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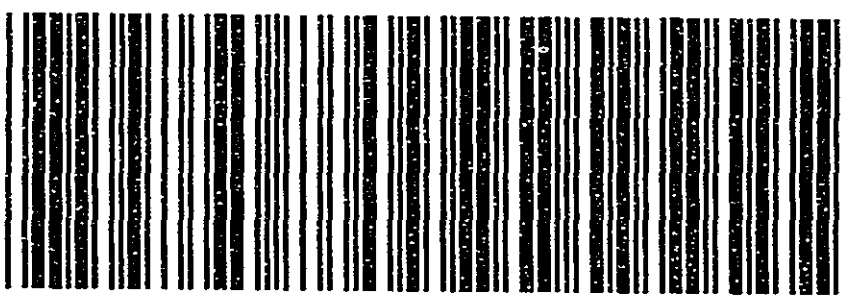

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APPX 'A'

COPY INWARD MESSAGE

From: 11 DIV TOO: 042359K

To: FIRSTAUSTARMY 2 CORPS COMSEAIRTAF
COMAIR JACQUINOT BAY NOIC NEW GUINEA

G0386 UNCLASSIFIED (.) from GOC FIRSTAUSTARMY (.) JAPANESE liaison flights carrying orders to subordinate comds will be undertaken for carrying staff officers on the following schedules (.) ONE (.) seaplane takes off RABAUL 1500K on 5 sep lands BUIN 1730K same day (.) takes off BUIN 1500K on 6 sep (.) lands RABAUL 1730K (.) TWO (.) fighter takes off RABAUL 1500K on 5 sep (.) lands KAVIENG 1600K (.) takes off KAVIENG 1500K on 6 sep lands RABAUL 1600K (.) note the entire body of the planes used will be painted white with dark red crosses on the wings and fuselage

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TOO 050135K

FROM FIRST AUST ARMY

TO 2 CORPS 11 DIV NOIC NEW GIUNEA

INFO 6 DIV LANDOPS

GO 1633 UNCLASSIFIED (.) FIRST (.) the following message time of origin 041130GMT has been received from JAP C IN C RABAUL and is forwarded for action (.) request local Naval and Air Forces be advised (.) Message begins (.) quote (.) Liaison flights will be undertaken for carrying Staff Officers on the following schedules (.) Please notify your units concerned (.) 1 (.) Seaplane takes off RABAUL 1500K on the 5th lands Buin 1730K On same day takes off BUIN 1500K on the 6th lands RABAUL 1730K (.)

2 (.) Fighter takes off RABAUL 1500K on the 5th lands KAVIENG 1600K, takes off KAVIENG 1500K on the 6th lands RABAUL 1600K Note the entire body of the planes used will be painted white with dark red crosses on the wings and fuselage (.) unquote (.) message ends (.) SECOND (.) 11Div pass copy to BGS FIRST AUST ARMY (.) ack.

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OUTWARD MESSAGE

From FIRSTAUSTARMY TOO 070100K

To 2 CORPS 6 DIV 11 DIV

GO 1635 UNCLASSIFIED (.) You may use own discretion regarding carrying and handing over of Swords at formal surrender ceremonies

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Signed [illegible] Capt

OUTWARD MESSAGE

From FIRSTAUSTARMY TOO 0700 K

To 2 CORPS 6 DIV

GO 1636 UNCLASSIFIED (.) General IMAMURA states that orders for surrender of General HONDA and General SUCHI being forwarded at earliest (.) Surrender of HONDA and SUCHI to be taken not before 6 Sep

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Sgd. C.H. Bull Capt for T.I.C.

OUTWARD MESSAGE

From FIRSTAUSTARMY TOO 070310K

To 2 CORPS 11 DIV

GO 1638 Unclassified (.) Following schedule Liaison flights received from Cs-in-C Jap Southeastern Army and Jap Southeastern Navy RABAUL (.) One (.) Seaplane takes off RABAUL 071400K (.) Lands BUIN 071630K (.) Takes off BUIN 080800K (.) Lands RABAUL 081030K (.) two (.) Fighter takes off RABAUL 071400K (.) Lands KAVIENG 071500K (.) Takes off KAVIENG 080800K (.) Lands RABAUL 080900K (.)

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Signd. E.H. Bell Capt

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COPY OF MESSAGE INWARDS

FROM C IN C SE JAP ARMY 071250 GMT

TO GOC FIRST AUST ARMY

NR25 After sending the surrender offer to the Japanese Forces in Bougainville and New Guinea our Commander is to be limited to Rabaul and New Ireland but for orders and instructions to Bougainville and New Guinea issued by your representatives to be definitely and systematically carried out (.) We think it would be of great benefit if part of the authority of control over the Japanese forces in Bougainville and New Guinea instead of full command as hitherto could be sanctioned (.) Therefore we would request your most favourable consideration in granting the aforementioned authority of control

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SOPY MESSAGE INWARDS

FROM C IN C SE JAPANESE ARMY 080700 GMT

TO FIRST AUST ARMY

I acknowledge your message despatched 061308 my orders of surrender instruction to Lt-Gen ADACHI has been transmitted by wireless on the 070624K and I am also endeavouring to contact him through JAPANESE naval headquarters on MUSCHU ISLAND (.) However I am not yet in receipt of wireless from Lt-Gen ADACHI confirming receipt of surrender instruction (.)

081731K

081740K

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MESSAGE FORM

From: FIRSTAUSTARMY TOO: 081255 K

To: 2 CORPS 6 DIV

GO 1647 SECRET (.) following from minister of DEFENCE is passed for action (.) QUOTE (.) ONE (.) desired that where possible reps of all three AUST services be present at acceptances surrender (.) mutual arrangements to be made this effect between services if NOT done already (.) TWO (.) minister assumes that surrenders will be accepted by AUST army comd concerned and requires report for infm GOVT from army on arrangements made and proceedings at acceptance surrenders (.) UNQUOTE (.) arrangements made with NOIC NEW GUINEA and NORCOM RAAF for senior NAVAL and AIR officer in formation areas to represent these services at surrender (.) desire every effort be made comply with ministers request and that report as mentioned in para 2 be fwded FIRSTAUSTARMY earliest (.) 2 corps inform brig STEVENSON (.) ack

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MESSAGE FORM

From: FIRSTAUSTARMY TOO: 08/2[illegible] K

To: NORCOM RAAF VENDETTA for NOIC NEW GUINEA

GO 1651 SECRET (.) information received from LANDFORCES that minister of defence desires representatives of all three services to be present at acceptances of surrender (.) have instructed 2 corps and 6 div to have the senior naval and air officer in their area present at the surrender ceremonies and trust this meets with your approval

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: FIRSTAUSTARMY TOO: 03 2140 L

TO: 2 CORPS 6 DIV 11 DIV

GO 1659 UNCLASSIFIED (.) ONE (.) following message received from supreme commander for the ALLIED powers (.) quote (.) destruction by bombing TOKIO area has resulted in loss many valuable topographic and hydrographic records (.) field commanders should be cautioned to preserve all charting and mapping records including aerial photographic negatives and sortie plots survey triangulation and geodetic records (.) impound all such records found and report by radio giving specific details (.) unquote (.) TWO (.) addressees will take immediate action to impound all available records and signal details this HQ (.) THREE (.) 2 corps pass commander NAURU force

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: FIRSTAUSTARMY TOO: 08 K

TO: C IN C JAP SOUTHEASTERN ARMY

INFO: 6 DIV 2 CORPS 11 DIV

GO 1655 UNCLASSIFIED (.) reference is made to your lists of questions handed to my staff at conference on 6 sep (.) questions will be answered by general officer commanding 11 australian division after landing by our forces on 10 sep (.) some important questions are answered as follows (.) ONE (.) your troops in NEW IRELAND may be left in present positions until otherwise directed by General EATHER (.) TWO (.) your troops may remain on WATOM and DUKE OF YORK ISLAND until otherwise directed by General EATHER (.) THREE (.) NO wireless communications will be sent to or received from TOKIO or TRUK (.) after your orders for surrender have been transmitted to BOUGAINVILLE and NEW GUINEA NO further wireless communications will be made with your troops in those places

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FROM: LANDOPS 120855I

TO: LANDFORCES

INFO: FIRSTAUSTARMY

G0671 UNCLASSIFIED (.) your G072023 (.) following instructions were given to FIRSTAUSTARMY and 1 aust corps (.) procedure of individual surrender ceremonies at discretion of local comds and to be severely formal and brief as possible (.) the carrying and handover of swords by jap comds also at discretion of comds representatives of RAAF RAN ALLIED FORCES and appropriate civil government were present where applicable (.) at MOROTAI lt gen TESHIMA comd second jap army PINRANG assisted by maj gen YOSHIDA C of S and capts OYAMA and TOYAMA of jap navy signed surrender at approx 091115I (.) representatives of 3 services were present also representatives of US and NETHERLANDS forces (.) ceremony witnessed by ops of above and also some recently recovered INDIAN PW (.) procedure as follows (.) following general salute C in C read instrument of surrender (.) lt gen TESHIMA relinquished his sword to C in C then signed instrument (.) the two naval offrs also signed followed by C in C (.) C in C gave an address and deremony concluded with playing of NETHERLANDS US and BRITISH national anthems (.) 7 div (.) instrument of surrender of all jap armed forces in DUTCH BORNEO signed by admiral KAMADA on HMS BURDEKIN at 081200I (.) surrender accepted by GOC 7 aust div (.) 9 div (.) at 101610I lt gen BABA comd 37 jap army formally surrendered all jap forces in BRITISH NORTH BORNEO and LABUAN ISLANDS to GOC 9 aust div (.) ceremony at Hq 9 div at LABUAN ISLAND

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NOTE: our G01647 of 081255K gives text of landforces G072023

FROM: LANDFORCES TOO: 151100K

TO: LANDOPS FIRSTAUSTARMY TIMFORCE

G0675438 UNCLASSIFIED (.) reports on surrenders (.) LANDOPS G0671 NOT to TIMFORCE received (.) firstaustarmy will report details required direct LANDFORCES copy LANDOPS regarding WEWAK RABAUL BOUGAINVILLE NAURU OCEAN (.) TIMFORCE furnish details surrender direct LANDFORCES copy LANDOPS (.) expedite reports as available

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NOTE: LANDOPS G0671 gave brief outline surrender ceremony in NORSTAI and 7 Div areas

APPX 'B'

MESSAGE FORM

From: FIRSTAUSTARMY TOO: 02 1232 K

To: CinC POA COMSOPAC
Info: FORLAND LANDOPS LANDFORCES NOIC NEW GUINEA

G01602 SECRET outline plan for NAURU OCEAN ISLAND operation as follows (.) FORCE (.) force to be employed will be a battalion headquarters and three rifle companies together with medical and supply personnel (.) one of the rifle companies will be retained for escort duties on board the vessels being used (.) METHOD (.) it is intended to carry out the operation in two phases (.) PHASE ONE (.) troops as indicated less one rifle company will move from TOROKINA to NAURU ISLAND where after surrender of JAPANESE obtained the battalion headquarters and one rifle company will be established ashore as a garrison (.) EUROPEANS and JAPANESE on NAURU ISLAND who are fit to move will then embark and the convoy then returns to TOROKINA (.) PHASE TWO (.) only one river class vessel (RIVER BURDEKIN) will be available for this phase (.) this should be sufficient as latest information received states only 400 JAPANESE on OCEAN ISLAND and no doubt less will be evacuated (.) force of the same composition as employed in phase one less a battalion headquarters will proceed from TOROKINA to OCEAN ISLAND and carry out similar action to that taken at NAURU (.) after taking aboard JAPANESE from OCEAN ISLAND the RIVER BURDEKIN will proceed to NAURU and embark any remaining JAPANESE and EUROPEANS before returning tc TOROKINA (.) whether the vessel will be required to make one further trip depends entirely on the strength of the JAPANESE found at both islands (.) COMMAND (.) the garrison established on each island will be under the command of the battalion headquarters on NAURU ISLAND which in turn will be under direct command of headquarters first australian army (.) evacuees will be taken over by 2 australian corps headquarters of which is located at TOROKINA (.) final decision as to whether the landing can be made on either island will rest with the senior naval officer (.) NAVAL (.) HMAS DIAMANTINA will accompany force and remain in the NAURU OCEAN ISLAND area until phase two has been completed and naval signal stations established on both islands (.) TIMINGS (.) it is expected

that the convoy will sail from TOROKINA on 3 september but this date is governed basically by the date on which approval is received by this headquarters to implement these plans (.) ADMINISTRATION (.) the force will carry 60 days supply of all natures for discharge at each of NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS (.) voyage rations sufficient for outward and return voyages will be carried (.) SURRENDER ARRANGEMENTS brigadier J R STEVENSON representing the general officer commanding first australian army will accept the surrender of the JAPANESE on NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS (.) LANDFORCES G069958 of 311515K NOT to action addressees refers

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FROM: FORLAND TOO: 031120I

TO: LANDFORCES LANDOPS FIRSTAUSTARMY

GO 3475 SECRET (.) LANDOPS GO 503 of 272238I (.) have just sighted msg from ANFAC to CINC AMF as follows (.) QUOTE (.) your request re LANDOPS GO 503 of 23(22?) aug that AUST forces receive surrender and occupation NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS is approved (.) coordinate first with CINCPAC COAX (.) UNQUOTE (.) LANDOPS please advise receipt

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FROM : LANDFORCES TOO : 031815K

TO : FORLAND LANDOPS FIRST AUST ARMY

GS 70682 SECRET ref FORLAND GO 3475 of 031120 I (.)
when governmental discussions now taking place determine the form of surrender NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS you will be informed (.) discussions invisage that aust comd will accept surrender of jap forces NAURU and OCEAN Is in name of C in C PAC and POA (.) at NAURU aust comd will sign once as rep of US theatre comd and again as rep of aust government as territorial authority (.) at OCEAN Is aust comd will sign once as rep of US theatre comd and again as rep of UK as territorial authority (.) after receipt of info regarding form of signature of surrender from this HQ and direction from LANDOPS that general order number 1 has been issued FIRST ARMY will proceed with occupation NAURU and OCEAN Is in co-ordination with C in C PAC (.) ACK

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From: FIRSTAUSTARMY TOO: 041018 K

To: 2 CORPS

GO 1614 SECRET (.) when governmental discussions now taking place determine the form of surrender NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS you will be informed (.) discussions envisage that AUST comd will accept surrender of JAP forces NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS in name of C in C PAC and POA (.) at NAURU AUST comd will sign once as rep of US theatre comd and again as rep of AUST govt as territorial authority (.) at OCEAN ISLAND AUST comd will sign once as rep of US theatre comd and again as rep of UK as territorial authority (.) no action to proceed with occupation NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS will be taken until direction to that effect received from this HQ (.) request you pass copy this signal to brig STEVENSON maj CLARKSON (.) ack

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For Action: C IN C PAC ADV HQ

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

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GO 1616 SECRET (.) LANDFORCES GO 70625 of 031715K refers (.) outline plan for NAURU OCEAN ISLAND operation as follows (.) FORCE (.) force to be employed will be a battalion headquarters and three rifle companies together with medical and supply personnel (.) one of the rifle companies will be retained for escort duties on board the vessels being used (.) METHOD (.) it is intended to carry out the operation in two phases (.) PHASE ONE (.) troops as indicated less one rifle company will move from TOROKINA to NAURU ISLAND where after surrender of JAPANESE obtained the battalion headquarters and one rifle company will be established ashore as a garrison (.) EUROPEANS and JAPANESE on NAURU ISLAND who are fit to move will then embark and the convoy then returns to TOROKINA (.) PHASE TWO (.) only one river class vessel (RIVER BURDEKIN) will be available for this phase (.) this should be sufficient as latest information received states only 400 JAPANESE on OCEAN ISLAND and no doubt less will be evacuated (.) force of the same composition as employed in phase one less a battalion headquarters will proceed from TOROKINA to OCEAN ISLAND and carry out similar action to that taken at NAURU (.) after taking aboard JAPANESE from OCEAN ISLAND the RIVER BURDEKIN will proceed

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(w) For Information (INFO.)

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to NAURU and embark any remaining JAPANESE and EUROPEANS before returning to TOROKINA (.) whether the vessel will be required to make one further trip depends entirely on the strength of the JAPANESE found at both islands (.) COMMAND (.) the garrison established on each island will be under the command of the battalion headquarters on NAURU ISLAND which in turn will be under direct command of headquarters first australian army (.) evacuees will be taken over by 2 australian corps headquarters of which is located at TOROKINA (.) final decision as to whether the landing can be made on either island will rest with the senior naval officer (.) NAVAL (.) HMAS DIAMANTINA will accompany force and remain in the NAURU OCEAN ISLAND area until phase two has been completed and naval signal stations established on both islands (.) TIMINGS (.) the date on which the convoy will sail from TOROKINA governed basically by the date on which approval is received by this headquarters to implement these plans (.) ADMINISTRATION (.) the force will carry 60 days supply of all natures for discharge at each of NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS (.) voyage rations sufficient for outward and return voyages will be carried (.) SURRENDER ARRANGEMENTS (.) brigadier J R STEVENSON representing the general

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officer commanding first australian army will accept the surrender of the JAPANESE on NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS (.) for your information this outlined plan was forwarded to C in C POA and COMSOPAC in my signal GO 1602 of 021232K

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MESSAGE FORM

From: FIRSTAUSTARMY TOO: 051105 K

To: 2 CORPS 11 DIV VENDETTA for NOIC NEW GUINEA

GO 1618 CONFIDENTIAL (.) advice received from LANDFORCES that permission has been granted for comdr PETER PHIPPS RNZVR to accompany NAURU OCEAN ISLAND force as NZ representative if able to arrive TOROKINA before departure expedition (.) 11 div pass BGS FIRSTAUSTARMY

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COPY OF INWARD MESSAGE

From LANDFORCES TOO 061700K

To LANDOPS

Info FIRSTAUSTARMY

GS 71566 TOPSEC (.) Personal for C-in-C from CGS (.) First (.) As arrangements for movement Aust Forces to NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS were completed 3 Sep have represented to Prime Minister that Government decision is most urgently required (.)

Second (.) There appears to be some confusion about signing terms of surrender in different forms at each Island (.) I raised question whether subordinate Jap Commanders would be required to sign form of surrender or whether they would be instructed to act as required by their superior area commander (.) Government however consider it necessary obtain concurrence US Chiefs of Staff as to signing procedure for surrender these Islands (.)

Third (.) Prime Minister has recorded that he considers it important that the procedure to be adopted for surrender NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS should be as outlined in our GS 70682 of 031815K and that acceptance of surrender by the Aust Commander should be recorded in a document (.)

Fourth (.) Following Government cablegram despatched to UK (.)

Begins (.) My cablegram 272 of 3 Sept (.) NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS (.) One (.) General Macarthur has also concurred in the occupation of NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS by Australian Forces (.) The Force is ready to move and the delay is causing considerable inconvenience (.) As it will take approx three days for the Force to arrive at NAURU the Government wishes to authorise its immediate departure from TOKOHINA (.) The Commander has been instructed regarding signing procedure as indicated in Para 2 of your cablegram 348 (.) Two (.) Please cable urgent advice as to whether we may proceed with the arrangements for the despatch of the Force immediately (.) Would you please reply within twelve hours (.) Ends (.) Note that Para 2 of cablegram 348 referred to envisages signatures on surrender as in our GS 70682 (.)

Fifth (.) Will advise you and First Aust Army as soon as decision received

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FROM: LANDFORCES TO: 062250K

TO: LANDOPS FIRSTAUSTARMY

GS 71653 SECRET (.) for C in C from CGS rptd GOC FIRSTAUSTARMY (.) ref my GS71566 (.) GOVT received cable tonight from UK GOVT announcing agreement by US chiefs of staff to arrangements for AUST forces accept JAP surrender at NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS in accordance with terms stated by GS70682 of 5 sep (.) GEN MACARTHUR and ADMIRAL NIMITZ both informed by US GOVT (.) AUST GOVT approves arrangements previously notified by FIRSTAUSTARMY and departure of force from TOROKINA to be effected as soon as possible (.) FIRSTAUSTARMY to notify ADMIRAL NIMITZ date of departure (.) ack

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OUTWARD MESSAGE

FROM FIRSTAUSTARMY

TO 2 CORPS

GO 1640 SECRET (.) further to my GO 1614 of 041018K (.) NAURU OCEAN ISLAND operation approved and 2 Corps will arrange departure of convoy earliest (.) ack

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COPY OF INWARD MESSAGE

FROM: 2 CORPS TOO: 041125L

TO: FIRSTAUSTARMY

GO 366 UNCLASSIFIED (.) for G(Ops) from CLARKSON (.) FIRST (.) NOIC TOROKINA considers modifications GLENELG unsatisfactory (.) reports lifesaving cooking ablution and latrine facilities inadequate and ship unfit to sail until further modifications complete ETC 1200 hrs 7 sep (.) these being undertaken (.) SECOND (.) if mov essential before 8 sep suggest consider possibility DIAMANTINA and BURDEKIN move first and GLENELG move independently (.) NOIC agreeable (.) THIRD (.) ack your GO 1614 of 041345L

TOR: 050145K

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NOTE: As NO instructions have been received to proceed with this operation NO action required at this juncture.

Serial No: A7376

COPY INWARDS MESSAGE

FROM: 11 AUST INF BDE TOO 071610L

TO: FIRST AUST ARMY

GO 1097 SECRET FROM BRIG STEVENSON YOUR GO 1614

HAVE ANY FURTHER DIRECTIONS BEEN ISSUED IN REGARD TO SIGNATORIES TO SURRENDER INSTRUMENT. IS NZ REPRESENTATIVE TO SIGN THE SURRENDER INSTRUMENT. PLEASE ADVISE FULL NAME OF C IN C PAC AND POA

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G(Int)
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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: FIRSTAUSTARMY TOO: 07 1625 K

TO: 2 CORPS

INFO: VENDETTA FOR NOIC NEW GUINEA

G01643 SECRET (.) government approval given for resident commissioner GILBERT and ELLIS ISLANDS to attend surrender ceremony at NAURU as UK representative if RV for his vessel and convoy can be arranged (.) resident commissioner with small government vessel KAI KAI is at TARAWA and will move to any agreed RV (.) request advise by return signal ETD and ETA of NAURU expedition together with RV and time of RV (.) expedition will not be delayed on account of foregoing

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FROM : FIRST AUST ARMY 07/1933 K

TO : 11 INF BDE

INFO : 2 CORPS

G01644 SECRET (.) your G01097 of 071610L not to 2 CORPS reference signing of surrender instrument by NZ representative (.) no instrs received that comdr PHIPPS will sign (.) names of Cs in C PAC and POA gen MACARTHUR admiral NIMITZ respectively (.) understood here that PAC is identical with AFPAC

Demuro Capt

IMPORTANT

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WD (2) ✓
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COPY OF MESSAGE INWARDS

FROM 2 AUST CORPS 072100L

TO FIRST AUST ARMY

G03802 SECRET (.) your G01643 (.) ETD approx 101700L ETA Approx 140700L (.) will advise RV and time later

IMMEDIATE TD072150K

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G(INT)	AD - 2
G(SD)	BMB
G(AIR)	

SERIAL NO A7452

FROM : FIRST AUST ARMY 07 2105 K

TO : 2 CORPS

INFO : VENDETTA FOR NOIC NEW GUINEA

G01645 SECRET (.) further to my G01618 of 051105K(.) three NZ reps PHIPPS ELLIS BISSETT ETA TOROKINA NOON or shortly afterwards 8 sep (.) if expedition departed desire you examine other means NZ reps being present surrender (.) departure expedition NOT to be delayed (.) advise urgently

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Signed Capt

MESSAGE FORM

From: FIRSTAUSTARMY TOO: 081120 K

To: 11 INF BDE

Info: 2 CORPS

GO 1648 SECRET (.) further to my GO1644 of 071955K (.) further infm received that CinCPAC is identical with CinCPOA and NOT AFPAC as previously advised

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G(Int)
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COPY OF INWARD MESSAGE

FROM: 2 CORPS TOO: 081121I

TO: FIRST US ARMY

INFO: 11 INF BDE NOIC TORORINA

GO 3805 SECRET further our GO 3802 (.) ETD now 091800L ETA 130800L (.) RV for KAI KAI in posn with MURU ISLAND bearing 072 degrees true distant 20 miles (.) time of RV 122300Z

IMMEDIATE

TD: 081145K

TOR: 081210K

Distributed by G(Ops) 8 Sep 45

PA to GOC	A
LGS	Q(Maint)
DA&QMG	Q(Mov & Tn)
G(Ops)	War Diary 2
G(Int)	CMP
G(Air)	

Serial No: A7414

MESSAGE FORM

From: FIRSTAUSTARMY TOO: 081311 K

To: CinCPOA CinCPAC COMSOPAC

Info: LANDFORCES LANDOPS FORLAND VENDETTA for NCIC NEW GUINEA

GO 1649 SECRET (.) further to my GO1602 of 021232K NOT to CinCPAC and further to my GO1616 of 041208K to CinCPAC only (.) convoy for NAURU ISLAND will leave TORKINA approx 091300L and arrive NAURU approx 130800L (.) for LANDFORCES (.) ONE (.) your GO71696 of 071105K also refers rendezvous for KAIKAI in position with NAURU ISLAND bearing 072 degrees true distant 20 miles time of RV 122300Z (.) request you inform resident commissioner GILBERT and ELLICE ISLANDS as no means of contact available here (.) TWO (.) your GO71768 of 071510K (.) provided NZ rops arrive as advised can arrange for their presence at surrender ceremony

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GO1602 of 021232K NOT distributed to all branches -- gives details outline plan.

MESSAGE FORM

FROM: FIRSTAUSTARMY T00: 090903 K

TO: C IN C POA C IN C PAC COMSOPAC
LANDFORCES LANDOPS FORLAND VENDETTA FOR
NOIC NEW GUINEA

GO 1660 SECRET (.) further to my GO 1649 of 081311K (.)
ETA NAURU DIAMANTINA 130700L convoy 131200L (.) rendezvous
for KAIKAI with DIAMANTINA now 3 miles EAST of coast NAURU
ISLAND at 1312OOL (.) for LANDFORCES (.) ACNB message of
070315Z addsd NOIC NEW GUINEA info DIAMANTINA requests NOIC
notify time and place rendezvous for KAIKAI for
communication to high commissioner for WESTERN PACIFIC (.)
request you pass this information to ACNB to avoid any
possible confusion

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Sgd: [signature] Maj

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G(Air)
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Q(Maint)
Q(Mov & Tn)
✓War Diary 2
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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: FIRSTAUSTARMY TOO: 101623 K

TO: NOIC NEW GUINEA

GO 1666 CONFIDENTIAL please pass NAURU FORCE for brig STEVENSON (.) GOC FIRST ARMY informed BPC rep that he would leave JAPANESE labour excl soldiers on NAURU and OCEAN to assist in cleaning up islands (.) you will use every endeavour to fulfil this promise

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G(Air)
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War Diary 2 ✓
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COPY INWARDS MESSAGE

FROM LANDFORCES TOO 121115K

TO FIRST AUST ARMY

INFO C IN C PAC ADV HQ ACNB NOIC NEW GUINEA

GO74104 SECRET NAURU OCEAN OUR GO70625 of 031715K YOUR GO1616 AND 1617 OF 4 SEP REFER FOLLOWING SIGNAL 110928 RECEIVED FROM C IN C PAC ADV HQ QUOTE A REPLY TO MY 020859 WOULD BE APPRECIATED UNQUOTE CONFIRM WITH C IN C PAC ADV HQ YOUR GO1616 OF 041208 ACK

IMMEDIATE

Distributed by G Duty Officer 12 Sep 45

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BGS
DAQMG
G(Ops)
G(Int)
G(SD)
BME (Dup)
✓War Diary (2)

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(Pads of 100) (Adapted Sept. 1943)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: FIRSTAUSTARMY

Date—Time of Origin: 12 2105 K

Office Date Stamp: FA to GOC War Diary 2 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] (Int)

For Action: C IN C PAC ADV HQ

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.): LANDFORCES

Message Instructions — GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. G01636 CONFIDENTIAL (.) LANDFORCES G07410[illegible] of [illegible] which quotes your 110928 refers (.) plan for NAURU OCEAN ISLAND operation as outlined our G01616 of 041208K now in progress (.) only change in plan is that JAPANESE civilian labourers now remain NAURU in response to request from BRITISH PHOSPHATE COMMISSION (.) our G01649 of 081311K and G01660 of 090908K refer ETD convoy TOROKINA for NAURU approx 091800L and SEA NAURU DIAMANTINA 130700L convoy 131200L

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Signed

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Signed L. K. SHAVE, Lt-Col.

Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority: IMMEDIATE

Time	System	Op
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Time Cleared		

MESSAGE FORM

From: FIRSTAUSTARMY TOO: 131120 K

To: LANDOPS LANDFORCES CinC PAC ADV HQ
COMSOPAC CinC POA ACNB NOIC NEW GUINEA

GC 1679 UNCLASSIFIED (.) NAURU FORCE arrived NAURU 130600K JAPANESE envoy reported 130645K resident commissioner of GILBERT and ELLICE ISLANDS reported 130700K from KIANIA (.) surrender ceremony arranged for 131400K (.) 3200 JAPANESE and 500 KOREANS on NAURU 500 JAPANESE on OCEAN ISLAND (.) conditions reported to be quite good 130 hospital patients of which 40 are stretcher cases

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NOTE:- This signal contains all information received from Brig STEVENSON in his signal of 130730K Sep 45.

MESSAGE FORM

FROM: FIRSTAUSTARMY TOO: 13 2151 K

TO: LANDOPS LANDFORCES CINC PAC ADV HQ
COMSOPAC CINC POA ACNB NOIC NEW GUINEA

GO 1680 UNCLASSIFIED (.) NAURU OCEAN islands operation (.)

JAPANESE comd at NAURU signed surrender 131400K (.)

disembarkation commences 140600K

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G(SD)	BMB

NOTE: This signal contains information received from Brig STEVENSON in his signal of 131430K sep 45.

COPY OF MESSAGE INWARDS

FROM DIAMENTINA DOO 131530K

TO NOIC HG

Unclassified (.) pass to FEA for BCS from Brigadier STEVENSON (.)

surrender terms signed by JAP COMD ; and accepted by us 131500K

(.) subsequent action according to plan (.) peace position go ashore

1600 hrs disembarkation commences 140700I.

Serial 0695 IMMEDIATE TOO 2318

Distributed by GS Duty Officer 15 Sep 45

BCS	G(Int)
DA&QMG	War Diary 2 —
G(Ops)	RMB

COPY INWARD MESSAGE

Further distribution by G(Ops) of NOIC NEW GUINEA signal 161800L distributed by RANLO 17 Sep 45.

From: NOIC NEW GUINEA from NAURU GARRISON TOO: 161300L

To: FIRSTAUSTARMY

INT 450

Pass FIRSTAUSTARMY and 2 CORPS for respective JAPSM (.)

embarkation of 43 officers PW on GLENELG completed 161300L departed TOROKINA at 161343L (.) unloading of BURDEKIN completed 161400L (.) embarkation of PW commencing at 161301L (.) commenced work with native labour on WESTERN airstrip today (.) anticipate strip in satisfactory order by 22 sep (.) aviation gasoline investigated (.) paper stock 1507 forty four gallon drums 85 octane (.) two JAPSM now travelling with each ship (.) weather fine

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Q(Mov & Tn)
War Diary 2 ✓
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NOTE: Apparently corrupt groups marked R being checked

COPY INWARDS MESSAGE

Reference NOIC NEW GUINEA message 161800L from NAURU GARRISON to FIRSTAUSTARMY distributed by G(Ops) 17 Sep 45. Message should read:-

From: NOIC NEW GUINEA from NAURU GARRISON 161800L

To: FIRSTAUSTARMY 2 CORPS

UNCLASSIFIED pass to FIRSTAUSTARMY and 2 CORPS (.) embarkation ... 43 offrs 1188 OR PW on GUINELG completed 161300L (.) departed TOROKINA at 161345L (.) unloading of BURDEKIN completed 161400L (.) embarkation of PW commencing at 161800L (.) commenced work with native labour on WESTERN airstrip today (.) anticipate strip in satisfactory order by 22 sep (.) aviation gasoline investigated (.) paper stock 150744 gallon drums 85 octane (.) 2 JAP naval officers travelling with each ship (.) weather fine

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Distributed by G(Ops) 18 Sep 45

BGS	A
DA&QMG	Q(Maint)
G(Ops)	Q(Mov & Tn)
G(Int)	War Diary (2)
G(SD & Trg)	BMB
G(Air)	RANLO

Serial 7650

COPY INWARD MESSAGE

From: NAURU GARRISON TOO: 162300Z

To: NOIC NEW GUINEA FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info: 2 CORPS

INT 452 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) pass to FIRSTAUSTARMY repeated 2 AUST CORPS for respective G(Ops) (.) embarkation of 50 offrs and 1200 OR or PW on BURDEKIN completed at 162250Z hrs complement includes JAP comd NAVY capt SOEDA

IMMEDIATE

TOR: 131100K

Distributed by G(Ops) 18 Sep 45:-

BGS
DA&QMG
G(Ops)
G(Int)
G(SD & Trg)
A
Q(Maint)
Q(Mov & Tn)
War Diary 2 ✓
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Serial A7650

COPY INWARDS MESSAGE

From: NAURU GARRISON 171410Z

To: NOIC NEW GUINEA FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info: 2 CORPS

UNCLASSIFIED (.) INT 453 UNCLASSIFIED (.) pass to FIRSTAUSTARMY repeated 2 AUST CORPS for respective G(OPS) (.) BURDEKIN departed for TOROKINA at 170005L hrs

IMMEDIATE

TOR 181000K

Distributed by G(Ops) 18 Sep 45

BGS	A
DA&QMG	Q(Maint)
G(Ops)	Q(Mov & Tn)
G(Int)	✓ War Diary (2)
G(SD & Trg)	BMB
RAHLO	

Serial A7647

COPY INWARDS MESSAGE

FROM NAURU FORCE FOR 211805L

TO NOIC NG FAA

INT 461 unclass (.) pass to 1st Aust Army for G Ops SITREP 8 to 211800L NAURU (.) airstrip 75 percent completed (.) work on boatshed proceeding satisfactorily (.) medical inspection native females resumed (.) of 90 examined 4 cases VD 2 native chiefs dismissed from service by civil administration for collaboration with Japs 760 Jap 200 natives employed today checking of Jap equipment and armament proceeding ammunition survey completed located in 12 dumps around island (.) will require 400 three ton truck loads to remove

Distributed by G(Ops) 22nd Sep 45

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BGS
DA & QMG
G(Ops)
G(Int) (2)
G(Air)
G(SD & Trg)
A
Q(Maint)
War Diary(2)
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IMPORTANT

From: NAURU FORCE 251800K

To: G(OPS) FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info: NOIC NEW GUINEA

UNCLASSIFIED (.) SITREP 12 to 251800L (.) DIAMANTINA arrived 250830L departed 250900L for TARAWA (.) 253 drums oil excavated today (.) 2 Japs died of malnutrition and TB (.) present Jap strength on Island COMBATANT TPS 187 CIVILIAN 510 KOREANS 541 (.) 700 Japs and KOREANS 180 natives employed reconstructional and hygiene tasks (.) exhumed today body of AMERICAN AIRMAN buried near CANTELEREER silver wrist identification tag guess name and No(A) CHERCPOVICH NOCL149559 (.) remains being held medical officer consider death due to plane crash has many fractured bones wearing american Mae West (.) investigating further buriel grounds reported by NATIVES (.) air strips lined with white painted oil drums both sides of pavement

SERIAL A7086

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G(Air)
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A
Q(Maint)
Q(Mov & Tn)
War Diary (2)

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261815L

FROM NAURU FORCE

TO FIRST AUSY ARMY for G(OPS)

INT 485 unclass (.) sitrep 13 to 261800L (.) 700 Japs and 200 natives employed in tasks as follows (.) boat harbour buildings hygene excavting POL checking equipment (.)weather continues to be fine (.) another american airman body exhumed today 400 yds west of nth tip BUADA lagoon (.) no identification but Jap sign post states plane crashed 9 Dec 43 (.) native diary perused today states an allied air raid 30 June 44 one plane shot down (.) body recovered disc removed by Japs gave name lieut R T COLLINS location this body not known (.) am interogating further re death 5 europeans .

Distribution by GS Duty Offr on 27 Sep 45.

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G(OPS)
G(INT)
G(AIR)
A
Q (Maint)
Q (Mov & Tn)
War Diary 2
BMB

Serial No A 7107

FROM HAURU FORCE 291900L

[redacted] NOIC NG

INT496 UNCLASS (.) pass to FAA for G(Ops) (.) sitrep 16 to 291800L (.) all works as per sitrep 15 (.) 12 truck loads of heavy gun amn dumped in sea today (.) atrocity investigations (.) have signed statements 3 natives who testify one second lieut SAKATA of 2 coy no 1 bty present at execution 5 Europeans (.) SAKATA at TOROKINA suggest enquiries that end (.) have taken into custody one SATO GINOC no 8 coy 201 construction unit (.) admits complicity and responsibility death of a native DOWONOPE by flogging (.) admits cruelty other natives (.) request your direction re further action

TOR 292225K

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Q(Mov & Tn)
War Diary (2)

COPY OF INWARD MESSAGE

UNCLASSIFIED

FROM: NAURU FORCE TOO: 191745L

TO: NOIC NEW GUINEA

INT 457 (.) pass to firstaustarmy (R) 2 aust corps for respective G(Ops) sitrep B to 191800L (.) communication opened with OCEAN ISLAND received following reply to orders passed to commander OCEAN ISLAND (.) 2 electrical cranes in working order at BOAT HARBOUR one lift 10 tons other 1.5 tons (.) very old do NOT recommend overloading two large MLC in operation (.) NO obstacles in BOAT HARBOUR buoys should NOT be relied upon due to age (.) breech blocks have been removed from artillery and weapons and mountings taken (.) 600 metres radius by HARBOUR cleared of troops and cleared (.) 411 natives were shipped to KUSAI PONAPE and TARAWA in 1943 (.) only 5 hospital cases end of information OCEAN (.) NAURU (.) concentration of JAPS new camps at reconditioned airstrip maintenance 4 and 40 per cent complete (.) storage ASC store 60 per cent complete (.) used 200 JAPS today for general labour medical inspection of females proceeding 7 V D cases to date

Distributed by RANLO 19 Sep 45

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DA&QMG	A
G(Ops)	Q(Maint)
G(Int)	Q(Mov & Tn)
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	War Diary ✓
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COPY OF INWARD MESSAGE

FROM: 3 DIV TOO: 292030L

TO: FIRSTAUSTARMY

G07400 UNCLASSIFIED (.) your G01755 (.) phase B loading completed 261200L vessel sailed 261730L (.) MOVEMENTS TOROKINA QM3009 and QM3010 refers (.) understood that force comd would also advise as instructed in your op instr 57

TOR: 292030K

Serial No: A754

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G(Air)
A.
Q(Maint)
Q(Mov & Tn)
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NOTE: Our G01755 reads " Request advise preparation of Force for OCEAN ISLAND operation".

COPY INWARDS MESSAGE

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

UNCLASSIFIED

TO: PD LAE NOIC TOROKINA

FROM: C/SIGN NOT LISTED

FIRSTAUSTARMY INFO 2ND CORPS FROM BRIGADIER STEVENSON ARRIVED OCEAN ISLAND 0800L ENVOYS REPORTED 0315L UNABLE TO ARRANGE SURRENDER CEREMONY UNTIL 010900L DUE TO DELAY IN ARRIVAL OF BURDEKIN PMS KIA KIA CONVEYING RESIDENT COMMISSIONER GILBERT AND ELLIS ISLANDS ARRIVED 0830L (.) TOTAL JAP FORCES 513 INCLUDING 2 HOSPITAL CASES (.) CONDITION OF HEALTH GOOD (.) RECCE PARTIES PROCEEDING ASHORE THIS MORNING (.) PD LAE PASS FIRSTAUSTARMY

//292210Z

Distributed by RANLO 30 Sep 45

BGS	A
DA&QMG	Q(Maint)
G(Ops)	Q(Mov & Tn)
G(Int)	War Diary (2)
G(Air)	EIB
G(SD & Trg)	
RANLO	

COPY INWARD MESSAGE

From: DIAMANTINA TOO: 300945Z

To: NOIC NEW GUINEA

Info: FIRSTAUSTARMY for G(Ops)

Recce parties completed reconnaissance ashore (.) boat harbour facilities intact (.) one electric crane five ton capacity available two serviceable JAP barges to assist in discharge (.) JAP forces carrying out all instructions

IMMEDIATE

TOR: 302350K

Distributed by GS Duty Officer 1 Oct 45:-

G(Ops) for action

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Serial D820

MESSAGE FORM

From: FIRSTAUSTARMY T00 30 1600 K

To: LANDFORCES LANDOPS FORLAND CINC PAC ADV HQ CINC POA COMSOPAC

G01760 RESTRICTED (.) OCEAN ISLAND (.) RIVER BURDEKIN departed TOROKINA for OCEAN 1630K hrs 26 sep (.) brig STEVENSON and party on board HMAS DIAMANTINA arrived OCEAN 0700K hrs 30 sep (.) unable arrange surrender ceremony until 0800K hrs 1 oct due to delay in arrival of BURDEKIN (.) resident commissioner GILBERT and ELLICE ISLANDS on board KIA KIA arrived 0730K hrs (.) total JAP forces 513 including 2 hospital cases (.) condition of health good (.) reconnaissance parties proceeding ashore 30 sep

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(sgd) J.D. Mellick Maj

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COPY INWARD MESSAGE

From: NAURU TOO: 3 01815L

To: NOIC NEW GUINEA FIRSTAUSTARMY

INT 498 unclass (.) pass to FIRSTAUSTARMY for G(Ops) sitrep 17 to 301800L (.) BURDEKIN arrived 300400L (.) departed OCEAN 300700L two LCIs in tow four BPC officers and Mr BOTT embarked (.) works (.) boat shed building and mooring shed construction completed today (.) twelve truck loads ammunition dumped to sea (.) weather fine

IMPORTANT

TOR: 010230K

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Serial D821

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
/a Sep 45

G/1665/Ops

Subject: LIAISON REPORT NAURU-OCEAN ISLAND OPERATION - MAJOR G D CLARKSON

BGS A
DA&QMG Q(Maint)
G(Int) Q(Mov & Tn)
G(SD) War Diary (2) ✓
G(Air) EMB

1. The following extracts from a D/O from Major CLARKSON to Major MELLICK are forwarded for information and necessary action as indicated:-

EXTRACT	ACTION
(a) The party continues to grow - various lifting gear with crews have been added, an additional engineer officer who was apparently requested by the Phosphate Commission's representatives for a survey, an airfield construction officer, in addition to the RNZAF representative, and so on! I'll try to send details of the final numbers before we leave so that Q can plan on details for resupply. In the meantime you might warn them that the numbers are substantially above those originally envisaged. It appears that the ships may take up to 14 days to unload at NAURU. Fortunately 30 days rations for voyage have been loaded and will probably be needed. (See 2 Corps QM2362 of 5 Sep 45 to First Aust Army).	Q(Maint)
(b) The BGS left my movements after arrival at NAURU to my discretion. My present idea is that having arrived, I will be able to decide whether to remain on DIAMANTINA and await phase B or come down on BURDEKIN and report to LAF between the two phases. If sufficient information about OCEAN is obtainable from NAURU, I'll probably follow the latter course, so that the requirements of phase B may be planned more exactly than at present. It appears that my reports, and the obtaining of information about OCEAN will be my main tasks in phase A.	---
(c) British Phosphate Commission's representatives, as you know, are worried about the shortage of labour, raised the question with the Army Comd. BGS told me that no Japs were to be left, but Formosans or Koreans could be - at the discretion of the Force Comd. This is at variance with the Op and Adm Instruction Orders which, between them all, instruct the Force Comd to evacuate Europeans, Indians, Japanese and Koreans (no mention of Formosans).	

EXTRACT	ACTION
I understand that Formosans and Koreans are treated differently (I may be wrong) because the former have never fought against us, being Jap forced labour only, while the latter may have fought. But if both classes are to be treated as PW (as I think even the Formosans are) their retention will cause some difficulties e.g. they have to be fully documented as PW at the islands are are entitled to pay and so on. All that was to be avoided by treating them all as surrendered soldiers only until arrival at TOROKINA when they are documented etc. Would you please clarify with BGS and 'A' exactly who may be retained for labour in the phosphate workings?	Action referred to BGS

2. The decision in respect of the final extract regarding labour for the British Phosphate Commission will be notified.

[signature]
Lt-Col
GS First Aust Army

INSTRUMENT OF SURRENDER

The Japanese Emperor having at 1600 hours on the Sixteenth day of August 1945 surrendered unconditionally to the Allied Forces I Captain HISAYUKI SOEDA

Commander of Japanese Forces on NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS

DO NOW UNCONDITIONALLY SURRENDER all such Forces AND DO AGREE to the following Terms of Surrender:-

1. All Japanese forces on NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS will forthwith cease all hostile action. The term "Japanese Forces" in these Terms of Surrender includes natives friendly to the Japanese.

2. All such forces on NAURU ISLAND will assemble and surrender themselves without delay to the Australian forces in the coastal area NORTH of DINEGOMODU where immediate arrangements will be made for TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED Japanese officers and men to be embarked on Australian ships for evacuation. Japanese sick and wounded who are medically unfit to move will be suitably accommodated, treated and provided for by the Japanese forces until such time as it is possible for the Australian forces to care for and maintain them. The numbers and locations of such sick and wounded will be notified immediately to Brigadier J.R. STEVENSON DSO, Officer designated by General Officer Commanding First Australian Army to accept the surrender of Japanese Forces on NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS on behalf of the Commander in Chief Pacific and Pacific Ocean Area.

3. Full particulars regarding the location, strength and armament of all Japanese forces on NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS will be given forthwith to Brigadier J.R. STEVENSON DSO.

4. Japanese forces will be responsible to remove and render harmless all mines, booby and other traps laid by them and will forthwith disclose the location of marine mines and mine fields in waters adjacent to NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS, and will also disclose the location of all dumps of ammunition and explosives.

(5. All

5. All coastal defences and anti-aircraft guns and installations will be left intact and undamaged in their present positions which will be disclosed to Brigadier J.R. STEVENSON DSO.

6. All military equipment, vehicles, arms and weapons will be surrendered intact and undamaged in concentration areas which will be nominated by the Australian Commander.

7. All barges and other craft in waters adjacent to NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS will be delivered up intact and undamaged at the nearest boat harbour.

8. Safe passage and escort will be provided at all times to members of the Australian forces entering, passing through or leaving any area in which Japanese forces are located.

9. All prisoners of war and all natives friendly to the Allied forces who are now in Japanese custody on NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS will be released forthwith and will be kept unharmed and properly fed, and will be handed over to the Australian forces.
The names of all such prisoners of war will be notified immediately to Brigadier J.R. STEVENSON DSO.

10. Lieutenant-Colonel J.L.A. KELLY Australian Military Forces is appointed Military Commander of NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS and all orders issued or given by him will be carried out by the Japanese forces without question or hesitation.

11. All Japanese officers and soldiers (not including natives friendly to the Japanese) will be treated strictly in accordance with the terms of the Geneva Convention 1929 relative to the treatment of prisoners of war.

12. Captain HISAYUKI SOEDA _____ acknowledges that these terms have been interpreted to, and are fully understood by, him.

(SIGNED

SIGNED on board HMAS DIAMANTINA by Captain HISAYUKI SOEDA on behalf of the Japanese Forces on NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS this Thirteenth day of September 1945.

海軍大佐 副田久幸
海軍少佐 岸本曉

(Witness to Signature of Capt SOEDA - Lt-Comdr KISHIMOTO - Adjt)

ACCEPTED on board HMAS DIAMANTINA by Brigadier J.R. STEVENSON DSO as representative of United States Theatre Commander on behalf of the Commander in Chief Pacific and Pacific Ocean Area this Thirteenth day of September 1945.

J R Stevenson

SIGNED on board HMAS DIAMANTINA by Brigadier J.R. STEVENSON DSO as representative of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia as Territorial Authority in respect of NAURU ISLAND this Thirteenth day of September 1945.

J R Stevenson

MESSAGE FORM

From: FIRSTAUSTARMY TOO: 05[illegible] K

To: 11 DIV

GO 1624 SECRET for BGS FIRSTAUSTARMY (.) LANDFORCES G070959 of 041845K to FIRSTAUSTARMY info FORLAND LANDOPS is fwded (.) QUOTE (.) ONE (.) acting high commissioner for UK is making urgent representations to AUST govt against concentration of probably 14000 JAP PW in SHORTLANDS (.) he states proposal would involve (.) A (.) removal native inhabitants with complete disruption rehabilitation plans both there and areas to which moved (.) B (.) heavy expenses and serious difficulties housing and feeding owing lack shipping (.) TWO (.) understand from your G01586 of 291600K you propose confining JAPS in restricted area most likely peninsula immediately SOUTH of KULITUNA BAY (.) confirm (.) THREE (.) your views urgently required (.) UNQUOTE (.) our G01586 of 291600K outlines surrender arrangements for FIRSTAUSTARMY area and in respect of BOUGAINVILLE roads (.) QUOTE (.) GOC 2 corps acting under direction this HQ will accept surrender (.) bulk of PWs to be located SHORTLANDS in addition to which PW cage will be established TOROKINA for JAPS OCEAN NAURU (.) if or main SHORTLAND ISLAND arrangements are being made to confine JAPS in restricted area most likely in peninsula immediately SOUTH of KULITUNA BAY (.) UNQUOTE (.) assume you will reply direct INFO this HQ

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A) Originator: GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY

Date—Time of Origin: 03 [illegible] K

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TO For Action: COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE SOUTH EASTERN JAPANESE ARMY AND THE SOUTH EASTERN JAPANESE NAVY

(B) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions: GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. message no 76 (.) your message of 030320 GFF is acknowledged (.) the warship bearing my brigadier general staff will be at the appointed rendezvous at 1200 hours K time on 4 september in accordance with my message no 5

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: FIRSTAUSTARMY TOO: 08/708K

TO: FORLAND LANDFORCES LANDOPS

GO 1657 UNCLASSIFIED surrender signed by Gen KANDA and Vice Admiral SAMEJIMA at TOROKINA 1230 hrs 8 sep

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: FIRSTAUSTARMY TOO: 12 0952 K

TO: 2 CORPS

G01670 RESTRICTED (.) since notification received that surrender of KANDA accepted no progress reports have been received (.) essential this HQ be kept informed and sitreps will be used for that purpose (.) request early as possible brief outline by sig of posn to date

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FROM 2 CORPS TOO 172111L

TO FIRST AUST ARMY

GO3928 CONFIDENTIAL your G01688 (.) situation as at 17 sep (.) first (.) NIL JAPS in custody (.) remaining conc areas BUIN BONIS NUMA NUMA under own offrs pending arrangements mov (.) recovered allied civilians [illegible] missionaries 3 CHINESE residents 7 (.) other CHINESE in custody pending advice 79 (.) second (.) stores taken over (.) swords and dirks approx 200 (.) pistols binoculars other optical instruments NOT yet classified now in process collection (.) other stores excl by eqpt being dumped by JAPS adjacent beaches (.) third (.) area occupied NIL (.) fourth (.) mov maj units (.) 23 bde TOROKINA less 8 bn gp SORAKEN and 2 coys 7 bn PIATERAPAIA (.) 3 div less 29 bde gp TOROKINA (.) fifth (.) liaison party arrived NUMA NUMA harbour 171045L awaiting JAP pilot (.) sixth (.) ref second part above (.) is list of stores required in detail or only approx figures by gen classification

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Note: our G01688 of 151618K requested weekly progress reports re implementation of surrender from 2 Corps 6 Div. 11 Div

MESSAGE FORM

From: FIRSTAUSTARMY TOO: 181010 K

To: 2 CORPS

GO 1704 RESTRICTED your G03928 of 172111L (.) list of stores NOT required in detail (.) only approx figures by gen classification required

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FROM: 2 CORPS TOO: 192026L

TO: FIRSTAUSTARMY

G03955 (.) RESTRICTED (.) sitrep 283 to 192000L (.) BUIN (.) recce PAURC MASAMASA PIENC is completed (.) party JAP engrs moving PAURC 19 sep commence erection depots (.) NUMA NUMA (.) JAP cond surrendered NUMA NUMA garrison 180800L (.) dumping small arms and amn in sea proceeding (.) approx 380 sick PW being evac by sea remainder marching TOROKINA via NUMA NUMA trail all informed

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TOR: 200310A

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From: 3 DIV TOO: 302024L

To: FIRSTARMY

GO 7411 UNCLASS (.) your GO 1688 (.) progress report to 290600L (.) FIRST (.) JAPS in custody TOROKINA offrs 304 ORs 4753 (.) NAURU offrs 519 ORs 8785 (.) SECOND (.) stores (.) awaiting reports disposals committee (.) THIRD (.) nationality civilians (.) infm available shows JAPANESE 1424 FORMOSAN 898 KOREAN 2 (.) further details being obtained

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COPY OF MESSAGE INWARD

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

TOD 021300 GMT

TO : THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING THE FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY

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We will prepare a shore signal station to establish communications with your warship, but we think it more convenient if direct wireless communication can be established with our headquarters (.) We shall appreciate if you will notify the frequencies and call signs for communication between your ship and our headquarters (.)

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MESSAGE FORM

From: FIRSTAUSTARMY TOO: 03/240K

To: 11 DIV

GO 1609 UNCLASSIFIED (.) for BGS FIRSTAUSTARMY aboard VENDETTA (.) ONE (.) following reply received from IMAMURA (.) QUOTE (.) we will prepare a shore signal station to establish comns with your warship but we think it more convenient if direct wireless comn can be established with our HQ (.) we shall appreciate if you will notify the frequencies and call signs for comn between your ship and our HQ (.) UNQUOTE (.) TWO (.) we have replied (.) QUOTE (.) your message is acknowledged (.) we are endeavouring to pass on your information to our warship which is already at sea (.) there may be some difficulty in communicating with the warship so you will establish the shore signal station and your envoy will be accompanied by signal man as previously directed (.) if our warship makes wireless contact with you it will use the same schedules and frequencies as used between your HQ and HQ FIRSTAUSTARMY (.) the warships call sign is VHBW 1(.) your call sign will be Z81 (.) UNQUOTE (.) THREE (.) following are schedules and frequencies in use between this HQ and RABAUL (.) from 0700K to 1700K frequency 7155 or 6755 K/Cs from 1700K to 0200K frequency 6755 or 5240 K/Cs from 0200K to 0700K frequency 5240 or 3204 K/Cs (.) RABAUL is listening at each clock hour and replies as follows (.) from 0700K to 0200K frequency 6755 K/Cs from 0200K to 0700K 3150 K/Cs

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MESSAGE FORM

From: THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING
THE FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY

TOO: 03/240 K

To: THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE
SOUTH EASTERN JAPANESE ARMY AND THE
COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE SOUTH
EASTERN JAPANESE NAVY

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message number 6 (.) ONE (.) your message 021300 GMT is acknowledged (.) TWO (.) we are endeavouring to pass on your information to our warship which is already at sea (.) THREE (.) there may be some difficulty in communicating with the warship so you will establish the shore signal station and your envoy will be accompanied by a signal man as previously directed (.) FOUR (.) if our warship makes wireless contact with you it will use the same schedules and frequencies as used between your headquarters and headquarters first australian army (.) the warships call sign is VHBW 1 (.) your call sign will be ZBL

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From : The Commander in Chief of the Southeastern Japanese Army and the Southeastern Japanese Navy

To : The General Officer Commanding the First Australian Army

Text ; With reference to surrender we are in receipt of an order from the Dmperial Japanese Hadquarters on second September. We inform you of the above accordingly.

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Date—Time of Origin: 04.1755W

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For Action

TO 11 DIV

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions — GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. G01522 SECRET for BGS (.) one (.) following message

GAE 516457 from Supreme Comd for Allied Powers to C in C AMF received from LANDOPS in their GO 586 of 041255Z (.) quote (.) JAP GHQ advises difficulty in transmission of surrender terms to grn at RABAUL and has requested Supreme Comd for Allied Powers to furnish seaplane to tpt a party of 6 to RABAUL to deliver surrender terms (.) your views on delivery of party at RABAUL requested earliest (.) unquote (.) two (.) LANDOPS have requested our views earliest

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COPY INWARD MESSAGE

From: 11 DIV TOO: 042504K

To: FIRSTAUSTARMY

SX49 UNCLASSIFIED for CSO (.) BGS has instructed that JACQUINOT BAY must be prepared to work RABAUL direct if required (.) JACQUINOT BAY will use same call sign as LAE (.) if traffic is to be passed JACQUINOT BAY will call quote Z81 de JR21 JACQUINOT BAY has following message for RABAUL followed by message unquote on conclusion of transmission and acknowledgment JACQUINOT BAY will send quote LAE resume control unquote (.) JACQUINOT BAY will continue to intercept all traffic LAE RABAUL but all messages received by LAE will be sent to 11 div by priority signal for delivery to GOC (.) only available set at JACQUINOT BAY is number 133 set now in use on number 2 channel (.) number 2 channel will close at 050600K until departure GOC from this area approx 7 sep advise sigmr 11 div of present frequencies and time schedule in use LAE RABAUL channel by 050600K

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COPY INWARDS MESSAGE

FROM: COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE SOUTHEASTERN JAPANESE ARMY AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE SOUTH EASTERN JAPANESE NAVY 050450GMT

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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MESSAGE FORM

From: FIRSTAUSTARMY TOO: 051135 K

To: 11 DIV

GO 1625 UNCLASSIFIED for BGS (.) ref my GO 1622 of 041755K (.) following cancellation of your GO 383 of 042205K no further advice received (.) LANDOPS GO 590 of 050835I requests expedite reply (.) assume you will reply direct INFO this HQ

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Date—Time of Origin: 05 1205 K

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For Action

TO: LANDOPS

(a) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions — GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. G01626 CONFIDENTIAL (.) have passed your G0590 of 050835I to GOC at JACQUINOT BAY from whom instrs are awaited

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Signed

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Signed [signature] Hay

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COPY OF MESSAGE OUTWARDS

FROM FIRST AUST ARMY TOO : 05 1200K

TO LANDOPS

G01628 SECRET (.) your G0586 of 041255I and further to my G01626 of 051205K (.) C-in-C JAP SE ARMY and C IN C SE NAVY advise they are in receipt of orders of surrender (.) copies of instrument of surrender and gen order number 1 handed to envoys on 4 Sep to pass JAP comds RABAUL (.) catalinas can alight in SIMPSONS HARBOUR if still considered necessary (.) if catalinas coming request they obtain particulars of anchorage from RNZAF JACQUINOT BAY

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Signed W/ Todd Lt for J.D. Mallick Major. A.S.D.

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COPY INWARDS MESSAGE

FROM: - GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING FIRST AUST ARMY 051300K

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

REFERENCE IS MADE TO PARAGRAPH 4 OF SURRENDER INSTRUCTION SIGNED BY ME ON 2 SEPTEMBER 1945 (.) THE WARSHIP WILL BE IN KABANGA BAY AT LATITUDE 4 DEGREES 25 MINUTES SOUTH 152 DEGREES 23 MINUTES EAST AT 0800K TIME ON 6 SEPTEMBER 1945 THAT IS 052200 HOURS GMT (.) YOU AND YOUR PARTY WILL BE PRESENT IN THIS POSITION AT THE TIME STATED (.) KINDLY ACKNOWLEDGE THIS SIGNAL

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