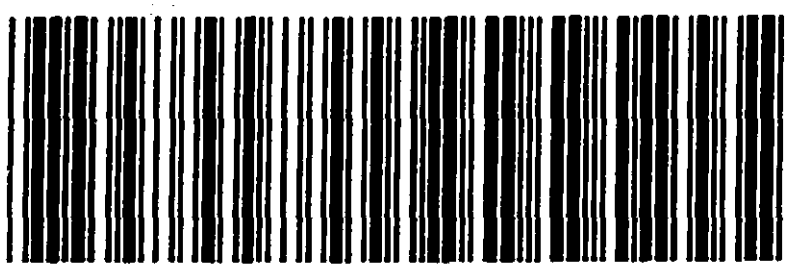
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BASE AND LINE OF COMMUNICATION AREAS (SUB)

1 Australian Base Sub Area 1 Staging Area 2 Staging Area

April 1945, part 2, appendices



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SECRET

HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area (ADV)
Staging Area 2

AQ/11

10 Dec 45

ADV LHQ (S)

Encl one copy for HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area
Encl one copy for Staging Area 1

Subject: [redacted]

[redacted]

"X":

1. [redacted]: See Appendix "A" attached.

2. [redacted]: Nil.

3. [redacted]: Fine weather during week enabled US Engrs to repair Peninsula Rd. A fair amount of work has still to be done but the road is improving rapidly.

4. Signals:

(a) ADV LHQ advise that wireless communication was established to BRISBANE and to 2nd Aust Adj Gp on 9 Dec.

(b) DELG has been set up on a limited basis.

(c) First Aust phones will be installed 10 Dec.

[redacted]:

5. [redacted]: JI.US Dir advise that additional US troops will be staged at [redacted].

6. [redacted]: LO Liaison Officer with US Navy advises that HMAS [redacted] will be moving to [redacted], and that area will be required for Navy hospital. LO advise that part of our second hospital site will be required and has been already allotted to them verbally. However, they have been informed that all Aust Army areas are required and no space is available in our areas, and in addition the allotment has been confirmed in writing by CG XIX US Corps.

7. [redacted]: Ref para 6 our G/11 of 2 Dec Report to 25 Dec). Owing to necessity of repairing Peninsula road damaged by construction in all US Engr equipment has had to be withdrawn from [redacted]. The only work done has been to clear the width of the road.

8. [redacted]:

(a) Recce party and advance party ADV LHQ are established in 5 Reinforcement Group area. There are still some US Air Corps troops to move out. 13 US Air Force advise that there may be a delay and that 72 Sqn may not move until after 15 Dec. 72 Sqn are 21 area allotted to Planning Teams.

(b) Limited assistance only has been given in establishing ADV LHQ owing to lack of labour and vehicles. One jeep was allotted from 2 Aust Fd Coy pending ADV LHQ transport becoming available.

9. [redacted]: Area allotted for the tents is still occupied by 5 Reinforcement Group. Instructions have been issued to CRE HQ LAR 1 Aust Corps to construct one 50 by 25 ft hut as soon as possible.

[redacted]:

10. [redacted] Base 1 Aust Corps Type Weekly Report is attached as Appendix "B".

11. No mechanical equipment and only a very small quantity of engineer stores have been discharged from "[redacted]".

12. [redacted] 1 Aust Corps Tps are instructed to take over such proportions of engineer stores from ADV LHQ dump as was considered necessary. Also all ADV LHQ engineer stores on "[redacted]" will be delivered direct to engineer dump. Replacement as required will be made from engineer dump when "[redacted]" supplies are unloaded. DS in C signal DEC 215 of 72220 I has now been received which confirms above arrangement.

[redacted]:

13. [redacted]:

(a) Part of ADV LHQ personnel, strength 1 offr and 17 OR, arrived from [redacted] 8 Mar.

(b) In accordance with [redacted] signal A39, of 7 Mar Capt [redacted] left by air for [redacted] on 10 Mar. Our signal A4 of 9 Mar requests a replacement officer be despatched as requested by [redacted] (Asst) ADV LHQ.

14. [redacted]:

(a) MV "[redacted]" arrived 3 Mar. Slow discharge is causing anxiety. To date no engineer mechanical has been discharged and consequently no work has been done on the roads for dumps etc. First general cargo unloading 8 Mar. Damage is being sustained by light veh and cons unit eqpt is being discharged in mixed loads owing to shortage of labour. Loads are being sorted in unit areas and steps to remedy are being made.

(b) SS "[redacted]" arrived 7 Mar having been delayed 3 days at [redacted]. Completed unloading 9 Mar.

(c) Arrangements completed for reception of troops and stores ex USAT "[redacted]" ETA 10 Mar.

(d) Advice received "[redacted]" delayed [redacted].

(e) Attention is invited to the fact that through delays the preparations for the reception of troops are being seriously hindered. Everything possible is being done to expedite discharge of vessels after arrival. The discharge of "[redacted]" in particular is causing grave concern. The troops are working well against very serious difficulties. Trouble is being experienced with cargo gear carrying away when lifting heavy lifts. First mechanical equipment is expected to be discharged on 16 Mar when the real difficulty of unloading heavy equipment will become apparent.

[redacted]:

15. (a) 2/30 Bty A2 employed in discharge of "[redacted]".

(b) Arrangements for drawing POL from [redacted] operating satisfactorily.

16. Medical: Report attached as appendix "C".

17. [redacted]

(a) [redacted] "DORIC", to act as DADOS ship [redacted] until arrival of Capt [redacted].

(b) Preparations have been discharged at "[redacted]" and have proceeded for reception of stores.

18. [redacted]

(a) No tankers whose yet allocated from "[redacted]".

(b) Ref para 4b our C/41 of 24 Feb 45 (Repeat to AS Feb). The cases of enclosed stores in this consignment have been received. So there is to hand of the remaining four cases of sudden stores, nor has an answer been received to our C5 of 27 Feb to [redacted]. It would be appreciated if enquiries could be made from [redacted] and if stores are not located until advice is given as to liability for the loss and value of these stores. X X X X X

19. Despatch: Consignment of second class mail ordered on "[redacted]" has been delivered to ship already to sail.

[redacted]

20. (a) Capt [redacted] admitted to hospital. At Lat 2 nort Long 2 Feb is acting as SO ("A").

(b) Preparation of new ship for Singles zone H is proceeding.

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

1. The following units arrived in the area during the week-

[redacted]

2 Amph Tk Coy
2 Amph Recon Sqdn Coy
2/4 Amph Bomber Sq Coy

[redacted]

Det 21 3 Coy 25 Amph L of C Engrs
Det 3 Amph Cipher Sqn
Det 17 Amph Sig Sqn (Pay)
Det 6 Amph Fiber Sqn
Det 110 Amph Base Stbd Sq Sqn
Det 25 Amph AM Sqn
Det 8 Amph Base Sq Sqn
Det 90 Amph Light Repair Workshops Sqn

[redacted]

Det 66 Amph Comp Coy

[redacted]

Det 3/5 Amph L of C Fwd Coy

[redacted]

2/30 Amph Bgt 21

[redacted]

Det 17 AGD
Det 5 AGD

[redacted]

2/30 Amph LAD

[redacted]

Det Adv HQ Commando

[redacted]

Det 6 Amph Comp Dental Unit

[redacted]

2. N I L.

[redacted]

3. Normal duty plus another gunshot repair of roads. Further rain at end of week.

[redacted]

REO 35

HAE 1 Aust Corps Tps
Staging Area 2
9 Mar 45.

SUBJECT: ENGR WEEKLY REPORT.
Weekly Summary to 8 Mar 45.

HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area
Staging Area 2.

1. AREAS. Survey plans of all areas allotted to AMF have been prepared and detailed layout plans for all areas are being produced.

(i) Engr Dump Area. Layout has been completed and pegged.

(ii) Staging Maint Area. Pegging of road alignments and buildings, has been carried out.

(iii) Hospitals. Road alignments in Hospital No.2 Area have been pegged.

2. WATER SUPPLY. A report on a Water Recce of Moretai Is. has been prepared by Capt T.A.Barnes, 2/1 Aust Boring Pl.
Plans of water supply and reticulation to both hospitals and Staging Area have been prepared. Tests of delivery at sources will be carried out as soon as pumps are available.

3. BRIDGES. Drawing of timber trestle bridge over SaBALA R. has been prepared.

4. SITE CLEARING. Fifty natives have been engaged through NICA for the clearing of sites. At present they are employed in Engr Dump and Staging Maint Areas.

5. PRIORITIES. A schedule of priorities for Engr Work desired has been issued by HQ Staging Area 2.

6. ARRIVAL OF PERSONNEL. Lt Col D.Muller CRE 9 Aust Div. visited the area during the week and inspected the Staging Area.
The "Emberices" and "Gorgon" arrived on 3 Mar and 7 Mar respectively with the following Engr personnel.

	Offrs	ORs
HQ RAE 1 Aust Corps	-	3
2 Aust Fd Coy	6	204
5 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy	1	32

7. STORES AND EQPT. "EMBERICES" carrying 750 tons of Engr Stores approx ⅔ of 5 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy and 1/3 2 Fd Coy eqpt arrived 3 Mar. To date only jeeps and trucks have been unloaded. Dates of unloading of mech eqpt and stores are still quite indefinite.
No work other than clearing sites and laying out of buildings can be commenced until stores and eqpt are available.

8. TIME AND LABOUR FACTORS. On information available on the arrival of staging area troops and staging troops, it is apparent that full scale accommodation cannot be provided with the resources available. Every day's delay in the unloading of the "Emberices" makes the task more difficult. It is intended therefore, initially, to provide sufficient facilities to enable the troops to live. Self help by units will be essential For this purpose, precut and prefabricated stores will be supplied to the maximum of the resources available.

Lt Col
CRE 1 Aust Corps Tps

HQ I Aust Base Sub Area
Staging Area 2
8 Mar 45

45/IO/9II Med

Subject: MEDICAL AND HYGIENE REPORT

"A" Branch

I. MEDICAL

Nil.

2. HYGIENE

Fly Nuisance - Latrines.

(a) It has come to notice that method used by certain units within this area for the destruction of flies in latrines, is by the use of Freon Aerosol Insecticide.

(b) This practice should cease because it is waste of mosquito spray and is serving no useful purpose.

(c) With the use of distillate oil, sprayed daily inside latrine box and pit will prevent flies entering and breeding in pit.

W. G. Polychron, Lieut
Hygiene Officer
Staging Area 2.

Hy Landers Capt
DMS

G/11

R.A.A.F. Form A.14(a)
(R.A.F. Form 683)
(Revised April, 1943)

CYPHER MESSAGE

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From	LANDOPS	Receipt / Despatch
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HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF)
Staging Area 2

Ltr 45

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Subject: REPATRIATION FOR STRENGTH 1 AUST CORPS - MONTHLY

REPATRIATION CAPE GIL-GARATAI RIVER
REPORT FOR PERIOD 1 - 2 MAR 45

ADV LHQ (5)

Encl one copy for HQ Staging Area 1
Encl one copy for HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area

"G":

1. Incoming Convoys: Advice received from Fwd Echn LHQ (ref FORLEH SD 1567 of 27 Feb) regarding proposed priority of movement of troops to this area.

2. Visitors:

(a) Lt-Gen BENNETT C of S Fwd Echn LHQ arrived MORATAI 24 Feb and returned LEITE 25 Feb. Visited this HQ 25 Feb.

(b) Lt-Col LEITCH AA & QMG Fwd Echn LHQ and Maj BOOTHBY GIX SO Fwd Echn LHQ stayed at this HQ 24-25 Feb.

(c) Brig SECOMBE DA & QMG Adv LHQ and Lt-Col GRANT AQMG Mov and Tn Adv LHQ arrived MORATAI 24 Feb and stayed at this HQ. Lt-Col GRANT returned HOLLANDIA 25 Feb and Brig SECOMBE 27 Feb.

3. Unit Moves: The following advance parties of units shown arrived during week:-

(a)	11 Aust HQ Group	Lt-Col CHANEY by air 27 Feb
(b)	2/1 Aust Docks Op Coy	Capt CROTTY by air 28 Feb
(c)	2/1 Aust Boring Pl	Capt BARNES and 1 OR by air 26 Feb
(d)	HQ RAE 1 Aust Corps	Lt-Col TURNER, Capts DART and NEVILLE and 6 OR by air 1 Mar

4. Concentrations: Nil.

5. Roading: Heavy and continuous rains during week. Most surfaces under strain. Heavy traffic on stretches of road between double and dusk and stick dusk has rendered portions of it unserviceable, necessitating detours. US Engineers are working on this stretch at the present time. Its early repair is dependent upon cessation of rains. The work is progressing well

ROUTE PARTY ADV LHQ:

6. Camp areas for the following have been laid out:-

(a) Adv LHQ

(b) 25 L of C Sigs

(c) 65 Aust Comp Hosp

(d) Combined Planning Teams

(e) RAAF Command

7. Proposed area for HQ 1 Aust Corps is at present being surveyed.

8. Transmitter and receiver sites for 23 Aust L of C Sigs have been selected.

9. Works priority programme for construction of Adv HQ is being drawn up.

10. Arrangements made with 31 US Div, 13 US Air Force and 1st Tac Air Force RAAF have been confirmed. First of areas concerned are to be taken over 3 Mar. Guards to prevent scrounging have been arranged.

ADMINISTRATION:

11. 1 Aust CRS (MOROTAI) Weekly Report is attached as Appendix "A".

12. Layout plan of area has been forwarded to Adv HQ with request that 500 copies be reproduced, and that 50 advanced copies be forwarded as soon as possible.

"A" [illegible]:

13. Advise to hand HT "GORDON" delayed HOLLANDIA and ETA not yet known. HT "HERMITAGE" expected to arrive MOROTAI 5 Mar.

14. Discharge of Shipping:

(a) Arrangements for reception and storage of cargo carried by "HERMITAGE" have been set out in this HQ Adm Order No 1 of 2 Mar 45. Two 60 ft by 18 ft huts and a 40 ft by 40 ft stockade have been constructed from bush timber and wire for security of civil and canteen stores. Engrs have almost completed a large hut to cover cement and other engineer stores. Coverage is dependant on early discharge from the ship of tarpaulins.

(b) Owing to delay in arrival at MOROTAI of HT "GORDON", a shortage of drivers necessitates every available driver placed in a pool to move vehicles and mechanical equipment from docks. Owing to state of roads it is now proposed to discharge heavy vehicles at double on dock.

(c) Arrangements have been finalised for the supply of rations, water and firewood to sites to be occupied by the advanced elements of staging area troops. Water vehicles on "HERMITAGE" will be pooled under control of S and T this HQ.

15. Canteen Stores: Enquiries still being made in an effort to trace the stores despatched by air from HOLLANDIA on 14 Feb. This HQ signal 23 of 1 Mar to CRS RAAF MEAR requested enquiries to be made there has not yet been answered.

16. Native Labour: The allotment made by BIOA to 31 US Div of native labour has been reduced by 50 men. 200 native labourers have been requested by this HQ to clear areas. It is unlikely that as many as this will be available.

17. Medical: Hygiene Report attached as Appendix "B".

[illegible] ADMINISTRATION:

18. The recent influx of personnel without administrative facilities of their own has resulted in this HQ having to accommodate a total of 87 offrs and 65 OR. Of this ration strength 20 offrs and 32 OR are temporarily attached.

(E.A. HARRIS) Lt-Col
Comd MOROTAI Staging Area

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APPENDIX "B" TO HQ MOROTAI STAGING AREA G/11 OF MAR 45

HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF)
Staging Area 2
1 Mar 45

45/10/011 Med

Subject: [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

1. New approved type of incinerator has been constructed from unserviceable 44 gal drums.

[redacted]

2. Latrine boxes are being made for new camp area sufficient for the accommodation of 200 personnel ... these comprise 2 x 4 seats and 2 x 2 seats with 12" drops attached.

[redacted]

3. With the wet season imminent we find it necessary to construct underground drainage drains in low depressions to hasten egress of surface water.

[redacted]
Engineer officer
Staging Area 2

[redacted]
RAAF

APPENDIX "A" TO HQ MOROTAI STAGING AREA G/11 OF MAR 45

REC 31

det 1 Aust CRE Wks (AIF)
Staging Area 2
2 Mar 45.

SUBJECT: ENGR WEEKLY REPORT
Weekly Summary to 1 Mar 45.

HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area
Staging Area 2.

1. AREAS. Initial Maint Area has now been surveyed and perimeter plan of area prepared.
A layout of the Docks Area has been produced showing allotted areas for units moving in.
An amendment to the layout of Engr Dump Area has been made and large scale drawing of whole area prepared.
A layout of Transit area is in course of preparation.

2. ROADS. Extremely wet weather has stopped progress on the road being constructed by 31 US Div from their HQ to SABATAI R.
The wet weather has also severely affected all roads in the area and much work will be required in putting them back in trafficable condition. Peninsular section of Route 5 south of hospitals has failed completely. US Engrs are concentrating on this section.

3. WATER SUPPLY. Plans have been prepared of water reticulation in Staging Area.
Capt T.A.Barnes 2/1 Aust Boring Pl has made a recce of the areas with a view to locating bores.

4. HOSPITALS. The pegging of one Hospital site has been completed and spot levels for drainage purposes taken.
Working drawings of layout of both Hospital sites have been prepared.

5. WORKS. Construction of two huts 60' x 18' and a canteen compound 40' x 40' have been constructed under Engr supervision, as well as one hut in Engr Dump Area.

6. ARRIVAL OF PERSONNEL. The following Engr officers have arrived during the week:

Lt Col Brewer	CRE 1 Aust Corps Tps	
Capt Dart	"	
Capt Neville	"	
Capt Barnes	2/1 Aust Boring Pl.	
Capt Crotty	2/1 Aust Docks Op Coy.	

Lt Col
(C.R.Westlund)
CRE 1 Aust CRE Works (AIF)

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HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF)
Stanley AUSTRALIA

A 8/11
HQ 45

Subject: ALLOTMENT OF CAMP AREAS FOR AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Ref: XXIX Air Location Plan of 7 Dec 44
Sheets 2nd attached as Appendix "A"

XXIX US Air Force

Copy to: ADV LHQ
91 US Div

1. It is desired to confirm arrangements made by representatives of the Australian Military Forces with XXIX US Air Force concerning occupation by Australian Headquarters of areas to be vacated by 5 Bombardment Group and ancillary units.

2. This headquarters will take over the following blocks as they are vacated by US units:-

(a) 35th US Bomber Sqn

(b) 91 US Bomber Sqn. (Portion of this area is subsequently intended for a RAAF Hq)

(c) Hq 5 US Bombardment Group

(d) 72 US Bomber Sqn

3. Arrangements have been made with 91 US Div for this Hq to take over areas as they stand, including all buildings and utilities erected by US Base Engineer, and excluding structures to be dismantled and taken forward by US Air Corps units as they move out. It is understood that ADV LHQ have agreed to provide 5 Bombardment Group with material to erect new building if they leave certain existing building in situ.

4. Limits of areas concerned have been shown on sketch map attached as Appendix "A". (Not Attached copy)

Lt-Col

Comd HEADQUARTERS Stanley Area

Appdx.

HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF)
Staging AREA 2

A.Q/11
2 Mar 45

Subject: ARRANGEMENTS FOR STAGING NEROTAT - ALLOTMENT OF AREAS

ADV HQ

1. Attached as Appendix "A" is map on which have been indicated areas allotted to Australian Military Forces.

2. It would be appreciated if 500 copies of this map could be produced for distribution to AIF units staging in this area.

3. Early receipt of 50 advance copies would be appreciated.

Lt-Col.
Comd NEROTAT Staging AREA

Encl.

Staging Area 2

SECRET

HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF).

G/908.1

31 Feb 45. 6/11

Subject : Staging Arrangements - Designation of Detachments

Ref my G/908.1/A of 16 Dec 44

2 Aust Adv 2nd Echelon	2/7 Aust Mob Laundry & Fwd Decn Unit
1 Aust CRE (Wks)	5 Aust Ord Port Det
22 Aust L of C Sigs	6 Aust Base Postal Unit
HQ Comd 1 Aust Base Sub Area AASC	2/3 Aust L of C Pro Coy
17 Aust AOD	Det AA Canteens Service
10 Aust Ord Veh Pk	11 Aust L of C Stationery Depot
14 Aust AAD	1 Aust Adv Rft Depot

Copy to:

6 Aust Base Postal Unit

1. Appx A to the above memo is amended as follows :-

(a) Destination 1 Det 1 Aust CRE (Wks) amended to read SII.

(b) Destination 2 Det 1 Aust CRE (Wks) amended to read SII.

(c) Destination 3 Det 1 Aust CRE (Wks) amended to read SII.

(d) After detail second det 2/1 Aust MAC Pl less two secs add new detail.

1 Det 4 Aust Bulk Petroleum Storage Coy consisting of HQ and one Pl 4 Aust Bulk Petroleum Storage Coy.
/-/10/ 1 Det 4 Aust Bulk Petroleum Storage Coy / SII.

A. A. Wilson

Maj,
GS, 1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF).

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Headquarters,
1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF).

AQ/908.1.

19 Feb 45.

STAGING ARRANGEMENTS - 1 AUST CORPS

15 Aust CRE (Wks)	93 Aust Depot Cash Office
9 Aust CRE (Wks)	8 Aust Base Postal Unit
1 Aust CRE (Wks)	2/3 Aust L of C Pro Coy
22 Aust L of C Sigs	11 Aust L of C Stationery Depot
HQ Comd 1 Aust Base Sub Area ALSC	1 Aust Base Sub Area Canteens Det
17 Aust AOD	28 Aust Works Coy

Copies:

5 Aust CE (Wks)	HQ Q'land L of C Area
Camp SO - STRATHPINE	3 Aust Mov Control Group
	HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area Staging Area 2

1. Units and/or det of units as set out at Appx 'A' are scheduled for early movement.

2. HQ Q'land L of C Area has called forward to various staging camps certain of the units/dets as set out in the appx hereto.

3. Movement will take place under Command arrangements except in the case of 18 Aust Fd Coy and 28 Aust Works Coy for which transport will be provided by this HQ.

4. Movement will be completed in respect of Pers, Vehs and Stores:-

(a) for CHERMSIDE by 1400 hours 19 Feb.
(b) for KILLING by 1500 hours 19 Feb.

5. Personnel, Vehs and Stores from locations shown in Appx will be called forward by HQ Q'land L of C Area as they are required.

6. The number of personnel and vehs shown and the allowance for stores may be varied by 3 Aust Movement Control Group as circumstances dictate, and the information contained in Appx 'A' will therefore NOT be treated as final. In due course Mov Orders will be issued by Mov Control.

7. The guarding of unit eqpt and vehs is a unit responsibility.

8. Adv parties who are to move to CHERMSIDE will report Camp SO CHERMSIDE on arrival.

9. Instructions contained in the A & Q of Embarkation, except as varied by this HQ, will be implicitly adhered to. In particular attention is directed to:-

Section IV para 22 and 23.
Section V Vehicle Lists.
Weighbridge Tickets.
Section VI Page 23.

x 4 gall full petrol drums and 10 empty 4 gall petrol drums will be carried in each vehicle.

Cots folding will be carried by the man.

10. LANDING RATIONS

10 days landing rations on SWPA Scale will be drawn and taken as follows:-

3 days to be loaded in an accessible position on the ship carrying the troops for which they are drawn.
7 days to be loaded as unit stores and carried by advance party.

12. LANDING EXPENSE STORES

10 days landing expense stores for advance party and main party will be drawn and taken by advance parties, loaded as unit stores.

13. STORES ON LOAN FROM CAMP SO will be returned by units before movement from present areas is completed.

14. VOYAGE EXPENSE STORES are being placed on ships by HQ Q'land L of C Area and the drawing thereof will NOT be a unit responsibility.

15. UNIT SIGN PLATES recently constructed under instructions from this HQ will be taken forward by advance parties.

16. Instructions herein confirm verbal instructions given all Unit Comd 1100hours 18 Feb 45.

A. Lewis

AA & QMG, 1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF).

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A.	C.E.M.E.
Q.	D.A.P.M.
A.D.S.T.	D.A.D. Amenities.
D.A.D.M.S.	D.A.D. Labour.

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APPX 'A' TO HQ 1 AUST BASE SUB AREA A/906.1
OF 18 FEB 45.

Serial No.	Unit or Det.	PERSONNEL Adv Party	PERSONNEL Main Body or Rear Party	VEHS & MECH PLANT Adv Party	VEHS & MECH PLANT Remainder	STORES OUT OF VEHS Adv Party	STORES OUT OF VEHS Rear Party	Remarks
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
1	18 Aust Fd Coy FH	KALINGA (233)	CHERMSIDE (2)	CHERMSIDE (1)	CHERMSIDE (50)	CHERMSIDE (61)	CHERMSIDE (48) (30)	Guards (2) for vehs & stores of Adv Party will be provided from personnel in (d)
2	2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy FH & SR	KALINGA (62)	S'pine (187)	CHERMSIDE (2)	S'PINE (155)	CHERMSIDE (30)	S'PINE (120)	Gds (2) for vehs & stores of Adv Part whilst in C'SIDE will be provided from Main Body.
3	2 Aust Mech Eqpt Wksp FH SR	C'SIDE (2)	S'pine (56)	CHERMSIDE (1)	S'PINE (7)	CHERMSIDE (8)	S'PINE (87)	—
4	540 Aust LAD FH & SR	KALINGA (16)	S'PINE (1)	CHERMSIDE (1)	S'PINE (3)	CHERMSIDE (14)	S'PINE (5)	15 Aust CRE will provide Gd for Vehs & stores at CHERMSIDE.
5	2/5 Aust Tpt Pl FH	KALINGA (20)	S'PINE (79)	CHERMSIDE (2)	S'PINE (44)	CHERMSIDE (35)	S'PINE NIL	Gds for vehs & stores of Adv Party in C'SIDE responsibility of Main Body.
6	178 Aust Sup Dep Pl FH	CHERMSIDE (6)	S'PINE (27)	CHERMSIDE (2)	N I L	CHERMSIDE (10)	S'PINE (33)	— —
7	2 Det 2/5 Aust L of C Pro Coy FH	KALINGA (9)	S'PINE (7)	CHERMSIDE (2)	S'PINE (1)	CHERMSIDE (5)	S'PINE NIL	Gds for Vehs & Stores of Adv Party in CHERMSIDE Responsibility of Main Body.
8	2 Det 17 Aust AOD FH	C'SIDE (5)	S'PINE (15)	CHERMSIDE (1)	S'PINE (2)	N I L	S'PINE (28)	
9	94 Aust Dep Cash Office SR	KALINGA (3)	N I L	N I L	N I L	KALINGA (2)	N I L	
10	2 Det 6 Aust Base Postal Unit SR	DAVIES PK (2)	N I L	NIL	NIL	N I L	N I L	
11	2 Det 11 Aust L of C Stationery Depot ?	C'SIDE (7)	N I L	NIL	NIL	CHERMSIDE (8)		Remains unit location.
12	2 Det A A C S SR	KALINGA (10)	N I L	CHERMSIDE (4)	NIL	CHERMSIDE (11)	N I L	Gds for vehs & stores of Adv Party in C'SIDE responsibility of Main Body.
13	'A' Sec 2/1 Aust Fd Baking Pl FH	KALINGA (16)	N I L	KALINGA (2)	NIL	KALINGA (33)	N I L	
14	28 Aust Works Coy SR	KALINGA (50)	KALINGA (418)	KALINGA (2)	KALINGA (2)	KALINGA (86)	KALINGA (14)	
15	11 Aust Line Sec SR	KALINGA (12)	N I L	C'SIDE (1)	S'PINE (4)	C'SIDE (59)	S'PINE NIL	Gds for vehs & stores of Adv Party in C'SIDE and gds for vehs in Rear Party responsibility of HQ 22 Aust L of C Sigs.

a	b		c	d	e	f	g	h	i
✓16	50 Aust Cipher Sec	SR	N I L	S'PINE (5)	N I L	N I L	N I L	S'PINE (14)	
✓17	49 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy)	SR	N I L	S'PINE (18)	N I L	S'PINE (2)	N I L	S'PINE (5)	
✓18	One Fd Stores Pl - 60 Aust Corps Fd Pk	SR	C'SIDE (6)	TOORBUL (50) PT.	C'SIDE (1)	TOORBUL (13) PT.	C'SIDE (4)	TOORBUL (13) PT.	
19	1 Aust CRE (Wkc)	SR	N I L	S'PINE (19)	N I L	S'PINE (7)	N I L	S'PINE (20)	

N.B. Figures in brackets signify number of personnel, number of vehs, or cubic tonnage of stores out of vehs, as the heading denotes.

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HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF)
Staging Area 2

24 Feb 45

AQ/44

SUBJECT: ARRANGEMENTS FOR STAGING 1 AUST CORPS - MOROTAI

Ref MEMO CAPE GILA-SARATAI RIVER
Issued to 2/5 & 25 Feb 45

Adv LHQ (5)

Encl one copy for HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area X File
Encl one copy for Staging Area 1

"I":

1. Warning Orders: Copies of warning orders received concerning the following:-

Movement of 9 Aust Div and associated units from AUSTRALIA.
Movement of administrative units from HOLLANDIA.
Movement of AL Sections from MADAB to MOROTAI.

2. - Visitors:

(a) Brig McCALLUM DUNS Adv LHQ
Lt-Col FORD Malariologist Adv LHQ
} Arrived from HOLLANDIA by air 18 Feb and returned by air 21 Feb.

(b) Five officers of Adv LHQ Recce Party arrived with 5 OR by air from HOLLANDIA on 22 Feb.

Lt-Col	C.S.A. COOK
Maj	D.B. DUIGAN
Maj	J.E. READ
Maj	V.C. THOMAS
Capt	L.E.A. GREEN

(c) Capt WHITE 11 Aust HC Gp arrived by air from HOLLANDIA 22 Feb.

3. Operations:

(a) ENEMY AIR: Two alerts during week; one aircraft unidentified, the other friendly.

(b) ENEMY GROUND: NIL.

(c) OUR OWN: Minor patrol activity only. Most units undergoing training.

4. Weather: Heavy rains during week has affected condition of road surfaces.

ENGINEERS:

5. 1 Aust CRE (works) Weekly Report attached as Appendix "A".

6. 31 US Div have commenced construction of road to SARATAI RIVER, but owing to continuous wet weather progress is being delayed. The construction of a timber bridge across the SARATAI is expected to commence on 25 Feb. The bridging is in the nature of a training exercise and its completion is dependent on other factors.

7. Plans of all areas have been completed and reproduced. Final details of 3 and 7 and ordnance commitments are awaited. This matter will be discussed with DA & QMG Adv LHQ on his arrival.

8. Survey of rifle range area to WEST of SABATAI RIVER will be carried out in case this area is required in an emergency.

Avn:

9. Area for Adv LHQ: Three Squadron areas have been allotted, two on EAST and one on the WEST of the main road. Move out of squadron expected to be completed by 2 Mar. Arrangements have been made to take over in situ from the Base Engineer the buildings on these areas and also a number of the utilities.

10. Arrangements for Reception Stores and Equipment ex "EMBERICOS": Engineer stores will be sent direct to Engineer Dump. There are no roads in the BSD and Ordnance areas. It is essential that traffic in these areas be restricted in order to enable construction of roads to be proceeded with on an unbroken surface. It is therefore proposed to hold stores in a transit dump in the Docks Area. As soon as mechanical equipment is unloaded ex "EMBERICOS" it will be placed on the roads, and when they are rendered serviceable the stores will be moved to the Staging Maint Area. It is considered that this arrangement will result in considerable economy of transport and engineer labour. Two bush timber frames 60 ft by 48 ft and a stockade 40 ft by 40 ft are being erected for the safeguarding of transit stores. Timber frames are also being erected in engineer dump, and provision has been made for further frames if required.

11. Transport:

(a) Advise is now to hand that arrangements have been made to ship remaining two Jeeps to this HQ on "GORGON".

(b) 31 US Div has been requested to provide extra transport to enable this HQ to lay down initial rations, firewood, water etc for Staging Troops due to arrive in the near future. No difficulty is anticipated in this regard.

12. Movement Control:

(a) Capt WHITE 11 Aust MC Gp marched into this HQ 22 Feb.

(b) Storage plans of "EMBERICOS" were discussed with Cargo Control officer. Some lifts beyond the capacity of that vessel are stowed in the lower holds and will require assistance from a Liberty vessel. It is therefore anticipated that discharge will be slow.

13. Supply and Transport:

(a) Arrangements have been made with 31 US Div to receive refrigerator cargo ex "EMBERICOS" into freezer storage. This will then be handed over to US [illegible] under land-lease arrangements and distributed to all troops on island.

(b) A small detachment of S and T personnel from this HQ will break and distribute US bulk rations and receive landing rations.

14. Canteen Supplies: During his recent visit to Adv LHQ Maj BLAKLEY arranged for [illegible] by air dpt of a consignment of Canteen and Ord Stores for this HQ. He was assured by 8 Aust MC Gp that the stores would be escorted. To date no trace of these stores can be found at this air terminal. It is requested that action be taken to trace the consignment, with further advice to this HQ. Move HELLANDIA Sig [illegible] 154 of 4 Feb refers to stores coming on aircraft 9655, and [illegible] of [illegible] Feb to aircraft Y 577. The first aircraft could NOT be traced locally and the second was the LEXIS Courier which had not stores, or records of their having been loaded.

15. Ordnance Stores: Pending arrival of clothing supplies in this area it has been necessary to purchase a supply of boots from 31 US QM to meet urgent cases of replacements. See para 9 (b).

16. Medical: NIL Report.

17. Education: Lt-Col FORD (Adv HQ) during his visit, gave an interesting talk on "The Natives of Melanesia".

18. Amenities: Further games of soft ball have been arranged.

19. Local Adm:

(a) A new HQ Camp site is being cleared.

(b) Attention is invited to the unsatisfactory state of Adm preparedness in which members who have recently marched into this camp have been allowed to leave their units. Some examples are as follows :-

Unit	Personnel	Deficient	Remarks
2/1 Aust Topo Svy Coy	4	Boots 4 prs	Personnel stated they were instructed before leaving HOLLANDIA to take only 1 pr boots in order to lighten kits for air travel.
18 Aust Fd Coy	2	Boots 2 prs	Personnel arrived with US. boots.
2/1 Aust Mech Rept Coy	2	Boots 1 pr Shirts Trousers 1 pr	Boots were US on arrival. Clothing items were said to be unprocurable prior to departure by air from mainland.

(c) All tentage in this camp is now in use. US QM advises that no tentage can be provided from his resources. Movements of further data without tentage into this area will overtax the camp accommodation.

(d) As no resources in blankets or nets mosquito are carried here it would be appreciated if the instruction requiring all personnel to travel with such items could be enforced.

(e) The strength of this HQ with various attached personnel now totals 84 all ranks. This HQ was sent forward from the mainland with provision for its then strength of 50 all ranks.

(H.A. HORTIS) Lt-Col
CMF MORTAL Staging Area

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War Diary (2)
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RE0 29

det 1 Aust CRE Works (AIF)
Staging Area 2
22 Feb 45.

SUBJECT: ENGR PROGRESS REPORT.
Weekly Summary to 22 Feb 45.

HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area
Staging Area 2.

1. AREAS. All areas allotted to AIF have been surveyed with the exception of the addition to Initial Maint Area which is now being traversed. Drawings to a scale of 400 feet to one inch have been prepared of all surveyed areas and a key plan showing all AIF areas to a smaller scale has also been prepared.

2. ROADS. A plan of road alignment for new road, HQ 31 US Div Area to SARATAI R. was prepared and handed to 31 Div Engrs for construction. Lt Col Bush, Base Engr has agreed to commence this work with limited American facilities available. He has also intimated that he may commence construction of a bridge over the SARATAI R. as a training exercise.

Maj White OC 2/1 Aust Mech Equip Coy carried out recces of road locations proposed.

Further detailed recce of the SARATAI R crossing has been made and the river will now be bridged much nearer the mouth. This will effect a saving on the heavy construction committment on the western side of the river.

3. WATER SUPPLY. Tests are being made of the water from the sock located east of SARATAI R. (3 Coop Water)

As requested by Adv HQ, approx estimates of piping required for reticulation down to 8de water points and 2ns or equivalent units in Staging Area, have been supplied. Plans are being prepared of water reticulation in Staging Area.

4. HOSPITALS. The pegging of centre lines of road alignments in hospital sites has commenced.

5. INITIAL STORAGE COVERAGE. An area has been allotted for initial storage of Ordnance Canteen Stores, to come by first ship. A plan and list of quantities of materials for construction of bush timber coverage has been prepared and handed to HQ Staging Area 2. Engr supervision will be provided.

6. HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY. A hydrographic survey of the waterfront to Docks Area to five fathom line was carried out and plan forwarded to Adv HQ.

Lt Col
(C.E. Westlund)
CRE 1 Aust CRE Works (AIF)

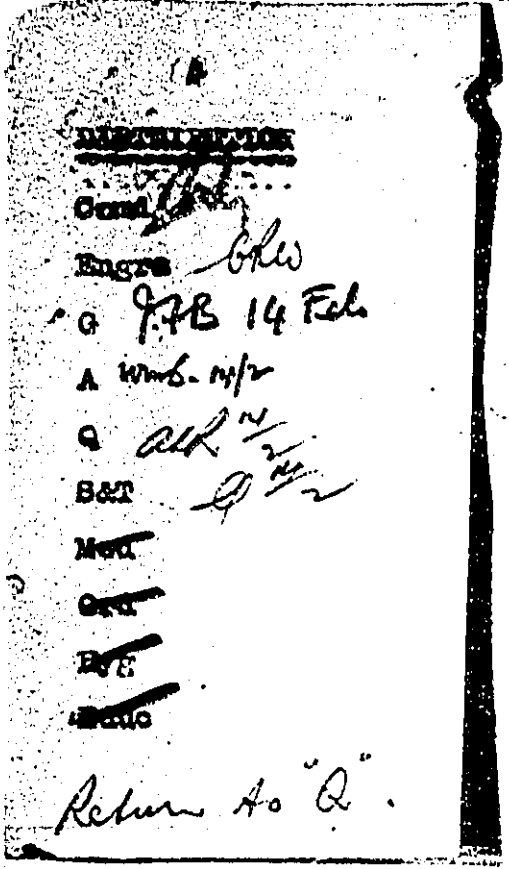
Advice of Ord Stores
coming from x Australia for "SUVA" (?)

a) 30 days maint stores for approx 1700 Aps.

b) 50 - 30' x 30' Marquees
100 - 20' x 15' - " -

Tents oblong 12 x 14' - 250 } First installa
Stretcher field - 1000 } of Medical & Ord
Miles Cooker - 1 } equip for base Ap

Ord depot will be set up by 1 Apr 19 CA
of 17 AOD. It will be called 172 Aust FOD.


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Headquarters,
1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF).

AQ/908.1.

1 Feb 45.

Subject: STAGING ARRANGEMENTS 1 AUST CORPS

9 Aust C R E (Works) (4)

Copy: 5 Aust C E (Works)

(One fd stores Pl 60 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy will be required to embark at an early date.)

2. Det will take personal arms and equipment vide Scale 1511, Unit eqpt, 14 vehicles (types to be advised by 9 Aust C R E (Works), Accn Stores Scale "A" and tentage vide GRO 805/43.

3. Changes in GRO G.318/43 particulars will continue to be advised to addressees previously notified.

4. E2As will be submitted to DADOS of all deficiencies in items of W.E.T. which it is considered essential they require to efficiently carry out their role. These E2As will be delivered by Unit C.O., in duplicate, into the hands of DADOS by 1000 hours 2 Feb 45.

NOTE: E2As will be headed "Required for one fd stores pl on detachment staging arrangements 1 Aust Corps".

5. Instructions from ADV LHQ on the projected movements of these units include :-

"To assist reception main bodies at destination advance parties from all units required move first ship. Adv parties bring maximum unit accn stores, tentage, together with such unit eqpt necessary enable adv parties prepare reception main bodies."

6. Adv Party will accordingly be sent forward as follows :-

One Stores Pl 60 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy 1 Off 5 ORs
Veh: 1 x 3 ton 4 x 4 G.S. with winch

7. Adv Party will take forward with them :-

(a) Accn stores and tentage, Scale "A" for whole Unit.

(b) Cooking eqpt per W.E.T. for whole unit.

(c) Such tools, etc on W.E.T. as will re required to prepare Camp site, together with any minor items of unit eqpt required for staging purposes pending arrival of main body.

8. 60 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy will immediately submit to addressees previously notified, New GRO 318/43 particulars covering :-

(a) Adv party one fd Stores pl.
(b) Main Body one Fd Stores Pl
(c) Balance of unit

and notify amendments as they occur.

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9. In calculating tonnages to be carried in vehicles, the principles laid down in the A and Q of Embarkation, Secs 4 para 26 will be followed.

10. A total of 60 days' stationery will be taken by Fd Stores Pl. Requisition for supplies necessary to bring holdings up to required quantity, will bear as an endorsement "Authority HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area memo AQ/908.1 of 1 Feb 45."

11. Transfers of personnel from this units will not be permitted without the authority of this Headquarters,

12. Attention is directed to Adm Instruction No. 21/44. Unit. will ensure rear party is suitably instructed.

Lt-Col,
AA & QMG, 1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF).

Internal Distribution:

"G"
"A"
"Q" (8)
D.DOS
HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area Staging Area 2

HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area - Staging Area 2

Please destroy previous copies of this memo received, and note that 1 Aust Base Sub Area Canteen Detachment Vehicle Entitlement is now 2 Jeeps and 2 Trailers.

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Headquarters,
1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF).

AQ/908.1.

1 Feb 45.

Subject: STAGING ARRANGEMENTS 1 AUST CORPS

94 Aust Depot Cash Office
11 Aust L of C Stationery Depot
1 Aust Base Sub Area Canteens Det

Copy: 93 Aust Depot Cash Office

Following Units and Dets will be required to embark at an early date :-

94 Aust Depot Cash Office		3 ORs	Vehs: Nil
2 Det 11 Aust L of C Stationery Depot	1 Off	6 ORs	Vehs: Nil
1 Aust Base Sub Area Canteens Det		10 ORs	Vehs: 2 Jeeps 2 trlrs

2. Above Unit/Dets will move with personal arms and eqpt vide Scale 1511, unit eqpt, vehicles as above, accn stores Scale "A" and tonnage vide GRO 805/43.

3. Each Unit/Det will continue to advise alterations in GRO 318/43 particulars as they occur to addressees as previously notified.

4. Each Unit/Det will submit to DADOS E2As (2 copies) of all deficiencies in items of W.E.T. which it is considered essential they require to efficiently carry out their role. These E2As will be delivered by Unit C.Os into the hands of D.DOS by 1000 hours 2 Feb 45.

5. In calculating tonnages to be carried in vehicles, the principles laid down in the A and Q of Embarkation, Secs 4 para 26 will be followed.

6. A total of 60 days' stationery will be taken by Unit/Dets. Requisitions for supplies necessary to bring holdings up to required quantity, will bear as an endorsement "Authority HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area memo AQ/908.1 of 1 Feb 45."

7. Transfers of personnel from these Unit/Dets will not be permitted without the authority of this HQ.

8. Attention is directed to Adm Instruction No. 21/44. Units will ensure that rear parties are suitably instructed.

Lt-Col,
AA & QMG, 1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF).

Internal Distribution:

"G"
"A"
"Q"(2)
DADOS
HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area Staging Area 2

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Headquarters,
1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF).

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1 Feb 45.

Subject: STAGING ARRANGEMENTS 1 AUST CORPS

HQ 22 Aust L of C Sigs (4)
28 Aust Works Coy
17 Aust Adv Ord Depot
2/3 Aust L of C Pro Coy

Following Units and Dets will be required to embark at an early date :-

Portion 2 Det 50 Aust Cipher Sec 5 ORs Portion 2 Det 10 Aust Line Sec 1 Off 11 ORs Portion 2 Det 49 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy) 1 Off 17 ORs 28 Aust Works Coy 7 Offr 461 ORs. 2 Det 17 Aust A.O.D. 1 Offr 19 ORs Portion 2 Det 2/3 Aust L of C Pro Coy	with personel arms and eqpt vide Scale 1511, Unit eqpt, vehicles, mech plant, accn stores Scale "A" and tentage vide GRO 305/43. 1 Offrs 15 ORs

2. Vehicles will be taken by each unit as set out at Appendix "A" hereto.

3. Each unit will continueto advise alterations in GRO 318/43 particulars as they occur to addressees as previously notified.

4. Each unit will submit to D.ADOS E2As (2 copies) of all deficiencies of items in W.E.T. which it is considered essential they will require to efficiently carry out their role. These E2As will be delivered by Unit C.Os into the hands if D.ADOS by 1000 hours on 2 Feb 45.

5. Instructions from Adv LHQ on the projected movements of these units include :-

"To assist reception main bodies at destination adv parties from all units required move first ship. Adv parties bring maximum unit accn stores, tentage, together with such unit eqpt necessary enable adv parties prepare reception main bodies"

6. Adv Parties will accordingly be sent forward as follows :-

Portion 2 Det 10 Aust Line Sec	1 Offr 11 ORs Vehs: one 3 ton 4x4
28 Aust Works Coy	1 Offr 49 ORs Vehs: 1 Jeep 1 Jeep Trlr
2 Det 17 Aust Adv Ord Depot	5 ORs Vehs: one 3 ton 4x4 G.S.
Portion 2 Det 2/3 Aust L of C Pro Coy	1 Offr 8 ORs Vehs: one Jeep 1 Jeep Trlr

7. No Adv party will be sent from :-

(a) Portion 2 Det 50 Aust Cipher Sec

(b) Portion 2 Det 49 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy)

8. Advance Parties will take forward with them :-

(a) Accn Stores and Tentage, Scale "A" for whole unit or det.

(b) Cooking eqpt per W.E.T. for whole unit or det.

(c) Such tools etc on W.E.T. as will be required to prepare Camp site together with any minor items of unit eqpt required for Staging purposes pending arrival of main body.

(d) Cots folding for whole unit or det.

NOTE: Portion 2 Det 10 Aust Line Sec will assume responsibility for he carriage of the above stores on behalf of the Portion 2 Det 50 Aust Cipher Sec and the Portion 2 Det 49 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy) referred to in para 1 above. So that the intentions of para 5 will be realised and the preparation for reception of these dets will be completed in anticipation of their arrival.

9. Units with Advance parties as indicated above will immediately submit to addressees previously notified new GRO G.318/43 particulars covering :-

(a) Adv Parties

(b) Main Body

and notify amendments as they occur.

10. In calculating tonnages to be carried in vehicles the principles laid in the A and Q of Embarakation, Secs 4 para 26 will be followed.

11. A total of 60 days' stationery will be taken by units. Requisitions for supplies necessary to bring holdings up to required quantity, will bear as an endorsement "Authority HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area memo AQ/908.1 of 1 Feb 45."

12. Transfers of personnel from these units will not be permitted without the authority of this Headquarters.

13. Attention is drawn to Adm Instruction No. 21/44. Units will ensure that Rear parties are suitable instructed.

Lt-Col,
AA & QMG, 1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF).

Internal Distribution:

"G" (2)
"A"
"Q" (8)
ADST
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HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area Staging Area 2

Appendix "A" to HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area memo AQ/908.1 of 1 Feb 45.

Unit	Trucks ¼ ton 4 x 4	Trucks 15 cwt Wireless	3 ton 4 x 4 G S	Jeep Tlrs
Portion 2 Det 50 Aust Cipher Sec				
Portion 2 Det 10 Aust Line Soc	2		1	2
Portion 2 Det 49 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy)		2		
28 Aust Works Coy	2			2
2 Det 17 Aust Adv Ord Depot	1		1	1
2/3 Aust L of C Pro Coy	2			1

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Headquarters,
1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF).

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4 Feb 45.

Subject: STAGING ARRANGEMENTS 1 AUST CORPS

HQ 22 Aust L of C Sigs (4)
28 Aust Works Coy
17 Aust Adv Ord Depot
2/3 Aust L of C Pro Coy

Ref our AQ/908.1 of 1 Feb 45.

2. Appendix "A" to above memo has been amended. Amendment is attached.

3. Please substitute the enclosure for the one previously forwarded.

Lt-Col,
AA & QMG, 1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF).

Internal Distribution:
"G" (2) DADOS
"A" DAPM
"Q" (8) DAD Labour
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HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area Staging Area 2

Appendix "A" to HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area memo AQ/908.1 of 1 Feb 45. As amended by AQ/908.1 of 4 Feb 45.

Unit	Trucks ¼ ton 4 x 4	Trucks 15 cwt wireless	3 ton 4x4 G S	Jeep Trlrs
Portion 2 Det 50 Aust Cipher Sec				
Portion 2 Det 10 Aust Line Sec	2		1	2
Portion 2 Det 49 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy)		2		
28 Aust Works Coy	2			2
2 Det 17 Aust Adv Ord Depot	1		1	1
2/3 Aust L of C Pro Coy	2			1

Original amended "A"

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Headquarters,
1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF)

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1 Feb 45

Subject STAGING ARRANGEMENTS 1 AUST CORPS

15 AUST CRE (WORKS) (5)
Copy to 5 Aust CE (Works)

1. Following units will be required to embark at an early date;

18 Aust Fd Coy
2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy
2 Aust Mech Eqpt Wksp
340 Aust LAD
} with personal arms and eqpt vide Scale 1511, unit eqpt, vehicles, mech plant, accn stores Scale A and tentage vide GRO 805/43

2. Vehicles to be taken by each unit are set out at Appendix "A" hereto.

3. Each unit will continue to advise alterations in GRO 318/43 particulars as they occur to addressees as previously notified.

4. Each unit will submit to DADOS E2As (2 copies) of all deficiencies in items of W.E.T. which it is considered essential they require to efficiently carry out their role. These E2As will be delivered by unit C.Os into the hands of DADOS by 1000 hours on 2 Feb 45.

5. Instructions from Advanced LHQ on the projected movements of these units include:-

"To assist reception main bodies at destination advance parties from all units required move first ship. Adv parties bring maximum unit accn stores, tentage, together with such unit eqpt necessary enable adv parties prepare reception main bodies."

6. Adv parties will accordingly be sent forward as follows:

(a) 18 Aust Fd Coy 2 offrs 27 ORs Vehs 1 3-ton 4x4 tipping

(b) 2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy 1 offr 20 ORs Vehs 1 3-ton 4x4 tipping

(c) 2 Aust Mech Eqpt Wksp 2 ORs Vehs 1 3-ton 4x4 GS

7. Adv parties will take forward with them:-

(a) Accn stores and tentage, Scale A for whole unit

(b) Cooking eqpt per W.E.T. for whole unit

(c) Such tools, etc. on W.E.T. as will be required to prepare camp site, together with any minor items of unit eqpt required for staging purposes pending arrival of main body.

(d) Cots folding for whole unit.

8. Units with adv parties as indicated above will immediately submit to addressees previously notified new GRO 0318/43 particulars covering:-

(a) Adv party

(b) Main body

and notify amendments as they occur.

9. In calculating tons to be carried in vehicles, the principles laid in the A and Q of Embarkation, Secs 4 para 26 will be followed.

10. A total of 60 days' stationery will be taken by units. Requisitions for supplies necessary to bring holdings up to required quantity, will bear as an endorsement "Authority HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area memo AQ/908.1 of 1 Feb 45."

11. Transfers of personnel from these units will not be permitted without the authority of this HQ.

12. Attention is directed to Adm Instn No. 21/44. Units will ensure that rear parties are suitably instructed.

Lt.-Col.
A. & QMG, 1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF)

Internal Distribution by G:

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Q (8)
DADOS
HQ 1 AUST BASE SUB AREA STAGING AREA TWO

APPENDIX A

UNITS		TRUCKS 3-Ton 4 x 4										TRAILERS			
	Trucks ¼-ton 4 x 4	GS	Water, 400 gallon	Derrick	Garage	Machinery or Wksp	Stores binned	Tipping	Diamond T Wrecker 6 x 6	Tractors tracked D8	Transporters 20-ton	Air compressor	Jeep	2 wh water	Welding Electric
18 Aust Fd Coy	11	5(a))						18				3	7	4	
2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy	16	5(a)	1	1		6	2	24			8		8	3	1
2 Aust Mech Eqpt Wksp	1	1							1	1			1		
540 Aust LAD	1				1		1		1						
TOTAL	29	11	1	1	1	6	3	42	2	1	8	3	16	7	1

(a) With winch

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Headquarters,
1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF)

1 Feb 45

AQ/908.1

Subject; STAGING ARRANGEMENTS 1 AUST CORPS

CASC (3)

6 AUST BSD (2)

Scheduled 4/2/45

1. Following units and detachments will be required to embark at an early date:-

2/32 Aust Tpt Pl (TS) 178 Aust Sup Depot Pl "A" Sec 2/1 Aust Fd Baking Pl	} with personal arms and eqpt vide Scale 1511, unit eqpt, vehicles mech plant, accn stores Scale A and tentage vide GRO 805/43.

2. Vehicles will be taken by each unit as set out in Appendix A hereto.

3. Each unit will continue to advise alteration in GRO 318/43 particulars as they occur to addressees as previously notified.

4. Each unit will submit to D.D.O.S E2As (2 copies) of all deficiencies of items in W.E.T. which it is considered essential they will require to efficiently carry out their role. These E2As will be delivered by unit C.Os into the hands of D.D.O.S by 1000 hours on 2 Feb 45.

5. Instructions from Adv LHQ on the projected movements of these units include:-

"To assist reception main bodies at destination adv parties from all units required move first ship. Adv parties bring maximum unit accn stores, tentage, together with such unit eqpt necessary enable adv parties prepare reception main bodies."

6. Advance Parties will accordingly be sent forward as follows :-

2/32 Aust Tpt Pl (TS) 1 Off 19 ORs Vehicles One 3 ton 4x4 GS
One 400 Gall Water Cart

178 Aust Sup Dep Pl 6 ORs Vehicles 1 Jeep 1 Trlr

7. No Advance Party will be sent from "A" Sec 2/1 Aust Fd Baking Pl.

8. Advance Parties will take forward with them :-

(a) Accn Stores and Tentage, Scale "A" for whole unit.

(b) Cooking equipment per W.E.T. for whole unit.

(c) Such Tools etc on W.E.T. as will be required to prepare Camp site together with any minor items of unit equipment required for Staging purposes pending arrival of main body.

(d) Cots folding for whole unit.

NOTE: 2/32 Aust Tpt Pl will assume responsibility for the carriage of the above stores on behalf "A" Sec 2/1 Aust Fd Baking Pl. So that the intentions of para 5 will be realised insofar as this det is concerned.

9. Units with Advance parties as indicated above will immediately submit to addressees previously notified new GRO C.318/43 particulars covering :-

(a) Adv Parties

(b) Main Body

and notify amendments as they occur.

10. In calculating tons to be carried in vehicles, the principles laid in the A and Q of Embarkation, Secs 4 para 26 will be followed.

11. A total of 60 days' stationery will be taken by units. Requisitions for supplies necessary to bring holdings up to required quantity, will bear as an endorsement "Authority HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area memo AQ/908.1 of 1 Feb 45."

12. Transfers of personnel from these units will not be permitted without the authority of this Headquarters.

13. Attention is directed to Adm Instruction No. 21/44. Units will ensure that rear parties are suitably instructed.

Lt-Col,
A. & QMG, 1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF).

Internal Distribution

"G"
"A"
"Q" (8)
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HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area Staging Area 2

Appendix "A" to HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area memo A9/908.1 of 1 Feb 45.

Unit	Trucks ¼ ton 4 x 4	5 TON 4 x 4				4 ton 6 x 6 Breakdown Diamond T	Jeep Trlrs
		G.S.	Garage	Stores Timmed	Water 400 galls		
2/32 Aust Tpt Pl	4	34(a)	1	1	2(b)	1	3
178 Aust Sup Dep Pl	1						1
"A" Sec 2/1 Aust Fd Baking Pl	1						1
Total	6	34	1	1	2	1	5

(a) Includes 6 with winch

1 for Pl HQ; 1 for Wksp Sec.

G/708

HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area
Staging Area 2

21 Feb 45 G/11

SUBJECT: Ref our Report G/708 of 17 Feb 45

ADV HQ

Attached herewith are 3 copies of route map of MOROTAI as requested by Q (Maint) Adv HQ.

Lt-Col
Comd MOROTAI Staging Area

Encl. (3)

CYPHER MESSAGE

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2/3 L OF C PRO COY
DET AA CANTEENS SERVICE
11 L OF C STATIONERY DEPOT
1 ADV RFT DEPOT

ORIGINATOR'S NO: SD 1477 secret (.) my G/908 point 1/A of 16 dec 44

subject staging arrangements - designation of detachments cancelled

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Signed J C Brown Capt
14/4/45

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HQ 2 AUST BASE SUB AREA
(Staging Area No 2)

G/90B

8 Dec 44.

SUBJECT: STAGING ARRANGEMENTS - 1 AUST CORPS

AFW LEQ (2)

Copy to: HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area
(Staging Area 1)

1. Reference Fwd Sub LEQ Adm Instr No 1 of 1 Dec 44 and Fwd Sub 3/478.012/Q of 3 Dec 44.

2. A draft Administrative Instruction for staging in this area is attached as Appendix "A". This will be issued in conjunction with Disembarkation Instructions to be issued by 11 Aust MC Gp.

3. It is considered advisable to issue at the same time but separately a brief resume of the ground and air situations prevailing in the area at the time of disembarkation of staging troops. A draft of this proposed resume is submitted for approval and attached as Appendix "B".

Lt-Col.
(W.A.MORRIS)
Comd Staging Area No 2.

Appendix "A" - Draft - Administrative Instruction "Arrangements for staging 1 AUST CORPS at MORETAI".

Appendix "B" - Draft - "GROUND AND AIR SITUATION at MORETAI as at Feb 45.

Adv HQ + Staging Area 1 Copies for hand Col Mackenzie 9 Dec 44

DRAFT ONLY

APPENDIX "A" TO HQ MOROTAI STAGING AREA O/ORS OF DEC 44.

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HQ MOROTAI STAGING AREA

Feb 45

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO 1

ARRANGEMENTS FOR STAGING 2 AUST CORPS AT MOROTAI

Ref: 1. LOCATION MAP SOUTH WEST MOROTAI ISLAND (produced by H.Q. 13 US ARMY AIR FORCE)

2. SKETCH MAP OF STAGING AREA CAMPS (attached as Appendix "A")

To: All Staging Units

Copies to: Adv 2HQ
31 US Infantry Division

OBJECT:

1. The object of this Instruction is to inform Staging Units prior to their disembarkation as to -

(a) Administrative arrangements for reception and maintenance in the staging area, and;

(b) Particular regulations applying to the staging area.

SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS:

2. Signal communications in the area are limited. Care will be exercised to avoid unnecessary telephone calls.

INTELLIGENCE:

3. The following will be reported as early as possible to HQ Staging Area :-

(a) Enemy ground activity.
(b) Air raid casualties and damage.
(c) Map references of sites where bombs are dropped.

LOCATIONS:

4. Units will report arrival and departure from camp areas to HQ Staging Area. No change of location will be made except by permission of HQ Staging Area.

RECORDS AND RETURNS:

5. (a) The 2 Echn & Rear component in the Staging Area is

No 2 Echn 2 Aust Adv 2 Echn
(attached to HQ MOROTAI STAGING AREA)

(b)

(c)

NOTE: To be completed on receipt of instruction from 2 Aust Adv 2 Echn.

MEDICAL: for evacuation & medical supplies

6. (a) Normal formation arrangements will obtain. Evacuation beyond fd ambs will be under arrangement of DADMS HQ MOROTAI STAGING AREA to -

2/6 Aust Gen Hosp located at map ref:

(b) Personnel will be discharged by 2/6 Aust Gen Hosp to

DET 2 AUST AED located at map ref:

The latter Det will also function as a Details Depot.

MALARIA CONTROL:

7. The provisions of GRO A321/44 will be rigidly applied. Unit Comds will be responsible for Malaria Control in their respective camp areas and for the areas within the camp boundary.

HYGIENE:

8. (a) Personal Hygiene:

A high standard of personal hygiene is essential. Troops who are clean in personal habits will demand and maintain an equally high standard of camp hygiene. The following matters should receive special attention:-

(i) All water will be superchlorinated or boiled before use.

(ii) (i) Bathing in rivers, pools, creeks, streams, lakes or harbours will NOT be permitted except in places approved by a Medical Officer. (ii) Walking barefooted on the bare earth is NOT permitted; some form of foot gear will be worn to and from showers and on beaches.

(b) Camp Hygiene:

(i) Strict attention will be paid to the cleanliness of all grease and soap traps and drains from kitchens, ablutions and shower points. These must be cleaned once daily at least.

Unless otherwise approved by SMO, all garbage under will be ann underground from point of origin to disposal of in certain dumps & trenches

(ii) Latrine seats will be kept closed and inspected regularly to ensure that the pits are flyproof. All latrines will be complete with fly-traps.

(iii) Garbage - wet and dry - and tins must be thoroughly burned in the incinerators and the incinerated refuse buried in pits constructed in camp areas. Each camp will detail necessary personnel to service these refuse pits. Tins are to be crushed before burial. Under no circumstances will dumping of rubbish be permitted.

or disposed in Trench Dumps, location of which are shown on traffic maps (Appx "").

(iv) All food refuse and empty tins must be protected from flies pending incineration.

(v) Food must be kept covered from flies at all times.

(vi) Exteriors of food tins must be cleaned at all times.

(vii) Sterilisation of messing gear will be carried out at all mess parades.

(viii) Units must insist on absolute cleanliness of cooks and mess orderlies. Nail brush, soap and towels should be supplied to each kitchen for use by cooks and orderlies.

(*) Consumption of food sold or prepared by natives is prohibited.

(c) For the maintenance of the high prestige of the AMF, it is essential that unit commanders insist upon the neat and smart turnout of troops at all times.

(d) AMF personnel, incorrectly attired, who come under the notice of Asst A & Q (C) Pro will be the subject of reports to DAPM of the formation concerned

(ix) Rations should be securely stored in such a way as to prevent contamination by rats, flies and other vermin.

(x) Action to destroy rats, which are sources of serious epidemic diseases, must be relentless. Each Unit Comd is responsible for carrying out anti-rodent within his camp area, and should be assisted by the MED. Issues of rat poison (Barium Carbonate) conspicuously labelled "Poison" are available at

DRESS:

9. (a) Hats or caps, shirts, or safari jackets, trousers, anklets and boots will be worn. Between sunset and sunrise daily shirt sleeves must be rolled down and buttoned at the wrists; top button of the shirt may be left undone. Shirts may be removed during heavy manual labour in daylight, in open areas, on the authority of an officer.

(b) Times for sunrise and sunset in MOROTAI STAGING AREA will be regarded as

1815 I - Sunset
0615 I - Sunrise

(c) Nude bathing is prohibited west of Sabatai River.

BURIALS:

10. (Policy to be advised).

TRAFFIC CONTROL:

11. (a) Speed limits laid down for main routes and roads within Docks, Hospital and HQ areas will be strictly observed. These limits are :-

(i)	Roads in US Area	- 30 mph for all wheeled trucks 20 mph for all light vehicles (including Staff Cars and Jeeps)
(ii)	SABATAI RIVER STAGING AREA	- 20 mph for all wheeled trucks 25 mph for all light vehicles (including Staff Cars and Jeeps).
(iii)	Docks, Hospital and HQ Areas	- 15 mph
(iv)	Restricted area	- 15 mph or as imposed by HQ MOROTAI STAGING AREA and indicated by signs.

(b) Maintenance of Staging Troops is being carried out by HQ MOROTAI STAGING AREA in bulk to camp Maintenance Areas. Vehicles of staging troops will NOT use main routes, except on matters for which the prior approval of Camp HQ has been obtained. Camp Comds will ensure that this instruction is strictly observed.

(c) Owing to traffic congestion and difficulty of maintaining roads, Comds will ensure that traffic is reduced to a minimum within camp areas especially during or after rain.

(d) Vehicles will NOT overtake traffic proceeding in the same direction when -

(i) Turning corners or going round blind corners.
(ii) Ascending or descending hills unless safe passage is assured

Proved

(5) Breaches of M.T. regulations committed by members of Sleeping Tpts units & observed by Asst A of C Pns will be reported to DAPM of the formation concerned.

(iii) At cross roads.
(iv) The road is not wide enough to allow two (2) feet clearance between vehicles.

(e) Driving at excessive speeds over rough, slippery or congested roads is prohibited, and the fact that the vehicle was travelling within the authorised speed limit will not be accepted as excuse for such driving.

(f) Double parking is prohibited.

(g) Vehicles will not park on main roads or highways at any time.

(h) During night air (red) alerts, tactical situation permitting vehicles will park clear of the road and all lights will be extinguished immediately. NOTE - this is the current practise in US Army area. (Australian policy requested).

PROHIBITED AREAS

(i) Prohibited Area - The KAMA and PITOK airstrips, dispersal areas, taxiways, and airfield installations are prohibited areas to all army personnel, except personnel on official business in the aerodrome areas.

PROVOST:

12. (a) Pro will co-operate with US Provost in the control of traffic on Main Highways, Docks, Hospital and HQ Areas, and will also assist in the manning of TCPs. On these duties Aust Pro are paired with US Provosts.

(b) Traffic control and provost functions within Staging Cps camp will be under formation arrangements.

PAY:

13. (a) 96 Aust Depot Cash Office is located at Map Ref..... where Sub-Imprest advances may be drawn on the date prior to normal pay day.

(b) Advances will be made in Netherlands East Indies currency, the relevant exchange rates being as under -

AUST	NEI
3/5:	1 Guilder (100 cents)
6/9	2 "
12/2	4 "
15/5	5 "
1/ 6/4	8 "
1/12/11	10 "
2/ 5/10	20 "

(c) Australian currency may be exchanged in bulk for NEI currency by arrangement with 96 Aust Depot Cash Office.

BURIALS & DEATH ADDRESS.

MOVEMENT TO STAGING AREA:

14. Under instructions issued separately by 11 Aust NB Gp, units will complete disembarkation and move to Staging Camps in two stages as follows:-

STAGE "A" - TRANSIT CAMP : In this stage units are accommodated in Transit Camp pending discharge from ship of unit MHE and accommodation stores. As stores are discharged from the ship they will be moved to the Staging Camp Area. Units will provide parties to unload and safeguard their own stores on arrival at Staging Camp Area. The composition and strengths of such parties will be at unit's discretion.

STAGE "B" - STAGING CAMP: On completion of delivery to Staging Camps of all unit stores, etc, the personnel staging in the TRANSIT CAMP will move into their respective camp areas.

TRANSIT CAMP (Location Map Ref.....)

18. (a) Unit advance parties and stores as per 11 Aust MC Gp Disembarkation Order No..... of (date) will move to Transit Camp.

(b) On arrival at Transit Camp OSC Advance Parties will report to OC Camp for allotment to areas.

(c) On arrival of the main bodies at Transit Camp they will be guided to unit areas by guides provided from Transit Camp Staff.

(d) During the period covered by Stage A the units will provide for duty such personnel as may be directed by the OC Transit Camp.

(e) (i) Units will carry the unconsumed portion of the ration for the day of disembarkation.
(ii) Rations will be provided by Transit Camp S & T Maintenance Det during the period of the Unit's stay in that camp, but food preparation will be under unit arrangements.
(iii) Rationing of personnel safeguarding unit stores will be by unit arrangements.
(iv) On arrival at Transit Camp units will lodge indents with the S & T Maintenance Det to cover rations and expense stores for consumption on the first three days of occupation of the Staging Camp.

(f) After Unit vehicles have been unloaded from the ship and serviced by LAD in the Dock Area unit drivers will move the vehicles to their respective Staging Camps.

(g) On receipt of instructions to move into the Staging Camp Areas, Units will ensure that no tentage or stores other than those provided from own sources, are removed from the Transit Camp.

(h) Plan of the Transit Camp is attached hereto as Appendix " ".

STAGING CAMP (Location Map Ref.....)

19 (a) No movement into the Staging Camp areas will be effected until further instructions have been received from this HQ.

(b) Preparation of the sites allotted in the Staging Camp Areas will be carried on by units before occupation. To implement this, and pending availability of own vehicles, units will make application for transport to HQ Transit Camp, who in turn will apply to S & T Service HQ MOROTAI STAGING AREA.

ACCOMMODATION:

19. (a) The following standard scale of accommodation is provided viz:

(i) Kitchens on the scale of one per Inf Coy or equivalent Unit.

(ii) Camp Water Point.

(iii) Showers and ablution areas.

(iv) Deep trench latrines.

(v) Incinerators.

Certain necessary water storage facilities have been provided.

(b) Additional structures may be erected by units using bush timber or salvage materials. It is emphasised that no removals of, or structural alterations to existing camp constructions will be attempted without prior approval of this HQ.

ENGINEER STORES:

18. In view of the temporary nature of the Staging Camps elaborate constructional is NOT practicable. Essential Engineer Stores to complete facilities have been provided and no further demands can be met.

ALLOTMENT OF CAMPS IN STAGING AREA:

19. Each Bde, etc., camp will be known by a colour designation. Within each such camp will be established a Camp HQ and a CAMP MAINTENANCE AREA. The following shows allotment of camps in STAGING AREA :-

CAMP	TROOPS	TO ESTABLISHED BY
GREEN CAMP	7 Aust Div (less 3 Bde Gps)	HQ 7 Aust Div.
YELLOW CAMP	18 Aust Inf Bde Gp	HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde.
BLACK CAMP	21 Aust Inf Bde Gp	HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde.
BLUE CAMP	25 Aust Inf Bde Gp	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde.
PURPLE CAMP	1 Aust Beach Gp	HQ 1 Aust Beach Gp.
RED CAMP	1 Aust Corps Tps	HQ 55 Aust AA Regt.
BROWN CAMP	1 Aust Base Sub Area Tps	5 Aust CE (Hks).

Sketch map attached as Appendix "A" shows location of camps.

CAMP MAINTENANCE AREAS:

20. (a) Maintenance of Staging Camps will be effected through Maintenance Areas established in each camp. Unit demands for maintenance, issues of supplies, POL, Ordnance Stores etc., will be submitted to the relative service representative in each camp area.

(i) Indents for AASC supplies will be lodged bi-weekly with each Camp AASC representative by 0900 hrs on the following days:-

SERIAL	CAMP	DAY OF LODGEMENT	DAY OF ISSUE	DAYS FOR CONSUMPTION.
1	GREEN, YELLOW, BLACK, PORT AREA, RED	MONDAY	Wed	Thur, Fri, Sat
		THURSDAY	Sat	Sun, Mon, Tues, Wed.
2	BLUE, PURPLE, RED, BROWN	TUESDAY	Thurs	Fri, Sat, Sun
		FRIDAY	Sun	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs.

NOTE:- Perishables will be issued daily.

(ii) A reserve of seven (7) days supplies will be carried in each Camp Maintenance Area. Camp AASC representatives will indent for this reserve immediately the respective maintenance areas are established.

(iii) Issues of POL will be made in Returnable Containers which must be returned before replacement issues can be made.

(iv) Indents for Ordnance Stores will be bulked and submitted through usual channels to 27 Aust Adv Ord Depot, from which bulk issues will be made to Camp Maintenance Areas weekly.

(v) Repairs - Vehicle and equipment repairs beyond the capacity of camp workshops will be evacuated to 2/5 Aust Inf Tps Wksp.
Recovery - Within camp areas recovery will be by camp arrangements. Recovery outside such camp areas will be effected by 2/5 Aust Inf Tps Wksps.

(vi) Mails will be delivered to and cleared from Camp Maintenance areas under arrangements 6 Aust Base Postal Unit.

(vii) Canteen supplies will be available from issuing points located in camp maintenance areas. The range and quantities of commodities are entirely dependent upon availability of stocks in the area.

(viii) Salvage materials will be passed into collecting depots in Camp Maintenance Areas. With the exception of timber, which is controlled through Engr channels issues to units of useful items of salvage will be made from these depots.

(b) The following timber erections will be provided for each Camp Maintenance Area. Coverage will be provided by means of tarpaulin covers, portable shelters, etc., supplied by units occupying the respective camp areas.

Butchers Shop	- 14' x 20'	(Food Room)
AASC Supplies	- 20' x 20'	
Bulk Canteen	- 20' x 20'	
Ordnance & Postal	- 40' x 16'	

WATER:

21. All water for unit use will be drawn from a water point established at Map Ref.....)
This water will be superchlorinated prior to receipt by units. Where necessary defusting will be done by Units.

FIRE ORDERS:

22. See Appendix "B" attached.

23.

24.

Lt-Col.

(E.A.BURNS)
Camp Staging Area 2.

Appendix "A" - Sketch map showing location of camps.

Appendix "B" - FIRE ORDERS.

[redacted] [redacted]

APPENDIX "B" TO STAGING AREA R G/FOR of DEC 44.

HQ MOROTAI STAGING AREA

Subject: GROUND AND AIR SITUATION AT MOROTAI AS AT [redacted] DEC 44

To: All Staging Units

Copy to: ADV ZEL.

[redacted] GROUND ACTIVITY:

2. Small parties of the enemy, generally four or five men, have regularly effected penetration of the perimeter. These parties occur at periods of from a week to ten days. The raiding parties carry demolition charges, and attempt to destroy dumps and installations. Penetration has been effected as deep as one mile.

[redacted] AIR ACTIVITY:

3. Enemy air raids occur about four or five nights a week. Their strength is generally from two to five aircraft, although there was one raid of 19 aircraft. Incendiary and fragmentation bombs are dropped, and generally fall in the airfield area. The fragmentation bombs most are particularly dangerous to personnel as they explode above the ground.

AIR RAID WARNINGS BY ARTY:

3. (a) Red light: Three rounds fired from 40 mm AA Gun (Bofors).

(b) All Clear: One round 40 mm AA Gun followed by a red flare.

Lt-Col.

[redacted]
Comd Staging Area R

Appx "A" to Staging Area G/405 - 11 Feb.

TELEPHONES—

Australian Military Forces.

Please quote this Number when replying.

REO	24	

Address det 1 Aust CRE Works (AIF)
Date Staging Area 2
8 Feb 45.

SUBJECT: ENGR PROGRESS REPORT
Weekly Resume to 8 Feb 45.

HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area
Staging Area 2.

1. Lt Col Westlund returned to MOROTAI from HOLLANDIA with Commander and Col O.Meyer on 3 Feb.

2. SURVEYS: Survey party is progressing with detailed survey of Staging Areas east of SABATAI R.
Survey of area from coast to coral escarpment has been completed and the areas available are as follows:-
1. Between SABATAI R. and SABALA R 100,180sq yds
2. Between SABALA R and Eastern limit 864,390 sq yds.
It is considered that there is no dead ground in this area and that occupation can be calculated at 45 sq yds per man. This represents area for approx 21,500 Troops.

3. WATER SUPPLY: A further water supply has been located some 1000 yds east of SABALA River. The water has not yet been tested, but would appear to be quite potable. This supply should serve Staging Areas to the East.

4. VISIT OF COL.O.MEYER: Col Meyer, Adv IHQ arrived on 3 Feb 45 and dealt with matters concerning roads, docks installations and areas.

C R Westlund Lt Col
(C.R.Westlund)
CRE 1 Aust CRE Works (AIF)

H FEB 9 1945

HQ I Aust Base Sub Area(AIF)
Staging Area 2
8 Feb 45

Subject MEDICAL AND HYGIENE REPORT.

45/I6/0II/3 Med.

"A" Branch

I. MEDICAL

Nil.

2. HYGIENE

Mosquito Control.

After heavy rainfall, mosquitoes mainly Aedes Scutellaris, have been more prevalent in vicinity of camp area.

Mosquito survey undertaken by Hygiene Inspector Sgts proved that such were breeding 400 yds away from camp area in recepacles such as tree hollows ..tins and bottles etc which had been dumped by other units.

The area has now been sprayed and all breeding grounds destroyed .. surplus tins, bottles and receptacles capable of holding water will be transferred to approved Trash Dump.

No Anopheline mosquitoes have been found in area.

Anti-Malaria Training.

In conjunction with 54 USA Malaria Control Unit, arrangements have been made for Hygiene Inspector Sgts attached to this HQ to report to Control Unit for training with native labour and making themselves familar with methods adopted.

I3 Bomber Survey Unit USA have approved the suggestion of Hygiene Personnel visiting laboratory to further their study in identification and Malaria Survey work.

W. Polychron. Lieut
Hygiene Officer
HQ I Aust Base Sub Area(AIF)
Staging Area 2.

H FEB 3 1945

DWA/CJCL

ALLIED LAND FORCES
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

44

ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS

AQ 710.039 Q2

7 Feb 45.

Subject: Provision of Ordnance Stores.

HQ MOROTAI Staging Area

1. The following action has been taken regarding the provision of Ordnance Stores for units under your command:

(a) Reference para 6, HQ MOROTAI Staging Area G 908 of 27 Jan 45 - indents for urgent replacements. Indents are being satisfied from QM Store Adv LHQ and stores are packed awaiting air movement.

(b) Reference para 6, HQ MOROTAI Staging Area G 908 of 21 Jan 45 - 50 machetes. DDOS arranged with Comd MOROTAI Staging Area for these items to be obtained by him from US Forces at MOROTAI and for the necessary documents to be passed to Adv LHQ.

Brigadier
DA & QMG

FEB 10 1945

Three Areas

Two areas separated by at least 3 miles
(a) 2000 yds x 1600 yards
(b) 2500 yds x 1600 yards

With long sides running East and West in each Case

(1) will be for Transmitters
(2) will be for receivers and Control to near The Signal Office

Camp reqts about 25000 sq yds

18 Feb 41

Coverage for Stores – Services

		Tent No.		Tent openings	Temp. 20 x 50 24	Temp. 3 - x 20 8
Ord	x	102	2 60x45			
Canteen	x	203	~~50 x 45~~		own temp.	
Engrs	⊗	710	80x45	-	6	-
Postal		36	40x18	1	-	1
AASC	⊗	20	40x18	1	1	-
Camp Hdqr.		55	Same as Canteen.			
Stationery ⊗?		58	20x18	1	1	-
					10	5

List to Mess
Officers Lecture
Reading Room etc
50000 Dufflebags Damage
received
Engrs

Top-Secret

Dear Maj Norris,

1. Things have hottened up all of a sudden, & it would appear to me that for the next few weeks you will be a busy boy.

All the following is not yet firm, & has to receive the approval of our C in C, but the inf. is given so you can start planning, and inf. will be passed on only those absolutely necessary.

2. You has should have received copy of FORLAND signal Q1704 of 17 Feb, telling you:-

(a) Embericos with hy equipment & vehs & stores will proceed to MOROTAI instead of unloading here. E.T.A. approx 25 Feb.

(b) 63th U.S. Army are charged with unloading Embericos i.e. 31 U.S. Div will be told to do it.

(c) Embericos has only 3 ton lift. Hy lift on Embericos 20 tons. What equip has to go? Brig McGallum has a letter for you from Lt-Col McKenzie on the subject.

3. Subject to C in C's approval & commencing about 23 Feb following will commence move to Hollandia & MOROTAI:-

(a) Staging Area Troops - approx 15,000

(b) Adv L.H.Q. & ancillary units - 1200 approx.

Commencing move to Aust. early March

(c) Staging Area Tps - 10,000 approx

(d) 9 Aust Div - 24,000 "

(e) Base Tps Tps - 10,000 "

4. Action to be taken by you.

(a) Discuss unloading & reception of Embrication with 31 U.S. Div & prepare your plans.

(b) Recce site for Adv. L.H.Q. in detail - with ancillary units approx 1200.

Shall consider Peninsula below Hospital Park site, & impress Gen Morshead for Gen Blamey.

We have one water Cart - Can we water the Hdqrs.

(c) Until arrival of our ships we Aust - mid March can 31 U.S. Div ration 25 000 Australian Troops.

We shall bring 5 days landing rations.

(d)

(d) Expedite recce & plans for staging troops vide paras 3, c, d, e.

(e) Investigate what leakage - especially large ones if any that we can get from U.S. Forces on lend-lease.

5. I shall send an offr. from the Hdqrs over to you in a few days with more details.

Keep this letter as I have not a copy.

Yours sincerely
L.L. Lecombe.

List of Staging Area Troops in Hollandia.

Mech Engr Coy.
Fd " "
Docks Op. Coy.
Tpl. Pl
Work Coy.
Small Unit.

[redacted]

Adv HQ

17 Feb 45
(172110 I)

Dear Nick,

With reference to FORLAND signal Q170h of 171025 I the following is the position as known to this HQ at the moment:-

1. Enclosed herewith copy of the detailed loading of the "[redacted]".

2. It has no gear capable of lifting more than a 3 ton lift. So if sent to you, she will require assistance from either shore gear or a liberty vessel.

3. We have signalled to FORLAND informing them of this fact and suggesting that it may be preferable to tranship here. We will take no further action to dispatch "[redacted]" until we receive an answer from FORLAND. Answer expected tomorrow morning.

4. We are planning to ship to you from HOLLANDIA the following units in rough order of priority, with accommodation stores, to assist in reception of stores and equipment:-

			Offrs	OR
(a)	[redacted]	-	-	6
	[redacted] (Ab Hygiene)	-	1	
	[redacted] 2/93 Aust LAD	-	1	13
	2/4 Mech Eqpt W/shops		1	35
	[redacted] 2/50 Tpt Pl	-	2	94
	[redacted]	-	1	5
	[redacted] 2 Pl Coy	-	2	73
	5 Mech Eqpt Coy		3	130
	[redacted]	-		4
	[redacted]	-		2
	[redacted]	-	2	5
	[redacted]	-	4	192
			17	559
(b)	33 Works Coy	-		
	[redacted]	-	2	32
	[redacted] 5 Mech Eqpt Coy			

5. (a) The "[illegible]" will be available to load approximately 500 of the units in para 4 by 19 Feb.

(b) The "GORDON" has been asked for in our signal to FORLAND referred to in para 3 above.

(c) Which ever is the first of the two vessels above to arrive MOROTAI will load the units shown in para 4 (a) above and the other the balance, if approved by FORLAND.

6. We anticipated that we will be able to delay the arrival of the "HERKIMER" at MOROTAI to coincide at least with the first of the two vessels mentioned in para 5 above. However this may not be possible though I am pretty sure it will.

7. We will get some iron and wire onto the first of the two personnel ships for immediate coverage of stores until you can get the accommodation stores off the "HERKIMER". Also a quantity of 44 gal drums.

8. Don't forget to warn 31 Div of bump up in ration strength.

9. I am sorry that this is so scratchy but am rushing to catch Brig McCALLUM. Will forward complete details as soon as known.

Yours,

Mac.

Good luck and God help you.

G/908

~~SECRET~~

Adv LHQ

17 Feb 45
(172110 I)

Dear Nick,

With reference to FORLAND signal Q1704 of 171025 I the following is the position as known to this HQ at the moment:-

1. Enclosed herewith copy of the detailed loading of the "EMBERICOS".

2. It has no gear capable of lifting more than a 3 ton lift. So if sent to you, she will require assistance from either shore gear or a liberty vessel.

3. We have signalled to FORLAND informing them of this fact and suggesting that it may be preferable to tranship here. We will take no further action to dispatch "EMBERICOS" until we receive an answer from FORLAND. Answer expected tomorrow morning.

4. We are planning to ship to you from HOLLANDIA the following units in rough order of priority, with accommodation stores, to assist in reception of stores and equipment:-

			Offrs	OR
(a)	Pnr	-	-	6
	Med	-		
	(AD Hygiene)		1	
	AEME	-		
	2/93 Aust LAD		1	13
	2/4 Mech Eqpt W/shops		1	35
	~~S A T~~	-		
	2/30 Tpt Pl		2	94
	Ord	-	1	5
	Engrs	-		
	2 Fd Coy		2	73
	5 Mech Eqpt Coy		3	130
	Canteens	-		4
	Stationery	-		2
	Pet MT Sup	-	2	5
	Docks Op Coy	-	4	192
			17	559
(b)	33 Works Coy	-		
	Sigs	-	2	32
	Balmoe Fd Coy			
	" 5 Mech Eqpt Coy			

5. (a) The "BRENTIKOE" will be available to load approximately 500 of the units in para 4 by 19 Feb.

(b) The "GORGON" has been asked for in our signal to FORLAND referred to in para 3 above.

(c) Which ever is the first of the two vessels above to arrive MOROTAI will load the units shown in para 4 (a) above and the other the balance, if approved by FORLAND.

6. We anticipated that we will be able to delay the arrival of the "EMBERICOS" at MOROTAI to coincide at least with the first of the two vessels mentioned in para 5 above. However this may not be possible though I am pretty sure it will.

7. We will get some iron and wire onto the first of the two personnel ships for immediate coverage of stores until you can get the accommodation stores off the "EMBERICOS". Also a quantity of 44 gal drums.

8. Don't forget to warn 31 Div of bump up in ration strength.

9. I am sorry that this is so scratchy but am rushing to catch Brig McCALLUM. Will forward complete details as soon as known.

Yours,

Mac.

Good luck and God help you.

GAS/AW

ALLIED LAND FORCES
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

SECRET

ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS

G/1908

14 Feb 45.

Dear Nick

The following gives you brief details of the action being taken by Ordnance Service in connection with the first shipment of stores etc into Morotai. The following will shortly be despatched from the mainland probably per "Suva".

(i) 30 days maintenance stores for approximately 1,700 troops.

(ii) 50 - 30' x 30' tarpaulins.
100 - 20' x 15' tarpaulins.

(iii) Tents oblong 14' x 12' - 250.
Stretchers field - 1000.
Wiles cooker - 1.

The items shown in (iii) represent the first instalment of tentage and camp equipment for 6,000 troops. The balance of this equipment will not be shipped to you until later on.

A detachment of 1 officer and 19 ORs of 17 Aust AOD should arrive with the above stores all of which they will take over and store. They will set up a Field Ordnance Depot which will be designated 172 Aust FOD from which the troops in the area will be maintained in ordnance stores.

The OC of the Det will be OO i/c of the Fd Depot and in addition will act as your DADOS until arrival of the DADOS 8 Aust Base Sub Area and his staff. (Captain Nathan has been appointed DADOS and Lt Shepley OO of 8 Aust Base Sub Area).

WO Allen and the AAOC Pte should be placed under command of the OC Det 17 Aust AOD on arrival and Allen can funtion as Bde WO to him.

It is estimated that the following storage accommodation will be required to house the stores etc above mentioned -

30 days initial maintenance -

1 shed 60' x 45' (or equivalent) with some binning.
1 shed 18' x 24' for inflammables etc.

250 tents)
1000 stretchers) 1 shed 18' x 24'.
150 tarpaulins)

The Det of 17 Aust AOD will bring 4 Tank Shelters with them for office use etc also their accounting system and tools etc for use in the FOD.

It is hoped that you will have erected some wooden framework over which tarpaulins can be spread as they arrive and thus provide temporary shelters for the stores etc: some dunnage will also be necessary.

Will you please drop me a line if there is any further information or help that you require. I hope to make a visit to your area as soon as the stores and personnel arrive.

I trust you are well,

Yours sincerely

Lt-Col N A Norris
Staging Area
Morotai.

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G/908

STAGING AREA TROOPS

COMBINED OOB - NEROTAI AND HOLLANDIA

Ref: OOB Appendices A and B Adv LHQ S/472.012/SD of 11 Nov 44 - Arrangements for Staging 1 Aust Corps.

NOTE: Associated units have been grouped.

Unit	Pers	Original Staging Area	Remarks
HQ HEATH:			
Det HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area	45	H	
Det HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area	45	M	
Det 5 11 Aust EC Op	30	H	
Det 5 11 Aust EC Op	30	M	
HQRR:			
HQ RAE 1 Aust Corps Tps	39	H	
1 Aust CRE (Elec)	34	H	
2/1 Aust Docks Op Coy	293	H	
2/3 Aust Docks Op Coy	293	H	
2/10 Aust Docks Op Coy	293	M	
5 Aust Docks Op Coy	293	H	
7 Fd 1 Aust Port Maint Coy	55	H	
8 Fd 1 Aust Port Maint Coy	286	H-M	
1 Aust Port Constr Coy	286	H	
2 Aust Port Constr Coy	286	H	
3 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy	254	H	
2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy	254	M	
2/4 Aust Mech Eqpt Wksp	58	H	
2 Aust Mech Eqpt Wksp	58	M	
2/93 Aust LAD	16	H	
340 Aust LAD	16	M	
4 Aust Mech Eqpt Spare Parts Sec	13	M	
60 Aust Ord Fd Coy	221	M	
2/44 Aust LAD	16	M	
2 Aust Fd Coy	291	M	

Unit	Pers	Original Staging Area	Remarks
14 Amst Fd Coy	251	M	
18 Amst Fd Coy	251	M	
21 Amst Fd Coy	251	M	
4 Amst Army Tps Coy	277	M	
9 Amst Army Tps Coy	277	M	
1 Amst Welding Pl	47	M	
2 Amst Welding Pl	47	M	
3 Amst Welding Pl	47	M	
5 Amst Welding Pl	47	M	
2/4 Amst Boring Pl	78	M	
[illegible]:			
38 Amst Wksn Coy	468	M	
33 Amst Wksn Coy	468	M	
14 Amst Wksn Coy	468	M	
28 Amst Wksn Coy	468	M	
[illegible]:			
Det Hq 22 Amst L of C Sign	4	M	
Det 16 Amst Op Sec	66	M	
Det 18 Amst Op Sec	12	M	
Det 10 Amst Tech Sec	25	M	
Det 10 Amst Tech Sec	15	M	
Det 9 Amst Tech Maint Sec	5	M	
Det 9 Amst Tech Maint Sec	4	M	
Two Dets 25 Amst Wireless Sec (14)	13	M	
41 Amst Wireless Sec (Hy) (Less two dets)	29	M	
Two dets 41 Amst Wireless Sec (Hy)	18	M	
Det 29 Amst Cipher Sec	5	M	
Det 39 Amst Cipher Sec	5	M	

Unit	Pers	Original Staging Area	Remarks
R.A.T:			
Det HQ Comd AASC 1 Aust Corps Tps	19	H	
HQ Comd AASC 1 Aust Corps Tps (less det)	23	H	
HQ 2/102 Aust GT Coy	28	H	
2/30 Aust Tpt Pl	99	H	
2/31 Aust Tpt Pl	99	H	
2/36 Aust Tpt Pl	99	H	
2/37 Aust Tpt Pl	99	H	
2/38 Aust Tpt Pl	99	H	
2/102 Aust Wksp Pl	24	H	
HQ 2/101 Aust GT Coy	3	H	
2/32 Aust Tpt Pl	99	H	
2/33 Aust Tpt Pl	99	H	
2/34 Aust Tpt Pl	91	H	
2/35 Aust Tpt Pl	91	H	
2/101 Aust Wksp Pl	24	H	
HQ 2/26 Aust Sup Dep Coy	16	H	
11 Aust Sup Dep Pl	33	H	
[illegible]	31	H	
181 Aust Sup Dep Pl	33	H	
182 Aust Sup Dep Pl	33	H	
HQ 3 Aust Sup Dep Coy	16	H	
18 Aust Sup Dep Pl	33	H	
178 Aust Sup Dep Pl	33	H	
179 Aust Sup Dep Pl	33	H	
64 Aust BXPOD Pl	29	H	
68 Aust BXPOD Pl	29	H	
13 Aust Fd Bakery Pl	37	H	
15 Aust Fd Bakery Pl	37	H	
46 Aust Fd Bakery Pl	37	H	
2/1 Aust Fd Bakery Pl	37	H	
2/3 Aust Fd Bakery Pl	37	H	

Unit	Pers	Original Staging Area	Remarks
Two Secs 2/1 Amst MAC F1	28	H	
2/4 Amst MAC F1 (less two Secs)	71	H	
MEDICAL:			
102 Amst Adv Dep Med Stores	9	H	
2/5 Amst Gen Hosp (1200)	537	H	
76 Amst Dep Cash Office	3	H	
83 Amst Hosp Laundry	68	H	
Det 2/7 Amst Med Laundry and Text Decon Unit	60	H	
2/6 Amst Gen Hosp (1200)	537	M	
2 Amst Hosp Laundry Unit	68	M	
95 Amst Dep Cash Office	3	M	
1 Amst Blood Transfusion Unit	24	M	
2 Amst Base Dep Med Stores	26	M	
13 Amst MCU	21	M	
9 Amst MCU	21	M	
AMD:			
Det 17 Amst ACD	114	H	
Det 17 Amst ACD	20	M	
Det 17 Amst ACD	145	M	
Det 1# Amst AAD	32	H	
Det 1# Amst AAD	10	M	
Det 1# Amst AAD	10	M	
Det 5 Amst Cmd Post Det	12	H	
Det 5 Amst Cmd Post Det	8	M	
Det 10 Amst Cmd Veh Pk	30	M	
Det 10 Amst Cmd Veh Pk	20	M	
2 Amst Inf Tps Cmd Pl Pk	123	H	
2/3 Amst Inf Tps Cmd Pl Pk (less Veh Pk det)	74	M	

Unit	Pers	Original Staging Area	Remarks
[illegible]:			
336 Amst LAD	16	H	
260 Amst LAD	16	H	
2/4 Amst Inf Tps Wksp	219	H	
2/5 Amst Inf Tps Wksp	219	H	
[illegible]:			
Two Sections 2/3 Amst L of C Pro Coy	32	H	
Two Sections 2/3 Amst L of C Pro Coy	32	H	
[illegible]:			
Det 6 Amst Base Postal Unit	40	H	
Det 6 Amst Base Postal Unit	40	H	
[illegible]:			
Det AA Canteen Service	30	H	
Det AA Canteen Service	15	H	
Det AA Canteen Service	15	H	
[illegible]:			
Det 11 Amst L of C Stationery Depot	7	H	
Det 11 Amst L of C Stationery Depot	7	H	
Det 1 Amst AED	30	H	

SUGGESTED SHIPPING PROGRAMME

Staging Area Troops, AUSTRALIA - HOLLANDIA and MOROTAI

(Ref Fwd Sch S/472.012/SD Of 9 Nov 44)

Serial	Vessel	SYDNEY In Port Arr	SYDNEY In Port Dep	SYDNEY Load Tps	SYDNEY Load Veh	SYDNEY Load Eqpt TonsM	SYDNEY Load Maint TonsM	SYDNEY Load Engrs TonsM	BRISBANE In Port Arr	BRISBANE In Port Dep	BRISBANE Load Tps	BRISBANE Load Veh	BRISBANE Load Eqpt TonsM	BRISBANE Load Maint TonsM	BRISBANE Load Engrs TonsM	CAIRNS In Port Arr	CAIRNS In Port Dep	CAIRNS Load Tps	CAIRNS Load Veh	CAIRNS Load Eqpt TonsM	CAIRNS Load Maint TonsM	HOLLANDIA In Port Arr	HOLLANDIA In Port Dep	HOLLANDIA Discharge Tps	HOLLANDIA Discharge Veh	HOLLANDIA Discharge Eqpt TonsM	HOLLANDIA Discharge Maint TonsM	HOLLANDIA Discharge Engrs TonsM	MOROTAI In Port Arr	MOROTAI In Port Dep	MOROTAI Tps	MOROTAI Veh	Discharge Eqpt TonsM	Discharge Maint TonsM	Discharge Engrs TonsM	Remarks
	AUSTRALIA - HOLLANDIA																																			
1	COPIAPO								D/11	1642		513										D/18	D/19	1642		513							371			Tps of Serials 2-10 and 33
2	MEXICO															D/12	D/14	1221		249			D/18	D/19	1221		249							415			" " " 11-21.
3	JANE ADAMS								D/11	1068		610										D/19	D/20	1068		610							1762			" " " 22-32.
4	LEW WALLACE								D/11	992		702										D/19	D/20	992		702							606			" " " 34-43,47-59.
5	LIBERTY VESSEL	D/4	D/7			2000			D/12		207			2000								D/20	D/25		207		2000	2000					2000		Vehs " " 2,4,5,7,10,12-15,16,17,21
6	LIBERTY VESSEL															D/10	D/14		213	2400			D/20	D/25		213	2400							2400		2000	" " " 3,6,8,9,18-20,22,33 and eqpt of 18.
7	LIBERTY VESSEL							D/14	D/7		210			2000								D/25	D/28		210			2000							3000	" " " 23-27,28-31,34,36,37.
8	LIBERTY VESSEL	D/8	D/11		26	1800			D/14		114					D/18	D/19		36				D/25	D/28		176	1800									" " " 38-40,43-59 and eqpt of 44.
9	EVANGELINE							D/35	D/36	608		90				D/38	D/39	608		90			D/42	D/43	608		90							90			
																									5531	806	6364	2000	4000							
	AUSTRALIA - MOROTAI																																			
10	JOHN C AINSWORTH							D/1	D/3	1014		255				D/7	D/8	395		116										D/17	D/19	1409				
11	CHAS LUMMIS							D/4	D/6	1430		415																		D/17	D/19	1430				
12	L M GARRISON							D/4	D/6	936		1762																		D/17	D/19	936				
13	CARLOS CARILLO							D/4	D/6	1124		606																		D/17	D/19	1124				
14	LIBERTY VESSEL	D/2	D/5			2000		D/7	D/8		211												D/19	D/24		211								2000		
15	LIBERTY VESSEL							D	D/5		196	2400		2000		D/9	D/10		32				D/19	D/24		228							2400		2000	
16	LIBERTY VESSEL							D/4	D/8		198			3000									D/19	D/24		198									3000	
17	LIBERTY VESSEL							D/11	D/13		143								33	1800			D/24	D/26		176							1800			
5	EVANGELINE															D/38	D/39	608		90			D/45	D/46	608								90			
																									5507	813							9444	2000	5000	

NOTES: (a) The above timings are 'tight' and make no allowance for weather, strikes, acts of God and other hazards to shipping programmes. A factor of at least 50% should be added for this purpose; thus, the total time required for the move, exclusive of the Hospitals etc in EVANGELINE, should be estimated at 28 days + 50% = 42 days.

(b) Once the move is complete the troops at both HOLLANDIA and MOROTAI will need to be maintained to the extent of approximately 1500 tons M per month. Shipping for this is NOT shown above.

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Rdr. L.H.S.
17 July 45
(172110 I)

Dear Nick,

With reference to Foreland signal Q 1704 of 171025 I the following is the position as known to this H.Q. at the moment.

by mail

1. Enclosed herewith copy of the detailed loading of the EMBERICOS

2. It has no gear capable of lifting more than a 3 ton lift. So if sent to you, she will require assistance from either shore gear or a liberty vessel.

3. We have signalled Foreland informing them of this fact and suggesting that it may be preferable to transship here. We will take no further action to dispatch Embericos until we receive an answer from Foreland. Answer expected tomorrow morning.

We are planning to ~~will also~~ ship to you from HOLLANDIA the following units in rough order of priority, with accommodation stores, to assist in reception of stores and equipment:-

~~[illegible]~~.

	Offrs	ORs
(a) ✓ Pnr	–	6
✓ Med (AD Hygiene)	1 (HQ)	
REME		
✓ 2/93 Base HAD	1	13
✓ 2/4 Mech Eqpt Wksps	1	35
ST		
✓ 2/30 Tpt Pl	2	94.
✓ Dpd	1	5
Engrs		
✓ 2 Fd Coy.	2	73.
✓ 5 Mech Eqpt Coy	3	150
Canteens		4
Stationary		2.
Det MC. Pp.	2	5
✓ Docks Op Coy	4	192.
		573.
(b) 33 Works Coy		4
Sigs	2	32.
Balance 2 Fd Coy.		
5 Mech Eqpt Coy		

5. (a) The BRONTIKOS will be available to load approximately 500 of the units in para 4. by 19 Feb.

(b) The GORGON has been asked for in our request to FORLAND referred to in para 3 above.

(c) Which ever is the first of the two vessels above to acquire MORATAI will load the units shown in para 4 (a) above and the other the balance, if approved by FORLAND.

6. We anticipate that we will be able to delay the arrival of the EMBERICOS at MORATAI to coincide at least with the first of the two vessels mentioned in para 5 above. However this may not be possible though if any party ever it will.

7. ~~We can lay~~ We will get some men and move onto the first of the two personnel ships for immediate carriage of stores until you can get the accommodation stores off the EMBERICOS. Also a quantity of AA gall ammo.

7. Don't forget to mention 31 Div of bumps up in nation strength.

9. I am sorry that this is so secretary but am rushing to catch Brig McCallum. Will forward complete details as soon as known.

Yours

Max.

Good luck & God help you.

SECRET

HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF)
Staging Area 2

55 8th Feb 45

G/908

SUBJECT: STAGING 1 AUST CORPS - BORNEO

ADV LHQ (S)

1. Ref DA-G GHQ ADV LHQ memo of 17 Feb 45. FORLEO Sig 04704 was received FR 19 Feb, also sig from S US Army ref assistance by 31 US Div.

2. Gen HARRIS has been advised of proposed plan. The necessary assistance for discharge and transport has been arranged. Comd also requested CO 31 US Div for engr assistance in construction of RI Perimeter - SARAWAK RIVER. This was also approved. CO informed me that the assistance would be limited as 31 Div Engrs were overhauling their equipment preparatory to move. 1 Aust CRS (MAL) and 31 US Div Engrs are now making arrangements.

ADV LHQ NOTE:

3. (a) Movement of 5 Embarkment Group commenced today by air.

(b) After inspection by HMS and Engineer Offr a request was made for some latrines and sullage pits to be left for our use.

(c) Certain buildings are being left standing and endeavours are being made to retain them on site. The actual ownership is very obscure.

(d) Two 500 gal pontoons for water have been arranged for site temporarily. The water question will be very difficult in early stages and it is suggested that an additional water vehicle be provided.

DISEMBARKATION PROCEDURE:

4. (a) This has been arranged as far as possible, full details of cargo and stowage plan are omitted from HELLENIA. The only difficulty anticipated is if any of the heavy lifts are stowed below hatches as the Liberty ship's Jumbo derrick may not plumb the hold. However, the possibility is remote.

(b) All stores, eqpt and vehs will be stored in a central area near DUKU Pt sd and will be issued as necessary.

(c) It is proposed to erect two bush shelters 60' x 12' and a stockade. The security of Canteen beer and spirits is causing concern. US Forces have promised provost assistance and guards will be provided on stockade from Aust troops available. Attention is invited to the fact that a good outturn for beer consigned to US Forces is about 75% of quantity shipped.

(d) Your instructions regarding disposal of mail and 66 Aust Casp Hosp Eqpt are awaited.

5. Should "OSBORN" or "BOWDEN" arrive here on same day as "HELLENIA" it is proposed to discharge personnel and stores from either of the first two named vessels and utilise our own boats by day for discharge of stores from "HELLENIA".

6. Building of 2500 sqft type until old-time has been arranged with GH Jt HQ DSA.

7. No haulage is available from GH Farms.

8. Copies of all cross sections are awaiting completion and plans will be forwarded immediately thereafter.

9. A new GED would be of great assistance.

10. Copy of DA A Cable sent by returned herewith.

[redacted]

AUST BASE

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FKA V XU1 NR 2 SECRET ROUTINE

FROM: LANDOPS TOO: 301A1A/Z

TO : 1 1ST AUST ARMY HQ MORDTAI STAGING AREA

INFO: LAND FORCES 1 AUST CORPS

MORFORCE 2 AUST COMD AL SEC (XMYH ENCIPHERS AND PASSES FOR 39 OBD)

SD 386 SECRET. 2 AUST COMD AL SEC WITH 12, 14, 18, 21, 23, 30, 34, 39, 60, AUST SQM AL SEC WILL PASS FROM COMD 1ST AUST ARMY TO LANDOPS

SCN: 2892

REC: SAFEHAND

TOS: 132200-I V XU1 JJD K

TOR N FKB 132200 I JH AR

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SECRET

HQ, 1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF).

G/908.1

5 Feb 45

Subject: Staging Arrangements 1 Aust Corps

List A - All Units on OOB

Copies to:

1 Aust Corps
Qld L of C Area
3 Aust Movement Control Group

1. Upon receipt of warning order for embarkation overseas, units concerned will take the following action:-

(a) Furnish, by the date indicated, by signal the following advance information. This signal will be addressed to 1 Aust Base Sub Area and repeated for information to LHQ (Landforces), Adv LHQ (Landops), Qld L of C Area (Milbase BRISBANE), and 3 Aust Movement Control Group (Movements BRISBANE):-

(i) Location:

Location of all units or portions of units under orders to move.

(ii) Date:

Earliest date on which units will be ready to move.

(iii) Personnel:

Total number of officers, warrant officers, serjeants, rank and file, AANS, AWAS, etc.

(iv) Vehicles:

Total number of vehicles, AFVs, arty pieces and trailers, by types. Number out of gauge will be stated.
TOTAL WEIGHT OF EMPTY VEHICLES IN DW TONS AND MEASUREMENT TONS WILL ALSO BE STATED.

(v) (a) TOTAL WEIGHT OF STORES AND EQUIPMENT CASED AMMUNITION ETC NOT LOADED IN VEHICLES IN DW TONS AND MEASUREMENT TONS.

(b) TOTAL WEIGHT OF STORES AND EQUIPMENT CASED AMMUNITION ETC CARRIED IN VEHICLES IN DW TONS AND MEASUREMENT TONS.

Following is an example:

"FROM: (UNIT)
TO: 1 AUST BASE SUB AREA
INFO: LANDFORCES LANDOPS MILBASE BRISBANE
MOVEMENTS BRISBANE

secret (.) ref SD 4780 of 20 jun subject staging arrangements 1 aust corps (.) first (.) SEYMOUR (.) second (.) 30 jun (.) third (.) offrs 36 WOs 7 sjts 30 rank and file 836 (.) fourth (.) 4 x ¼ ton 1 car 6 seater 43 x 15 cwt 16 x 3 ton 4 tractors

portee 2 pr 21 carriers MG 4 trailers mobile cooker all in gauge 366 tons DW 1777 tons cubic (.) fifth (.) a (.) 30 tons DW 50 tons cubic (.) b (.) 108 tons DW 227 tons cubic ack "

(b) The information required vide sub para (a) above will be confirmed in detail in accordance with the pro forma shown as Appx "A" hereto. A separate pro forma will be submitted for each unit to move. The completed pro forma will be forwarded to this HQ with copy to 3 Aust Movement Control Group (Movements BRISBANE) as early as practicable.

2. In cases involving movement by rail attention is drawn to the additional information required by the amendments to GRO 318/43 para 2 (a) (iv) and 2 (a) (vi) published in GRO dated 29 Dec 44.

3. Details of DW and cubic tonnages of standard type vehicles on issue to units of this formation are set out in 1 Aust Base Sub Area Adm Instr No 1/44 Appx "B".

4. An amendment to GRO 318/43 incorporating details set out above will be published in due course.

Maj,
GS, 1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF).

Internal distribution by GS:

A-Q (3) for infm

APPENDIX "A"
PRO FORMA - DETAILS FOR MOVEMENT

SECRET
HQ (Formation or Unit)
(Date) .....

1 Aust Base Sub Area

Copy to
3 Aust Movt Control Gp

Details for Movement

Unit			
Authority for movement			
	Adv party	Main body	Rear party
(a) Location (b) Destination			
Earliest date unit can move			

Total Weight Empty Vehicles	Adv party	Main body	Rear party	Total
(a) Deadweight (b) Cubic feet				
Stores etc which cannot be carried in vehicles				
Stores & Equipment (a) Deadweight (b) Cubic feet				
Cased Ammunition (a) Deadweight (b) Cubic feet				
Stores etc carried in vehicles				
Stores & Equipment (a) Deadweight (b) cubic feet				
Cased Ammunition (a) Deadweight (b) Cubic feet				

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Composition	Strength			
	Adv party	Main body	Rear party	Total
(a) Officers				
(b) Warrant officers				
(c) Sergeants				
(d) Rank and file				
(e) AAFS				
(f) AWAS				
(g)				
(h)				
Total all ranks				

Maximum weight to be lifted by ship's gear	Adv party	Main body	Rear party

MT		Adv party	Main body	Rear party	Total	Overall length	Width	Height (cut down)	Number loaded and empty	If empty weight empty each type	If loaded weight loaded each type
Make	Type										

...Vs		Adv party	Main body	Rear party	Total	Overall length	Width	Height	Weight each type		
Make	Type								Tons	Cwts	Qrs

...rty pieces and trailers		Adv party	Main body	Rear party	Total	Overall length	Width	Height	Weight each type		
Make	Type								Tons	Cwts	Qrs

(Signature) .....

SECRET

HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area (ALF)
Staging Area 2

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17 Feb 45

G/306

SUBJECT: ARRANGEMENTS FOR STAGING 1 AUST CORPS - MOROTAI

Ref MAP CAPE GILA-SABATAI RIVER
Issued by 2/3 A Fd Sy 15 Feb 45

ADV LHQ (5)

Encl one copy for HQ 1 Aust Base sub Area
Encl one copy for Staging Area 1

"X"

1. (a) Planning:

Maj BLAKLAND returned from HOLLANDIA 13 Feb with information concerning staging arrangements for MOROTAI and present shipping position.

2. Convoys:

Signal received from Adv LHQ placing 2 Aust Const AL Sec and all Sqn AL Secs at MOROTAI under command Adv LHQ. HQ MOROTAI Staging Area assumed command for purposes of local administration 14 Feb 45.

OPERATIONS:

3. (a) Enemy Air: Nil.

(b) Enemy Ground: Small numbers of personnel and equipment reached MOROTAI Island by barge.

(c) HQ Opns: 31 US Div is thinning out perimeter and concentrating troops for training.

WEATHER:

4. Heavy showers during week caused considerable surface water on [illegible]

ENGINEERS:

5. Survey beyond SABATAI RIVER has been completed, and plans showing layout of brigade etc, groups have been prepared and are attached as Appendix "A". (ORIGINAL ONLY TO ADV LHQ)

6. No firm plan has been prepared of areas within the perimeter, as the whole question of allocation is still very fluid. If additional troops can be staged within the perimeter and to the WEST of the SABATAI RIVER, a considerable amount of engineer work will be saved. It is therefore recommended that, for the present, definite plans should not be published.

7. All additional areas allotted within the perimeter are being retained with approval of CO 31 US Div.

8. Recce parties 18 Aust Fd Coy, and 2/1 Aust Mech Repl Coy arrived 12 Feb. 4 of 2/1 Aust Army Tppo Sqn Coy arrived 13 Feb. Engineer survey party and protective party working from BOEO returned to this HQ area on 16 Feb.

9. Three copies of route map of MOROTAI are attached as requested by 2 (Maint) Adv LHQ.

10. 1 Aust CRE (Works) Weekly Report is attached as Appendix "B".

Ack:

11. TRANSPORT:

(a) The delay in forwarding the remaining Jeeps for this HQ is causing concern. These vehicles arrived at HOLLANDIA, together with Jeeps of 1 Aust CRE (Works) at end of Dec 44. Although vehicles for 1 Aust CRE (Works) came forward by "MEHRIS FISKE", the Jeeps for this HQ were NOT shipped. Advice received from HOLLANDIA Staging Area was to effect that they were shut out owing to lack of space. NOROTAI Staging Area signal Q11 of 16 Jan 45 was despatched after arrival of "MEHRIS FISKE".

(b) Cmdt while at HOLLANDIA also requested that movement of vehicles be expedited, and the only results to date are copies of Bills of Lading submitted by HOLLANDIA Staging Area to Movements HOLLANDIA, dated 3 Feb 45 and advising that space has been requested.

(c) Attention is invited to the fact that an additional engineer survey party and recce parties of 2/1 Aust Mech Egpt Coy and 18 Aust Fd Coy have arrived at NOROTAI. The lack of transport is seriously delaying the completion of surveys and recces within the perimeter. The total number of Jeeps available are

HQ NOROTAI Staging Area	2
1 Aust CRE (Works)	2

(d) Could urgent action be taken please to forward vehicles.

SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT:

12. Should it be necessary to supply RAAF, the sup depot pls allotted to NOROTAI staging Area will NOT be sufficient to cater for staging Area Troops and RAAF, as the RAAF state that they have no organization for breaking bulk and distribution. Assistance can be obtained from Div AASC but the RAAF commitment will still be considerable after the Div moves out. It is recommended that an additional sup depot pl be added to Staging Area Troops NOROTAI to break down for RAAF.

MEDICAL:

13. Copy of Report attached as Appendix "C". This report answers queries raised by the Medical Services Adv LHQ with Cmdt on his recent visit.

LOCAL ADMINISTRATION:

14. Clothing: Advice received that consignment of Canteen and Cookhouse Stores are coming forward from HOLLANDIA by air. These have not arrived to date.

Supplies: It would be appreciated if a supply of mantles, globes and nipples for Aladin lamps could be made available. All the lamps in possession of the HQ are at present unserviceable for lack of these parts, and night work has to be done by kerosene lamp.

Refrigeration: Maj BLAKELY's request that a 5.2 cubic ft domestic refrigerator be made available to this HQ is confirmed.

Education: Lecture to troops on "Home Planning" given by Capt [redacted] RAE.

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APPENDIX "B" TO HQ MOROTAI STAGING AREA G/908 OF FEB 45

REO 26

det 1 Aust CRE Works (AIF)
Staging Area 2
15 Feb 45

SUBJECT: ENGR PROGRESS REPORT
Weekly Summary to 15 Feb 45

HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area
Staging Area 2

1. Areas: The survey of area SABATAI RIVER-DAEO has now been completed and a plan prepared showing the areas suitable for occupation by tps. A plan showing the allotment of gps to areas has also been prepared. A survey of areas within the perimeter has been commenced.

2. Hydrographic Survey:

The five fathom line along the foreshore of Docks Area has been surveyed and a plan is being prepared from the data obtained.

3. Arrival of Engr Parties:

The following Engr parties have arrived during the week :-

Maj WHITE, Lt RUDD and 2 OR of 2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy
Maj ROSENTHAL, Capt DEAKIN and 2 ORs of 18 Aust Fd Coy.
Four OR of 2/1 Aust Army Topo Survey Coy. Majors WHITE and ROSENTHAL have inspected the areas and tasks allotted the respective Coys, the remaining personnel being engaged on surveys.

BRW

Lt-Col
(C.R. WESTLAND)
CRE 1 Aust CRE Works (AIF)

APPENDIX "C" TO HQ MOROTAI STAGING AREA G/908 OF FEB 45

HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF)
Staging Area 2
15 Feb 45

SUBJECT: MEDICAL AND HYGIENE REPORT

"A" Branch

MEDICAL:

1. Contacted Col JENKINS, Surgeon 31 USA Inf Div - following infm was obtained:-

(i) There is no definite liaison between USA Medical Services and NICA re infections among natives, however Malaria is prevalent and Hookworm is almost universal.

(ii) USA Hospitals give the following figures for infectious diseases, week ending 5 Feb 45:-

Diarrhoea 8; Dengue 2; PUO 19; Malaria 10

Corresponding figures for 31 USA Inf Div are

Dengue 2; PUO 3; Malaria 3

these give the corresponding Malaria rates of -

(a) for hospitals 27.99/per 1000/per annum

(b) 31 USA Inf Div 21.96/per 1000/per annum

such figures have not substantially altered since "D" Day. Div Surgeon was unable to supply the relative proportions of primary and recurrent Malaria but general opinion appears to be that primary cases form well over half the total.

(iii) USA Forces on this Island have now been instructed to take 10 Atebrin tablets per week.

(iv) Supplies of DDT still unavailable.

HYGIENE:

2. Experiment is being carried out with new type of incinerator, constructed from unserviceable air strip matting - basket type.

If this proves efficient it may be suggested that units coming into this area adopt same, as sufficient US 44 gal drums may not be available to construct drum type incinerators.

[signature] Capt

DMO Staging Area 2

Army Form C2136 (Large)
(Pads of 100) (Adapted Sept. 1943)

UNPARAPHRASED.

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For Action

TO LANDFORCES

(w) For Information (INFO.)

FORLAND 1 AUST CORPS STAGING AREA 2

Message Instructions GR 41

ORIGINATOR'S No.

SD332 CONFIDENTIAL . ref staging arrangements MOROTAI . consider early tech recce water resources desirable . request one offr suggest capt T A BARNES and one OR 2/1 boring pl move MOROTAI by air. bring necessary eqpt personal arms eqpt and cots folding . advise departure

Received 1908 13 Feb

Dtd

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Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority

DRLS TO FORLAND STAGING AREA 2

Signed Maj 13 Feb 45

Time	System	Op
TBH or TOR		
Time Cleared		

Army Form C2136 (Small) (Pads of 100) (Adopted Sept. 1943)

MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A) Originator: STAGING AREA 2 — Date—Time of Origin: 15/620 I — Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO LANDCPS

(B) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions — GR

DESIGNATOR'S No.

RD 33 restricted Ref your Q123 Freezer capacity MEROTAI 13000 cubic feet (.) We can unable predict future commitments (.) Recommend contact USASOS who arrange shipments

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means { except / Wireless }

Signed

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Signed [illegible] Maj

25 Feb 45

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

PRIORITY

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR		
Time Cleared		

XU1 V FKA 1 NR1 ROUTINE

TO STAGING AREA 2 C/O 31 US DIV

FROM LANDONS

0123 12 FEB

RSV/ RESTRICTED WHAT QUANTITIES OF COOLER FREEZE CAN US FORCES AT MORATAI

ACCEPT

TOO 121630I

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ALLIED LAND FORCES
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

Forward Headquarters

AQ/326.13/2

6 Feb 45.

Subject: Staging 1 Aust Corps - HOLLANDIA.
Ref: Fwd Ech LHQ Adm Instn No 1 (S/472.012/Q) of 1 Dec 44.

1. In accordance with para 5(a) of the above instruction, copy Appx 'B' Part I is attached.

2. Appx 'B' Part II (Location plan MOROTAI Staging Area) is in course of preparation and will be issued shortly.

W.L. Grant. Col
for Brigadier
DA & QMG

DISTRIBUTION

LHQ	(5)	
1 Aust Corps	(5)	
1 Aust Base Sub Area	(2)	
HQ HOLLANDIA Staging Area	(2)	(300 copies forwarded by DRLS 1 Feb 45)
HQ MOROTAI Staging Area	(2)	

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Appendix 'A'

HQ 11 DIV AUSTRALIAN STAFF LANDS AUSTRALIAN AIF 90/108 D/22.1.44.

PLIMMERTON

HQ 11 DIV STAGING MAIN

ARMY CAMP

PETONE

HUTT

PLIMMERTON

PETONE

(PLIMMERTON)

50 DAY STAGING CAMP

INITIAL MAIN

HORIZONTAL LOCATION MAP OVERLAY

3000 0 3000 6000 FEET

1. AUST. C.R.E. 11 DIV. A.I.F. 28. DEC 44.

DRAWN BY I.W.H. MORPHETT CAPT.

APPROVED BY

NOTE— ★ UNITS MARKED THUS TO BE MOVED

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ALLIED LAND FORCES
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

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ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS

AQ 213.161 Q2
AQ 526.13 Q2

6 Feb 45.

Subject: OOB Staging Area Troops - MOROTAI.

Ref: HQ MOROTAI Staging Area G 908 of 23 Dec 44.

HQ MOROTAI Staging Area.

1. Reference is made to para 13(a) of the above mentioned memo, which points out that certain administrative units have not been included in the OOB of that part of 1 Aust Corps Troops staging at MOROTAI.

2. The OOB of 1 Aust Corps Troops who will be staging at MOROTAI, includes sufficient AASC and postal personnel to operate in the Corps Troops maintenance area.

3. In regard to Ordnance personnel it is anticipated that 1 Aust Corps will send a percentage of DADOS Corps Troops staff to handle the ordnance supply for 1 Aust Corps Troops. If this is not done, personnel from det 17 Aust AOD may be provided to carry out these functions.

4. As no canteens personnel have been included, it would appear to be necessary for the fmn comd to allot canteen personnel from the Divisional unit for this purpose.

Brigadier
DA & QMG

WDG

(46) 9/908

27/1405 I

FROM LANDOPS

TO LANDFORCES 1 AUST CORPS

For Information

LILBASE BRISBANE 1 AUST BASE SUB AREA

SD241 SECRET . staging arrangements 1 aust corps . one . GHQ has approved movement adv staging area tps AUST to MOROTAI in AUST shipping . two . request LANDFORCES arrange embarkation units in following order of priority . 18 fd coy . 2/1 mech eqpt coy . 2 mech eqpt wksp . 340 LAD . 2/32 tpt pl . 178 sup dep pl . one coy 2/12 fd amb . one sec 2/3 I of c pro coy . det 17 AOD . 94 dep cash office . det 6 base postal unit . det 11 I of c stationery depot . det AA canteens service . one sec 2/1 fd baking pl . det 11 movement control gp . 2/10 docks op coy . 14 wks coy . det 22 I of c sigs. one fd stores pl 60 corps fd pk coy . 8 pl I port maint coy att 2/10 docks op coy NOT required . three . request 1 aust corps confirm nominations earliest . four . units required move personal arms eqpt unit eqpt vehs and mech plant accn stores scale A incl tentage in accordance part six . five . approved logistics as follow . A personnel B vehs and mech plant C total stores DW and D cubic tons . fd coy 251 A 51 B 46 C 61 D . mech eqpt coy 254 A 154 B 145 C 315 D . mech eqpt wksp 58 A 5 B 30 C 77 D . LAD type A 16 A 4 B 6 C 14 D . tpt pl 99 A 43 B 5 C 12 D . sup dep pl 33 A 2 B 2 C 4 D . one coy fd amb 58 A 5 B 10 C 40 D . one sec pro coy 16 A 2 B 1 C 2 D . det AOD 20 A 2 B 2 C 5 D . dep cash office type C 3 A nil B 1 C 2 D . det base postal unit 2 A nil B nil C nil D . det 1 of c stationery dep 7 A nil B 1 C 2 D . det canteens 10 A 2 B 1 C 3 D . one sec fd baking pl 16 A 1 B 9 C 25 D . det MC gp 30 A 6 B 1 C 3 D . docks op coy type C 293 A 17 B 47 C 106 D . wks coy 468 A 4 B 36 C 77 D . det 1 of c sigs 35 A 5 B 10 C 34 D . fd stores pl corps fd pk coy 38 A 14 B 12 C 15 D . total 1705 personnel 316 vehs and plant 316 DW 797 cub tons stores . six . to assist reception main bodies at destination adv parties from all units stated part two required move first ship . adv parties bring maximum unit accn stores tentage together with such unit eqpt necessary enable adv parties prepare reception main bodies . 1 aust corps advise LANDFORCES info LANDOPS composition adv parties when LANDFORCES advises details of first vessel . seven . adm sigs ref maintenance tonnages and suggested shipping plan follow ACK

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Col
27 Jan 45

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HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area (ADV)
Staging Area 2.

G/908

10 Feb 45.

SUBJECT: ARRANGEMENTS FOR STAGING 1 AUST CORPS - MOROTAI

Ref Base Comd GILA-SARATAI RIVER
Amort to 2359 9 Feb 45

ADV HQ (3)

(One copy for HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area)
(One copy for Staging Area 1)

Sir

1. (a) Lt-Col MORRIS and WESTLAND returned from MOLLANDIA 3 Feb. Col [illegible] arrived 3 Feb, departed 7 Feb.

(b) Operations:

(i) Enemy: Air and ground. NIL.

(ii) Own: Patrol activity clearing area. Patrol is at present in progress from EAST Coast of Island to headwaters of SARATAI RIVER to clear any Japs attempting to get down into SARATAI RIVER Area.

(c) Weather: Light showers, fine and very sultry.

ENGINEERS:

2. (a) Weekly Report by 1 Aust CRE (Mtce) is attached as Appendix "A".

(b) Engr survey party located DAEO will remain for an additional period extending survey.

(c) There is some silting up around Stick Dock.

(d) Parties from 18 Aust Fd Coy, 2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy not yet arrived.

AQ:

3. (a) Allotment of Areas:

(i) Additional areas on peninsula and within perimeter have been obtained.

(ii) Staging Maintenance Area has been changed to Fighter Sector 2d.

(iii) Area previously allotted to Staging Maintenance will now be used for Transit Camp.

(b) Recce for site for new HQs proceeding.

(c) Map showing routes and detailed allocation of areas should be forwarded on 14 Feb 45 and final details of survey beyond SARATAI RIVER expected 12 Feb.

(d) Lt LEO 2 Adv 2 Bde arrived 3 Feb.

MOVEMENT & TRANSPORT:

4. N I L.

[redacted]:

5. Report attached as Appendix "A".

[redacted]:

6. (a) 20 members and 5 women obtained from CH 31 US Div. Receipt is being forwarded through service channels.

(b) Unit brought limited supply of clothing and boots by ship.

[redacted]:

7. (a) First foot-ball match between Offrs and Rfts against CH played 3 Feb 45. Considerable argument regarding rules. Match has been arranged between Rfts and 1029 US Engrs. This should be very interesting!

(b) Rations: Fresh meat and eggs issued during week. No sugar available but an issue is expected in a few days. Ship having arrived.

[redacted] Lt-Col.

[redacted]

Appendix "A" - 1 Amst CHX (Hbo) Weekly Report to 8 Feb 45.

[redacted]: War Diary (4)
File.

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(43) G/S 3-1

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Subject: RESERVE AND MAINTENANCE FUTURE OPERATIONS 1 AUST CORPS (INCLUDING 1 AUST BASE SUB AREA

AMMUNITION TO BE PROVIDED AS INITIAL MAINTENANCE

HQ 1 Aust Corps
12 Jan 45
G/S156/SD

Adv LHQ (2)

COPY TO:

LHQ (2)
Fwd Reh LHQ (2)
1 Aust Base Sub Area

1. Fwd Reh LHQ G/472.0666/SD of 22 Nov 44 advises that the scale of ammunition in the initial maintenance is 30 days intense based on war usage rates. LHQ (DOS) 881081 of 2 Dec 44 shows details of ammunition being provided as initial maintenance on this basis.

2. The quantities of ammunition being provided have been compared with the quantity of ammunition which it is considered will actually be used. This latter quantity is based on the following requirements -

(a) for divisional troops

15 days intense War Usage Rates (AUST) (LHQ SM 7175 of 1 Aug 44) plus 15 days intense rates of usage for a Jungle division (LHQ SM 9544 of 19 Jul 44).

(b) for armoured and corps artillery units

30 days intense War Usage Rates (AUST)

(c) for all other units

30 days intense War Usage Rates (AUST) or 30 days intense rates of usage for a Jungle division whichever is the lower.

3. The comparison indicates that the provision of ammunition in certain types is inadequate (see Appendix 'A' column (k) attached), and in others is too generous (see Appendix 'B' column (k) attached).

4. It is recommended that the provision of initial maintenance be in accordance with column (i) of Appendices 'A' and 'B' attached.

5. Initial maintenance for weapons actually carried in tanks will be the subject of separate recommendations.

(sgd) E.WELLS Brig for Lt-Gen
Commanding 1 Aust Corps

Internal Distribution by GS
A-Q (3)
Staging Area 1 (1)
Staging Area 3 (1) ✓

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Appendix 'A' to 1 Aust Corps
G/6518/SD of 12 Jan 45

AMMUNITION TO BE PROVIDED AS INITIAL MAINTENANCE
RECOMMENDED INCREASES BY TYPES

GROUP A

TYPE OF AMMUNITION	WUR (intense) Authority LHQ SM7175	Refil rate Jungle Div LHQ SM 7544	15 days WUR (intense) Div Armd & Arty Units	15 days JD Refill Rate (intense) Dive Armd & Arty Units	30 days WUR (intense) ALL Units	30 days WUR or JD refill (inte ns e) Units excl colm (e)	TOTAL RECOMMENDED	Being held LHQ (DOS) 881061	Recommended increase	REMARKS
(a)(a) (b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(a)
1 2 pr Tk/ A (i) AP	.6	1.71	378	1077		72	1527	828(c)	699	(a) Special Schte-
(ii) HE	.8	2.29	504	1443		96	2043	1104(c)	939	Fwd Ech LHQ
2 25 pr (i) Normal Chge	43	64	46440	69120			115560	92880	22680	S/472.0668/SD of
(ii) Shell HE	40	60	43200	64800			108000	92880	15120	22 Nov refers
(iii) Smoke	3	4	3240	4320			7560	6480	1080	(b) Rounds per Jungle
										Div per month
3 3.7" AA HE Fuze 208	17.5 a				4200		4200	4200	600	(c) Deducting amn for
230	2.5 a				600		600			2 pr (Tk) at WUR
4 40mm AA AP	2									(intense) rate for
5 .303 (i) Ball Mdr	1800000 (b)	10	1000000	2018100		1280000	4307100	3200000	1107100	30 days
CC	450000 (b)	2.5	250000	504500		322000	1076800	800000	276800	(d) Deducting amn
Ctn	582000 (b)	80	343000	1209600		228000	1780600	705370 d	1075230	for Bren LMGs in
(ii) Tracer	126000 (b)	15	80000	101700		99000	280700	152070 d	128630	MATILDA tks at WUR
(iii) Incendiary	42000 (b)	5	26700	33900		33000	93600	38160 d	55440	(intense) rate for
(iv) Belt	120	520	158400	660000		28800	847200	396000	451200	30 days
6 9mm SMG	1500000 (b)	50	833000	2570300		880000	4283300	2564516	1718784	(e) Per Jungle Div
7 .38" Pistol Revolver	6000 (b)	.25	3700	9230		3980	16910	11110	5800	per day
8 1" Pistol Signal	6000 (b)	1	3650	4830		432	8912	8250	662	(f) LHQ S[illegible]47 of

GROUP A

Serial	TYPE OF AMMUNITION	SUR (Intense) LHC Authority SW 7176 APGPD	Refill rate Jungle Div [illegible] SW 7644 APGPD	15 Days SUR (Intense) Div Arty & Arty Units	15 Days SD Refill Rate (Intense) Div Arty, Arty Units	30 days SUR (Intense) All Units	30 days SUR or SD Refill (Intense) Units Excl Corps (c)	TOTAL RECOMMENDED	Being held LHC (SOS) B 61061	Recommended Increase	REMARKS
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	
9	GRENADES HA HD No 36M	10000(B)	1200(a)	5000	18000			25000	17500	5500	
	" RIFLE " 36M	1500(b)	252(a)	1250	5760			8050	4875	855	
	" HAND " 77	2500(b)	216(a)	1250	5240			4490	4375	115	
12	25pdr Gun (a) Cages	40(f)					9600	9600	5760	3840	
	" (b) Shells	40(f)					9600	9600	5760	3840	

AMMUNITION TO BE PROVIDED AS INITIAL MAINTENANCE

SCALE PER DIVISION BY TYPE

Serial	TYPE OF AMMUNITION	GROUP B							REMARKS
		15 days HDE (Intense) Div. Amd & Arty Units	15 days SD refill rate (Intense) Div. Amd & Arty Units	30 days HDE (Intense) All Units	30 days HDE SD refill (Intense) Units other than those listed in column (1)	TOTAL REQUIREMENTS	Being Held in (EOD) Units	RECOMMENDED PURCHASES	
(a)	(b)	(1)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)
3	6-pr TK/A (i) AP/ APCBC	900	360			1260	1800 1080	540	
	(ii) HE	360	360			900		180	
4	6-pr (i) Super Charge			8640		8640	9120	480	
	(ii) Shell AP			1080		1080	1140	60	
5	3.7" AA (i) Shrapnel (ii) HE			960		960	1275 1020	1275 60	
6	40mm HE 7 cwt 12 cwt			21600 7200		21600) 7200)	30000	1800	
7	3.5" Gun (a) Ch/Spl-HE 12-cwt (b) Ch/Spl-HE 12-cwt								
8	5" Howitzer (i) HE (ii) Smoke (iii) Illum (iv) Sig/Coll	16200 3600 1242 648	8856 2808 864 432		1476 144 144 72	26532 6876 2340 1152	20970 1188 360 1710	11343 4428 1980 522	
9	5" Howitzer (i) HE (ii) Smoke	16452 2988	11664 2916		2304 576	29880 7380	29376 7380	10296 2664	

AMMUNITION TO BE PROVIDED AS INITIAL REQUIREMENTS

ORGANIZED INFANTRY BY TYPES

Serial	TYPE OF AMMUNITION	GROUP B							REMARKS
		10 days SOS (100mm) Div. Arty & Army Units	15 days SOS (Mixed rds) (100mm) Div. Arty & Army Units	30 days SOS (Mixed) All Units	30 days TOE (Mixed rds) (Units other than Div. Arty & Army Units) Column (4)	TOTAL SHELL REQUIRED	Relay Held in (Log) Depots	RECOMMENDED INCREASE	
a	(b)	(1)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)
1	2.95" HE/A (i) AP	378	1077		72	1527	1098	429	
	(ii) HE	304	1443		96	2043	1464	579	
2	25-pr (i) Normal charge	46440	69120			115560	98040	17520	
	(ii) Shell HE	43200	64800			108000	98040	9960	
	(iii) Smoke	3240	4320			7560	6840	720	
3	3.7" AA HE Fuze 206			8400		8400	8925	675	
	221			1200		1200			
4	40mm AA AP			2880		2880	2800	80	
5	.303" (i) Ball Pdr	1130000	2097000		1250000	4477000	3251000	1226000	
	CC	282000	538000		312000	1119000	812750	306250	
	Chn	336000	1182000		264000	1782000	946800	835500	
	(ii) Tracer	96000	109800		120000	316800	203760	112960	
	(iii) Incendiary	29000	36000		41000	106000	68560	37940	
	(iv) Dalt	138400	680000		28800	847200	406800	440000	
6	9mm SMG	880000	2707000		804000	4391000	2570000	1821000	
7	.38"Pistol Revolver	3850	9680		2530	17080	11110	5970	
8	9" Pistol Signal	3590	4740		272	8502	8250	252	
9	Grenades Hand No36M Rifle	2000	18000			23000	17500	5500	
	No36M	1250	3780			5030	4375	655	
	Hand No 77	1250	3280			4530	4375	115	

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ARTICLES TO BE ISSUED AS INITIAL MAINTENANCE

Annex "B" to 1 ANZ Corps

RECOMMENDED QUANTITIES BY SCALE

S/613/3/SD of 12 Jan 54

Article No	TYPE OF AMMUNITION	RDF (Initial) Ammunition Load Equipment	RDF Daily Maintenance Scale	GROUP A (a) 25 pdr Gun (b) 5.5" Gun (c) 7.2" How (d) 3.7" AA Gun (e) 3" 20 cwt AA Gun (f) 3" 10 cwt AA Gun (g) 40 mm Bofors AA Gun (h) 20 mm Oerlikon AA Gun	TOTAL RECOMMENDED	Ammunition Load (Initial) (Equipment)	RECOMMENDED RESERVE	REMARKS
a	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)
1	25-pr Gun/How (1) AP/APCBC	1.25	.5	900	300			1200	1000	200	(a) Special scale per 25th Lt Regt S/572.0668/SD of 22 Jan refers
	(ii) HE	.75	.5	240	360			900	1000	180	
2	25-pr (i) Super charge	b .5									(b) Lt. S613/27 of 30 Dec 54.
	(ii) Shell AP										
3	3.7" AA (i) Shrapnel								600	600	
	(ii) HAP	2 (a)									
4	[illegible]7 Gun	12 (a)									
	12 Gun	5 (a)									
5	5.5" Gun(a) Class-IX 12-pr	10 (b)				2400		2400	1920	960	
	(b) Class-IX 12-pr	30 (b)				7200		7200			
6	7.2" How (i) HE	2.5	.5	1500	2250		1575	3825	3750	1125	
	(ii) Smoke	2.5	.5	2500	2250		450	5175	1250	375	
	(iii) 111 Shrapnel	.7	.4	1260	864		144	2520	1400	756	
	(iv) Star Shell	.3	.2	540	432		72	1152	1400	648	
7	3" How (i) HE	12.5	2.5	12500	11250		2250	26250	25000	6250	
	(ii) Smoke	3.2	2.4	3200	2160		576	7200	2400	1760	

(41)

[redacted]

HQ 1 Amph Force (Sub Area)
(Staging Area 2)

G/306.

3 Feb 45.

ADV HQ (5)

(One copy for HQ 1 Amph Force Sub Area)
(One copy for Staging Area 1)

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

1. (a) Conference ADVISED:

Lt-Cols ROBERTS and WESTFIELD departed for HOLLANDIA 29 Jan to attend conference on Staging Arrangements, ADV HQ AG/385.13/3 of 25 Jan 45 re Conference received this HQ 28 Jan. One copy of ADVANCE Jan refers.

(b) Changes:

Advice received from Military Secretary that Lt-Col ROBERTS appointed to command 6 Amph Force Sub Area.

(c) Visitors:

(i) Lt-Col GOODWIN GE 24 US Div.
(ii) Lt-Col GAPS GSOI Adv ADV HQ.
(iii) Lt-Col HILL AIB

(d) Visits:

Officers have left to visit AIBs on evening of 1 Feb to hold formal mess to entertain Lt-Col GAPS.

(e) Commendations:

(i) [redacted] ; HQ.
(ii) [redacted] ; HQ.
(iii) [redacted] ; Patrol activity only.

(f) Sailings:

Several steamers during week, otherwise fine and sailing.

[redacted]

2. (a) Monthly report by 6 Amph CRE (Sig) is attached as Appx "A".

(b) [redacted] Party departed DARU on 26th 27 Jan. Expected to be back about 2 Feb to complete survey of Amph Staging Area.

[redacted]

3. (a) [redacted]

It HQ ADV has been requested often to ADV area of present complaint by US Air Transport Unit of this unit must not. The area concerned is on the EAST side of the main road

[illegible] result of the work already allocated for [illegible] reference area. Copy attached to JI to be attached as Appx "F".

(b) [illegible]

Health of troops remains good.

(c) [illegible]

Advice has been received that I must take all [illegible] arrangements at Gurkha and convoy stores can be completed by 31.12.1953 with effect as 2/20 Amn Sub Pk, staging area I has been requested to forward by first available vessel.

(d) [illegible]

12 bags of rubbish taken and burnt. Another accident 1 Sub by Air.

(e) [illegible]

Unit units in furnishing and providing camp services.

[illegible]

4. (a) [illegible]

Sgt C A [illegible] 2 was a case of [illegible] special circumstances [illegible] on account of [illegible] child. Illness of wife and [illegible] circumstances.

(b) [illegible]

The Medical [illegible] of the [illegible] being strained by having to [illegible] personnel of the evacuating [illegible] area. It has been [illegible] that the [illegible] to act as a staging camp.

[illegible]
(T. [illegible])
Lieut Staging Area 2.

[illegible]

[illegible] (2)
[illegible]

Appx "E" - 1 sht [illegible] weekly report to 1 Sub HQ.
Appx "F" - Copy letter [illegible] to Air Div SJAC of 27 Jan 53.

REO 23

det 1 Aust CRE (Works) (AIF)
1 ABSA
Staging Area 2
2 Feb 45

Subject: ENGR PROGRESS REPORT

Weekly Resume to 1 Feb 45

HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area
Staging Area 2

AREAS:

1. Transit and Staging Area: A survey party consisting of 1 offr and 7 OR from 1 Aust CRE Wksp with an escort of 4 ORs from HQ Staging Area 2, moved to DAEO on 28 Jan 45

The party is to stay with det 124th US Inf for a period of approx 2 weeks while survey is made of the Staging Area, West of DAEO. A Jeep and trailer were taken to facilitate movement.

CRE:

2. Lt Col WESTLUND accompanied Lt Col NORRIS, Comd Staging Area 2 to HOLLANDIA on 29 Jan 45.

W.H. Campbell
Capt
for Lt-Col
CRE 1 Aust CRE (Works) (AIF)

Army Form G2136 (Large)
(Pads of 100) (Adapted Sept. 1943)

MESSAGE FORM

(42)

Register No.

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) — Originator — Date-Time of Origin — Office Date Stamp

For Action

LADDPG

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions — GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

[redacted]

9JA

Distribution:

1 Copy to AGs Office 31 US Div } Delivered by Sgt HARTLEY
1 Copy RAAF Signals } See Mail-receipt register.
1 Copy Col METER
1 Copy Confirmation Adv LHQ (By Safe Hand)
1 Copy File.

NOTE:
Signal checked by Lt Col WESTLUND prior to dispatch
9JA.

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means { except / Wireless }	If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER	Originator's Instructions
Signed	Signed 9JA 4 Feb 45	9JA.

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STAGING AREA TWO
LANDOPS.

SECRET ⊙ DEC 121 ⊙ ADDITIONAL
BERTHS MORTAI ⊙ RECOMMEND
⊙ FIRST DOUBLE PONTOON LIBERTY
AT MAP REF. 279 833 REF
MAP CAPE GILA 1/20,000 ⊙
⊙ NO MAJOR CONSTRUCTIONAL
DIFFILCUTIES ⊙ APPROACH
NECK APPROX 350 360 FT @ FILLED
CAUSEWAY APPROX 200 FT. REMAINDER
150 ft PONTOONS ⊙ LOCATION SERVED
BY EXISTING RD SYSTEM
BUT REQUIRES AMPLIFICATION
⊙ SECOND ALTERNATIVE

TWO PILED LIBERTY BERTHS
~~BERTH~~
~~O ONE~~ EXTENSION TO HEAD
OF EXISTING SINGLE BERTH
TO ACCOMODATE TWO SHIPS
~~SEE~~ AA O ~~ONE~~ ~~AT~~ ~~ANCHOR~~ ONE
BERTH NEW CONSTRUCTION AT
SAME LOCATION AS FOR
PONTOON WHARF ABOVE O
PROPOSALS SUBJECT TO
DETAIL SOUNDINGS BY
NAVY O WRITTEN REPORT
FOLLOWS BY AIR 7 FEB. O
MEYER

IMMEDIATE

1 COPY TO ACS: Office 21 US Div ✓ 1 Copy COL MEYER
~~1 COPY PHAF Sig~~ ✓
~~Cadm~~ ~~1 copy~~ ~~ACS~~ ~~ENGR~~ Supt. Hdwd 1 Copy File

(40) RESTRICTED

Headquarters,
1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF)
(Staging Area 2)

G/906.

27 Jan 45.

Subject: ALLOTMENT OF AREAS FOR AUST STAGING TROOPS MOROTAI

Ref: 13th US Air Force Location Map SW MOROTAI

31 US DIV

1. It is requested that, if the area at present occupied by the camp and saw-mills of Company "B" 796 US Engr Forestry Bn (ref 3r163) is vacated, it be allotted, in addition to areas already allotted, for use by Australian Forces staging in this area.

2. It is desired to obtain this area for an extension of the Australian Initial Maintenance Area, thus saving clearing of rain forest for certain of our installations.

Lt-Col.
(H.A.NORRIS)

A.A.F.A.19
(Revised March, 1943)

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

MOVEMENT ORDER (39)

Army No. WX36 (Rank) Lt-Col (Name) HORRIE [illegible]

(Unit) Staging Area 2

1. In connection with movement of yourself and [illegible] from C.R. [illegible]

to HOLLANDIA

2. You will [illegible] emplane at MAMA ATESTIEP (Place) on 29 Jan 45 (Date)

at AM (Time).

3. [illegible] family party

4. On arrival at HOLLANDIA you will report to Adv LHQ

5. Authority for movement and special instructions

(1) Adv LHQ signal 60/36.13/3 of 21 Jan 45

(11) Arrange for return with Camp Comd Adv LHQ

6. Any claims which may arise from this move will be submitted to Adv LHQ

Signature of Authorising Officer.
Capt
for Camp Comd

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This form will be issued in accordance with G.R.O. Q. 635, of 4/Dec./1942.
2. Copies of this Form will be distributed to all concerned.—Distribution Adv LHQ (2)

Lt-Col HORRIE

Pilc ✓

AF/C2236 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM 68

Register No.

Cat.	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator [redacted] | Date—Time of Origin 25 1800 Z | Office Date Stamp

TO For Action [redacted]

(B) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions GR

[redacted] restricted, Form AF 386, point 13 of 23 Jan, received

[redacted] (.) [redacted] (.) [redacted]

Message may be sent AS WRITTEN except / Wireless	If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER	Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority	Time	System	Op
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			Time Cleared		

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DGMcK/KJ

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ALLIED LAND FORCES

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS

AQ/326.13/Q

23 Jan 45

Subject: Staging MOROTAI - Conference Advance LHQ

HQ MOROTAI STAGING AREA.

1. It is requested that Lt. Cols NORRIS and WESTLUND report to this HQ on the 25 Jan or the earliest practicable date thereafter for a conference on Staging arrangements.

2. Advise ETA.

D.G. McKenzie Lt-Col

for Brig.

DA & QMG.

Copy
Original taken by
Lt Col NORRIS 29 Jan

DGMcK/KJ

(37)

Comd. seen
Corps seen
C. seen
A seen
Q seen 29 PA.

ALLIED LAND FORCES
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS

AQ/326.13/Q

23 Jan45

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HQ MOROTAI STAGING AREA.

1. It is requested that Lt. Cols NORRIS and WESTLUND report to this H.Q. on the 25 Jan or the earliest practicable date thereafter for a conference on Staging arrangements.

2. Advise ETA.

Lt Col NORRIS – 220 x 50 lbs
" WESTLUND – 180 x 50 lbs
400 x 100 lbs

JAN 23 1945

BRIG.
DA & QMG.

See LT O'DONNELL W.
Sgt PUGH
0930 hrs
leave 1030 hrs Courier

35

[redacted]

HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area
(Staging Area 2)

Q/508.

27 Jan 45.

Adv HQ (5)

(One copy for 1 Aust Base Sub Area)
(One copy for Staging Area 1)

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

SITREP

1. (a) Signals:

(i) Maj [redacted] 22 Aust L of C Sigs reported for [redacted] 22 Jan.

(ii) Advice was received from HQ Aerbase that 1 Offr 25 Ors of 3 Det 4 Aust Wireless Unit were on board "[redacted]". Staging Area 2 signal message 2048 of 211300K Jan 45 was despatched to Adv HQ requesting advice re arrival of vessel troops proved to belong to RAAF.

(b) [redacted]:

It is felt lack over operational responsibility for Inland as from 191700K Jan 45.

(c) [redacted]:

Units of 33 US Div have concentrated, and are now embarking. Most areas temporarily allotted to 33 US Div are being vacated. Camps vacated to date have been left clean and tidy.

(d) [redacted]:

(i) Lt-Col [redacted], DAS HQ CR, en route to LEYTE.
(ii) Lt-Col [redacted], AIB.
(iii) Lt-Col [redacted] Senior Ops Offr [redacted].
(iv) Wing Cmdr [redacted] RAAF LO 13th US Air Force.
(v) Lt-Col [redacted] DDF Offr 61 ACS RAAF.

(e) [redacted]:

(i) [redacted] NIL.
(ii) [redacted] NIL.
(iii) [redacted] NIL.

(f) [redacted]:

Personnel with heavy showers throughout week.

[redacted]:

4. (a) Monthly report by 1 Aust CRE (Fd) is attached.

(b) New Engr Sup is available Darwin Detachment 1 Aust CRE (Fd) is moving to DARU to complete survey of AUST HOSPITAL AREAS. Detachment of 4 OR from this HQ has been obtained for construction. Arrangements have been made with 31 US Div Sup party to carry with US outpost at DARU.

[redacted]:

5. "MYRTLE FIRE" arrived 24 Jan with 2 Jeeps, 2 trailers and unit equipment less 1 Aust CRE (Fd).

[redacted]:

6. Advice has been received that 1 Aust Corps is providing 150 tarpaulins for coverage.

[redacted]:

7. Report by RAE attached.

[redacted]:

8. (a) Indents for urgent replacements have been submitted to ADOS ADF LHQ.

(b) Staging area 2 moved from 1 Aust Base sub area with 30 days reserve of clothing etc. Owing to heavy and early cutting boots clothing and bivvie are rapidly being worn out.

(c) It is requested that demands submitted be forwarded by air.

[redacted]:

9. Windows and boot of [redacted] has now arrived by "MYRTLE FIRE".

[redacted]:

10. Could direction be given please on the undermentioned queries already submitted:-

[redacted]	[redacted]
(a) [redacted]	one C/508 of 23 Dec 44 "Report to 22 Dep" para 7.
(b) [redacted]	one C/508 of 27 Dec 44. "Report to 22 Dep" para 13.
(c) [redacted]	one C/508 of 7 Jan 45. "Report to 5 Jan" para 5 (f).

[redacted]
[redacted]
Staging Area 2.

Appx "A" 1 Aust CRE (Fd) Monthly Report to 25 Jan 45.
Appx "B" Medical and Hygiene Report to 25 Jan 45.

C.22/Gen.

APPENDIX "A" TO CRAGIE AREA 2
C/508 of 27 Jan 45.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Ref No

Det 1 Aust CRE Works (AIF)
1 Aust Base Sub Area
Staging Area 2

25 Jan 45.

SUBJECT: [redacted]

1 Aust Base Sub Area
Staging Area 2.

1. AREAS.

(a) Initial Maint Area - tracks surveyed and tentative layout prepared.

(b) Transit Area - Survey completed.

(c) Layout plans - Layout of hospitals (3) engr Dump Area and Staging Maint Area forwarded to DE in C.

2. ROADS.

Survey of main access road alignment complete. Crossing of BABAL R necessitates an up stream detour of road to a gap of 32 ft. On east side road return to coastal track alignment will require a considerable amount of cut and fill, through two coral ridges. Supply of explosive for this purpose has been requested in a letter to DE in C.

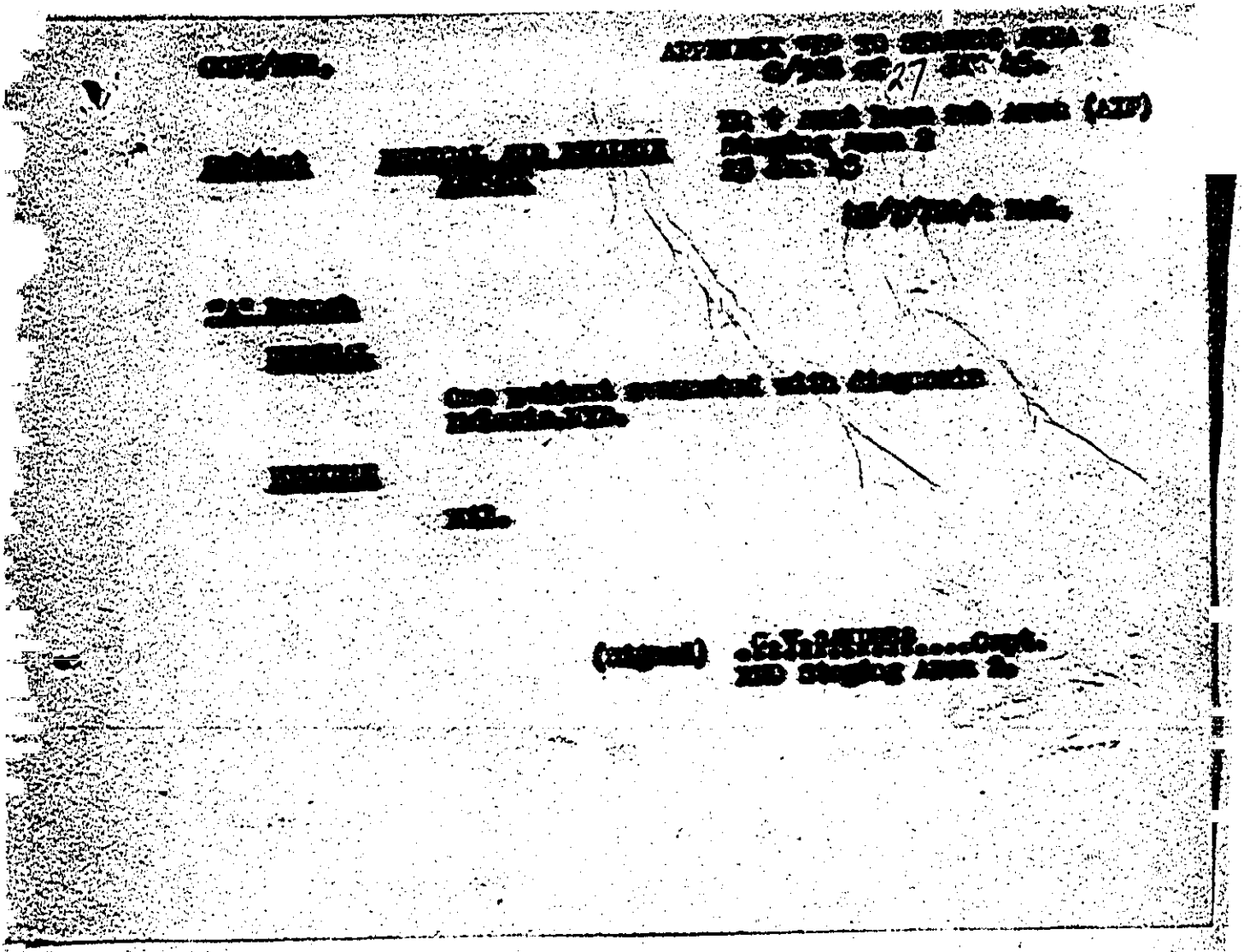
3. GENERAL.

Lt Col Bush - Base Engr, Hurstal, was approached on 25 Jan re assistance from 1C Engrs and CO Aust Engr Bde, in road construction and development of cities. The result was negative. Lt Col Bush stated that engineering tasks within the base area at present such that no assistance could be given.

A batch has developed re coral pit previously reported as being available for use. The working of this pit is now subject to whether its operation will interfere with a C.A.A. Radio installation being installed in the vicinity.

Maj "Blue to Fight" arrived 24 Jan with remainder of detachment, stores and kit. It is not anticipated that stores and kit will be available until Friday 26 Jan at earliest.

(signed) Lt Col
(C.E. Westland).
CRE 1 Aust CRE Works (AIF)



MINUTE 34 SECRET

Subject: General Items 20 Jan 45.

Comd
Engrs
AQ
S and T
Retain for War Diary

OPERATIONAL COMMAND—MOROTAI

1. G3 31 US Div advise that 31 US Div have taken over all the perimeter from 33 US Div. 130 Inf Regt of 33 Div relinquishes operational control of GILA peninsular which is now assumed by 31 Div. All 33 US Div troops are now concentrating in staging camps for on movement. Gen MARTIN assumed tactical control of island as from 191700 I Jan 45. Instruction to this effect being drawn up for promulgation.

CLEARING OF BOOBY TRAPS—STAGING MAINT AREA

2. G3 31 US Div advises that they have no details yet as to who laid traps or their location. They think it was 2 Bn 155 Inf Regt which are now at WADJABOELA due out 22 Jan. Radio comms are unsatisfactory and strip is out of action so they cannot determine position. However one of 31 Div units is running a mine clearing school and they will be used to clear area.

JAP ACTIVITY SABATAI RIVER AREA

3. Gave G3 31 US Div sketch map of our recces in area and copy of report from Lt CRELLIN 1 Aust CRE. Both these given by G3 to G2. G3 says that patrols from DAEO on 18 Jan and one from SABATAI WEST in SABALA RIVER area on 19 Jan report no enemy contacts.

4. US patrols are at present operating to NORTH of our STAGING AREA and if they or our survey parties see any traces of Japs they will arrange specifically protective patrols.

SIGNALS

4. Maj BENTON Sig Offr 31 US Div confirmed arrangements made 19 Jan with Capt DUKE and Lt BOLTZ. He advised however that some miles from JOCKEY for about half a mile towards our ENGR DUMP Camp might not be available but by that time most of 13th Air Force would have moved out and their resources could be used. Advanced elements of 13th AF have already left and 31 Div are progressively taking over their signal resources and responsibilities. Maj BENTON stated that when we actually do commence to install our comms we might find the position better than that anticipated at conference on 19 Jan.

VISITING OFFICERS

5. F/Lt ELAM of FELO advised that the following officers are expected today:

Lt Col TOWNSEND Senior Ops Offr FELO
Lt Col CAMPBELL AIB

RAN VESSELS AT MOROTAI

6. Lt CONNOR J RANVR att 1st TAF RAAF advised that the following RAN ships are at present in the roadstead:

Destroyer	VENDETTA	Comd LT GORDON	Leaving today
Corvette	[illegible]		" "
"	GLADSTONE		Left 19 Jan
"	COLAC	Comd Lt Comd LOGAN	
"	STRAHAN		
"	GYMPIE		
"	CAPUNDA		

RAAF ALO

8. Maj STEVENS ADVISES that stereoscope NOT available yet.

9. He will arrange for further 16 photos to be taken as requested by 1 Aust CRE.

10. He would appreciate it if he could use our officers mess one night for his ALOs. He would provide rations and cook.

"A" MATTERS

10. Capt BRUNSDEN called to see G1 AG 31 US Div re Pro and Burials.

11. 2 " called on Personnel Offr US Naval Base re attendance Aust personnel SEA BEES cinima. Personnel Offr will call back.

ALLOTMENT OF ENGR UNITS TO CAMP AREAS

12. 1 Aust CRE advises that the following will be the distribution of RAE units to camps

Camp 2 DOCKS
One Army Tps Coy

Camp 3 INITIAL MAINT
One Fd Coy

Camp 5 ENGR DUMP
60 Aust Corps Fd Park Coy
4 Aust Mech Spare Parts Sec
2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy
2 Aust Mech Eqpt Wksp
2/44 Aust LAD
340 Aust LAD

Camp 6 TRANSIT
One Fd Coy

ENGR WORK CAMP AREA

13. Engrs are arranging as time and labour become available

(a) To obtain bull-dozer to clear parking area.

(b) To obtain or construct flagpole

(c) To layout main drains in camp area

(d) To erect suitable backgrounds in Gen Office for mounting air photos.

14. In additon to above it is suggested that the following might be arranged with Engrs as labour becomes available

(a) Obtain and erect fresh water tank at gen office

(b) Erect two further divisions on gen office.

CAMP EQPT

15. Camp Comd has been requested to compile list of utentials, tools and equipment required for HQ Camp and Office. Suggestions are Carpenters kit, more cooking and serving utentials, stationary supplies such as talc for maps.

MOV Maj McARTHUR

K. JC KDJ arranging air movement NOCCUNDRA Sun 24 Jan.

20 Jan 45

F.T. Blamey Maj

SECRET

HQ 1 Amst Base Sub Area (AIF)
(Staging Area 2)

G/308

D/ Jan 45

ADV LHQ (3)

(One copy for 1 Amst Base Sub Area)
(One copy for Staging Area No 1)

ARRANGEMENTS FOR STAGING 1 AUST CORPS
MOROTAI

Ref Hong Cong GILA-SABALA RIVER
Issued to AIB 19 Jan 45

"G":

1. (a) Reconnaissance: STAGING AREA to 16 Jan to ascertain

(i) Routes of access over scarp to open areas to NORTH.

(ii) Extent and nature of NORTH-SOUTH wadis on higher ground.

(b) Visitors:

(i) Maj MCARTHUR, 22 Amst L of C Sigs, arrived 15 Jan.

(ii) Capt DONNEY, Special Recce Det, arrived 16 Jan.

(iii) Capt PRENTICE and 6 NCO's of Special Recce Det arrived 19 Jan.

(iv) Special Recce Det staged at HQ at request of AIB.

(c) Survey: 31 US Div was advised that Engr survey party would be operating to EAST of SABALA RIVER as from 19 Jan. US patrols are at present operating in area to NORTH of STAGING AREA. 31 US Div will arrange specifically protective patrols if any sign of Jap activity is observed.

(d) Air Photos: First Tactical Air Force, RAAF, have provided air photos of peninsula area, and have flown photo recce of STAGING AREA, portion of which was obscured by clouds. This portion is being rephotographed.

(e) Signals:

(i) Maj MCARTHUR carried out recces of areas to be occupied by Australian troops on 16-18 Jan.

(ii) Australian signal programme was discussed with 31 US Div on 19 Jan.

(iii) This officer advises that provision for signals in this area is inadequate. Report is being prepared for Adv LHQ and will be submitted by Maj MCARTHUR on his return.

(f) Liaison:

(i) Arranged with US Port Director for daily advice to be furnished to this HQ of shipping arrivals after 1 Feb 45.

(ii) Called on Comd US Naval Base and discussed possible movement of Constr Bn with a view to obtaining their vacated areas.

(g) Operations:

(i) Enemy Air: - Nil

(ii) Enemy Land: Two small attacks on perimeter unsuccessful.

: NICA Reports 20 Japs crossed SADATAI RIVER into ADVT STAGING AREA on 17 Jan.

: Engr survey party on 191530 I Jan found foot marks made by wearer of split-toed shoes with spike marks in vicinity 019538. Reported to 31 US Div.

(iii) Own: Normal.

(h) Weather: Heavy showers during week. Otherwise generally clear with scattered cloud.

ENGINEER:

2. (a) 1 Amst CRE (Mtn) Weekly Report attached as Appendix "A".

(b) Forwarded under separate cover in cardboard cylinder the following plans:-

(i) Hospital Area

(ii) Staging Maintenance Area

(iii) Engr Dump Area

Could these plans be approved and handed to DE in C Adv LHQ for perusal. Adv LHQ Sig DEC 38 of 14 Jan 45 refers.

(c) 1 Amst CRE (Mtn) has advised DE in C of difficulties in reproduction of plans and requested complete copy for this purpose be forwarded by air. Should copy not be forthcoming could above-mentioned plans be prepared for duplication and reproduced. It is requested that eight copies be forwarded to this HQ for distribution.

(d) Plans for other areas will be submitted as completed. Initial maintenance area is last on priority.

(e) Attention is invited to para 3 of Engr Weekly Report.

AG:

3. (a) Continued liaison with US Transportation Officers.

(b) Prepared Adm Instr for Staging Area Troops.

SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT:

4. (a) Timber: DEST Adv LHQ has advised that Engrs propose to provide dunnage of empty 44 gall drums with ADC Mesh Mattress which, used in conjunction with tarpaulins, will overcome shortage of coverage. There is an acute down shortage on the Island, and 31 US Div are unable to supply the 2,000 drums required for project. Any timber found suitable for dunnage is being reserved for this purpose, but the quantity will be small with our present strength position.

(b) POL Supplies: Following receipt of letter from DEST Adv LHQ setting out our responsibilities for POL supply and distribution, DADST contacted CG 31 US Div and advised him of our requirements to cover all troops whilst staging, and initial maintenance for follow Up Force. The US CG stated that to date 31 Div had not received any details from GHQ, but were aware they would be required to meet such demand in initial [illegible]

MEDICAL:

5. Report attached as Appendix "F". Health of troops good.

SERVICES:

6. It is anticipated that with the departure of 33 US Div from area some natives will become available and it is proposed to employ them on clearing. NICA advise they have no tools available. Could 50 machetes be provided by air immediately. If these are not available at BRISBANE arrangements can be made to obtain them here from US sources. Kindly advise.

TRANSPORT:

7. Shipment of remaining two jeeps for this HQ was anticipated by "WHITE FISH" with 1 Aust CRE (Mtn) vehicles and equipment. Advise was received on 15 Jan 45 from Staging Area 1 that our jeeps were shut out owing to lack of space. Staging Area 2 Sig Ott of 16 Jan 45 was despatched requesting movement be expedited, and advising necessity of sending escort with vehicles.

LIGHTING:

8. (a) Depots: No advice has yet been received regarding the lighting of BSO, Ord Depot, Cartons etc. to enable stores to be received during darkness. It will be appreciated that to secure rapid turn round of vessels it will be essential to work 24 hours a day. To ensure efficient and quick unloading at depots electric light will be required. Could advise be given please on:-

(i) Will Ord and S & T Units move with electric light plant.

(ii) If not, what provision can be made?

(b) At Staging Area 2: It has been found very difficult to work at night owing to eye strain when using kerosene lamps. When troops commence arriving in the area a considerable amount of night work will be necessary. Some Aladdin lamps were brought by HQ from Australia but these require constant maintenance and some have become US as they require repairs to primers etc. beyond our resources. It is requested that a 5 KVA set be released to this HQ for lighting purposes, together with necessary fittings.

LOCAL AIR:

9. (a) Camp construction continuing.

(b) Two small parties clearing other areas.

(c) Protective personnel provided for large working party.

(K.A. ROBERTS) Lt-Col

Comd Staging Area 2

DISTRIBUTION:

War Diary (2)
File.

APPENDIX "A" TO [illegible] DATED [illegible]

Det 1 Aust CRE Works (AIF)
Staging Area 2

18 Jan 45

SUBJECT: ENGR PROGRESS REPORT
PERIOD ENDED 30 [illegible]

1. AREAS:

(a) Staging Point Area - additional area surveyed - tentative layout complete.

(b) Initial Point Area - Perimeter survey complete.

(c) Transit Area - Survey in progress. Location of road from existing forward road to SABATAI RIVER fixed.

(d) General: It is considered that six copies of all layout plans will be required. At present we have no facilities for reproduction of originals and enquiries from various bodies on the Island reveal that little assistance can be expected owing to shortage of materials.

A request from Adv LHQ for rough layout plans of installations has necessitated traced copies being made; this is laborious and hinders the progress of the main task.

DE in C Adv LHQ has been advised of the position and a request has been submitted for complete reproduction facilities to be forwarded by air; the only alternative will be to send the negatives by hand to Adv LHQ for printing.

A further shortage exists in tracing paper. On completion of sketches requested by Adv LHQ checks will be submitted, a further supply should arrive on the "Empire Pluto".

On information available the lack of these facilities is attributable to the limit placed by HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area on the amount of equipment forwarded with Det 1 Aust CRE (Wks). It is pointed out that a draughtsman without his tools of trade can hardly produce results.

2. BRIDGING:

Sections of gap at SABATAI RIVER and SABALA RIVER surveyed.

Information received in Landing Signal DE37 indicates that no pile-driving equipment will be coming forward with mechanical shovels. As the bridging tasks are first priority jobs, and as construction time must be kept to an absolute minimum in order that development of main Staging Area can proceed to schedule, a request has been forwarded to DE in C to include 140 feet of triple single Bailey Bridging with Kapier Stores, same to arrive on first ships. This is an essential requirement.

3. WATER SUPPLY:

Bacteriological tests prove water from SABALA RIVER to be a suitable supply providing normal superchlorination is carried out.

4. GENERAL:

Activities are still limited by non-arrival of Unit transport & stores

Lt.-Col.
CRE, 1 Aust CRE (Wks)

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NOTES FOR WEEKLY REPORT (32) File 4/908.
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MATTERS TO FOLLOW UP FROM PREVIOUS REPORTS

(a)	Report to 15 Dec.	In view shortage of water trucks recommended one tpt pl with vehicles be moved on first vessel to arrive at MORATAI.
(b)	"	Requested that two trailers jeep and one water trailer be shipped with the remaining two jeeps for this HQ.
(c)	" 22 Dec	Requested Adv LHQ to indicate the policy regarding the pooling of Aust and US docks facilities.
(d)	" "	Advice requested re arrangements for Comforts Fund buildings in Maint Area.
(e)	" "	Advice requested as to whether provision can be made for requirements for camp maint areas in Corps Troops and Base Sub Area Troops camps.
(f)	Draft Adm Instr	Forwarded for approval 28 Dec with suggestion regarding resume of ground and air situations.
(g)	Report to 29 Dec	Query re early arrival of Medh Eqpt Coy and Fd Coy. Movement of jeeps requested expedite.
(h)	Allotment of Tps to camp areas	Planned allotment frowarded to Adv LHQ 4 Jan for approval.
(j)	Report to 5 Jan	URGENT advice requested (i) Are sufficient engr stores coming fwd to provide coverage for 247,705 sq ft? (ii) Which units can provide terps from WE stores for covering bush frames, and to what extent?
(k)	" 8	Requested confirm that no coverage for S and T stores in Initial Maint Area.
(l)	" "	Query concerning unloading of RAAF units, and maint.
(m)	" 12 Jan	Advice requested re addition of Sal unit to our OOB.

MATTERS FOR INCLUSION IN CURRENT REPORT TO 19 Jan

~~Survey~~—Copy of Engr resumé to be att to report

Booby Traps Staging Maint Area—See G resumé.

Recces—See G and Engr resumés

Signals—Visit Maj MacARTHUR—See G resumé

Int—Visit Capt DOWNEY and team—See G resumé

Advise of Shipping Movts—Cond visit Port Director—See G resumé

Adm Instr Staging Area Tps—See AQ resumé

Coverage and dunnage for AASC requirements—See AQ resumé

POL Supplies—See AQ resumé.

CAmn Construction—See AQ report

Health of Troops

Enemy Ops—Own Ops—Weather See G resumé. Special reports asked.

Engr Eqpt. Tracing Paper, draughtsmans tools.