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COPY INWARD MESSAGE

From: SUPREME COMD FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

TOC:250631Z

To: COM ALLIED LAND HQ GOC FIRSTAUSTARNY
GOC FIRST AUST CORPS

The following messages have been received from the JAPANESE GOVERNMENT
(.) (ZH61) QUOTE number 34 of aug 24 (.) with reference to our
radiogram number 22 dated aug 23, details concerning supplies to
MINAMIMORISHIMA are as follows:

Please acknowledge:

(.) vessel to be used transport number 16

A (.) 1220 tons displacement two masts, one funnel destroyer
type (.)

B (.) all explosives removed guns removed or rendered
inoperative (.)

C (.) marked with green crosses on both sides of the bridge
and hoist the JAPANESE flag with prescribed navigational
lights at night (.)

(.) schedule: leave YOKOHAMA? at 1600 hrs on aug 25 (.) steaming
direct to MINAMIMORISHIMA (.) arrive at the island at 0600 hrs
aug 28 (.) leave the island at 1600 hrs 29 aug steaming direct to
TOKIO (.) arrive at TOKIO at 0300 hrs sep 1 (.) UNQUOTE end of
message number 34 (.)

QUOTE (.) message number 35, aug 24 (.) in connection with the
instrument of surrender and the general order military and naval.

After 1 handed to our representative at MANILA, it is desired that
the following points be clarified by the SUPREME COMD FOR THE ALLIED
POWERS:-

1 (.) instrument of surrender (.)

A (.) whether QUOTE THE SUPREME COMD UNQUOTE in paragraph 6
is meant to read QUOTE THE SUPREME COMD UNQUOTE (.)

B (.) whether QUOTE by and other UNQUOTE in paragraph 6 is
meant to read QUOTE by any other UNQUOTE (.)

2 (.) general order number 1 military and naval (.)

A (.) whether QUOTE to UNQUOTE at the beginning of paragraph
(2) of paragraph 1 is erroneously inserted (.)

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B (.) whether there is no omission of some words before
QUOTE to include UNQUOTE in paragraph (A) of item X UNQUOTE (.)
end of message number 35

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From: SUPREME COMMANDER ALLIED POWERS

TOO: 251003Z

To: COMALLIED LAND HEADQUARTERS FIRST ARMY
FIRST ARMY CORPS

The following messages have been received from the JAPANESE IMPERIAL HQ (.) (Z563) "Number 41, aug 25 (.) Very urgent JAPANESE planes which will be used in case of emergency in connection with execution of the terms of surrender are as follows:-

Types of plane, ZERO model transport plane (these are NAVY planes, as regard ARMY planes they will be reported later) (.)

These planes will carry red floats such as are readily recognised at 500 meters (.) moreover, they will be painted all white and bear green crosses on the sides of the fuselage and top and bottom of each wing (.)"

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COPY OF INWARD MESSAGE

FROM: SUPREME COMMANDER ALLIED POWERS T00: 260413Z
TO : COMMANDER ALLIED LHQ GOC FIRSTAUSTALY GOC 1 Aust Corps

Z589 (.) the following messages have been received from Japanese
GHQ (.)

Message 43 24 aug (.) referring to submarines their posns at 1800
hrs 24 aug are as follows (.) submarine 14 lat 25N long 152E (.)
submarine 400 lat 23° 30' N long 151° 30' E (.) submarine 401 in
the waters to the East of OGASAWARA (.) in spite of sustained
efforts and repeated telegrams to established comms no response has
been received as yet and no detailed information is obtainable (.)
they may have been sunk (.) all these submarines have been ordered
to navigate on the surface with all markings and navigation lights
at night as prescribed in your requirements and also to return to
OMINATO to prevent unforeseen incidents in consideration of their
posn (.) regarding submarine 401 further details will be informed
as soon as they are obtained (.) in the meantime your attention is
urgently requested (.)

message 45 25 aug (.) referring to para 3 of your requirements
safety is hereby assured except for the matters mentioned in our
radiogram No 38 (.) the paved runway is indicated by a streamer
flown near its centre (.) end of messages

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FROM: SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS TOO: 260415Z
COM ALLIED LANDHEADQUARTERS

TO: GOC FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY GOC 1 AUSTRALIAN CORPS

The Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers has sent the following messages to the JAPANESE Imperial Government (.) Z590 "answering message dated aug 24 (.) ours indicated in documents furnished your representatives on aug 20 at MANILA are GREENWICH mean time plus 9 hours" (.) end of message (.)

Reference your message number 35, paragraph 6 of the instrument of surrender in the copies furnished your representatives reads "the Supreme Commanders" (.) there is but ONE Supreme Commander (.) correct words are "the Supreme Commander" (.) your copy of paragraph 6 reads "by and other" (.) correct words are "by any other" (.)

2. General Order number 1, military and naval contains NO repeat NO quoted preface to paragraph E of 1 (.)

3. There is NO omission of words preceding "to include" in paragraph A of 9" (.) end of message

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COPY MESSAGE INWARD

FROM : SUPREME COMMANDER ALLIED POWERS TOO 260417Z
TO : *COMMANDER ALLIED HQ GOC FIRST AUSTRALY GOC 1 AUST CORPS

the following messages have been received from the Japanese HQ (.)
(2591) quote message 47 25 aug whereas we desire to send necessary
personnel from TOKYO to KANOYA to make preparations for the entry
of initial occupation forces in that area and to establish and
maintain contact with them after their entry, our railway services
are being overburdened for the transportation of evacuation soldiers
and incapable of systematic operation (.) it is highly unlikely
that the personnel will be able to arrive in time at KANOYA by
rail (.) therefore your agreement is requested to the flight of a
transport plane from TOKYO to KANOYA although it involves the
prohibited areas as directed in your radiogram of 25 aug (.)
details of the proposed flight are as follows one (.) plane
- one Douglas DC3 with prescribed markings (.) two (.)
schedule: leaves YOKOSUKA at 0800 hrs 27 aug arrives at CHOFU
at 0820 hrs leaves CHOFU at 0900 hrs arrives at KANOYA about
1330 hrs by way of OSAKA and OITA (.) unquote end of message 47
(.)

quote message number 48 25th (.) one (.) referring to inclosure
A (logistic requirements) to your requirements three, please
be informed that two wrecking cranes (20 tons) and 3 road scrapers
(motorised) to be provided according to B, of 3 (aerodrome area)
of the said inclosure are NOT available in JAPAN (.)
two (.) information on the following details in connection with
initial entry into the KANOYA area is requested as it is necessary
for preparations :

- A. the numerical strength of the initial occupation forces (.)
- B. the minimum required number of vehicles (we do not possess
sufficient number of them for ourselves) (.)

unquote end of message 48 (.)

quote message number 50 of 25th (.) we ack your urgent telegram
dated 25 aug informing^{/us} that due to weather all dates specified in

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the requirements of the supreme command for the allied powers
presented to Japanese representatives at MANILA 20 Aug 1945,
on and after 26 Aug are postponed 48 hrs (.) unquote
end of message 50

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FROM : LANDOPS AND LANDFORCES . . . TOO 261113Z
TO : GOC FIRST AUST ARMY

From Supreme Comd for the allied powers (.)
the following message was received from JAPANESE GENERAL
HEADQUARTERS (.) quote (.) message no 49 of 26 aug (.)
comm between HSINKING and TOKYO has been severed since the
SOVIET occupation HSINKING (.) it is requested that the
SOVIET military authorities be so advised as to permit use
for the time being the use of the comm facilities between
these two places because it is needed for the exact and speedy
execution of the terms of the instrument of surrender, the
confirmation of the results thereof and other pertinent
affairs (.) unquote end of message 49

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FROM : LANDOPS TOO 261357Z
TO : FIRST AUST ARMY

From Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers

To Comd Allied Landheadquarters
GOC First Australian Army
GOC 1 Aust Corps

the Supreme commander for the allied powers has sent the
following message to the JAPANESE general headquarters (.)
Z602 quote your message number 47, 25 aug, concerning flight
to KANOYA is approved (.) unquote

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FROM : LANDOPS

TOO 261447Z

TO : FIRST AUST ARMY

From Supreme Commander for Allied Powers
to Comd Allied Land HQ GOC First Aust Army GOC 1 AUST CORPS

The following message has been received from the JAPANESE GENERAL HEADQUARTERS (.) 2603 quote number 54, 26 aug (.) referring to our telegram 47 dated 25 aug, requesting your agreement to the flight of a transport plane from TOKIO to MANOYA, please be informed that the said flight will, due to typhoon, be delayed 24 hours (.) unquote end of message

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From: SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS TOO 270123Z

To: COMALLIED LAND HEADQUARTERS GOC FIRST AUSTRALIAN
GOC FIRST AUSTRALIAN CORPS

The following message has been received from the JAPANESE GENERAL
HQ (.) (Z607) "Number 55, aug 26 (.) referring to our telegram
number 53 (53) the JAPANESE ships (two funnel destroyers) required
in paragraph 5, document three of your (requirements) will be at
the designated point after 0800 hours aug 27 (.)"

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FROM: SUPREME COMMANDER FOR ALLIED POWERS 271117Z
TO: COM ALLIED LAND HEADQUARTERS GOC FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY
GOC 1 AUSTRALIAN CORPS

THE SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS HAS SENT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE JAPANESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT PERIOD (Z615):-
"ANSWERING YOUR MESSAGE NUMBER 46, DATED AUGUST 25 (.) SUB PARAGRAPH C OF PARAGRAPH 1, DOCUMENT 3 IS CORRECTLY STATED AS WRITTEN AND APPLIES ONLY TO MERCHANT VESSELS UNDER 100 GROSS TONS WITHIN JAPANESE WATERS (.)"

MOST IMMEDIATE TOR 272335K

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FROM: SUPREME COMMANDER FOR ALLIED POWERS TO: 271347Z

TO: COM ALLIED LAND HEADQUARTERS
GOC FIRST AUST ARMY
GOC FIRST AUST CORPS

2618 The following messages have been received from the JAPANESE (.)

"Number 56 of 26 Aug from the JAPANESE GHQ referring to our telegram number 41 concerning the JAPANESE navy planes to be used in connection with the execution of the terms of surrender (.) Please be informed that the JAPANESE army planes to be used for the same purpose will for their markings only carry red streamers and bear readily recognisable green crosses but some of them may NOT be white painted for the time being"(.)

"Message number 57 of 21 Aug central agency as stipulated in your requirements document three has been established and is ready to function under the name of CENTRAL LIAISON OFFICE (.) following appointments have made in connection with this office (.) Director General KATSUO-OKAZAKI (.) Directors KATSUHIRO MARITA RYUJI TARGUCHI SABURO OGA and EIJI WAJIMA (.) These new officers will have in charge:-

- (i) General affairs
- (ii) Military political and other relating matters
- (iii) Repatriation economics adjustment accommodation and communication facilities for the Allies
- (iv) Prisoners of war and civilian internees in JAPAN and abroad"

"Message 58 of 27 Aug (.) At present KOREANS waiting to go back are pouring in great numbers into SHIMONOSEKI HONSHU and vicinity while FUSAN is crowded with homeward bound JAPANESE incl women and children (.) both places are faced by scarcity of food and difficulty in maintenance of law and order (.) In these circumstances it is considered absolutely necessary to reopen the ferry service FUSAN SANZANI MARATA which has been suspended (.) permission is required to operate two vessels KOAN MARU 7100 tons and TOKUJU MARU 3500 tons

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which will be unarmed and marked with white crosses on funnels
deck and hulls"(.)

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FROM: SUPREME COMMANDER THE ALLIED POWERS

TOO: 271631Z

TO: COMALLIED LAND HEADQUARTERS
GOC FIRST AUST ARMY
GOC FIRST AUST CORPS

The following messages have been received from the JAPANESE (.)
"(Z 622) number 59 of Aug 27 (.) from the JAPANESE Government
(.) referring to your telegram dated Aug 25 that, due to weather,
all dates specified in the requirements are postponed 48 hours,
and to your telegram dated Aug 26 that UNITED STATES Fleet units
move in to SAGAMIWAN on Aug 26 (.) confirmation is requested
of the following understanding (.) the landings of your naval
and marine forces in the YOKOSUKA naval base area, as well as
all the other dates specified in paragraph 1, document 1 of your
requirements, are to be postponed 48 hours with a few possible
exceptions in connection with the entry of your Fleet units in
SAGAMIWAN (.) please acknowledge"(.)

"Number 60, Aug 27 from the JAPANESE GHQ (.) referring to the
safe conduct to ATSUGI airdrome, every thing remains the same
as our radio number 45 dated Aug 25"(.)

The following reply to number 58 has been despatched (.) "replying
to your number 58 Aug 27 authority is granted for the operation
of the KOANA MARU and the TOKUGU MARU on ferry service between
FUSAN SENZAKI AND HAKATA under the conditions set forth"(.)

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COPI INWARDS MESSAGE

FROM: SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS, JAPANESE IMPERIAL
GOVERNMENT
TO: FIRSTAUSTARME
INFO: CINCPAC ADV COM CHINA (PASS TO GENERALISSIMO) SACSEA COMGEN
USASMAF MIAISON MISSION TO MOSCOW (PASS TO SOVIET HIGH
COMMAND) COMGEN MAIF COM THIRD FLEET COM FIFTH FLEET COM
SEVENTH FLEET MARCOS COMGEN SIXTH ARMY COMGEN EIGHTH ARMY
COMGEN TENTH ARMY (PASS TO GEN CHAMBERS) COMGEN XIV CORPS
COM ALLIED LAND HEADQUARTERS GOC FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY GOC
FIRST AUSTRALIAN CORPS

ERL42

This radio is in three parts (.) (Z635)

PART ONE (.) request your weather agencies make observations and
broadcast hourly weather reports from locations designated in part two
(.) observations are to be taken hourly on the greenwich hour and
broadcast at thirty minutes past the hour (.) names of points of
observations are to be in english and each station observation at the
station (.) request frequencies and broadcast schedules for these
reports (.)

PART TWO (.) reports are desired from weather stations nearest the
following points: in HONSHU from TOKIO, OSAMA, KANAMA TSU, SENDAI
and KAFAGAMA; from HAKODATE in HOKKAIDO, from SHIMONOSEKI and KANOGA
in KYUSHU, and from KILMO, BUSAN and CHISAN in KOREA (.)

PART THREE (.) request you furnish information as to international
meteorological code and definitions of symbols which you will use
official

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COPY INMARS MESSAGE

FROM: JMWEE COMD FOR ALLIED POWERS 290727Z
TO: COM ALLIED LAND HEADQUARTERS GOC FIRST AUSTRALY
GOC FIRST AUSTRALIAN CORPS

from time to time subsequent to the occupation of facilities
in KAGOSHIMA JMW. previously indicated it will be necessary to
use KAGOSHIMA JMW for refueling small craft on their movement
forward (.) desire that necessary (2637) instructions be given
to local authorities

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FROM: SUPREME COM FOR ALLIED POWERS 290731I
TO: COM ALLIED LAND HQ GOC FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY GOC FIRST AUSTRALIAN CORPS

the following messages have been received from the JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (.) quote number 62, 28 August (.) the JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

and the IMPERIAL GENERAL HEADQUARTERS are devoting all their energy to the task of executing speedily and smoothly the terms of the various

documents transmitted through the JAPANESE representatives on August 26 (.) in view of the complex situation within and outside JAPAN, we are endeavouring above all things to prevent the occurrence of untoward incidents in the course of executing the said terms (.) to that end we desire to obtain full understanding in advance on certain points regarding the manner and statistics of execution of the said terms (.) accordingly, it is earnestly hoped that an opportunity will be afforded to submit our wishes regarding those points to the supreme commander for the allied powers upon his arrival in JAPAN and prior to the formal signing (.) unquote end of message number 62 (.) para quote number 63, 28 August (.) referring to our radiogram number 28

date 23 August, in which we expressed our hope that the occupation forces use the bank of JAPANESE notes in JAPAN, would like to submit the following to your special consideration, in view of a recent foreign broadcast (.) we are ready to deliver the JAPANESE currency as much as required by your headquarters for the expenditure of the occupation forces, as informed to you in our radiogram under reference (.) if they are the military currency in the main islands of JAPAN, it will disturb the monetary and financial situation in JAPANESE homeland in such a degree as to cause uncontrollable confusion of our system of currency and finance (.) it is not likely that such confusion will extremely adverse effects on our execution of your requirements and and ultimately bring about a situation which will obstruct our faithful performance of the terms of the POTSDAM proclamation (.) it is earnestly hoped that you will approve our proposition in consideration of these circumstances (.) unquote end of message number 63 (.) para quote message number 64, 28 August (.) in connection with the landing of the UNITED STATES eighth army in the KAGUYAMA area, please inform us your

your requirements concerning airfield facilities in the said area, as we shall have to make preparations as required (.) unquote end of message 64 (.) quote messagenumber 65, 23 august (.) sub para one (.) the condition in NORTHERN KOREA has taken a sudden turn for the worst since 23 august and the lives and property of the JAPANESE residents are exposed to imminent danger (.) this deplorable situation, if left unremedied, will in all probability spread to SOUTHERN KOREA, forcing the local JAPANESE authorities in to an extremely awkward position with regard to the maintenance of peace and order (.) sub para two (.) accordingly the local JAPANESE authorities eagerly wait for the early arrival of the allied forces which are to take the maintenance of peace and order from the JAPANESE forces in SOUTHERN KOREA, and urgently desire that the allied forces will fully take into consideration the actual conditions on the spot before proceeding with the disarming of JAPANESE forces and the transfer of administrative organs from the JAPANESE hand (.) end of message 65 (.) quote message number POW 24, 28 august (.) information of prisoner of war camps (.) hospital attached to TOKYO camp (.) one and one half kilometres SOUTH of SHINAWAWA station thirty five degrees forty one minutes NORTH contact d (.) we are advised the JAPANESE GOVERNMENT prepared plans of evacuation by seven following ports: HAKODATE, AOMORI, SENDAI, (SHIONAIA), YOKOHAMA, NAGOYA, WAKANOVRA, NAGASAKI (.) request, if possible, air transportation from SHINGAWA POW hospital for US staff sergeant MASSEY suffering post diphtheric paralysis with threat of diaphragmatic paralysis (.) urgent (.) sugar, milk, chocolate and butter generally required (.) (please confirm that civilian internees desiring remain JAPAN are not obliged participate evacuation (.) unquote end of message number POW 24

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COPY MESSAGE INWARDS

FROM: THE JAPANESE GHQ 291220Z
TO: THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
COMD ALLIED LAND HEADQUARTERS GOC FIRST AUSTRALIAN CORPS
GOC FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY

The JAPANESE submarine 1401 reported us that she met an AMERICAN submarine at latitude 40 degrees 10 minutes NORTH and longitude 143 degrees 32 minutes EAST at 0400 hours 29 August and was ordered by the captain of the AMERICAN submarine to move direct into the TOKYO BAY (.) taking into consideration the circumstances that the position of the JAPANESE submarine is at the moment near OKINAWA and also it is NOT unlikely that the entry of the submarine might cause unfortunate incidents in the TOKYO BAY where the AMERICAN forces are to land on 30 August we consider it advisable that she be ordered to move direct to OKINAWA urgent reply is desired (.) please inform the commander of the Third fleet the above if request is accepted

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COPY INWARD MESSAGE

FROM: SUPREME COMMANDER

TOO: 291301Z

TO: GOC FIRSTAUSTARHY

Following message has been received from the JAPANESE (.) (Z42) QUOTE (.) Number 66, 23 aug from the JAPANESE GHQ (.) Reference to our radiogram number 21 of 22 aug, the plan for sending supplies to and bringing back the sick and wounded from certain remote SOUTH SEA islands by hospital ships is as follows:-

1. (A) TAKASA MARU to ILELON ISLAND to transport 120 patients (total number of the personnel on the island is estimated at 4500)
- (B) LIKAWA MARU to MILBE ISLAND to transport 1200 patients (total number of personnel on the island is estimated at 4300)
2. SCHEDULE (.)
 - (A) TAKASA MARU: Sails from SHIBAGAWA (TOKIO BAY) at 0300 hrs 30 aug for OTAWA BAY (SAGAMI BAY) to load food supplies, sails from OTAWA BAY at 1600 hrs 31 aug for MURORAN to replenish coal, leaves MURORAN at 1300 hrs 2 sep and sails direct to ILELON ISLAND, arrives at the island on 10 sep leaves the island on 11 sep, arrives at GURE on 17 sep by way of the BUNO CHANNEL (.)
 - (B) LIKAWA MARU: Leaves MAIZURU at 1200 hrs 31 aug and sails direct to MILBE ISLAND past the WESTERN coast of KYUSHU, arrives at the island on 12 sep, leaves the island on 13 sep, arrives at MAIZURU on 25 sep past the WESTERN coast of KYUSHU (.)
3. MARKINGS (.) In addition to the regular markings of the hospital ship the JAPANESE flag is hoisted at the main mast (.)
4. We intend to load these ships in their outgoing voyage replenishments of food and medical supplies for the personnel on the island as it is presumed that almost all of the men are on the sick list due to shortage of food and malnutrition (.)

UNQUOTE (.) end of message number 66 official

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COPY INWARDS MESSAGE

FROM: THE SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED FORCES 291349Z
TO: COMD ALLIED LAND HEADQUARTERS GOC FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY
GOC FIRST AUSTRALIAN CORPS

The following messages have been received from the JAPANESE IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS and the JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (.) quote message number 57 (Z644), 29 August (.) referring to our radiograms numbers 47 and 54, we are forced again of postponing one day the flight to KANOYA, due to trouble of the control system of the plane, and carry it out according to the following new plan (.) one (.) plane to be used: one Douglas DC-3 (.) two (.) schedule: leaves HALLIDA, TOKYO at 0800 hours 29 August, direct for KANOYA (.) three (.) markings: only the surrounding part of the green cross is painted white, as white paint is NOT yet NOT available in sufficient quantity at the moment to paint the whole plane (.) otherwise no change in marking stated in previous radiogram (.) unquote end of message number 67 (.) Quote message number 58, 29 August (.) the question of maintaining order after the release of prisoners of war and internees (.) in effectuating the stipulations of paragraph seven of the instrument of the surrender and the general order number one required the treatment of allied prisoners of war and internees, it is quite necessary to pay particularly careful attention in order to maintain perfect order by continuing the satisfactory co-operative relations between the camp authorities on the one hand and the prisoners and internees on the other when the latter are placed under the direction of able senior officers or a designated arm representative (.) other-wise it is feared that some unfortunate incidents may occur (.) as a matter of fact the prisoners held in the KOBE prisoner of war camp (the second branch of the OSAKA prisoner of war camp) have since the night of August 19 begun to refuse to listen to the order of the camp authorities they ran away from the camp in small groups, broke into store houses in the neighbourhood (.) canned foods, beer, etc, entered civilian homes and annoyed women and girls (.) on August 22 several men of the said camp went to the OSAKA prisoner of war camp (the

first branch) and instigated the prisoners held in the latter place(.) as a result the latter camp has also fallen into a similar state of confusion (.) in the light of these circumstances it is readily seen what sort of disturbances and untoward incidents might happen, in the case such prisoners come into possession of arms and munitions of the camps as provided for under the stipulation of order number 9, paragraph 9 (.) therefore in order to exclude such possibilities we earnestly desire that the military authorities of the allied powers very speedily issue such necessary orders as will make prisoners of war and internees to obey orders of their leaders and maintain complete order, and to restrain themselves after their release (.) we wish to state that our views in the regard are shared by the representatives of the protecting powers for the allied powers and international red cross committee representatives in JAPAN (.) unquote end of message number 68 (.) the following message from rpt from the SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS was despatched to the JAPANESE government; quote this is the answer to your number 59 august 27 (.) it is confirmed that all actions specified in paragraph one document one with the exception of the entrance of UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES into SAGAMI BAY are postponed 48 hours (.) in this connection your attention is also invited to message number 2619, 27 august (.) unquote

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COPY MESSAGE INWARDS

FROM: JAPANESE GHQ 291426Z
TO: COMD ALLIED LAND HQ GOC 1 AUST CORPS GOC 1 AUST ARMY

INFORMATION on civilian internees camps (.) at FUKUSHIMA civilian
internment camps GREEK national mrs DIMITRIAGAPOWLOS succumbed to
injuries caused by relief case thrown from ALLIED plane evidently
without parachute (.) 2 GL severely injured (.) requires pilots
exercise more care

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FROM: SUPREME COMDR FOR THE ALLIED POWERS 291431Z

TO: COMD ALLIED LHQ GOC 2 AUST CORPS GOC 1 AUST ARMY

subject is occupation of the KINOYA area period (2645) revised dates for these operations are allowed: advance party will land 3 sep and main forces will land 4 sep 1945 (.) desire that JAPANESE ship beginning not later than 0600 hours 3 sep 1945, take station to meet united states naval forces at 20 miles bearing 270 degrees, from SATADASHIUSAKI SOUTHERN KYUSHU, and load these forces KAGOSHIMA-WAN (.) eight pilots with interpreters will be available on JAPANESE SHIP (.) these instructions supersede those contained in paragraph 9 of documents 4 of "Requirements of the SUPREME COMMANDER for the ALLIED POWERS presented to the JAPANESE representatives at MANILA, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS 20 august 1945 (.) acknowledge

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FROM: THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

291448I

TO: THE SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
COMD ALLIED LAND HEADQUARTERS GOC FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY
GOC FIRST AUSTRALIAN CORPS

with reference to the landing of the AMERICAN naval units at the TAKSU area please inform us your plan and manner of landing and other relevant matters (.) conditions of the coastal area are as follows (.) ONE (.) the landing facilities of the pier and the roads at FAKASU area very inadequate but the sand beach there about 4 kilometres in width is suited for landing by amphibious vehicles and similar craft (.) TWO (.) the landing facilities of the pier and the roads at FARUE are generally in good conditions although they are most deemed adequate for the landing of mechanized units

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FROM: JAPANESE GOVT 291510Z
TO: COM ALLIED LHQ GOC 2 AUST CORPS GOC 1 AUST ARMY

1 B29 crashed and burned at 0823 hours 29 august at MIYAMA TOGA village MINAMI AKITA country AKITA prefecture the spot is in the mountains about 20 kilometres from the nearest homestead (.) the police and civilian defense corps were rushed to the scene to give aid (.) is reported that 10 members of the crew were killed and 1 slightly injured

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FROM: JAPANESE GOVT

TOO: 291350Z

TO: COMALLIED HQ COC 1 AUSTRALIAN CORPS
COC FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY

Reference to information concerning ALLIED prisoners of war and civilian internees mentioned in GENERAL ORDER NUMBER I (para (c) of section 2 and para 2 of section 9) and in enclosure to document 3 (number 8 and 9) we are exercising our best efforts to collect the required data (.) but it is practically impossible to complete in a short time such comprehensive investigations including the latest changes because the communications with various places have been either severed or rendered extremely difficult (.) investigations in the main islands of JAPAN will shortly be completed (.) on the other hand no reply to our inquiries has been received from the other areas (.) we will continue to endeavour to collect information as accurate and comprehensive as possible and report to you as it is received (.) under existing circumstances however it is hoped that the required information on prisoners and internees outside of the main islands of JAPAN will be obtained on the spot by the ALLIED authorities from the local JAPANESE authorities concerned when prisoners and internees are delivered (.)

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FROM: JAPANESE GOVT

TOO: 292040Z

TO: COMALLIED LHQ

INFO: GOC FIRSTAUSTARMY COC 1 AUST CORPS

According to reliable information from KOREA (.)

- 1 (.) the representatives of the ALLIED forces occupying
NORTHERN KOREA cancelled on 25 aug the arrangements which
they had agreed upon with the general governors and ordered
the executive committee of the KOREAN people on 25 aug to
take over all administrative powers of the government general (.)
moreover it reported all agencies under the government general
all financial and monetary institutions broadcasting stations
and privately owned factories and workshops are also to be
turned over to the said committee in a few days (.)
- 2 (.) representatives of the SOVIET army are stating in the
streets that all JAPANESE property in KOREA should belong to
the KOREANS in the GENSAN and GOSHIN areas there have been
cases of looting kidnapping murder and other acts of violence
thus the situation in NORTHERN KOREA is in a state of confusion
and the safety of lives and property of the JAPANESE residents
cannot be guaranteed (.)
- 3 (.) the JAPANESE government entertains serious apprehensions
regarding the above state of affairs and eagerly hopes for
improvement (.)

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FROM: JAPANESE GOVT

TOO: 292100Z

TO: COMALLIED LHQ GOC FIRST ARMY GOC 1 ARMY CORPS

(Aug 29) According to latest information from reliable sources in KOREA the SOVIET army on 100 hrs 23 aug took into custody at GUNZAN the governor of KANNAN PROVINCE together with all the department directors and section chiefs and also disarmed the gendarmerie and arrested the chief police and important police officers of the province so that it seems only a matter of hours before the said province will meet the same fate as that of KANNAN (.). It is earnestly hoped that you will use your good offices to cause the SOVIET army to cease such illegitimate acts of violence against civil authorities who are exclusively assigned to the task of local administrations and to release those who are held in detention and send these to whatever places they desire

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FROM: JAPANESE GOVT

TOO: 292120Z

TO: COMALLIED LFG GOC FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY
GOC 1 AUSTRALIAN CORPS

Referring to information on civilian internee camps number 25 16 is learned that the following additional accidents happened as a result of the dropping of the supplies to the camps by ALLIED aircraft on 27 and 28 aug (.)

- 1 (.) a child was injured about 1620 hrs 27 aug when the supplies were dropped on the internees camp at URAWA (.)
- 2 (.) 9 JAPANESE were killed and 3 others were injured after 1500 hrs 28 aug when the supplies in drums were dropped to the prisoners and internees in the HOKKAIDO area and missed the mark (.)
- 3 (.) 3 JAPANESE were killed instantaneously 5 others were injured seriously or slightly and 5 dwelling houses were damaged about 1600 hrs 28 aug when 3 drums and 2 packages were dropped on the internees camp at SHINO-OCHIAI YODOSASHI WARD TOKIO (.)
- 4 (.) in addition to the above some casualties were caused although details are still unavailable within TOKIO prisoners camp No 4 at HAOETSU and prisoners camp No 7 at HANOKA and other places (.) a drum was dropped at 3 places in the central area of TOKIO in the vicinity of which no prisoners or internees camps are located (.)

It seems that these accidents were mostly due to the faulty attachment of the dropped material to the parachutes causing the former to come off from the latter when dropped or to the failure of the parachute to open because of the extremely low altitude from which the material was dropped (.) there are some among the internees who would like to see the dropping of supplies discontinued if it entailed such danger (.) it is earnestly desired that every precaution be taken in future regarding the dropping of supplies (.)

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FROM: THE JAPANESE GHQ

29 AUG

TO: THE SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS COMAILIES
LANDFORCES GOC 1. AUST CORPS GOC FIRSTAUSTARMY

REFERRING TO YOUR RADIOGRAM 2543 PROHIBITING JAPANESE PLANES
TO FLY IN THE QUADRANT AREA LATITUDE 37 AND EAST OF LONGITUDE
138 YOUR SPECIAL PERMISSION IS REQUESTED OF THE FOLLOWING FLIGHT
WHICH IS DEEMED TO BE THE MINIMUM REQUEST TO OVERCOME THE GREAT
DIFFICULTIES WE ARE EXPERIENCING IN MAINTAINING CONTACT IN THE
AREA AROUND TOKYO ON URGENT MATTERS CONCERNING THE SURRENDER (.)
ONE (.) AIRFIELDS TO BE USED KASUMIOAUTRA SHOFU AND TOKOROCANA
(.) TWO (.) MARKINGS AND CAUTION TO BE ENFORCED AS DIRECTED IN
YOUR RADIOGRAM UNDER REFERENCE (.) THREE (.) THE FLIGHT WILL
NEVER BE MADE ON SEA

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FROM THE JAPANESE HEADQUARTERS
TO THE SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
GOC 1 AUST CORPS. GOC 1 AUST ARMY

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IN CONNECTION WITH THE SURRENDER OF THE JAPANESE FORCES IN THE
SOUTHERN AREA WE WOULD LIKE TO SEND 1 STAFF OFFICER FROM SINGON TO THE
PHILLIPINES VIA FORMOSA BY AN ARMY RECONNAISSANCE PLANE TO ESTABLISH
CONTACT WITH THE COMMANDER OF THE UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE
PHILLIPINES(.)YOUR APPROVAL AND DIRECTION AS TO THE LANDING FIELD
AND THE MARKINGS OF THE PLANE ARE REQUESTED AS ARE ALSO FACILITIES AND
ASSISTANCE AFTER LANDING (.) SINCE COMMUNICATIONS FROM TO.....TO.....
AND TO KEYO HAS BEEN SEVERED IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE ENTRY OF SOVIET
FORCES IN MANCHURIA AND KOREA CAUSING US GREAT DIFFICULTIES IN
CARRYING OUT THE TERMS OF SURRENDER WE WOULD LIKE TO SEND ONE STAFF
OFFICER OF OUR GENERAL HEADQ UARTERS BY AIR PLANE LEAVING
AN 0900 HRS SEPTEMBER YOUR APPROVAL IS REQUESTED (.)

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FROM THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT
TO ALLIED LANDHEADQUARTERS. GOC 1 AUSTRALIAN CORPS
GOC 1 AUSTRALIAN ARMY

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REFERRING TO THE PART ONE OF YOUR RADIOGRAM 15 DATED 29 AUGUST
THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE IS NOT UNDERSTANDABLE "NAMES OF POINTS OF
OBSERVANCE ARE TO BEEN IN ENGLISH AND EACH STATION OBSERVATION
AT THE STATION" PLEASE EXPLAIN.

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DATE REPLY DUE

900 3403558

FROM: JAPANESE CMT HQ

TO : COM ARMYED IN CAC 1 ABLE CACAC CAC THREE ABLE ABLE

referring to your radio-gram dated 30 August 45 requesting
radio station TOWNSHIP to cease operation (.) please be
informed that we have instructed to change kilocycles immediately
to the said station which is identified as the GENERAL CANTONMENT
in BANG

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C. PY MESSAGE INWARDS

From : The Supreme Commander 311133Z

To : The Allied Powers

THIS is answer to your 79 dated 29 august (.) (2678) the sentence in question should read quote " names of points of observation are to be in english and each station observation is to be headed by a date time group giving the time o observation at the station" (.) unquote

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FROM : FORLAND 312035 I

TO : LANDOPS
for Information
LANDFORCES FIRST AUST ARMY

JD 3449 SECRET (.)

ref Landops GO 538 of 311115I (.) matter is under consideration (.)

there is NO decision as yet from AFPA C

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COPY MESSAGE INWARDS

From : Supreme Comdr

311135Z

To : The Allied Powers

replying to your number 77 dated 29 august (.) (G679) approval is granted for the flight of one army reconnaissance plane from LAIGON to the PHILIPPINES VIA FORMOSA bearing a staff officer (.) this plane will depart FORMOSA at such time as will enable it to arrive CAPE DOJEADOR , LULON, (18-30 north, 120-30 east) at 0001 greenwich mean time where it will circle to the left off shore until intercepted by form united states fighters which will escort it to LAOAG (.) japanese plane will land at laaog immediately behind united states flight leader (.) a united states plane will transport staff officers from laaog to Manila (.) japanese will approach cape Dojeador on course 180 degrees ; altitude 2000 feet or below overcast and will be subject to interception at any point on its course toward cape Dojeador (.) plane should be marked by large green crosses super-imposed on white band ground wings and fuselage (.) homing frequency of laaog airdrome is 355 kilocycles, Identification RT (.) laaog to-wed transmits and receives on 4495 kilocycles (.) call sign is NIGHT CLUE (.) call sign for japanese airplane will be Bataan (.) the following information will be required twenty four hours in advance of flight; type of plane, day it will arrive, number of personnel aboard and hour of take off (.) (authority ~~xxx~~ is also granted for the flight of one japanese plane from TOKOROZAKA to KEIJOI2KEIJO only (.) this plane should be marked similarly to the one proceeding to LAOAG (.) the following information on this flight must reach this headquarters twenty four hours in advance; type of plane, number of personnel aboard, and flight schedule (.) authority is not granted at this time for a flight to HSINKING

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From : JAPANESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT

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To : The Supreme Allied Commander for ~~the~~ Allied Powers

f Reference to your radiogram regarding weather reports dated
29 August we have handed the details to the Supreme Commander for
the Allied ~~XXXXXX~~ Powers in YOKOHAMA

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FROM THE JAPANESE GHQ 312336Z
TO THE SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
COM ALLIED LANDHEADQUARTERS
GOC 1 AUST CORPS
GOC FIRST AUST ARMY

Guarantee is given for full security and assistance in the
KANOYA area for the advance party consisting of twenty persons
transported in 2 airplanes with standard United States markings
which are to arrive at the KANOYA aerodrome about 1000 hrs
3 Sep in accordance with your requirements @ para 3 handed to
the Japanese representatives in Manila

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FROM GHQ.AFPAC.
TO COM ALLIED HEADQUARTERS..
GOC FIRST AUST CORPS
GOC FIRST AUST ARMY.

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FROM JAPANESE GHQ. NR 26 30th (.) ANSWERING YOUR URGENT MESSAGE OF 26
CONFIRMATION OF THE INFORMATION ON PRISONER OF WAR AND CIVILIAN
INTERNEE CAMPS (.) OSAKA CAMP NO 3 6KN WEST OF NIXALU OF JAPAN SEA
35 53N 156 10E TOKYO NO 10 6KN EAST NORTH NORTH OF TOKYO STATION
35 26N 140 03E TOKYO NO 11 WARABI NORTH OF KAWAUCHI 35 51 N 139 04E
TOKYO NO 16 5KN EAST OF TSUGAWA STATION SHINETSU LINE 37 30 N 139
05E SAITAMA CAMP 2KN NORTH EAST OF KITA URAWA STATION 33 10 N 134E (.)
1 (.) THESE CAMPS ARE ALL MARKED WITH THE LETTERS P.W. (.) 2 (.)
PRISONERS OF WAR OF TOKYO 10 AND 11 WERE ALREADY TAKEN AWAY BY US
NAVAL LANDING UNITS (.) 3 (.) SUPPLIES WERE DROPPED ON AYTANA CAMP
AUGUST 27.

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Ops Sec
GS First Aust Army

SUBJECT: RECORD OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

TO:	G Duty Offr	of:	G(Ops)
FROM:	Sig Supt	of:	Sig Office
DATE:	21 Aug 45	Time:	0050

DETAILS

Sig Supt called and advised that W/T intercept section at JACQUINOT BAY has heard JAPS answering our calls from First Aust Army. First Aust Army cannot pick them up as signals not strong enough. Request ATIS to transmit message telling JAPS to answer in Int Morse on W/T (stronger signal).

ACTION

Infm passed to G2(Ops) who advised pass to G1(Int). This was done and Lt Col SHAVE asked that message be given to Lt THOMPSON (ATIS) to proceed to Sig Office.

H.C.

(Initials)

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FROM: THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF SOUTHEASTERN JAPANESE ARMY AND THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF SOUTHEASTERN NAVY 21 Aug

TO: THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE AUSTRALIAN FIRST ARMY

1. We pay our respects to your brilliant fighting to this day.
2. According to the order of his Majesty the Emperor the JAPANESE army and naval forces on NEW BRITAIN BOUGAINVILLE and NEW IRELAND are by every means endeavouring to accomplish the cessation of all actions as soon as possible (.) as yet there has been no clashes of any kind between your forces and ours but in BOUGAINVILLE on account of the dense jungle it has not been possible yet to deliver the order to cease fire to those units which have penetrated deep into your lines (.) therefore the commander of the JAPANESE army in this area has sent an emissary to your front lines and has commenced negotiations regarding the conveyance of the above order (.) we will appreciate if you will kindly render assistance in this regard
3. The JAPANESE commanders in these islands have not been authorised as yet to commence direct negotiations with your command except concerning the cessation of hostilities therefore until we are so order^{ed} from TOKYO we wish to have you understand that we cannot open further negotiations but those regarding the complete delivery of the stop fighting order to all men

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MESSAGE FORM

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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY			
FROM (A)	Originator THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY	Date—Time of Origin 212508K	Office Date Stamp
For Action THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF SOUTHEASTERN JAPANESE ARMY AND THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF SOUTHEASTERN NAVY			Copy to:- PA to GOC G(Int) WAR DIARY (2) ✓ BMB
TO	(w) For Information (INFO.)	Message Instructions	GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

1 (.) I acknowledge receipt of your wireless communication despatched at 1940 hours on 21 August (.) The Commander of the Australian Forces in BOUGAINVILLE will render such assistance as is possible for the delivery of the order to cease fire (.)

2 (.) pending receipt by you of further orders from TOKYO are you prepared to send an envoy to receive a letter addressed to you (.) this letter contains instructions regarding information which I will require from you (.) If you advise that an envoy will be sent an Australian warship will proceed to RABAU (.) the envoy will be received aboard the warship and the letter delivered to him (.) The time and place of arrival of the warship will be advised if you agree to send the envoy (.)

(3 (.) I understand that you cannot act on the instructions contained in the letter referred to above until you receive further orders from TOKYO concerning surrender negotiations

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Signed J S D Mellick, Maj for BGS	Signed		Time Cleared		

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COPY INLAND MESSAGE

FROM: THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE SOUTHEASTERN AREA: JAPANESE ARMY AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF IMPERIAL JAPANESE NAVY

TO: THE GENERAL OFFICE COMMANDING THE FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY

MESSAGE NO 1

(1) We acknowledge your wireless message despatched 2230 August 21st

(2) According to your message we are (?) to know that you have understood the character of the Imperial JAPANESE forces which is that we are in absolute obedience to HIS MAJESTY the EMPEROR and all front line commanders are NOT empowered to open any unpermitted negotiations

(3) We regret to inform you that it is still impracticable to send an envoy but on the understanding that you do not expect our answer we have made preparations to receive your wireless messages

(4) In the BUGHIVILL area your commanders have been urging our commanders to open direct negotiations which reach beyond those necessary for the cessation of hostilities; but as all this will only make the management hereafter more confusing we think it advisable to have everything handled under the control of your command and ours (.) we request you to notify this to your commanders as soon as possible

(5) We assure you that the person the property and the welfare of the prisoners of war and civilians including your nationals are well cared for

FOR 221855Z

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FROM: THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING
FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY

TO: THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF SOUTHEASTERN
JAPANESE ARMY AND THE COMMANDER IN
CHIEF SOUTHEASTERN NAVY

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Message number 2 (.) please advise number allied PW held RABAU
showing nationalities and sex (.) similar details for civilian
internees including chinese but excluding kanakas

Sgd: J S D MELLICK Maj

TOO: 241600K

FROM: GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY

TO: THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF SOUTHEASTERN JAPANESE
ARMY AND THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF SOUTHEASTERN
NAVY

MESSAGE NO 3

1. In the interests of the JAPANESE FORCES under your command in NEW BRITAIN I convey to you my intended action after receipt of your surrender.
2. My forces will occupy the whole of the peninsula on which is situated the RABAU township and the WESTERN foreshore of SIMPSON HARBOUR as far SOUTH as VULCAN CRATER. Guards on supply stores and important installations may remain until relieved by my troops.
3. At the appropriate time I will require you to move your troops to those areas whence they can be most easily maintained. Particular attention is directed to the cultivated garden areas which will continue to be necessary for the maintenance of your forces.
4. The above information is conveyed to you only with the intention of saving your troops from unnecessary movement and consequent inconvenience.

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From: COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE SOUTHEASTERN IMPERIAL
JAPANESE ARMY AND THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF SOUTHEASTERN
JAPANESE NAVY

To: THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING THE FIRST AUSTRALIAN
ARMY

1. We acknowledge receipt of your understanding message
number three
2. Upon receiving HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY the EMPEROR'S orders
concerning the measures to be taken henceforth (.) we
are preparing to despatch envoys to you to receive the
documents you tender and to negotiate for smooth progress
of various matters regarding your forces of occupation (.)
3. In case of sending the above envoys we would appreciate
if you despatch a transport plane to this area for a
round trip

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FROM: GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY
TO: THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF SOUTHEASTERN JAPANESE
ARMY AND THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF SOUTHEASTERN JAPANESE
NAVY

MESSAGE NO 4

1. I acknowledge receipt of your reply to my message No 3.
2. Your envoys will be received aboard a warship at RABAU. The time and place will be notified to you later.
3. Earliest possible advice of receipt by you of the Emperor's orders concerning the measures to be taken henceforth would be appreciated.

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Sgd: *W. H. Murray, Lt. Col.*

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FROM: THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE SOUTHEASTERN JAPANESE IMPERIAL ARMY AND THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF SOUTHEASTERN IMPERIAL JAPANESE NAVY T00: 252240Z

TO: G00 FIRST ARMY

1. We acknowledge receipt of your message No 4 (.)
2. Concerning the measures henceforth (.) we are NOT yet in receipt of the Imperial Order yet we expect it probably after the signing in TOKYO at the end of the month (.)
3. The JAPANESE army forces in the WEWAK area under Lt Gen ADACHI have been ordered to be put, after the 30th ~~of August~~ of August, under the command of the Commander in Chief of the SOUTHEASTERN JAPANESE army in accordance with an Imperial Order (.) accordingly with regard to the measures for the above forces after that date, like BOUGAINVILLE, will come under our control in negotiating with you as you will understand

TOR: 260930K

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T00: 050450GMT

FROM: COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE SOUTHEASTERN
JAPANESE ARMY AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF
THE SOUTHEASTERN JAPANESE NAVY

TO: THE OFFICER COMMANDING THE FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY

We have acknowledged your message regarding the alteration
of the time and position to attend your warship

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FROM: FIRSTAUSTARMY

TOO: 110510K Copy: G(0)

TO: 2 CORPS 6 DIV 11 DIV 4 BN

VS 387 SECRET and PERSONAL for Gen SAVIGE Brig KING Gen
EATHER Lt-Col NEVILLE from STURDEE (.) in view probability
early cessation hostilities operations in your area until
further notice will be confined to those necessary for the
maintenance of present main positions reached and every
effort is to be made to avoid further Australian casualties

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Sgd: Maj Wright

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VS 387 SECRET and PERSONAL for Gen SAVIGE Brig KING Gen

EATHER Lt-Col NEVILLE from STURDEE (.) in view probability
early cessation hostilities operations in your area until
further notice will be confined to those necessary for
the maintenance of present main positions reached and
every effort is to be made to avoid further Australian
casualties.

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(Sgd) B F J Wright,
Maj.

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1 Water Tpt Gp
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3 Docks Gp
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6 Mob Met Flt
2 AL Gp
1 Adv 2nd Ech
3 MC Gp
2/1 Mov & Tn Gp
Det Op Research Sec
FAA Det Unit Maint Insp Sec LHQ
Mob Sec 2/1 CW Lab
1 CRE (NG Forests)
6 Army Topo Svy Coy
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FAA Det AAAPF Gp
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GO 1547 UNCLASSIFIED the following signal has been received

from the COMMANDER IN CHIEF SOUTHEASTERN JAP ARMY AND THE
COMMANDER IN CHIEF SOUTHEASTERN NAVY RA AUL added to The

COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE AUSTRALIAN FIRST ARMY (.) quote (.)

1 (.) we pay our respects to your brilliant fighting to this

day (.) 2 (.) according to the order of His Majesty the EMPEROR

the JAPANESE army and naval forces on NEW GUINEA BOUGAINVILLE
and NEW IRLAND are by every means endeavouring to accomplish

the cessation of all actions as soon as possible (.) as yet

there has been no clashes of any kind between your forces and
ours (.) but in BOUGAINVILLE on account of the dense jungle

it has not been possible yet to deliver the order to cease fire

to those units which have penetrated deep into your lines (.)

therefore the COMMANDER of the JAPANESE army in this area has

sent an emissary to your front lines and has commenced

negotiations regarding the conveyance of the above order (.)

we will appreciate if you will kindly render assistance in

this regard (.) 3 (.) the JAPANESE commanders on these islands

have not been authorized as yet to commence direct negotiations

with your command except concerning the cessation of

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hostilities therefore until we are so ordered from TOKYO (.) we wish to have you understand that we cannot open further negotiations but those regarding the complete delivery of the STOP FIGHTING ORDER to all men (.) unquote

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E. L. SHEEHAN Brig.

Signed

COPY INLAND MESSAGE

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From: LAMNORP

TO: 022100Z

TO: LAMNORP/022100Z 1 AUG 45

GO 463 SECRET (.) SUPREME COMMANDER FOR ALLIED POWERS has ordered the provision of aerial surveillance over JAP territories as follows (.) ONE (.) starting 0600 hrs 25 aug 45 COMOPAC provides aerial surveillance over general area JAPAN EAST of KOREA and continues current over water air searches (.) TWO (.) starting 0600 hrs 25 aug 45 C 16 5 COMINT conducts surveillance flights over strategic areas of JAPAN (.) THREE (.) COMINT and COMINT WEST will (a) starting 0600 hrs 25 aug 45 provide day and night surveillance flights over general area JAPAN EAST of KOREA, KOREA SOUTH of 38 degrees NORTH, the KURILS, MANCHU, NORTH CHINA off CHINA, ANDO CHINA and portions of KURIL coast and all controlled areas of JAPAN (b) continue overwater searches as indicated in 01 110 JAPA reduced as necessary with changing situation (.) FOUR (.) the above instrs will be changed accordingly when the portion of the line lying SOUTH of the following line is turned over to COMINT WEST: beginning at the coast of KURIL CHINA at 16 degrees NORTH; thence due NORTH to 7 degrees 40 minutes NORTH 116 degrees EAST; the boundary between the PHILIPPINE ISLANDS and EASTERN MINDANAO; thence along the 1939 boundary line of the PHILIPPINE ISLANDS to 5 degrees NORTH 127 degrees EAST; ^{thence EAST to 5° NORTH 130° EAST;} thence SOUTH to the equator; thence E to 14 degrees EAST; thence generally NORTH EAST to 2 degrees 20 minutes NORTH 116 degrees EAST; thence EAST to 2 degrees 20 minutes NORTH 133 degrees EAST; thence SOUTH (.) FIVE (.) instrs relative air drop of supplies to JAP POWERS (.) internec camps and places of detention within JAPAN SOUTH KOREA and the JAPA will follow

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(w) For Information (INFO.)

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G01554 REBROADCAST further to my G01547 of 212216K the

following messages have been passed between General LUNDIN and comdr

THIRU and myself (.) ONN (.) from GOC FIRSTAUGSTARMY quote message

number one (.) 1 (.) I acknowledge receipt of your wireless

communication despatched at 1940 hours on 21 aug (.) the comdr of the

australian forces in BOCHAMVILLE will render such assistance as is

possible for the delivery of the order to cease fire (.) 2 (.)

pending receipt by you of further orders from TOKYO are you prepared

to send an envoy to receive a letter addressed to you (.) this letter

contains instructions regarding information which I will require from

you (.) if you advise that an envoy will be sent an Australian

warship will proceed to BOCHAM (.) the envoy will be received aboard

the warship and the letter delivered to him (.) the time and place of

arrival of the warship will be advised if you agree to send the envoy

(.) 3 (.) I understand that you cannot act on the instructions

contained in the letter referred to above until you receive further

orders from TOKYO concerning surrender negotiations unquote (.) TAO

(.) from the GOC H. I. THIRU and GOC H. I. THIRU and GOC H. I. THIRU

and GOC H. I. THIRU and GOC H. I. THIRU (.) quote message number

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despatched 2250 aug 21 (.) 2 (.) according to your message we are to know that you have understood the character of the IMPERIAL JAPANESE forces which is that we are in absolute obedience to his MAJESTY the EMPEROR and all front line comdrs are NOT empowered to open any unpermitted negotiations (.) 3 (.) we regret to inform you that it is still impracticable to send an envoy but on the understanding that you do not expect our answer we have made preparations to receive your wireless messages (.) 4 (.) in the KOUANSHAN area your commanders have been urging our commanders to open direct negotiations which reach beyond those necessary for the cessation of hostilities; but as all this will only make the management hereafter more confusing we think it advisable to have everything handled under the control of your command and ours (.) we request you to notify this to your commanders as soon as possible (.) 5 (.) we assure you that the person the property and the welfare of the prisoners of war and civilians including your nationals are well cared for unquote (.) in view JAP attitude no useful purpose pressing GENERAL ISONA to surrender as no doubt instructed by ISONA to await signing surrender in TOKYO and official

instructions from EMPEROR

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From: FIRSTAUSTARMY

To: 2 CORPS 6 DIV 11 DIV 4 BN

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GO 1558 RESTRICTED (.) further to my GO 1554 of 222525K information has been received from Supreme Command for Allied Powers that, the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers will receive on 31 August from the duly authorized reps of the Japanese Emperor the Japanese Government and the Japanese GHQ the declaration signed by the Emperor of Japan and the instrument of surrender to be signed as indicated at that ceremony (.) Immediately following the formal surrender these two documents together with the General Order No 1 Military and Naval will be promulgated throughout Japan and Jap-controlled territories to Japanese people and Jap-controlled armed forces wherever situated (.)
GO 1554 not to 6 Div and 4 Bn

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T00: 23 2117 K

To: LANDOPS

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FROM NOIC NEW GUINEA.
TO PD LAE (R) ACNB

1. PASS TO RANLO FOR GENERAL STURDIE. INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT AIRCRAFT CARRIER GLORY REPETITION GLORY AND ESCORT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR RABAU OPERATION BUT CANNOT ARRIVE JACQUINOT BAY BEFORE 3rd SEPTEMBER.
2. PROPOSE REVERSION TO ORIGINAL PLAN OF ACCEPTING SURRENDER ON BOARD AS MORE IMPRESSIVE.
3. SUGGEST FOLLOWING PROGRAM. "D" DAY. RAN VESSEL EMBARK BGS AND NOIC REPETITION NOIC AT MADANG. "D" PLUS 2. SHIP ARRIVES RABAU DELIVERS LETTER TO ENVOY WHO SHOULD BRING OFF DETAILS OF MINIFIELDS. "D" PLUS 4 GLORY ARRIVES OFF RABAU WITH GOC ETC EMBARKS. JAPANESE GENERAL AND STAFF AND RETURNS JACQUINOT BAY. "D" PLUS FIVE TO "D" PLUS 8. APPROXIMATELY. JAPANESE ACCOMMODATED ASHORE. CONFERENCE ON BOARD GLORY STAFF TALKS ASHORE. "D" PLUS 9. APPROXIMATELY. JAPANESE RETURN RABAU IN GLORY. "D" PLUS 12 APPROX OCCUPATION TO ARRIVE RABAU. GLORY TO COVER INITIAL STAGES OF LANDING.
4. LAE CONSIDERED UNSUITABLE FOR CONFERENCE DUE TO EXPOSED ANCHORAGE ETC.
5. PROPOSE "D" DAY SHOULD BE SECOND SEPTEMBER SUGGEST DELAY OF FEW DAYS IN ACTUAL OCCUPATION COULD PROBABLY BE ACCEPTED IF RENDERED NECESSARY BY LACK OF SHIPPING ETC.
6. REQUEST EARLIEST POSSIBLE ADVICE THESE PLANS GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE IN ORDER THAT NECESSARY MOVEMENTS OF SHIPS ETC MAY BE PUT IN HAND.

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FROM: FIRSTAUSTARMY

T00: 251235K

TO: NOIC NEW GUINEA

GO 1565 SECRET (.) the following messages have been exchanged between GOC firstaustarmy and C in C SOUTH EASTERN JAP army and C in C SOUTH EASTERN JAP navy (.) firstaustarmy message 3 to RABAU (.) quote (.) in the interests of the JAPANESE FORCES under your command in NEW BRITAIN I convey to you my intended action after receipt of your surrender (.) my forces will occupy the whole of the peninsula on which is situated the RABAU township and the WESTERN foreshore of SIMPSON HARBOUR as far SOUTH as VULCAN CRATER (.) guards on supply stores and important installations may remain until relieved by my troops (.) at the appropriate time I will require you to move your troops to those areas whence they can be most easily maintained (.) particular attention is directed to the cultivated garden areas which will continue to be necessary for the maintenance of your forces (.) the above information is conveyed to you only with the intention of saving your troops from unnecessary movement and consequent inconvenience (.) unquote (.) RABAU replied quote (.) we acknowledge receipt of your understanding message number three (.) upon receiving his Imperial Majesty the Emperor's orders concerning the measures to be taken henceforth (.) we are preparing to despatch envoys to you to receive the documents you tender and to negotiate for smooth progress of various matters regarding your forces of occupation (.) in case of sending the above envoys we would appreciate if you despatch a transport plane to this area for a round trip (.) unquote (.) we are advising JAP C in Cs at RABAU that envoys will be taken off by warship and NOT by airplane

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Sgd: *H. J. Miller*

From: LANDOPS

TOO: 251035L

To: FIRSTAUSTARMY 1 CORPS

Info: POLAND LANDFORCES NORFORCE

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FIRST (.) the instrument of surrender is to be signed by representatives of JAP EMPEROR THE GOVT and IMPERIAL GHQ at TOKIO on approx 51 aug (.) gen order number 1 will then be issued to all JAP comds concerned (.)

SECOND (.) in accordance with gen order number 1 and subsequent directions of the supreme commander of the ALLIED powers JAP commanders within the areas of AUST responsibility are to make immediate contact with AUST comds who have been designated as follows (.)

- (A) in the lesser SUNDAS excl LINGK plus TIMOR TANNIAR ARGE KAI A SON CERAM ISLANDS and such other areas of NEI as may be agreed to (.) the C in C AMF or his designated representative
- (B) in NEW GUINEA NEW BRITAIN NEW IRELAND NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS the comd FIRSTAUSTARMY or his designated representative (.)
- (C) BOUGAINVILLE and adjacent islands comd 2 CORPS under direction comd FIRSTAUSTARMY (.)
- (D) in BORNEO comd 1 AUST CORPS or his designated reps (.)

THIRD (.) when the instrument of surrender has been signed and general order number 1 has been issued addressees will be advised by signal (.)

FOURTH (.) after contact has been established by JAP commanders the AUST comds nominated will

- (A) accept surrender of JAPANESE forces concerned (.)
- (B) occupy such places in their designated areas as may be considered necessary and practicable by them to implement surrender terms (.)

FIFTH (.) after contact has been established vide para 4 above commanders will implement instrument of surrender in accordance with

- (.) (A) the general principles contained in the basic plan for establishment of control of enemy armed forces and military resources which was incl in the document extracts

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of staff study for operation satisfied already forwarded
to FIRST ARMY and 1 CORPS only (.)

(B) instructions and messages already issued or which will be
issued by the supreme commander of C in C ARMY (.)

SIXTH (.) Until additional shipping is available commanders will be
dependent on the resources now available to them (.)

SEVENTH (.) FIRST ARMY and 1 ARMY CORPS will forward to LANCERS
by 31 aug

(A) brief outline of their plan to implement the above with
the present resources available to them (.)

(B) statement of what additional shipping and other resources
are required to implement fully the tasks in para THREE (.)

EIGHTH (.) ACK

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From: LANDOPS

TOO: 260955I

Ref: LANDFORCES AIR & UTE RY 1. FUST CORPS

GC 484 SECRET (.) ref my GO 463 of 222120I (.) GHO has
advised following amendment para four (.) after QUOTE 127°
EAST UNQUOTE and before QUOTE thence SOUTH to the equator
UNQUOTE insert QUOTE thence EAST to 5° NORTH 130° EAST UNQUOTE

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From: FIRTAUSTARMY

TOO: 291110K

To: FORLAND LANDOPS LANDFORCES

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GO 1578 SECRET (.) the following messages have been exchanged between GOC FIRTAUSTARMY and C in C SOUTHEASTERN JAP army and C in C SOUTHEASTERN JAP navy (.) FIRTAUSTARMY message 3 to RABUL (.) QUOTE (.) in the interests of the JAPANESE FORCES under your command in NEW BRITAIN I convey to you my intended action after receipt of your surrender (.) my forces will occupy the whole of the peninsula on which is situated the RABUL township and the WESTERN foreshore of SIMPSON HARBOUR as far SOUTH as VULCAN CRATER (.) guards on supply stores and important installations may remain until relieved by my troops (.) at the appropriate time I will require you to move your troops to those areas whence they can be most easily maintained (.) particular attention is directed to the cultivated garden areas which will continue to be necessary for the maintenance of your forces (.) the above information is conveyed to you only with the intention of saving your troops from unnecessary movement and consequent inconvenience (.) UNQUOTE (.) RABUL replied (.) QUOTE (.) we acknowledge receipt of your understanding message number three (.) upon receiving his IMPERIAL MAJESTY the EMPERORS orders concerning the measures to be taken henceforth (.) we are preparing to despatch envoys to you to receive the documents you tender and to negotiate for smooth progress of various matters regarding your forces of occupation (.) in case of sending the above envoys we would appreciate if you despatch a transport plane to this area for a round trip (.) UNQUOTE (.) FIRTAUSTARMY message number four to RABUL (.) QUOTE (.) (1) I acknowledge receipt of your reply to my message number three (.) (2) Your envoys will be received aboard a warship at RABUL (.) the time and place will be notified to you later (.) (3) Earliest possible advice of receipt by you of the EMPERORS orders concerning the measures to be taken henceforth would be appreciated (.) UNQUOTE (.) RABUL replied (.) QUOTE (.) (1) We acknowledge receipt of your message number four (.) (2) Concerning the measures henceforth (.) we are NOT yet in receipt of the IMPERIAL ORDER yet we expect i probably after the signing in TOKIO at the end of the month (.) (3) The

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JAPANESE army forces in the WEWAK area under Lt Gen ADACHI have been ordered to be put after the 30 aug under the command of the C in C of the SOUTHEASTERN JAPANESE army in accordance with an IMPERIAL ORDER (.) accordingly with regard to the measures for the above forces after that date like BOUGAINVILLE will come under our control in negotiating with you as you will understand (.) UNQUOTE

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From: FIRSTAUSTARLY

T00: 291114K

To: 2 CORPS 6 DIV 11 DIV 4 BN

GO 1577 SECRET (.)- the following extracts from communications which have passed between THE SUPREME ALLIED COMD and the JAPANESE GOVT are forwarded (.) QUOTE (.) JAP controlled ships at sea wherever located are to report their positions in plain language immediately to the nearest US BRITISH or SOVIET radio station on 500 K/Cs 600 meters and to the call sign HQO on one of the following high frequencies 5520 6210 3200 and 12420 K/Cs (.) they are to proceed to the nearest ALLIED port or such port as the C IN C US PACIFIC FLEET may direct and will await further orders (.) ships will burn navigational lights at night and will display searchlights with beams held vertically (.) vessels at sea will immediately render harmless and throw overboard explosives of all types (.) UNQUOTE

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From: FIRSTAUSTARMY

TOO: 291600 K

To: LANDOPS

Info: FORLAND LANDFORCES

GO 1536 SECRET (.) your GO473 of 251035I para 6 (.) FIRST (.)
OUTLINE PLAN (.) NEW BRITAIN NEW IRELAND NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS
as already advised in my GO1573 of 262245K and referred to in my
GO1573 of 291110K (.) DOUGAINVILLE as follows (.) GOC 2 corps
acting under direction this HQ will accept surrender (.) bulk of
POWs to be located SHORTLANDS in addition to which POW cage will
be established TOROKINA for JAPS OCEAN NAURU (.) if on main
SHORTLAND ISLAND arrangements are being made to confine JAPS in
restricted area most likely in peninsula immediately SOUTH of
KULITUNA DAY (.) NEW GUINEA GOC 6 div by direction GOC FIRSTAUSTARMY
will accept surrender (.) after surrender intended JAPS be
concentrated MUSCHU ISLAND (.) SECOND (.) so far as can be foreseen
shipping allotted at present and small craft resources available
FIRSTAUSTARMY sufficient to implement above (.) THIRD (.) LANDFORCES
your GO3062 of 232005K NOT to all addressees also refers

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(Sgd) *W. Meekins May*

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FROM: FIRSTAUSTARMY

TO: 291535K

TO: 2 CORPS 6 DIV 11 DIV 4 BN

GO 1551 SECRET (.) further to my GO 1555 of 231030K (.) FIRST (.) the instrument of surrender is to be signed by representatives of JAP EMPEROR the GOVT and IMPERIAL GHQ on 2 sep (.) JAP GHQ general order number 1 is then to be issued to all JAP comds concerned (.) SECOND (.) in accordance with general order number 1 and subsequent directions of the supreme cmd of the ALLIED POWERS JAP comds within FIRSTAUSTARMY area are to make immediate contact with AUSTRALIAN comds (.) these comds will be as follows (.) in NEW BRITAIN NEW IRELAND GOC FIRSTAUSTARMY (.) in BOUGAINVILLE and adjacent islands GOC 2 CORPS under direction GOC FIRSTAUSTARMY (.) in NEW GUINEA GOC 6 DIV by direction GOC FIRSTAUSTARMY (.) in NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS brig J R STEVENSON by direction GOC FIRSTAUSTARMY (.) THIRD (.) when the instrument of surrender has been signed and general order number 1 has been issued addressees will be advised by signal (.) FOURTH (.) it is considered that by the time such signal has reached addressees the JAP army and navy Cs in C at RABUL will have received instructions from TOKIO to surrender and that the necessary directions will have been issued to their subordinate comds in BOUGAINVILLE and the WEWAK area (.) FIFTH (.) as contact has already been established with JAP comds in all areas except NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS the comds nominated in para 2 will on receipt of the signal referred to in para 3 (A) accept surrender terms of JAP forces concerned (B) proceed with such plans as have already been

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made to implement the surrender (.) SIXTH (.) copies of EMPERORS
PROCLAMATION and INSTRUMENT OF SURRENDER and GENERAL ORDER NUMBER
1 are being forwarded SDS to addressees less 4 bn (.) SEVENTH (.)
2 CORPS inform brig J R STEVENSON who will proceed in accordance
with instructions already issued to him verbally at this HQ (.)
EIGHTH (.) ACK

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G. FM MESSAGE INWARDS

From : NOIC NEW GUINEA

To : First Australian Army

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For General Sturdee from Capt Morris. Your offer of OL2A is greatly appreciated and accepted. Use of this vessel to carry equipment to Jacquinot Bay will enable both Manoora and Kanimbla to proceed there direct. Probable dates of arrival are 7th and 10th September respectively but I will try and get Manoora in p.m. 6th if possible. I can ~~maxxx~~ arrange passage of remainder of PD personnel. Two. As Manoora has a fair quantity of urgent stores etc for Madang on board would appreciate use of OL2A for return passage Jacquinot Bay to Madang. Three. Latest reports of mines are more favourable and if confirmed by Japs anticipate having harbour our by 8th September but landing will probably have to take place south of a line drawn due east of Malagunan Village. Owing to magnetic mines which I cannot sweep. Four. Will arrive Lae about 0830 tomorrow Saturday in AOC beaufighter to finalise plans.

R.A.N.L.O. LOG.

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SECRET

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
29 Aug 45.

G/ 397/Ops

Subject:- BASIC SURRENDER DOCUMENTS

2 Aust Corps (5)
6 Aust Div (4)
11 Aust Div

Reference First Aust Army signal G01531
of 291535K.

... 1. Forwarded herewith are the undermentioned
documents:-

EMPEROR OF JAPANS PROCLAMATION
INSTRUMENT OF SURRENDER
GENERAL ORDER NO 1 NAVAL & MILITARY
ACCEPTANCE OF SURRENDER FROM JAPANESE
COMMANDERS

2. It is requested that receipt be acknowledged.

J. H. Threllick
for Brig
CS First Aust Army

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EMPEROR OF JAPAN'S PROCLAMATION

"Having accepted the terms of the declaration issued by the heads of the governments of GREAT BRITAIN CHINA and UNITED STATES at POTS DAM on 26 Jul 45, and later adhered to by SOVIET RUSSIA, I have commanded the JAPANESE Imperial GHQ and Government to sign on my behalf, the Instrument of Surrender presented by the Allied Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and to issue orders to the naval and military forces as directed by the Allied Supreme Commander.

I order my people to cease hostilities forthwith, and to obey the provisions of the surrender instrument and orders issued by JAPANESE Imperial GHQ."

INSTRUMENT OF SURRENDER

1. Acting on behalf of and by command of the Emperor of JAPAN the JAPANESE Imperial GHQ and Government, we hereby accept the provisions of the declaration issued at POTSDAM on 26 Jul 45 by the heads of the Governments of GREAT BRITAIN CHINA UNITED STATES and later adhered to by USSR, which four powers are hereafter referred to as the Allied Powers.
2. The unconditional surrender of the JAPANESE Imperial Government, GHQ, armed forces, and forces under JAPANESE control is hereby proclaimed.
3. All JAPANESE forces and people wherever situated are hereby ordered to cease hostilities, and to preserve and save from damage all aircraft, ships, and civil and military property, and to obey all instructions issued by the Supreme Allied Commander or the JAPANESE Government acting on his behalf.
4. JAPANESE Imperial GHQ is hereby commanded to issue orders forthwith to the commanders of all JAPANESE forces, and forces under JAPANESE control wherever situated, to surrender themselves and forces under their command, unconditionally.
5. All naval, civil, and military officials are hereby ordered to obey and enforce all directives, orders, and proclamations deemed to be proper and to effectuate this surrender as issued by the Supreme Allied Commander or under his authority, and such officials are also ordered to remain at their posts and to continue to perform non combatant duties unless specifically relieved.
6. We undertake on behalf of the Emperor and the present and succeeding JAPANESE Governments, to carry out in good faith the terms of the POTSDAM declaration, and to take whatever action and issue whatever instructions as may be required by the Supreme Allied Commander for the Allied Powers, or by any other designated representatives of the Allied Powers, to effectuate that declaration.
7. The JAPANESE Imperial Government and GHQ are hereby commanded to liberate forthwith all Allied civilian internees and prisoners of war now under JAPANESE control, and to provide for their protection, maintenance, care and transportation to places as directed.
8. The Emperor and Government of JAPAN shall exercise over the state, authority which is subject to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers who will take such action as he deems proper to effectuate these terms of surrender.

Signed at.....at.....on the.....
day of.....1945.

By command and on behalf of the JAPANESE Emperor,
Government and Imperial GHQ.....

Accepted at.....at.....on the.....
day of.....1945 for the UNITED KINGDOM, CHINA,
UNITED STATES, SOVIET RUSSIA, and other nations at war
with JAPAN.

Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.....
UNITED KINGDOM representative.....
REPUBLIC of CHINA representative.....
UNITED STATES representative.....
SOVIET RUSSIA representative....."

GENERAL ORDER NO 1 NAVAL & MILITARY

"Pursuant to the surrender of all JAPANESE armed forces to the Supreme Allied Commander for the ALLIED Powers, and by the direction of the Emperor, the Imperial GHQ hereby orders all its commanders within and without JAPAN to cause the JAPANESE armed forces and JAPANESE controlled forces under their command to cease hostilities forthwith, remain in their present locations, lay down their arms, and surrender unconditionally as indicated hereafter or as may be further directed by the Supreme ALLIED Commander to commanders acting on behalf of the UNITED KINGDOM and BRITISH EMPIRE, the UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, the REPUBLIC OF CHINA, and the UNITED STATES. Subject to any changes in detail prescribed by the Supreme ALLIED Commander, contact with the indicated commanders or their designated representatives will be made forthwith and their orders immediately and completely carried out.

- A. The senior JAPANESE commanders, and all ground, sea, air and auxiliary forces within MANCHURIA, KOREA NORTH of 38° NORTH latitude, KARAFUTO and KURILE ISLANDS shall surrender to the C in C SOVIET forces in the FAR EAST.
- B. The senior JAPANESE commanders, and all ground, sea, air and auxiliary forces within CHINA, excluding MANCHURIA, FORMOSA, and FRENCH INDO CHINA NORTH of 16° NORTH latitude shall surrender to GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI SHEK.
- C. The senior JAPANESE commanders, and all ground, sea, air and auxiliary forces in the JAPANESE MANDATED ISLANDS, RYUKUS, BONINS and other PACIFIC ISLANDS shall surrender to the C in C UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET.
- D. The Imperial GHQ, its senior commanders, and all ground, sea, air and auxiliary forces in the main islands of JAPAN, minor islands adjacent thereto, KOREA SOUTH of 38° NORTH latitude, and the PHILIPPINES shall surrender to the C in C UNITED STATES army forces in the PACIFIC.
- E. The senior JAPANESE commanders, and all ground, sea, air and auxiliary forces within the ANDAMANS, NICOBARS, BURMA, THAILAND, FRENCH INDO CHINA SOUTH OF 16° NORTH latitude, MALAYA, BORNEO, NETHERLANDS INDIES, NEW GUINEA, BISMARCKS and the SOLOMONS, shall surrender to the Supreme ALLIED Commander SOUTH EAST ASIA COMMAND or the Commanding General AUSTRALIAN Forces, the exact breakdown between MOUNTBATTEN and the AUSTRALIANS to be arranged between them, and the details of this paragraph then prepared by the Supreme Commander for the ALLIED Powers.
- F. (1) All surrender of JAPANESE forces shall be made only to the above indicated commanders, or their representatives, as they are representatives of the ALLIED powers empowered to accept such surrenders. Commanders within and without JAPAN are further ordered by the Imperial GHQ to disarm all JAPANESE, or JAPANESE controlled forces, wherever they may be situated, and to deliver in safe and good condition and intact all equipment and weapons at times and places as may be prescribed by the above designated ALLIED commanders.

The JAPANESE police force in the main islands of JAPAN shall be exempt from this disarmament provision, pending further instructions. This police force will be held responsible for the preservation of law and order and will remain at their posts. Nature of arms and strength of police force will be prescribed.

- (2) The Supreme ALLIED Commander shall be furnished by Imperial GHQ, within time limit of receipt of this Order, full information with regard to JAPAN and areas under JAPANESE control as follows:-
 - (a) Lists of all aircraft, military naval and civil, giving complete information as to the number, type, location and condition of such aircraft.
 - (b) Lists of all land, air and antiaircraft units showing locations and strengths in officers and men.
 - (c) Lists of all JAPANESE and JAPANESE controlled merchant ships of over 100 gross tons, in or out of commission and under construction, including merchant ships formerly belonging to any of the UNITED NATIONS which are now in JAPANESE hands, giving their position, condition and movement.
 - (d) Lists of all JAPANESE and JAPANESE controlled naval vessels, surface and submarine, and auxiliary naval craft in or out of commission and under construction, giving their position, condition and movement.
 - (e) Locations of all camps and other places of detention of UNITED NATIONS prisoners of war and civilian internees.
 - (f) Complete and detailed information accompanied by maps showing locations and layouts of all mines, minefields, and other obstacles to movement by land, sea or air and the safety lanes in connection therewith.
 - (g) Locations and descriptions of all military installations and establishments including airfields, seaplane bases, antiaircraft defences, ports and naval bases, storage depots, permanent and temporary land and coast fortifications, fortresses and other fortified areas.
- (3) Civil aviation authorities and JAPANESE armed forces will ensure that all JAPANESE civil, naval, and military aircraft remain on the water, aboard ship or on the ground, until arrangements for their disposition are notified.
- (4) Pending instructions from the Supreme ALLIED Commander, JAPANESE or JAPANESE controlled merchant or naval vessels of all types will undertake no movement and will be maintained intact. Explosives of all types aboard vessels at sea will be rendered harmless at once and thrown overboard. Explosives aboard vessels NOT at sea will be removed at once to safe storage ashore.
- (5) Responsible JAPANESE or JAPANESE controlled civil and military authorities will ensure that:-

- (a) All JAPANESE mines, minefields and other obstacles to movement, by land, sea and air, wherever located be removed according to instructions of the Supreme Commander for the ALLIED Powers.
 - (b) All safety lanes be kept open and clearly marked pending accomplishment of (a) above.
 - (c) All aids to navigation be reestablished at once.
- (6) Responsible JAPANESE and JAPANESE controlled civil and military authorities will hold intact, and in good condition pending further instructions by the Supreme ALLIED Commander, the following:-
- (a) All land, water and air transportation and communication facilities and equipment.
 - (b) All arms, ammunition, explosives, military equipment stores, and supplies and other implements of war of all kinds and all other war material except as specifically prescribed in Section 4 of this Order.
 - (c) All factories, plants, shops, research institutions, laboratories, testing stations, technical data, patents, plans, drawings and inventions designed or intended to produce, or to facilitate the production or use of all implements of war, and other material and property used by, or intended, for use by, any military or para military organisation in connection with its operations.
 - (d) All military installations and establishments, including airfields, seaplane bases, anti-aircraft defences, ports and naval bases, storage depots, permanent and temporary land and coast fortifications, fortresses and other fortified areas, together with plans and drawings of all such fortifications, installations and establishments.
- (7) The Supreme ALLIED Commander shall be furnished by JAPANESE Imperial GHQ, within time limit of receipt of this Order, complete lists of all items specified in paras (a), (b) and (c) of Section 5 above, indicating the types, locations, and numbers of each.
- (8) The making and distribution of all implements of war arms and ammunition will cease at once.
- (9) As regards civilian internees and prisoners of war of the UNITED NATIONS in the hands of the JAPANESE or JAPANESE controlled authorities:-
- (a) The well being and safety of all such persons will be scrupulously observed to include the supply and administrative service essential for the provision of shelter, medical care, clothing and adequate food, until the Supreme ALLIED Commander assumes such responsibility.

- (b) Places of detention, or camps of UNITED NATIONS civilian internees and prisoners of war, together with their arms, records, ammunition stores and equipment, will be delivered at once to the command of the senior officer or designated representative of the prisoners of war and civilian internees.
 - (c) Civilian internees and prisoners of war will be transported to places of safety as directed by the Supreme ALLIED Commander where they can be accepted by ALLIED authorities.
 - (d) Complete lists of all such prisoners of war and civilian internees indicating their location will be furnished by JAPANESE Imperial GHQ to the Supreme ALLIED Commander within time limit of receipt of this Order.
- (10) The occupation by ALLIED forces of JAPAN and JAPANESE controlled areas shall be aided and assisted by all JAPANESE and JAPANESE controlled civil and military authorities.
- (11) On instructions from ALLIED occupation commanders the appropriate JAPANESE officials and Imperial GHQ shall be ready to hand over all arms held by JAPANESE civilians.
- (12) JAPANESE, and JAPANESE controlled civil and military officials, and private persons, will scrupulously and promptly obey this and all subsequent instructions issued by the Supreme ALLIED Commander. Severe and summary punishment at the hands of the JAPANESE government and ALLIED military authorities will be incurred by failure or delay in complying with the terms of this or later Orders, and by any action determined by the Supreme ALLIED Commander to be detrimental to the ALLIED Powers."
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ACCEPTANCE OF SURRENDER FROM JAPANESE COMMANDERS

1. In accordance with General Order Number 1, the General Officer Commanding First Australian Army has been appointed the AUSTRALIAN Commander with whom JAPANESE commanders in NEW BRITAIN, NEW IRELAND and that portion of NEW GUINEA under the operational command of First Australian Army will make contact.
2. The General Officer Commanding 2 Australian Corps has been designated, under the direction of the General Officer Commanding First Australian Army, as the AUSTRALIAN Commander with whom JAPANESE commanders in BOUGAINVILLE and adjacent islands shall make contact.
3. For purposes of accepting the surrender, the General Officer Commanding First Australian Army has directed that only the undermentioned shall receive JAPANESE commanders in that connection:-

General Officer Commanding - NEW BRITAIN
First Australian Army - NEW IRELAND

General Officer Commanding - BOUGAINVILLE and
2 Australian Corps - adjacent islands.

General Officer Commanding - That portion of
6 Australian Division - NEW GUINEA under the
operational control of
First Australian Army.

Brigadier J.R. STEVENSON - NAURU and OCEAN
ISLANDS.

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 124

Call

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FROM

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310959 Z

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For Action

TO 2 CORPS 6 DIV 11 DIV

(u) For Information (INFO.)

Message: ~~Info~~ ~~Clear~~ ~~GR~~

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

GO 1594 RESTRICTED (.) ref FIRSTAUSTARTY G/397/Ops of 29

Aug 45 (.) general order number 1 has been cancelled and new order
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FROM FORLAND

TO LANDFORCES, LANDOPS, FIRST ARMY, 1 CORPS, 2 CORPS, KINDLIER,
CANBERRA FOR SEC FOR DEFENCE.

IMPORTANT.

REFERENCE FORLAND GO 3328 200100 as amended by SD 3329 2010151 and
SUPREME COMD SIG CX-10428 of 28 AUGUST 45 NOT to all addressees
and reference FORLAND 3450.01SD of 21 AUGUST 45(.)

FIRST, Copies of directive number one and new repeat NEW general
order number one both issued by SUPREME COMD for ALLIED POWERS
being forwarded SAFE HAND 31 AUGUST 45).(COPY for SECRETARY for DEFENCE

DEFENCE WILL be sent LANDFORCES(.)

SECOND(.) GENERAL ORDER No 1 as quoted in FORLAND sigs and MEMO
under reference is superseded by the fresh ORDER(.) ACK

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COPY MESSAGE INWARDS

TOO 311520 I

FROM: FORLAND

TO : LANDOPS FIRST AUST ARMY

GO3447 unclassified (.) landops 50540 of 3112101 not to first aust army and first aust army GO 1595 of 311109K not to landops (.) further to forland SD 3435 of 3019401 (.) only major amendments to original gen order number I are (.) first (.) para I sub para c (.) one (.) the senior japanese commanders and all ground sea air and auxiliary forces within the ANDAMANS NICOBARS BURMA THAILAND FRENCH-INDO CHINA south of 16 degrees north latitude MALAYA SUMATRA JAVA LESSER SUNDAS(including BALI LOMBOK and TIMOR) BOEROE CERAM AMBON KAI AROE TAMILBAR and islands in the ARAFURA SEA CELEBES MALMAHERAS and DUTCH NEW GUINEA shall surrender to the supreme allied commander south east asia command (.) two (.) the senior japanese commanders and all ground sea air and auxiliary forces within BORNEO BRITISH NEW GUINEA BISMARCKS and the SOLOMONS shall surrender to the commander in chief australian military forces (.) second (.) added new para 13 (.) 13 (.) the japanese imperial general head quarters will immediately advise the supreme commander for the allied powers the earliest date and time at which information called for in paras 2 7 and 9 d can be submitted (.) complete copies new general order number 1 carried to landops by gen BURSTON departed MANILA 3110201 (.) copies for first aust army despatched normal safe hand today

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FROM: 2 AUST CORPS
TO: FIRST AUST ARMY

TOO: 182025L

S 112 TOPSECRET personal for Gen STURDEE from Gen SAVIGE (.)
envoy from Gen KANDA arrived HQ 3 Div 1400 hrs 18 Aug (.)
BGS interviewed envoy and handed him letter from me for Gen
KANDA containing instrs to report to me (.) KANDA had ordered
at 0530 hrs 16 Aug that all JAP forces this area cease
hostilities (.) from report BGS it appears KANDA will do all
possible to assist prevention further casualties (.) envoy
stated total strength JAP forces this area approx 21000

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. **WD 23**

Call

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FROM

Originator

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(A)

FIRSTAUSTARMY

15/524 K

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For Action

2 CORPS

TO

(cc) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

GO 1524 SECRET (.) your GO 3512 of 151425L (.) cease fire
effective when it is assured word has been received by the enemy (.)
will advise further

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Signed

Maj Mellick

IMMEDIATE

FROM: 2 CORPS

TOO: 231140L

TO: FIRSTAUSTALY

3616 RESTRICED your GO 1554 of 22 Aug (.) NO pressure has
or will be put on JAP comd BOUGAINVILLE to open surrender
negotiations (.) relations between this Hq and Gen KANDA most
satisfactory and both fully appreciate surrender negotiations
cannot proceed until after receipt by KANDA of instrs from
TOKYO

TD: 232250K
TCR: 240001K

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Serial No: A7062

APPX "H"

FROM: 6 DIV

TOO: 182220K

TO: FIRSTAUSTARNEY

GO 1413 SECRET (.) after contacting junior officers MUSCHU
ISLAND by FELO broadcast 17 aug met by arrangements today
Capt NOTO JAP navy chief of staff to rear admiral SATO Lieut
TAMURA naval comd MUSCHU Capt MOROOKA army comd MUSCHU (.) they
heard Emperors broadcast but will NOT lay down arms until
ordered by ADACHI (.) KIARIRU in touch ADACHI by wireless undertook
convey message asking ADACHI for orders and also asking him
proceed nearest landing ground inland for tpt WEWAK (.) reply
expected 22 aug (.) revealed 265 army 242 navy 300 natives on
5200?
MUSCHU 800 navy 1200 natives on KIARIRU (.) inland in reply
note sent NAKAI by native runner he stated NO orders from ADACHI
and would continue resistance (.) later today two Capt's envoys from
NAKAI arrived 2/5 inf bn stated NAKAI prepared discuss terms (.)
further conference expected 19 aug (.) slight enemy activity
continues inland area (.) press stories forwarded tonight through
ADPR

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Serial No: A6960

FROM: 6 DIV

TOO: 230925K

TO: FIRSTAUSTARMY

INFO: 17 BDE

GO 1445 SECRET at conference between GSO I 6 div and chief of staff KAIRIRU island 1400 hrs 22 aug following is purport of message from general ADACHI to 6 div (.) JAP troops have been ordered to cease fire but NOT authorised lay down arms until result MANILA conference conveyed from central Govt via commander SINGAPORE (.) cease fire order reached area comd Mount ALEXANDER range area 1600 hrs 22 aug and should reach lower SEPIK and RAMU area by 2400 hrs 28 aug (.) all comms between 6 div and 18 army will be made through KAIRIRU island (.) general ADACHI has ordered his subordinate commanders NOT to negotiate separately and will NOT accept messages other than through KAIRIRU (.) on receipt order to lay down arms Lt Gen YOSHIWARA chief staff 18 army will be sent 6 div confer with commander (.) 6 div in contact admiral SATO at KAIRIRU by ML alternate days

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TOR: 232000K

Serial No: A7055

MESSAGE FORM

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From: FIRSTAUSTARMY
 To: 6 DIV
 For Info: NOIC NEW GUINEA

TOO 230.25

GO 1551 (.) the following signal has been received from the Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese South-Eastern Army and the Commander-in-Chief South-Eastern Japanese Navy (.) The C-in-C South-Eastern Japanese Army commands all those Japanese troops in New Britain and Bougainville (.) The Japanese troops in your area will be under the same restrictions as set out in . the following message(.)

MESSAGE NO 1.

- (1) We acknowledge your wireless message despatched 2230 August 21st
- (2) According to your message we are (?) to know that you have understood the character of the Imperial JAPANESE forces which is that we are in absolute obedience to HIS MAJESTY the EMPEROR and all front line comdrs are NOT empowered to open any unpermitted negotiations
- (3) We regret to inform you that it is still impracticable to send an envoy but on the understanding that you do not expect our answer we have made preparations to receive your wireless messages
- (4) In the BOUGAINVILLE area your comdrs have been urging our comdrs to open direct negotiations which reach beyond those necessary for the cessation of hostilities; but as all this will only make the management hereafter more confusing we think it advisable to have everything handled under the control of your command and ours (.)
- (5) We assure you that the person the property and the welfare of the prisoners of war and civilians including your nationals are well cared for

This message may be sent
 AS WRITTEN by any means

Signed *J. H. Chan*

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From: 6 DIV

TOO: 251600K

To: FIRSTAUSTARMY

G01463 SECRET following message addressed ADACHI 24 aug (.) QUOTE
with ref your message LT-GEN YOSHIWARA will represent you at
conference WEWAK when orders your superior comd received you are
infrm that you must give YOSHIWARA power to sign an instrument of
surrender on your behalf otherwise must come yourself (.) all
documents will be written in and negotiations carried out in
ENGLISH UNQUOTE

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Serial A7118

MESSAGE FORM

From: FIRSTAUSTRIA

TOO: 261745 K

To: 6 DIV

Info: 2 CORPS

GO 1572 SECRET (.) the following message has been received from the C-IN-C OF THE SOUTHEASTERN JAPANESE ARMY and C-IN-C SOUTHEASTERN JAPANESE NAVY (.) QUOTE (.) 1 (.) we acknowledge receipt of your message number 4 (.) 2 (.) concerning the measures henceforth (.) we are NOT yet in receipt of the IMPERIAL ORDER yet we expect it probably after the signing in TOKIO at the end of the month (.) 3 (.) the JAPANESE army forces in the MEWAK area under LT GEN ADACHI have been ordered to be put after the 30 aug. under the command of the C-IN-C OF THE SOUTHEASTERN JAPANESE ARMY in accordance with an IMPERIAL ORDER (.) accordingly with regard to the measures for the above forces after that date like BOUGAINVILLE will come under our control in negotiating with you as you will understand (.) UNQUOTE (.) FIRSTAUSTARMY message number 4 requested earliest possible advice of receipt by JAP COMDs of the EMPERORS orders concerning measures to be taken henceforth and was sent to RABAUL 251555K aug 45

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30 AUGUST 1945

TO: MAJOR GENERAL H.C.H. ROBERTSON, CBE, DSO,
COMMANDING 6TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION (AIF)

ACTING UNDER THE POWERS CONFERRED UPON ME BY THE
SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE ALLIED POWERS I APPOINT
YOU TO BE MY REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE PURPOSE OF
ACCEPTING THE SURRENDER OF THE JAPANESE ARMY NAVY
AND AIR FORCES AND JAPANESE CIVILIANS IN THAT PORTION
OF NEW GUINEA UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF FIRST
AUSTRALIAN ARMY.

Sgd: V.A.H. STURDEE

LIEUTENANT GENERAL
GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING
FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY

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Message Form

FROM: FIRTAUSTARMY

TOO: 26 1220 K

TO: 2 CORPS

Copy to: PA to GOC

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GO 1568 TOPSEC Brig STEVENSON comd. 11 aust inf bde has
been appointed representative of GOC FIRTAUSTARMY for
purposes of taking the surrender at NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS
(.) essential he report this HQ 27 aug for discussions in this
connection ack

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sent as WRITTEN by any
means (except)
(-----) Wireless

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COPY INWARDS MESSAGE

FROM: LANDFORCES

TOO: 261140K

TO: RAAF HQ

INFO: RAAF COM FIRSTAUSTARMY LANDOPS

GO 66490 (.) SECRET (.) ref RAAF COM A593 of 24 aug A652 of 23 aug
(.) if governments concerned approve occupation of NAURU OCEAN
ISLANDS by AUST force this will automatically place AUST resources
available from all services at disposal of FIRST ARMY to execute
plan (.) request that full planning be initiated forthwith with
FIRST ARMY

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FROM: LANDFORCES

TOO: 261530K

TO: FIRSTAUSTARMY

INFO: FORLAND LANDOPS

GO 66497 (.) SECRET (.) your GO 1567 of 251910K (.) irrespective of any instrs you may receive from any other authority you are NOT to proceed with occupation NAURU - OCEAN until directed by this HQ (.) executive order will be given after approval of governments concerned received (.) ack

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MESSAGE FORM

From: FIRSTAUSTARMY

TOO: 26 1538 E

To: 2 CORPS

Info: NCIC NEW GUINEA

GO 1569 TOPSEC (.) WARNING ORDER NAURU OCEAN ISLAND OPERATION (.)
OUTLINE PLAN as follows (.) force will comprise a bn HQ one rifle
coy of four pls to be used as escort coy two rifle coys on standard
organisation together with med and S&T deta details of which later
(.) one of the two rifle coys not required NAURU op but will stand
by at TOROKINA for OCEAN ISLAND phase (.) METHOD (.) PHASE A (.)
complete force less rifle coy standing by at TOROKINA will move in
RIVER GLENELG and RIVER BURDEKIN to NAURU where after surrender of
JAPS obtained one rifle coy with med and S&T deta will be established
ashore as grn (.) EUROPEANS and JAPS on NAURU who are fit to move
will be embarked (.) convoy then returns to TOROKINA (.) PHASE B (.)
only one RIVER class vessel available this phase (.) this should be
sufficient as info received states only 400 JAPS on OCEAN ISLAND and
no doubt less will be evacuated (.) it may however be necessary for
this vessel to make a second voyage (.) force of the same composition
as PHASE A less two escort pls will proceed OCEAN ISLAND and carry
out similar action to that taken at NAURU (.) coy standing by will
embark for grn duty OCEAN (.) COMD (.) force comes under direct comd
HQ FIRSTAUSTARMY on completion loading; each phase (.) tps established
as grns on OCEAN and NAURU ISLANDS come under direct comd FIRSTAUSTARMY
on departure of bn HQ from the respective islands (.) such tps as may
disembark at TOROKINA on completion PHASE A and PHASE B will revert
to comd 2 corps (.) evacuees will be taken over by 2 aust corps (.)
final decision as to whether landing can be made at either island
will rest with senior naval officer (.) COMMS (.) RAN responsible
for comms and 2 corps have no responsibilities in this connection (.)
NAVAL (.) HMAS DIAMANTINA will accompany force (.) DIAMANTINA to
remain NAURU OCEAN ISLAND areas after completion PHASE B (.) TIMING
(.) convoy will sail from TOROKINA as far as can be predicted on 3
sep but this will be confirmed (.) ADM (.) force will carry 60 days
supply of all natures for discharge at each of NAURU OCEAN ISLANDS (.)
voyage rations sufficient for outward and return voyages will be

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carried (.) GEN (.) maj CLARKSON liaison officer this HQ leaves LAE
for TOROKINA at earliest with op and adm orders for 2 corps and op
and adm instrs for force comd (.) date to be notified (.) brig JR
STEVENSON comd 11 inf bde will be representative of GOC FIRST AUGUSTINE
for purpose of taking surrender of JAPANESE on NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS
(.) RIVER GLENELG departs LAE for TOROKINA approx 30 aug (.) request
advise name and unit of bn comd selected

This message must be sent IMMEDIATE
in CIPHER if liable to
interception or to fall into
enemy hands.

(sgd) *W. Macmillan*

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HEADQUARTERS
FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AIF)

27 AUGUST 1945

TO: BRIGADIER J.R. STEVENSON
COMMANDING 11TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

ACTING UNDER THE POWERS CONFERRED UPON ME BY
THE SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE ALLIED POWERS I
APPOINT YOU TO BE MY REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE
PURPOSE OF ACCEPTING THE SURRENDER OF THE
JAPANESE ARMY NAVY AND AIR FORCES AND JAPANESE
CIVILIANS ON NAURU AND OCEAN ISLANDS

(Sgd) V. P. H. STURDIEE

LIEUTENANT GENERAL
GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING
FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY

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FROM: LANDOPS

TOO: 272238I

TO: SUPREME COMD FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

INFO: LANDFORCES FORLAND FIRSTAUSTARMY

GO 503 SECRET (.) AUST forces prepared to accept responsibility for occupation and receiving surrender of JAP forces NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS (.) as these ISLANDS are in area of responsibility ADMIRAL NIMITZ request permission to act as above (.) occupation forces will be provided and commanded by FIRSTAUSTARMY

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FROM: NOIC NEW GUINEA

TOO: 280555Z

TO: NOIC TOROKINA PD LAE

Lieutenant (SP) G H LORDING RANVR has been temporarily appointed
as RAN Liaison Officer on the staff of Brigadier J R STEVENSON

- (2) Lieut LORDING will be available for duties at ISLANDS
for about three weeks after surrender should his services be required
- (3) Addressees pass to FIRSTAUSTARMY and 2 AUST CORPS

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FROM: LANDFORCES

TOO: 291810K

TO: MOV MELBOURNE MOV SYDNEY MOV LAE

INFO: FIRTAUSTARMY MOV TOROKINA

QM69395 CONFIDENTIAL (.) authority granted for party of 7 members local adm and BRITISH PHOSPHATE COMMISSION also 5 NAURUANS proceed by air MELBOURNE TOROKINA as follows (.) MESSRS W BOTT M LEDGWAY B KIRK and G BRIDGES depart MELBOURNE SYDNEY ANA 1100 30 aug for on passair LAE QANTAS 31 aug (.) MESSRS GREEN and CAMERAN and 2 NAURUANS RAY GADABU and JACK TOM depart MELBOURNE SYDNEY ANA 1100 2 sep for on passair LAE QANTAS 3 sep (.) MR CUDE and 3 NAURUANS ATEJEN DIBWET and TOTOUWA depart MELBOURNE SYDNEY ANA 1100 4 sep for on passair LAE QANTAS 5 sep (.) personal particulars to be supplied on arrival SYDNEY (.) on arrival each party LAE MOV LAE WILL ARRANGE earliest on passair TOROKINA (.) LANDFORCES signal ADM69382 to FIRTAUSTARMY refers (.) all charges recoverable DEPT EXTERNAL TERRITORIES (.) action addressees promptly confirm arrivals and departures

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FROM: LANDFORCES

TOO: 311515K

TO: FIRSTAUSTARMY FORLAND LANDOPS NOIC NEW GUINEA

GO 69958 SECRET (.) ref C in C BPF 270438 Z informing you of
C in C POA signal 260825 regarding NAURU OCEAN ops (.) Cs in C
POA and BPF and other addressees C in C POA 26085 have been
informed by ACNB 310430 that GOC FIRST ARMY is AUST authority
responsible for planning and carrying out operations if
necessary approval granted (.) you will keep C in C POA and
COMSOPAC fully informed regarding plans (.) approval of GOVTS
concerned or of SUPREME COMD ALLIED POWERS NOT yet received

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 57

Commander,
NAURU - OCEAN ISLAND FORCE

INFORMATION

1. ENEMY

(a) Latest information is that OCEAN and NAURU ISLANDS are garrisoned by a naval force comprising the YOKOSUKA 2 SNLF, the 67 Guard Unit and a further unidentified Guard Unit. Indications are that the YOKOSUKA 2 SNLF may have been absorbed by 67 Guard Unit.

(b) The force is disposed as follows:-

NAURU ISLAND	Headquarters 67 Guard Unit YOKOSUKA 2 SNLF	Strength 2700
OCEAN ISLAND	Unidentified Guard Unit	Strength 400

It is understood that 3 tankettes, 12 medium tanks and 6 landing craft are located on NAURU but nothing is known of artillery equipment held or of heavy weapons etc on OCEAN ISLAND. In addition there are 1600 indentured labourers, 200 CHINESE and 1000 natives on NAURU. Nothing is known of the labourers coolies etc on OCEAN.

(c) No supplies have been received since Sep 44, and it is known that the local produce of the island is not sufficient to prevent deaths from malnutrition, starvation and beri beri. Dysentery is rife.

(d) NAURU is generally more productive of native foods than is OCEAN ISLAND, so it may be presumed that even worse conditions of malnutrition and disease prevail on the latter.

2. OWN TROOPS

(a) Active operations have ceased within First Australian Army area but normal security measures are being observed.

(b) Contact has been established with JAPANESE commanders in NEW BRITAIN, DOUGLINVILLE and NEWALK sector in preparation for the surrender of enemy forces.

(c) Australian forces have been given the task of occupying and obtaining the surrender of the JAPANESE garrisons on NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS.

3. TOPOGRAPHY

(a) Topographical notes on NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS are attached as Appendix A.

- (b) NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS 1/20000 maps and sketch map of OCEAN EUROPEAN SETTLEMENT - OCEAN ISLAND, are available at HQ 2 Aust Corps on demand.

INTENTION

4. You will:-

- (a) Proceed to NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS with troops placed under your command for the purpose.
- (b) After the surrender of the JAPANESE on each island has been accepted by Brig J.R. STEVENSON, arrange for the evacuation to TOROKINA of EUROPEANS and JAPANESE who are fit to move.
- (c) Establish your HQ on NAURU ISLAND.
- (d) Establish a garrison of one Rifle Coy with administrative detachments referred to in First Aust Army Adm Order 21, on each island.

METHOD

5. This operation will be carried out in two phases. Such phases will be known as PHASE A and PHASE B.

6. PHASE A

- (a) Your force, which will consist of the following troops, is to be embarked by 2 Aust Corps in the vessels RIVER GLAMING and RIVER BURDEN:-

Bn HQ reduced
One Rifle Coy of four platoons - Escort Coy
One Rifle Coy
Medical Detachments
S & T Detachments
Water Tpt Detachments

- (b) You will then proceed to NAURU ISLAND and:-
- (i) Establish your HQ ashore.
 - (ii) Disembark and establish one Rifle Coy with administrative detachments as a garrison on NAURU ISLAND.
 - (iii) Instruct the garrison to assist R.E. in the erection of a wireless station.
 - (iv) Embark and have escorted to TOROKINA, EUROPEANS and JAPANESE who are fit to move.
- (c) The Rifle Coy of four platoons will be retained aboard ships for escort duties.
- (d) You will advise this HQ and HQ 2 Aust Corps by immediate signal the following information when known:-
- (1) Time and date of departure from NAURU for the return voyage to TOROKINA.

- (ii) Numbers of personnel embarked in accordance with sub-para 6(b)(iv) above.

- (e) On arrival at TOROKINA, personnel embarked at NAURU will be disembarked together with two platoons of the escort company.

7. PHASE B

- (a) Only one RIVER class vessel will be available during this phase.
- (b) A Rifle Coy is to be embarked at TOROKINA by 2 Aust Corps and the procedure outlined in PHASE A will then be followed in respect of OCEAN ISLAND.
- (c) The ship will be loaded to capacity from remaining evacuees at NAURU ISLAND before returning to TOROKINA.
- (d) Your movement to OCEAN ISLAND will be arranged with the Senior Naval Officer.

8. COMMAND

- (a) Brig J.R. STAVESON has been appointed the representative of the GOC First Aust Army for purposes of accepting the surrender at NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS.
- (b) You will be under direct command of this HQ during the operation from the time loading for PHASE A is completed.
- (c) The Senior Naval Officer will exercise command whilst at sea.
- (d) The garrisons established on NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS will each be under your command.
- (e) The final decision as to whether a landing can be made at either island rests with the Senior Naval Officer.

9. TIMINGS

- (a) It is expected that loading can be commenced by 2 Aust Corps on 1 Sep 45 and that date of departure of the convoy from TOROKINA in PHASE A will be 3 Sep 45.
- (b) No action is being taken by 2 Aust Corps to commence loading until signalled instructions are received from this HQ to do so.

10. CIVILIANS ACCOMPANYING THE FORCE

It is expected that representatives of the BRITISH Phosphates Commissioners will accompany the force. All possible facilities will be accorded these representatives, so that their duties may be discharged as quickly as possible.

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G(Int)	9	"
G(SD & Trg)	10	"
G(Air)	11	"
Maj G.D. CLARKSON	12	"
"	13	"
Q(Maint)	14	"
Q(Mov & Tn)	15	"
BRA	16	"
CE	17	"
CSO	18	"
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TOPOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON

NAURU AND OCEAN ISLANDS

The information contained in these notes has been compiled from Pacific Island Year Book 1942, Pacific Island Pilot Vol II 6 Edn and notes of interview with Lt LORDING RANVR a former resident for 4½ years of OCEAN ISLAND.

NAURU ISLAND

GENERAL

1. (a) LOCATION (see Map 1)

NAURU or PLEASANT ISLAND is the summit of a submerged mountain rising to 213 feet situated in latitude 0° 31' SOUTH, longitude 166° 55' EAST. It is 12 miles in circumference, has an area of 8½ square miles and 960 nautical miles from RAEBUL.

(b) HISTORICAL

(i) The island was discovered by Captain FOARN in 1793 and was annexed by GERMANY in 1933 becoming part of the MARSHALL ISLANDS protectorate. In 1914 it was occupied by an AUSTRALIAN detachment and in 1919 it was assigned to GREAT BRITAIN under mandate. By NAURU ISLAND Agreement Act 1920 it was agreed between GREAT BRITAIN, AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND that the island should be governed by an administrator appointed by AUSTRALIA and by subsequent agreements this practice has continued.

(ii) From 1906 to 1919 the Pacific Phosphate Company worked phosphates on the island and since that year the exploitation has been carried on by British Phosphate Commission.

(iii) The island was occupied by the JAPANESE in 1942.

MILITARY IMPORTANCE

2. NAURU is the primary source of AUSTRALIA'S and NEW ZEALAND'S phosphate supply producing in 1939 932,100 tons.

OFFSHORE CONDITIONS

3. The approach to the island from any direction is clear of navigational dangers the nearest land being OCEAN ISLAND 160 miles to the EAST. Between OCEAN and NAURU ISLANDS the current usually sets WEST at from 1 to 2½ knots.

ANCHORAGES AND COASTLINE

4. (a) Very great depths are found close inshore. There is neither anchorage nor harbour. Ships lying off the island at instant notice put to sea.
- (b) There were mooring buoys in 150 fathoms about 600 feet off the ends of the phosphate loading piers.
- (c) Discharge and loading of cargo was carried out by lighters towed between ships lying about 200 yards offshore and the boat harbour.

- (d) Phosphate was loaded by means of a conveyor cantilever jetty which extended two arms out over the holds of ships lying parallel with the reef and secured to mooring buoys. This pier would offer no facilities for landing purposes.
- (e) The island is encircled by a coral reef varying from 100 to 200 yards in width. At low water the reef is dry but at high water it is submerged to a depth of about 4 feet 6 inches. Wiggerheads are present and the surf except during calms breaks heavily on or at the edge of the reef. There is only one break in the reef, at the boat harbour at YANGOR. Landings on the reef at low tide would be impracticable both because of the surf and of the fissures and holes with which the reef is full.
- (f) A sandy beach up to 50 yards wide extends along the SOUTHERN WESTERN and NORTHERN shores and in places along MELBURN BAY. Behind the beach there is a belt of fertile land rising to 30 feet extending right around the island varying in width from $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to 100 yards. Inland from this belt the land rises precipitously to a plateau.
- (g) The YANGOR boat harbour is cut out of the reef. It is entered by a narrow channel and is a safe landing place. It had facilities for handling cargo from lighters and in it small boats may secure for shelter.

PHYSIOGRAPHY AND VEGETATION

- 5. (a) Around the seashore extending 100 yards to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile inland there is a fertile belt covered with coconuts where the native villages are located. Inside this belt the ground rises very steeply to a general altitude of about 150 feet and consists of phosphate rock and coral pinnacles covered by a low scrub.
- (b) In the interior is the natural depression of BUNDA LAGOON which is fringed with coconut palms and gardens.

RIVERS, CREEKS AND WATER SUPPLY

- 6. There are no rivers and creeks, the island being dependent for water on catchments. Native villages have water cisterns and water collected from the roofs of EUROPEAN residences and plant buildings is lead into underground cisterns. In time of drought this supply is inadequate and the water supply is supplemented by a large condensing plant.

SWAMPS, LAKES ETC

- 7. About one mile due EAST of YANGOR is BUNDA LAGOON approximately 500 yards long and 200 yards wide. Two smaller lagoons lie to the NORTH of it. All lagoons are brackish and are unsuitable for drinking. In drought they have been known to almost dry.

AIRFIELDS AND LANDING GROUNDS

- 3. Prior to the JAPANESE invasion there were none but they have constructed in the SOUTHERN part of the island by the beach, two strips, one 4500 feet by 275 feet oriented NORTH 50 degrees WEST and the other 4200 feet by 225 feet oriented NORTH 75 degrees WEST. No information is available as to the present serviceability of these strips.

ROADS, RAILWAYS AND TRACKS

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9. (a) A good road encircles the island and another bisects it. It is probable that at points they will take only one vehicle. Other roads link all parts of the phosphate diggings, the Phosphate Commission's plant and the residential areas to the first named roads.
- (b) Two feet gauge railways run from the phosphate diggings to the drier and crushing plants and from these plants to the storage bins. Steam locomotives were used on the phosphate fields and electric in the plant areas.
- (c) Tracks linked all parts of the island.

VILLAGES, SETTLEMENTS, ETC

10. (a) All native villages except one which adjoins BUADA LAGOON are found in the fertile belt surrounding the island.
- (b) At YANGOR is the EUROPEAN settlement for employees of the Phosphate Commission and between ORRO and MAKWA (in the area of the airstrips) was the Government Station Residency and Wireless Station. Near the phosphate plant was the CHINESE settlement.
- (c) The plant of the British Phosphate Commission on MAURU included offices, stores, drier crusher, electric power house which supplied power not only for the works but also for the EUROPEAN settlement, refrigeration plant, condensers and machinery shop.
- (d) There were three hospitals, one for natives, one for CHINESE and one for EUROPEANS.
- (e) No plan of the settlement and plant is available but in general layout it was very similar to that at OOMI on OCEAN ISLAND. (See Map 3).

FOOD SUPPLIES

11. Coconuts, fish and garden produce provide the staple food of the NAURUANS but a good deal of food was normally imported. Since the JAPANESE occupation food supplies may have become very short.

POPULATION

12. (a) The natives of the island belong to the MICRONESIAN race speaking a language of their own - NAURUAN.
- (b) There are twelve villages which form the basis of the island's native magisterial divisions.
- (c) English is taught in the schools. Pidgin is unknown. After the final evacuation in 1942 the population was:-

EUROPEANS	10
CHINESE	200
NAURUANS	<u>1600</u>

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- (d) Amongst the EUROPEANS to remain were the Administrator, Lt-Col F.M. CHILLERS, Dr B. QUINN, Medical Officer, Mr W. SCHUGG, dispenser and Mr F. HUBER, Engineer.

ADMINISTRATION

13. The administrator in governing the island was advised by a council of two nominated EUROPEANS and two elected chiefs. Local native affairs were handled by the chief of the division.

MEDICAL

14. (a) Malaria is not present and with the exception of filaria, other tropical diseases have been eliminated or are of infrequent occurrence. Hookworm is now infrequent and dysentery is sporadic. This was the situation prior to JAPANESE invasion; since that event the medical situation would have deteriorated.
- (b) The EUROPEAN settlement was fully sewerred - a salt water service.

METEOROLOGICAL

15. (a) The weather is irregular and unpredictable.
- (b) The temperature varies between 95° and 72° and humidity averages between 70 and 80. The average annual rainfall is 120 inches but draughts occasionally occur when the annual rainfall may decline to 40 inches.
- (c) The prevailing winds are NORTH-EAST to EAST NORTH-EAST. There are two seasons NORTHEAST March to October and SOUTHEAST October to March but during this period the westerly season November to February occurs when the wind blows frequently hard and continuously from that quarter and is accompanied by torrential rains. There are long periods of flat calm but squalls may rapidly develop.

OCEAN ISLAND

GENERAL

16. (a) LOCATION (See Map 2)

OCEAN or BIKINI ISLAND is the summit of a submerged mountain rising to 265 feet situated in latitude 0° 52' SOUTH longitude 169° 35' EAST. It has an area of 1500 acres and a circumference of about 6 miles. The island is included in the GILBERT and ELLICE ISLANDS Colony but geographically is not part of either group. It is distant 1080 nautical miles from RABUL.

- (b) HISTORICAL

The island was annexed by GREAT BRITAIN in 1901. At first part of GILBERT and ELLICE ISLANDS protectorate it was included in GILBERT and ELLICE ISLANDS Colony in 1916. The JAPANESE occupied the island in middle 1942. The phosphate deposits were first worked by Pacific Phosphate Company in 1901.

MILITARY IMPORTANCE

17. (a) OCEAN ISLAND was the administrative centre of the GILBERT and ELLICE ISLANDS Colony.
- (b) It contains large deposits of rich phosphates producing 1950-59 297,000 tons most of which was exported to AUSTRALIA or NEW ZEALAND.

OFFSHORE CONDITIONS

18. (a) The approaches to the island from any direction are clear of navigational hazards very deep water extending to the edge of the fringing reef.
- (b) The prevailing wind is EAST NORTH EASTERLY but the current usually sets to the WEST and between OCEAN and NAURU ISLANDS (160 miles to WEST) is reported to run at 1 to 2½ knots.
- (c) There are frequent calms but squalls often develop very rapidly.

ANCHORAGES AND COASTLINE

19. (a) Very deep waters surround the island. There is neither harbour nor anchorage. Ships stand off the island ready to put to sea immediately if a squall develops.
- (b) In HOME BAY there were two mooring buoys in about 200 fathoms half a mile offshore to which ships used to make fast.
- (c) Surrounding the island is a solid coral reef with numerous niggerheads, extending seawards 100 to 250 yards having 4 to 6 feet of water on it at high tide. At low tide it is for the most part exposed. Except in periods of calm, surf breaks on the reef or at low tide on its outer edge. There are only two breaks in the reef.
- (d) At SYDNEY POINT there is a wide flat sand and coral shingle beach and along the WEST and NORTH shores are a number of small coves with small sandy beaches.
- (e) Landing at low tide on the reef is impractical as the reef is full of holes and fissures and surf breaks against it.
- (f) There are two boat harbours, one at TAPIWA and the other at OOML.
- (g) That at TAPIWA is approached by a channel 12 feet wide blasted through the reef. It is about 60 x 30 feet, 3 feet deep. At its head is a sand beach on which boats may be drawn up. Behind the harbour is a cliff about 25 feet high.
- (h) The OOML boat harbour is also entered by a channel 25 feet wide blasted through the reef. Its dimensions are 250 x 30 feet and 10 feet deep - high water - its longer side running with the coastline. It affords good shelter for a limited number of small craft. There is a concrete ramp in one corner which may be usable in landing vehicles. All cargo was handled from lighters towed from the ships to this harbour. A road and railway link the harbour to the settlement.

PHYSIOGRAPHY

20. The island rises to a small plateau in the centre at about 265 feet. The ascent is regular. The country is made up in general of coral pinnacles rising from 6 to 20 feet and is covered with light scrub. Movement off the roads and tracks is very difficult.

RIVERS, CREEKS AND WATER SUPPLY

21. There are no rivers or creeks the water supply being entirely from catchments (annual rainfall 70 inches). All

- * native villages have cisterns and EUROPEAN houses had 600 gallon tanks. There was a condensing plant which could condense 4000 gallons of sea water daily.

AIRFIELDS, LANDING GROUNDS ETC

22. It is unreliably reported that the JAPANESE had established an emergency landing strip on the NORTH WEST corner of the island.

ROADS, RAILWAYS and TRACKS

23. (a) The island is encircled by a MT road joining the principal settlements and running well inland so as to pass through the centre of the island. In places it is only wide enough for a single vehicle.
- (b) A 2 feet gauge railway 2½ miles long linked OOLA with the phosphate workings and TAPIWA.
- (c) Numerous tracks link up all parts of the island except the NORTH EASTERN section.

FOODSTUFFS

24. The soil of the island is unproductive and insufficient coconuts and garden produce were grown for native requirements. Even before the evacuation the natives were suffering from malnutrition. Since the JAPANESE occupation it is likely that the natives have suffered severely from both malnutrition and starvation.

VILLAGES, SETTLEMENTS ETC

25. (a) There are four villages, OOLA at the main landing place with the EUROPEAN settlement adjoining TAPIWA where the government offices were located, TAPIWA where there are EUROPEAN quarters also, and BUKORUWA. A sketch of the OOLA EUROPEAN settlement is attached, Map 3.
- (b) In the NORTH of the island was the government station, residency and wireless station, all reported destroyed in 1941 by JAPANESE. The native and CHINESE hospitals were located above OOLA village.
- (c) Near the boat harbour were the British Phosphate Commission offices, stores, criers, crushing plant, power house, refrigeration plant, machinery shop and condensers.
- (d) A rifle range 600 yards long and cricket and football fields formally existed.

POPULATION

26. (a) The natives of the island are BIKINIANS and MICRONESIAN people speaking GILBERTESE. In 1942 after the evacuation, the population of the island was estimated as:-

EUROPEANS	5
BIKINIANS	700
GILBERT and	
ELlice	900
ISLANDERS	
	<u>1605</u>

- (b) The islanders are very loyal and the following natives could be relied upon for information and aid:-

Edward LANYON	Halfcaste	British Phosphate Commission Interpreter
TAKIE	Banaban	Clerk in Treasury
KITION	Banaban	Clerk in British Phosphate Commission
BAURO		Clerk in Resident Commissioner's Office
PENITALA	ELLICE Islander	Government Interpreter
William MURDOCK	Halfcaste	Clerk in British Phosphate Commission.

(c) GILBERTESE is the only language spoken though a number of islanders have a slight knowledge of ENGLISH.

(d) Roman Catholic and London Missionary Society Missions worked on the island.

ADMINISTRATION

27. The island was the headquarters of the resident commissioner for GILBERT and ELLICE ISLANDS who is responsible for the high commissioner for WESTERN PACIFIC residing in FIJI. Local government was carried on by the natives themselves under a native magistrate and village headmen.

MEDICAL

28. (a) Tuberculosis was the most serious disease among natives. Leprosy occurs as does yaws. Both Bacillary and Amoebic Dysentery are prevalent, the former being most common. Malaria is unknown but both filariasis and elephantiasis occur. This was the medical condition prior to JAPANESE occupation. Since that event the situation will have deteriorated and the natives will also be suffering from malnutrition and starvation.

(b) All EUROPEAN houses were sewerred, salt water being used for flushing.

METEOROLOGICAL

29. (a) The weather of OCEAN ISLAND is irregular and unpredictable.

(b) The prevailing wind is EAST NORTH EASTERLY and there are two seasons NORTH EAST April to October, and SOUTH EAST October to March. The NORTH EAST season is the drier. During the SOUTH EAST season strong WESTERLY gales and heavy rain frequently occur. There are often flat calms but squalls may develop rapidly.

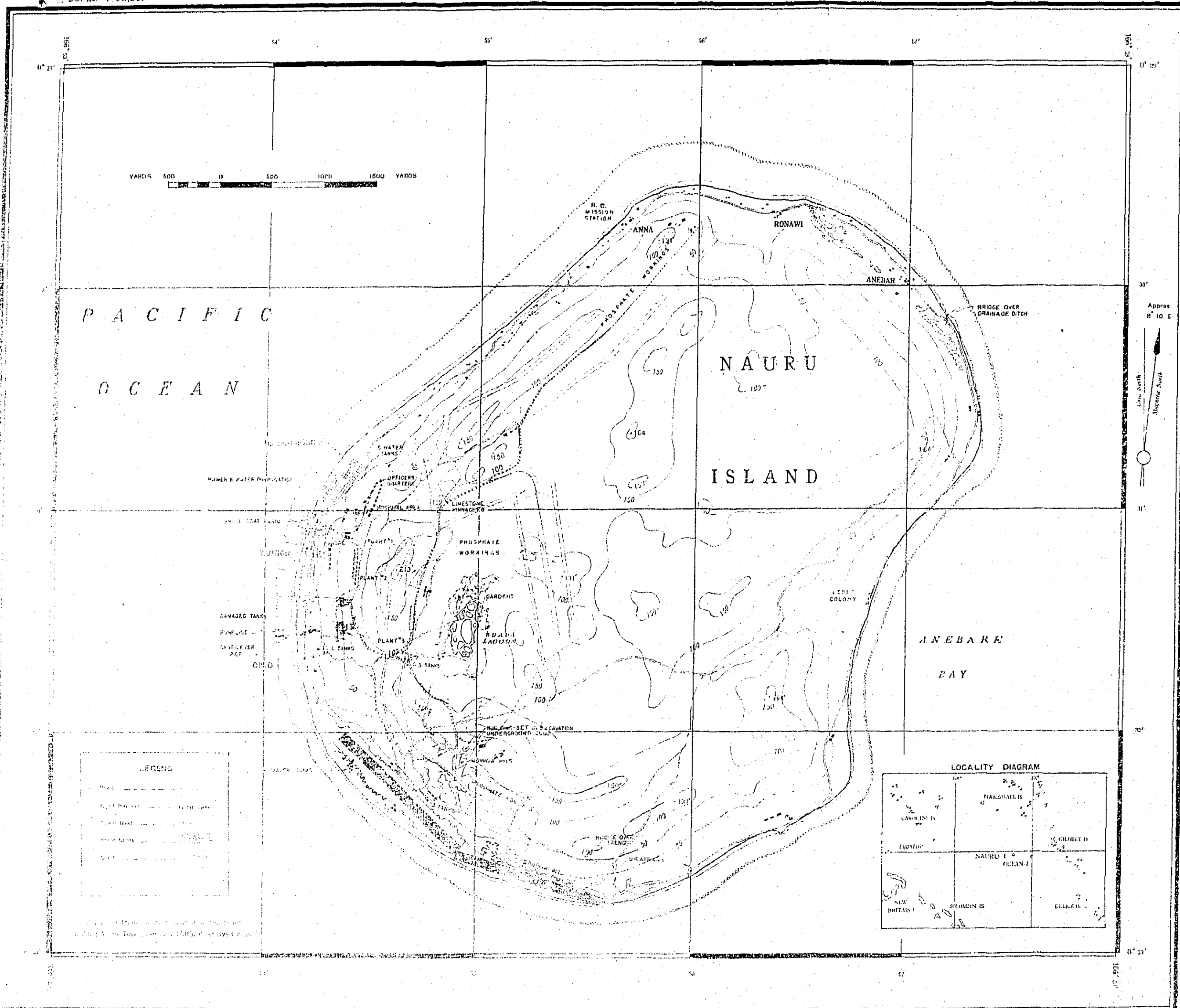
(c) Temperatures vary between 93° and 71° the mean average temperature being 81°.

(d) The average relative humidity is 77 .

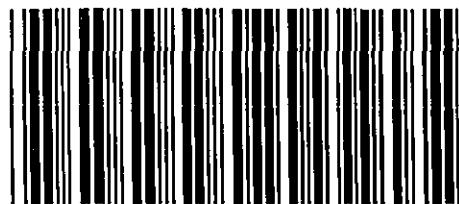
(e) OCEAN ISLAND lies in the zone of periodic droughts and suffers severely. The average annual rainfall is 76 inches but during droughts it may fall to 12 inches.

NAURU ISLAND

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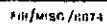


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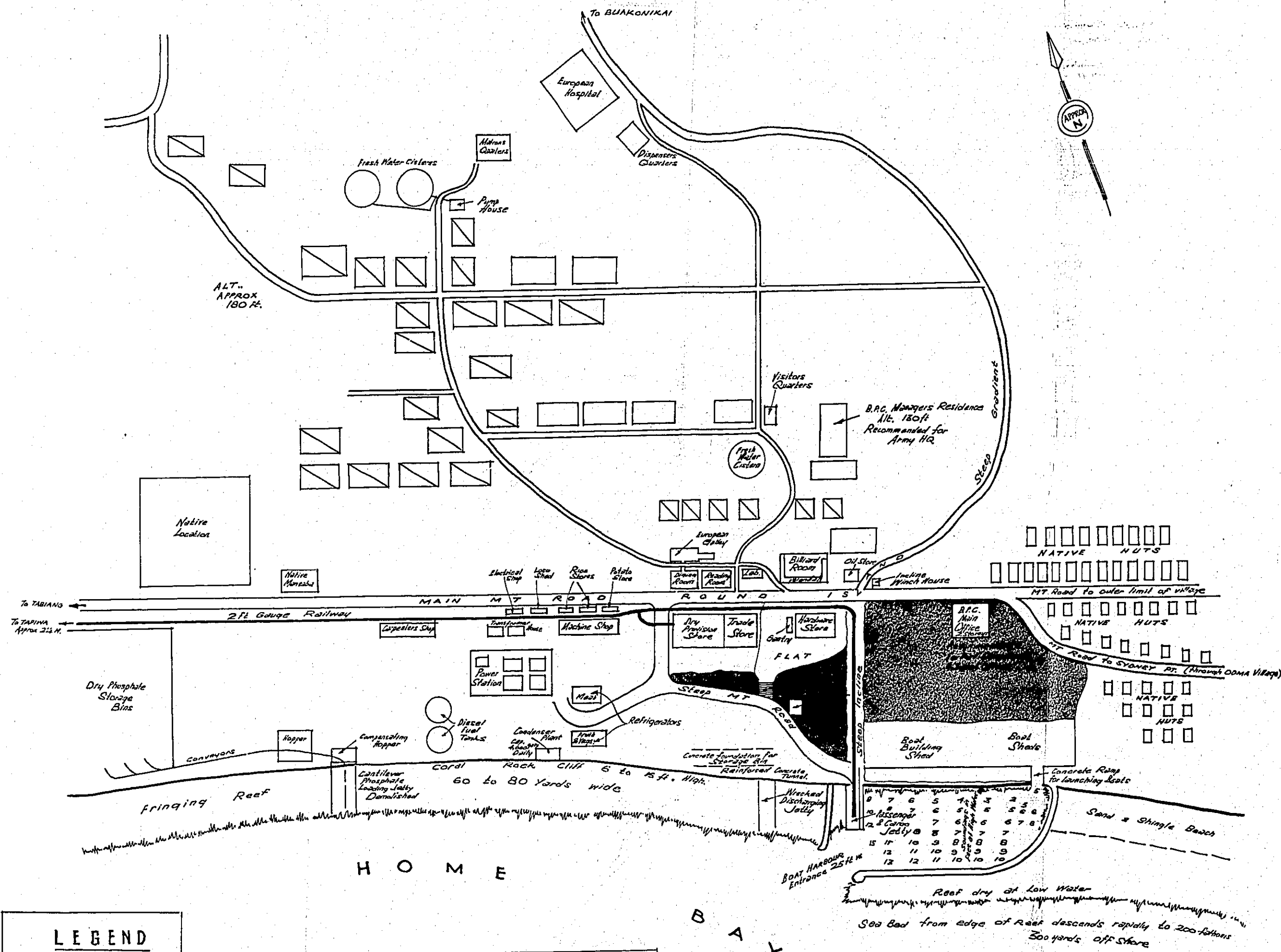
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SKETCH OF OOMA EUROPEAN SETTLEMENT - OCEAN ISLAND

DRAWN FROM MEMORY SKETCH BY LT LORING RANVR
RESIDENT FOR 4½ YEARS OF OCEAN ISLAND.



LEGEND

- Single European Quarters
- Married European Quarters
- Steep Ground.
- B.P.C. British Phosphate Commission

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27 Aug 45

FIRST AUST ARMY OPERATION ORDER NO 1

Reference Maps:- NAURU ISLAND 1/20000
OCEAN ISLAND 1/20000

INFORMATION

1. ENEMY

- (a) Latest information is that NAURU ISLAND is garrisoned by 2700 JAPANESE troops of 67 Naval Guard Unit and YOKOSUKA 2 SNLP. However, it is possible that the latter has been absorbed into 67 Naval Guard Unit. In addition to the naval troops, there are 1600 indentured labourers 200 CHINESE and 1000 natives.
- (b) OCEAN ISLAND is garrisoned by 400 troops believed to be part of a further Naval Guard Unit.
- (c) It is believed that HQ on NAURU ISLAND controls the entire force.
- (d) The garrison on NAURU is suffering from malnutrition, starvation and beri beri. Dysentery is rife. In the absence of information it is presumed that the same conditions prevail on OCEAN ISLAND.

2. OWN TROOPS

- (a) Active operations have ceased within First Aust Army area but normal security measures are being observed.
- (b) Contact has been established with JAPANESE commanders in NEW BRITAIN, BOUGAINVILLE and WEWAK in preparation for the surrender of enemy forces.

3. TOPOGRAPHY

300 copies of NAURU and OCEAN ISLAND 1/20000 maps and sketch map of OOMA EUROPEAN SETTLEMENT - OCEAN ISLAND have been despatched to 2 Aust Corps.

INTENTION

- 4. First Aust Army will accept surrender of JAPANESE on NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS, move them to TOROKINA, and establish garrisons on the islands.

METHOD5. COMPOSITION OF FORCE

- (a) A Bn HQ reduced
One Rifle Coy of four platoons - Escort Coy.
Two Rifle Coys - one coy to stand by for
OCEAN ISLAND in PHASE B
Medical Detachments
S & T Detachments
Water Tpt Detachments
- (b) Naval escort - HMAS DIAMANTINA.

6. The operation is to be carried out in two phases.

7. PHASE A

- (a) The undermentioned troops will be embarked by
2 Aust Corps to move in this phase to NAURU in
the vessels RIVER GLENELG and RIVER BURDEKIN:-

A Bn HQ reduced
One Rifle Coy
One Rifle Coy of four platoons - Escort Coy
Medical Detachments
S & T Detachments
Water Tpt Detachments
- (b) On arrival at NAURU it is intended after the
surrender has been accepted to evacuate to TOROKINA
all EUROPEANS and JAPANESE who are fit to move.
- (c) The time of departure from NAURU for TOROKINA is
to be notified to this HQ and 2 Aust Corps by the
Force Commander.
- (d) On return to TOROKINA two platoons of the escort
coy will disembark as well as evacuees.

8. PHASE B

- (a) One RIVER class vessel only will be available during
this phase.
- (b) The rifle coy standing by for movement to OCEAN
ISLAND will be embarked by 2 Aust Corps.
- (c) The force, then of the same strength listed in
para 7(a) above less the Battalion HQ reduced and
two escort platoons is to proceed to OCEAN ISLAND,
where similar action to that contained in paras 7(b)
and (c) is to be taken.

9. COMMAND

- (a) Brig J R STEVENSON is appointed the representative of GOC First Aust Army for purposes of taking the surrender at NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS.
- (b) Troops, as specified in para 5(a) will come under direct command First Aust Army from the time loading is completed in each PHASE.
- (c) The garrisons on NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS are to be under command of the Bn HQ reduced, which is to be established on NAURU ISLAND.
- (d) Such troops of the force as will disembark at TOROKINA on completion of PHASE A and PHASE B will revert to command 2 Aust Corps.

10. INSTRUCTIONS TO FORCE COMMANDER

First Aust Army Operation Instruction No 57 attached, will be issued to the Force Commander upon receipt of this Operation Order,

11. REPORTS

This HQ will be advised by immediate signal of the following:-

- (a) Date and time loading completed - PHASE A.
- (b) Date and time of departure from TOROKINA - PHASE A.
- (c) Date and time of return of force from NAURU - PHASE A.
- (d) Date and time loading completed - PHASE B.
- (e) Date and time of departure of troops - PHASE B.
- (f) Date and time of return of force from OCEAN ISLAND - PHASE B.

12. TIMINGS

- (a) It is expected that loading can be commenced on 1 Sep 45 and date of departure of convoy from TOROKINA in PHASE A will be 3 Sep 45.
- (b) No action will be taken to commence loading until signalled instructions are received from this HQ to do so.

13. RAN

RAN communications details will also be embarked. These details are to be available for embarkation at TOROKINA.

ADMINISTRATION

14. Issued separately and contained in First Aust Army Administrative Instruction 20.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

15. RAN are providing a wireless net NEW GUINEA - NAURU - OCEAN ISLAND and 2 Aust Corps have no responsibilities in this regard other than that contained in para 13.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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[Signature]
Brig
GS First Aust Army

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DA&QMG	7	"
G(Ops)	8	"
G(Int)	9	"
G(SD & Trg)	10	"
G(Air)	11	"
A	12	"
Q(Maint)	13	"
Q(Mov & Tn)	14	"
BRA	15	"
CE	16	"
CSO	17	"
Fwd Ech LHQ	18	SDS
Adv LHQ	19	"
LHQ (AUST)	20	"
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HQ First Aust Army (AIF)

15 Aug 45

G/383 /Ops

Subject:- JUNGLE TRUNK ROUTE AND NG - MAINLAND CABLE

LHQ (AUST)

1. The Jungle Trunk Route between LAE and MORESBY is 460 miles in length of which 20 miles is permanent poled and the remainder tree slung 200 lb copper wire covered with PVC plastic. The line is subject to frequent interruption due to falling trees and flooded streams. At the present time, approximately 30 miles of the route have been lost or seriously damaged in river floodings and landslides. It is estimated that the line will be unusable until 21 Aug.
2. To maintain the Jungle Trunk Route, Trunk Line Sections have been raised. The WE strength of the seven Sections is 7 officers and 273 ORs. A further 4 officers and 71 ORs are employed at Carrier and Repeater Stations and operating the Wheatstone Equipment. In addition to white personnel, approximately 220 natives are employed as assistant linemen in the clearing of undergrowth and the removal of fallen timber.
3. The maintenance personnel placed generally in three or four man stations between LAE and MORESBY must be supplied with rations, clothing canteen goods and postal service. This requires per month, 55000 lbs delivered by barge, 6000 lbs by native carrier and 10000 lbs by aircraft. The maintenance is becoming more difficult with the almost complete evacuation by US and AMF Forces of the area between SALAMUA and MORESBY.
4. Present commitments enable all traffic between LAE and MORESBY to be effected with one wireless link.
5. In addition to carrying traffic between LAE and MORESBY the Jungle Trunk Route joins with the submarine cable from the mainland and thus forms a line connection between

2.

LAE and AUSTRALIA. At the present time the submarine cable is not working and a fault has been detected about 93 miles from NEW GUINEA. The cable broke previously and was out of action from 30 Nov 44 to 31 Jan 45. The repair of the cable depends on the availability of a cable ship and no advice on this has yet been received. It is understood that the cable was old when laid and further faults may be expected from time to time. Signal traffic to MELBOURNE from LAE is being passed over two wireless links.

6. When the Jungle Trunk Route was constructed, operations in the BRITISH NEW GUINEA area were intensive and the value of the Jungle Trunk Route and the submarine cable to the conduct of these operations could not be estimated in terms of money. At the present time, all traffic that is now passed by line can be readily handled by wireless. If the Jungle Trunk Route was not maintained, a saving in manpower, transport and materials would be effected (vide paras 3 and 4 above) without loss of efficiency.

7. It is therefore strongly recommended that the use of the Jungle Trunk Route and Submarine Cable be discontinued.

(Sgd.) V. A. H. STURDEE
Lt-Gen
GOC First Aust Army

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P.S. This letter was drafted prior to receipt of LHQ SM7264 of 9 Aug 45 and contains the comments and recommendations requested in paragraph 3 of above memo.

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(3gd) *Phaeocystis* (3gd)

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MESSAGE FORM

From: FIRTAUSTARMY

TOC: 301635K

To: FIRTAUSTARMY L OF C SIGS

Info: ANCAU 6 BASE SUB AREA

GO 1530 CONFIDENTIAL (.) FIRST (.) line maintenance parties
SOGERI to SALAMAUUA will be withdrawn forthwith (.) SECOND (.)
parties will be left at the repeater stations located INOMDA
and MOROBE to maintain equipment and protect stores (.) THIRD
(.) no dismantling SOGERI - SALAMAUUA line will be effected as
may be required for use later (.) FOURTH (.) maintenance of
LAE - SALAMAUUA line and MORESEY - SOGERI line not affected as
these lines will continue to be used

This message must be sent in CIPHER
if liable to interception or to fall
into enemy hands.

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(Sgd) *J. H. H. H. H. H.*

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BRA

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CSO - For advice to 'Q' ref requirements to implement the above

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) FIRSTAUSTARMY	Originator FIRSTAUSTARMY	Date—Time of Origin 03 1230K	Office Date Stamp Copy BMB
For Action LANDOPS			Message Instructions— GR
TO (w) For Information (INFO.)			

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GO 1476 SECRET your 054 of 241010 jan 45 (.) battle cas

(.) BOUGAINVILLE 22 nov 44 to 31 jul 45 enemy countered dead

6701 unconfirmed 1687 PW 137 own killed 400 wounded 1280 missing

40 (.) NEW BRITAIN 27 nov 44 to 31 jul 45 enemy countered dead

211 unconfirmed 100 PW 4 own killed 40 wounded 118 missing 2 (.)

MADANG - HANSA BAY 1 oct 44 to 31 jul 45 enemy countered dead

93 PW 28 own killed 5 wounded 20 (.) AITAPE - WEWAK 3 nov 44 to

31 jul 45 enemy countered dead 6760 unconfirmed 150 PW 184 own

killed 379 wounded 1057 missing 4

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 M T ARMSTRONG Signed Capt	Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority IMPORTANT	Time	System	Op
			THI or TOR		
		Time Cleared			

Signed

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HQ First Aust Army (AIF)

9 Aug 45

G/ 377 /Ops

Subject:- FIRST AUST ARMY STANDARD OPERATIONAL
PROCEDURE INSTRUCTIONS

AMENDMENT NO.25

SHIPPING DESIGNATORS - PART XIII

1. The list of shipping designators attached as Appendix "A" to Part XIII of the above instructions is amended by the addition of:-

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

SHIPPING DESIGNATOR

APPARI (LUZON ISLAND)
MINDORO ISLAND (P. I.)
NANTAMBU, NEW BRITAIN
WEVAK, NEW GUINEA
BALIKPAPAN, BORNEO
SARANGANAI, MINDANAO
SAN CARLOS, NEGROS
PULUPANDAN, NEGROS
CATABATO, MINDANAO

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UGUD
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2. The above shipping designators are classified restricted.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Brig
GS First Aust Army

DISTRIBUTION

2 Aust Corps	(12)	GOC	
6 Aust Div	(2)	BGS	
11 Aust Div	(2)	DA&QMG	
4 Aust Inf Bn		G(Ops)	
Pacific Islands Regt		G(Int)	
LAE Base Sub Area		G(SD & Trg)	
6 Aust Base Sub Area		G(Air) - 2 for ALO	(3)
Area Comd MADANG		RNZAF JACQUINOT BAY	
Area Comd MILNE BAY		A	
1 Aust Water Tpt Gp		Q(Maint)	
3 Aust Water Tpt Gp		Q(Mov & Tn)	
First Aust Army L of C Sigs		BRA	
ANCAU		CE	
2 Aust AL Gp	(3)	CSO	
6 Aust Comd AL Sec	(2)	War Diary	(2)
7 Aust Comd AL Sec	(2)		
46 Aust Sqn AL Sec (Tac R)			

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)

21 Aug 45

G/388/Ops

Subject: PROMOTIONS

Camp

1. It is requested that the following promotions
be made:-

QX42076	Cpl JEAVONS R E	to Sergeant
NF444296	L/Cpl TAYLOR N L	to Corporal
NF465807	Pte CAMPBELL C	to Corporal

2. Vacancies exist for these promotions within the
War Establishment and personnel concerned have demonstrated
their ability to carry the higher rank.

3. In view of impending discharges and shortage of
NCOs it is further requested that these promotions be made
as soon as possible.

Sgd: J S D WELLYCK Maj
for Lt-Col
GS First Aust Army

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HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
22 Aug 45

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Subject:- FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY STANDARD OPERATIONAL
PROCEDURE INSTRUCTIONS AUG 45

AMEMBLET NO 26

1. IDENTIFICATION SIGNALS - PART X

- (a) Insert new page "Appendix A to Part X" attached.
- (b) When signals listed in "Appendix A" become effective, remove and destroy "Appendix B to Part X".

2. ACKNOWLEDGE

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Brig
G5 First Aust Army

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2 Aust Corps	(12)	GOC	
6 Aust Div	(2)	BGS	
12 Aust Div	(2)	DAGGEG	
4 Aust Inf Bn		G(Ops)	
Pacific Islands Regt		G(Int)	
LAL Base Sub Area		G(3D & Trg)	
6 Aust Base Sub Area		G(Air) - 2 for ALO	(3)
Area Comd MADANG		REZAP JACQUINOT BAY	
1 Aust Water Tpt Gp		A	
3 Aust Water Tpt Gp		Q(Maint)	
First Aust Army L of C Sigs		Q(Mov & Trn)	
ANGAU		BRA	
2 Aust AL Gp	(3)	CE	
6 Aust Comd AL Sec	(2)	CSO	
7 Aust Comd AL Sec	(2)	War Diary ✓	(2)
46 Aust Sqn AL Sec (Tac R)			

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Appendix "A" to First
Aust Army SOPIs Part K.

IDENTIFICATION SIGNALS - SMALL CRAFT

NOTE: ALL times are "K"

Date	TIME PERIODS			
	0001 - Sunrise	Sunrise - 1000	1000 - Sunset	Sunset - 2400
1 Sep 45	LUD	MIP	XBR	HUT
2 Sep 45	HUT	XBR	AQM	BLL
3 Sep 45	BLL	AQM	JDI	LIP
4 Sep 45	KEP	JDI	DBF	HIG
5 Sep 45	HIG	DBF	QLF	BIL
6 Sep 45	BIL	QLF	TNH	LIP
7 Sep 45	LIP	TNH	BMO	MUN
8 Sep 45	MUN	BMO	HGJ	COT
9 Sep 45	COT	HGJ	BNE	FET
10 Sep 45	FET	BNE	QJH	XAM FAM
11 Sep 45	XAM FAM	QJH	BLF	LIB
12 Sep 45	LIB	BLF	BTB	ROB
13 Sep 45	ROB	BTB	RNE	COL
14 Sep 45	COL	RNE	QDU	GUM
15 Sep 45	GUM	QDU	QJH GIH	HIG
16 Sep 45	HIG	GIH	CWL	LOH
17 Sep 45	LOH	CWL	BLL	ROE
18 Sep 45	ROE	BLL	PCU	HAP
19 Sep 45	HAP	PCU	LEH	HIB

Date	TIME PERIODS			
	0001 - Sunrise	Sunrise - 1000	1000 - Sunset	Sunset - 2400
20 Sep 45	HIB	LEH	MBP	DAN
21 Sep 45	BAN	MBP	EGH	CAP
22 Sep 45	CAP	EGH	PRH	KEG
23 Sep 45	KEG	PRH	BMP	HOW
24 Sep 45	HOW	BMP	ZWC	CAB
25 Sep 45	CAB	ZWC	HFK	FEN
26 Sep 45	FEN	HFK	BVL	CAL
27 Sep 45	CAL	BVL	SHL	KUG
28 Sep 45	KUG	SHL	NLA	HIL
29 Sep 45	HIL	NLA	HFE	BAD
30 Sep 45	BAD	HFE	FZJ	ERH

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INWARD MESSAGE

FROM: C IN C SWPA SIGNED MACARTHUR NOO: 281553Z

TO: ALLIEDLANDFORCES ALLIED NAVAL FORCES ALLIED AIR FORCES
FORLAND FIRSTARMY FIRST AUST CORPS SEAC C IN C PGC
ADV C IN C POE PH AUSTRALIA PM NEW ZEALAND LE GOV GEN
NEI (MELB) WARGOS

CELC599 CONFIDENTIAL (.) following general orders number 41,
general HQ SWPA dated 28 aug 1945 is quoted for information and
guidance; quote

In accordance with instructions from the US joint chiefs of
staff, effective 1200 hours I, 2 Sep 1945:

Para A (.) the portion of the southwest PACIFIC area SOUTH of
the following described boundary, except as noted below, is
transferred to BRITISH EMPIRE control; beginning on the coast
of INDO-CHINA at 16 degrees NORTH thence to intersect at 07
degrees 40 mins NORTH - 16 degrees EAST the boundary between
the PHILIPPINE ISLANDS and BRITISH NORTH BORNEO; thence along
the 1939 boundary line of the PHILIPPINES to 05 degrees NORTH -
127 degrees EAST; thence EAST to 05 degrees NORTH - 150 degrees
EAST thence SOUTH to the equator thence EAST to 140 degrees EAST
thence generally SE to 02 degrees 20 mins SOUTH - 146 degrees
EAST thence EAST to 02 degrees 20 mins SOUTH - 159 degrees EAST
thence SOUTH (.)

Para B (.) The three following commands created in general orders
number 1, 18 Apr 1942, are abolished; (1) Allied landforces,
SWPA (2) Allied naval forces, SWPA (3) Allied air forces SWPA (.)

Para C (.) All AUSTRALIAN, NEI and NZ, sea and air forces now
under the control of the Commander in Chief, SWPA except as
hereinafter indicated, will pass to BRITISH EMPIRE control (.)
pending availability of transportation to evacuate, or other action
to dispose of and in order to facilitate communication; bases,
airfields and other installations now occupied, with personnel and
supplies therein pertaining to the US, will remain under control of
the commander in chief, US army forces PACIFIC, army installations,
supplies and personnel, and the commander in chief US PACIFIC fleet,
for naval installations, supplies and personnel (.) the two last

named commanders will negotiate directly with appropriate
australian and NEI agencies for the expeditious evacuation of
areas so occupied (.)

PARA D (.) present coordinating controls over logistic
arrangements and present shipping services rendered by agencies
of the SWPA area will be passed progressively to agencies
designated by the BRITISH EMPIRE by direct negotiation and in
such manner as to facilitate continuity of operational procedure
when required and in the interests of good administration (.)

PARA E (.) elements of forces and personnel of the allied powers
indicated in para 1C above who are serving with US forces or
allied HQ north of the boundary, described in para 1A will remain
temporarily on duty therewith until orderly relief may be made
without detriment to good operational procedure and administration
() unquote

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: FIRSTAUSTARMY

T00: 29 1405K

TO: 2 corps 6 div 11 div 4 bn

G01583 RESTRICTED (.) ref FIRSTAUSTARMY G01582 of 291225 K (.) sitrops
will in future be forwarded to this HQ as and when necessary (.) 2
corps to note this does not apply to instrs contained in First Aust
Army Op instr 57 of 27 aug 45 para 12B

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means (except)

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(Sgd.)

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 6 FIRSTAUSTARMY TOO: 30 1505 K
TO: 6 DIV 4 BN
INFO: AREA COMD MADANG NOIC NEW GUINEA NORCOM RAAF

G01589 CONFIDENTIAL (.) 4 bn will pass to under operational
command 6 div as from 1200K hours 2 sep (.) desired bn remains
present area with same tasks as contained in firstaustarmy op
instr 56 of 9 jun 45 (.) present administrative arrangements
will continue

This message may be sent	This message must	Originators Instrs
AS WRITTEN by any means	be sent in CIPHER	Degree of Priority
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() Wireless	or to fall into enemy	
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	(sgd) <i>W. H. H. H. H. H.</i>	

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Month **August**
Year **1945**

WAR DIARY

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Branch **G (Liaison)**
HQ First Aust Army

Place	Date	Summary of Events	Ref to Appendices	Comments
LAH	1 Aug	Maj G D CLARKSON returned from visit to JACQUINOT BAY	Report Attached	
	2 Aug	Lt-Col E ARUNDEL evacuated to hospital		
	6 Aug	Maj I D HAYWARD departed for BOUGAINVILLE		
	7 Aug	Maj G D CLARKSON departed for MORESBY		
	9 Aug	Maj G D CLARKSON returned from MORESBY Verbal report made to Branches concerned		
	11 Aug	Maj I D HAYWARD returned from BOUGAINVILLE	Report Attached	
	29 Aug	Maj G D CLARKSON departed for TOROKINA thence NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS with occupying force		

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Subject:-

NOTES ON LIAISON VISIT TO BOUGAINVILLE BY MAJOR I.D. HAYWARD

6/13 AUG 45

G30 I (Ops)

Serial	Subject	Branches etc Concerned
	<u>2 AUSTRALIAN CORPS</u>	
1.	Request clarification of position reference filling vacancies at schools and courses in view of cessation hostilities.	G(Ops) G(SD & Trg)
2.	6 OR instructors loaned from 2/3 Aust Rly Constr Coy to be returned to 11 Aust Div under 2 Aust Corps arrangements on conclusion of attachment 24 Apr 45	C(SD & Trg) CE
3.	American Graves Unit moved from BOUGAINVILLE to MUNDA ISLAND. Reintering US killed at MUNDA ISLAND. This unit has no communications, 2 Aust Corps has attached Lt Aust WT Sec for this purpose. Request representation be made to have Lt Aust WT Sec replaced by US Sig Sec.	G(Ops) G(SD & Trg) A CSQ
4.	141 Aust HAA Regt at EMIRAU ISLAND. Troops mainly employed in maintaining and issuing from dumps, rations, POL, canteen stores, for RAAF, RNZAF and US. Request that AASC Det be made available in lieu.	G(Ops) G(SD & Trg) Q(Maint) BRA
5.	The actual movement of units being evacuated does not, as a rule, take place before three to six months after the issuing of warning order GRO 313. This is unsettling for troops concerned.	G(Ops) G(SD & Trg) Q(Mov & Tn)
6.	When unit moves to mainland, is it to be accompanied by its full G1093, or dump such equipment as may be unserviceable?	G(Ops) G(SD & Trg) Q(Maint)
7.	Salvage. Direction requested as to action to be taken with captured enemy equipment. (Verbal report to Col Q)	G(SD & Trg) Q(Maint)

Serial	Subject	Branches etc Concerned
3.	<u>3. AUSTRALIAN DIV</u> BUIN ROAD now open for 30 miles from TOROKINA for 3-ton traffic <u>CENTRAL SECTOR</u>	
9.	Jeep head situated at 7 Aust Inf Bn HQ, BERRYS HILL. <u>4. BASE SUB AREA</u>	
10.	No trouble anticipated over shortage of small craft.	Q(Maint) Q(Mov & Tn)
11.	Arrangements being made to tow floating dock not in use on TREASURY ISLAND to TOROKINA. NAVY selecting site dock capable of berthing liberty ship.	Q(Maint) Q(Mov & Tn)

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The above notes are forwarded for information and action. Branch for action is underlined.

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Place	Date	Summary of Events	Ref to Appendices	Comments
LAE	14 July	Maj G B CLARKSON evacuated to hospital		
	16 July	Maj G B CLARKSON returned from hospital		
LAE	17 July	Lt-Col F A ARNOLD returned from leave		
LAE	25 July	Maj I D HAYWARD departed for AITAPE and WEMAK	Report attached	
	31 July	Maj I D HAYWARD returned		
	26 July	Maj G B CLARKSON departed for JAGQUIET BAY		

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Subject: NOTES ON LIAISON VISIT TO WENAK BY MAJOR I.D. HAYWARD - 25/31 JUL 45

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	<u>6 AUST DIV</u>	
	<u>Coastal Area</u>	
1.	15 Aust Inf Bde relieve 19 Aust Inf Bde. (2/1 Aust Inf Bn remaining in reserve on the coast.)	G(Ops)
2.	19 Aust Inf Bde resting on coast prior to relieving 17 Aust Inf Bde. Projected reliefs as follows:- (a) One Bn 19 Aust Inf Bde relieves 2/5 Aust Inf Bn on about 31 Aug. (b) One Bn 19 Aust Inf Bde relieves 2/7 Aust Inf Bn end of Aug. (c) One Bn remaining in rest.	
	<u>Inland sector</u>	
3.	17 Aust Inf Bde HQ situated in YAMIL area.	G(Ops)
4.	2/7 Aust Inf Bn completes move to YAMIL area from AITAPE on 1 Aug	G(Ops) G(Maint)
5.	AUSTER aircraft working with 6 Aust Div has life of only 30 hours operational flying before necessary major overhaul is carried out in BOUGAINVILLE. 84 Wing to be instructed to substitute another AUSTER while this overhaul is carried out.	G(Ops) G(Air)
6.	FREO is to undertake operations on MUSCHU ISLAND within the next 10 days.	G(Int)

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7.	<u>3 AUST BASE SUB AREA.</u> Recommendations have been submitted by Commander, 3 Aust Base Sub Area to GOC 6 Aust Div, re the reduction of personnel on the HQ of 3 Aust Base Sub Area.	G(SD) A Q(Maint)
8.	<u>CE.</u> CE, First Aust Army at present visiting 6 Aust Div. All engineering works within the area will now come under CE, 6 Aust Div. Priorities of works and installations are being decided on.	G(Ops) G(SD) Q(Maint) CE
9.	<u>STORAGE BUILDINGS.</u> Approximately 310,000 sq ft of coverage is required for present commitments (representing coverage as detailed in 50% phase II). On the basis of the erection of five 18' x 20' buildings a day, this would take 60 days to complete. With the arrival of the extra ammunition ex FOROTAI, ammunition will have to be dumped and covered with tarpaulins as shelters cannot be made for this with the present resources available.	Q(Maint)
10.	<u>COMMUNICATIONS</u> <u>Roads.</u> Jeep head in 16 Aust Inf Bde area has now reached the spur just below MOUNT SHIBURRANGU. Jeep head in 30 Aust Inf Bn area at KOIGIN.	G(Ops) G(Int) Q(Maint)
11.	<u>MAINTENANCE</u> (a) <u>Air.</u> 500,000 lbs of stores supplies landed and dropped to 17 Aust Inf Bde each week. A request that the present Air Maint pl be increased by two Secs. (b) <u>Road.</u> 16 Aust Inf Bde by jeep to MOUNT SHIBURRANGU, thence carriers to forward troops. 30 Aust Inf Bn by jeep to KOIGIN, thence carriers to forward troops.	G(SD) Q(Maint) Q(Mov & Tr)

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