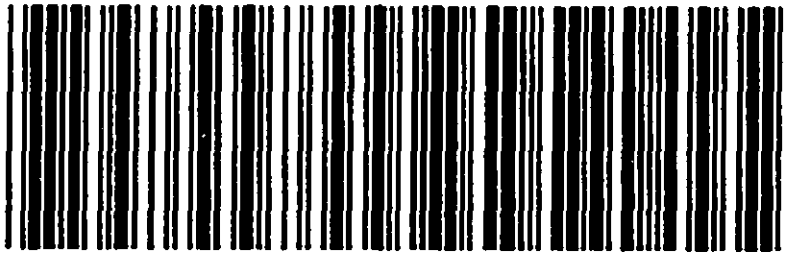
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1 Australian Base Sub Area 1 Staging Area 2 Staging Area

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MS/MAO

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

AQ/11

21 Apr 45

Subject: DUNNAGE

1 Aust CRE (Wks)

Subtended for information is copy of memo received from AQMG (Mov and Tn) dated 19 Apr 45.

1. "Advise has been received that Salvage Dump adjacent to POL Dump, ROUTE 5, EAST US NAVAL BASE will be ready to receive Dunnage on 20 Apr.

2. As from 20 Apr all Dunnage discharged from ships will be delivered to this dump. NO deliveries will be made direct, except to another ship for re-dunnaging.

Jas G Miller maj
Lt-Col
(J.A. MORRIS)
Comd MIROCAI Staging Area

C P/A OLR

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

REO/140/M23/45 ED/LG

1 Aust CRE Wks (AIF)
AUSTRALIA

25 Apr 45

SUBJECT: STORES FOR CONSTRUCTION

HQ Morotai Staging Area

1. Details of stores available for construction for various services are as follows:-

Lighting: Maximum of 800 light points and necessary cable.

Wire: Sufficient wiring for 2150 yards of Double Apron Fence.

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

Army Form C2136 (Small)
(Paper of 100) (Adapted Sept. 1943)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. AR/11

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (4) Originator: AVERAGE | Date—Time of Origin: 101415 | Office Date Stamp

TO: For Action: 2/5 AR(H)

(to) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions— GR—

ORIGINATOR'S No. Q 23 please deliver To leaven 4 "B" 3" Lumber delivered To you in error. This is always required urgently for ammunition. You keep the other stuff until I get relieved.

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 Degree of Priority

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR		
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Signed: [illegible] Maj

Signal

Army Form C2126 (Small)
(Replaces W.O. Form 109) (Adopted Sept. 1942)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

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FROM (4) — Originator: 52 COMP A A REGT — Date—Time of Origin: 101530I — Office Date Stamp

TO — For Action: AUSTAGE

(to) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions — GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. A531 retrieved upon @ 22 ⊙ date

This message must be sent AS WRITTEN ~~any paraphrase, insertion~~

Signed

If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER

Signed

Originator's Instructions. Degree of Priority

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Revised Form C2126 (Small)
(Signal Corps No. 203) (Adopted Sept. 1943)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (W) DUSTOFF

Originator

Date—Time of Origin 101406I

Office Date Stamp

F 12

TO 53 Dust Co Avn Bn Rgt

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Lt Col COSTELLO

Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. D22 restricted mats hold down and operation awaiting for clearing of access trail to camp as required by LT COL COSTELLO

message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except Wireless

Signed [illegible]

If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER

Signed

Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority

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Army Form C2136 (Small)
(Trade of 100) (Adopted Sept. 1918)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
			AQ/11

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: BASTAGE

Date—Time of Origin: 10/4/65I

Office Date Stamp: File

TO For Action: 53 Coy 1/A. Regt

(W) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions: GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

Q 21 restricted w/ over AQ/11 J 6 apr by 5 Reading for carry rest area be cleared by your rest by 10 apr Q Commence this task immediately and complete by 11 apr Q obtain tools from engr dump Q duff blogers will NOT be used for clearing J Coy sites Q advise when task completed adv

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means / except	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
Signed J.T. Hart Lieut 10 Aprils Maj	Signed		THI or TOR		
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Army Form G2126 (Small)
(Superseding 1939) (Adopted Sept. 1943)

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MESSAGE FORM

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Call | Ser. No. | Priority | Transmission Instructions HQ/11

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FROM (a) Originator: AUSTACE | Date—Time of Origin: 091430 I | Office Date Stamp

TO For Action: DD INF TPS W/SHOPS & WORKS COY

(b) For Information (INFO.): 1 AUST CRE

Message Instructions: GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. & DO 1) OPERATION OF WATER POINT STAGING AREA 2) DD INF TPS W/SHOPS WILL PROVIDE THREE (3) ENGINE OPERATORS TO WORK IN 8-HOUR SHIFTS 3) DS WORKS COY WILL PROVIDE THREE (3) PERSONNEL FOR CHLORINATION DUTIES TO WORK IN 8-HOUR SHIFTS

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except ~~Wireless~~

Signed

If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER

Signed

Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority

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SECRET

HQ: 2 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF)
Singing Area 2

AC/11

Apr 45

Subject: ARRANGEMENTS FOR UNLOADING : AUST CARGO - MOSSTAN

Ref Maps Sheet MOSSTAN River
Issued to HQ 2 L of C Apr 45

Adv LHQ (A)

Incl one copy for HQ : Aust Base Sub Area (AIF)

"A":

1. Units arriving in AREA: Location Statement being issued separately.
2. Commitments: N I L.
3. Hospitals: None.

REMARKS:

4. [illegible] 1 Aust CRE (Wks) Weekly report submitted direct to DE in C Adv LHQ.

SHIPPING:

5. 'JOHN ROCKEFELLER' } Arrived 2 Apr
'CHARLES COCKERELL' }

'SCOTT' }
'JOHN KEPT' }
'CHARLES DICKENS' } Arrived 4 Apr
'SHEBA' }
'RICHARD HOE-COMBET' }
'ROGER SHERMAN' }

'[illegible]' } Arrived 7 Apr
'CHARLES EWART' }

DISEMBARKATION AND EJECTION ARRANGEMENTS:

6. Ops on 'WAR HERO' disembarked without ack folding and twin half shelter on the ramp, again placing a severe strain on resources of this area. A conference to re-organize water requirements for all ops at MOSSTAN (incl RAAF and US Forces) is being arranged.

STORES AND TRANSPORT:

7. [illegible]

(a) Rations on 'CHARLES COCKERELL' are being reunited into the AEB. As the Transit Shed was not ready for use, one of the 200' x 48' storage sheds was utilized for the purpose. Owing to extreme approaches to the ends for discharging, a bottle neck was formed which slowed up unloading to some extent.

(b) The construction of the depot is proceeding satisfactorily, and more storage facilities will be available before the end of next week. A schedule setting out our requirements for both Sokolo and Lolole has been submitted.

(c) The 'CHARLES HERBERT' will be discharged into the Lolole.

8. [illegible]

Good progress has been made in the clearing of the POL Dump. Forty bays are now completed and application has been made for engineer constructional work on the main roads. No provision for lighting of this depot has been made.

[redacted]

With the arrival of vehicles for the 2/3, 2/31, 2/33 and 2/200 Fd Cos the present transport requirements are being met. The need for stand by vehicles and crews for ambulances for night training still exists. The whole body vehicles 2/33 Transport Fd have had a particularly gruelling time, and a considerable amount of body repair work is now essential.

[redacted]

20. Report attached as Appendix "A".

[redacted]

21. To date 372 POW has not been in a position to make annual detailed issues. Tentage and accommodation stores have been issued to Aust Signals Camp sufficient for 2,000 men. Further issues will be made as required.

22. Such repairs are now to be carried out by 4 Aust PRO and units are being advised.

23. 21000 dump building has been erected and dump will be functioning by 6 Apr.

24. Indents for clothing have been called for and as from this month units will demand on a monthly basis. Replacements for deficiencies in bedding and equipment are also being submitted. These will be forwarded to the mainland for necessary action.

25. 14 FOWIS CO 7 Aust Sub Area has been allotted duty at No 2 Transit Depot (Qld Mainland Base Area) for approx two months.

[redacted]

26. 24, 25, 26 Aust Tptn Coys are working at full strength.

(a) 24 Aust Tpn Coy concentrating on GSC Tptn, and other units in Tpn Area.

(b) 25 Aust Tptn Coy concentrating on Ships

(c) 26 Aust Tptn Coy concentrating on Rail - Long Lds requirements.

[redacted]

27. [redacted]

Limited opportunity exists at present for organised inter unit sport, due to irregular working hours. A softball match has been arranged between 2 GHQ Tpn and 24th Aust Tpn Coy to be played on Sun 8 Apr 45.

28. A boxing tournament was held on 6 Apr 45 at 14 ADS (RAAF). This is a weekly event and is open to RAAF, American and Aust Army personnel. Invitations have been promulgated to all units and it is anticipated that a large number of our troops will participate in future.

29. [redacted]

(a) Films. In accordance terms of 2 Aust Base Sub Area it will be necessary to install a cinema with at each of three points throughout the area [redacted] Vicinity of HQ MOROTAI Staging Area

Arrangements have been made with the American Special Services representatives for a sufficient supply of films to screen three or four nights per week in each area mentioned.

2 RAF ASF have agreed to the loan of one 16 mm projector, and this could be installed when a theatre site is cleared in the vicinity of No 2 Tpn. Application has been made to 6th Aust Div Tpn (2) which claims (with agreement), the supply of which should entirely requirements.

(b) [redacted]. A video tape (produced RAF and Army) held the first [redacted] on the night 4 Apr 69. It is intended to take this tape to AFP and RAF units in turn, to supplement film commentaries.

5. [redacted]

AFP and TRA representatives are replying with a recruitment emphasis. It is felt that no more information should be now fully exploited. A radio ad has been installed, and it is hoped that an agitator system of present under repair, will be functioning early next week. Leaflets have also been distributed by mentioning offices this PA to the following extent:-

(a) 8/9 Apr 69.
(b) 10 AAD & 32 AGB (Scotland)
(c) 4 Army Gp Sig Bde
(d) 14 Amph Wks Sqn

It is hoped that major units in the Reading Maintenance and Transit Area will be exploited with visits by the end of next month. Arrangements have been made for the distribution of AFP Gazettes/Reports which will be allocated to the three TRA representatives for units in their respective areas.

[redacted]
[redacted]
Capt RA [redacted] Staging Area

Internal:

Mr Mary (2)
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APPENDIX "A" TO HQ MOROTAI STAGING AREA AG/11 OF APR 45

Headquarters
MOROTAI Staging Area
5 Apr 45

7/720/II Med

SUBJECT : MEDICAL AND HYGIENE REPORT.

"A" Branch.

1. MEDICAL

NIL.

2. HYGIENE

Water Supplies (Water Point - Well No 5)

(a) This well has been reconditioned and is now in operation.

(b) Horrocks test carried out showed this to be one scoop water.

(c) Under supervision of Hygiene Inspector Sgt, water duty personnel are superchlorinating all water. Until superchlorination in bulk is functioning, water trucks are being superchlorinated individually.

Water Point - Bore MR

(a) Bore MR is now in operation.

(b) Horrocks Test carried out showed this to be one scoop water.

(c) The same temporary arrangements as for Well No5 have been arranged.

Saunders.
(J.V.SAUNDERS) Capt.
A/DAAG MOROTAI Staging Area.

H.Q. M.S.A.

Plant Works Coys — 6/afm. 43

Weekly Return —

1. 14, 28, 33 Amst Works Coys are working at full strength.

(a) 14th Coy concentrating on CRE Works, Amst Works in I.M.B. Area.

(b) 28th " concentrating on S.M.A.

(c) 33rd " on docks — less LH.Q. requirements.

D.A.D.L.
M.S.A.

No 13

6/4/45

Mtg Mortar Platoon Officers.

Weekly Report (Ordnance)

1. Data 1742 FOD has not been in position to make normal detailed issues.

2. Pontage and accommodation stores have been issued to Q.M. Depot Camp sufficient for 2,100 men. Further issues will be made as required

3. Boat repairs are now to be carried out by 4th Q.M. Depot R.S.D. and units are being advised.

4. DADOS dump destroyed has been erected and dump will be operational by 15th inst.

5. Indents for clothing have been called for and as from this month units will demand on a monthly basis.

Requisitions for miscellaneous initial War Equipment are also being submitted. These will be forwarded to the mainland for necessary action.

Lieut Army 00.7 Case Exhibits has been allotted duty as Mil Transit Officer (CO) Depot and approved

Lieut Col Capt.

S & T Service.
HQ Morotai Staging Area.
~~31 March~~ 45.
8 Apr. 45

ST1 . 29 2

Subject: RESULE ACTIVITIES WEEK ENDING 1800 HRS 5 APR. 45.

Q BRANCH
MOROTAI STAGING AREA.

Copy to:

DDST
ADV LHQ.

SUPPLIES

(a) Rations ex"Charles Goodnight" are being received into the ASD. As the Transit Shed was not ready for use, one of the 100'x 45' storage sheds was utilised for the purpose. Owing to awkward approaches to the ends for discharging, a bottle neck was formed which slowed up unloading to a great extent.

(b) The construction of the depot is proceeding satisfactorily, and more storage facilities will be available before the end of next week. A schedule setting out our requirements for both S.M.A. and I.M.A. has been submitted.

(c) The "Charles Russell" will be discharged into the I.M.A.

P.O.L.

Good progress has been made in the clearing of the P.O.L. I.M.A. Forty bays are now completed and application has been made for engineer constructional work on the main road. No provision for lighting of this depot has been made.

TRANSPORT:

With the arrival of vehicles for the 2/31, 2/32, 2/33 and 2/108 Pls the present transport requirements are being met. The need for steel body vehicles and seven ton semi-trlrs for wharf work becomes more apparent every day. The wooden body vehicles of 2/30 Transport Pl have had a particularly gruelling time, and a considerable amount of body repair work is now essential.

Major
DADST HQ MOROTAI Staging A

Remind your Kiwis

WEEKLY RESUME OF AMENITIES BRANCH.

1. SPORT Very little opportunity exists at the moment for sport amongst units under Comd 1 Aust Base Sub Area. One softball match has been organised between 1 CRE (Wks) and 824 Amph Trk Coy to be held on Sunday 8 Apr 45.

Other than this fixture, it will probably be two or three weeks before any organised sport can take place due to the long hours of shift work in units.

On Friday night 6 Apr 45, a boxing tournament was held at 14 ACS (RAAF). This is a weekly event and is open to RAAF American and Aust Army contestants. Last night's bouts were particularly entertaining with band and vocal items interspersed between each bout. Details have been promulgated to all units and it is anticipated that a large number of Aust Army personnel will participate next Friday 13, Apr 45.

2. ENTERTAINMENT:-

Films being undoubtedly the main form of entertainment it is desirable to instal at least 3 Cinemas to accommodate troops of 1 ABSA.

Arrangements have been made by this HQ with the American Special Services rep for a sufficient supply of films to show four nights in each of the three areas (Docks, HQ Morotai Staging, and Staging Maintenance Areas)

1 TAF RAAF have agreed to supply a 16 mm projector for use in the docks area, and requisition has been made to Hd L of C for two mobile cinemas to service the remainder of units in the other two areas mentioned.

It has been arranged to clear a theatre site in the area between route 5 and the northern end of No 3 Dock Sorting Area. This will be done in approx two weeks time when labour becomes available.

A swing band (combined RAAF and Army) held its first rehearsal on Wednesday night 4 Apr 45. It is intended to take this band to AIF & RAAF units in turn, to supplement film entertainment.

3. PHILANTHROPIC

ACF and YMCA are gradually equipping units with the necessary recreational facilities (viz:-paper, envelopes, games and magazines) YMCA reps are also doing a great deal of field work in the distribution of tea, cordials etc to troops during working hours.

HQ 1 ABSA Rec Hut is now equipped with tables, forms,

and Canvas chairs. A radio set has been installed, and it is hoped that an amplifier system at present under repair, will be functioning early next week.

Radio Sets have been distributed by Amen Officer this HQ to t the following units:-

HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area
2/2 Pioneer Bn
14 AAD & 17 AOD (Combined)
4 Army Tps.
14 Wks Coy

It is hoped that major units in the Staging Maintenance area will be equipped with sets by the end of next week.

Arrangements have been made for the distribution of ACF Christmas Hampers which will be allocated to the three YMCA reps for units in their respective areas.

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AMENITIES OFFICER.

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Lt.
ADJUTANT'S OFFICER.

Copies

1. Sport.

Little opportunity exists at present for organised inter unit sport, due to irregular ~~hours of duty~~ working hours.

A Softball match has been arranged between 1 CRE 10 Ks or 824 Coy RASC and 24 Coy to be played on Sun 8 Apr 45.

A boxing tournament was held on 6 Apr 45 at 14 ACS (RAAF). This is a weekly event and is open to RAAF, American and Allied Army personnel. Details have been promulgated to all units but it is anticipated that a large number of our troops will participate in future.

2. Entertainment.

a) Films.

To accommodate troops of 1 ABSA it will be necessary to install a cinema unit at each three points throughout the area. Suggested locations are:- Kooka Area, Moorabi Stores Area, Stores Maintenance & Transit Area.

Arrangements have been made with the American Special Services representative for a sufficient supply of films to screen three or four nights per week in each area mentioned.

1 Tactical Air Force RAAF have agreed to the loan of one 16 mm projector, and this could be installed when a theatre site is cleared in the vicinity of No 3 Area.

Requisition has been made to G L of C Area for two (2) mobile cinemas (with operators), the supply of which should satisfy requirement.

b) General.

A Army band (Combined RAAF & Army) held its first rehearsal on Wednesday night 4 Apr 45. It is intended to take this band to AIF & RAAF units in turn, to supplement film entertainment.

3. Philanthropic

ACF & YMCA Representatives are ~~issuing~~ equipping units with recreational supplies.

HQ 1 ABSA Recreation Centre is now fully equipped. A radio set has been installed, and it is hoped that our amplifier system at present under repair, will be functioning early next week. Radios have also been distributed by Area. Apply thro HQ to the following units:- 2/2 Pioneer Bn, 16 RAD & 17 AGS (Combined), 4 Army Def Coy RAE, 14 Aust Tpt Coy.

It is hoped that major units on the Stores Maintenance & Transit Area will be equipped with sets by the end of next week. Arrangements have been made for the distribution of ACF Comforts Hampers which will be accorded to the Area YMCA

representatives for units in their respective areas.

Executive Officer

JWB/DAO

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

A2/11
6 Apr 45

Subject: EMPLOYMENT

55 AA Regt

Copy: Adv HQ 1 Aust Corps

1. Adv LHQ have directed that "Commanders ..... will render all possible assistance, consistent with their operational roles, to HQ MENOTAI Staging Area in the Staging in of troops and the preparation of staging area".

2. In amplification of their instruction Adv LHQ have also directed that personnel, equipment and resources of all units except formation HQ will be placed at the disposal of this HQ.

3. In pursuance of the above please arrange to carry out the following:-

(a) Move personnel required to prepare camp site, from Transit Camp to your allotted camp area on 6 Apr 45.

(b) Move remainder of Regt from Transit Camp to camp site on 7 Apr 45.

(c) Clear camp area to be occupied by the Fd Arty Regt between your regimental camp site and ROUTE 5. To be completed by 10 Apr 45.

(d) Provide labour as demanded by DADOS this HQ for working of Initial Ordnance and Ammunition Depot.

(e) Provide labour as required for other tasks on demand from Staff Officer labour this HQ.

4. Transport required for movement of unit from Transit Camp will be provided as required by DADOT this HQ.

5. Tools for clearing may be obtained from Engr Dump on ROUTE 6 on submission of S18 to 1 Aust CRE Works.

6. Regiments in addition to the above will be advised as they arise.

7. Your unit will be released from tasks in this area on receipt by this HQ of advice from higher authority.

(E.A. ROBERTS) Lt-Col
Comd HQ MENOTAI Staging Area

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

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. AQ/1e

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (1) [redacted] Originator

Date—Time of Origin 0400

Office Date Stamp

TO [redacted] For Action File

[redacted] For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

[redacted] is restricted (c) 3 each copy [illegible] will be placed in dispatch [illegible] will [illegible] as required and will NOT be allotted to other [illegible] except with approval of [illegible]

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except [illegible]

Signed [redacted]

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Signed

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DRAFT

ALLIED LAND FORCES
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

SECRET AQ/11

ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS

AQ 326.213 Q2.

27/26 MAR 45

Subject: STAGING ARRANGEMENTS - 1 AUST CORPS

Ref: HQ MOROTAI Staging Area AQ11 of 20 Mar 45 MAR 28 1945 MOG.

HQ MOROTAI STAGING AREA

1. The draft copy of HQ MOROTAI Staging Area Adm Instr 2 is approved.

2. Forwarded herewith are two copies of Amendment No.3 to Fwd Ech Adm Instr No.1 which refers to the same subject.

J.K. Grant. Col for Brigadier
Deputy Adjutant and Quartermaster General

ALLIED LAND FORCES
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

SECRET

Advanced Headquarters
AQ/301.2 Fwd Ech/Q2
27 March 45

Subject: Amendment No 3 to Forward Echelon LHQ Administrative Instruction No 1 of 1 Dec 44

Reception and Staging of 1 Aust Corps and 1 Aust Base Sub Area at HOLLANDIA and MOROTAI

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. AQ/11

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) — Originator: 2/1 AUST DOCKS OP COY RAE — Date—Time of Origin: 261800 I

Office Date Stamp: Recd AQ 27/1/44

TO — For Action: 2/10 AUST DOCKS OP COY RAE

(w) For Information (INFO.): AUSTAGE

Message Instructions — GR

DESIGNATOR No. 999425 Following Area Commanders Instruction your Coy will clear camp site for 2/3 Aust Docks Op Coy and dig latrines (.) The site is the area adjacent to your own south of access road 250 feet in width and 500 feet in depth from main road (.) Engineers will build Food Prep Room and Showers (.) Site to be completed by 281000 I (.) ack

MAR 27 1944

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except Cipher

Signed [illegible] Docks Supt.

If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER

Signed

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JOI/COS

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

AQ/12

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Subject: AUSTRALIAN ARMY STAGING AREA - EAST OF SADATAI RIVER

HQ 21 US Div.
HQ First Tactical Air Force RAAF
HQ 13 US Air Force

Copy to - Adv-12Q 1 Aust CRE (Wks)

1. A bridge has been constructed by Australian Army Engineers across the SADATAI River and such Engineers are working on the road from HQ 21 US Div to SADATAI and SABALA Rivers.

2. This work is being hampered by traffic along the road and over the bridge. Troops have been passing through areas where work is in progress, firing indiscriminately in the vicinity of the working parties and fraternising with the natives.

3. Australian Military Police will be placed on this bridge to prevent its use and it is requested that US Military Police be allotted to the area each Saturday and Sunday to prevent the traffic above referred to.

4. It is further requested that orders be promulgated to all US Army Units, US Air Corps Units and RAAF units that the road beyond the rifle range at SADATAI -TORA be NOT used and that the area between the SADATAI River and DAEO is prohibited to all troops except Australian Army Engineers engaged in construction.

Lt-Col
(E. A. FORBES)
Comd HQ SADATAI Staging Area

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

AQ/21

/ Apr 45

Subject: ARRANGEMENTS FOR STAGING 1 AUST CORPS - BORNEO

Ref Maps CAPE GUL-SARATAI RIVER
Report to ASCO 1 29 Mar 45

Adv LHQ (4).

Incl one copy for 1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF)

"A"

1. Units arriving in area: Location Statement being issued separately.

2. Operations: N I L.

3. Weather: Rain with several fine days.

4. Communications: Priorities of requirements for line communication have been passed to SIG L of C Sigs.

ENGINEERS

5. HQ RAE 1 Aust Corps Tpe Weekly report submitted direct to DE in C Adv LHQ.

6. Lack of explosives is hampering construction.

7. Erection of coverage is still proceeding satisfactorily. Accommodation has had to take lower priority to coverage.

8. A Baily Bridge has now been erected over the SARATAI RIVER.

9. High priority has been given to the maintenance of the BT road to the Staging Maintenance Area.

SHIPPING

10. "GORGON") arrived 24 Mar. Departed 28 Mar.
"SEA RAY")

"FELIX HATHAWAY") arrived 24 Mar
"CARLOS CARDILLO")

"SEA BARB" arrived 28 Mar.

DISEMBARKATION AND RECEPTION ARRANGEMENTS

11. A heavy strain was placed on the resources of this area due to certain Corps units disembarking without cots folding and tents half shelter carried on the ship. These stores were placed below hatches and were not available for up to 48 hours after tps had left the ship. A distribution of tarpaulins by Ord relieved the position slightly. Those units moving from 1 Aust Base Sub Area were all in possession of cots folding on the ship, tents half shelter were not on issue to these tps. It is most necessary that these items be carried ashore by personnel and the fact has been recognised by Adv LHQ 1 Aust Corps, ref their signal QM2 of 251115 I to 1 Aust Corps.

12. In the case of "SEA BARB" many units were sent forward without some part, or all, of their mess stores. Such inconvenience has been caused to units already in the area in an effort to foster such units. Fostering arrangements were carried out but, in the case of those units above mentioned, the period of 48 hours was not sufficient to enable the newly arrived units to become self supporting.

15. Water carrying vehs are working 24 hrs a day to cope with water deliveries. Tps arriving on 'SEA BASS' have been limited for the present to 5 gals per man per day. The arrival of 'JOHN DOCKERILLER' and 'CHARLES COCHRIGHT' on 31 Mar 45 will enable several more water vehs to be put into operation.

16. Empty 44 gal drums have been used to date as containers for water within unit lines. Units have reported that in some cases the drums have contained lube oil and the water is not fit to drink. 500 gal corrugated iron tanks are now being made by Engrs and 41 have already been issued to those units whose needs for more water are paramount.

17. H BOLLANDIA Staging Area embarked at HOLLANDIA on 18 Mar 45 and disembarked at NOEMFOOR on 24 Mar 45. This Det of HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area is at present working with H NOEMFOOR Staging Area.

SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT

18. (a) Supplies:
178 Aust Sup Depot Pl is now operating HQ. Owing to construction of roads being in progress in 3X Area the 'FELIX NATHANAY' was discharged to HQ. This has caused considerable congestion as it is approx double the quantity the area was designed for.

(b) 2/1 and 2/3 Aust Fd Baking Pls are in the HQ area. 2/3 Pl will not set up here as it is required for CROWE 1.

(c) 2/1 Pl is in operation and bread will be available 30 Mar.

(d) The 'CARLOS CARILLO' was discharged from the stream and initial maintenance supplies were taken in by 84 BIPOD Pl at the S & T Initial Maint Area. Due to shortage of personnel it has not been possible to sort and stock this cargo but a start is being made with it. 235 Sup Dep Pl (Beach Gp) has been given the responsibility of receiving Initial Maint supplies pending the arrival of the Pls of the Bde Gp.

(e) 178 Aust Sup Dep Pl is now in the S & T area preparing the ASD for receipt of shipments expected during the coming week end. A very excellent working party from 33 Aust Works Coy has now completed three 100' x 45' sheds with Moresden Matting damage in the ASC. This party will continue on other ASC buildings during the coming week.

19. POL:

(a) Two Petrol Points are in operation manned by personnel of 82 Aust BIPOD Pl.

(b) 58 and 84 Aust BIPOD Pls are to start immediately preparing the Initial POL area for receipt of shipments expected from Australia early in Apr.

(c) Firm figures covering the US commitment for supply of POL for CROWE 1 and 2 are still in doubt. The stock of Lighting Kero and Ranga Fuel on the island is practically nil and will cause considerable embarrassment almost immediately. H 31 US Div advises he has had no advice from higher formation of quantities and commodities required for initial maint.

20. TRANSPORT:

(a) The shortage of transport has been most acute and demands for vehicles became so great that it was necessary to take Aust vehicles off short duties during the daytime in order to carry out other essential duties.

(b) 2/2, 2/32 and 2/33 Tpt Pls are now in the area and the vehicles for two of these Pls are due at the week end.

(c) Vehicles of 2/32 Aust Tpt Coy (2 Pls) (Beach Gp) will also be available for duty after the discharge of the 'ROCKERILLER'.

[redacted]:

19. Report attached as Appendix "A".

[redacted]:

20. Many units are disembarking minus various types of equipment. This is causing great difficulty in setting them up until their stores arrive, because of the general shortages throughout the area. Inter unit transfers are being carried out on a loan basis to meet the situation as far as possible.

21. A RADOC Dump area has been allotted and when building is erected the problem should be solved. Arrangements have been made to draw and hold bulk stocks which can be used to foster units.

22. Demands for MT spare parts are becoming more frequent. These will be met promptly as far as resources permit.

23. Lt FOWLS 00 ? Aust Base Sub Area has been attached to DADOS office.

[redacted]:

24. 38 Aust Mtn Coy ex 'SEA RAT' disembarked Sat 24 Mar 45 and proceeded to Staging Point Area where camp is being prepared.

25. 14 Aust Mtn Coy ex 'FELIX DeTHARAT' disembarked Mon 26 Mar 45 and proceeded to Docks Area.

26. All Works Coy are prepared to operate and have supplied all works parties as required.

[redacted]:

27. [redacted] Lt L.C. JOSS reported this HQ 24 Mar 45 and has taken up duties of Amenities Officer.

28. Arrangements have been made to transfer [redacted] Cpl DARLING 33 Aust Mtn Coy to Aust Army Amenities Service and attach him for duty to this HQ.

[redacted]:

29. Endeavours are being made to let a proportion of personnel off to attend Church Services on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

(Mrs. [redacted]) Lt-Col.

[redacted]

[redacted]:

War Diary (2)
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Headquarters
MOROTAI Staging Area
30 Mar 45

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SUBJECT : MEDICAL AND HYGIENE REPORT.

"A" Branch.

1. MEDICAL

(a) Hospitalization - 39 evacuations to hospital during week ending 29 Mar 45. Percentage rate approx 1 percent.

(b) 2/12 Aust Field Amb is now receiving patients. In future all medical evacuations will be sent to 2/12 Aust Field Amb.

2. HYGIENE.

NIL.

(J.V.SANDERS) Capt.
MMO MOROTAI Staging Area

SUBJECT: ENGR PROGRESS REPORT - PERIOD 21 MAR to 24 MAR 45

HQ RAE 1 AUST CORPS TPS
29 MAR 45

MAR 31 1945

REC/91

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1. Herewith progress report on Engr Work in MOROTAI STAGING AREA.

2. Within the very limited resources of plant, tpt and materials, progress has been satisfactory. The resources remained as for previous period.

3. Since 24 MAR, 2/1 AUST MECH EQPT COY, 14 AUST FD COY and 4 AUST A TPS COY have arrived. They are in possession of hand tools only, being completely devoid of tpt and eqpt. They have been issued with machettes and axes and are going into competition with native clearing parties.

Balance of HQ CRE (WORKS) arrived ex SEA RAY on 24 MAR.

WEATHER

4. Rain fell at HQ RAE as follows:-

21 MAR	0.50	ins
22 "	1.00	"
23 "	0.80	"
24 "	0.45	"

WATER SUPPLY

5. A bore was sunk in the TRANSIT AREA, map ref 887327, depth 97 ft, water level at 72 ft.

A second bore is in progress at map ref 863335. Sand and clay are causing difficult sinking. Six inch water tube is being used as casing.

TARGET DATES

6. The report indicates target dates NOT being achieved. Those targets were those set down by HQ MOROTAI STAGING AREA in instn received 21 MAR. The dates were set by this HQ merely as an indication of priority. HQ MOROTAI STAGING AREA was informed of the impossibility of attainment. Target dates after 29 MAR should be met.

.....Lt-Col.
CRE 1 AUST CORPS TPS.

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MOROTAI STAGING AREA.

Weekly Report Engineer Works.

PERIOD from 16 MAR 45 to 1800 hrs 24 MAR 45

Ser No.	W.I. No.	Task	Detail	Percentage completion 1234567890	Target Date	E.D.C.	Unit	Remarks
1	M.2	Hutting & Scale A BSD Hut No 1	200'x45'	●●●●●●●●●●	21 MAR	29 MAR	2 AUST FD COY	
		STAGING MAINT " 5	100'x45'	●●●●●●●●●●	"	22 MAR	"	
		AREA. " 6	100'x45'	●●●●●●●●●●	"	"	"	
		CANTEENS " 22	Beer Enc	●●●●●●●●●●	"	29 MAR	"	
		POSTAL " 23	100'x45'	●●●●●●●●●●	"	22 MAR	"	
		MISCELLANEOUS " 24	60'x18'	●●●●●●●●●●	"	24 MAR	"	
		SCALE 'A' "	6 sets	●●●●●●●●●●	"		"	Stores handed to units to complete.
2	M.8	Rds & Hardstandings, Staging Maint Area, Priority 1 works Main Circuit Rd & Hardstandings to huts.	Clearing	●●●●●●●●●●	"	21 MAR	5 AUST MECH EQPT COY	
			Formation	●●●●●●●●●●	"		"	EDC dependent on weather.
			Surfacing	●●●●●●●●●●				Rds useable.
3	M.4	Scale A, DOCKS AREA, 23 sets	FP Rooms	●●●●●●●●●●	23 MAR	26 MAR	2 AUST FD COY	Doors only required on 17 sets.
			Latrines	●●●●●●●●●●	"	"	"	Holes dug.
4	M.12	Const DOCKERS DRIVE, DOCKS AREA.	Clearing	●●●●●●●●●●	20 MAR		5 AUST MECH EQPT COY	EDC dependent on weather and availability of plant.
			Formation	●●●●●●●●●●	"			
			Surfacing	●●●●●●●●●●	"			
5	M.9	Access Rds & Scale A, TRANSIT AREA.	Clearing	●●●●●●●●●●	24 MAR		"	EDC dependent on weather.
			Formation	●●●●●●●●●●	"		"	
		16 Scale 'A'	FP Rooms	●●●●●●●●●●	"	26 MAR	"	
		22	Latrines	●●●●●●●●●●	"	"	"	
6	M.13 M.16 M.19	INITIAL MAINT Scale 'A' 3 sets AREA.	FP Rooms	●●●●●●●●●●	23 MAR		2 AUST FD COY	
			Latrines	●●●●●●●●●●	"	27 MAR	"	
		ORDNANCE Hut No 13	100'x45'	●●●●●●●●●●	24 MAR	"	"	
		" 14	80'x45'	●●●●●●●●●●	26 MAR	26 MAR	"	
		" 18	120'x45'	●●●●●●●●●●	31 MAR	31 MAR	"	
		" 15	60'x45'	●●●●●●●●●●	4 APR	4 APR	"	
		EMGR DUMP " 37	100x45	●●●●●●●●●●	30 MAR	30 MAR	"	
		AUX DEPOT " 19	60'x45'	●●●●●●●●●●	26 MAR	27 MAR	"	
		" 20	30'x18'	●●●●●●●●●●	26 MAR	27 MAR	"	
		" 21	60'x45'	●●●●●●●●●●	31 MAR	31 MAR	"	
		" 22	60'x45'	●●●●●●●●●●	4 APR	4 APR	"	Site prepared.
		" 23	60'x45'	●●●●●●●●●●	4 APR	4 APR	"	"
		" 24	60'x45'	●●●●●●●●●●	10 APR	10 APR	"	"
		" 25	30'x18'	●●●●●●●●●●	"	"	"	"
		E.S.D. " 26	100'x45'	●●●●●●●●●●	26 MAR	27 MAR	"	
		" 27	100'x45'	●●●●●●●●●●	"	30 MAR	"	Site prepared.

Ser No.	W.I. No.	Task	Detail	Percentage Completion 1234567890	Target Date	R.D.C.	Unit	Remarks
6		CONTINUED						
	M.19	Rds, Hardstandings, INITIAL MAINT AREA.	Clearing Formation Surfacing		24 MAR 24 MAR		5 AUST TECH ECFT COY	RDC dependent on weather.
7	M.16	STAGING CORP AREA, Med Stores Hut No 1	80'x45'		26 MAR	27 MAR	2 AUST FD COY	
8	M.17	Cartage of 1500 oil drums to ENGR DUMP			24 MAR		5 AUST TECH ECFT COY	
9	M.18	Collection of 11000 sheets of pierced plank					"	
10		Rd Const. 31 U.S. DIV to SABATAI R, 6000'	Clearing Formation Surfacing				"	
11		Const BAILEY BR over SABATAI R.	Site Preparation.		25 MAR	25 MAR	"	
12		Water Supply, TRANSIT AREA	Bore Pumps Storage				Det 2/2 AUST BORING SEC & RAAF	
		STAGING MAINT AREA	Bore Pumps Storage				"	
		ENGR AREA.	Bore Pumps Storage				"	
13		Rd, SABATAI to SABALA Rs.	Clearing Formation Surfacing				5 AUST TECH ECFT COY	
14	M.15	Prefabrication, Scale A (precutting)						
		FP Rooms	80 comp		24 MAR	25 MAR	2 AUST FD COY	
		Shower Shelters	100 comp		"	23 MAR	"	
		Latrine Screens	100 comp		"	"	"	
		Latrine Boxes	100 comp		"	26 MAR	"	
		Tank Stands 200 gal	260 comp		"	24 MAR	"	
		Frames, Mk IIA	50 comp		"	24 MAR	"	
		Frames Mk IID	50 comp		"	24 MAR	"	
15	M.22	Prefabrication:						
		Precutting of Mk IID Frames	103 comp		28 MAR	28 MAR	"	
		" " " Panels	91 comp		"	"	"	

.....Lt-col.
CRE 1 AUST CORPS TPS.

SUBJECT: ENGR REPORT - PERIOD ENDING 1800 HRS 21 MAR 45. MAR 25 1945

HQ RAE 1 AUST CORPS TPS and
1 AUST CRE (WORKS)
24 MAR 45

REC/67

D/E in C

1. Herewith details of work in hand and progress to date.

2. Results have been satisfactory considering all the circumstances. Mech Eqpt became available 15 MAR and tools for working parties on 18 MAR.

3. Working parties totalling 80 were employed up to 18 MAR and 130 as from 19 MAR. Strong representations were made for an increase in allotment but without result.

STORES

4. The unloading of the "KIBERICOS" was hopelessly chaotic from our point of view and caused loss of at least 5 days since work commenced. Improvisation of various types were made to tide over till stores arrived.

5. The complete absence of explosives in shipments to date has been a serious handicap. Hard coral underlies the soil at depth from a few inches to 2 ft over 90% of the area. All holes for latrines and post holes for all huts have been dug with compressor tools, explosives, a very laborious pick and bar work. The explosives used have been borrowed from U.S. ENGRS.

It is stressed that explosives and hand boring tools are required in the first shipment in any project and earthwork is naturally the first task.

RESOURCES

6. Engr resources are:-

2 AUST FD COY less 60% unit eqpt.
5 AUST MECH EQPT COY less 70% unit eqpt.

7. 5 AUST MECH EQPT COY have only 1 shovel, 1 drawn grader and 1 autopatrol. This is a big handicap although the autopatrol has proved useless in road formation. It can only be used as a DRAWN Grader. Repeated representations have been made by this HQ that the drawn grader is an essential tool for road construction and that WE of Mech Eqpt Coy should be increased. It is considered that at least 4 should be held. The machine on issue is too light. Quite a number of parts have been broken and improvisation have been necessary to keep the machine in operation. A heavy machine of twice the weight would be invaluable.

8. Autopatrols without heavy chains are USELESS. Every machine should be fitted with chains on all six wheels.

WEATHER

9. Rain fell every day during the period. It is estimated that six inches fell during the period. A gauge has been installed and daily precipitation will be reported.

WATER SUPPLY

10. A bore in the STAGING MAINT AREA at map ref 871327 TIAO 1" to 1 mile was sunk to 87 ft with water level at 46 ft.

A Bore in ENGR AREA at map ref 863322 TIAO 1" to 1 mile was sunk to 86 ft with water level at 38 ft.

11. Both bores tested to about 800 gph with baling. The rig was borrowed from 14 AIRFIELD CONST SQN RAAF and operated by combined RAE and RAAF crews.

GENERAL

12. Det 1 AUST CRE (WORKS) has concentrated on recce, design and layouts. Forging on the ground has been shared with Det HQ RAE 1 AUST COMPS TPS. HQ RAE 1 AUST COMPS TPS has control of the construction pending the arrival of units under comd 1 AUST CRE (WORKS).

13. Detail planning has been seriously hampered by lack of info. Any attempt to plan the DIV AREA on a unit basis has been abandoned. It is being divided into areas suitable for 120 pers, each of which is to be provided with a set of Scale 'A' Accommodation. Groups of such areas can be allotted to incoming units.

.....Lt-Col.
CRE 1 AUST CORPS TPS.

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LOROTAI STAGING AREA

WEEKLY REPORT ENGR WORKS

Period From 16 MAR 45 to 1800 hrs 21 MAR 45

Ser No.	W.I. No.	Task	Detail	Percentage Completion	Target Date	E.D.C.	Unit	Remarks
1	M.2	Hutting & Scale A Hut No 1	200x45	[illegible]	21 MAR	26 MAR	2 AUST FD COY	Filling for raised platform being placed.
		Staging Maint Area " 2	100x45	[illegible]	"		"	
		" 3	100x45	[illegible]	"		"	
		" 4	100x45	[illegible]	"		"	
		" 5	100x45	[illegible]	"	22 MAR	"	
		" 6	100x45	[illegible]	"	"	"	
		Med Stores " 18	80x45	[illegible]	"		"	
		Canteens " 21	100x45	[illegible]	"		"	
		" 22	Beer Enc	[illegible]	"		"	EDC dependent upon arrival ARC Mesh.
		Ordnance " 28	60x18	[illegible]	"		"	
		" 29	60x45	[illegible]	"		"	
		" 30	60x45	[illegible]	"		"	
		" 31	40x45	[illegible]	"		"	
		A.E.M.E. " 37	70x35	[illegible]	"		"	
		Fd Bakery " 27	60x18	[illegible]	"		"	
		Miscellaneous " 24	60x18	[illegible]	"	22 MAR	"	
		Scale A	6 sets	[illegible]	"	24 MAR	"	
2	M.8	Rds & Hardstandings, Staging Maint Area. Priority 1 works - Main Circuit Rd & Hardstandings to huts.	Clearing	[illegible]			5 AUST MECH EQPT COY	EDC dependent on weather.
			Formation	[illegible]	"	21 MAR	"	Rds to be in usable condition 25 MAR.
			Surfacing	[illegible]			"	
3	M.4	Scale A Docks Area, 22 sets FP Rooms		[illegible]	23 MAR	25 MAR	2 AUST FD COY	
		Latrines		[illegible]	"	27 MAR	"	
4	M.12	Construction DOCKERS DRIVE, Docks Area.	Clearing	[illegible]	20 MAR		5 AUST MECH EQPT COY	EDC dependent on weather.
			Formation	[illegible]	"		"	
			Surfacing	[illegible]	"		"	
5	M.5	Hutting DID Area. AASC Hut	100x45	[illegible]	17 MAR		2 AUST FD COY	
		Bakery	60x18	[illegible]	"		"	
		Canteen	30x18	[illegible]	"		"	
6	M.7	Collection & cartage to Engr Dump, 2500 sheets pierced plank matting.		[illegible]	18 MAR		5 AUST MECH EQPT COY	
7	M.9	Access Rds & Scale A Transit Area.		[illegible]				
		Scale A 22 sets	FP Rooms	[illegible]	24 MAR	26 MAR	"	
			Latrines	[illegible]	"	"	"	
		Rds	Clearing	[illegible]	"		"	rds EDC/dependent on weather.
			Formation	[illegible]	"		"	
8	M.13 M.16 M.19	Initial Maint Area	Priority 1 Hutting	[illegible]	24 MAR	25 MAR	"	Sites cleared only.
		Hutting, Scale A & Rds		[illegible]				
		Scale A 3 sets	FP Rooms	[illegible]	"	23 MAR	"	
			Latrines	[illegible]	"	25 MAR	"	

Ser No.	W.I. No.	Task	Detail	Percentage Completion 1234567890	Target Date	E.D.C.	Unit	Remarks
8	M.19	Continued Roads	Clearing Formation Surfacing		24 MAR " "	24 MAR 25 MAR 26 MAR	5 AUST MECH EQPT COY " "	
9	M.17	Cartage 1500 oil drums to Engr Dump			25 MAR	23 MAR	"	[illegible]
10	M.18	Collection & Cartage 11000 sheets pierced plank matting					"	For use as dunnage various installations.
11		Rd Const. 31 U.S. DIV HQ to SABATAI R, 6000 lin ft	Clearing Formation Surfacing				"	EDC dependent on weather and arrival plant.
12		Const BAILEY BR over SABATAI R	Site Preparation		25 MAR		"	
13		Water Supply & Boring Transit Area. Staging Maint Area. Engr Area.	Bore Pumps & Storage Bore Pumps & Storage Bor e Pumps & Storage				Boring Det. RAAF & AUST Engrs.	EDC dependent on arrival pump eqpt.
14		Prefabrication Scale A, precutting Huttage F.P. Rooms Latrine Shelters Latrine Boxes Mk IIA Frames Mk IID "	80 comp 40 " 80 " 50 " 50 "				2 AUST FD COY (one pl)	

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CRE 1 AUST CORPS TPS.

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HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF)
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Subject: [redacted]

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Incl one copy for HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF)

"Q":

1. [redacted] E I L.

2. [redacted]:

   (a) [redacted] E I L.

   (b) [redacted] Built by two aluminett 2321/0 I Huts. Two aluminett dropped bombs in Air Force Supply area. The other dropped its bombs in the sea.

3. [redacted] Continuous rains.

4. [redacted] Present facilities adequate but will require progressive extension of facilities as additional units arrive.

[redacted]:

5. HQ Aust 1 Aust Corps Weekly Report submitted direct to DE in G Adv [illegible].

6. [redacted] Progressing satisfactorily.

7. [redacted] Lagging behind slightly due to shortage of labour.

8. [redacted] Our commitments in this respect are beyond the labour facilities available. All spare personnel of HQ and units are being allotted to this work.

9. [redacted] Progress very fair considering the weather.

10. [redacted] Water are now available in each Transit Camp, Reception Camp and Base Depot areas. Steps are due on [redacted].

[redacted]:

11. [redacted]

   (a) "[redacted]" completed discharging 17 Nov and departed that date.

   (b) "[redacted]" departed 21 Nov discharging a quantity of timber. It was also advised it must be by that a similar quantity of timber would be made available in replacement.

12. [redacted] Arrangements for evacuation and treatment of sick are working on [redacted] "Queen Caroline" Field Hospital and "Duntroon" on 24 Nov are still in hand. Empty tents have been placed in all areas and are being filled by water pipe

A ration of 2 days per man has been issued to Sembawang units. Receiving units will be contacted 33 Bde and areas to be occupied will be pointed out on the ground to representatives. Adm orders are in course of preparation for the disembarkation of troops and stores from the vessels mentioned in this para. Unload adv instr has been prepared and will be handed to each unit on 30S on arrival at [illegible].

[illegible]:

15. Water. 500-gal pol drums have been cleaned and placed on the camp sites of units arriving 24 Feb. The four 500 gal water carts have been operating 24 hrs a day and are barely managing to keep up with requirements.

16. Rations. Arrangements have been made to switch from American to Aust rations. The 6pr at present on the Island drew their final issue from the US on 24 inst. The supplying on the 24 Feb will assure the 10 days landing rations before drawing further supplies.

17. Fuel. Petrol points are to be established in the Peninsula and Singapore Island Area.

18. Amn. 2/30 Aust Inf Bn have maintained an excellent daily availability of 30 vehs.

19. Accommodation. The DID and bakery buildings are completed and five sheds are now available in the Sembawang. 33 Bde Coy personnel are laying concrete nothing floors throughout these buildings.

[illegible]:

20. Report attached as Appendix "A"

[illegible]:

21. Returns. Monthly Canon Returns covering Technical stores, MT vehicles, small arms and major mobile tools have all been received. The information will be forwarded in accordance with respective QMG's.

22. Clothing. A small quantity of clothing has been made available for issue. A distribution will be made to all units who were in the area prior to 30 Jan.

[illegible]:

23. 33 Aust Inf Bde has been detailed to Force Reserve the following units arriving on 25 Feb:-

(i) 12 Aust Garbn Coy
(ii) 2/12 Aust Fd Amb
(iii) 17 Aust Inf Depot Pl
(iv) 14 Aust [illegible]

24. One Pl 33 Aust Garbn Coy now detached to 2 Aust Fd Coy will revert to parent unit on 26 Feb.

[illegible]:

25. An issue of Canteen rope to all units in the area was made from Aust Canteen Service leaving point. Spirits and beer were also issued.

[illegible]:

26. It is anticipated that 8 Aust Depot each strike will function [illegible] per day (29 Feb)

[redacted]

25. The [redacted] daily news summary, prepared by Lt. Kenneton [redacted], is increasing in circulation.

[redacted]

26. Assignment of new duty [redacted] also necessitates closely con to necessity of directing [redacted] personnel to checking out other work in connection with reception of troops.

[redacted]
(Lt. [redacted]) Lt.Col.

[redacted]

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Subject MEDICAL AND HYGIENE REPORT

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

"A" Branch.

45/7/720 Med.

1. MEDICAL

Hospitalisation, 29 evacuations during week.
(eg, rate approx 1.3%)

Majority of these cases were PUO's.

2. HYGIENE

(i) Units under command are constructing necessary field appliances to meet unit needs.

(ii) Several units are finding difficulty in digging Deep Trench Latrines due to nature of ground. In some cases blasting was found to be the solution.

(iii) Hygiene Officer and Inspector Sgts have been making regular inspections of Units which have moved into this Area.

W Lander
.....Capt.
DADMS Staging Area 2.

(d) Coverage: In Staging Maint Area to be completed by 25 Mar. See Appendix "A".

(e) Coverage: In Initial Maint Area to be completed 25 Mar. See Appendix "A".

(f) Accn: In Staging Maint Area to be completed 25 Mar. See Appendix "B".

(g) Engr Dump: To minimum requirements to receive initial shipments.

(h) Hospitals: Half of first hosp to be completed 8 Apr

(j) Road: DID circuit. See para 14.

(k) Road: From Route 5 to Coral Cliff. See para 14.

(l) Road: Internal road Amn Dump. See para 14.

(m) Road: Access to Transit Camp. See para 14.

(n) Accn: In all areas other than Staging Maint to be completed by 25 Mar. See Appendix "B".

(o) Engr 1 Sqn. Shld on Bail Creek mean ESD. Take turnout in RR Mech to accommodate Vitalanced veh trains & to be commenced on RR Naval Allending Ob to establish Logistic

(p) Engr Clearing Tanapag Camp site for Complete Chantik Bn on Staging Sqn Area (Tobe undesignated). Labour from Tan Bn will be furnished for clearing. also complete site of Stock Pile Area as required on Staging Sqn Area for use by Complete Chantik Bn. An access road is now in area + required for use. All Items must be completed + area finished for occupation by 30 Apr

(q) Roads Road from US Tank Farm to SMA is the Right open item at conference of 28 Mar. Roads in the SMA Cantonment Staging Area is Roads 1 to be completed as soon as possible in accordance with the plan finished. See para 14.

9. Second: from SMA East Invasion Staging Area to Roads 1 to be completed as soon as possible in accordance with the plan finished. See para 14.

(a) Road: Access to area NORTH of US Amn Dump. See para 14.

(b) Water: Water points to service

(i) Transit Camp
(ii) Staging Maint Area
(iii) Engr Dump

(c) Coverage: All areas to be completed by 31 Mar. See Appendix "A".

(d) Accn: All areas to be completed by 31 Mar. See Appendix "B".

(e) Road: Initial work on access to Staging Area EAST SABATAT RIVER. See para 14.

(f) Water: Supply peninsula.

(g) Roads. Cmbt and Construction Supply Depot. To be completed by 15 Apr. See para 14.

(h) Roads Rd strength DSH Sawmill Dearlok area to Pck Combat Camp sufficiently to permit of hauling Hdt class. By 15 Apr See para 14.

(j) Roads Rd from 2 ST Class & 1 ST Class. To be completed by 20 Apr. See para 14

(k) Causeway RR must be completed for ST operation initial. Airfield & personnel

10. Third: of Class. ST and female labour. See Appx D

(a) Coverage: In all areas to be completed by 4 Apr. See Appendix "A".

(b) Accn: In all areas to be completed by 4 Apr. See Appendix "B".

(c) Accn. Transit Camp 1,600 reinforcements to be accommodated in Camp NAK. Clear & level site for Transit Camp Depot. Provide clear by 5 Apr. Tent Camp is considered

(a) Coverage Signal Bombe Building to be widened. See appx H.

(d) Accom. Main Camp - Provision being made under separately.

(e) Roads: Work Route 5 thru from 21 US Div HQ area to SHORTHI. See Para 14.

11. Fourth:

(a) Staging Area: Preparation of one bde gp camp EAST SARAMAN. Date of completion 10 Apr.

(b) Hosps: Second half of first hosp to be completed by 22 Apr

(c) Coverage: To be completed by mid Apr. See Appendix "A".

(d) Accom: To be completed by mid Apr. See Appendix "B".

(e) Main Bombe Assembly Building

(f)

(g)

12. Fifth:

(a) Hospitals: Second hosp. First half 8 May. Second half 16 May.

(b) Staging Area: Second bde gp area. Date of completion 17 Apr.

(c)

(d)

13. Sixth:

(a) Coverage: Complete all areas. Details later.

(b) Accom: Complete all areas. Details later.

(c) Staging Area: Complete. Details later.

(d)

(e)

ROADS:

14. Maintain following priority:-

(a) Staging Maint Area

(b) Access Docks Area

(c) Circuit DID

(d) Route 5 to Coral Cliff

(e) Internal road Ammo Dump

(f) Access Transit Camp.

(g) Access to area behind HQ Ammo Dump

(h) Progressive development of road to Staging Area.

(j)

(k)

(l)

CLEARING:

15. Areas will be cleared in the following order:-

(a) Works Coy area in Staging Maint Area.	All before 25 Mar
(b) Fd Amb area in Hosp Area.	
(c) Engr En area in S and T Initial.	
(d) Engr area in Initial Maint Area.	
(e) MG En area to NORTH of US Ammn Dump.	
(f) Transit camp banana plantations.	
(g) Edo and Beach Gp HQ area.	All before 31 Mar
(h) Corps HQ Area.	
(j) Staging Hosp Area.	
(k) Armoured Area.	

(l)

(m)

(n)

16. Bulldozers will NOT be used for clearing except in dump areas and then only with express permission of this HQ.

INFORMATION TO BE ADVISED LATER:

17. All the foregoing is subject to amendment and revision as circumstances dictate. Further detail will be advised progressively. Provision has been made in layout of priorities and appendices for additional matter to be inserted.

J.E. Blaxland Maj
for (N.A. NERRIS) Lt-Col
Comd MOROTAI Staging Area

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COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS

APPENDIX "A"

	STAGING MAINT (for Staging Area Tps and main force)							INITIAL MAINT (for Bde Gp Task Force)					
Serial	Type of Stores	Hut No.	Type	No.	Size	Location	To be completed by	Hut No.	Type	No.	Size	Location	To
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)	
1	S & T	1	Transit Shed - frame	1	200 X 45	BSD	21 Mar		Frames bush	11 9	60 X 20 60 X 20		
2		2, 3 & 4	Iron roofs	3	100 X 45	BSD	21 Mar						
3		5, 6	Frames	2	100 X 45	BSD	25 Mar						
4													
5	Bakery Hut						25 Mar						
6													
7													
8	Ord.	29	Iron roof	1	60 X 45	ACD	25 Mar		Frames	1	60 X 45		
9			" "	1		ACD	25 Mar		"	2	60 X 45		
10			" "	1		ACD	25 Mar		"	1	60 X 45		
11			Frames	2	80 X 20	ACD	4 Apr						
12													

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	N	O
13				[illegible]	2	[illegible]		[illegible]						
14				[illegible]	1	[illegible]		[illegible]						
15		Ammn									1	60 X 45	Ammn Area	25 Mar
16											1	30 X 18	" "	25 Mar
17											1	60 X 45	" "	31 Mar
18											2	60 X 45	" "	4 Apr
19											1	60 X 45	" "	4 Apr
20											1	30 X 18	" "	4 Apr
21											1	[illegible]	" "	[illegible]
22											1	[illegible]	" "	[illegible]
23		Canteen	/1	Iron roof COMPUND (ARC mesh on sides)	1	80 X 45	Gen Area	21 Mar		Bush frame (ARC mesh sides)	1	100 X 45	Canteen	25 Mar
24					2	60 " 60	" "	25 Mar as soon as possible when materials available						
25														
26				[illegible]	1	[illegible]		[illegible]			1	[illegible]		[illegible]
27				[illegible]	2	[illegible]		[illegible]			1	[illegible]		[illegible]

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	N	O
28	Engr								Frames	1	100 X 45	Engr	1 Apr
29										1	100 X 45	Engr	10 Apr
30													
31													
32													
33													
34													
35													
36													
37													
38													
39													
40	Med		Iron roof	1	80 X 45	Hosp	25 Mar						
41				1	80 X 18		10 Apr						
42													

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	N	
43	Philanthropic	18		1	80 X 45	Gen Area	24 Mar		Frames	1	60 X 18	EAST of DID	2
44													
45	Miscellaneous												
46													
47													
48	Postal												
49		23		1	100 X 45	Gen Area	21 Mar						
50													
51	AEME	37		1	70 X 35	Wksp	21 Mar						
52				1	80 X 45		20 Apr						
53													
54	DID								DID	1	100 X 45		25
55									Bakery	1	60 X 18		25
56									Canteen	1	30 X 18		
57									Refrigeration	2			
58									Postal				
59									Pay				

SCALE "A" ACCOMMODATION

APPENDIX

Serial	General Area	Specific Area	STAGING AREA TPS to occupy area			STAGING TPS of Bde Gp to bivouac		
			Unit	Str	Accn to be completed by	Unit	Str	ETA
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J
1	Staging Maint	Wks Coy Area	Wks Coy	468	25 Mar			
2		BSD	HQ Sup Dep Coy					
3			Three Sup Dep Pls	200	25 Mar			
4								
5		Bakery	Fd Baking Pl	37	25 Mar			
6		Tpt Area	Tpt Pl	99	31 Mar			
7		AOD	Ord pers	254	25 Mar			
8		Wksp	Inf Tps Wksp	219	25 Mar			
9			Inf Tps Ord Fd Pk	123	25 Mar			
10		General Area	Det AACS					
11			" Postal					
12			" Stationery					
13			" Kit Store	143				
14			[illegible]	[illegible]	25 Mar			
15								

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K
16	Initial Maint	DID	Sup Dep Pl			Det AACS	10		
17			Fd Baking Pl						
18			Dets Pay						
19			Postal			Fd Baking Pl	37		
20			AACS						
21			Three Mob Cinema	93	25 Mar				
22									
23		Pro	Pro Coy	103	25 Mar	Pro Pl of Beach Gp	39		
24									
25		Ord Initial				Ord Beach Det	76		
26		--	Det AAD			Det AOD	44		
27			Ann Repair shop	96	25 Mar	Det AAD	30		
28						Det RSD	20		

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K
29	Initial Maint	Staging Sigs	Det 2 Adv 2 Bn	100	31 Mar	Corps and Base Sig Units att Bde Gp Force	206		
30									
31		S & T(Initial)				Three Sup Dep Pls	99		Areas to be clea:
32						Par Bn	834		Percentage latri: One food prep roc:
33									All by 25 Mar
34									
35		Engr Initial	Works & Pk Coy	300 approx	25 Mar				
36						Mech Eqpt Pl of Beach Gp	42		Area to be clearc Percentage latrir One food prep roc
37						Beach Gp Stores Pl	26		All by 25 Mar.
38									
39									
40									
41									
42									
43									

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K
44		Coral Cliff				Two Tpt Pls	198		Percentage latrines. Food prep rooms. All 25 Mar.
45						Bde Wksp	130		
46						Bde Ord Fd Pk	22		
47						Beach Wksp	78		
48						LAD	16		
49						Air Maint Coy	315		Air Maint Pl to go to BIPOD as Staging Maint
50									
51									
52									
53		Coral Pit	Ord Veh Pk	30					
54									
55	Peninsula	Hosp Area	First AGH and att	607	Female accn by 15 Apr				
56			Second AGH and att	607	Female accn by 18 May				
57			Fd Amb						
58			Dental Unit						Area to be ~~closed~~ CLEARED

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K
59			Medical Stores						
60			Dental Stores	314	25 Mar				
61		Staging Hosps	1200 bed AGH and att	607	25 Mar	Med Units of Bde Gp Force	543		
62			600 bed AGH and att	350	31 Mar	Bde Gp HQ Units	289		Area to be clear
63						Beach Gp HQ Units	283		
64						Corps and Base Tps att Bde Gp	82		
65									
66									
67									
68	Engr Dump	Engr	Mech Eqpt Coy with att	328		MG Bn Approx	600		Area north of US 4 Dump to be cleared Access rd to be co atructed. Percent latrines. Two foot prep rooms. All by 4 Apr.
69			Corps Fd Pk Coy with att	147		Fd Coy of Bde Gp	251		
70			Fd Coy	251		Fd Coy Beach Gp	251		
71						Rd Pl	23		
72									

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K
73	Transit Camp		3,000 to 5,000 tps (eventually)			Three Inf Bns Each	834		Area to be cleared
74						Cav Cdo Sqn	280		Percentage latrin
75									Six food prep roo
76									all by 31 Mar
77									
78	Docks Area	Docks and Works	Fomn Docks Op Coys each	293	25 Mar	POL Units of Bde Gp Force	62		2/1 Docks Op Coy. Assisting with th work.
79			Two Pls Port Maint Coy each	40	25 Mar				
80			Three Works Coy each	468	25 Mar				
81			One Army Tps Coy	277	25 Mar				
82									
83									
84									

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K
85		Tpt	HQ GT Coy	28	25 Mar				
86			Wksp Pl			Sec MAC Pl	16		
87			MAC Pl	110	25 Mar				
88			Four Tpt Pls	396	25 Mar				
89									
90									
91		Armour	Armd Regt			Fd Regt and att	759		Percentage
92			and att tps			AA Regt and att	1055		25 Mar.
93						Tk A Bty and att	165		
94						Armd Sqn and att	203		
95						HQ GT Coy and two Tpt Pls	251		
96									
97									
98									
99									

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	
100	Adv LHQ	Corps HQ							As advised
101		Corps Sigs							
102		AL Gp		43					
103		Det 16 Air Op Flt		28					
104									
105									
106									
107									
108									

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HQ NORTAF STAGING AREA

AQ/11

17 Mar 45

Subject: MAINT

1. Attached are schedules of Staging Maint, and Initial Maint for Bde Gp forces.

2. This infm was received by Comd 1100 I 17 Mar from Adv LHQ

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STAGING MATRT

Vessel	ETA	S & T	POL	Ord	Engr	Med	Canteens	Sundry
FELIX HATHAWAY	24 Mar	566	N11	717	2505		350 - 1/3 beer	
CHAS GOODNIGHT	26 Mar	1799	2	405		118	619	
CM RUSSELL	21 Mar	1938	175	696			591	100
JOHN HOPE	4 Apr	1893		526		32	592	50
SUVA (3900 (m)	30 Ap							
GREEVE (3500)	5/7 ? Apr							

INITIAL MAINT

BDE ONLY

Vessel	ETA	S & T		ORD		ENGRS	CANTEENS	MED	SUNDRY	
		Supls	POL	Stores	Ammn				Red Cross	ACF & Amenities
TotalsTons		1956	1141	700	750	6200	320	80	50	250
DOCKWEILLER	24					2600				
WA. HENRY	24	1347				1654				
JOHN HOPE	4			700						
SUVA (1000)?	30					?				
C.M. RUSSELL (1000) ?	31	?								
[redacted]N HEUTZ ?	31									
FIELD ?	4									

Total is to be in not later than 5 APR

[illegible] TO [illegible] - 16 MAR 45

[illegible]:

1. Extend length of shade to 150 ft thereby reducing space between shade.

[illegible]:

2.

	Date of Completion	Direction Point	Initial Point	Remedial Area
(a) S.A.T:	25 Mar	1 - 200' x 45' 2 - 100' x 45' or 1 - 150' x 45' 1 - 100' x 45'	11 - 60 x 20 bush frames 4 Hfs - 9 - 60 x 20	
(b) Ops Room:	25 Mar	2 - 60' x 60' Composite ABC Mesh octant 80' x 45'	1 - 100' x 45' ABC Mesh sides	
(c) Mess:	25 Mar	N i 1		1 - 80x45'
(d) Medical-Dispensary:	25 Mar	N i 1	1 - 60 x 18	
(e) Huts:	25 Mar 31 Mar 4 Apr	Nil 2 - 80x45 2 - 80x45	1 - 60 x 45 2 - 60 x 45 13 - 60 x 45	
(f) Heads:	10 Apr	N i 1	2 - 100 x 45	
(g) Ablu:	25 Mar		1 - 60' x 45' 1 - 30' x 18'	
	31 Mar		1 - 60' x 45'	
	4 Apr		2 - 60' x 45' 1 - 60 x 45 1 - 30 x 18	

[illegible]:

3. [illegible] Scale A

NOTE:- Carbon copy of above in pencil form given to CRE 1 Aust Corps Type 2365 I 16 Mar.

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

17 Mar 45
AQ/11

Subject: ARRANGEMENTS FOR STAGING 1 AUST CORPS - MOROTAI

Ref Base Cmds GAILA-BABATAI RIVER
Except to 2359 / 16 Mar 45

Adv LHQ (1)

Info one copy for HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF)

1. (a) Units arriving in area: The following additional units arrived in the area during the week:-

INCREASE:

7 Fd 1 Aust Port Maint Coy

AIR:

2/4 Aust Mech Eqpt Wksp

NORTH:

35 Aust Works Coy

(b) Further data of units already located in the area - also moved in.

(c) The first flight of Adv LHQ and ancillary units were included among personnel who arrived on "TORTROE"

2. Operations: N I L

3. Weather: Except for one fine day, heavy rain storms have prevailed and main road surfaces are suffering in consequence.

4. Signals: Aust Base Switchboard has been in operation since 10 Mar. With the exception of 5 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy, all units in the area now have phone facilities.

5. Command: In accordance with Adv LHQ G(Ops) ltr of 9 Mar 45 (para 6) such date Adv LHQ and attached and ancillary units revert to under Command Adv LHQ upon opening of that HQ 171200 I Mar. (Londops 0225 of 16 Mar refers).

6. BABATAI River: Engr parties have been working on the road from Parimeter to BABATAI River installing culverts, etc, pending arrival of further mech eqpt to enable road making to proceed.

7. Clearing of Areas: One pl 35 Works Coy has been detached to 2 Aust Fd Coy for use in clearing areas required for early priority occupation. All areas are in bad shape due to incessant rain.

8. Allocation of Areas: A firm allotment of areas to units is under consideration and will be published by 20 Mar.

INCIDENCE:

9. HQ RAE 1 Aust Corps Tps Weekly Report is attached as Appendix "A"

10. With the continuous rain road making progress is being seriously retarded.

MOVEMENTS:

11. "AHUI" arrived 10 Mar, departed 14 Mar. "BONTEKOE" arrived 14 Mar, ETD 17 Mar.

12. "EMBERICOS" discharge continues to be slow. No canteen or understores other than tarpaulins have been discharged at this date. All vehs and mech eqpt have been unloaded, Aust Docks personnel being utilised to handle the actual discharge of the heavier lifts.

13. Info ref sailing times of vessels from the mainland are as follows:-

"CARLOS CARRILLO"	ex TOWNSVILLE	5 Mar
"FELIX HATHAWAY"	ex BRISBANE	10 Mar
"SEA RAY"	ex BRISBANE	13 Mar

SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT:

14. All landing and unconsumed voyage rations from recent arrivals have been taken on charge and held in DID area.

15. Freezer cargo ex "BONTEKOE" was taken into US QM freezer. Carcasses were found to be in poor condition owing to the consignment having been frozen into a mass. For unloading purposes it was necessary to prise the carcasses apart resulting in some mutilation.

MEDICAL:

16. N I L

ORDNANCE:

17. Capt TURNBULL (DADOS 8 Aust Base Sub Area) reported in 10 Mar 45.

18. Units now in the area have been requested to submit indents for clothing requirements, which will be fulfilled as far as stocks permit when discharged from "EMBERICOS".

19. DADOS Adv LHQ (Maj RICH) is submitting a tech report in the receipt and storage of ord stores in depot areas.

CANTEENS:

20. A limited supply of US PX canteen goods was distributed to Aust units in the area under arrangements Adv LHQ Canteens Offr. Certain essential requirements were met pending the discharge of Aust Canteen supp from "EMBERICOS".

LOCAL ADM:

21. New site for this HQ was occupied on 15 Mar

22. Capt ERICKSON returned from hospital 16 Mar.

23. On arrival in this area of HOLLANDIA Staging Area HQ accommodation will be made available in this HQ Camp Area.

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(H.A. FORBES) Lt-Col
Comd MORTAI Staging Area

ENG 37

HQ 1 Amt Corps Tps
Staging Area 2
15 Mar 45.

SUBJECT: ENGR SUPPLY REPORT
Weekly Summary to 15 Mar 45.

HQ 1 Amt Base Sub Area
Staging Area 2.

1. AREAS

Layouts of coverage and scale A accommodation for the following areas have been approved and work of pegging and construction proceeding.

Staging Maint Area
Engr Dump Area
Transit Area
Docks Area
Initial Maint Area.

2. CONSTRUCTION.

Construction of Scale A accommodation and coverage is as shown on Appendix A of this report.

Progress has been limited by the slow unloading of the [redacted]

All available timber and iron sent in for ENG has been used on structures.

All available labour from Docks Engr cannot be used owing to lack tools, which have not yet been unloaded.

3. BRIDGING.

Plans of Bailey Br crossing of [redacted] have been prepared.

4. WATER SUPPLY.

Arrangements have been made for 61 [redacted] to commence boring in Staging Maint Area 16 Mar. On completion, a bore is to be sunk in Engr Area on Route 6. An existing 3S bore North of Transit Camp has been investigated and is to have a pump installed when one arrives.

5. STORES AND E.F.

Unloading of stores from "[redacted]" has been particularly slow. Mechanical Equipment for 5 Tech Supt Coy was off loaded 14 Mar. It is expected that Engr Stores will commence coming off 16 Mar.

The "[redacted]" arrived on 14 Mar and unloading of ENG Engr Stores and equipment is proceeding. Portion of this will be used to enable construction to proceed.

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Lt Col
CRE 1 Amt Corps Tps.

MORETA STAGING AREA — Period from — To 15 Mar 45

MAJOR MAINT WORKS.

Serial No	W I No.	Task	Dimensions	Percentage completion	Target date	W.D.C.	Unit	Remarks
1	W1/45	Scale A & Initage Hq Moreta Staging Area		20%	12 Mar		Hq II Inft - 2/40x10, 24 Prop Bns 2, 2 Aust Fd Coy. Ablution benches 3.	
2	W2/45	Staging Maint Area - Initage & Scale A.						
		DSD Bft No. 2	100x45	85%		15 Mar		
		" " " 3	100x45	65%		15 Mar		
		" " " 4	100x45	25%	21 Mar	18 Mar		
		Med Stores 18	30x45	25%		18 Mar		
		Canteens Bft No 21	30x45	50%		17 Mar	"	
		Postal " " 23	100x45	80%		17 Mar		
		Ord " " 29	60x45	10%		19 Mar		
		Ablns " " 37	70x45	25%		18 Mar		
3	W3/45	Planning Bft Adm [illegible]	30x45	80%	14 Mar	16 Mar	"	
4	W4/45	Erection RE huts Scale A - Cliu Peninsular - Depot Area		75	23 Mar		"	
5	W5/45	Initial Maint Area Covering.						
		DSD	100x45	15%		18 Mar		
		Delcoy	60x16	20%	17 Mar	15 Mar	"	
		Canteen	30x18	25%		16 Mar	"	
6	W7/45	Collection and cartage 2500 sheets landing mat to Main Dump		20%	18 Mar	16 Mar	5 Aust Mech Engr Coy	To be used for shower floors
7	W8/45	Staging Maint Area Rds & Hardstandings			24 Mar		"	Job commenced 15 Mar.
8.		Operation prefabrication shop & Engr Dump					2 Aust Fd Coy (Less P1)	Structures for prefabrication shops complete. Engr stores in small quantities being received

SECRET

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

AS/11
5 Dec 45

Subject: [illegible]

Ref: 1. [illegible] Staging Area AS/308 of 3 Dec to 1 Aust Corps (Sig
2. [illegible] Staging Area AS/11 of 5 Dec to HQ 1 Aust Corps Tps

To 1 Aust Corps Tps

Copy: As Abv

1. Reference FIRST MOVEMENT units as set out in this HQ letter AS/11 of 5 Dec as above. The following Scale "A" accommodation for Staging Area Units in the Staging Point Area is to be undertaken in accordance with para 2 (a) (vii) of the aforementioned letter.

Units	Strength
One Water Coy	160
30 Sup Dep Pl Three Sup Dep Pls	115
Base Pl	20
Pl Bulking Sec	37
Det Pl	29
Det AOD Det RE Det One Veh Wksp	202
Inf Sup Coy	219
Inf Sup Coy Pl Pk	125
Det AMC Det Postal Det Stationery Det Ent Stores Det Medical Stores Det Dental Stores	186

2. With further reference to FIRST MOVEMENT unit insert a further sub para (ac) after sub para 2 (a) of the aforementioned letter, as follows :-

"(ac). Scale "B" Accommodation for Staging Area Units in the following areas:-

(1) [illegible]

Unit	Strength
Sup Dep Pl Pl Bulking Pl Det Pay Det Postal Det AGS Three Veh Wksps	120
Two Coy	110

(iii) [illegible]

Unit	Strength
Docks Sp Coy	233
Docks Sp Coy	235
Docks Coy	160
Works Coy	160
Dpt Pl	99
Dpt Pl	99
Dpt Pl	99
Sp Gen Dpt Coy Hdqr Pl	50

(iii) [illegible]

Det Sp Pl & Asst Docs Sub Area and attached units and Pl	160
Det Sp Pl and HC Sp and attached units and Pl	130
Signal Units	100

(iv) [illegible]

Mech Dept Coy and det	328
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Coy Sp Pl Pk and det	142
Amp Dpo Coy	277
Pl Coy	254

(v) [illegible]

Gen Hosp operating	607
Gen Hosp staging	607
Gen Hosp staging	607
Pl Amb ... Dental Unit	276

(vi) [illegible]

Reinforcements	2,000

3. Please supply maps to this H. for the marking of above-mentioned unit areas. Should advice be required on detailed siting of accommodation facilities service representatives will advise. Engineer services will advise on siting of latrines and shelters in relation to kitchens.

4. After sub para 2 (d) in the abovementioned letter insert new sub para 2 (dd) as follows :-

"(dd) (i) Water points to service the following areas:-

Transit Camp Area
Staging Point Area
Engr Dump Area

(ii) Water supply GHLA Peninsula

5. The following priority for construction of roads will be maintained:-

PRIORITY	ROAD
1	Roads in Staging Point Area, particularly RDS
2	Access road in Docks Area
3	Circuit road in DID Area
4	Road from Route 5 through Initial Point Area to S and T Initial Point Area on EAST Coast of peninsula.
5	Access road in Armour Area
6	Access road in Transit Camp Area
7	Road from EG 24 US Div to SABATAI RIVER. The work on this road will be continuous, but should not jeopardise priorities set out above, taking into account limited facilities available until the arrival of a further Mech Engr Coy.

6. Details of further construction of Scale "A" Accommodation for units additional to the above will be advised later.

(E.A. NORTH) Lt-Col

Asst ADJUTANT General Area

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A.A.F. C120 (Large)
(In Pads of 100)
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SERIAL No. 12

MESSAGE

D53 AQ/11

FROM LANDOPS | DATE—Time of Origin 12 1100 J

TO
FOR ACTION: 5 AUST CE (WKS)
FOR INFORMATION: 1 AUST CORPS STAGING AREA 2

DEC 238 SECRET ⊙ hospital constr stage (for?) SUGAR TWO re nomination if any the staging area tps ⊙ suggest above cy be advised of details and carry additional copies your tech instr 24 typical hospitals ⊙ constr time TIGHT

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J. Chisholm Lt

Staging

Area 2

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