SEC AACS
EGB
DA & QMG

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Q (MOV & TN) (3)
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6 AUST DIV
ADV LHQ (MOV) (3)
LHQ (MOV)
RANLO
CHQ REG OFFR LAE

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DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 239.
(From 1000 hrs 6 Jan to 1000 hrs 7 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
7 JAN 45.

1. BY SEA

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO	REMARKS
		OFFERS	ORS			
1.	ANGAU	-	2	HOSKINS	LAE	Embkd AS141 4/1
2.	A I B	-	1	"	"	"
3.	594 EB & S Regt	-	2	"	"	"
4.	36 Aust Inf Bn	-	3	"	"	"
5.	" " " " (P2)	-	2	"	"	"
6.	Aust Details	1	-	MADANG	SYDNEY	Embkd BUNGAREE 5/1
7.	A I B	1	-	FINSCH	LAE	Disembkd ex MARRA7AH 6/1
8.	7 Aust Inf Bn	1	5	MUNDA	TREAS IS	Embkd APC23 6/1

2. AIR & GENERAL :-

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO
		OFFERS	ORS		
1.	55 Aust Port Craft Coy	-	3	LAE	MORESBY
2.	105 Aust PAD	-	5	MADANG	LAE
3.	17 Aust AAD	-	9	JACQUINOT	LAE

AIR - SPECIAL AND COM A/C :-

UNIT	NO OF A/C	FROM	TO	DETAILS
9 Comm Unit RAAF	1 BEAUFORT	LAE	FINSCHHAPEL	ferry service
	1 "	LAE	MADANG	courier
	1 "	LAE	ATTAFE	
6 Sqn RAAF	1 "	LAE	MORESBY	misc pers and stores
	4 (drop)	MADZAB	NEW BRITAIN	maint AIB field party

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DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 239.
(AS at 1200 hrs 7 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
7 JAN 45.

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>AITAPE</u>						
MATWARA	10/1	LAE	MELINGA	LAE	12/1	
S G BENSON	7/1					
S G REED			L M GARRISON	AUST	9/1	ex CAIRNS 4/1
SAN BIMEON						
RIVER DERWENT	11/1	MORESEY				
<u>MADANG</u>						
			MARRAWAH	LAE	8/1	
			JUBAL EARLY	AITAPE	6/1	to load for JACQ
<u>FINSCHHAFEN</u>						
TUNG SONG	14/1 14/1	LAE	SAN PEDRO	AUST		ex SYD 27/12
			SAN ANTONIO	AUST		ex SYD 4/1
<u>LAE</u>						
MELINGA	9/1	AITAPE	MATWARA	AITAPE	13/1	for JACQ
			RIVER FITZROY	AUST		on berth
			NORLAGO	AUST		SYD 1/1
						on berth
						SYD 26/12
						for LAE &
			TUNG SONG	FINSCH		FINSCH
			RANNAH	B'VILLE	12/1	for
			ALAGNA	AUST	9/1	HOSKINS
						to load
						for B'VILLE
						ex T'VILLE 4/1
<u>JACQUINOT</u>						
NATHANIEL			J CLEMENTS	AUST	10/1	ex BRIS 3/1
MACON			DUNTROON (41)	AUST		ex BRIS
			TAROCNA	AUST	7/1	ex T'VILLE 5/1
			DUNTROON (42)	AUST		ex BRIS
			COORABIE	LAE	8/1	
			JUBAL EARLY	MADANG		
			MATWARA	LAE	16/1	
<u>HOSKINS</u>						
			TUNG SONG	LAE	12/1	

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IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>MORESBY</u>						
MATTHEW BLINDERS	7/1		RIVER DERWENT	AITAPE		for LAE via MILNE BAY
HOMEA	7/1					
<u>MILNE BAY</u>						
			FRANCIS PEAT	LAE		via BUNA
			VAN SWOLL RIVER DERWENT	MORESBY		ex BRIS for LAE
<u>BOUGAINVILLE</u>						
RANNAH	9/1	LAE	E J O'BRIEN	AUST		ex SYD & BRIS
FAIRISLE			SUYA	AUST	7/1	ex CAIRNS 3/1
JOSIAH EARL			GEORGE PEAT	LAE	7/1	
			SHANNON	AUST	9/1	ex T'VILLE 5/1
<u>HOLLANDIA</u>						
C G SELLARS			MICHAEL KERR	AUST		ex SYD
			KARSTIK	AUST	8/1	ex BRIS 29/12 (mail only)

NOTE :

ETA - Expected Time of Arrival at Destination.

ETD - Expected Time of Departure from Loading Port.

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Brig. & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION

2/1 AUST MOV & TN GP
8 AUST MC GP
3 AUST DOCKS GP
MC MORESBY
MC FINSCHHAFFEN
MC AITAPE
MC HOLLANDIA
MC MADANG
MC HOSKINS
MC JACQUINOT BAY
NG SEC
EGS
DA & QMG

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6 AUST DIV
ADV LEG (MOV)(3)
LHQ (MOV)
RANLO
GHQ REG OFFR LAE

Distribution of AQMG's Conference Notes:

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Q (Maint)
Q (Misc)
SC1 (Maint)
SC2 (Maint)
Q (Wks)
~~SC 1~~
SC Col Q
Q (Mov & Tn)
S&T
Ord
AKME
Postal
Salvage
Camp
LAE Base Sub Area
- War Diary (2)
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AQMG's CONFERENCE NOTES - 5-6 Jan 45

SMALL SHIPS - TOROKINA

1. Q(Lov) are ascertaining whether any small ships ex TOROKINA can be sent to this area to collect cargoes awaiting mov from time to time. Infm

MT INSPECTION SECS

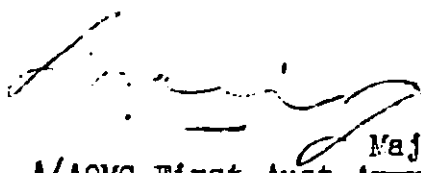
2. Recently we asked LHQ permission not to disband MT Inspection Secs, as they had been found to be most valuable units. Considered they should now operate under rep of Chief Inspector Unit Maint who will be att to this HQ. AEEM
Q (Maint)
3. LHQ now ask for complete submission, together with comments by Lt-Col FISHER (CI Unit Maint).
4. AEEM will prepare outline submission and submit to Q (Maint).

MAIL AITAFE

5. Movements TOWNSVILLE advise unable despatch AITAFE mail direct. Q (Misc)
Q (Lov)
Posts
Will in future be despatched FINSCHHAFEN for on forwarding.
This should be satisfactory.

RATIONS AITAFE

6. Ration posn at AITAFE has been relieved by taking over rations from US Forces. Holdings for AUST tps 30 days at 4 Jan. Infm


Maj
A/AQMG First Aust Army

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SUBJECT : SHAWNEE - TOWNSVILLE TO TOROKINA

HQ FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AIF)
7 Jan 45

QM1039

2 AUSTRALIAN CORPS
4 AUSTRALIAN BASE SUB AREA
G (OPS)
G (SD)
A

Q (MAINT) (4)
Q (MOV & TN)
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Ref our QM1049 of 3 Jan.
2. Advice has been received that the above mentioned vessel departed
TOWNSVILLE 5 Jan for TOROKINA loading as follows :-

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		UNIT STORES TONS (M)
		OFFS	ORS	
1.	Soldiers under arrest		15	
2.	Gen reinforcements		246	
3.	2/1 AGH AANS	25		
4.	109 Aust CCS AANS	6		
5.	4 Sec Offrs Shop	1	11	2
6.	AMF Details	13	94	
7.	2/3 Aust Con Depot	11	70	
8.	Det 42 Aust Landing Craft Coy	8	146	5
9.	Army Details	4	172	
10.	RAAF		13	
11.	Aust Supply Officer			5
12.	APO			32
13.	MFO			1
		68	737	45

R. Cunningham, Cof
DA & QMG FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AIF) *Brig.*

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SUBJECT - DUNTROON BRISBANE TO JACQUINOT BAY

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
7 JAN 45

QM1041

5 AUST DIV
5 AUST BASE SUB AREA
DA & QMG
G (OPB)
G (SD)
A

Q (MAINT) (4)
Q (MOV & TN)
CE (2)
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Ref Our Q2777 of 15 Dec and QM1041 of 1 Jan.
Advise has been received that above mentioned vessel departed
BRISBANE 6 Jan for JACQUINOT BAY loading as follows :-

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		UNIT STORES TONS (M)
		OFF	ORS	
1.	HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde	11	40	34
2.	4 Aust Bde Sig Sec	1	29	14
3.	25 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	1	27	
4.	22 Aust Inf Bn	25	617	109
5.	29/46 Aust Inf Bn	33	605	117
6.	4 Aust Fd Coy	2	88	50
7.	264 LAD	1	15	13
8.	Det 3 Aust Div Postal Unit		2	
9.	AASC			(19(freezer) 70(ration)
10.	APO			10
11.	2 Aust Div Sigs			6
		74	1423	442

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

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DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN No 240

(as at 1200 hrs 8 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
8 Jan 45

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
AITAPE MAIWARA S G BENSON S G REED SAN SIMON RIVER DERWENT	10/1 7/1 11/1	LAE MORESBY	MELINGA L K GARRISON	LAE AUST	12/1 9/1	ex CAIRNS 4/1
MADANG JUBAL EARLY			MARRAWAH	LAE	8/1	
FINSCHHAFEN TUNG SONG	14/1	LAE	SAN PEDRO SAN ANTONIA	AUST AUST		ex SYD 27/12 ex SYD 4/1
LAE MELINGA	9/1	AITAPE	MAIWARA RIVER FITZROY HORLAGO TUNG SONG RANNAH ALAGHA TAROONA(67)	AITAPE AUST AUST FINSCH B'VILLE AUST AUST	13/1 12/1 10/1	for JACQUINOT on berth SYD 1/1 on berth SYD 26/12 for LAE & FINSCH to load for B'VILLE ex T'VILLE 4/1 ex TOWNSVILLE
JACQUINOT NATHANIEL MACON TAROONA(66)	7/1	T'VILLE	J CLEMENTS DUNTHOON (41) DUNTHOON (42) COORABIE JUBAL EARLY MAIWARA	AUST AUST AUST LAE MADANG LAE	10/1 11/1 8/1 16/1	ex BRIS 3/1 ex BRIS 6 Jan ex BRIS
HOSKINS			TUNG SONG	LAE		
MORESBY MATTHEW FLINDERS	7/1		RIVER DERWENT	AITAPE		for LAE via MILNE BAY
MILNE BAY			FRANCIS PEATE VAN SWOLL RIVER DERWENT	LAE MORESBY		via BUNA ex BRIS for LAE
ROUGAINVILLE RANNAH FAIRISLE JOSIAH EARL GEORGE PEAT	9/1 8/1	LAE	E J O'BRIEN SUVA SEAWEE	AUST AUST AUST	7/1 9/1	ex SYD & BRIS ex CAIRNS 3/1 ex T'VILLE 5/1

(P.T.O.)

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IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>HOLLANDIA</u> O G SELLARS			MICHAEL KERR KARSIK	AUST AUST	8/1	ex SYD ex BRIS 29/12 (mail only)

NOTE :

ETA - Expected Time of Arrival at Destination.

ETD - Expected Time of Departure from Loading Port.

P. Cunningham, C/W Brig.
for DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION

2/1 AUST MOV & TH GP
8 AUST MC GP
3 AUST DOCKS GP
MC MORESBY
MC FINSCHHAFFEN
MC AITAPE
MC HOLLANDIA
MC MADANG
MC HOSKINS
MC JACQUINOT BAY
HQ SEC AACB
BGS
DA & QMG

G (SD)
A
Q (MAINT) (4)
Q (MOV & TH) (3)
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AMF LO
OE (2)
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MBD
ORD
S & T
POSTAL (2)
FILE (11)

WAR DIARY (2)

FOR INFORMATION

2 AUST CORPS
6 AUST DIV
ADV LHQ (MOV) (3)
LHQ (MOV)
RAHLO
CHQ REG OFFR LAR

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DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 210
(From 1000 hrs 7 Jan to 1000 hrs 8 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AIF)
8 JAN 45

1. BY SEA

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH OFFERS ORS	FROM	TO	REMARKS
1.	DETACHED	4	ENIRAU	TOROKINA	EMERD AS 1742 7/1

2. AIR GENERAL :-

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO
		OFFERS	ORS		
1.	ANGAU	2	5	IAE	AITAPE
2.	ANGAU		5	MORESBY	IAE
3.	55 Aust BIPOD		24	NADZAB	TOWNSVILLE
4.	28 Aust Inf Bn		5	"	"

AIR - SPECIAL AND COMM A/C :-

UNIT	NO OF A/C	FROM	TO	DETAILS
9 Comm Unit RAAF	1 BEAUFORT	IAE	FINSCHHAFEN	ferry service
	1 "	IAE	MADANG AITAPE	Courier
	1 "	IAE	MORESBY	misc pers & stores

for Robert M. ...
D A & Q M G FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION

1 AUST ADV 2 ECH
3 AUST ADV 2 ECH
DFO NEW GUINEA
NG FORCE SEC AACS
BGS
DA & QMG
G (OPS)
G (SD)
A

AMS
Q (3)
Q (MOV & TH)
RAA
CE (2)
C30 (2)
MED
DENTAL
S & T

ORD
E & ME
POSTAL (2)
SALVAGE
AMEN
FILE (7)
WAR DIARY

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SUBJECT : "OHARON" - SYDNEY TO PORT MORESBY

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
8 JAN 45

QM1042

6 AUST BASE SUB AREA	A	S & T
NG SEC AACB	Q (MAINT)(4)	ORD
DA & QMG	Q (MOV & TN)	E & ME
G (OPS)	CE (2)	RANLO
G (SD)	ARCS	

Advice has been received that the above mentioned vessel will load SYDNEY for PORT MORESBY as follows :-

(a) General Cargo

SERIAL	UNIT	DESCRIPTION	TONS (M)
1.	S & T	Rations	544
		Native Rations	1305
		Hospital Supplies	2
		Expense Stores	8
		Coke	40
		POL	192
2.	DP & SS	Stationery	8
3.	Ordnance	Stores	147
4.	Canteens	Stores	26
		Beer & Spirits	1
5.	RAAF	Stores	13
6.	Engineers	Stores	10
7.	ARCS	Stores	10
8.	Dept of Ext Territories	General Stores	115
		Beer	3
9.	Navy	General Stores	50
		" " (Milne Bay)	26
10.	AWC	Stores	1
11.	Ministry of Munitions	Stores	1
TOTAL			2502

(b) Refrigerator Cargo

12.	Navy	Stores	25
13.	Canteens	Stores	10
14.	ARCS	Stores	3
15.	S & T	} Stores	% Basis to capacity
16.	US Army		
TOTAL			<u>38</u>

(c) Vehicles

17.	Ordnance	6 x 3 ton Tipping	225
		1 x Tractor wheeled 2 ton Crane	36
18.	Dept of External Territories	1 x Tractor	2
		1 x Ford Truck	28
TOTAL			291

FILE (10) WAR DIARY (2)

for DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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SUBJECT - "E J O'BRIEN" - SYDNEY, BRISBANE & TOWNSVILLE TO TOROKINA.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
8 JAN 45.

QM1045

2 AUST COMPS G (OPS)
4 AUST BASE SUB AREA G (SD)
NG SEC AACS A
DA & QMG Q (MAINT)(4)

Q (MOV & TN)
S & T
POSTAL (2)
RANLO

Ref our Q2939 of 28 Dec and Q1026 of 5 Jan.

Advice has been received that above mentioned vessel sailed ex SYDNEY 7 Jan for TOROKINA, loading as follows -

SERIAL	UNIT	DESCRIPTION OF STORES	TONS (M)
1.	S & T	Rations	3193
2.	Canteens	P O L	1579
3.	DP & SS	Stores	1194
4.	A P O	Stationery	3
		Mail	62
TOTAL			6031

NOTE :

Vessel also loading BRISBANE & TOWNSVILLE.

B. Cunningham, Cpt
for DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) BRIG.

FILE (10)
WAR DIARY (2)

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DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 241.
(From 1000 hrs 8 Jan to 1000 hrs 9 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
9 JAN 45.

1. BY SEA.

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO	REMARKS
		OFFERS	ORS			
1.	5 Aust Base Sub Area	-	1	JACQ	T'VILLE	Embkd TAROONA 8/1
2.	39 Aust Works Coy	-	4	"	"	"
3.	1 Aust Inf Tps W'shop	-	2	"	"	"
4.	Aust Details	3	21	"	"	"
5.	Leave Details by States -	-	-	-	-	-
	Nth Queensland	-	7	"	"	"
	Queensland	-	46	"	"	"
	N S W	1	78	"	"	"
	Victoria	6	124	"	"	"
	Sth Aust	1	40	"	"	"
	West Aust	-	2	"	"	"
	Tasmania	-	16	"	"	"
6.	1 Aust Inf Tpt W'shops	-	2	T'VILLE	JACQ	Disembkd ex TAROONA 8/1
7.	Soldiers Under Arrest	-	1	"	"	"
8.	AMF Details	13	225	"	"	"
9.	1 Aust Water Amb Convoy	1	21	"	"	"
10.	Army Details	15	321	"	"	"
11.	17 Aust Fd Coy	2	18	"	"	"
12.	33 Aust FS Sec	1	11	"	"	"
13.	NG Details	3	66	LAE	TOROKINA	Disembkd ex GEORGE PEAT 8/1

2. AIR GENERAL :-

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO
		OFFERS	ORS		
1.	ANGAU	1	8	LAE	MORSEBY
2.	9 Cypher Sec	1	3	AUST	LAE
3.	Rear 6 aust div	4	13	AUST	AITAPE

AIR - SPECIAL AND COMN A/C :-

UNIT	NO OF A/C	FROM	TO	DETAILS
9 Comn Unit RAAF	1 BEAUFORT	LAE	FINCHHAFEN	ferry serv
	1 "	"	MADANG)	
			AITAPE)	
	1 "	"	MORSEBY	courier
				misc pers
				stores

DISTRIBUTION

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3 AUST ADV 2 ECH
DFO NEW GUINEA
NG FORCE SEC AACs
BGS
DA & QMG
G (OPS)
G (SD)
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AMS
Q (3)
Q (MOV & TN)
RAA
CE (2)
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POSTAL (2)
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FILE (7)
WAR DIARY

Robert A. ... Capt
Brig
D A & Q M G FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 241.
(As at 1200 hrs 9 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
9 JAN 45.

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>AITAPE</u> MATWARA S G BENSON S G REED SAN SIMEON RIVER DERWENT	10/1 9/1 11/1	LAE MORESBY	MELINGA L M GARRISON	LAE AUST	13/1 9/1	ex CAIRNS 4/1
<u>MADANG</u> JUBAL EARLY MARRAWAH	10/1 10/1	JACQ LAE via FINSCH				
<u>LAE</u> MELINGA	9/1	AITAPE via FINSCH	MATWARA RIVER FITZROY NORLAGO TUNG SONG RANNAH ALAGNA TARCONA (67)	AITAPE AUST FINSCH B'VILLE AUST AUST	13/1 12/1 10/1	for JACQUINOT on berth SYDNEY 1/1 on berth SYD 26/12 for LAE & FINSCH to load for B'VILLE ex T'VILLE 4/1 ex T'VILLE
<u>JACQUINOT</u> NATHANIEL MACON			J CLEMENTS DUMPROON (41) DUMPROON (42) COORABIE JUBAL EARLY MATWARA	AUST AUST AUST LAE MADANG LAE	10/1 11/1 8/1 11/1 16/1	ex BRIS 3/1 ex BRIS 6/1 ex BRIS
<u>HOSKINS</u>			TUNG SONG	LAE		
<u>MORESBY</u>			CHARON RIVER DERWENT	AUST AITAPE		on berth SYD 12/1 for LAE via MILNE BAY
<u>MILNE BAY</u> FRANCIS PEAT (under repairs)			SWOLL RIVER DERWENT	MORESBY		ex BRIS for LAE
<u>BOUGAINVILLE</u> RANNAH FAIRISLE JOSIAH EARL GEORGE PEAT SUVA SHALNEE	9/1 8/1 9/1	LAE LAE	E J O'BRIEN	AUST		ex SYD 7/1 & BRIS (P.T.O.)

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IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
HOLLANDIA C G SELLARS			MICHAEL KERR KARSIK	AUST AUST	8/1	ex SYDNEY ex BRIS 29/12 (mail only)
FINSCHHAFFEN TUNG SONG	14/1	LAE	SAN PEDRO SAN ANTONIA	AUST AUST		ex SYD 27/12 ex SYD 4/1

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DISTRIBUTION

2/1 AUST MOV & TN GP
8 AUST M C GP
3 AUST DOCKS GP
MC MORESBY
MC FINSCHHAFFEN
MC AITAPE
MC HOLLANDIA
MC MADANG
MC HOSKINS
MC JACQUINOT RAY
NG SEC AACB
BGS
DA & QMG

G (SD)
A
Q (MAINT) (4)
Q (MOV & TN)
RAA
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CE (2)
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LTD
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S & T
POSTAL (2)
FILE (11)

WAR DIARY (2)

FOR INFORMATION

2 AUST CORPS
6 AUST DIV
ADV LHQ (MOV) (3)
LHQ (MOV)
RANLO
GHQ REG OFFR LAE

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

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DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 242.
(As at 1200 hrs 10 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
10 JAN 45.

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>AITAPE</u> MAIVARA S G BENSON S G REED SAN SIMON RIVER DERWENT	12/1 10/1 12/1	LAE MORESBY	MELINGA L M GARRISON	LAE AUST	13/1 10/1	ex CAIRNS 4/1
<u>MADANG</u> JUBAL EARLY HARRATAH	11/1 10/1	JACQUES LAE via FINSCH				
<u>FINSCHHAUFEN</u> TUNG SONG	14/1	LAE	SAN PEDRO SAN ANTONIA MELINGA	AUST AUST LAE	10/1	ex SYD 27/12 ex SYD 4/1 en route AITAPE
<u>LAE</u> ALAGHA			MAIVARA RIVER FITZROY NOELAGO GEORGE PEAT TUNG SONG BARRAMUN TAROOMA (67) RIVER DERWENT	AITAPE AUST AUST B'VILLE FINSCH B'VILLE AUST AITAPE	15/1 13/1 12/1 14/1	on berth SYD 1/ on berth SYD 26/12 for LAE FINSCH for B'VILLE to load for B'VILLE ex T'VILLE for MORESEY
<u>JACQUINOT</u> NATHANIEL MORON J CLEMENTS COGRABLE			DUNTOON (41) DUNTOON (42) JUBAL EARLY	AUST AUST MADANG	11/1 12/1	ex BRIS 6/1 ex BRIS
<u>HOSKINS</u>			TUNG SONG	LAE		
<u>MORESBY</u>			CHARON RIVER DERWENT	AUST AITAPE		on berth SYD 12/1 for LAE via MILNE BAY
<u>MILNE BAY</u> FRANCIS PEAT (under repairs)			VAN STOLL RIVER DERWENT	MORESBY		ex BRIS for LAE
<u>BOULMAYVILLE</u> JOSIAH EARL SUVA SPATNER			E J O'BRYEN	AUST		ex SYD 7/1 & BRISBANE

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IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
HOLLANDIA			AUSTRE			
C G SELLERS			MICHAEL KERR	AUST		ex SYDNEY
			KARSIK	AUST	10/1	ex BRIS 29/12 (mail only)

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John ... Capt
 DA & CMC FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) BRIG.

DISTRIBUTION

2/1 AUST MOV & TN GP
 8 AUST MC GP
 3 AUST DOCKS GP
 MC MORREBY
 MC FINSCHAFEN
 MC MITAPE
 MC HOLLANDIA
 MC M'DANG
 MC JACQUINOT BAY
 MC HOSKINS
 MC SEQ AACB
 EGS
 DA & CMC

G (SD)
 A
 Q (MAINT) (4)
 Q (MOV & TN) (3)
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 AMF LO
 CE (2)
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 MED
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 POSTAL (2)
 FILE (11)

WAR DIARY (2)

FOR INFORMATION

2 AUST CORPS
 6 AUST DIV
 ADV LHQ (MOV) (3)
 LHQ (MOV)
 RANLO
 GHQ REG OFFR LAE

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DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 242.
(From 1000 hrs 9 Jan to 1000 hrs 10 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
10 JAN 45.

1. BY SEA					
SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH OFFRS ORS		FROM	TO
1.	HELLO Crew of AM496 & Native Police Boys	1	3	CAIPNS	TOROKINA
2.	15 Aust Inf Bde Veh Escort	3	18	"	"
3.	Soldiers Under Arrest	-	15	T'VILLE	"
4.	General Reinforcements	-	216	"	"
5.	2/1 AGH AANS	25	-	"	"
6.	109 Aust CCS AANS	6	-	"	"
7.	4 Sec Offrs Shop	1	11	"	"
8.	AMP Details	13	94	"	"
9.	2/3 Aust Con Depot	11	70	"	"
10.	Det 42 Aust Landing Craft Coy	8	146	"	"
11.	RAAF	-	13	"	"
12.	2 Aust Div Sigs	-	4	JACJ	CAPE GLOUCESTER
13.	ANGAU	-	4	"	TOROKINA
14.	NGDD	-	6	LAS.	GLOUCESTER
15.	NGDD	-	6	"	MADANG

2. AIR GENERAL :-					
UNIT	STRENGTH OFFRS ORS		FROM	TO	
10 Aust A A & Frt Coy	4		LAE	MORESBY	
3 Aust M A C Gp	3		"	MADANG	
ANGAU	1	2	"	FINSCHAFEN	
COMM AND SPECIAL A/C:-					
UNIT	NO OF A/C		FROM	TO	DETAILS
9 Comm Unit RAAF	1	BEAUFORT	LAE	FINSCHAFEN	ferry service
	1	"	"	MORESBY	misc pers and stores
	1	"	"	MADANG	} courier
				AITAPE	
6 Sqn RAAF	3	" (drop)	NADZAB	NEW BRITAIN	maint AIB
		Y			field party

for D A & C M G FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION

1 AUST ADV 2 ECH
3 AUST ADV 2 ECH
DFO NEW GUINEA
NG FORCE SEC A/Cs
BGS
DA & CMG
G (OPS)
G (SD)
A

AMS
Q (3)
Q (MOV & TN)
RAA
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POSTAL (2)
SALVAGE
AMEN
FILE (7)
WAR DIARY

Distribution of AQMG's Conference Notes:

Col Q
AQ
Q (Maint)
Q (Misc)
SC1 (Maint)
SC2 (Maint)
Q (Wks)
SC AQ
SC Col Q
Q (Mov & Tn)
S&T
Ord
AEME
Postal
Salvage
Camp
LAE Base Sub Area
— War Diary (2)
File

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SECRET

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
Q Branch

AQMG's CONFERENCE NOTES - 8/10 JAN 45

Sand Pump for AITAPE

1. Pump (less engine) being sent forward per "MELINGA" Q(Wks)
Date of completion of engine not yet known.

Sales of Vehs or Craft to ANGPCB, etc.

2. Requests for sales of vehs or craft by Army to Q(Maint)
ANGPCB or civilians will be passed by Q(Maint) to Ord
Ord for all necessary action, incl obtaining LHQ approval.

Mails HOSKINS

3. Part dropped on 6 Jan. Balance expected to be Q(Misc)
dropped 8/9 Jan.

101 Aust Gen Hosp

4. Above Hosp may be required to open in LAE by mid Q(Wks)
March. LAE Base Area have been asked to advise LBSA
by what date accn to stage one can be completed.

Power House, LAE

5. LAE Base has been directed to complete the LAE Q(Wks)
Power House by 22 Jan. LBSA

Maint HOSKINS

6. AK 96 is loading at LAE for HOSKINS as follows : Infm
- | | |
|----------|--------------|
| Canteens | 15 tons |
| Engrs | 12 tons |
| S&T | 50 tons |
| Mails | As available |

"TUNG SONG" is expected to be available at LAE
on 18 Jan to load for HOSKINS.

Maint MADANG

7. Next maint ship ex LAE will be "MARRAHWAH" 450 tons, Infm
ETD 19 Dec.
8. ADCS has been advised through service channels
that endeavours are being made to arrange direct
shipment of Canteens goods from AUST to MADANG.

Refrigeration AITAPE

9. LHQ IO reports 300 cu ft reefer at CCS AITAPE cannot Q(wks)
reduce temperature below 67 deg. No indication is
given of cause of trouble or whether adjustment is
outside scope of Engrs at AITAPE.

10. Give available infm to CE Branch and ask them to make enquiries and take appropriate action.

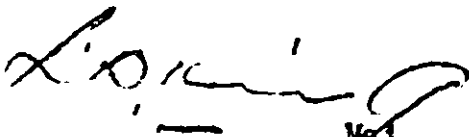
Ice Cream Plant TOROKINA

11. And ice-cream plant at TOROKINA has been purchased by ACF. 4 Aust Base Sub Area is providing 3 pers to operate the plant. . .
Ice-cream mix is being provided by ACF.
Distribution will be free to base and fd tps. Infm

12. Above infm provided by A Branch.

Air Maint Coy, NADZAB

13. Some doubt exists re quantity of maint still to be dropped to est 30 days for white pl at ANNENBERG. Q(Maint)
Q(Mov)
LBSA
14. Check by LAE Base with OC Air Maint Coy confirms that, of 4 plane loads required, 3 have been dropped and one still at NADZAB awaiting aircraft.
15. Instrs re air maint will be given to LAE Base, who will in turn instruct Air Maint Coy.
16. LAE Base will inform OC Air Maint Coy that his mov infm re aircraft will be passed to him by Mov Control NADZAB.


A/AQMG First Aust Army

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SUBJECT - "TAROOMA" - TOWNSVILLE TO LAE.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
11 JAN 45.
QM 1053

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

Q (MAINT) (4)
Q (MOV & TN)
CE (2)
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AMENITIES

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POSTAL (2)
RANLO

Advice has been received that the above mentioned vessel will depart TOWNSVILLE to LAE, loading as follows -

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH ALL RANKS
1.	101 Aust Mob Bact Lab	6
2.	Mob Sec 2/1 CW Lab	10
3.	NSW L of C Concert Party	23
4.	16 Aust Small Ships Coy	252
5.	Z Special Unit	35
6.	10 Aust Water Craft W'shop Sec	68
7.	2/7 AGH (Female personnel)	12
8.	X List, School returnees etc	278
TOTAL ALL RANKS		664

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

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WAR DIARY (2) ✓

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DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 243.
(As at 1200 hrs 11 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
11 JAN 45.

IN PORT	STD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>AITAPE</u> MAIWARA S G REED SAN SIMEON RIVER DEWENT	12/1 16/1	LAE MORESBY	MELINGA L E GARRISON	LAE AUST	12/1 11/1	ex CAIRNS 4/1
<u>MADANG</u> JUBAL EARLY	11/1	JACO				
<u>FINSCHHAFFEN</u> TUNG SONG	14/1	LAE	SAN PEDRO SAN ANTONIO	AUST AUST		ex SYD 27/12 ex SYD 4/1
<u>LAE</u> ALAGNA	11/1		MARRAMAH MAIWARA RIVER FITZROY MORLAGO GEORGE PEATE TUNG SONG RAINNAH TAROOMA (67) RIVER DEWENT COORABIE	MADANG 11/1 AITAPE 15/1 AUST AUST B'VILLE 13/1 FINSCH 15/1 B'VILLE 12/1 AUST AITAPE 18/1 JACO 13/1	11/1 15/1 on berth SYD 1/1 on berth SYD 26/12 for LAE & FINSCH for B'VILLE for HOSKINS to load for B'VILLE ex T'VILLE for MORESBY for B'VILLE	
<u>JACQUINOT</u> NATHANIEL MACON J CLEMENTS COORABIE	11/1	LAE	DUNTRON (41) DUNTRON (42) JUBAL EARLY	AUST AUST MADANG	11/1 12/1	ex BRIS 6/1 ex BRIS
<u>HOSKINS</u>			TUNG SONG	LAE	20/1	
<u>MORESBY</u>			CHARON RIVER DEWENT	AUST AITAPE		on berth SYD 12/1 for LAE via MILNE BAY
<u>MILNE BAY</u> FRANCIS PEATE (under repairs)			VAN SWOLL RIVER DEWENT	MORESBY		ex BRIS for LAE
<u>BOUGAINVILLE</u> JOSIAH EARL SUVA SHANNEE			COORABIE E J O'BRIEN GEORGE PEATE RAINNAH	LAE AUST LAE LAE	19/1 20/1 18/1	ex SYD 7/1 & BRISBANE

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IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
HOLLANDIA C G SELLARS			MICHAEL KERR KARSIK	AUST AUST	11/1	ex SYDNEY ex BRIS 29/12 (mail only)

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

DISTRIBUTION

2/1 MOV & TN GP
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WAR DIARY (2)

FOR INFORMATION

2 AUST CORPS
6 AUST DIV
ADV LHQ (MOV)(3)
LHQ (MOV)
RANLO
GHQ REG OFFR LAE

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DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 243.

(From 1000 hrs 10 Jan to 1000 hrs 11 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
10 JAN 45.

1. BY SEA

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO	REMARKS
		OFFERS	ORS			
1.	1 Aust Engr W'shop	-	26	TOROKINA	LAE	Embkd AB20 9/1
2.	NGDD	2	20	"	"	"
3.	Soldiers Under Arrest	-	2	"	"	"
4.	Escort	-	1	"	"	"
5.	44 Aust Supply Depot Pl	-	1	LAE	JACQ	Disembkd COORABIE 10/1
6.	NG Details	6	12	"	"	"
7.	1 Aust Inf W'shops	-	2	"	"	"
8.	HQ First Aust Army	-	1	"	"	"
9.	37/52 Aust Inf Bn	-	1	BRIS	JACQ	Disembkd J CLEMENTS 10/1
10.	4 Aust Pd Coy	-	2	"	"	"
11.	22 Aust Inf Bn	1	1	"	"	"
12.	29/46 Aust Inf Bn	-	1	"	"	"
13.	104 Aust Mob Bact Ltb	-	1	"	"	"

2. AIR GENERAL :-

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO
		OFFERS	ORS		
1.	NG AA & CA Sigs	-	8	LAE	TOWNSVILLE
2.	19 Aust L of C	1	3	"	MORISBY
3.	Stationery Depot	-	5	"	MADANG
4.	35 Aust Inf Bn	-	5	MADANG	LAE
5.	ANGAU	-	1	LAE	TOROKINA
	7 Aust Pigeon Sec				
		(with 30 pigeons)			

AIR - COMM AND SPECIAL A/C

UNIT	NO OF A/C	FROM	TO	DETAIL
9 Comm Unit RAAF	1	BEAUFORT	LAE	FINSCHHAFFEN
	1	"	LAE	MADANG
	1	"	LAE	AITAPE
			LAE	MORISBY
				ferry service
				Courier
				misc pers & stores

DISTRIBUTION

1 AUST ADV 2 ECH
3 AUST ADV 2 ECH
DFC NEW GUINEA
NG FORCE SEC AACB
BGS
DA & CAG
G (OPS)
G (SD)
A

AMS
Q (3)
Q (MOV & TN)
RAA
CE (2)
CSO (2)
MED
DEBTAL
S & T

ORD
E & ME
POSTAL (2)
SALVAGE
ALEX
FILE (7)
WAR DIARY

William J. ...
D A & Q H G FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) Brig

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HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
11 Jan 45
Q 3099

Subject: UNIT MAINTENANCE INSPECTORS

1. Attention is directed to GPO O.11/45 which defines the responsibilities and methods of working of Unit Maintenance Inspectors.

2. For information copies of the following report forms, which will be used by Unit Maintenance Inspectors, are attached:--

AAF G157 Unit Administration - Vehicles

AAF G158 Incidence of Unsatisfactory Unit Maintenance

AAF G159 Personal Qualifications.

3. These forms will be held by Unit Maintenance Inspectors, and units will not requisition for supplies.

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DAFORS - First Aust Army.

Distribution: List D ~ less
37/41, 43/44,
46, 53/61,
65/68.

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UNIT MAINTENANCE INSPECTORS' REPORT
UNIT ADMINISTRATION - VEHICLES

AAF 157

FORMATION.....UNIT.....
INSPECTOR.....DATE...../...../45.....
DATE last inspection.....

NAME OF CO.....

	M/Cycles	Wheeled	Tracked	Total
1. WE Entitlement.....				
<u>VEHICLES</u> Strength				
No. Inspected				

2. UNIT MAINTENANCE CONTROL
TRANSPORT OFFICERS & NCOs (Give list)

NAME.....	RANK.....	WE APPOINTMENT.....
NAME.....	RANK.....	WE APPOINTMENT.....
NAME.....	RANK.....	WE APPOINTMENT.....

TESTING OFFICER

NAME.....RANK.....

REMARKS:

3. WE Strength	State of Licences (AAF G11)			
	Firm	Temporary	Invalid	Deficient

Remarks:-- (Indicate if licences held cover vehicle types in unit)

4. RECORDS:

(a) Register of Drvg Lic kept (vide MT Trg Pam No.2)	Yes: No: Incomplete
(b) Monthly Veh Log Sheet & Summary (G5, G6)	Yes: No: Unsatisfactory
(c) Vehicle Log Books kept up to date	Yes: No: Incomplete
(d) DME Technical Instructions held	Yes: No: Incomplete
" " " satisfactorily filed	Yes: No:
" " " available to drivers	Yes: No:
(e) Register of accidents held	Yes: No: Incomplete

5. UNIT MAINTENANCE ROUTINE & INSPECTIONS (vide DME Tech Instr C19-22)

A. Non-Technical Inspection

By the Unit CO -	Yes: No: Frequency
" " Transport Officer -	Yes: No: Frequency
Sub-Unit NCO on completion of each maint cycle -	Yes: No:
Weekly by Sub-Unit Officer or NCO -	Yes: No:
Daily check by Sub-Unit NCO -	Yes: No:

B. Technical Inspection Within the Unit (as applicable)

Monthly or every 1000 miles by OC LAD -	Yes: No:
" " " " " " OC Wksp Pl (AASC) -	Yes: No:

C. Technical Inspection from Outside the Unit

Periodic inspection by CELE, CASC, or their rep	Yes: No:
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D. Drivers' Routine Maintenance

Observed strictly in accordance with LHQ instrs Yes: No:
Unit maintenance efficiency is % (vide AAF G.....)
95% excellent; 85% v. fair; 75% fair; below 75% unsatisfactory.

DISTRIBUTION: 1 copy HQ Formation
1 copy Unit CO
1 copy LHQ

UNIT MAINTENANCE INSPECTORS' REPORT
INCIDENCE OF UNSATISFACTORY UNIT MAINTENANCE

FORMATION..... UNIT.....
 INSPECTOR.....Date / /45 Date Last inspected / /45

ITEM	SATISFACTORY	UNSATISFACTORY	X	%
A. Tools and Equipment as per F.78				
B. INSIDE CAB CHECK:- *1. Forms to be carried by Driver (9) *2. Start engine - even running. *3. Gauges for correct functioning. 4. Lights, horn and dipper switch. 5. Windscreen wiper. *6. Steering wheel for undue travel. *7. Clutch pedal for free travel. *8. Brake pedal for travel and adjustment. 9. Level of hydraulic brake oil reservoir. 10. General cleanliness of cab.				
C. UNDER BONNET CHECK:- *1. Carburettor, air cleaner. 2. Carburettor controls. *3. L.T. and H.T. circuits for damage and security. 4. Lighting system wiring. *5. Battery-cells for level, terminals. 6. Petrol pump and lines for leaks. *7. Level of oil in steering box and security. *8. Level of oil in sump. 9. Fan belt for correct tension. *10. Radiator for security.				
D. UNDER CHASSIS CHECK:- *1. Steering assembly for security and lubrication. *2. Spring clips and "U" bolts for security. 3. Brake lines and linkages for leaks, lubrication, and security. *4. Engine mounting bolts. *5. Transfer case and gear box oil levels and case holding bolts. *6. Universal joints for lubrication and security. *7. Body holding down bolts for security. 8. Rear spring clips and "U" bolts for security. *9. Oil level of differentials. *10. Chassis lubrication in general.				
E. EXTERNAL BODY CHECK:- *1. Towing attachments- security and lubrication. *2. Tyres - inflation and signs of undue wear. *3. Body hardware - security and condition. 4. Doors - security and lubrication. 5. Mudguards - security.				

TOTAL SATISFACTORY | **TOTAL UNSATISFACTORY** | **PERCENTAGE SATISFACTORY**
 (Percentage Satisfactory will indicate Unit Maintenance Efficiency)

NOTE:- Only items marked with asterisk will be inspected during preliminary survey.

DISTRIBUTION: 1 Copy Hq Formation
 1 Copy unit CO.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

METHOD OF INSPECTION OF WHEELED VEHICLES BY UNIT MAINTENANCE
INSPECTORS (TIME 20 MINUTES PER VEHICLE)
Refers to AAF

1. Preparation by the Unit Driver.

- (a) Remove tools and equipment from the vehicle as per F.78. Place on canopy one yard in front of vehicle.
- (b) Remove floor board or inspection cover and cap of hydraulic brake master cylinder oil reservoir.
- (c) Raise bonnet.
- (d) Remove battery cell caps.
- (e) Remove top of carburettor air cleaner. (bottom of truck $\frac{1}{4}$ ton 4 x 4)
- (f) Remove level plugs of steering box, gear box, transfer case and differentials.
- (g) Drop tail board.

2. Preparation by the Inspector.

Obtain - suitable screwdriver, crescent spanner, pliers (slip joint), spanner for "U" bolts and clean rag.

3. Inspection to be carried out in the following sequence.

- (a) Tools and equipment.
- (b) Interior of cab.
- (c) Under the bonnet.
- (d) Under the chassis working from front to rear.
- (e) Around the outside of the vehicle clockwise.

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UNIT MAINTENANCE INSPECTORS' REPORT
PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS

FORMATION.....UNIT.....
INSPECTOR.....DATE...../...../45

1. COMMANDING OFFICER

NAME.....RANK.....
Attendance at Senior Officers' MT Course in accordance with GRO G339/43
Yes: No:
APPROX DATE OF COURSE / /194
LOCATION.....

2. TRANSPORT OFFICER

NAME.....RANKWE APPOINTMENT.....
SCHOOLS ATTENDED:-

School	Course	Duration	Date	Result
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DRIVING LICENCES HELD.....
REMARKS:-

(Indicate if part time appointment)

3. TESTING OFFICER OR TRANSPORT NCOs

NAME.....RANK.....APPOINTMENT.....
NAME.....RANK.....APPOINTMENT.....
NAME.....RANK.....APPOINTMENT.....
SCHOOLS ATTENDED:

Member	School	Course	Duration	Date	Result
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DRIVING LICENCES HELD:
REMARKS:-

(Give names and qualifications of other suitable NCOs within Unit)

NOTE: The purpose of Secs 2 & 3 is to determine the qualifications and suitability of transport officers, NCOs, etc.

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 1 Copy Unit CO
 1 Copy LHQ

Distribution of AQMG's Conference Notes:

Col Q
AQ
Q (Maint)
Q (Misc)
SC1 (Maint)
SC2 (Maint)
Q (Wks)
SC AQ
SC Col Q
Q (Mov & Tn)
S&T
Ord
AEME
Postal
Salvage
Camp
LAE Base Sub Area
— War Diary (2)
File

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HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
Q Branch

AQMG's CONFERENCE NOTES - 11/12 JAN 45

Reserves for ANNENBERG

1. Ref notes 3-4 Jan para 8. Q(Maint)
G have decided not to send a white inf pl Q(Mov)
to ANNENBERG. LBSA
The plane load still waiting to be sent ex
NADZAB to complete 30 days res can be cancelled.

DUKWS - LAE

2. It is expected that 10 DUKWS will be available Sal
from US Base E as class "D" salvage. AEME

Air Maint ex MADANG

3. RAAF have been asked to base 3 C47 aircraft at Q(Maint)
LAE- NADZAB for air maint. Q(Mov)
If these aircraft are not allotted, it will be S&T
necessary to est an air maint centre at NADZAB Ord
to obtain full benefit of A/C based on that pt. LBSA
Tentative instructions have been issued to
Services concerned to prepare pers, stores,
parachutes, etc, for mov LAE to MADANG. If est,
the air maint centre at MADANG will operate as
from 31 Jan.

Ord Veh Fk - LAE

4. LAE Base report work proceeding on buildings. Infm
Some areas of hard standings completed and
vehs being moved from old location.

NG Trg Schools

5. LAE Base report work proceeding satisfactorily. Q(Wks)
Expect completion by target dates.

Natives for TOROKINA

6. "COORABIE" ETD 15 Jan will take 97 natives. Q(Wks)
Any shutouts from this figure should be small. Q (Mov)
7. First 200 ex GLOUCESTER ETD within next two days,
per AK95. AK96, after discharging at HOSKINS,
will move second 200, ETD approx 20 Jan.

Parachutes

8. Ref Notes 1-2 Jan, para. 4-6. Q(Maint)
Q Branch LHQ advise that 60 days res plus 30 Ord
days maint stocks for LAE not available in
SYDNEY for despatch per RIVER FITZROY.
Expect to despatch last week in Jan.

9. An Os signal from LHQ indicates that 30 days maint stock for Jan may be loaded RIVER FITZROY.
10. LHQ has been asked to advise particulars of any parachutes loaded on this ship.

Shirts & Trousers - Scale of Issue

11. Representations made to LHQ to despatch sufficient stocks this area earliest to enable reversion to original scale of issue of 3 per man. Infm

Bulk Pct Installation - LAE

12. Bulk tank is now on the site and work has commenced on excavation. Infm

Coy C, 593 EB & SR

13. GHQ has approved mov this Coy MALANG to AITAPE assist port working. Q(Maint)
S&T
G(SD) are issuing orders for mov.
14. Enquiries made earlier indicated that Coy could move without assistance.
15. Distillate stocks at AITAPE, incl anticipated usage by Boat Coy, are 10 days in depot, 70 days on ships in port awaiting discharge.
16. S&T are adjusting provisioning figures.

MT Inspection Secs

17. Ref Notes 5-6 Jan paras 2-4. Infm
Submission prepared to LHQ recommending that four sections be allotted First Aust Army area for disposal :

LAE
AITAPE
JACQUINOT
TOROKINA

All to op under Unit Maint Inspector att HQ
First Aust Army.

Fuel for Naval MLs - JACQUINOT

18. Ref Notes 27 Dec para 16. Q(Maint)
NOIC now advises no further action required by First Aust Army for provision of fuel at JACQUINOT BAY.

Signals to LHQ

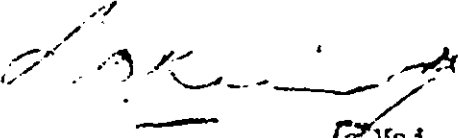
19. To avoid possibility delays at LHQ, Q Sigs re MGO branch matters should commence "for MGO branch". DAQMGs

Airfd Constr - JACQUINOT BAY

20. 3 Aust Base Sub Area has been instructed to proceed with airfd constr pending arrival RAAF Airfd Constr Sqn. Q(Lks)

Vehs ex DUMFU

21. There appears to be no possibility of evacuating these vehs. Ord
Ord will make application to LHQ for the vehs to be written off.
22. Any vehs which may be evacuated in the future can then be treated as recoveries.


A/AQMG First Aust Army Maj

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DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 24.
(from 1000 hrs 11 Jan to 1000 hrs 12 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AIF)
12 JAN 45.

1. BY SEA

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH OFFERS	ORS	FROM	TO	REMARKS
1.	AANS	9	-	MADANG	HOLLANDIA	Embkd QS 3 11/1
2.	Anst Details	-	1	"	"	"
3.	ANGAU	-	1	AITAPE	LAE	Embkd MAIWARA 11/1
4.	ANGAU (Natives)	-	73	"	"	"

2. AIR GENERAL :-

UNIT	STRENGTH OFFERS	ORS	FROM	TO
30 Inf Bn		3	LAE	MADANG
1 CRE NG Forestry Coy	2	5 (natives)	"	AITAPE
Frt Wkps		3	LAE	MORLESBY
ANGAU	1	9	MORLESBY	LAE

COIN AND SPECIAL :-

UNIT	NO OF A/C	FROM	TO	DETAILS
9 Com Unit RAAF	1 BEAUFORT	LAE	PINECREST	Ferry service
	"	"	MADANG	"
	1 BEAUFORT	LAE	AITAPE	courier
	"	"	MORLESBY	misc pers and stores
	"	"	PINECREST	Ferry service

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

DISTRIBUTION

- | | |
|-------------------|------------|
| 1 AUST ADV 2 ECH | RAA |
| 3 AUST ADV 2 ECH | CE (2) |
| DEC NEW GUINEA | CSO (2) |
| NG FORCE SEC AACS | LHD |
| BGS | DENTAL |
| DA & QIG | S & T |
| G (OPS) | ORD |
| G (SD) | E & ME |
| A | POSTAL (2) |
| A&E | SALVAGE |
| Q (3) | ARMY |
| Q (MOV & TN) | FILE (7) |
| | WAR DIARY |

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DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 244.
(As at 1200 hrs 12 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
12 JAN 45.

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>AITAPE</u> S G REED SAN SIMEON RIVER DERWENT L M GARRISON	16/1 13/1	MORESBY	MELINGA	LAE	13/1	
<u>MADANG</u> JUBAL EARLY MELINGA	12/1 12/1	JACQ AITAPE				
<u>FINSCHHAFEN</u> TUNG SONG MARRA7AH	14/1 13/1	LAE LAE	SAN PEDRO SAN ANTONIO	AUST AUST		ex SYD 27/12 ex SYD 4/1
<u>LAE</u> ALAGNA GEORGE PEATE RANNAH	12/1 13/1 13/1	B'VILLE B'VILLE	MARRA7AH MAIWARA RIVER FITZROY NORLAGO TUNG SONG TAROONA (67) RIVER DERWENT COORABIE TAROONA (68)	MADANG AITAPE AUST AUST FINSCH AUST JACQ AUST	13/1 17/1 15/1 18/1 14/1	via FINSCH via FINSCH on berth SYD 1/ on berth SYD 26/12 for LAE & FINSCH for HOSKINS ex T'VILLE for MORESBY for B'VILLE ex T'VILLE
<u>JACQUINOT</u> NATHANIEL MACON J CLEMENTS COORABIE DUNTROON	12/1 12/1	LAE AUST	JUBAL EARLY KATOOMBA (35)	MADANG AUST	13/1	ex BRIS
<u>HOSKINS</u>			TUNG SONG	LAE	20/1	
<u>MORESBY</u>			CHARON RIVER DERWENT	AUST AITAPE		on berth SYD 12/1 for LAE via MILNE BAY
<u>MILNE BAY</u> FRANCIS PEATE (under repairs)			VAN SWOLL RIVER DERWENT	MORESBY		ex BRIS for LAE

P.T.O.

(2)

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>BOUGAINVILLE</u> JOSIAH EARL SUVA SHATNEE	12/1	AUST	COORABIE E J O'BRIEN GEORGE PEATE RANNAH	LAE AUST LAE LAE	19/1 17/1 17/1	ex SYD 7/1 & BRISBANE
<u>HOLLANDIA</u> O G SELLARS			MICHAEL KERR KARSIK	AUST AUST	12/1	ex SYDNEY ex BRIS 29/12 (mail only)

NOTE :

ETA - Expected Time of Arrival at Destination.

ETD - Expected Time of Departure from Loading Port.

Robert M. ...
BRIG.

N. DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION

2/1 AUST MOV & TN GP
8 AUST MC GP
3 AUST DOCKS GP
MC MORESBY
MC FINECHAFEN
MC AITAPE
MC HOLLANDIA
MC MADANG
MC JACQUINOT BAY
MC HOSKINS
NG SEC AACB
BGS
DA & QMG

G (SD)
A
Q (MAINT)(4)
Q (MOV & TN)(3)
RAA
AMF LO
CE (2)
CSO
MED
ORD
S & T
POSTAL (2)
FILE (11)

WAR DIARY (2)

FOR INFORMATION

2 AUST CORPS
6 AUST DIV
ADV LHQ (MOV)(5)
LHQ (MOV)
RANLO
CHQ REG OFFR LAE

SECRET

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9 MATTERS OUTSTANDING--
FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY

AIR TRANSPORT AND MAINTENANCE FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY AREA--
AIRCRAFT REQUIREMENTS

1. First Aust Army memo Q2631 of 30 Nov 44 outlined future requirements in air transport and proposed:--
 - (a) To meet immediate requirements one Sqn of 12 C47 a/c be placed under HOBCKIN in support of First Aust Army.
 - (b) To meet future requirements two Sqn each of 12 C47 a/c be held on MAINLAND for call forward when required by First Aust Army.
2. First Aust Army QM1029 of 6 Jan to LHQ advised the non-availability of a/c to carry out the existing essential commitments of First Aust Army, and requested that in addition to present resources the following C47 a/c be based in First Aust Army Area:--
 - (a) TOROKINA - one
 - (b) LAE - three
 - (c) AITAPE - one (now available).
3. The non-availability of essential a/c is seriously impeding the operational and administrative functions of First Aust Army and is rendering precarious the maintenance of AMF and AIB patrols and detachments and certain ANGAU installations. The a/c referred to in para 2 (a) and (b) are required urgently.

BULK OIL INSTALLATIONS--SOLONGS

4. In reply to LHQ SM12703 of 5 Dec 44, First Aust Army Q2983 of 31 Dec 44 listed the additional units which would be required if AIF became responsible for handling AVCAS for RAAF and RANAF in the SOLONGS, and advised that tentative arrangements would be made to take over bulk installations pending instructions from LHQ.
5. In consequence of advice from 2 Aust Corps that a direction had been given for removal of portion of bulk installations by 7th US Fleet, First Aust Army Q1390 of 8 Jan 45 to LHDOPS, repeated LANDFORCES, requested action to cancel removal of plant at TOROKINA and suspend removal of plant at GREEN ISLAND pending decision as to method of re-supply to that point.
6. Tankers with a draft exceeding 18' cannot enter harbour at GREEN ISLAND, therefore taking over of installation at that point depends upon availability of suitable tankers.

7. Decisions required:--

- (a) Is First Aust Army responsible for handling AVGAS for RAAF and NZAF at TONGAREVA, GREEN ISLAND, and EMBAY.
- (b) If so, specify points at which bulk installations are to be taken over; and
- (c) Advise any special procedure or documentation required in connection with take-over. It is to be noted that installations belong to 7th US Fleet.

MAINTENANCE OF NZAF--SOLOMONS AREA

8. First Aust Army Q2983 of 31 Dec to LHQ and Q3062 of 8 Jan to Adv LHQ, copy to LHQ, outlined requirements of NZAF and requested direction as to--

- (a) Responsibilities to be accepted by First Aust Army;
- (b) Financial policy and procedure in regard to transactions with NZAF.

AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION--JACQUHOT BAY

- 9. GHE Op Instruction No. 65 stated that Allied Air Forces would be responsible for construction of airstrip at JACQUHOT BAY.
- 10. 6 Airfield Construction Sqn RAAF was allotted for the task. Adv party was to have arrived by 15 Dec 44 and main body by 31 Dec 44. None has arrived at this date.
- 11. First Aust Army message Q1338 of 0310001 Jan to LANDOPS, repeated LANDFORCES, stated HOBCEM advised unit ready to move but no shipping available, and requested pressure be exerted for movement in view of operational urgency.
- 12. In the meantime First Aust Army engr resources have been diverted to this task, with consequent delay in development of Base Sub Area.

BT DEFICIENCIES AND REPLACEMENT IN FIRST AUST ARMY AREA

- 13. HQF Q44 of 30 Sep 44 and First Aust Army Q2475 of 14 Nov 44 submitted proposals for meeting requirements and providing reserves of vans in First Aust Army Area. No reply received.
- 14. It is desired to know:--
 - (a) Have recommendations made in above memos been approved by LHQ.
 - (b) What action is being taken to implement this or any alternative plan.

SHIRTS AND TROUSERS

- 15. In view of lack of supplies ex AUSTRALIA, scale of issue in First Aust Army Area has been reduced from three to two sets of clothing. The adverse effect on the health and comfort of troops caused by this reduction has been dealt with in First Aust Army Q3050 of 5 Jan 45 to LHQ.

FRESH RATIONS

16. First Aust Army C2601 of 11 Dec 44 to LH invited attention to inadequate supplies of fresh rations shipped to Army Area. Since then the position has materially improved at all points except TONKINA. At that point only 69 tons (M) freezer and 100 tons (M) fruit and vegetables have been delivered on AUSTRALIA since 4 Aust Base Sub Area was established. There are no shipments at present in sight.
17. To relieve the position fresh rations have been sent to TONKINA from LAH and KOREANT, but the transportation resources available to First Aust Army were not designed for this task, and neither adequate nor regular shipments can be made by this means.
18. The only solution is shipment direct from AUSTRALIA, and this, of course, is the system of re-supply prescribed for TONKINA.

B. Langhorne
Lt-Col,
A/Col G First Aust Army.

12 Jan 45

War Diary

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SUBJECT - "RIVER FITZROY" - SYDNEY, BRISBANE &
TOWNSVILLE TO LAE.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
13 JAN 45.
QM1062

LAE BASE SUB AREA
DA & QMG
G (SD)

G (MAINT)(4)
G (MOV & TR)
LED
AMENITIES

ORD
POSTAL (2)
RANLO

Ref our Q2938 of 27 Dec 44.

Abovementioned vessel will load cargo at TOWNSVILLE as follows -

QMR T/L	CONSIGNOR	VEHS
1.	101 Aust Mob Bact Lab	3
2.	NSW L of O Concert Party	5
3.	Mob Sec 2/1 Aust Chem Warfare Lab	4

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

FILE (11)
WAR DIARY (2) ✓

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SUBJECT - "TAROONA" - TOWNSVILLE TO LAE.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
13 JAN 45.
QM 1061

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA
DA: QMG
G (OPS)
G (SD)
L
G (MINT)(4)

Q (MOV & TN)
CE (2)
CSO
MED
AGENCIES
RED CROSS

S & T
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E & ME
POSTAL (2)
RANLO

Ref our QM1053 of 11 Jan NOT to all addressees.

Advice has been received that TAROONA departed TOWNSVILLE 12 Jan, loading as follows -

SER I/L	UNIT	STRENGTH		STORES, EQUIPT etc. TONS
		OFFRS	ORS	
1.	Aust Red Cross (Females)	2	-	-
2.	2/7 AGH (MANS)	12	-	-
3.	2/7 AGH	1	-	-
4.	Soldiers Under Arrest	-	12	-
5.	16 Aust Small Ships Coy	3	222	-
6.	10 Aust Water Craft W'shop Coy	1	33	38 (M)
7.	2 Special Unit	3	34	-
8.	1 Aust Water Amb Convoy	-	18	-
9.	101 Aust Bact Lab Unit	1	1	1 x 15 cwt
10.	1 Aust C7 Lab BAE	3	5	11 (M)
11.	NSW L of O Concert Party	1	15	-
12.	Army Details	15	135	-
13.	Leave Returnees	13	118	-
14.	QM USA/SOS (Reefer)	-	-	10 (DW)
15.	MFO	-	-	1 (M)
16.	APO (Mail)	-	-	14 (M)
17.	ADST (Rations)	-	-	15 (M)
18.	RAAF	-	-	39 (M)
TOTAL PERSONNEL		55	590	

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DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 245.
(As at 1200 hrs 13 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (1AF)
13 Jan 45.

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	BY ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>AITAPE</u> S G REED SHE SIMEON RIVER DERWENT L M GARRISON	13/1	MORSEBY	MELINGA	LAH	14/1	
<u>MADANG</u> JUBAL EARLY	14/1	JAOQ				
<u>FINSCHHAFEN</u> TUNG SONG MARRAWAH	14/1 13/1	LAH LAH	SAN PEDRO SAN ANTONIO	AUST AUST		ex SYD 27/12 ex SYD 4/1
<u>LAH</u> GEORGE PEATE HANNAH	13/1 14/1	B'VILLE B'VILLE	MARRAWAH MAIVARA RIVER FITZROY NORLAGO TUNG SONG TARONA (67) RIVER DERWENT OORABIE TARONA (68)	MADANG AITAPE AUST AUST FINSCH AUST AITAPE JAOQ AUST	13/1 17/1 15/1 18/1 15/1	via FINSCH via FINSCH on berth SYD 1/1 ON BERTH SYD 26/12 for LAH & FINSCH for HOSKINS ex B'VILLE for MORSEBY for B'VILLE ex B'VILLE
<u>JAOQUING</u> NATHANIEL MAOON J. ELEMENTS OORABIE	13/1	LAH	JUBAL EARLY KATOOMBA(35)	MADANG AUST	15/1	ex BRIS
<u>HOSKINS</u>			TUNG SONG	LAH	20/1	
<u>MORSEBY</u>			CHARON RIVER DERWENT	AUST AITAPE		on berth SYD 12/1 for LAH via MILNE BAY
<u>MILNE BAY</u> FRANCIS PEATE (under repairs)			VAN SWOLL RIVER DERWENT	MORSEBY		ex BRIS for LAH

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IN PORT	ETA	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
BOUGAINVILLE			COORABIE E J. O'BRIEN	LAS AUST	19/1	ex STD 7/1 & EIS
JOSIAH BARR						
SUVA		AUST	GEORGE PEATE RIVERA	LAS LAS	17/1 18/1	
HOLLANDIA			MICHAEL KERR	AUST		ex SYDNEY
C G SELLARS			KARSIZ	AUST	12/1	ex EIS 29/12 (mail only)

NOTE :

ETA - Expected Time of Arrival at Destination.

ETD - Expected Time of Departure from Loading Port.

for DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION

2/1 AUST MOV & TR GP
8 AUST MO GP
3 AUST DOORS GP
MO FORESBY
MO FINSCHHAGEN
MO AIRAP
MO HOLLANDIA
MO MADANG
MO JACQUINOT BAY
MO HOSKINS
MO SEC AACB
BCB
DA & QMG

G(SD)
A
Q(MAINT) (4)
Q(MOV & TR) (3)
RAA
A'S LO
GB (2)
GBO
MED
ORD
S & T
POSTAL (2)
FILE (11)

WAR DIARY (2)

FOR INFORMATION

2 AUST CORPS
6 AUST DIV
MOV HQ (MOV) (3)
HQ (MOV)
RAA
GBO HQ OTF LAS

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DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 245
(From 1000 hrs 12 Jan to 1000 hrs 13 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
13 JAN 45

NOTE :- Ref Return No 244 of 12 Jan 45-
Amend para 1 serial 1 as follows

AANS STRENGTH 9 FROM MADANG TO AITAPE

1. BY SEA

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO	REMARKS
		OFFRS	ORS			
1.	2/1 Aust Gd Bn 8 Aust Inf Bn	-	6	GREEN IS	EMIRAU	Embkd AVE64 11/1
2.	2/1 Aust Fd Regt 2/1 " " " (Sigs) 2/43 Aust LAD	52	614	CAIRNS	AITAPE	Disembkd ex L M GARRISON 12/1
3.	2/1 Aust Tk/A Regt	12	152	"	"	"
4.	2/1 " " " (Sigs)	1	13	"	"	"
5.	2/49 Aust LAD	1	25	"	"	"
6.	6 Aust Div Details	3	10	"	"	"
7.	6 Aust Div Reception Camp	1	9	"	"	"
8.	6 Aust Div Pro Coy	-	13	"	"	"
9.	HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde	11	40	BRIS	JACO	Disembkd DUNTROON 12/1
10.	4 Aust Bde Sig Sec	1	29	"	"	"
11.	25 Fl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	1	27	"	"	"
12.	22 Aust Inf Bn	25	617	"	"	"
13.	29/46 Aust Inf Bn	33	605	"	"	"
14.	4 Aust Fd Coy	2	88	"	"	"
15.	264 Aust LAD	1	15	"	"	"
16.	Det 3 Aust Div Postal Unit	-	2	"	"	"
17.	16 Aust Small Ships Coy	3	222	T'VILLE	LAE	Embkd TARCONA 12/1
18.	10 Aust Water Craft W'shop Coy	1	33	"	"	"
19.	2 Special Unit	3	31	"	"	"
20.	1 Aust Water Amb Convoy	-	18	"	"	"
21.	10 Aust Mob Bact Lab	1	1	"	"	"
22.	2/1 Mob C/W Lab	3	5	"	"	"
23.	NSW L of C Concert Party	1	15	"	"	"
24.	2/8 AGH (AANS)	12	-	"	"	"
25.	2/7 AGH	1	-	"	"	"
26.	A.R.C. (Female)	2	-	"	"	"
27.	Soldiers Under Arrest	-	12	"	"	"
28.	Aust Details	15	115	"	"	"
29.	7 Aust Inf Bde	-	5	TREAS	TOROKINA	Sld PC1132 12/1
30.	Z.F.S. Sec	1	11	JACQ	BRISBANE	Embkd DUNTROON 12/1
31.	Aust Details	3	47	"	"	"

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2. AIR GENERAL :-

		STRENGTH		FROM	TO
UNIT		OFFRS	ORS		
1. ANGAU		1	3	LAE	JACQUINOT BAY
2. 10 AAOD			3	LAE	KORRESBY
3. ANGAU			4	LAE	TOWNSVILLE
4. 2/163 Sup Dpt P1			3	LAE	MADANG

COLN AND SPECIAL A/C :-				
UNIT	NO OF A/C	FROM	TO	DETAILS
9 Comn Unit RAAF	1 BEAUFORT	LAE	FINSCHHAFFEN	ferry service
	"	LAE	MADANG)	
	1 BEAUFORT	LAE	AITAPE)	courier
	"	LAE	KORRESBY	misc pers and stores
	1 BEAUFORT	LAE	FINSCHHAFFEN	ferry service
	"	LAE	MADANG	misc pers and stores
	"	LAE	FINSCHHAFFEN	ferry service

for P. Cunningham, Capt Brig
 for D A & Q I G FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION

1 AUST ADV 2 ECH
 3 AUST ADV 2 ECH
 DFO NEW GUINEA
 NG FORCE SEC AACS
 EGS
 DA & Q I G
 G (CPS)
 G (SD)
 A
 ANS
 Q (3)
 Q (LIV & TH)
 RAA
 CE (2)
 CSO (2)
 MED
 DENTAL
 S & T
 ORD
 U. P. ME
 POSTAL (2)
 SALVAGE
 A. EN.
 FILE (7)
 WAR DIARY

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DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 246.
(As at 1200 hrs 14 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
14 JAN 45.

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>AITAPE</u> S G REED SAN SIMEON RIVER DERWENT		MORESBY	MELINGA	LAE	14/1	
<u>MADANG</u> JUBAL EARLY		JACQ				
<u>FINSCHHAFFEN</u> TUNG SONG	14/1	LAE	SAN PEDRO SAN ANTONIO	AUST AUST		ex SYD 27/12 ex SYD 4/1
<u>LAE</u>			MARRA7AH MAIWARA RIVER FITZROY NORLAGO TUNG SONG TAROOMA (67) RIVER DERWENT COORABIE TAROOMA (68)	MADANG AITAPE AUST AUST FINSCH AUST AITAPE JACQ AUST	14/1 17/1 15/1 17/1 18/1	via FINSCH via FINSCH on berth SYD 1/1 on berth SYD 26/12 for LAE & FINSCH for HOSKINS ex T'VILLE 12/1 for MORESBY for B'VILLE ex T'VILLE
<u>JACQUINOT</u> NATHANIEL MACON J CLEMENTS COORABIE		LAE	JUBAL EARLY KATOOMBA (35)	MADANG AUST		awaiting call forward ex BRISBANE
<u>HOSKINS</u>			TUNG SONG	LAE	20/1	
<u>MORESBY</u>			CHARON RIVER DERWENT	AUST AITAPE		on berth SYD 12/1 for LAE via KILNE BAY
<u>KILNE BAY</u> FRANCIS PEATE (under repairs)			VAN SWOLL RIVER DERWENT	MORESBY		ex BRIS for LAE

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IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>BOUGAINVILLE</u> JOSIAH EARL SUVA		AUST	COORABIE E J O'BRIEN GEORGE PEATE RANNAH	LAE AUST LAE LAE	19/1 17/1 17/1 18/1	ex SYD 7/1 & BRIS 12/1
<u>HOLLANDIA</u> C G SELLARS			MICHAEL KERR KARSIK	AUST AUST	 12/1	ex SYDNEY ex BRIS 29/12 (mail only)

NOTE :

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ETD - Expected Time of Departure from Loading Port.

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DISTRIBUTION

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8 AUST MC GP
3 AUST DOCKS GP
MC MORESBY
MC FINSCHHAFEN
MC AITAPE
MC HOLLANDIA
MC MADANG
MC JACQUINOT BAY
MC HOSKINS
NG SEC AACS
BGS
DA & QMG

G (SD)
A
Q (MAINT)(4)
Q (MOV & TN)(3)
RAA
AMF LO
CE (2)
CSO
MED
ORD
S & T
POSTAL (2)
FILE (11)

WAR DIARY (2)

FOR INFORMATION

2 AUST CORPS
6 AUST DIV
ADV LHQ (MOV)(3)
LHQ (MOV)
RANLO
GHQ REG OFFR LAE

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DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 246.
(From 1000 hrs 13 Jan to 1000 hrs 14 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
14 JAN 45.

1. BY SEA.

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO	REMARKS
		OFFERS	ORS			
1.	2/1 Mov & Tn Gp	1	14	TOROKINA	EMIRAU & GREEN IS	Embkd AV1364 10/1
2.	Aust Ord Port Det	-	1	"	"	"
3.	311/313 RADAR Dets RAAF	3	37	"	"	"
4.	8 Aust Inf Bn	1	4	EMIRAU	GREEN IS	"
5.	B Coy 17 Aust Fd Amb	-	1	"	"	"
6.	Aust Army Personnel	3	1	MUNDA	TREASURY	Embkd USAT46 12/1
7.	Aust Army Personnel	-	6	MADANG	AITAPE	Embkd MELINGA 12/1
8.	RAAF Personnel	1	1	"	"	"

2. AIR GENERAL :-

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO
		OFFERS	ORS		
1.	19 Aust L of C Sigs	-	4	LAE	AITAPE
2.	2/11 Aust Gen Hosp (AANS)	4	-	"	"
3.	ANGAU	1	7	"	"
4.	30 Aust Inf Bn	-	7	"	MADANG
5.	5 Aust Svy Bty	-	9	"	"
6.	17 Aust AAD	1	11	JACQUINOT	LAE
7.	4 Aust AOD(Port Det)	-	7	TOROKINA	LAE

AIR SPECIAL AND COMN A/C :-

UNIT	NO OF A/C	FROM	TO	DETAILS
9 Comm Unit RAAF	1 BEAUFORT	LAE	FINSCHAFEN	ferry service
	1 "	"	MADANG)	courier
	1 "	"	AITAPE)	
			MADANG	misc pers and stores

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SUBJECT - "E J O'BRIEN" - BRISBANE to TOROKINA

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
15 Jan 45
QM 1066

2 AUST CORPS	Q (MAINT) (4)	ORD
4 AUST BASE SUB AREA	Q (MOV & TN)	E & ME
DA & QMG	CE (2)	POSTAL (2)
G (OPS)	CSO	RANLO
G (INT)	MED	
G (SD)	S & T	
A		

Ref our Q2939 of 28 Dec QM1026 of 5 Jan and QM1045 of 8 Jan not to all addressees.

Advice has been received that the above mentioned vessel departed Brisbane 12 Jan loading as follows:-

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		VEHICLES TRAILERS MECHANICAL EQPT	UNIT STORES TONS (.)
		OFFRS	ORS		
1.	242 LAD	1	1		
2.	104 Aust Bde Wksp	1	2	4	
3.	2/3 Aust Con Depot		1		
4.	Supply Officer				129
5.	Ordnance			12	10
6.	APC				52
7.	FELO				3
8.	RAE				100
9.	HQ 11 Aust Inf Bde				30
10.	2/3 Aust Con Depot			7	247
11.	242 LAD				9
12.	CSO 2 Aust Corps				14
13.	1 Aust Base Stores Coy			1 air compressor	
14.	55/53 Aust Inf Bn			1	
15.	102 Aust Bde Wksp			4	
16.	102 Aust Bde Ord Pd Pk			3	
17.	12 Aust Adv Wksp			42	
18.	104 Aust Bde Ord Pd Pk			1	
TOTAL		2	4	75	594

NOTE: Vessel also to load at TOWNSVILLE.

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for DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) BRIG

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DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 247
(From 1000 hrs 14 Jan to 1000 hrs 15 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
15 Jan 45

NOTE:- Ref Return No 245 of 13 Jan 45.
Amend para 1 Serial 21 to read as follows:-

101 Aust Mob Bact Lab.

1. BY SEA

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH OFFRS	ORS	FROM	TO	REMARKS
1.	Aust Army Pers (all ranks)		82	MADANG	SYDNEY	Embkd FENK 13/1
2.	Aust Fd Amn Dump		1	"	"	"
3.	NG Details	4	4	LAE	HOSKINS	Embkd AK96 13/1
4.	42 ASD		1	"	"	"
5.	ANGAU N/R		1	"	"	"
6.	Det USA Bers		7	JACQUIN	FINSCH	Embkd N MAGON 14/1

2. AIR GENERAL :-

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH OFFRS	ORS	FROM	TO
1.	151 AGT Coy	1	2	LAE	FINSCH
2.	HQ 3 Aust Docks Gp		4	"	TOWNSVILLE
3.	2/11 AGH (AMWAS)		4	"	AITAPE
4.	ANGAU	1	3	MORESBY	LAE

AIR SPECIAL AND COMM A/C :-

UNIT	NO OF A/C	FROM	TO	DETAILS
9 Comm Unit RAAF	1 Beaufort	Lae	FINSCHHAFEN	Ferry Service
	1 "	"	MADANG	Courier
	1 "	"	AITAPE	
	1 "	"	MADANG	Misc pers & Stores
	1 "	"	AITAPE	
	1 "	"	FINSCHHAFEN	Ferry Service
	1 "	"	MORESBY	Misc Pers & Stores

T. J. Cunningham, Cpt
for PA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) BRIG

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POSTAL (2)
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AMEN
FILE (7)
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DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 847
(As at 1200 hrs 15 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
15 Jan 45

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>AITAPE</u> S G REED SAN SIMEON RIVER DERWENT MELINGA		MORESBY	MAIWARA	LAE		
<u>MADANG</u> JUBAL EARLY MAIWARA	17/1 15/1	JACQ LAE				
<u>FINSCHRAFEN</u> TUNG SONG	17/1	LAE	SAN PEDRO SAN ANTONIO NATHANIEL MAGON	AUST AUST FINSCH	15/1	27/12 ex SYD ex SYD 4/1
<u>LAE</u>			MARRAJAH MAIWARA RIVER FITZROY NORLAGO TUNG SONG TAROCNA (67) RIVER DERWENT COORABIE TAROCNA (68)	MADANG AITAPE AUST AUST FINSCH AUST AITAPE JACQ AUST	15/1 17/1 18/1 16/1 18/1 17/1	via FINSCH via FINSCH on berth SYD 1/1 on berth SYD 26/12 for FINSCH for HOSKINS ex T'VILLE 12/1 for MORESBY for B'VILLE ex T'VILLE
<u>JACQUINOT</u> J CLEMENTS COORABIE	16/1	LAE	JUBAL EARLY KATOOMBA (35)	MADANG AUST	18/1	awaiting call F'wd ex B'ENE
<u>HOSKINS</u>			TUNG SONG	LAE	23/1	
<u>MORESBY</u>			OHARON RIVER DERWENT	AUST AITAPE		on berth SYD 12/1 for LAE via MILNE BAY
<u>MILNE BAY</u> FRANCIS FEATE (under repairs)			VAN SWOLL RIVER DERWENT	MORESBY		ex BRIS for LAE
<u>BOUGAINVILLE</u> JOSIAH EARL SUVA	15/1	AUST	COORABIE E J O'BRIEN GEORGE BRACE RANEAH	LAE AUST LAE LAE	19/1 17/1 17/1 18/1	ex SYD 7/1 ex BRIS 12/1

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IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
HOLLANDIA C G BELLARS			MIM ON MICHAEL KERR KARSIK	AUST AUST		ex SYDNEY ex BRIS 29/12 (mail only)

NOTE:

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Robert M. ... Capt
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 BRIG.

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 MC HOSKINS
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WAR DIARY (2)

FOR INFORMATION

2 AUST CORPS
 6 AUST DIV
 ADV LHQ (MOV) (3)
 LHQ (MOV)
 RANLO
 GEG REG OFFR LAE

Distribution of AQMG's Conference Notes:

Col Q
AQ
Q (Maint)
Q (Misc)
SC1 (Maint)
SC2 (Maint)
Q (Wks)
SC AQ
~~SC AQ~~
Q (Mov & Tn)
S&T
Ord
ARME
Postal
Salvage
Camp
IAE Base Sub Area
War Diary (2) —
File

~~SECRET~~ BM

DAQMG's CONFERENCE NOTES - 13, 15, 16 JAN 45

Reserves for ANNENBERG

1. Ref Notes 11/12 Jan, para 1: G advise that the white pl has been moved to ANNENBERG. Instruct LAE Base to complete the est of 30 days' res and increase the maint to ANNENBERG accordingly. Q (Maint)
LBSA

Air Maint ex NADZAB

2. Q (Maint) advise the following loads waiting at NADZAB:-- Infm
 - 13 plane loads AIYURA
 - 1 " " HAGEN
 - 5 " " ANNENBERG.

Duty Offr LAE Base

3. Is on telephone extn 202. Infm

Delay - Surface Mails to JACQUINOT

4. Investigate report of 2/3 months' delay in delivery second-class mail to JACQUINOT. Probably refers to mail re-directed from DARWIN for 13 Aust Inf Bde. Q (Misc)
Posts

AWAS Barracks

5. LHQ has been infm that barracks cannot be constructed unless an additional fd coy is provided for LAE. Q (Wks)
LBSA

Sand Pump - AITAPE

6. Pump (less engine) went forward per MELINGA. Engrs are arranging for an engine to be provided from local resources at AITAPE. Q (Wks)

Maint HOSKINS

7. TUNG SONG will carry sufficient sups to bring stocks up to 60 days. Q (Maint)

Maint MADANG

8. MARRAWAH cargoes will bring sup stocks to 60 days. Q (Maint)

Coy C, 593 EB&SR

9. Q (Mov) will inform DAQMG (Maint) when rep Coy C arrives at this HQ. DAQMG (Maint) will ascertain if any action required by Q (Maint) in connection with mov of Coy C from MADANG to AITAPE. Q (Mov)
Q (Maint)

Aircraft Fuel for AUSTERS, Etc. - NEW BRITAIN & AITAPE

10. Arrangements made for 3000 gals fuel for AUSTER a/c (approx 30 days' sup) to be despatched ex LAE per MAIWARA. Q (Maint)
Q (Mov)
LBSA

11. 7200 gals to HOSKINS per TUNG SONG ETA HOSKINS 23 Jan.

12. 83 Wing RAAF have been informed that space for a/c fuel will be available on J. EARLY to JACQUINOT BAY. 83 Wing will advise their requirements not later than 24 Jan.

13. 83 Wing will discuss with HORCCM the re-sup of these fuels direct from AUST for AITAPE and JACQUINOT.

- Aircraft to KOKODA and HOSKINS
14. NORCOM are reported to consider strips at above pts unsuitable for landing C47s. Q (Maint)
Q (Mov)
- 83 Wing do not agree, and are approaching NORCOM to have recce and trial landings made.
- ANGAU report that an American C47 landed at and took off from KOKODA a few days ago with a full load.
- Wireless Spares
15. Ord have prepared scalings for all sets and areas, Q (Maint)
and have despatched to LHQ. Ord
- Urgent mov has been requested for items which are specially needed.
- CSO staff have been infm of action taken, and are satisfied with the posn.

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Maj,
A/AQMG First Aust Army.

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DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 248
(As at 1200 hrs 16 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
16 Jan 45

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>AITAPE</u> S G REED SAN SIMEON RIVER DERWENT MELINGA	19/1 17/1	MORESEBY	MAIWARA	LAE	25/1	
<u>MADANG</u> JUBAL EARLY	16/1	JACQ	MARRAWAH	LAE	20/1	
<u>FINSCHHAFEN</u> TUNG SONG	17/1	LAE	SAN PEDRO SAN ANTONIO	AUST AUST		ex SYD 27/12 ex SYD 4/1
<u>LAE</u> TARCONA MARRAWAH	17/1 18/1	T'VILLE MADANG	RIVER CLARENCE FRANCIS FEAT MAIWARA RIVER FITZROY NORLAGO TUNG SONG RIVER DERWENT COORABIE TARCONA (68) VAN OUTHORN	AUST MILNE AITAPE AUST AUST FINSCH AITAPE JACQ AUST AUST	20/1 18/1 18/1 21/1 18/1 27/1 19/1	on berth SYD 18/1 via FINSCH ex SYD 15/1 via BRIS on berth SYD 26/12 for FINSCH for MOSKINS for MORESEBY for B'VILLE ex T'VILLE ex BRIS 13/1
<u>JACQUINOT</u> J CLEMENTS COORABIE	16/1	LAE	JUBAL EARLY KATOOMBA (35)	MADANG AUST	18/1	ex BRIS
<u>MOSKINS</u>			TUNG SONG	LAE	22/1	thence NANTAMBU
<u>MORESEBY</u>			CHARON RIVER DERWENT	AUST AITAPE	24/1	on berth SYD 12/1 for LAE via MILNE BAY
<u>MILNE BAY</u> FRANCIS FEATE	16/1	LAE	VAN SWOLL RIVER DERWENT	MORESEBY		ex BRIS for LAE
<u>BOUGAINVILLE</u> JOSIAH EARL SUVA	16/1	AUST	COORABIE E J O'BRIEN GEORGE FEATE RAUNAH	LAE AUST LAE LAE	23/1 17/1 17/1 18/1	ex SYD 7/1 ex BRIS 12/1

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IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
HOLLANDIA C G SELLARS			MICHAEL KERR KARSIK	AUST AUST		ex SYDNEY ex BRIS 29/12 (mail only)

NOTE :

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ETD - Expected Time of Departure from Loading Port.

Robert M. Brown
DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) BRIG.

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2/1 AUST MOV & TN GP
3 AUST MC GP
3 AUST DOCKS GP
MC MORESEBY
MC FINSCHHAFFEN
MC AITAPE
MC HOLLANDIA
MC JACQUINOT BAY
MC MADANG
MC HOSKINS
NG SEC AACB
BGS
DA & QMG

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2 AUST CORPS
6 AUST DIV
ADV LHQ (MOV) (3)
LHQ (MOV)
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GHQ REG OFFR LAE

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DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 248
(From 1000 hrs 15 Jan to 1000 hrs 16 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
16 Jan 45

1. BY SEA

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH OFFERS	ORE	FROM	TO	REMARKS
1.	Mov & Tn First Aust Army	1		LAE	TOROKINA	Embkd RANNAH 14/1
2.	44 Aust Sup Dep Pl	1		"	"	"
3.	10 Aust Pigeon Sec	1		"	"	"
4.	6 Aust Docks Op Coy	1		"	"	"
5.	4 Aust Details	3		FINSCH	HOLLANDIA	Embkd PADRAS 14/1
6.	"U" Hy Bty	4	97	LAE	TOROKINA	Embkd G PEATE 14/1
7.	78 Mob Cinema	3		"	"	"
8.	NC Details	30		"	AITAPE	Disbkd 15/1 NELINGA
9.	8 Aust Adv Arm Depot	1		"	"	"
10.	Aust Army Personnel	6		MADANG	"	"
11.	ANGAU " Natives	1 65		EMIRAU	TOROKINA	Embkd AV1364 15/1
12.	4 Aust Ord Fl Det	1		"	"	"
13.	46 Aust Sup Dep Pl	1		"	"	"

2. AIR GENERAL

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH OFFERS	ORS	FROM	TO
1.	Native Medical Orderlys		6	LAE	MANUS
2.	ANGAU	4	1	MORESBY	LAE
3.	LHQ Accounts Unit	1	1	"	"

AIR COMM AND SPECIAL A/C

UNIT	NO OF A/C	FROM	TO	DETAILS
9 Comm Unit RAAF	1 Beaufort	LAE	FINSCHHAFEN	Ferry Service
	"	"	MORESBY	Misc pers & Stores
	1 Beaufort	"	MADANG	Courier
	"	"	AITAPE	
	"	"	FINSCHHAFEN	Ferry Service

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

DISTRIBUTION

1 AUST ADV 2 ECH
3 AUST ADV 2 ECH
LFO NEW GUINEA
NG FORCE SEC AACB
EGS
DA & QMG
G (OPB)
G (SD)
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Q (3)
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Hq First Aust Army (AIF)
2 Branch

CURRENT MATTERS - 16 JAN 45

Serial	Subject	Action By
1	Director of Canteens Service has advised that Canteens Board agrees in principle with reduction in price of meals at CWS' Clubs in First Aust Army area. He will visit this area late Jan and will determine future price of meals in discussion with ADCS.	Infm
2	Brig Gendover requests that future maintenance for 36 Bn be supplied to Mantambu. 5 Aust Div have been requested to advise if they concur, whether reserves are to be held at Mantambu, and if suitable anchorage exists there. They were also asked whether 30 tons of cargo could be despatched to Mantambu and cover provided for same by 23 Jan.	Infm
3	Inf platoon is now at Annenberg. Arrange for balance of 31 days and regular maintenance to be dropped by air.	Col Roy A-210
4	It is expected that 36 Squadron IAW will be operating from Lee by 23 Jan.	Infm
5	2 Aster aircraft are to be based at Aitape and initial supplies of Avons are being sent from Lee. Take up with IAW necessity for future supplies being despatched direct from mainland.	AJG

[Signature]
Lt-Col
A/Col 1 First Aust Army (AIF)

Distribution

- 1 BR & HQ - 1st Aust AF
- 2 Col 1
- 3 Col Roy
- 4 AIF - 1st to A-210 (5)
- 5-6 War Diary

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Subject : "ALAGNA" TOWNSVILLE TO LAE

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
16 Jan 45
QM 1069

LAE BASE SUB AREA
DA & QMG
G (SD)
A
Q (MAINT) (4)
Q (MOV & TN)

RED CROSS
SAL ARMY
S & T
ORD
RANLO

Advice has been received that the above mentioned vessel
will load TOWNSVILLE for LAE as follows :-

(a) Refrigerator

SERIAL	CONSIGNOR	DESCRIPTION	TONS (M)
1. 2.	Red Cross S & T US Army }	Fruit Cooler & Freezer to	2 capacity

(b) General Cargo

3. 4. 5.	Ordnance RAAF Salvation Army	Stores " Comforts 1 Jeep	1 19 10 6
TOTAL			36

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

FILE (11)
WAR DIARY (2)

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Subject - "RIVER CLARENCE" - SYDNEY TO LAE

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
17 Jan 45
QM 1070

LAE BASE SUB AREA
NGSEC AACS
DA& QMG
G (SD)
A
Q (MAINT) (4)

CE (2)
GSO (2)
RED CROSS
YMCA
ACF
AMEN

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

Advice has been received that the above mentioned vessel will load SYDNEY for LAE as follows :-

(a) General Cargo

SERIAL	CONSIGNOR	DESCRIPTION	TONS (M)
1.	S & T	Rations Native Rations Expense Stores Coke Vegetables (deck) POL	2132 1324 330 142 400 84
2.	DP & SS	Stationery	20
3.	Ordnance	Stores Parachute Drop Material	203 1244
4.	Engineers	Explosives "	1 6 (for MADANG)
5.	Canteens	Stores Beer & Spirits	500 800
6.	RAAF	Stores " "	10 60 (for MADANG) 28 (for FINSC)
7.	Dept of Ext Terri- tories	Gen Merchandise "	110 36 (for MADANG)
8.	Red Cross	Stores	50
9.	YMCA	Stores "	5 4 (for MADANG)
10.	ACF	Comforts	25 (for MADANG)
11.	RAN	Gen Stores Victualling Stores	2 (for MADANG) 56
TOTAL			7572

(b) Vehicles

SERIAL	CONSIGNOR	NO OF VEHICLES	TONS (M)
12.	Ordnance	55	1842
13.	LHQ Mech Eqpt Pool	2	40
14.	RAAF	31	896
TOTAL		88	2778

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(c) Small Craft

SERIAL	CONSIGNOR	DESCRIPTION	TONS (M)
15.	Water Transport	7 Workboats.	1050

(d) Refrigerators

SERIAL	CONSIGNOR	DESCRIPTION	TONS (M)
16. 17. 18.	Red Cross S & T US Army }	Stores Stores to capacity	on ⁴ / ₅ basis

Birmingham, Calif
for DA & QMG FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AIF) BRIG.

FILE (11)
WAR DIARY (2) ✓

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Subject - "RIVER FITZROY" - SYDNEY BRISBANE AND TOWNSVILLE TO LAE

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
17 Jan 45
QM 1071

LAE BASE SUB AREA	Q (MOV & TN)	S & T
NG SEC AACs	CE (2)	ORD
DA & QMG	MED	E & ME
G (SD)	ALLEN	POSTAL (2)
A	ACF	RANLO
Q (MAINT) (4)	YMCA	

Ref our Q2938 of 27 Dec and QM 1062 of 13 Jan NOT to all addressees.

Advice has been received that the above mentioned vessel departed SYDNEY 15 Jan for BRISBANE TOWNSVILLE and LAE loading as follows :-

SERIAL	UNIT/CONSIGNOR	STRENGTH OFFERS ORS		VEHICLES	UNIT STORES (incl vchs) TONS (M)
1.	LHQ (voyage only)		3		
2.	Supply Officer				Rations 4544
3.	S & T				POL 244
4.	Ordinance				Arm 3
5.	Ordinance				257
6.	Engineers			8	633
7.	AACS				1431
8.	Medical Services				10
9.	DP & SS				27
10.	APC				106
11.	ACF				26
12.	MFO				3
13.	Amenities				4
14.	YMCA				4
15.	Engineers				375
					(for MADANG)
16.	AACS				10
					(for MADANG)
17.	ANGAU				86
					(for MADANG)
18.	APC				20
					(for MADANG)
TOTALS			3	8	7753

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

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WAR DIARY (2)

Distribution of AQMG's Conference Notes:

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AQ
Q (Maint)
Q (Misc)
SC1 (Maint)
SC2 (Maint)
Q (Wks)
SC AQ
~~SCAQ~~
Q (Mov & Tr)
S&T
Ord
AEME
Postal
Salvage
Camp
LAE Base Sub Area
War Diary (2) ✓
File
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HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
Q Branch

ASMG's CONFERENCE NOTES - 17 JAN 45

Maint of Air Forces in NORTHERN SOLOMONS

1. LHQ advise that C in C does not wish First Aust Army to accept this responsibility because of increase in manpower and units involved. Matter has been referred by LHQ to Adv LHQ for representation to GHQ. Infm

Parachute Refolders - AITAPE

2. 3 refolders have arrived ex AUST. Inf
3 additional refolders are en route by air.

Maint - 36 Bn Op NEW BRITAIN

3. Brig SANDOVER, Comd 8 Aust Inf Bde, requested Q (Mov & Tn) to despatch future maint ships to NAITAMBU instead of HOSKINS. Q (Mov & Tn)
Q (Mov)
5 Aust Div have been asked if they concur, whether suitable anchorage is available and whether coverage will be available to accept 300 tons on approx 23 Jan.
4. "TUNG SONG" is the next ship for HOSKINS and, if maint is to go to NAITAMBU, she will have to call at HOSKINS also to unload aviation fuel.

Air Tpt

5. 33 Sqn RAAP is now operating from LAE and Q (Mov) have received a copy of their regular courier schedule. A plane will land once per week at HOSKINS and will provide regular delivery and clearance of mail. Q (Mov)
Posts
Posts will make necessary arrangements to use this service.

Air Maint ex MADANG

6. Ref Notes 11/ 12 Jan para 3. Inf
Although the posn is not yet firm, it is considered probable that aircraft will be provided at LAE, thus removing the necessity for est an air maint centre at MADANG.

Delay - Surface Mails to JACQUINOT

7. Postal investigation shows that, over the past month, Inf
five ships have discharged surface mails at JACQUINOT. The last ships from each SYDNEY and BRISBANE cleared all available mails.


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DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 249
(From 1000 hrs 16 Jan to 1000 hrs 17 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
17 Jan 45

1. BY SEA

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO	REMARKS
		OFFERS	ORS			
1.	Aust Red Cross (females)	2		TOWNSVILLE	LAE	disembkd TAROONA 16/1
2.	2/7 AGH (AANS)	12		"	"	"
3.	2/7 AGH	1		"	"	"
4.	Soldiers under arrest		12	"	"	"
5.	16 Aust Small Ships Coy	3	222	"	"	"
6.	10 Aust Water Craft Workshop Coy	1	53	"	"	"
7.	"Z" Special Unit	3	31	"	"	"
8.	1 Aust Water Amb Convoy		18	"	"	"
9.	101 Aust Bact Lab Unit	1	1	"	"	"
10.	1 Aust CW Lab Unit	1	1	"	"	"
11.	NSW L of C Concert Party	1	15	"	"	"
12.	Army Details	15	115	"	"	"
13.	Leave Returns	13	118	"	"	"
14.	Sig Rqpt Sec		1	LAE	T'VILLE	Embkd 16/1 TAROONA
15.	151 AGT	1		"	"	"
16.	NG Details	7	278	"	"	"
17.	AANS	11		"	"	"
18.	US Red Cross	1		"	"	"
19.	PIB		6	MORESBY	LAE	Embkd 16/1 RIVER DERVENT
20.	5 Aust L of C Postal Unit		4	"	"	"
21.	Natives		190	"	"	"

2. AIR GENERAL

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO
		OFFERS	ORS		
1.	NG AA & Frt Sigs	1	4	LAE	MORESBY
2.	Pacific Island Regt (Natives)	2	2	"	"
3.	ANGAU (Natives)	2	4	"	MADANG
4.	16 Small Ships Coy	2	2	Brisbane	LAE
5.	RPO (Natives)		10	MORESBY	"
6.	2/7 AGH		8	NADZAB	TOWNSVILLE

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AIR COMN AND SPECIAL A/C

UNIT	NO OF A/C	FROM	TO	DETAILS
9 Comm Unit RAAF	1 Beaufort	LAE	FINSCH	Ferry Service
	"	"	MADANG	
	1 Beaufort	"	AITAPE	Courier
	"	"	MOKESBY	Misc pers & Stores
		"	FINSCH	Ferry Service

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

DISTRIBUTION

1 AUST ADV 2 ECH
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INFO NEW GUINEA
NG FORCE SEC AACCS
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DA & QMG
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G (SD)
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FILE (7)
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DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 249
(As at 1200 hrs 17 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
17 Jan 45

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>AITAPE</u> S G REED SAN SIMEON RIVER DERWENT	24/1 18/1	LAE	MAIWARA	LAE	25/1	
<u>FINSCHAFEN</u> TUNG SONG MAIWARA	17/1 17/1	LAE LAE	SAN PEDRO SAN ANTONIO	AUST AUST		ex SYD 27/12 ex SYD 4/1
<u>LAE</u> HARRAWAH	18/1	MADANG	RIVER CLARENCE FRANCIS PEAT MAIWARA RIVER FITZROY NORLAGO TUNG SONG RIVER DERWENT COORABIE TAROONA (68) VAN OUTHOORN	AUST MILNE AITAPE AUST AUST FINSCH AITAPE JACQ AUST AUST	20/1 18/1 18/1 21/1 18/1 27/1 19/1	on berth SYD 18/1 via FINSCH ex SYD 15/1 via BRIS on berth SYD 26/12 & for FINSCH for HOSKINS for MORESBY for B'VILLE ex T'VILLE ex BRIS 13/1
<u>JACQUINOT</u> J CLEMENTS COORABIE	17/1	LAE	JUBAL EARLY KATOOMBA (35)	MADANG AUST	18/1	ex BRIS
<u>HOSKINS</u>			TUNG SONG	LAE	22/1	thence NANTAMBU
<u>MORBESBY</u>			CHARON RIVER DERWENT	AUST AITAPE	24/1	on berth SYD 12/1 for LAE via MILNE BAY
<u>MILNE BAY</u> FRANCIS PEAT	18/1	LAE	VAN SWOLL RIVER DERWENT	MORBESBY		ex BRIS for LAE

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IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>BOUGAINVILLE</u> SUVA GEORGE PEAT	27/1	CAIRNS	COORABIE E J O'BRIEN RANNAH	LAE AUST LAE	23/1 17/1 18/1	(ex SYD 7/1) (ex BRIS 12/1)
<u>HOLLANDIA</u> O G SELLARS			MICHAEL KERR KARSIK	AUST AUST		ex SYD ex BRIS 29/12 (mail only)
<u>MADANG</u>			MARRAWAH	LAE	20/1	

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for DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) BRIG

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8 AUST MC GP
3 AUST DOCKS GP
MC MORESBY
MC FINSCHHAFFEN
MC AITAPE
MC HOLLANDIA
MC JACQUINOT BAY
MC MADANG
MC ROSKINS
NG SEC AACB
BGS
DA & QMG

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WAR DIARY (2)

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6 AUST DIV
ADV LHQ (MOV) (3)
LHQ (MOV)
RANLO
GHQ REG OFFE LAE

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Subject - "JUBAL EARLY" - MADANG TO JACQUINOT BAY

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
17 Jan 45
QM 1073

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

Q (MOV & TN)
RAA
CE (2)
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POSTAL (2)
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Advice has been received that the above mentioned vessel departed MADANG 16 Jan for JACQUINOT BAY, loading as follows :-

SERIAL	UNIT/CONSIGNOR	STRENGTH		VEHS TRKRS MECH EQPT	GUNS & BOATS	UNIT STORES TONS (M)
		OFFRS	ORS			
1.	154 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	4	82	39		43
2.	4 Aust Inf Bde (Rear Detail)	5	55	4		70
3.	5 Aust Div Scl Unit	1	29	2		
4.	2/14 Aust Fd Regt	23	282	51	2 Boats 9x25 pr guns 1x25 pr gun (short)	182
5.	2/14 Aust Fd Regt Sig		30	5		6
6.	2/83 Aust LAD	1	23	7		
7.	32 Aust L of C Scl Unit		18	4		6
8.	3 Aust Farm Coy 2 Fl	1	9	5		19
9.	Rear Party 234 Aust LAD		8	4		
10.	130 Aust Bde Wksp			6		7
11.	130 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk					2
12.	YMCA 5 Aust Div			2		
13.	RAN			1	1 Boat	15
14.	1 Inf Tps Wksp					5
15.	3 Aust Mech Eqp Wksp					3
16.	DDST					413
TOTALS		35	536	130	3 Boats 10x25 pr guns	771

K. Cunningham, C. Lt
for COL (MOV & TN) FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) Lt-Col

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
18 Jan 45

ADV LHQ (3)
LHQ (for info)

PROPOSED SHIPPING ALLOTMENTS AS AT 17 JAN 45

This schedule is compiled with respect to personnel, vehicles and general cargo.

Details of personnel and vehicles by units are shown wherever possible, otherwise estimated number of Aust Troops to be embarked is given.

Thompson
Lt-Gen
GOC FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

SERIAL	VESSEL	UNIT	ALLOTMENT			FROM PORT	ETD	TO PORT	ETA	REMARKS
			PERS	VEHS	STORES					
1.	RIVER DERWENT	35 Wireless Sec (Hy)	23	4		AITAPE	18/1	LAE	21/1	
		Leave returnees and Details	172			LAE	22/1	MORESEBY	25/1	
2.	RIVER DERWENT	PIB rfts	6 Europeans							
		General cargo and vehs to capacity (approx) Ord Vehs	190 Natives	200 60	5,500	MORESEBY MILNE BAY		LAE		calls MILNE BAY en route ex MORESEBY
3.	JUBAL EARLY	Ord Vehs approx		200		MADANG	26/1	LAE=	28/1	
		Unit Personnel and vehs (Phase D) approx	400	130	1,500	LAE	3/2	JACQUINOT	4/2	

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DA & QMG
G (OPS)
G (SD) (2)
Q (MAINT) (2)
POSTAL (2)

GHC REGULATING OFFICER LAE
WAR DIARY (2) —
FILE (3)

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DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 250
(As at 1200 hrs 18 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
18 Jan 45

IN PORT	ETA	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>AITAPE</u> S G REED SAN SIMON RIVER DERWENT	24/1 18/1	LAE	MAIWARA G N ZHEBACOS	LAE AUST	25/1	On berth SYD 13/1 via BRIS T'VILLE & HOLLANDIA
<u>WADANG</u>			MARAWAH	LAE	20/1	
<u>FINSCHHAFEN</u> TUNG SONG MAIWARA	18/1 18/1	LAE LAE	SAN PEDRO SAN ANTONIO	AUST AUST		ex SYD 27/12 ex STD 4/1
<u>LAE</u>			RIVER CLARENCE FRANCIS PEATH MAIWARA RIVER FITZROY NORLAGO TUNG SONG RIVER DERWENT COORABIE TAROONA (68) VAN OUTHOORN	AUST MILNE AITAPE AUST AUST FINSCH AITAPE JACQ AUST AUST	20/1 18/1 18/1 21/1 19/1 27/1 19/1	on berth SYD 18/1 for B'VILLE via FIESCH ex SYD 16/1 via BRIS on berth SYD 26/12 for FIESCH for HOSKINS for MORESBY for B'VILLE ex T'VILLE ex BRIS 17/1
<u>JACQUIMON</u> J CLEMENTS			JUBAL EARLY KATOOMBA (35)	WADANG AUST	18/1	ex BRIS
<u>HOSKINS</u>			TUNG SONG	LAE	23/1	
<u>MORESBY</u>			CHAEON RIVER DERWENT	AUST AITAPE	24/1	on berth SYD 12/1 FOR LAE via MILNE BAY
<u>MILNE BAY</u>			VAN SHOLL RIVER DERWENT	MORESBY		ex BRIS for LAE

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IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>BOUGAINVILLE</u>						
SUYA GEORGE PEATE	27/1	CAIRNS	COORABIE M J O'BRIEN RAHJAH	LAE AUST LAE	24/1 17/1 18/1	ex SYD 7/1 ex BRIS 12/1
<u>HOLLANDIA</u>						
C G SELLARS			G M EMPIRICOS MICHAEL KERR KARSIK	AUST AUST AUST		on berth SYD 13/1 via BRIS & TIVILLE ex SYD ex BRIS 29/12 (mail only)

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Robert M. ...
BRIG
DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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2 AUST CORPS
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ADV LHQ (MOV) (3)
LHQ (MOV)
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2 Branch

CURRENT MATTERS - 18 JAN 43

Serial	Subject	Action By
1 (a)	C Coy 593 AB3 will move MADANG to AITAPE as follows: (i) Advance party with 20 LCMs STD MADANG 22 Jan (ii) Remainder " " " " " 5 Feb	
(b)	Coy state they can move with their own resources and without assistance except as shown in sub-para (c).	
(c)	The remainder may require some assistance for movement of personnel and equipment. The Coy is to advise of particulars if assistance required.	
(d)	Coy will advise 3 Aust BSA details of movement.	
(e)	Maint will take action to provide any maintenance required by Coy.	Col Mov A JG
2 (a)	G I (Ops) advise the following personnel would require maintenance at HANSA BAY from MADANG: 150 whites 100 natives	
(b)	8 Aust Inf Bde have requested 6 LCMs to be allotted for this task. This is obviously excessive.	
(c)	Maint will ascertain from 8 Bde weight of stores and number of personnel and vehicles requiring movement weekly from MADANG to HANSA BAY.	
(d)	Coy will then provide craft necessary for this task.	Col Mov A JG
3	G (Ops) advise that Mariner aircraft conveyed white pl from MADANG to ANKUNBANG by landing on RAMU I. The possibility of using this means for re-supply of ANKUNBANG in lieu of air-dropping is being investigated by Coy.	Infm
4	Advice has been received through Engineer channels that Port Director JACQUINET BAY advises that Liberty ships will be able to use the Liberty wharf at JACQUINET BAY without the assistance of tugs. They state that 2 LCMs only will be required. Advise 5 Aust BSA accordingly referring to previous correspondence and asking for confirmation.	A JG
5	Col Mov was notified by US Navy TORCHSEA that 17 LCMs could be left at HANSA BAY but that all US Naval personnel would be withdrawn. This presumably applies to USN pers as well as USN's POWs. Advise 5 Aust BSA accordingly.	Infm
6	It is reported that unauthorised AIF pers are visiting by air AITAPE stations in SEPIN area. Steps will be taken to prevent unauthorised movement of this nature.	Col Mov Lt-Col

A/Col First Aust Army

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DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 250
(From 1000 hrs 17 Jan to 1000 hrs 18 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
18 Jan 45

1. BY SEA

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH OFFERS ORS		FROM	TO	REMARKS
1.	First Aust Army		1	JACQUINOT	LAE	Embkd 17/1
2.	Aust Details	6	34	"	"	COORABLE
3.	"U" Heavy Bty	4	97	LAE	TOROKINA	Disembkd G PRALN
4.	78 Mob Cinema		3	"	"	17/1

2. AIR GENERAL

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH OFFERS ORS		FROM	TO
1.	2/11 A G H(Sisters)	4		LAE	AITAPE
2.	1 Aust Fd Coy	1	4	AITAPE	LAE
3.	37 Inf Bn		7	TOROKINA	"
4.	8 Fd Amb		3	"	"

AIR COLN AND SPECIAL A/C

UNIT	NO OF A/C	FROM	TO	DETAILS
9 Comm Unit RAAF	1 Beaufort	LAE	FINSCH MADANG AITAPE	Ferry Service Courier
	1 Beaufort	"	AITAPE return via MADANG	Misc pers and Stores
	"	"	FINSCH	Ferry Service

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

DISTRIBUTION

1 AUST ADV 2 ECH
5 AUST ADV 2 ECH
INFO NEW GUINEA
MG FORGE SEC AACB
RGS
RA & QMG
G (OPS)
G (SD)
A

AMS
Q (3)
Q (MOV & TR)
RAA
CE: (2)
CSO (2)
MED
DENTAL
AMEN

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

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Subject - "GM EMBIRICOS" - SYDNEY BRISBANE AND
TOWNSVILLE FOR AITAPE VIA HOLLANDIA

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
18 Jan 45
QM1075

6 AUST DIV
3 AUST BASE SUB AREA
NG SEC AACS
DA & QMG
G (SD)
A

Q (LAINT) - 4
Q (MOV & TN)
CE - 2
CSO
MED

ACF
S & T
ORD
E & ME
POSTAL - 2
RANLO

Advice has been received that abovementioned vessel on berth SYDNEY 13 Jan will load AITAPE cargo at SYDNEY and BRISBANE as shown hereunder. Vessel is routed SYDNEY - BRISBANE - TOWNSVILLE - HOLLANDIA - AITAPE.

(a) EX SYDNEY

SERIAL	CONSIGNOR	DESCRIPTION OF GENERAL CARGO	TONS (M)
1.	S & T	Rations Expense Stores Hosp Supplies Cornsacks Jute Sacks Cotton Waste etc P O L	1018 47 8 156 16 12 974
2.	Director of Docks	Equipment	14
3.	DP & SS	Stationery	38
4.	AACS	Stores Beer and Spirits	353 500
5.	Ordnance	Stores Parachutes Equipment Ammunition	864 1067 320
6.	SO in C	Sig Stores	1

(b) EX BRISBANE

7.	Engineers	General Caneite Cement	12 12 60
8.	SO in C	Sig Stores	30
9.	ACF	Comforts	6
TOTALS			5505

[Signature]
for DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) BRIG

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HQ FIRST ARMY (AIF)
18 Jan 45

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PROPOSED SHIPPING ALLOCATIONS AS AT 17 JAN 45

This schedule is compiled with respect to personnel, vehicles and general cargo.

Details of personnel and vehicles by units are shown wherever possible, otherwise estimated number of first troops to be embarked is given.

Col. M. Luskins Lt Col
for HQ FIRST ARMY (AIF)

LINE NO.	VESSEL	UNIT	ALLOTTMENT			FROM PORT	BY	TO PORT	ETA	REMARKS
			PERSON	VEH	STAFF					
1.	RIVER DEWENT	33 Wireless Sec(ry)	23	2		ATZAPS	12/1	LAR	21/1	
		Leave returns & Details	172			LAR	22/1	MOHSEK	23/1	
2.	RIVER DEWENT	PID rifle								
		General cargo & who to capacity (approx) Ord Vehs	6 Europeans 190 Natives	200 60	5,500	MOHSEK KILKE BAY		LAR		calls KILKE BAY on route to MOHSEK
3.	JUBAL EARLY	Ord Vehs approx		200		HADUNG	26/1	LAR	28/1	
		Unit Personnel and Vehs (Hence D) approx	400	130	1,500	LAR	3/2	JACQUINOR	4/2	

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DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 251
(From 1000 hrs 18 Jan to 1000 hrs 19 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
19 Jan 45

1. BY SEA

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO	REMARKS
		OFFRS	ORS			
1.	FELO		1	AITAPE	FINSCH	Embkd AS31 17/1
2.	Natives AACS		7 1	" TOROKINA	" GREEN IS	" Embkd AV1364 16/1
3.	8 Aust Inf Bn		9	"	EMIRAU	"
4.	AASO		1	"	"	"
5.	ANGAU	1		JACQUINOT	FINSCH	Embkd TP244 18/1
6.	245 Aust Sup Dep Pl		2	"	"	"

2. AIR GENERAL

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO
		OFFRS	ORS		
1.	HQ 2 Aust Corps	1	2	LAE	TOROKINA
2.	10 AAOD		4	"	MORESBY
3.	31 Trg Bty		3	TOROKINA	LAE

AIR COMM AND SPECIAL A/C

UNIT	NO OF A/C	FROM	TO	DETAILS
9 Comm Unit RAAF	1 Beaufort	LAE	FINSCH AITAPE return via MADANG TOROKINA	Ferry Service Misc personnel and Stores Misc personnel and Stores
	1 Beaufort	"		

DA & QM3 FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION

1 AUST ADV 2 ECH
3 AUST ADV 2 ECH
DFO NEW GUINEA
NG FORCE SEC AACS
BGS
DA & QM3
G (OPS)
G (SD)

A
AMS
Q (3)
Q (MOV & TN)
RAA
CE (2)
CSO (2)
MED

DENTAL
AMEN
S & T
ORD
E & ME
POSTAL (2)
SALVAGE

FILE (7)
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DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 251
(As at 1200 hrs 19 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
19 Jan 45

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>AITAPE</u> S G REED SAN SIMEON RIVER DEWENT	24/1 18/1	LAE	MATWARA B M EMBIRICOS	LAE AUST	25/1	On berth SYD 15/1 via BRIS T'VILLE and HOLLANDIA
<u>MADANG</u>			MARRAWAH	LAE	20/1	
<u>FINSCHLAFEN</u> SAN ANTONIO SAN PEDRO MATWARA	19/1	LAE				
<u>LAE</u> COORABIE TUNG SONG	21/1 21/1	B'VILLE HOSKINS	GEORGE PEATE RIVER CLARENCE FRANCIS PEATE MATWARA RIVER FITZROY NORLAGO (under repairs) RIVER DEWENT TAROOMA (68) VAN OUTHOORN	B'VILLE AUST MILNE AITAPE AUST AUST AITAPE AUST AUST	26/1 23/1 21/1 27/1 19/1	for B'VILLE On berth SYD 18/1 for B'VILLE via FINSCH ex SYD 16/1 via BRIS on berth SYD 26/12 & for FINSCH for MORESBY ex T'VILLE ex BRIS 13/1
<u>JACQUINOT</u> J CLEMENTS JUBAL EARLY			KATOOMBA (35)	AUST		ex BRIS
<u>HOSKINS</u>			TUNG SONG	LAE	23/1	
<u>MORESBY</u>			CHARON RIVER DEWENT	AUST AITAPE	24/1	on berth SYD 12/1 for LAE via MILNE BAY

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IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>MILNE BAY</u>			VAN SWOLL RIVER DEK/ENT	MORESBY		ex BRIS for LAE
<u>BOJCANVILLE</u> SEVA GEORGE FEATE	27/1	CAIRNS	COORABIE E J O'BRIEN RANNAH	LAE AUST LAE	24/1 19/1	ex SYD 7/1 ex BRIS 12/1
<u>HOLLANDIA</u> C G SELLARS			G M EMBIRICOS MICHAEL KERR KARSIK	AUST AUST AUST		on berth SYD 13/12/12 BRIS 24/12/12 ex SYD ex BRIS 29/12 (mail only)

NOTE :

ETA - Expected Time of Arrival at Destination.

ETD - Expected Time of Departure from Loading Port.

DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) BRIG

DISTRIBUTION

2/4 AUST MOV & TN GP
8 AUST MC GP
3 AUST DOCKS GP
MC MORESBY
MC FINSCHHAFEN
MC AITAPE
MC HOLLANDIA
MC JACQUINOT BAY
MC MADANG
MC HOSKINS
HQ SEC AACB
EGS
DA & QMG

G (SD)
A
Q (MAINT) (4)
Q (MOV & TN) (3)
RAA
ANF LO
OE (2)
MED
CSO
ORD
S & T
POSTAL (2)
FILE (11)

WAR DIARY (2)

FOR INFORMATION

2 AUST CORPS
6 AUST DIV
ADV LHQ (MOV) (3)
LHQ (MOV)
RANLO
GHQ REG OFFICER LAE

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HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
19 Jan 45

FIRST AUST ARMY ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 10 -
TRACTORS, INDUSTRIAL, WHEELED & TRACKED.

AMENDMENT No. 1

1. First Aust Army Administrative Instruction No. 10 is amended as follows:-

Delete para 3 (g) (ii) on Page 3 and insert in lieu:-

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

2. ACK

DA&QMG First Aust Army.

<u>DISTRIBUTION</u>	<u>COPY No.</u>	<u>METHOD OF ISSUE</u>
2 Aust Corps	1 - 5	DRLS
3 Aust Div	6 - 10	do
5 Aust Div	11 - 15	do
6 Aust Div	16 - 20	do
8 Aust Inf Bde	21	do
ANGAU	22 - 24	do
LAE Base Sub Area	25 - 26	do
3 Aust Base Sub Area	27 - 28	do
4 Aust Base Sub Area	29 - 30	do
5 Aust Base Sub Area	31 - 32	do
Aust Area Comd MADANG	33	do
6 Aust Base Sub Area	34	do
Aust Area Comd MILNE BAY	35	do
Aust Area Comd BUNA	36	do
GOC	37	Hand
BGS	38	do
DA&QMG	39	do
G (Ops)	40	do
G (Int)	41	do
G (SD)	42	do
G (Air)	43	do
A	44 - 46	do
AMS	47	do
Q	48	do
Q (Mov & Tn)	49	do
RAA	50	do
CE	51	do
CSO	52	do
S&T	53	do
Ord	54	do
AEME	55	do
Postal	56	do
LHQ	57 - 58	DRLS
Adv LHQ	59 - 61	do
2nd Ech. LHQ	62 - 63	do
War Diary	64 - 65	do
File	66	do

Distribution of AQMG's Conference Notes:

Col Q
AQ
Q (Maint)
Q (Misc)
SC1 (Maint)
SC2 (Maint)
Q (Wks)
SC AQ
~~SC SC1~~
Q (Mov & Tn)
S&T
Ord
ARME
Postal
Salvage
Camp
LAE Base Sub Area
— War Diary (2)
File
C7(20)

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HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
Q Branch

AQMG's CONFERENCE NOTES - 18/19 JAN 45

Parachutes

1. Ref Notes 11/12 Jan, para 8.
LHQ advises parachutes loading as under : Infm
AITAPE "G M EMBERNOS"
LAE "RIVER CLARENCE"
BOUGAINVILLE - First Ship

Fuel - Naval MLs JACQUINOT

2. Ref Notes 27 Dec, para 16. Q(Maint)
NOIC has advised that no further shipments of 100 LBSA
octane fuel ex LAE required by RAN JACQUINOT.

KATOOMBA - LAE to BOUGAINVILLE

3. Q(Mov) expect this ship to be made available move Infm
approx 1500 tons plus some vehs from LAE to
BOUGAINVILLE.

Air Maint ex PADANG

4. DTM RAAF visited this HQ on 18 Jan to discuss air Infm
maint requirements in First Aust Army area. S&T
33 Sqn RAAF, which is at present moving into LAE, LBSA
will undertake all our air maint requirements,
except the AIB drops to NEW BRITAIN which will still
be carried out by BEAUFORTS.
33 Sqn has 10 C47s. Daily availability will probably
be 6 of which 4 will be employed on courier runs.
5. As a result of above, the tentative plans to est an
air maint centre at PADANG are being cancelled.
6. Air maint will be carried out from LAE instead of
NADZAB. S&T advise that air landing can be handled
from LAE immediately.
Air dropping will continue temporarily from NADZAB -
target date for transfer to LAE 1 Feb.
7. Siting in LAE area of AASC pl, which handles air maint,
will be decided by DDST in conjunction with LAE Base
Sub Area.

Coy C, 593 EB & SR to AITAPE

8. 360 pers. Infm
56 craft (incl 40 LCMs)
20 LCM expected depart PADANG for AITAPE 22 Jan.
Balance unit depart PADANG by 5 Feb.

Sand Pump, AITAPE

9. Ref Notes 8/10 Jan para 1. Q(Wks)
Engrs have now decided to despatch engine from LAE.

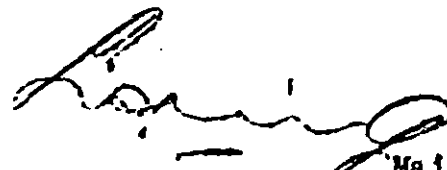
Native Rations, BUNA .

10. Ref notes 29/30 Dec paras 15-17.
USAFPE has issued instrs to USASOS (INTERSEC) re responsibility native rations, INTERSEC advise that they have received the instrs and have requested their rep in AUST to make necessary arrangements to ship native rations. Q(Maint)
S&T
Q(Mov)
11. In the meantime, we are continuing to supply BUNA from LAE resources.

Maint - 8 Aust Inf Bde

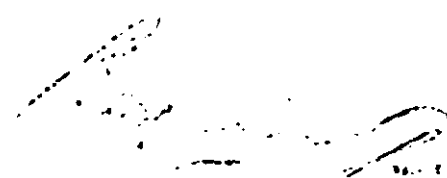
12. To enable Q(Mov & Tn) to assess requirements in ldg craft for maint dets at HANSA BAY, 8 Aust Inf Bde, has been asked to advise :- Q(Maint)
Q(Mov)
 - (a) weight of stores,
 - (b) number of pers and vehs,

requiring mov weekly MADANG to HANSA BAY.


Maj
A/AQMG First Aust Army

13. To enable Q(Mov & Tn) to assess requirements in ldg craft for maint dets at HANSA BAY, 8 Aust Inf Bde, has been asked to advise :- Q(Maint)
Q(Mov)
 - (a) weight of stores,
 - (b) number of pers and vehs,

requiring mov weekly MADANG to HANSA BAY.



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DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO. 253
(As at 1200 hrs 20 Jan)

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
20 Jan 47

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
AITAPE S G REED SAN SIMON	24/1		MAIWARA G M MEBIRIGOS	LAE AUST	25/1	On berth SYD 13/1 via Bris T'VILLE and HOLLANDIA
ADANG			MARRAWAH	LAE	20/1	
INSCHAREN MAIWARA	20/1	LAE				
LAE COORABIE TUNG SONG	21/1 21/1	B'VILLE HOSKINS	GEORGE PEATE RIVER CLARENCE FRANCIS PEATE MAIWARA RIVER FITZROY NORLAGO (under repairs) RIVER HERBERT TARCONA (63) VAN OUTHOORN	B'VILLE AUST LILNE AITAPE AUST AUST AITAPE AUST AUST	26/1 23/1 21/1 27/1 19/1	for B'VILLE on berth SYD 13/1 for B'VILLE via FINSCH ex SYD 16/1 via BRIS on berth SYD 26/12 & for FINSCH for LORESSEY ex T'VILLE ex BRIS 13/1
MACQUINOT CLEMENTS MURIEL EARLY	21/1		KATOOLBA (35)	AUST		ex BRIS
HOSKINS			TUNG SONG	LAE	23/1	
LORESSEY			CHARON RIVER HERBERT	AUST AITAPE	24/1	on berth SYD 12/1 for LAE via LILNE BAY

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>MILNE BAY</u>			VAN SWOLL RIVER DERWENT	MORSEBY		ex BRIS for LAE
<u>BOUGAINVILLE</u>						
SUVA	27/1	CAIRNS	COORABIE	LAE	24/1	
			TE J O'BRIEN	AUST	24/1	ex T'VILLE 19/1
RAHNAH			GEORGE PEATE	GREEN IS.	22/1	
<u>HOLLANDIA</u>						
G G SELLARS			G A EMBIRICOS	AUST		on berth SYD 13/1 via BRIS and T'VILLE
			MICHAEL KERR KARSIK	AUST AUST		ex SYD ex BRIS 29/12 (mail only)

NOTE:

ETA - Expected time of arrival at destination

ETD - Expected time of departure from Loading Port

Robert M. ...
Brig.
DA & QLG First Aust Army.

DISTRIBUTION

2/1 Aust Mov & Tn Gp
8 Aust LC Gp
3 Aust Docks Gp
M C MORSEBY
M C FINSCHHAFFEN
M C AITAPE
M C HOLLANDIA
M C JACQUINOT BAY
M C MADANG
M C HOSKINS
NG Sec AACS
BGS
DA & QLG

G (SD)
A
Q Maint (4)
Q (Mov & Tn) (3)
RAA
AMF LO
CE (2)
Med
CSO
Ord
S & T
Postal (2)
File (11)

WAR DIARY (2)

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2 Aust Corps
6 Aust Div
Adv LHQ (Mov) (3)
LHQ (Mov)
RANLO
GHQ Reg Offr LAE

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DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 252
(From 1000 hrs 19 Jan to 1000 hrs 20 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
20 Jan 45

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO	REMARKS
		OFFRS	ORS			
1.	First Aust Army		1	JACQUINOT	LAE	Disembkd ex
2.	Aust Details	6	34	"	"	COORABIE 19/1
3.	154 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	4	82	MADANG	JACA	Disembkd ex
4.	1st Aust Inf Bde (Rear Dets)	5	55	"	"	J. EARLY 19/1
5.	5 Aust Div Salvage	1	29	"	"	" "
6.	2/14 Aust Fd Regt	23	282	"	"	" "
7.	2/14 Aust Fd Regt Sigs		30	"	"	" "
8.	2/83 Aust LAD	1	23	"	"	" "
9.	32 Aust L of C Salvage Unit		13	"	"	" "
10.	3 Aust Farm Coy 2 Pl	1	9	"	"	" "
11.	Rear Party 231 Aust LAD		8	"	"	" "
12.	9 Aust Pigeon Sec		2	FINSCHHAFEN	LAE	Disembkd ex
13.	27 Aust Inf Bn	1	18	TOROKINA	GREEN ISL	Embkd GEORGE TUNG SONG 19/1
14.	7 Aust Inf Bn	3	8	"	"	Embkd 19/1
15.	17 Aust Fd Amb		6	"	"	" "
16.	109 Aust Bde Wkshp		7	"	"	" "
17.	Aust Details		8	"	"	" "
18.	7 Aust Inf Bn	1	8	"	TREASURY	Embkd AS1742
19.	6 Aust Fd Baking Pl		2	"	"	16/1

2. AIR GENERAL

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO
		OFFRS	ORS		
1.	ANGAU		5	LAE	TOROKINA
2.	10 Aust AOD		4	"	MORESBY
3.	2/4 Aust Inf Bn		3	"	AITAPE
4.	R.P.C		6	MORESBY	LAE

AIR COMM AND SPECIAL A/C

UNIT	NO OF A/C	FROM	TO	DETAILS
9 Comm Unit RAAF	1 BEAUFORT	LAE	FINSCH	Ferry Service
	"	"	AITAPE)	Misc pers & Storos
	"	"	MADANG)	
	1 BEAUFORT	"	MORESBY	" "
	"	"	MADANG	" "
	"	"	FINSCH	" "
	1 BEAUFORT	"	FINSCH	" "
	"	"	TOROKINA	" "

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

DISTRIBUTION :-

1 AUST ADV 2 ECH
3 AUST ADV2 ECH
DPO NEW GUINEA
NG FORCE SEC AACS
EGS
DA & QMG
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SUBJECT : "E.J.C'BRIEN" TOWNSVILLE TO TOROKINA

HQ FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AIF)
20 Jan 45

QM1076

2 AUSTRALIAN CORPS
4 AUSTRALIAN BASE SUB AREA
DA & QMG
G (SD)
A
Q (MAINT)(4)Q (MOV & TN)
CE (2)
CSO
SVY
MED
SALVATION ARMYS & T
ORD
E & ME
POSTAL (2)
RANLO

Ref our QM1045 of 8 Jan and QM1066 of 15 Jan. NOT to all addressees.
 Advice has been received that the above mentioned vessel departed
 TOWNSVILLE 19 Jan for TOROKINA loading as follows -

Serial	UNIT / CONSIGNOR	STRENGTH		BOATS, VEHs & MACHINERY	UNIT STORES (incl vehs) TONS (M)
		OFF	ORS		
1.	11 Aust Fd A.b	1	-		
2.	24 Aust Inf Bn	1	-		
3.	B Aust Corps Signals	1	-		
4.	2 Aust Landing Craft w'kshp AEME		16		657
5.	42 Aust Landing Craft Coy	1	11	(ALC 20) 10	1548
6.	4 Sec Aust Offrs Shop		2		39
7.	M.F.O.				1
8.	Salvation Army (Red Shield)			1	58
9.	3 Aust Svy Bty			1	7
10.	Ordnance				1
11.	AAPO				32
12.	Aust Supply Officer				1
13.	RAAF				15
		4	29	27	2359

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

FILE(11)
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SUBJECT : "TAROOMA" TOWNSVILLE TO LAE

HQ FIRST ARMY (AIF)
20 Jan 45

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

Q (MAINT) (4)
Q (MOV & TN)
MED
S & T
ORD

POSTAL (2)
RANLO

Advice has been received that the above mentioned vessel will
embark the following personnel at TOWNSVILLE for LAE.

SER IAL	UNIT	APPROX STRENGTH ALL RANKS
1.	AANS 2/7 AGH	7
2.	X List Leave School returning Reinfts	To capacity of vessel
	TOTALS	646

Blumington, Calif
for DA & QMG FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AIF) BRIC

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Subject : "BONTOKOE" - TOWNSVILLE TO HOLLANDIA AND AITAPE

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
21 Jan 45

6 AUST DIV	DA & QMG	CE (2)
3 AUST BASE SUB AREA	G (OPS)	S & T
8 AUST MC GP (2)	G (SD)	ORD
MC AITAPE	A	POSTAL (2)
MC HOLLANDIA	Q (MAINT) (4)	RANLO

Advice has been received that abovementioned vessel will load TOWNSVILLE as follows:-

For HOLLANDIA -

Shut outs from DUNTROON approx 200 all ranks.

For AITAPE -

All available X list, leave returnees etc.

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

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Subject : "GORGON" (VOYAGE 15) - TOWNSVILLE TO AITAPE

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
21 Jan 45
QM 1080

6 AUST DIV
3 AUST BASE SUB AREA
8 AUST MC GP (2)
MC AITAPE
DA & QMG
G (CPS)

G (SD)
A
C (MAINT) (4)
CE (2)
S & T
ORD

POSTAL (2)
PAVLO

Advice has been received that abovementioned vessel will
load TOWNSVILLE for AITAPE as follows:-

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		VEHS
		OFFRS	CPS	
1.	Balance 6 Aust Div		400	
2.	Det 1 Water Amb Convoy		41	1
3.	69 BIPOD Fl		29	2
4.	X list, leave returnees etc		120	
TOTALS			590	3

Mr. Leary

DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
to. BRIG

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DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 253
(From 1000 hrs 20 Jan to 1000 hrs 21 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
21 Jan 45

1. BY SEA

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO	REMARKS
		OFFERS	ORS			
1.	Mov & Tn First Aust Army		1	LAE	TOROKINA	Disembkd ex RANNAH 20/1
2.	44 Aust Sup Dep Pl		1	"	"	"
3.	10 Aust Pigeon Sec		1	"	"	"
4.	6 Docks Op Coy		1	"	"	"

2. AIR GENERAL

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO
		OFFERS	ORS		
1.	5 Aust AAD		5	LAE	TOWNSVILLE
2.	ANGAU		4	"	"

SPECIAL A/C :-

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

DISTRIBUTION

1 AUST ADV 2 ECH
3 AUST ADV 2 ECH
DFO NEW GUINEA
NG FORCE SEC AACS
EGS
DA & QMG
G (OPS)
G (SD)
A
AMS
Q (3)
Q (MOV & TR) ✓
RAA
CE (2)
LSD (1)

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DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 253
(As at 1200 hrs 21 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
21 Jan 45

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>AITAPE</u> S G REED SAM SIMEON	24/1		GORGON (15) BOMTEKOE MAIWARA GM EMBIRIGOS	AUST AUST LAE AUST	25/1	ex T'VILLE ex T'VILLE on berth SYD 13/1 via BRIS T'VILLE and HOLLANDIA
<u>PADANG</u> MARRAWAH	22/1	LAE				
<u>FINSCHHAFEN</u> MAIWARA MELINGA	20/1	LAE				
<u>LAE</u> RIVER DERWENT VAN OUTHOORN	21/1	MORESBY	GEORGE PEATE RIVER CLARENCE FRANCIS PEATE MAIWARA RIVER FITZROY NORLAGO (under repairs) TAROOMA (68)	B'VILLE AUST MILNE AITAPE AUST AUST AUST	26/1 23/1 27/1	for B'VILLE on berth SYD 18/1 for B'VILLE via FINSCH ex SYD 16/1 via BRIS on berth SYD 26/12 and for FINSCH ex T'VILLE
<u>JACQUINOT</u> J CLEMENTS JUBAL EARLY	21/1		KATOOMBA (35)	AUST		ex BRIS
<u>HOSKINS</u>			TUNG SOG	LAE	25/1	
<u>MORESBY</u>			CHARON RIVER DERWENT	AUST AITAPE	24/1	on berth SYD 12/1 for LAE via MILNE BAY

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IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	ETA	FROM	REMARKS
PRINCE BAY			VAN SWOLL RIVER DERWENT		MORESBY	on BRIS for LAE
COBAINVILLE SUVA	27/1	CAIRNS	COORABIE E J O'BRIEN GEORGE PEATE	24/1 24/1 22/1	LAE AUST GREEN IS	on T'VILLE 19/1
HOLLANDIA C G SELLARS KARSIK			BONTEKOE GM EMBIRICOS MICHAEL KERR		AUST AUST AUST	on T'VILLE via AITAPE on beach SID - via AITAPE SID - SID -

NOTE:

ETA - Expected Time of Arrival at Destination.

ETD - Expected Time of Departure from Loading Point.

Robert M. ...
for DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION

2/1 AUST MOV & TN GP
3 AUST MC GP
3 AUST DOCKS GP
MC MORESBY
MC FIINSCHHAFEN
MC AITAPE
MC HOLLANDIA
MC JACQUINOT BAY
MC MADANG
MC HCSKINS
NG SEC AACS
BGS
DA & QMG

G (SD)
A
Q (MAINT) (4)
Q (MOV & TN) (3)
RAA
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CE (2)
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ORD
S & T
POSTAL (2) ✓
FILE (11)

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2 AUST CORPS
6 AUST DIV
ADV LHQ (MOV & TN)
LHQ (MOV)
RAINLO
GHQ REG OFFER LAC

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DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 254
(From 1000 hrs 21 Jan to 1000 hrs 22 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
22 Jan 45

1. BY SEA

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO	REMARKS
		OPFRS	ORS			
1.	67 BIPOD PL	1	27	LAE	MADANG	Embkd MARRAWAH 18/1
2.	AACS		2	"	"	"
3.	4 AAOD		1	"	"	"
4.	157 Aust Sup Dep Pl		1	FINSCH	JACQUINOT	Embkd TP244 20/1
5.	35 Aust W'less Sec	1	23	AITAPE	LAE	Embkd RIVER DEPARTMENT 20/1
6.	2/11 Aust Fd Regt		1	LAE	FINSCH	Embkd ALCM 1155 20/1
7.	5&7 Sec 1 Aust Forestry Svy Coy	1	6	"	"	"
	Natives		12	"	"	"
8.	ANGAU		1	JACQUINOT	"	Embkd J CLEMENTS 21/1
9.	55 Aust Sup Dep Pl		1	"	"	"
10/	Aust Details		42	"	"	"

2. AIR GENERAL

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO
		OPFRS	ORS		
1.	4 AOD		13	LAE	TOWNSVILLE
2.	22 Inf Bn		3	"	"
3.	FELO (Natives)		3	"	TOROKINA
4.	RPC (Natives)		6	GLOUCESTER	LAE

AIR COMM AND SPECIAL A/C

UNIT	NO OF A/C	FROM	TO	DETAILS
33 Sqn RAAF	1 C47 (dropping)	HADZAB	ANNENBERG	POL and Rations

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DISTRIBUTION

1 AUST ADV 2 ECH
3 AUST ADV 2 ECH
DFO NEW GUINEA
NG FORCE SEC AACS
BGS
DA & QMG
G. (OPS)
G. (SD)

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Q (3)
Q (MOV & TN)
RAA
CE (2)
CSO (2)
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POSTAL (2)
SALVAGE

FILE (7)
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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
22 Jan 45DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 254
(As at 1200 hrs 22 Jan)

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>AITAPE</u> S G REED SAN SIMEON	24/1		GORGON (15) BONTIKOE MAIWARA GM EMBIRICOS	AUST AUST LAE AUST		ex T'VILLE ex T'VILLE on berth SYD 13/1 via BRIS T'VILLE and HOLLANDIA
<u>MADANG</u> MARAWAH	22/1	LAE	JUBAL EARLY	JACQ	23/1	for LAE
<u>FINSCHHAFEN</u> MAIWARA MELINGA COORABIE	24/1 22/1	LAE en route B'VILLE				
<u>LAE</u> VAN OUTHOORN			GEORGE PEATE RIVER CLARENCE FRANCIS PEATE MAIWARA RIVER FITZROY NORLAGO (under repairs) TAROONA (68)	B'VILLE AUST MILNE AITAPE AUST AUST AUST	26/1 23/1 25/1 27/1	for B'VILLE on berth SYD 18/1 for B'VILLE via FINSCH for AITAPE ex SYD 16/1 via BRIS on berth SYD 26/12 and for FINSCHHAFEN ex T'VILLE
<u>JACQUINOT</u> JUBAL EARLY	22/1	MADANG	KATOOMBA (35)	AUST		ex BRISBANE
<u>HOSKINS</u>			TUNG SONG	LAE	23/1	
<u>MORESEBY</u>			CHARON RIVER DERWENT	AUST AITAPE	24/1	on berth SYD 12/1 for LAE via MILNE BAY

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IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>MILNE BAY</u>			VAN SWOLL RIVER DERWENT	MORESEBY		ex BRISBANE for LAE
<u>BOUGAINVILLE</u>						
SUVA	27/1	CAIRNS	COORABIE E J O'BRIEN	LAE AUST	25/1 24/1	via FINSON ex T'VILLE 19/1
			GEORGE PEATE	GREEN IS	22/1	
<u>HOLLANDIA</u>						
C & SELLARS			DUNTROON	AUST		ex BRIS19/1
KARSTIK			BONTEKOE	AUST		via T'VILLE ex T'VILLE via AITAPE on berth SYD 13/1 via BRIS and T'VILLE ex SYD
			GM EMBIRICOS	AUST		
			MICHAEL KERR	AUST		

NOTE:

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DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
BRIG

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2/1 AUST MOV & TN GP
8 AUST MC GP
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MC MORESEBY
MC FINSCHAFEN
MC AITAPE
MC HOLLANDIA
MC JACQUINOT BAY
MC MADANG
MC HOSKINS
NG SEC AACs
BGS
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2 AUST CORPS
6 AUST DIV
ADV LHQ (MOV) (3)
LHQ (MOV)
RANLO
GHQ REG OFFR LAE

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HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
2 Branch

CURRENT MATTERS - 22 JAN 45

Serial	Subject	Action By
1	Obtain from formations particulars of amn expenditure each week to be advised by DMLB.	AJG
2	DOGS advises that 56 m Rifle grenades are in short supply in Aust. Obtain confirmation of this and then advise all formations of the position.	AJG
3	DMLB is to submit a proposal regarding taking over of naval slipway at Milne Bay. Question of capacity of this slipway and any work required by engineer units is a matter for engineer appreciation and advice. Submit therefore to engineers for such advice.	AJG
4	Intersec USASIS have received instructions from USAFET to accept responsibility for supply of native rations at Buna and have requested their representative in Aust to arrange movement from Sydney to Buna.	Infm
5	8 Aust Inf Bde advises weight of stores, rations, and FOL to be moved from Madang to Fense Bay is 22 tons weekly. Personnel vary between 15 and 40. Movements are arranging for det 55 Port Craft Coy at Madang to carry out this task.	Col Nov AJG
6	When stocks of beer at any base sub area are built up to 22 days at two bottles per man per week issue on this basis will be resumed.	AJG

Distribution:

- 1 MAJG - Pass to AAG
- 2 Col 4
- 3 Col Nov
- 4 AAG - Pass to AJG (P)
- ✓ 5-3 Adjutary

[Signature]
A/Col, First Aust Army (AIF)

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Distribution of AQMG's Conference Notes:

1.
Col Q
AQ
Q (Maint)
Q (Misc)
SC1 (Maint)
SC2 (Maint)
Q (Wks)
SC AQ
~~SC AQ~~
Q (Mov & Tn)
S&T
Ord
AEME
Postal
Salvage
Camp
LAE Base Sub Area
War Diary (2) ✓
File
G (LO)

CS

SECRET

HQ First Aust Army (1st)
Q Branch

AGHQ's CONFERENCE NOTES - 20, 22 & 23 JAN 45

Maint - 36 Bn Gp NEW BRITAIN

1. Ref Notes 17 Jan paras 3 - 4.
Maint will be to NANTAMBU in future.
"TUNG SONG", after discharging at NANTAMBU,
will be available if required by 36 Bn to
transport res stocks from HOSKINS to NANTAMBU.

6 Aust A Tps Coy

2. Instrs issued for mov this unit TOROKINA to
AITAPE. Info

Mails ex MORESBY to AUST

3. Q(Mov) will arrange for mails to be received as
late as possible before departure time of F/Boat
and will advise Q(Miso) and Posts of arrange-
ments made. Q(Mov)
Q(Miso)
Info

Natives to TOROKINA

4. Natives will be moved to TOROKINA as follows:-
200 ex FINSCH not before 24 Jan
300 ex MADANG not before 28 Jan
Q(Mov & Tn) have arranged shipping -
"F PEATE" and "G PEATE" Info

DUKWS

5. A further 3 DUKWS have been repaired in wksp
at LAE. Arrange for these craft to be des-
patched to JACQUINOT BAY for GT Coy of 5 Aust
Base Sub Area. Q(Mov)
Q(Miso)
Info

LAE Power House

6. Came into op night 22/23 Jan Info

Amm Expenditure

7. Fd fmns have been instructed to advise amm
expenditure weekly, by DRLS. Q(Mov)

36 L Grenades

8. Otd will give Q(Maint) a memo re short sup in
AUST of this amm. Q(Mov)
Q(Miso)
Infm will be passed to Fmns.

Air Maint

9. The balance of the 30 days res for white pl
ANNENBERG was dropped 21 Jan. Q(Mov)
Expect 1 plane to KOKODA, 1 plane ANNENBERG
23 Jan.

Mails MORESBY to LAE

10. Arrangements made for urgent first class mail
to be received at F/Boat up to 2400 hrs. Q(Mov)
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Subject : "TAPOONA" - TONISVILLE TO LAE

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
23 Jan 45
QM 1092

LAE BASE SUB AREA	Q (MAINT) (4)	ORD
HQ SEC AACS	Q (MOV & TN)	POSTAL (2)
DA & QMG	MEED	RANLO
G (M)	PRO	
A	S & T	

Ref our QM1077 of 20 Jan 45, NOT to all addressees.

Advice has been received that the above mentioned vessel departed TONISVILLE 22 Jan for LAE loading as follows :-

SER IAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		UNIT STORES TONS (M)
		OFFPS	ORS	
1.	Soldiers under arrest	-	3	
2.	2/7 AGH (AANS)	1		
3.	2/11 AGH (AANS)	7		
4.	Aust Army Details	41	536	
5.	General reinforcements	6	52	
6.	Ordnance officer			1
7.	4APC			16
8.	IFU			3
9.	AACS			1
10.	Cp Research Sec			
	HQ First Aust Army			1
11.	ADST			6 D/H
12.	QM US Army			4 D/H
TOTALS		55	591	22 (M&L) 10 (D/H)

DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) BRIG

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DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 255
(From 1000 hrs 22 Jan to 1000 hrs 23 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
23 Jan 45

1. BY SEA

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO	REMARKS
		OFFRS	ORS			
1.	Aust Details		8	FINSCH	MADANG	EMBKD MMAS GLENEARN 21/1
2.	157 Aust Sup Depot		-			
3.	PI		1	"	GLOUCESTER	EMBKD TP244
4.	ANGAU		1	"	"	"
4.	P.I.B.	1	6	MADANG	LAE	" NARRAMAH
	Natives		34	"	"	22/1
5.	ANGAU		1	HIRAU	TOROKINA	EMBKD AV1361
	Natives		77		"	22/1
6.	2 Aust Base Sub Area		11	"	"	"
7.	NG Details		132	LAE	MORESEY	EMBKD RIVER
8.	8 AOD		1	"	"	DEWENT 22/1
9.	4 AOD		1	2	"	"

2. AIR GENERAL :-

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO
		OFFRS	ORS		
1.	PELO		3 (natives)	LAE	TOROKINA
2.	RPC		18	"	"
3.	16 Aust Small Ships		16	"	MADANG
	Coy			"	"
4.	30 Aust Inf Bn		3	"	"
5.	ANGAU		3	"	AITAPE
6.	29/46 Aust Inf Bn		5	"	TOWNSVILLE
7.	4 AOD		10	"	"

SPECIAL A/C:-

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

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1 AUST ADV 2 ECH
3 AUST ADV 2 ECH
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EGS
DA & QMG
G (OFS)
G (SD)
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Q (MOV & TN)
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HQ FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AIF)
23 Jan 45.

DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN No. 255
(As at 1200 hrs 23 Jan)

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	BY ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>AITAPE</u> S & REED SAN SIMON	24/1		GEORGE PEAT GORGON (15) BONTEKOS MAIVARA RM BEMBRIGGS	B'VILLE AUST AUST LAE AUST	29/1	Thence MADANG ex T'VILLE ex T'VILLE on berth SYDNEY 13/1 via BRISBANE T'VILLE and HOLLANDIA
<u>MADANG</u>			JUBAL EARLY	JACQUINO	23/1	for LAE
<u>FINSCHHAFFEN</u> MAIVARA MELINGA	24/1	LAE				
<u>LAE</u>			BAY HONG LEONG RANVAH MIRRAWAN GEORGE PEAT RIVER CLARENCE FRANCIS PEAT MAIVARA RIVER FINSCH NORLAGE (under repairs) BARCUNA (38) ALAGNA	AUST B'VILLE MADANG B'VILLE AUST MILNE BAY AITAPE AUST AUST AUST AUST	5/2 25/1 26/1 27/1 25/1 25/1	on berth SYDNEY 22/1 for B'VILLE via FINSCH for B'VILLE on berth SYD 16/1 for B'VILLE via FINSCH for AITAPE ex SYDNEY 15/1 via BRISBANE on berth SYDNEY 26/12 and for FINSCHHAFFEN ex T'VILLE 22/1 ex TOWNVILLE
<u>JACQUINO</u>			BARCUNA (35)	AUST		ex BRISBANE
<u>HOSKIES</u>			BUNG SOH	LAE	23/1	
<u>MORLESBY</u>			CHARON RIVER DERWENT	AUST AITAPE	24/1	on berth SYD 12/1 for LAE via MILNE BAY
<u>MILNE BAY</u>			VAN STOL RIVER DERWENT	MORLESBY		ex BRISBANE for LAE

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IN PORT	ETD	FOR	IN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>BOUGAINVILLE</u>						
SUYA GEORGE PEAT	25/1 24/1	CAIRNS AITAPE	COORABIE E J O'BRIEN	LAE AUST	25/1 24/1	via FINSCH ex T'VILLE 19/1
<u>HOLLANDIA</u>						
KARSIX			DUNTRON BOSTEKOE GM EMBIRIGOS MICHAEL KERR	AUST AUST AUST AUST		ex BRIS 19/1 via T'VILLE ex T'VILLE via AITAPE on berth SYD 13/1 via BRIS and T'VILLE ex SYDNEY

NOTE:

ETA - Expected Time of Arrival at Destination.

ETD - Expected Time of Departure from Loading Port..

R. Blunniegham, Capt
for BRIG
DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF).

DISTRIBUTION

2/1 AUSE MOV & TF GP
8 AUST M.C. GP
3 AUST DOCKS GP
MC MORESBY
MC FINSCHAFEN
MC AITAPE
MC HOLLANDIA
MC JACQUINOT BAY
MC MADANG
MC HOSKINS
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2 AUST CORPS
6 AUST DIV
ADV LHQ (MOV) (3)
LHQ (MOV)
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GHQ REG OFFR LAE

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
23 Jan 45
QM 3861

Subject - "DAH HONG LIONG" - SYDNEY TO LAE

LAE BASE SUB AREA

Advice has been received that abovementioned vessel will
load SYDNEY to LAE as follows :-

SERIAL	CONSIGNOR	DESCRIPTION	TONS (M)
1.	Ordnance	Parachute Dropping Material	1244
2.	DP & SS	Stores Stationery	536 20
TOTAL			1800

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DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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Q (MAINT) - 4
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NO FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
24 Jan 45

DAILY SLIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 256
(As at 1200 hrs 24 Jan)

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>AITAPE</u> S G REED SAN SIMON	24/1		GEORGE PEATE GORGON (15) BONTEKOE MAIWARA GM EMBIRICOS	B'VILLE AUST AUST LAE AUST	29/1	Thence MADANG ex T'VILLE ex T'VILLE on berth SYD 13/1 via BRIS T'VILLE and HOLLANDIA
<u>MADANG</u>			JUBAL EARLY	JACQUINOT	24/1	for LAE
<u>FINSCHHAFEN</u> MAIWARA MELINGA	24/1	LAE				
<u>LAE</u> MAREKIAH DESIKOKO	25/1 24/1	MADANG BUNA	BAN HONG LIONG RANNAH RIVER CLARENCE FRANCIS PEATE MAIWARA RIVER FITZROY NORLAGO (under repairs) TAROONA (68) ALAGHA RIVER DERWENT	AUST B'VILLE AUST MILNE BAY AITAPE AUST AUST AUST AUST AUST AUST MOSESBY	 5/2 31/1 26/1 25/1 4/1	on berth SYD 22/1 for B'VILLE on berth SYD 18/1 for B'VILLE via FINSCH for AITAPE ex SYD 16/1 via BRIS on berth SYD 26/12 & for FINSCHHAFEN ex T'VILLE 22/ ex T'VILLE via MILNE
<u>JACQUINOT</u>			KATOOMBA (35)	AUST		ex BRIS
<u>MOSKIE</u> TUNG SONG		NANTAMBU				
<u>MOSESBY</u>			CHARON RIVER DERWENT	AUST AITAPE	2/2 24/1	on berth SYD 12/1 for LAE via MILNE BAY

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IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>MILNE BAY</u>			VAN STOLL RIVER DEE. ENT	MORESBY		ex BRISBANE for LAE
<u>BOUGAINVILLE</u> GEORGE PEATE	24/4	AITAPE	COORABIE E J O'BRIEN	LAE AUST	25/4 24/4	via FINSCH ex T'VILLE 19/4
<u>HOLLANDIA</u> KARSIK			DUNTEROON BONTEKOE GM EMBIRICOS MICHAEL KERR	AUST AUST AUST AUST	27/4	ex BRIS 19/4 & ex T'VILLE 23/4 ex T'VILLE via AITAPE on borth SYD 13/4 via BRIS and T'VILLE ex SYDNEY

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2/4 AUST MOV & TN GP
8 AUST MO GP
3 AUST DOCKS GP
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MC FINSCHLAFFEN
MC AITAPE
MC HOLLANDIA
MC JACQUINOT BAY
MC MADANG
MC MOSKINS
NG SEC AACS
EGS
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FILE (11)

WAR DIARY (2)

FOR INFORMATION

2 AUST CORPS
6 AUST DIV
ADV LHQ (MOV) (3)
LHQ (MOV)
RANLO
GENQ REG OFFR LAE

Distribution of AQMG's Conference Notes:

Col Q
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Q (Maint)
Q (Misc)
SC1 (Maint)
SC2 (Maint)
Q (Wks)
SC AQ
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Q (Mov & Tn)
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Ord
AEME
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Camp
LAE Base Sub Area
War Diary (2) ✓
File
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Q Branch.

AQMG's CONFERENCE NOTES - 24 JAN 45

Air Maint

1. Two planes went to ANNENBERG and one to KOKODA on 23 Jan. Expect 2 AIYURA and 1 to KOKODA or HAGEN on 24 Jan. Q(Maint)
Ship LAE - BOUGAINVILLE

2. Ref Notes 18-19 Jan para 3. Infm
Q(Mov) advise that "KATOOMBA" probably will not be available.
"SAN SIMON" will be asked for in lieu.

Air Maint ex LAE

3. Ref Notes 18-19 Jan para 7. Infm.
The site in BSD area has been selected for the AASC pl which handles air maint.

Sand Pump - AITAPE

4. Engrs advise that engine will go fwd per "MAIWARA" Q(Wks)
ETD LAE 25 Jan.

Ord Veh Pk - LAE

5. All vehs have been moved to new site and constr of Ord.
buildings is well in hand.

Hosp Meats, etc, for TOROKINA

6. Q(Mov) are arranging for a weekly plane ex LAE to go to TOROKINA to evacuate med cases. Q(Maint)
On its fwd journey this plane will load to S&T
capacity hosp meats, etc, for hosps at TOROKINA. Q(Mov)

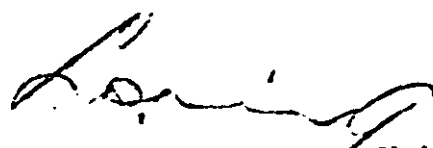
DUKES

7. Ref Notes 20-23 Jan para 5. Q(Maint)
3 DUKES for JACQUINOT BAY are ETD per "JUBAL S&T
EARLY". Ord

Natives ex GLOUCESTER

8. Ref Notes 1-2 Jan para 10. Q(Wks)
The natives ex GLOUCESTER are ETA TOROKINA as follows :

200 23-24 Jan
200 30 Jan


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DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 257
(From 1000 hrs 24 Jan to 1000 hrs 25 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
25 Jan 45

1. BY SEA

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO	REMARKS
		OFFERS	ORS			
1.	8 Aust MC Gp		2	LAE	HOSKINS	Disembkd TUNG SONG 24/1
2.	5 BSD		1	"	"	"
3.	4 AAOD		1	"	"	"
4.	NG Details	1	3	"	"	"
5.	9 Pigeon Sec		2	"	"	"
6.	2/31 DOC	1	12	"	"	"
7.	First Aust Army	1	1	"	"	"
8.	AACS		1	"	"	"
9.	8 AAAD		1	"	TOROKINA	Embkd COORABIE 24/1
10.	4 AAOD		1	"	"	"
11.	ANGAU		1	"	"	"
	Natives		50	"	"	"
12.	10 Aust Pigeon Sec	1	2	"	JACQUINOT	Embkd AS11 23/1
13.	13 Aust Wks & Pk Coy	1	22	"	"	"
14.	Public Relations		1	"	"	"
15.	see DRM No.255 of 23 Jan serial 4	1	40	HEADANG	LAE	Disembarked MARRAYAH 24/1

2 AIR GENERAL

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO
		OFFERS	ORS		
1.	ANGAU	-	5	LAE	TOWNSVILLE
2.	6 Aust Adv Wksp	-	3	"	"
3.	4 Aust A.O.D	-	6	JACQUINOT	LAE
4.	4 Aust Inf Bdo	-	3	"	"
	sig sec	-			
5.	2 Aust Div Sigs	-	5	"	"

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

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1 AUST ADV 2 ECH
3 AUST ADV 2 ECH
DFO NEW GUINEA
NG FORCE SEC AACS
BGS
DA & QMG
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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIR)
25 Jan 45

DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 257

As at 1200 hrs 25 Jan)

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>AITAPE</u> S G REED SAN SIMON			GEORGE PEATE GORGON (15) BONTEKOE MAIWARA GM EMBIRICOS	B'VILLE AUST AUST LAE AUST	29/1 1/2	Thence MADANG ex T'VILLE ex T'VILLE on berth SYD 13/1 via BRIS T'VILLE and HOLLANDIA
<u>MADANG</u>			W H PRESCOTT GEORGE PEATE	BLAK AITAPE	5/2	for LAE & JACQ (replacing JUBAL EARLY) to load for TOROKINA
<u>FINSCHHAFFEN</u> MAIWARA MELINGA	26/1	LAE				
<u>LAE</u> MARRAWAH DESIKOKO TAROOKA	25/1 24/1 25/1	MADANG BUNA T'VILLE	BAH HONG LIONG RANNAH RIVER CLARENCE FRANCIS PEATE MAIWARA RIVER FITZROY NORLAGO (under repairs) ALAGNA RIVER DEKENT W H PRESCOTT	AUST B'VILLE AUST MILNE BAY FINSCH AUST AUST MORESBY MADANG	 5/2 31/1 26/1 4/1	on berth SYD 22/1 for B'VILLE on berth SYD 18/1 for B'VILLE via FINSCH for AITAPE ex SYD 16/1 via BRIS on berth SYD 26/12 & for FINSCHHAFFEN ex T'VILLE via MILNE BAY for JACQ
<u>MACQUINOT</u>			KATJOMBA (35) W H PRESCOTT	AUST LAE		ex BRIS
<u>MOSKINS</u>						
<u>MORESBY</u> RIVER DEKENT	30/1	LAE via MILNE	MULIAMA CHARON	AUST AUST	25/1 2/2	ex T'VILLE on berth SYD 12/1

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IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
MILNE BAY			VAN STOLL RIVER DERTENT	MORESBY	27/1	ex BRISBANE for LAE
DOUGAINVILLE E J O'BRIEN			COORABIE	LAE	25/1	via FINSON
HOLLANDIA KARSIK			DUNTROON BONTEKOE GM EMBIRICOS MICHAEL KERR	AUST AUST AUST AUST	27/1	ex BRIS 19/1 & ex T'VILLE 25/1 ex T'VILLE via AITAPE on berth SYD 13/1 via BRIS and T'VILLE ex SYDNEY

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FOR INFORMATION

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LHQ (MOV)
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HQ FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AIF)
25 Jan 45

ADV LHQ (3)
LHQ (for info)

PROPOSED SHIPPING ALLOTMENTS AS AT 24 JAN 45

This schedule is compiled with respect to personnel, vehicles and general cargo.

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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GOC FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AIF)

SERIAL	VESSEL	UNIT	ALLOTMENT			FROM PORT	ETD	TO PORT	ETA	REMARKS
			PERS	VEHS	STORES					
1.	RIVER DEWENT	PIB rfts General cargo & vchs to capacity (approx) Ord vchs	6 190	Europeans Natives 200 60	5,500	MORESBY MILNE BAY	29/1 2/2	LAE	4/2	calls MILNE BAY en route ex MORESBY
2.	W H PRESCOTT	Ord vchs approx Unit Pers and vchs (Phase D) approx	400	170 130	1,500	MADANG LAE	9/2 17/2	LAE JACQUINOT	4 1/2 18/2	
3.	TAROONA	29 FS Section 12 Small Ships Coy Leave & Details all available	13 100			LAE	25/1	SYDNEY	31/1	

DISTRIBUTION

BGS
DA & CMG *W*
G (OPS)

G (SD) (2)
G (2)
POSTAL (2)

GHQ REGULATING OFFICER LAE
WAR DIARY (2) *W*
FILE (3)

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
26 Jan 45

DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 258
(As at 1200 hrs 26 Jan)

IN PORT	ETD	FBR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>AITAPE</u> S G REED SAN SIMON			GEORGE PEATE GORGON (15) BONTEKOE MAIWARA GM EMBIRICOS MELINGA	BIVILLE AUST AUST LAE AUST MADANG	29/1 1/2	Thence MADANG ex T'VILLE ex T'VILLE on berth SYD 15/1 via BRIS T'VILLE and HOLLANDIA
<u>MADANG</u>			MARRATAH W H PRESCOTT GEORGE PEATE MELINGA	LAE BLAK AITAPE FINSCH	26/1 5/2 26/1	for LAE & JAGO (replacing JUBAL EARLY) to load for TOROKINA for AITAPE
<u>FINSCHIAFEN</u> MAIWARA	26/1	LAE				
<u>LAE</u>			COORABIE BAN HONG LIONG RAHMAH RIVER CLARENCE FRANCIS PEATE MAIWARA RIVER FITZROY NOILAGO (under repairs) ALAGHA RIVER DERMET W H PRESCOTT	B'VILLE AUST B'VILLE AUST MILNE BAY FINSCH AUST AUST MORESEY MADANG	 5/2 31/1 26/1 3/2 4/1	for MADANG on berth SYD 22/1 for B'VILLE on berth SYD 18/1 for B'VILLE via FINSCH for AITAPE ex SYD 16/1 via BRIS & T'VILLE on berth SYD 26/12 & for FINSCHIAFEN ex T'VILLE via MILNE BAY for JACQUINOT
<u>JACQUINOT</u>			KATOCIBAE (35) W H PRESCOTT	AUST LAE		ex BRISBANE
<u>HOSKINS</u>						
<u>MORESEY</u> RIVER DERMET MULIAMA	30/1 27/1	LAE via MILNE SYDNEY	CHARON	AUST	2/2	on berth SYD 12/1

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IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>MILNE BAY</u>			VAN SWOLL RIVER DEEWENT	MORESBY	27/1	ex BRISBANE for LAE
<u>BOUGAINVILLE</u> E J O'BRIEN COORABIE		LAE				
<u>HOLLANDIA</u>			DUNTRON BONTEKOE GM EMBIRICOS MICHAEL KERR	AUST AUST AUST AUST	27/1	ex BRIS 19/1 & ex T'VILLE 25/1 ex T'VILLE via AITAPE on berth SYD 13/1 via BRIS and T'VILLE ex SYDNEY

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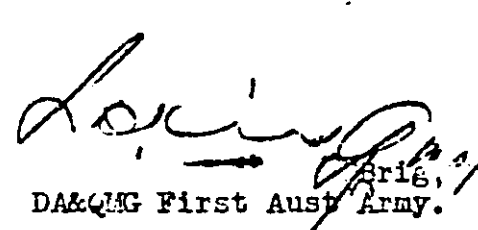
ADDENDUM No. 2 TO
FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION
No. 14 OF 19 DEC 44

1. Serial 8, delete TALASEA-HOSKINS and substitute NEW BRITAIN (North Coast).
2. Items CHOCOLATE and Native Rations, amend to read:-

Serial	Area	Sundry AASC Stores	Native Rations
4	LAE	(c) Chocolate 2,000 x $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs	NO alteration
5	MADANG	(c) Chocolate 1,000 x $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs	60 days for 7000 to be maintained from LAE Base Sub Area.
6	AITAPE	(c) Chocolate 20,000 x $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs	NO alteration
7	JACQUINOT BAY	(c) Chocolate 20,000 x $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs	NO alteration
8	NEW BRITAIN North Coast	(c) Chocolate 1,000 x $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs	NO alteration
9	BOUGAINVILLE	(c) Chocolate 20,000 x $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs	NO alteration

3. Ack.

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 DA&QMG First Aust Army.
DISTRIBUTION:Copy No.Copy No.

2 Aust Corps	1 - 8	Q (Mov & Tn)	49
5 Aust Div	9 -10	FAA	50
6 Aust Div	11 -12	CE	51
8 Aust Inf Bde	13 -14	CSC	52
3 Aust Base Sub Area	15 -16	Med	53
4 Aust Base Sub Area	17 -18	S & T	54 -55
5 Aust Base Sub Area	19 -20	Ord	56 -57
6 Aust Base Sub Area	21 -22	AEME	58 -59
LAE Base Sub Area	23 -24	Postal	60
Area Comd MILNE BAY	25	NG Sec AACB	61
Area Comd MADANG	26 -27	War Diary	62 -63
ANGAU	28 -29	File	64 -65
Northern Regional ANGAU	30		
GOC	31		
BGS	32	<u>For Information</u>	
DA&QMG	33	GHQ SWPA	66 -67
G(Ops)	34	LHQ	68 -71
G(Int)	35	Fwd Ech LHQ	72 -73
G(ED & Trg)	36 -37	Adv LHQ	74 -75
G(Air)	38	NOIC NEW GUINEA	76
A	39 -42	Hq Northern Comd RAAF	77
ALS	43	Hq USASOS	78 -80
Q(Maint)	44 -48	Hq Intermediate Sec US/SOS	81 -82

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
26 Jan 45
QM1101

Subject - "RIVER FITZROY" - BRISBANE - TOWNSVILLE TO LAE

LAE BASE SUB AREA
NG SEC AACS

Ref our Q2938 of 27 Dec, QM1062 of 13 Jan and QM1071 of 17 Jan

Advice has been received that the abovementioned vessel departed BRISBANE 23 Jan for TOWNSVILLE and LAE, loading as follows :-

SERIAL	UNIT/CONSIGNEE	STRENGTH		VEHs	ENGINES	UNIT STORES
		OFFERS	ORS			TONS (M)
1.	2/4 Aust Arm'd Regt	1				6
2.	24 Aust Mech Eqp't Pk Coy		3	51		69
3.	APO					12 (DM)
4.	Educ First Aust Army					1
5.	Stationery					1
6.	YMCA					2
7.	AACS					3
8.	AASC					198
9.	Survey					1
10.	Med & Vet Stores					4
11.	Ammunitions First Aust Army					6
12.	RAE			6		144
13.	RAAF			1		82
14.	US Army					30
15.	Ordnance			1		160
16.	3 Aust Docks Co					1
17.	16 Aust Small Ships			11		46
18.	63 BIPOD Pl			3		6
19.	FEL0					(Ammunition)
TOTALS		1	3	73		760 (Meas) 12 (DM)

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DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 258
(From 1000 hrs 25 Jan to 1000 hrs 26 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
26 Jan 45

1. BY SEA

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO	REMARKS
		OFFERS	ORS			
1.	Soldiers under arrest	-	3	TOWNSVILLE	LAE	Disembkd 25/1 ex TAROONA
2.	2/7 AGH (AANS)	1		"	"	"
3.	2/11 AGH (AANS)	7		"	"	"
4.	Aust Details	41	536	"	"	"
5.	General Reinforcements	6	52	"	"	"
6.	see DRM No.255 of 23 Jan serials 7 - 9		134	LAE	MORESBY	Disembkd 25/1 ex RIVER DERWENT
7.	11 Aust Fd Amb	1		TOWNSVILLE	TOROKINA	Disembkd 25/1 ex E J O'BRIEN
8.	24 Aust Inf Bn	1		"	"	"
9.	B Aust Corps Sigs	1		"	"	"
10.	2 Aust Ldg Craft			"	"	"
	Wksp AEME		16	"	"	"
11.	42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy	1	11	"	"	"
12.	4 Sec Aust Offr Shop		2	"	"	"
13.	7 Aust Inf Bn		21	TOROKINA	TREASURY	Embkd AV1364 23/1
14.	17 Fd Amb		2	"	"	"
15.	131 Aust GT Coy		1	"	"	"
16.	82 Aust Dental		1	"	"	"
17.	Sigs 23 Aust Bde		1	"	"	"
18.	4 Aust AOD		1	LAE	MADANG	Embkd MARRAWAH 25/1
19.	1 Aust Forest Svy Coy	1	5	"	"	"
	Natives		14	"	"	"
20.	AACS		1	EMIRAU	TOROKINA	Embkd AV1362 25/1
21.	2 Aust Base Sup Depot		1	"	"	"
22.	42 ASD		1	HOSKINS	FINSCH	Embkd AS141 25/1
23.	12 Aust Fd Coy		1	"	"	"
24.	3 Aust Base Sub Area		1	FINSCH	AITAPE	Embkd MELINGA 25/1

2. AIR GENERAL :-

UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO
	OFFERS	ORS		
1. 45 F O D		4	LAE	MADANG
2. F E L O		3	"	TOROKINA
3. AIGAU		3	MORESBY	KADZAB

SPECIAL A/C :-

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27 Jan 45DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO. 259
(As at 1200 hrs 27 Jan)

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>AITAPE</u> S G REED SAN SILEON			GEORGE PEATE GORGON (15) BONTEKOE MAIWARA G H ELBIRICOS DEELINGA	B'VILLE AUST AUST LAE AUST MADANG	29/1 3/1	Thence MADANG ex T'VILLE ex T'VILLE ex SYD 24/1 via BRIS T'VILLE and HOLLANDIA
<u>MADANG</u> DEELINGA	27/1	AITAPE	MARRAWAH W H PRESCOTT GEORGE PEATE	LAE BLAK AITAPE	27/1 5/2	for LAE and JACQUINOT (replacing JUBAL EARLY) to load for TOROKINA
<u>FINSCHHAFFEN</u> MAIWARA	27/1	LAE	W H POINT	AUST	2/2	ex BRIS 26/1
<u>LAE</u>			DUNTROON COORABIE BAN HONG LIONG RANNAH RIVER CLARENCE FRANCIS PEATE MAIWARA RIVER FITZROY NORLAGO (under repairs) ALAGNA RIVER DERWENT W H PRESCOTT TUNG SONG	HOLLANDIA B'VILLE AUST B'VILLE AUST LILNE BAY FINSCH AUST AUST AUST MORSEBY MADANG NANTAMBU	30/1 5/2 31/1 28/1 3/2 4/1	for B'VILLE for NANTAMBU on berth SYD 22/1 for B'VILLE on berth SYD 18/1 for B'VILLE via FINSCH for AITAPE ex SYD 16/1 via BRIS and T'VILLE on berth SYD 26/12 and for FINSCH ex T'VILLE via LILNE BAY for JACQUINOT for MADANG
<u>JACQUINOT</u>			KATOOLBA (35) W H PRESCOTT	AUST		ex BRISBANE

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IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>HOSKINS-</u> <u>NANTAMBU</u>			COORABIE	LAE	5/2	for NANTAMBU
<u>KORESBY</u> RIVER DERWENT MULIAMA	30/1 27/1	LAE via MILNE SYDNEY	CHARON	AUST	2/2	on berth SYD 12/1
<u>MILNE BAY</u>			VAN SWOLL RIVER DERWENT	MORLESBY	31/1	ex BRIS for LAE
<u>BOUGAINVILLE</u> E J O'BRIEN COORABIE	27/1	LAE	DUNTROON	LAE		for AUST
<u>HOLLANDIA</u>			DUNTROON BONTEKOE G M EMBIRICOS MICHAEL KERR	AUST AUST AUST AUST	27/1	ex BRIS 19/1 ex T'VILLE 23/1 ex T'VILLE via AITAPE ex SYD 24/1 via BRIS and T'VILLE ex SYD

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LHQ (Mov)
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DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 259
(From 1000 hrs 26 Jan to 1000 hrs 27 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
27 Jan 45

1. BY SEA

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO	REMARKS
		OFF	ORS			
1.	ANGAU	1		FINSCH	LAE	EMBKD ALCM AB 1388 26/1

2. AIR GENERAL

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO
		OFFRS	ORS		
1.	HQ FIRST AUST ARMY	-	12	LAE	TOWNSVILLE

AIR SPECIAL AND COMB A/C

UNIT	NO OF A/C	FROM	TO	DETAIL
33 SQN RAAF	1 C47	LAE	TOROKINA	Fresh Hosp supplies Note: backload Med evacuees

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Subject - "G M ELBIRICOS" - SYDNEY, BRISBANE AND TOWNSVILLE
FOR AITAPE VIA HOLLANDIA

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
28 Jan 45
QM 1103

6 AUST DIV
3 AUST BASE SUB AREA
NG SEC AACS

Ref our QM1075 of 18 Jan.

Advice has been received that the abovementioned vessel
departed SYDNEY 25 Jan for BRISBANE, loading as follows :-

(a) PERSONNEL EMBARKED AND CARGO LOADED FOR AITAPE.

SERIAL	UNIT/CONSIGNOR	STRENGTH		DESCRIPTION OF CARGO	CARGO TONS (M)
		OFFERS	ORS		
1.	LHQ (voyage only)		3	Rations	180
2.	S & T			PCL	977
3.	Ordnance			Stores (incl 1 Compressor)	1860
4.	AACS			Ammunition	375
5.	Aust Docks Coy			Stores	809
6.	Stationery				10
					46
TOTALS			3		4257

(b) CARGO LOADED FOR HOLLANDIA

SERIAL	UNIT/CONSIGNOR	VEHICLES	STORES TONS (M)
7.	Ordnance	1	87
8.	AACS	1	303
9.	Stationery		58
10.	Engineers		204
11.	APO		30
TOTALS		2	682

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DISTRIBUTION

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Q (MAINT) (4)
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Subject - "CHARON" - SYDNEY TO MORESBY

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
28 Jan 45
QM 1104

6 AUST BASE SUB AREA
NG SEC AACS

Ref our QM1042 of 8 Jan.

Advice has been received that the abovementioned vessel
departed SYDNEY 26 Jan for MORESBY, loading as follows :-

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		VEHS	DESCRIPTION	TONS (M)
		OFFERS	ORS			
1.	ANGAU	1		4		255
2.	FCO (voyage only)	1				
3.	S & T				Rations Gen	1953
					Freezer	102
					Cooler	209
					POL	193
4.	AACS				Gen Rations	26
					Freezer	2
					Cooler	4
5.	Navy				Gen Rations	15
					Freezer	2
					Cooler	9
6.	US Army				Freezer Ration	22
					Cooler	33
7.	Ordnance			6		204
8.	Engineers					30
9.	Stationery					3
10.	RAAF					3
11.	APO					30
12.	ATC					1
13.	MFO					1
14.	Red Cross				General	2
					Freezer	1
15.	YMCA					2
16.	Missions					1
TOTALS		2		10		3189

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CONFIDENTIALHQ FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AUS)
28 Jan 45DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 260
(As at 1200 hrs 28 Jan)

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>AITAPE</u> S G REED SAN SIMEON			GEORGE PEATE GORGON (15) BONTEKOE MAWARA GM EMBIRICOS MELINGA	B'VILLE AUST AUST LAZ AUST MADANG	29/1 3/1 28/1	Thence MADANG ex T'VILLE ex T'VILLE ex SYD 24/1 via BRIS T'VILLE and HOLLANDIA
<u>MADANG</u>			MARRAJAH W H PRESCOTT GEORGE PEATE	LAZ BLAK AITAPE	28/1 5/2	for LAZ and JACQUINOT (re- placing JUBAL EARLY) to load for TOROKINA
<u>FINSCHHAFFEN</u>			W H POINT	AUST	2/2	ex BRIS 26/1
<u>LAZ</u>			DUNTROON COORABIE BAN HONG LIONG RANNAH RIVER CLARENCE FRANCIS PEATE MAWARA RIVER FITZROY NORLAGO (under repairs) ALAGNA RIVER DERWENT W H PRESCOTT TUNG SONG	HOLLANDIA B'VILLE AUST B'VILLE AUST MILNE BAY FINSCH AUST AUST MORESBY MADANG NANTAMBU	30/1 5/2 5/2 31/1 28/1 3/2 4/2	for B'VILLE for NANTAMBU ex SYD 26/1 for B'VILLE on berth SYD 18/1 for B'VILLE via FINSCH for AITAPE ex SYD 16/1 via BRIS & T'VILLE on berth SYD 26/12 and for FINSCHHAFFEN ex T'VILLE via MILNE BAY for JACQUINOT for MADANG
<u>JACQUINOT</u>			KATOOMBA (35) W H PRESCOTT	AUST		ex BRISBANE
<u>HOSKINS - NANTAMBU</u>			COORABIE	LAZ	5/2	for NANTAMBU

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IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>MOERESBY</u> RIVER DEPARTMENT	30/1	LAE via MILNE	CHARON	AUST	1/2	ex SYD 26/1
<u>MILNE BAY</u>			VAN STOLL RIVER DEPARTMENT	MOERESBY	31/1	ex BRISBANE for LAE
<u>BOUGAINVILLE</u> E J O'BRIEN			DUNTROON	LAE		for AUST
<u>HOLLANDIA</u>			DUNTROON BONTEKOE GM EMBIRICOS MICHAEL KERR	AUST AUST AUST AUST	28/1	ex BRIS 19/1 ex T'VILLE 23/1 ex T'VILLE via AITAPE ex SYD 24/1 via BRIS and TOWNSVILLE ex SYDNEY

NOTE :

ETA - Expected Time of Arrival at Destination.
ETD - Expected Time of Departure from Loading Port.

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DISTRIBUTION

2/1 AUST MOV & TN GP
8 AUST MC GP
3 AUST DOCKS GP
MC MOERESBY
MC FINSCHLAFEN
MC AITAPE
MC HOLLANDIA
MC JACQUINOT BAY
MC MADANG
MC HOSKINS
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2 AUST CORPS
6 AUST DIV
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DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 260
(From 1000 hrs 27 Jan to 1000 hrs 28 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
28 Jan 45

1. BY SEA

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO	REMARKS
		OFFRS	ORS			
1.	6 Aust Army Tps Coy	3	110	TOBOKINA	AITAPE	Embkd G. PEATE 24/1
2.	16 Aust Inf Bde		1	"	"	"
3.	245 Aust Sup Dep Pl		1	FINSCH	JACQUINOT	Embkd 26/1 TP246
4.	16 Aust Small Ships Coy		2	MADANG	LAE	Embkd AS31 25/1
5.	First Aust Army	3		LAE	SYDNEY	Embkd TARCONA 25/1
6.	4 Aust AOD		1	"	"	"
7.	12 Aust Small Ships	9	101	"	"	"
8.	29 FSS	1	19	"	"	"
9.	NG Details	6	105	"	"	"
10.	AAMS	6		"	"	"
11.	HQ Lae Base Sub Area	1	1	"	"	"
12.	8 Aust MC Gp	1		"	"	"

2 AIR GENERAL

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO
		OFFRS	ORS		
1.	P I R	14	-	LAE	HORSEY
2.	35 Aust Inf Bn		6	"	MADANG
3.	17 Aust Wks Coy		3	AITAPE	LAE
4.	43 Aust LC Coy		3	MADANG	"

AIR SPECIAL A/C

UNIT	NO OF A/C	FROM	TO	DETAILS
33 SQN RAAF	1 C47	LAE	GAROKA	ANGAU maint
	1 C47	"	Mt HAGEN	"

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Subject - "SWARTENHONDT" - TONNSVILLE TO ORO BAY, LAE
AND FINSCHAFEN

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
29 Jan 45
QM 1106

LAE BASE SUB AREA

Advice has been received that the abovementioned vessel departed TONNSVILLE 27 Jan, for ORO BAY, LAE and FINSCHAFEN, loading as follows:-

1. PERSONNEL FOR ORO BAY

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH	
		OFFERS	ORS
1.	RAAF		38
2.	US Small Ships	8	5
TOTALS		8	43

2. PERSONNEL AND CARGO FOR LAE

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		UNIT STORES TONS (M)
		OFFERS	ORS	
3.	Aust Army Details	30	500	
4.	Aust Army Rpts		80	
5.	RAAF	1	59	
6.	US Small Ships		1	
7.	APO			14
8.	ADST Lae Base Sub Area			16
TOTALS		31	640	30

3. PERSONNEL EMPLOYED FOR FINSCHAFEN

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH	
		OFFERS	ORS
9.	US Small Ships	3	5

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
29 Jan 45

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DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 261
(As at 1200 hrs 29 Jan)

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>AITAPE</u> S G REED SAN SILEON			GEORGE PEATE GORGON (15) BONTEKOE KAIWARA GM EMBIRICOS MELINGA	B'VILLE AUST AUST LAE AUST MADANG	29/1 3/1 28/1	Thence MADANG ex T'VILLE ex T'VILLE ex SYD 24/1 via BRIS T'VILLE & HOLLANDIA
<u>MADANG</u> MARRAWAH	29/1	LAE	W H PRESCOTT GEORGE PEATE	BLAK AITAPE	5/2	for LAE & JACQ (replacing JUBAL EARLY) to load for TOROKINA
<u>FINSCHHAFFEN</u>			W H POINT STWARTENHONDT	AUST LAE	2/2	ex BRIS 26/1 ex T'VILLE 27/1
<u>LAE</u> KAIWARA	30/1	AITAPE	STWARTENHONDT DUNTROON COORABIE BAH HONG LIONG RANIAH RIVER CLARENCE FRANCIS PEATE RIVER FITZROY NORLAGO (under repairs) ALAGNA RIVER DERJENT TUNG SONG	AUST HOLLANDIA B'VILLE AUST B'VILLE AUST MILNE BAY AUST AUST AUST MORESBY NANTAMEU	2/2 30/1 6/2 5/2 31/1 31/1 5/2 4/2	via ORO BAY for B'VILLE for B'VILLE ex SYD 26/1 for B'VILLE on berth SYD 28/1 for B'VILLE via FINSCHHAFFEN ex T'VILLE 27/1 on berth SYD 26/12 & for FINSCHHAFFEN ex T'VILLE via MILNE BAY for NANTAMEU
<u>JACQUINOT</u>			KATOOMBA (35)	AUST		ex BRISBANE
<u>HOCKINS</u> - TUNG SONG	29/1	NANTAMEU				

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IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>MORESEY</u> RIVER DEPTENT	31/1	LAE via MILNE	CHARON	AUST	1/2	ex SYD 26/1
<u>MILNE BAY</u>			VAN SWOLL RIVER DEPTENT	MORESEY	1/2	ex BRISBANE for LAE
<u>BOUGAINVILLE</u> R J O'BRIEN			RANIAH DUNTROON COORABIE	LAE LAE LAE	10/2 4/2	for AUST
<u>HOLLANDIA</u>			DUNTROON BONTEKOE GM EMBIRICOS MICHAEL KERR	AUST AUST AUST AUST	28/1	ex BRIS 19/1 ex T'VILLE 23/1 ex T'VILLE via AITAPE ex SYD 24/1 via BRIS & T'VILLE ex SYDNEY

NOTE :

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ETD - Expected Time of Departure from Loading Port.

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DISTRIBUTION

2/1 AUST MOV & TN GP
 8 AUST MC GP
 3 AUST DOCKS GP
 MC MORESEY
 MC PINSCHLAFEN
 MC AITAPE
 MC HOLLANDIA
 MC JACQUINOT BAY
 MC MADANG
 MC ROSKINS
 NG SEC AACS
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2 AUST CORPS
 6 AUST DIV
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DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 261
(From 1000 hrs 28 Jan to 1000 hrs 29 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
29 Jan 45

1. BY SEA

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO	REMARKS
		OFFRS	ORS			
1.	NG Details		5	AUST	MORESBY	Disembkd 26/1 ex MULIANA
2.	2/145 Aust Sup Dep Pl		1	JACQ	FINSON	Embkd TP246 28/1
3.	ANGAU	1		TOROKINA	LAE	Embkd COORABIE
	Natives		14	"	"	27/1
4.	Aust Details	4	16	"	"	"
5.	Soldiers under sentence		3	"	"	"
6.	16 Aust Small Ships Coy		13	LAE	MADANG	Embkd AS25 27/1
7.	ANGAU	1	3	LAE	JACQ	Embkd AK96 27/1
	Natives		220	"	"	"

2. AIR GENERAL

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO
		OFFRS	ORS		
1.	FEL0 (Natives)		3	LAE	TOROKINA
2.	2/15 Fd Amb		3	"	MADANG
3.	10 Aust RSD	1	2	BRISBANE	LAE

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Subject - "JOHN HOPE" - SYDNEY AND CAIRNS TO JACQUINOT BAY

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
29 Jan 45
CM 1110

5 AUST DIV
5 AUST BASE SUB AREA
NG SEC AACS

Advice has been received that the abovementioned vessel will load at SYDNEY and CAIRNS for JACQUINOT as follows :-

1. CARGO EX SYDNEY

SERIAL	CONSIGNOR	DESCRIPTION	TONS (M)
1.	S & T	Rations Resp Supplies Expense and Anti Malarial Stores Coke Coal Tobacco etc Vegetables (deck) POL	3206 17 106 25 3 7 164 1291
2.	Ordnance	Stores Ammunition	960 100
3.	Engineers	General Piping Bridging Culverts Armes Iron and Steel Tanks square Explosives Timber Fibreen etc Cement Lighting Sets Gases Refrigerators	262 94 61 135 29 47 2 156 147 60 15 1 221
4.	Med & Vet	Medical Stores	25
5.	DP & SS	Stationery	11
6.	RAAF	Unit Eqpt	50
7.	SO - in - C	Signal Eqpt	1
8.	Canteens	Stores Beer & Spirits	300 300
9.	ACF	Comforts	50
10.	YMCA	Stores	5
11.	Red Cross	Stores	20
TOTALS			7871

(a) VEHICLES EX SYDNEY

SERIAL	CONSIGNOR	VEHICLES	TONS (M)
12.	Docks Directorate	4	50
13.	Ordnance	40	1246
14.	RAAF	2	23
15.	2/2 Aust Forestry Coy	4	65
TOTAL			1384

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2. VEHICLES EX CAIRNS

SERIAL	CONSIGNOR	VEHICLES	TONS (M)
16.	17 Aust Fd Coy	11	412
17.	1 Aust Inf Tps Wksp	30	1069
TOTAL			1481

(a) SMALL CRAFT EX CAIRNS

SERIAL	CONSIGNOR	DESCRIPTION	TONS (M)
18.	Ordnance	1 x ALC 20 (AB 1238)	250

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Subject - "RIVER FITZROY" - TOWNSVILLE TO LAE

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
29 Jan 45
QM 1108

LAE BASE SUB AREA
NG SEC AACB

Ref our QM 1071 of 17 Jan and QM 1101 of 26 Jan.

Advice has been received that the abovementioned vessel
departed TOWNSVILLE 27 Jan for LAE, loading as follows :-

SER IAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		VEHS	STORES TONS (INC INCL VEHs
		OFFRS	ORS		
1.	Escort for vehicles		9		
2.	2/1 CW Laboratory Sec			2	85
3.	MSW L of C Area Concert Party			6	96
4.	101 Mobile Bacteria Laboratory			2	88
TOTALS			9	10	269

Richard J. Smith, C. 1/1
DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) BRIG

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Subject - "RING LARDNER" - SYDNEY AND TOWNSVILLE
FOR TOROKINA

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
29 Jan 45
QM 1109

2 AUST CORPS
4 AUST BASE SUB AREA
NG SEC AACS

Advice has been received that the abovementioned vessel
will load SYDNEY and TOWNSVILLE for TOROKINA as follows :-

1. EX SYDNEY - CARGO

SERIAL	CONSIGNOR	DESCRIPTION OF CARGO	TONS (M)
1.	S & T	Rations Cook Supplies Expense & Anti Malarial Stores Coke Coal Tobacco Vegetables (deck)	1286 26 - 151 25 3 7 200
2.	Ordnance	Parachute Dropping Stores Ammunition	1512 733 433
3.	Engineers	General Water Pipes Culverts Iron and Steel Explosives Concrete Fibreon Cement Refrigerators Gases Electrical Gen Sets Mech Eqp FEE	389 33 22 81 11 32 224 90 388 7 23 602 529
4.	Med & Vet	Medical Stores	45
5.	Signal	Stationery	4
6.	Signal - in - C	Signal Stores	1
7.	Canteens	Stores Beer and Spirits	200 200
8.	External Territories	Stores	60
9.	ACP	Comforts	50
10.	YMCA	Comforts	3
11.	Red Cross	Stores	30
TOTAL			7400

(a) VEHICLES AND GUNS

12.	Ordnance	446 Vehicles 46 Guns	2757
13.	5 Aust Fd Coy	5 Vehicles	95
14.	24 Aust Rly Coy	6 Vehicles	200
15.	58 Aust Corps Fd Pk	3 Vehicles	85
16.	23 Aust Mech Eqp Coy	12 Vehicles	375
TOTAL			3510

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2. EX TOWNESVILLE

SERIAL	UNIT	DESCRIPTION
17.	42 Aust Landing Craft Coy	Small craft to capacity with shore gear

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
30 Jan 45DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 262
(As at 1200 hrs 30 Jan)

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>AITAPE</u> S G REED SAN SILEON			GEORGE PEATE GORGON (15) BONTEKOE MAIJARA GM ELBIRICOS MELINGA	B'VILLE AUST AUST LAE AUST MADANG	29/1 3/2 28/1	Thence MADANG ex T'VILLE ex T'VILLE 29/1 ex SYD 24/1 via BRIS T'VILLE & HOLLANDIA
<u>MADANG</u>			W H PRESCOTT GEORGE PEATE	BLAK AITAPE	5/2	for LAE & JACQ (replacing JUBAL EARLY) to load for TOROKINA
<u>FINSCHHAFEN</u>			W H POINT SWARTENHONDT	AUST LAE	2/2 3/2	ex BRIS 26/1 ex T'VILLE 27/1
<u>LAE</u> MAIJARA	30/1	AITAPE	SWARTENHONDT DUPTROON COORABIE BAN HONG LIONG RANTIAH RIVER CLARENCE FRANCIS PEATE RIVER FITZROY NORLAGO (under repairs) ALAGNA RIVER DERWENT TUNG SONG	AUST HOLLANDIA B'VILLE AUST B'VILLE AUST MILNE BAY AUST AUST AUST MORESBY NANTAMBU	2/2 30/1 6/2 5/2 2/2 31/1 5/2 4/2	via ORO BAY for B'VILLE for B'VILLE ex SYD 26/1 for B'VILLE on berth SYD 8/1 for B'VILLE via FINSCHHAFEN ex T'VILLE 27/1 on berth SYD 26/12 and for FINSCHHAFEN ex T'VILLE via MILNE BAY for NANTAMBU
<u>JACQUINOT</u>			KATOOMBA (35)	AUST		ex BRISBANE
<u>HOSKINS</u> TUNG SONG	31/1	NANTAMBU				
<u>MORESBY</u> RIVER DERWENT	31/1	LAE via MILNE	CHARON	AUST	1/2	EX SYD 26/1

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IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>MILNE BAY</u>			VAN SWOLLE RIVER DEKJENT	MORESEBY	1/2	ex BRISBANE for LAE
<u>DOUGAIVILLE</u> E J O'BRIEN RAMIAH			DUNTROON COORABIE	LAE LAE	4/2	for AUST
<u>HOLLANDIA</u> DUNTROON		LAE	BONTEKOE GM EMBIRICOS MICHAEL KERR	AUST AUST AUST		ex T'VILLE 29/1 via AITAPE ex SYD 24/1 via BRIS and T'VILLE ex SYDNEY

NOTE :

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DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION

1 AUST MCV & TH GP
AUST MC GP
AUST DOCKS GP
MORESEBY
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AITAPE
HOLLANDIA
JACQUINOT BAY
MADANG
HOSKINS
SEC AACOS
S
& QMG

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2 AUST CORPS
6 AUST DIV
ADV LHQ (MOV) (3)
LHQ (MOV)
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DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 262
(From 1000 hrs 29 Jan to 1000 hrs 30 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
30 Jan 45

1. BY SEA

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO	REMARKS
		OFFERS	ORS			
1.	16 Aust Small Ships		2	MADANG	LAE	Embkd AS31 28/1
2.	Aust Details	3	4	TOROKINA	GREEN IS	Embkd AV1361 28/1
3.	NG Details Depot	5	52	FINSCH	SYDNEY	Embkd PATRAS 29/1
4.	43 Landing Craft Coy	1	30	MADANG	LAE	Embkd 29/1 MARRA7AH

2. AIR GENERAL

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO
		OFFERS	ORS		
1.	2/4 Armd Regt	-	3	LAE	MADANG
2.	36 Aust Inf Bn	-	5	"	"
3.	30 Aust Inf Bn	-	4	"	"
4.	4 Aust Inf Bn		4	"	"
5.	10 Aust RSD		4	MADANG	LAE
6.	ANGAU (Natives)		21	MORESEY	"

AIR SPECIAL A/C

UNIT	NO OF A/C	FROM	TO	DETAIL
55 SQN RAAF	1 C47	LAE	Mt HAGEN	ANGAU maint

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

DISTRIBUTION

1 AUST ADV 2 ECH
3 AUST ADV 2 ECH
DFO NEW GUINEA
NG FORCE SEC AAC3
BGS
DA & QMG
G (OPS)
G(SD)

AMS
Q (3)
Q (MOV & TN)
RAA
CE (2)
CSO (2)
MED
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SALVAGE
POSTAL (2)
AMEN
WAR DIARY
FILE (7)

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Subject - "BONTEKOE" - TOWNSVILLE TO AITAPE

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
30 Jan 45

QM 1112

6 AUST DIV
3 AUST BASE SUB AREA

Ref our QM1081 of 21 Jan.

Advice has been received that the abovementioned vessel loaded the following Aust Army personnel and cargo at TOWNSVILLE, for AITAPE. Vessel sailed 29 Jan.

PERSONNEL EMBARKED AND CARGO LOADED FOR AITAPE

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		CARGO TONS (M)
		OFFERS	ORS	
1.	Soldiers under arrest	21	12	12
2.	Leave & Transfer pers		143	
3.	X List personnel		73	
4.	AFO			
TOTALS		21	228	12

NOTE :

Vessel is routed TOWNSVILLE - MADANG - AITAPE - HOLLANDIA - NOEMFOOR

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Distribution of AQMG's Conference Notes:

Col Q
AQ
Q (Maint)
Q (Misc)
SC1 (Maint)
SC2 (Maint)
Q (Wks)
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~~SC2~~
Q (Mov & Tn)
S&T
Ord
AEME
Postal
Salvage
Camp
LAE Base Sub Area
War Diary (2)
File

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AGMG's CONFERENCE NOTES 25 - 28 JAN 45

Parachutes for AITAFE

1. Arrangements made to send following parachutes LAE to AITAFE:-

500 per "MAINARA"
500 by air

Q Maint

6 Aust Div will send an A/C from AITAFE to collect paras.

Tobacco for AITAFE

2. To meet requirements at AITAFE pending discharge further cargoes, tobacco being collected at LAE by A/C from 6 Aust Div:-

Q Maint

34,000 Cigarettes (pkts 10)
1,600 lbs Tobacco.

Tea and Coffee - 3 Base

3. Above in short supply at AITAFE.
Sending forward from LAE:-

1,700 lbs Tea
2,000 lbs Coffee

Q Maint

6 Aust Div plane will collect.

12 Aust MT Inspection Sec.

4. A Branch has received HQ Instrs to disband this unit.
Arranged that no action be taken pending decision our recent report on this subject, recommending retention.
Notes 11/12 Jan para 17 refer.

Q Maint

Distillate for Co C, 333 EB & SR

5. Ref Notes 18/19 Jan para 8.
Understand Coy has 60,000 gal fuel tanks.
Have requested Area Comd MADANG arrange unit move with max-
imum distillate bulk or drums.
Coy C will advise its holdings of distillate on arrival
AITAFE.

Q Maint
S 1

36 M Grenades

6. Ref Notes 20 Jan para 8.
Ord now advise production improving and some stocks
coming forward.
No action re notes 20 Jan.

Q Maint

Air Maint ex LAE

7. Ref Notes 24 Jan para 3
LAE Base advise AASC Fl will be in operation from LAE ca.
1 Feb 45.
Notes 18/19 Jan also refer.

Q Maint
C (1)
S 2
IBSA

Vehicle at LAR

8. Notes 11/12 Jan para 21-22.

With increasing availability A/C at LAR, 1st (Mov & Tn) will again investigate possibility evacuating some of the capt from DUEU. LAR Base will require notice, so that loading party can be arranged. Advise position to DUEU (Maint).

Reefer - JACQUINET BAY.

9. S & T Service report states 5,000 cu ft reefer will be ready for use Jan provided certain spare parts for which G. has been asked are provided. Check position.

Air Maint

10. Following deliveries since 16 Jan, at LAR:

AMENBERG	3 A/C loads
KUKODA	1 A/C load
HAGEN	2 A/C loads
CHOKA	1 A/C load

6 Maint
(Mov)

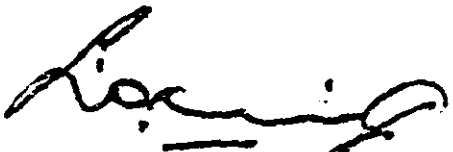
Backlog at present:-

ATTOR	10 A/C loads
AMENBERG	3 A/C loads
KUKODA	2 A/C loads
HAGEN	10 A/C loads.

LALEVA Slip - LAR BAY

11. RAN have advised that this slip will probably become available for transfer RAN to Army. DUEU and DUEU advise slip issued and available. RAN has been advised that we desire this over slip. Have asked him to contact DUEU for Area Command LAR BAY arrange details with Navy at KILBE BAY.

2 (Wks)
AMEN


Lt-Col,
AMG First Aust Army.

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Subject:- AIR PRIORITIES - PERSONNEL

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
30 Jan 45

QM1102

LAE base sub area
HQ Northern Region ANGAU

Copy to:-

8 Aust H C Gp(AIF)
GHQ Regulating Officer LAE

1. GHQ Regulating Officer LAE has requested that more care be taken in the preparation of GHQ RS form A1 - "Air Travel Authority (Passenger)".
2. Many forms are presented for certification with item "6" - "Reason justifying priority application", either left blank or quoting merely a signal reference.
3. Also the declaration "Departure delay of 24 hrs will directly hazard the war effort" is used loosely and without regard to the actual priority of the movement. GHQ Regulating Officer supports this view and the fact that many such priority requests have been downgraded, and no further representation made in support of the priority originally requested.
4. It is essential that addressees exercise more care in the preparation of forms and recommendation for priority, and that M C thoroughly check forms before submission to GHQ Regulating Office. All available information must be included in order that GHQ Regulating Officer may be in a position to grant a priority consistent with the relative urgency of the move, and the limited air transport facilities available in this area.

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Distribution list "A" less serials 37-39 plus Visitors sec - for action in connection with movement of HQ First Aust Army personnel, personnel of attached units and visitors.

War Diary (2)

Distribution of AQMG's Conference Notes:

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- War Diary (2)
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AQMO'S CONFERENCE NOTES - 30 JAN 45

Plans - Ord and Amn Depots JACQUINOT BAY

1. Ord are expediting provision of plans of buildings etc required at JACQUINOT. Ord
Q (Wks)
These plans are urgently required so that Q (Maint) can authorize CE to provide the additional coverage needed by Ord.

Transit Camp - FINSCHHAFFEN

2. LAE Base report that approx 100 natives are employed on building etc at FINSCHHAFFEN Transit Camp Q (Wks)

Reefer Parts - JACQUINOT

3. CE advises parts going fwd on "F PEAT". Will enable completion 5,000 cu ft reefer Q (Wks)
S & T

Dredge for AITAFE

4. CE Branch requested allotment of an ALC 20 on which to mount pump. Q (Mov & Tn) cannot provide. Q (Wks)

Engrs have signalled DCE who is at present at AITAFE, asking him to investigate possibility of constructing a pontoon.

Maint Ships MADANG and NANTAMBU

5. Next ships:- Q (Maint)

MADANG	-	"BAN SONG LIONG" ETA LAE ex AUST 6 Feb. Will load 1500 tons for MADANG.
NANTAMBU	-	"TUNG SONG" ETD LAE approx 6 Feb

AVGAS for AITAFE and JACQUINOT

6. Ref Notes 13/16 Jan para 13 Q (Maint)
NORCOM have been asked again to advise arrangements made for re-sup from AUST.

Air Maint

7. No air sup ex LAE 29 Jan.
Planned for 30 Jan.

1 plane	AIYURA
1 "	ANNENBERG
1 "	AIYURA (if possible)

 Planned for 31 Jan.
 1 plane KERAWAGI
8. 33 Sqn intend to try land at KOKODA in next few days. Q (Maint)
Will backload rubber if practicable.
ANGAU is being advised.

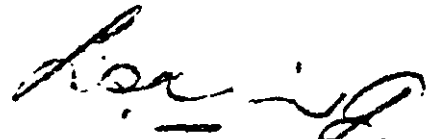
Aircraft to HOSKINS

9. Q (Mov & Th) advise arrangements made for 33 Sqn to land courier plane HOSKINS each Sunday. This will enable regular delivery and clearance of mails. 5 Aust Div being informed.

Q(Maint)
Q(Misc)
Q(Mov)

Shipping

10. "FRANCIS PRAT" ETD LAE 5 Feb routed FINSCHHAFEN, JACQUINOT, TOROKINA.
Loads LAE for JACQUINOT
100 tons Engr stores
Loads LAE for TOROKINA
100 natives (mostly RPC, etc)
Loads FINSCHHAFEN for TOROKINA
200 native labourers


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DAILY RETURN ON MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 263
(From 1000 hrs 30 Jan to 1000 hrs 31 Jan)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
31 Jan 45

1. BY SEA

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO	REMARKS
		OFFRS	ORS			
1.	66 Aust Camp Hosp	2	8	TOWNSVILLE	HOLLANDIA	Disembkd DUNTRICH 29/4
2.	AAMS & AAMWS	5	5	"	"	"
3.	5 Aust Mech Bgpt Coy	6	201	"	"	"
4.	2 Aust Fd Coy PAF	4	225	"	"	"
5.	A Sec 11 Aust MC Gp	6	23	"	"	"
6.	2/1 Aust Mech Hosp	1	32	"	"	"
7.	2/93 LAD	1	13	"	"	"
8.	33 Aust Mks Coy	5	310	"	"	"
9.	HQ 2/2 Aust Gd Regt	1	26	"	"	"
10.	HQ Lae Base Sub Area		2	LAE	FINSCH	Embkd ALCH 396 30/4
11.	ANGAU		1	FINSCH	LAE	Embkd RAAM 045-24 30/4

2. BY AIR

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH		FROM	TO
		OFFRS	ORS		
1.	Public Rel Field Unit	4	-	LAE	JAG JINOT
2.	4 Aust AOD		4	"	HADANG
3.	ANGAU		5	"	TOROKINA
4.	F.I.R.		9	"	MORESBY
5.	Det 91 Aust W/T Sec (HY)		5	MORESBY	LAE

AIR SPECIAL A/C

UNIT	NO OF A/C	FROM	TO	DETAIL
53 SQN RAAF	1 C47 (drop)	LAE	AIYUJA	ANGAU Point
	1 C47 "	LAE	AMEMBERR	Point AMEMBERR
	1 C47	LAE	AITAPE	One AUSTRAL A/C 16 AOP flight

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
31 Jan 45DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 263
(As at 1206 hrs 31 Jan)

IN PORT	ETD	FOR-	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>AITAPE</u> S G REED SAN SIMEON GEORGE PEATE			GORGON (15) BONTEKOE MAIWARA GM EMBIRICOS MELINGA	AUST AUST LAE AUST MADANG	3/2 30/1	ex T'VILLE ex T'VILLE ex SYD 24/1 via BRIS T'VILLE and HOLLANDIA
<u>MADANG</u>			W H PRESCOTT GEORGE PEATE	BLAK AITAPE	5/2	for LAE and JACQ (replac- ing JUBAL EARLY) to load for TOROKINA
<u>FINSCHHAFFEN</u>			7 H POINT SWARTENHONDT	AUST LAE	2/2 3/2	ex BRIS 26/1 ex T'VILLE 27/1
<u>LAE</u> MAIWARA COORABLE MARRAWAH	31/1 31/1 1/2	AITAPE B'VILLE MADANG	SWARTENHONDT DUTTROON BAN HONG LIONG RAHNAH RIVER CLARENCE FRANCIS BEATE RIVER FITZROY NORLAGO (under repairs) ALAGNA RIVER DERWENT TUNG SONG	AUST HOLLANDIA AUST B'VILLE AUST MILNE BAY AUST AUST AUST MORESBY NANTAMBU	2/2 6/2 5/2 2/2 31/1 5/2 4/2	via ORO BAY for B'VILLE ex SYD 26/1 for B'VILLE on berth SYD 18/1 for B'VILLE via FINSCH ex T'VILLE 27/1 on berth SYD 26/12 and for FINSCHHAFFEN ex T'VILLE via MILNE BAY for NANTAMBU
<u>JACQUINOT</u>			KATOOMBA (35)	AUST		ex BRISBANE
<u>HOSKINS</u> TUNG SONG	31/1	NANTAMBU				

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IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
<u>MORESBY</u> RIVER DEERMENT	31/1	LAE via MILNE	CHARON	AUST	1/2	ex SYD 26/1
<u>MILNE BAY</u>			VAN SWOLL RIVER DEERMENT	MORESBY	1/2	ex BRISBANE for LAE
<u>BOUGAINVILLE</u> E J O'BRIEN RANNAH		LAE	DUNTROON COCRABIE	LAE LAE	4/2	for AUST
<u>HOLLANDIA</u> DUNTROON		LAE	BONTEKOE GM EMBIRICOS MICHAEL KERR	AUST AUST AUST		ex T'VILLE 29/1 via AITAPE ex SYD 24/1 via BRIS and TOWNSVILLE ex SYDNEY

NOTE :

ETA - Expected Time of Arrival at Destination.

ETD - Expected Time of Departure from Loading Port.

DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) BRIG

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2/1 AUST MOV & TR GP
8 AUST MC GP
3 AUST DOCKS GP
MC MORESBY
MC FINSCHAPEN
MC AITAPE
MC HOLLANDIA
MC JACQUINOT BAY
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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
31 Jan 45

ADV LHQ (3)
LHQ (for info)

PROPOSED SHIPPING ALLOTMENTS AS AT 31 JAN 45

This schedule is compiled with respect to personnel, vehicles and general cargo.

Details of personnel and vehicles by units are shown wherever possible, otherwise estimated number of Aust Troops to be embarked is given.

[Signature]
Lt-Gen
GOC FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

SERIAL	VESSEL	UNIT	ALLOTMENT			FROM PORT	ETD	TO PORT	ETA	REMARKS
			PERS	VEHS	STORES					
1.	RIVER DERWENT	PIB rfts General cargo & vchs to capacity (approx) Ord vchs	6 190	Europeans Natives						
				200 60	5,500	MORESEY MILNE BAY	31/1 3/2	LAE	5/2	calls MILNE BAY en route ex MORESEY
2.	(vessel to replace) W E PRESCOTT	Ord vchs approx Unit Pers and vchs (Phase D) approx		170		MACASSAR	9/2	LAE	11/2	
			400	130	1,500	LAE	17/2	JACQUINOT	18/2	
3.	DUTTROON	Leave Details	550			TORONTO		SYDNEY		

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Q (2)
POSTAL (2)

GHQ REGULATING OFFICER LAE
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