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26 Infantry Brigade

December 1945

OPERATIONS

During the month the list of PW was increased by four - one captured by natives on the mainland of BORNEO and brought to TARAKAN on SS RIVER MURCHISON, and three captured NORTH of DJOEATA Oil Fields. All three captured on the island were Leading Seamen and were in good physical condition.

REDUNDANT UNITS

The following units were declared redundant during the month, high priority personnel marching out for discharge, and low priority personnel for reposting.

HQ 26 Inf Bde	64 BIFOD Pl
Det 11 MC Gp (Type E)	HQ 1 Air Maint Coy
Det 2 Adv 2 Ech	2/15 Tpt Pl
2/13 Fd Coy	51 Tpt Pl
(1 Mech Eqpt Pl	Two Sec 2/2 MAC Pl
(5 Mech Eqpt Coy	% 2/10 Port Op Coy (Type C)
26 Inf Bde Sig Sec	110 CCS
49 Wireless Sec (Hy)	2/123 Bde Wksp
less det	94 Depot Cash Office
Det 50 Cipher Sec (Type K)	26 Inf Bde Postal Sec
4 Pl 2/1 Guard Regt	3 & 4 Secs 9 Div Pro Coy
246 Sup Depot Pl	Det AACCS
2/3 Fd Baking Pl	Det 9 Div Sal Unit
B Det 4 Bulk Petroleum Storage Coy	

DEMOBILIZATION

Demob instr 20 to 25 were issued during the month covering additional instrs re posting of low priority personnel (see appendices).

SHIPPING

There was considerable shipping activity during the month covering the arrival and departure of the ships.

HMS GLORY	arr	1 Dec	dep	2 Dec
HMAS MANOORA		1 Dec		2 Dec
STAMFORD (VICTORY)		1 Dec		6 Dec
HMAS GASCOYNE		1 Dec		3 Dec
HMAS KANIMBLA		9 Dec		10 Dec
HMAS GAWLER		11 Dec		
SS RIVER MURCHISON		15 Dec		19 Dec
HMAS GASCOYNE		21 Dec		21 Dec
LSTs 9, 324, 408		24 Dec		28 Dec

On 10 Dec Brig D.A. WHITEHEAD departed by air for AUSTRALIA, and on 12 Dec the Port Directorate was taken over by the Royal Netherlands Indies Navy. At this time, Lt Col J.A. ANDERSON, 2/3 Pnr Bn, was Adm Comd of the Force.

16 Dec at 0915 hrs, a brief ceremony was held at the Cenotaph at TARAKAN WAR CEMETERY when the civilians of the island paid tribute to the fallen of the AMF and placed wreaths on the Cenotaph.

The final issue of "TARAKAN TIMES" took place on 20 Dec. This paper had been in operation since the beginning of the campaign.

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There was considerable activity on Sunday 23 Dec when the natives commenced moving back into the homes they had occupied prior to the landing. During the operation they had been concentrated in areas of Districts I, II, IV and VI.

Christmas Day was celebrated in the usual way, and the officers and NCOs served dinner to the troops. A very gay atmosphere existed as there was an issue of two bottles of beer per man, and also the prospect of embarking for home on the 27 Dec.

The last of the Australian troops on TARAKAN embarked on the three LSTs on 27 Dec, coinciding with the final operation of 26 Inf Bde as a formation. HQ embarked for AUSTRALIA to be disbanded on arrival there.

LSTs sailed on 28 Dec and were at sea until 0730 hrs 31 Dec when they arrived at MOROTAI. Quite a large amount of mail was brought aboard as it had been held at MOROTAI for a few days prior to our departure from TARAKAN. Troops were unable to go ashore and celebrated New Year's Eve on board ship.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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B31 45

(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1 12 5 / 1945 HQ 26 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. II / 2 / 4. OFFRS. 20 O.R's. 67 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10						
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.								
	2 7 2	1	1 - 4 5	* Brigadier* Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.												
	11	1	10													
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.	11									11		
				E.(1)												
				E.(2)												

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
QX27078	Lt	HONG CHOY H.T.	ATIS att Adv HQ AMF	28 Nov 45	Attached for PW interrogation duties

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX147240	Lt	DA COSTA J.M.	HQ 9 Div	30 Nov 45	Ceases to be att, m/o to HQ 9 Div vide Landops GI1412 of 260715I Nov 45.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO.....(Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / / 194.....

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1 / 12 / 194. 5 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
ol(T/Brig)	NX 376	WHITEHEAD	D.A.	Cord	Yes		V/ /283
apt	SX 2725	GEDDES	J.O.	SC	Yes		S/ /180
t(T/Capt)	WK 9895	NELSON	V.N.	IO	Yes		W/ /228
t	NX 70750	HESLOP	R.W.	SC(1)	Yes		S/ /142
t	VX 50311	STEVENS	K.W.	LO(2)	Yes		V/ /150
<u>SERVICES</u>							
apt	VX104034	HEYMANSON	A.H.B.	AALC	Yes		V/ /212
hap	VX108118	JULIEN	C.C.	AAGhd	No	Det 110 CCS	V/ /193
t	NX 66063	OAKES	F.E.	AAES	Yes		W/ /174
t	VX127493	GAYNOR	B.W.	AAOC	Yes		V/ /171
t	NX104945	HILL	N.J.	AAAS	Yes		N/ /189

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lt	NX192209	GOULD	L.W.AA Edn Pool		Education duties
Mr	B/282	BEVIS	J.V.YMCA		Philanthropic rep
Lt	OX 27078	HONG CHOY H.T.	ATIS		PW interrogation

1 Dec 45
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander

W.D.
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8 / 12 / 1945 HQ 26 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. II / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 20 O.R's. 67 OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10							
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.							
			1	* Brigadier *												
	2		-	Lieut.-Colonels												
	9		2	Majors												
	4	1	3	Captains												
				Lieutenants												
				Quarter-masters												
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.												
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.												
	15	1	6													
				DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.		6								6		
				E.(1)												
				E.(2)												

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PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
WX 9895	Lt	NELSON V.N.	GDD Western	2 Dec	Demob
	(T/Capt)		Command	45	
VX 50311	Lt	STEVENS K.W.	Vic GDD	2 Dec	Demob
VX108118	Chap	JULIEN C.G.	GDD Vic L of C	6 Dec	Demob

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

B33 45
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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15 12 / 5 / 1945 HQ 26 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. II / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 20 O.R's. 67 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
	1		-	Brigadier *										
	1		1	Lieut.-Colonels										
	11		-	Majors										
	4	1	3	Captains										
				Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
	17	1	4											
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	4									4
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

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PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX 3503V	Lt Col	ANDERSON J.A.	2/3 Ptn Bn	10 Dec	Adm comd 26 Inf Bde vide Landops AG 8146 of 051700Z Dec

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX 376	Col (T/Brig)	WHITEHEAD D.A.	GDD NSW L of C Area	10 Dec	For Demob (vide 9 Div AG8324 of 9 Dec 45)
VX104034	Capt (T/Maj)	HEYMANSON A.H.B.	HQ Vic L of C Area	10 Dec	For re-posting vide Adv HQ AMF DAM893 of 7 Dec 45.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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824/45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/12/1945 HQ 26 Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 20 O.Rs. 67 + OFFRS. O.Rs. ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
	1		-	Brigadier*										
	1		1	Lieut.-Colonels										
	11		-	Majors										
	5		1	Captains										
				Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
	18		2											
				DETAIL.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	••	TOTAL.
				A.	2									2
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

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OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From To	Date.	CAUSE.
NX104985	Lt	HILL N.J.	HQ MOROTAI FORCE	21 Dec	For repeating vide HQ 20193 AG 7324 of 201845 I

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX 70750	Lt	HESLOP	33 Inf Bde	18 Dec	Relinq appt SC(L) 26 inf Bde and m/o to take up appointment of SC 33 inf Bde, vide LANDOPS 452320.
NX102209	Lt	GOULD	HQ 7 Div	18 Dec	Ceased to be att from AA Edn Pool

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO _____ (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. _____/_____/194_____.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

Subject : REPORT ON CIVIL AFFAIRS - TARAKAN

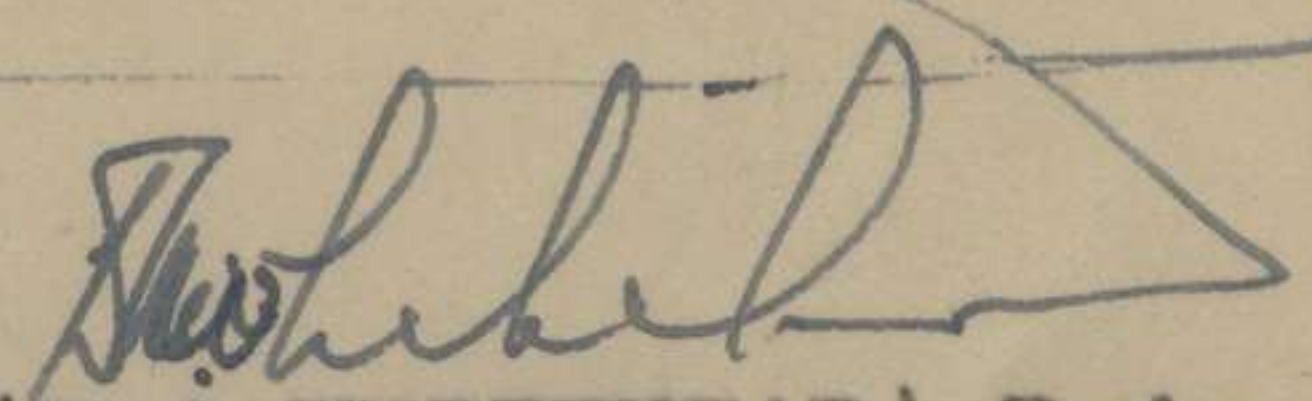
HQ 26 Inf Bde
AG/35A/274
9 Dec 45

Adv HQ AMF

Copy to :

War Diary ✓

1. Ref 1 Corps AG1320 of 1 Jun 45 and your CA114 of 11 Oct 45.
2. Herewith at Appendix "A" detailed report on Civil Affairs on TARAKAN for week ending 8 Dec 45.


(D A WHITEHEAD) Brig
Comd 26 Inf Bde

DETAILED REPORT ON CIVIL AFFAIRS ON TARAKAN FOR
WEEK ENDING 8 DEC 45

PERSONNEL

1. (a) Number of civilians controlled on TARAKAN

	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Europeans	32	2	6	40
Asiatic	1357	523	1137	3017
Javanese	3086	784	993	4863
Other Indonesians	1770	430	679	2879
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	6245	1739	2815	10799
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(b) Strength of NICA detachments

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>
Military personnel: TARAKAN	11	21
det NOENOEKAN	1	-
det BERAOE	1	-
Civil personnel : TARAKAN	6	-
det NOENOEKAN	1	-
det BERAOE	1	-
det MALINAU	1	-
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	22	21
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(c) Other civil affairs personnel (excl BOELONGAN & BERAOE)

<u>Occupation</u>	<u>HQ</u>	<u>Supply</u>	<u>Hospital</u>	<u>RNN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Clerks	38	24	3	3	68
Asst clerks	2	6	-	-	8
Teachers	10	-	-	-	10
Village heads	8	-	-	-	8
Customs	17	-	-	-	17
Med Orderlies	-	-	47	-	47
Pilots, Craft personnel etc.	-	-	-	119	119
Sundry	9	-	13	1	23
TOTAL	84	30	63	123	300

(d) Police

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>
TARAKAN		
det to BOELONGAN	1	47
det to NOENOEKAN	-	3
det to BERAOE	-	1
det to MALINAU	-	1
det to BOENJOE	-	-
Recruits	-	-
	-	56
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	1	108
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MEDICAL

2. (a) General health - satisfactory

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(e) Tank farm repair

Continuing repair tank 15,16 and 22
Dismantling 7,10,11 and 14

(f) Repair Oil Lines

Repairing and relaying oil lines of main LINGKAS tank farm. Repairing and relaying flow lines to wells to be pumped electrically and connected to PP 8.

(g) Tank Battery Repairs

Continuing on TB3 and TB47.

(h) Buildings

Main store house	95%
LINGKAS storehouse	50%
Workshop for power house	30%
Started to repair BPM garage	

(i) Production

PP 1,4,6,7,13,18, and 20 and have been in continuous operation during the week. 65 wells were producing 700 barrels per day.

(j) Deliveries

1 Dec 45	266 tons
2 Dec 45	600 tons

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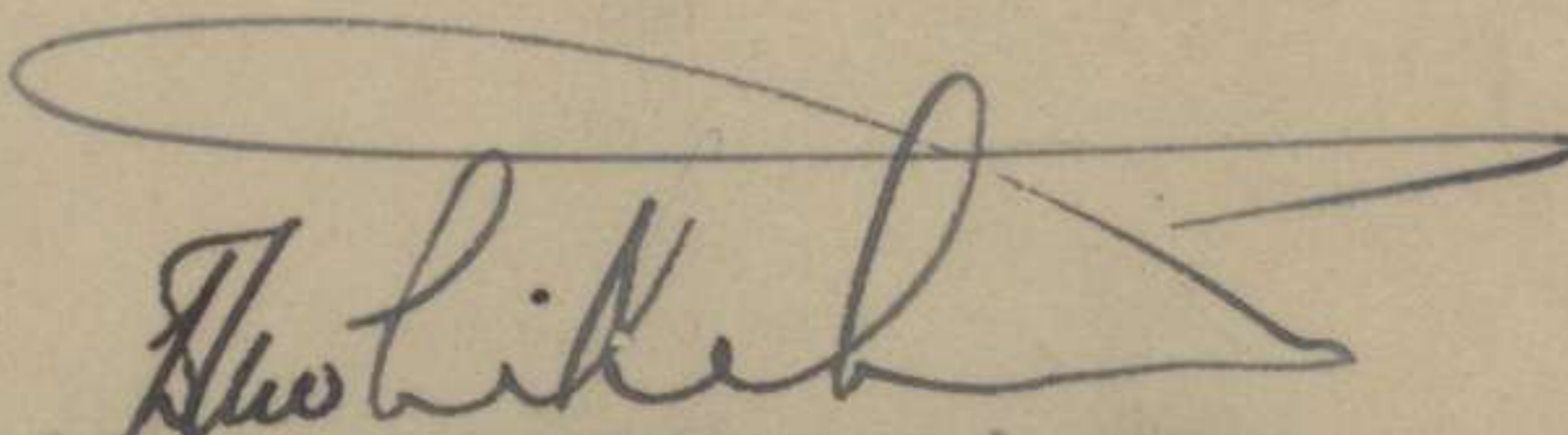
HQ 26 Inf Bde
AG/35A/239
2 Dec 45

Adv HQ AMF

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War Diary

1. Ref 1 Corps AG1320 of 1 Jun 45 and your CA114 of 11 Oct 45.
2. Herewith at Appendix "A" is detailed report of Civil Affairs on TARAKAN for week ending 1 Dec 45.


(D.A. WHITEHEAD) Brig.
Comd 26 Inf Bde.

DETAILED REPORT ON CIVIL AFFAIRS ON TARAKAN FOR
WEEK ENDING 1 DEC 45

PERSONNEL

1. Number of civilians controlled on TARAKAN

	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
European	32	2	6	40
Asiatic	1352	523	1124	2999
Javanese	2931	734	863	4528
Other Indonesians ..	1371	332	530	2233
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	5686	1591	2523	9800
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2. Strength of NICA detachment

(a) Military personnel:

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>
TARAKAN	11	21
det to NOENOEKAN	1	-
det to BERAOE	1	-

Civil personnel :

TARAKAN	6	
det to BERAOE	1	
det to MALINAU	1	
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	21	21
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(b) Other civil affairs personnel

<u>Occupation</u>	<u>HQ</u>	<u>Supply</u>	<u>Hospital</u>	<u>RNN</u>	<u>Total</u>
Clerks	38	24	3	2	67
Asst clerks	2	6	-	-	8
Teachers	10	-	-	-	10
Village heads	8	-	-	-	8
Customs	16	-	-	-	16
Medical orderly	-	-	47	-	47
Craft personnel, pilots etc	-	-	-	84	84
Sundry	9	-	13	-	22
TOTAL	83	30	63	86	262

(c) Police

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>
TARAKAN	1	47
det to BOELONGAN ..	-	3
det to NOENOEKAN ..	-	1
det to BERAOE ..	-	1
det to MALINAU ..	-	-
det to BOENJOE ..	-	-
Recruits	-	56
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	1	108
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MEDICAL

3. (a) General health - satisfactory

(b) Predominating diseases

15 cases Tuberculosis
6 cases Pneumonia
3 cases Amoebic Dysentery
2 cases Bacillary Dysentery
1 case Plasmodium Falciparum
11 cases Plasmodium Vivax
5 cases Leprosy
12 cases Yaws.

.../(c)

- (c) Admissions to hospital - 43
 (d) Deaths - 3
 (e) Number of patients in hospital 165

LABOUR4. Indonesians:

Employed by FORCE.....800
 Employed by NICA.....500
 Employed by Tech Bn.....1200

Total available for employment.....2500

ACCOMMODATION5. (a) Buildings

District	:Family: :houses:	Bar-: :racks:	Euro- :peans	:Indo- :nesians:	: :Chinese
District I	: 69	: 5	: -	: 606	: -
" IV	: 170	: 11	: -	: 1895	: 18
" VI	: 283	: 44	: 40	: 3893	: 2458
SIBENGGOK	: 72	: -	: -	: 313	: 13
LINEKAS	: 3	: 5	: -	: 111	: 5
SELOEMIT	: 3	: -	: -	: 55	: -
BOOM PAMOESIAN:	-	: 2	: -	: -	: 28
PENINGKI	: 27	: -	: -	: -	: 365
TOTAL	: 627	: 67	: 40	: 6873	: 2887

- (b) Water supply - inadequate.
 (c) Electric light - mainly limited to HQ, Police Barracks, Bathhouses, Kitchens and Barracks of officers and higher asiatic personnel.

SUPPLIES

6. (a) Adequacy of food and technical supplies sufficient till mid Jan 46.
 (b) Special requirements - clothing, uniforms, shoes and tobacco.
 (c) Captured supplies - Nil.
 (d) Primary Produce - as previously

MISCELLANEOUS7. Political situation

On Sun 24 Nov there was fighting between Chinese civilians and Ambonese soldiers in District VI. The fight was a result of provocation between the two groups, the relationship of which is permanently strained. Two Chinese were killed.

8. No further miscellaneous matters.

OIL

9. (a) 284 wells ready for pumping.

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- (b) Repair 2 Jap destroyed wells temporarily abandoned. 10 have been completed. Repairs continuing on 2 wells.
- (c) 195 wells cleaned, 26 for a second time. Changed 15 pump barrels, 159 travelling valves, and completed 15 strainer jobs.
- (d) Repaired Rod Lines to 182 wells. Laid new ones to 64 wells.
- (e) Tank Farm Repair
LINGKAS, continuing caulking and repair of Tank 15, re-building tanks 7, 11 and 16, dismantling 10 and 14.
- (f) Repair Oil Lines
Repairing and relaying oil lines of main tank farm at LINGKAS, repairing and relaying flow lines to wells to be pumped electrically and connected to PP7.
- (g) Tank batteries: Repairing TB 3 and 47.
- (h) Boilers: Completing installation of last boiler in boiler house IV.
- (i) Electrical.
Installed 20 KW units in tank farm at LINGKAS, Complete with wiring and accessories. Completed installation of electric motors in Carpenter's Shop.
- (j) Stationary Engines
Completed repair PP22 and MPH3 installing MAN diesel and 6 cyl Jap diesel in PAMOESIAN Power House.
- (k) Buildings:
- | | |
|---------------------|-----|
| Main Store house | 90% |
| Concrete floor | 90% |
| LINGKAS Store | 40% |
| Powerhouse workshop | 20% |
- (l) PP 1, 4, 6, 7, 13, 18 and 20 have been in continuous operation during the week. 65 wells are producing 700 barrels per day.
- (m) Deliveries :
27 Nov 45 - HMAS GASCOYNE - 520 tons.

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Subject : REPORT ON CIVIL AFFAIRS

HQ 26 Inf Bde
AG/35A/116
11 Nov 45

Adv HQ AMP

Copy to :

War Diary (2)

1. Ref 1 Corps AG1320 of 1 Jun 45 and your CA114 of 11 Oct 45.
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(D A WHITEHEAD) Brig
Comd 26 Inf Bde

DETAILED REPORT ON CIVIL AFFAIRS
TARAKAN WEEK ENDING 10 NOV 45

PERSONNEL

1. Number of Civilians Controlled on TARAKAN

	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Total</u>
(a) European	32	2	6	40
(b) Asiatics	1353	519	1099	2971
(c) Javanese	2835	703	828	4366
(d) Other Indonesians	1348	354	449	2151
	<u>5568</u>	<u>1578</u>	<u>2382</u>	<u>9528</u>

2. Strength NICA Detachment

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>
(a) Military personnel TARAKAN	11	20
det to NOENOEKAN	1	-
Civil personnel TARAKAN	5	-
det to BERAOE	1	-
det to MALINAU	1	-
	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>

(b) Other Civil Affairs Personnel (excl BOELONGAN and BERAOE)

<u>Occupation</u>	<u>HQ</u>	<u>Supply</u>	<u>Hospital</u>	<u>RNN</u>	<u>Total</u>
Clerks	37	18	3	2	60
Asst Clerks	10	6			16
Teachers	10				10
Village Heads	11				11
Customs	15				15
Medical Orderlies			41		41
Craft Personnel Pilots etc				84	84
Sundry	8		31		39
	<u>91</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>276</u>

(c) Police

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>
TARAKAN	1	48
det BOELONGAN		3
det NOENEOKAN		1
det BERAOE		1
det MALINAU		-
det BOENJOE		-
Recruits		56
	<u>1</u>	<u>109</u>

MEDICAL

3. (a) General Health Conditions - Satisfactory

....(b)/

(b) Predominating Diseases

18 cases tuberculosis
 8 " pneumonia
 2 " amoebic dysentery
 1 " bacillary dysentery
 2 " malaria vivax
 11 " malaria falciparum
 3 " leprosy
 4 " diphtheria
 15 " framboesia

(c) Admissions to Hospital - 44

(d) Death - 1 (tuberculosis)

(e) Number of Patients in Hospital - 129

LABOUR4. INDONESIANS

Employed by Force	800
NICA	1000
Tech Bn	<u>700</u>
Total available for employment	<u>2500</u>

ACCOMODATION5. (a) Housing

	Family Houses	Barracks	Capacity		
			Europeans	Indonesians	Chinese
DISTRICT I	61	5		526	
DISTRICT IV	164	11		1733	18
DISTRICT VI	278	43	40	3908	2458
SIBENGGOK	71			371	13
LINGKAS	2			12	5
SELOEMIT		3		51	
BOOM PAMOESIAN		2			28
PENINGKI	27				365
Total	<u>603</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>6601</u>	<u>2887</u>

(b) Water Supply - adequate

(c) Electric Light - Mainly limited to HQ, Police, Offices, Bath-houses, Kitchens and barracks of officers and higher Asiatic personnel

SUPPLIES6. (a) Adequacy of Food

Rice, canned meat and fish to end of Jan 46.

(b) Special Requirements

Tobacco, Clothing, Uniforms, Shoes

(c) Captured Supplies - nil(d) Primary Produce - as previouslyMISCELLANEOUS7. Vehicles and Vessels...NICA/

NICA 10 Trucks
 7 Jeeps
 1 Tug Boat
 4 Small Motor Boats

Tech Bn 12 Trucks
 3 Jeeps

8. Rehabilitation Local Industries, Fisheries and Markets

(a) Oil - see para 13 below

(b) Fisheries and Markets - 20% rehabilitated

9. Political Situation

Normal

10. General Economic Conditions Including Forecast Near Future

See last week's report.

11. Restoration of Social Life, Re-opening Schools

See last week's report.

12. Banking and Currency

Salaries and wages paid by NICA Paymaster.

13. OIL

(a) 271 wells ready for pumping.

(b) Failed to repair 2 Jap destroyed wells, temporarily abandoned, 6 have been completed, continuing repair on 2 wells.

(c) Cleaned 186 wells, cleaned 22 for a second time, changed 11 pump barrels, 127 travelling valves and completed 7 strainer jobs.

(d) Repaired rod lines to 175 wells and laid new ones to 50 wells.

(e) Tank Farm Repair -LINGKAS

Caulking and repairing tank 15, completing first ring tank 16, continuing dismantling tanks 7, 11 and 22.

(f) Repair Oil Lines

Relaying 5 oil line along LINGKAS tank farm, repairing and relaying flow lines to wells connected to PP 17.

(g) Repair Water Lines

Continuing repair permanent water line system.

(h) Tank Battery and Boilers - as last week.

(i) Electrical

Laying overhead high tension line to wells to be pumped electrically, continuing wiring in LINGKAS tank farm and routine repairs.

(j) Stationery Engines

Completed repair PP 4, continuing repair PP 21 and 22, installing MAN Diesel in Powerhouse PAMOESIAN.

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(4)

(k) Building

Main Store House	70% complete
Blacksmith Building	90%
Temporary workshop at LINGKAS	50%
Machine Shop	as last week
Started temporary workshop for powerhouse at PAMOWSIAN	
Started repair storehouse LINGKAS	

(l) Roads

Repairing road to MPH 2 and TB 26 filling bomberaters.

(m) Drainage

Completed, repair watergate PAMEOSIAN.

(n) Production

PP 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 have been in continuous operation during the week. At the end of the week 85 wells were producing 1190 barrels per day.

(o) Deliveries

HMAS BURDEKIN and LUNA 570 tons.

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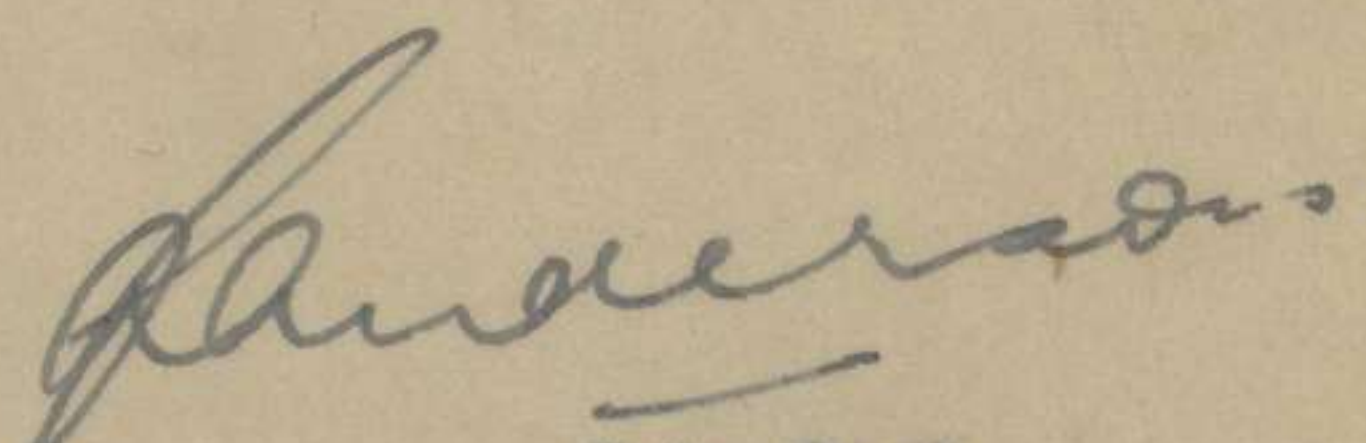
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HQ MOROTAI FORCE

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War Diary ~

1. Ref 1 Corps AG1320 of 1 Jun 45 and your CA114 of 11 Oct 45.
2. Herewith at Appendix "A" is Detailed Report on Civil Affairs on TARAKAN for week ending 22 Dec 45.
3. As this HQ closes shortly and it is anticipated will hand over control of Civil Affairs to CONICA XI on 27 Dec 45, this will be the final report on this subject submitted to your HQ.


Lt Col.
Adm Comd 26 Inf Bde.

DETAILED REPORT ON CIVIL AFFAIRS ON TARAKAN
WEEK ENDING 22 DEC '45

1. PERSONNEL

(a) Number of civilians controlled on TARAKAN

	: Men :	Women :	Children :	Total :
Europeans	: 32 :	2 :	6 :	40 :
Asiatics	: 1429 :	576 :	1280 :	3285 :
Javanese	: 3086 :	784 :	993 :	4863 :
Other Indonesians	: 1770 :	430 :	679 :	2879 :
TOTAL	: 6317 :	1792 :	2958 :	11067 :

(b) Strength of NICA det

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>
Military personnel:		
TARAKAN	15	20
det NOENOEKAN	1	-
det BERAOE	1	-
Civil personnel :		
TARAKAN	6	
det NOENOEKAN	1	
det BERAOE	1	
det MALINAU	1	
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	26	20
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(c) Other Civil Affairs personnel (TARAKAN only)

Occupation	: HQ :	Supply :	Hospital :	RNN :	Total
Clerks	: 36 :	24 :	3 :	3 :	66
Asst clerks	: 2 :	6 :	- :	- :	8
Teachers	: 10 :	- :	- :	- :	10
Village heads	: 8 :	- :	- :	- :	8
Customs	: 17 :	- :	- :	- :	17
Medical orderlies	: - :	- :	47 :	- :	47
Craft personnel etc	: - :	- :	- :	119 :	119
Sundry	: 9 :	- :	13 :	1 :	23
Total	: 82 :	30 :	63 :	123 :	298

(d) Police

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>
TARAKAN	1	47
det to BOELOENGAN	-	3
det to NOENOEKAN	-	1
det to BERAOE	-	1
det to MALINAU	-	-
det to BOEJOE	-	-
Recruits	-	91
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	1	143
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2. MEDICAL

(a) General health - satisfactory

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(b) Predominating Diseases

12 cases Tuberculosis
 3 cases Pneumonia
 3 cases Amoebic Dysentery
 2 cases Bacillary Dysentery
 3 cases Malaria Falciparum
 6 cases Malaria Vivax
 5 cases Leprosy
 1 case Tetanus
 12 cases Thrombosis

(c) Admissions to Hospital - 18(d) Patients in hospital - 1543. LABOUR

Indonesians employed by Force.....100
 Indonesians employed by NICA.....1300
 Indonesians employed by Tech Bn.....1100

 Total available for employment 2500

4. ACCOMMODATION

(a)

Locality	:Family: :Houses:	:Euro-: :Barracks:	:Indo-: :peans:	:Chi-: :nesians:	:Total
District I	: 135 :	: 5 :	: - :	: 630 :	: 630 :
District IV	: 200 :	: 11 :	: - :	: 2218 :	: 2257 :
District VI	: 291 :	: 44 :	: 40 :	: 4581 :	: 7265 :
SIHENGKOK	: 78 :	: - :	: - :	: 277 :	: 301 :
LINGKAS	: 5 :	: 5 :	: - :	: 111 :	: 122 :
SELOEMIT	: - :	: 3 :	: - :	: 55 :	: 55 :
BOOM PAMOESIAN	: - :	: 3 :	: - :	: - :	: 37 :
PENINGKI	: 27 :	: - :	: - :	: - :	: 400 :
Total	: 736 :	: 71 :	: 40 :	: 7872 :	: 11067 :

(b) Water supply - inadequate(c) Electric Light - HQ, Police Offrs, Bath houses, Kitchens, and Barracks of officers and higher Asiatic personnel.5. SUPPLIESAdequacy of food

Only sufficient rice until the beginning of Jan 46. Consequent upon permission from HQ MOROTAI Force, the launch BEATRIX was sent to TOLI TOLI in the CELEBES to bring back rice contracted for in Oct. BEATRIX can bring back one week's supply, but takes about 12 days turn around. The food situation is definitely acute.

6. OIL

(a) 299 wells ready for pumping.

(b) Repair 4 Jap destroyed wells temporarily abandoned. 14 have been completed. Repairs continuing on 1 well.

(c) 212 wells cleaned, 35 for a second time. Changed 17 pump barrels, 176 travelling valves, and completed 24 strainer jobs.

...../(d)

(d) Repaired rod lines to 188 wells; laid new ones to 77 wells.

(e) Tank Farm repair:

Dismantling Tank 10 - 60% complete
Dismantling Tank 13 - 10% complete
Repairing Tank 15 - 90% complete
Foundation Tank 16 - complete.

(f) Buildings :

Storehouse at LINGKAS 80% complete
Workshop for Power House 80% complete
Repairs BPM Garage 50% complete
Foundations for 8 houses commenced.
120 ATAP houses for Indonesians - complete.

(g) Production

Owing to lack of storage facilities, all pumping was stopped 16 Dec 45.

(h) Deliveries

16 Dec 45	-	300 tons	-	VAN HELMSKERK
17 Dec 45	-	150 tons	-	RIVER MURCHISON
21 Dec 45	-	300 tons	-	HMAS GASCOYNE

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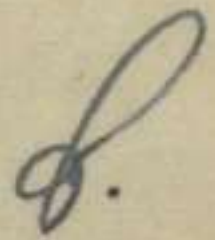
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Adv HQ AMF

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1. Ref 1 Corps AG1320 of 1 Jun 45 and your CA 114 of 11 Oct 45.
2. Herewith at Appendix "A" detailed report on Civil Affairs on TARAKAN for week ending 15 Dec 45.


Lt-Col
Adm Comd 26 Inf Bde

DETAILED REPORT ON CIVIL AFFAIRS ON TARAKAN FOR
WEEK ENDING 15 DEC 45

PERSONNEL

1. (a) Number of civilians controlled on TARAKAN

	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Europeans	32	2	6	40
Asiatic	1357	523	1137	3017
Javanese	3086	784	993	4863
Other Indonesians	1770	430	679	2879
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	6245	1739	2815	10799
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(b) Strength of NICA detachments

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>
Military personnel: TARAKAN	13	22
det to NOENOEKAN	1	-
det to BERAOE	1	-
Civil personnel : TARAKAN	6	-
det to NOENOEKAN	1	-
det to BERAOE	1	-
det to MALINAU	1	-
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	24	22
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(c) Other civil affairs personnel (excl BOELONGAN & BERAOE)

<u>Occupation</u>	<u>HQ</u>	<u>Supply</u>	<u>Hospital</u>	<u>RNN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Clerks	36	24	3	3	66
Asst Clerks	2	6	-	-	8
Teachers	10	-	-	-	10
Village Heads	8	-	-	-	8
Customs	17	-	-	-	17
Med Orderlies	-	-	47	-	47
Craft personnel: pilots etc.	-	-	-	119	119
Sundry	9	-	13	1	23
TOTAL	82	30	63	123	298

(d) Police

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>
TARAKAN	1	47
det to BOELONGAN	-	3
det to NOENOEKAN	-	1
det to BERAOE	-	1
det to MALINAU	-	-
det to BOENJOE	-	-
Recruits	-	91
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MEDICAL

2. (a) General Health - satisfactory

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(b) Predominating Diseases

12 cases	Tuberculosis
7 "	Pneumonia
2 "	Amoebic Dysentery
3 "	Bacilliary Dysentery
4 "	Plasmodium Falciparum
6 "	Plasmodium Vivax
5 "	Leprosy
1 "	Tetanus
6 "	Yaws

(c) Admissions to hospital - 39(d) Deaths - 1 (meningitis pneumoecia)(e) Patients in hospital -151LABOUR3. Indonesian :

Employed by FORCE.....	400
" " NICA.....	800
" " Tech Bn.....	1300

Total available for employment	2500

ACCOMMODATION4. (a) Buildings

District	:Family: :houses:	Bar- :racks:	:Euro- :peans	:Indo- :nesians:	:Chinese:	: :Total
District I	: 114	: 5	: -	: 630	: -	: 630
District IV	: 188	: 11	: -	: 2218	: 18	: 2236
District VI	: 278	: 44	: 40	: 4581	: 2458	: 7079
SIBENGGOK	: 74	: -	: -	: 277	: 13	: 290
LINGKAS	: 3	: 5	: -	: 101	: 5	: 106
SELOEMIT	: -	: 3	: -	: 55	: -	: 55
BOOM PAMDESIAN:	: -	: 2	: -	: -	: 28	: 28
PENINGKI	: 27	: -	: -	: -	: 365	: 365
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(b) Water supply - inadequate(c) Electric light - to HQ, Blice office, Bathhouses, Kitchens and Barracks of officers and higher asiatic personnel.SUPPLIES

5. (a) Sufficient rice till beginning of JAN 46. permission granted to send a vessel to TOLI TOLI in the CELEBES to collect rice.

(b) Otherwise see last week report.

OIL

6. (a) 291 wells ready for pumping.

(b) Temporarily abandoned repair on 4 Jap destroyed wells; 12 wells have been completed and repairs are continuing on 3.

(c) 204 cleaned, 31 for a second time; changed 15 pump barrels, 173 travelling valves and completed 19 strainer jobs.

(3)

(d) Repaired rod lines to 183 wells laid new one to 70 wells.

(e) Tank farm repair LINGKAS

Dismantling tank	10	-	55% complete
"	"	11	- 100% "
"	"	13	- Commenced
Repairing	"	15	- 85% complete
"	"	16	- Working on foundation

(f) Tank Battery Repair

Continuing repairs on TB3 and TB47.

(g) Buildings

Main storehouse completed	
storehouse at LINGKAS	- 60%
Workshop for power house	- 60%
Repairs BPM garage	- 20%
Preparations for 8 houses	
Completed 90 Atap houses for INDONESIANS	

(h) Production

PP 1, 4, 6, 7, 13, 18 and 20 have been in continuous operation during the week. 66 wells were producing 700 barrels per day.

(i) Deliveries

10 Dec 45	HMAS KANIMBLA	250 tons
12 Dec 45	LUNA	170 tons
13 Dec 45	HMAS GAWLER	110 tons
	TOTAL	530 tons

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 26 INF BDE

2013001

TO : LIST A

G688 UNCLASSIFIED (.) HMAS GASCOYNE (.) ref 26 inf bde demobilization
instrs 22 and 23 (.) personnel carrying cut lunch will come at TARA
KAN DETAILS DEPOT at 211330I dec 45 (.) HQ AASC will supply 8 x 2½ ton
trucks to TARA
KAN DETAILS DEPOT at 211400I dec

[Signature]
Maj

SDS

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM : 26 INF BDE

201500I

TO : LIST B (Less serials 40-42)

QG689 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) Christmas Fare (.) arrangements have been made for sups to be made available ex LABUAN (.) Capt LIVINGSTON HQ AASC will proceed to LABUAN 21 Dec to make arrangements (.) units will complete proforma att at Appx "A" in duplicate together with a certified strength state of strength on Christmas Day (.) AACS is providing 3/6 per member and public funds 1/6 per member for AMF personnel to meet this cost (.) as no cash office is available on TARAKAN it will be necessary for units to restrict their total purchases to 5/- per member and calculate their requirements accordingly (.) RAAF will effect payment either through cash office LABUAN or 1 TAF RAAF.

[Handwritten signature]
Maj

SDS

*And submit to this
HQ by 210000I
Dec*

PRO FORMA MESSAGE

FROM : 26 INF BDE

171315I

TO : LIST A

QG 681

unclassified (.) ref 26 inf bde demobilization instr 21 (.)
personnel for embarkation RIVER MURCHISON will conc at
TARAKAN DETAILS DEPOT at 191300I dec (.) personnel of 2 pl
2/10 port op coy will conc as arranged by TARAKAN DETAILS
DEPOT (.) cut lunch will NOT be required (.) HQ AASC is
requested to place on board at 191000I 19 days sups for 270
personnel incl 2 days bread and 2 days fresh meat

 Maj

SDS

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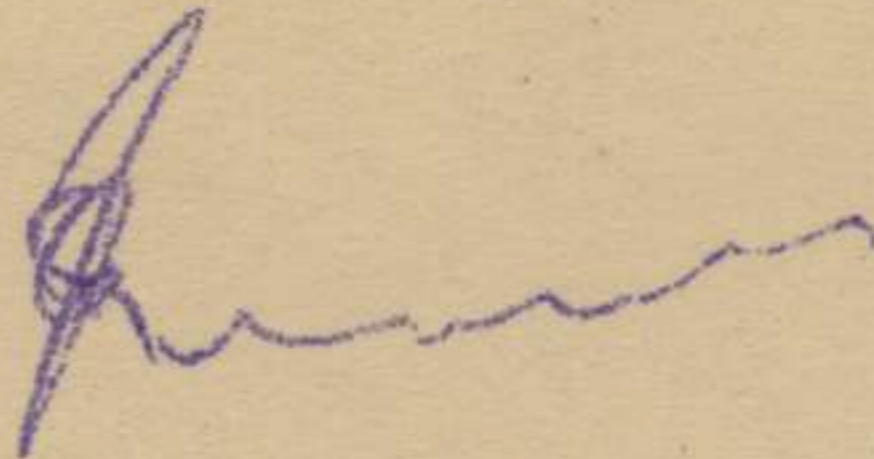
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TO : LIST A

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unclassified (.) all units will maintain tele comms with this HQ until the last possible moment prior to embarkation of personnel (.) unless otherwise authorised telephones will NOT be disconnected until one hour prior to the time notified for personnel to conc at TARAKAN DETAILS DEPOT (.) assistance with telephones will be given by bde sig offr on request (.) FORCE switch will be advised when tele are being disconnected



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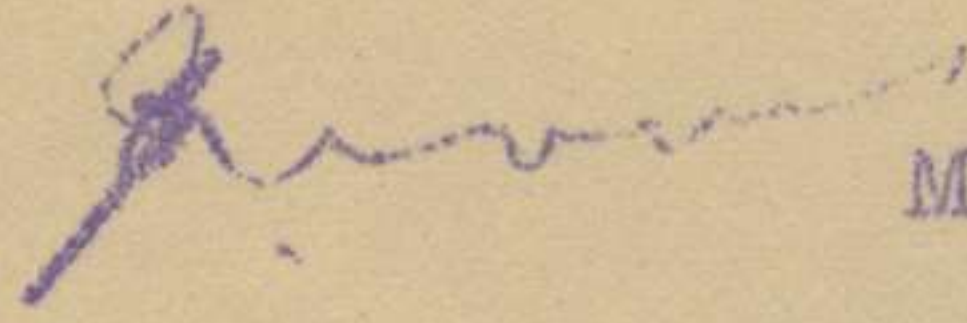
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FROM: 26 INF BDE

161330I

TO : LIST A

QG680 UNCLASSIFIED (.) final mov from TARAKAN (.) first (.) units will submit to this HQ by 181700I dec following returns (.) all returns excl personnel moving on RIVER MURCHISON (.) A (.) details of personnel for reposting in MOROTAI vide 26 inf bde demobilization instr 20 para 5 (.) B (.) details of ^{by ranks and trades} personnel/NOT incl A above with less than 125 points and less than 12 months tropical service outside AUST excl unit cadres (.) C (.) names of offr numbers WOs sgts and R and F NOT incl A or B above for each of the following destinations (.) MOROTAI BALIK-PAPAN LABUAN AUST (.) second (.) units are reminded of the necessity of leaving clean and tidy camps (.) this can only be done by cleaning areas especially tp areas the day before embarkation (.) rear parties will not be possible but embarkation will be arranged to give units max daylight to close off camps (.) particular care will be taken to ensure all unit signs are removed (.) careful planning and preliminary work at this stage will facilitate an efficient evacuation on day of embarkation


Maj

SDS

ADDRESS BY INDONESIAN REPRESENTATIVE AT AUSTRALIAN
WAR CEMETERY TARAKAN

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today we are assembled here in the name of the Indonesian population of Tarakan to utter our gratitude towards the dead, who have fallen victim during the invasion of this island on the 1st of May 1945.

This sacrifice will always be remembered and we all hope it will be a solid foundation for the renewing of Indonesian and also a fastening of the ties of friendship between the Australian people and the Indonesians.

The Committee

The Chairman

(Sgd) Dr. M. Jasin

(Sgd)

Tarakan, 16th December 1945.

Subject : WEEKLY "C" REPORT TO 1800 HRS 15 DEC 45

HQ 26 Inf Bde
QG/35A/304
17 Dec 45

Adv HQ AMF

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1. Ration Strength

AMF.....	693
RAN.....	5
RAAF.....	187
NICA.....	226
NEI.....	325
Jap PW.....	207

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2. Rations - As per stock sheets attached

3. Air Movement

Movements outward for the week were limited to 1 compassionate leave to AUSTRALIA. There are no personnel awaiting movement.

4. Shipping

KANIMBLA sailed 10 Dec 45 for disembarkation SYDNEY, loaded as follows :-

(a) Unit Cadres


	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>
53 Comp AA Regt (less Wksp)	12	97
C Sqn Sec 2/9 Armd Regt Wksp	1	6
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	13	103

(b) Miscellaneous personnel for disembarkation MOROTAI and AUST

25	844
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38	947
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5. Native Labour

<u>Date</u>	<u>Natives employed</u>
10 Dec	274
11 Dec	301
12 Dec	258
13 Dec	258
14 Dec	183


Adm Comd 26 Inf Bde. Lt Col.

HQ 26 Inf Bde
19 Dec 45

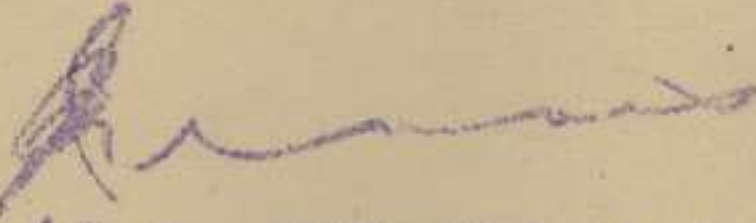
26 INF BDE DEMOBILIZATION INSTR 23

HMAS GASCOYNE

(To be read in conjunction with 26 Inf Bde Demobilization Instr 22)

1. HMAS GASCOYNE eta TARAKAN 21 Dec 45 will embark all available personnel as under for MOROTAI discharge :
- 2.(a) NX200340 Capt D.H. COHEN 2/23 Inf Bn to 2/9 AGF
NX119984 Lt C.R.E. WARREN 64 BIPOD to Bulk Pet
Storage Coy.

(b) Personnel with less than 125 points and less than 12 months tropical service, vide 26 Inf Bde Demobilization Instr 22, for reposting in FIRST ARMY area.
3. OC Tps : Lt C.R.E. WARREN
Ship's MO : Capt D.H. COHEN
4. HQ AASC will place on board 3 days rations for 120 personnel as required by MOV TARAKAN.
5. Personnel will be conc at TARAKAN DETAILS DEPOT at a time to be notified. They will carry a cut lunch.


(J.O. GEDDES) Maj.
BM 26 Inf Bde.

Distribution : List "A"

LOAD TABLE

Serial	Unit	Offrs	CRs	Vehs	Tons meas stores out of vehs
<u>LST A for AUST</u>					
1.	HQ 26 Inf Bde	2	33	-	10
2.	2/9 Armd Regt	3	34	26	-
3.	2/13 Fd Coy	1	25	3	16
4.	Pl 5 Mech Sqpt Coy	1	3	-	13
5.	4 Pl 2/1 Guard Regt	-	13	-	-
6.	HQ 1 Air Maint Coy	1	8	-	2
7.	det 4 Bulk Pet Storage Coy	-	3	-	-
8.	246 Sup Depot Pl	1	6	-	2
9.	2/3 Fd Basing Pl	-	6	-	-
10.	110 CCS	2	23	-	1
11.	2/123 Bde wksp	2	29	8	-
12.	TOTAL LST A for AUST	13	183	37	44
<u>LST B for AUST</u>					
13.	26 Inf Bde Sig Sec)	2	30	-	8
14.	49 wireless sec (Hy))				11
15.	50 Cipher sec)				-
16.	2/3 Pnr Bn	8	28	-	3
17.	51 Tpt Pl	1	24	-	1
18.	9 Div Pro Coy	1	12	-	-
19.	17 AOD	-	6	-	-
20.	RAAF	approx 80 personnel, and vehs to capacity			
<u>LST C for AUST and MOROTAI</u>					
21.	HQ 26 Inf Bde	5	3	-	(for MOROTAI)
22.	2/13 Fd Coy	1	-	-	"
23.	2/3 Pnr Bn	-	16	-	"
24.	HQ 1 Air Maint Coy	1	-	-	"
25.	246 Sup Depot Pl	-	3	-	"
26.	174 FOD	2	20	-	"
27.	11 MC Gp	1	7	-	(for MOROTAI, LABUAN and BALIKPAPAN)
28.	RAAF	approx 40 personnel and vehs			

8. Pro will be made available to Loading Offrs as required.

9. Comms

Sig Offr will provide tele comms at both ends of the Pontoon Pier and connected to AUSTBASE SWITCHBOARD. Tele comms will be maintained until all tps are embarked, and w/T comms until final sigs regarding embarkation etc have been passed.

10. Documentation

Documentation will be completed in accordance with para 12 of 26 Inf Bde Demobilization Instr 17, and nominal rolls will be lodged with TARAkan DETAILS DEPOT by 2218001 Dec.

Bills of Lading for stores and vehs to be shipped will be forwarded to MOV TARAkan by 2218001 Dec.

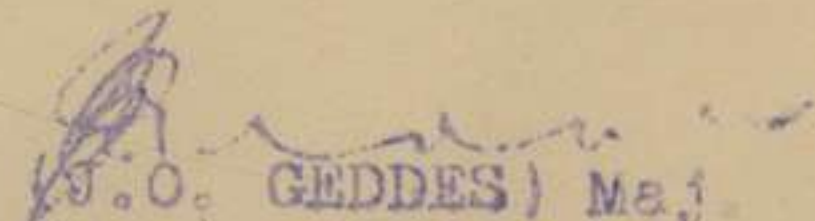
11. Org of Drafts

All personnel for AUST will be moved as unit cadre, and on arrival will be discharged or reposted as applicable. This does NOT imply that such personnel are on the unit cadre, but the plan is envisaged to facilitate documentation and mov.

12. Further instr to implement this mov will be issued later.

13. Tarpaulins

Each OC Tps will arrange with OO to load at least 10 tent flies to be loaded on each LST for shelters on the weather deck.


J.O. GEDDES) Maj
BM 26 Inf Bde

Distribution : List "A"

26 INF BDE DEMOBILIZATION INSTR 24

FINAL MOV FROM TARAKAN

1. LSTs 9, 324 and 408 eta TARAKAN noon 24 Dec 45. All remaining personnel and vehs (AMF and RAAF) will be embarked. It is anticipated that loading will begin a.m. 26 Dec 45.
2. LSTs will sail for BRISBANE via MOROTAI and will discharge at MOROTAI all personnel for duty or reposting in this area.

3. OC Tps

The following are appointed OC Tps :-

LST A	-	Capt B.L. BRENNEN	2/9 Armd Regt
LST B	-	Capt R.L. DUNN	2/3 Pnr Bn
LST C	-	Capt A.G. LIVINGSTON	HQ AASC

Note : LST A will be the first to berth, LST B the second, and LST C the third.

4. Ships' MOs

The following ships MOs are appointed :-

LST A	-	Maj W.B. DORSCH	110 CCS
LST B	-	Capt R.C. HEDDLE	2/7 Fd Regt
LST C	-	F/L GAVAN	RAAF

5. Loading Officers

The following are appointed Loading Offrs :-

LST A	-	Lt A.L. WILCOTT	2/9 Armd Regt
LST B	-	Lt R.J. STONE	26 Inf Bde Sig Sec
LST C	-	Lt J.G. CANTRELL	2/3 Pnr Bn

Loading offrs are responsible for the preparation of stowage diagrams and, in conjunction with MOV TARAKAN, for submission to the Executive Offr of the LST for approval prior to starting loading.

Loading offrs will call forward vehs and stores through Veh Marshalling Offr as required. They will ensure that the loading is completed in accordance with the stowage plan and will organise sufficient working parties to shackle all vehs as required.

Loading offrs will report to this Hq 201500I Dec 45.

Load Tables are att at Appendix "A".

6. Veh Marshalling Offr

Lt M. JOHNSTONE, HQ 26 Inf Bde, is appointed Veh Marshalling Offr. He will liaise direct with MOV TARAKAN, 9 TMO RAAF, LST Loading Offrs and units regarding assembling of vehs.

7. Working Parties

JAP labour will be supplied by 2/3 Pnr Bn as required by Loading Offrs. Loading Offrs will submit requests for labour to this Hq.

AUSTRALIAN ARMY CANTEENS SERVICE
1. AUST CORPS

REQUISITION FOR XMAS FARE

This requisition is to be submitted in duplicate.

Triplicate copy will be retained by unit.

UNIT:.....

ANTICIPATED STRENGTH AS AT 25 DEC 45.....

POINT AT WHICH ALLOCATION IS REQUIRED.....

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Maximum Allocation Per Man</u>	<u>Selling Price</u>		<u>Anticipated quantity Required</u>
		<u>Guilders</u>	<u>S.Dollars</u>	
Turkey or Chicken	8 ozs	.85 lb	.95 lb	
Hams Salted OR Hams Tinned	3 "	.80 lb 1.00 lb	.90 lb 1.15 lb	
Xmas Pudding	4 "	.55 lb	.60 lb	
Figs	1/3 "	.30 (8 oz pkt)	.35 (8 oz pkt)	
Muscateles	4 ozs	.50 lb	.55 lb	
Almonds & Raisins	2 1/2 ozs	.25 (8 oz pkt)	.30 (8 oz pkt)	
Cream Tinned	2 "	.10 tin	.10 tin	
Tinned Fruit	AS Required	List Price	List Price	
Cordial	"	"	"	

NOTE: A. All items and quantities subject to availability of stocks.

B. All prices subject to 7 1/2% Discount.

Specimen signature.....
(Authorised Unit Representative)

Signature.....
(Commanding Officer)

Subject : HANDOVER 26 INF BDE

HQ 26 Inf Bde
GS/26A/130
21 Dec 45

CONICA XI TARAKAN
CO RNIA TARAKAN

Copy to :

War Diary ✓

1. On the final withdrawal of 26 Inf Bde and all AUSTRALIAN troops on TARAKAN, local commands will be passed to addressees.
2. (a) CONICA XI
 - (i) Responsibility for Civil administration
 - (ii) On transfer without commitment to purchase, the CROYDON air strip.
- (b) CO RNIA
 - (i) Operational responsibility for TARAKAN;
 - (ii) Accommodation and maintenance of 2 personnel of AUSTRALIAN WAR GRAVES MAINTENANCE UNIT (PACIFIC AREA detachment);
 - (iii) Custody and maintenance of JAPANESE disarmed personnel at present held in PW compound.
3. The following documents are attached for CO RNIA only for information :
 - (a) Adv HQ AMF G040.2 ops of 5 Dec 45
re Relief of AMF in NEI by BRITISH and DUTCH FORCES
 - (b) Adv HQ AMF AQ/301.2/Q2 of 9 Dec 45
re Maintenance of the Japanese Surrendered Forces, together with this HQ QG676 and LANDOPS Q2464.
 - (c) HQ MOROTAI FORCE G040.2 ops of 17 Dec 45
re Control of Japanese Forces in the AMF area of responsibility.
 - (d) HQ 26 Inf Bde AG/30A/295 of 15 Dec 45
giving nominal roll of Japanese held at that date, together with another roll showing when captured.

(J.O. GEDDES) Maj.
EM 26 Inf Bde.


PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM : 26 INF BDE

221610I

TO : LIST A

QG692 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) vehs NOT being taken to ASST (.) units will return maximum number of vehs to veh pk near swimming pool as soon as practicable (.) those vehs required until the last day will be returned to a temporary veh park to be established at Bulk Petrol Filling Point area on day of embarkation of personnel (.) this pk will receive vehs up to the time of LST sailing but units will make preliminary arrangements with OO before hand.

 Maj

SDS

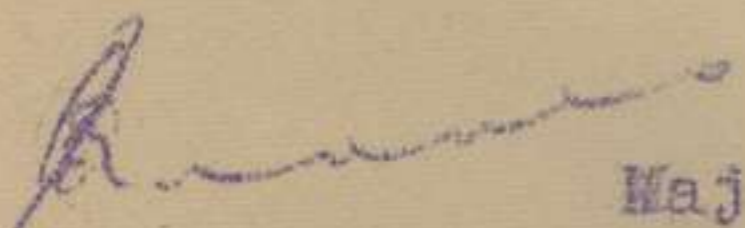
PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM : 26 INF BDE

221610I

TO : LIST A

AG740 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) Following are declared rest days during CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR period (.) CHRISTMAS DAY 25 Dec BOXING DAY 26 Dec, 27 Dec, 28 Dec, 31 Dec 45 and NEW YEARS DAY 1 Jan 46 (.) owing to the impracticability of granting local leave for relaxation in this area approval is given to carry forward as recreation leave up to 4 of these rest days if they are NOT observed as rest days (.) credits will be entered forthwith in AAB A83 and AAF A63 accordingly (.) authority LANDFORCES AG100204 of 201115K.

 Maj

SDS

PRO FORMA MESSAGE

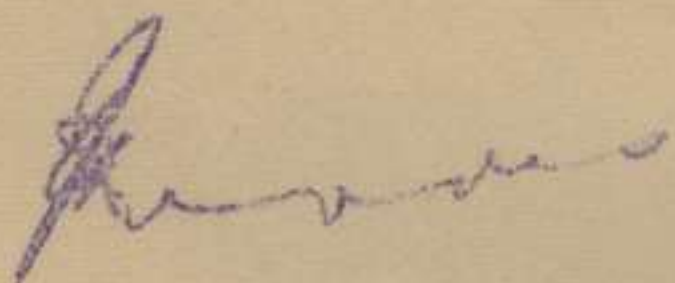
FROM : 26 INF BDE

230830I

TO : LIST B (less serials 38/42)

QG693

unclass (.) outwards mail (.) NICA have agreed to carry a small amount of air mail to MOROTAI 24 dec 45 (.) this will probably be the last AMF air mail to leave TARAKAN (.) mail closes FPO 036 240900I dec



Maj

SDS

PRO FORMA MESSAGE

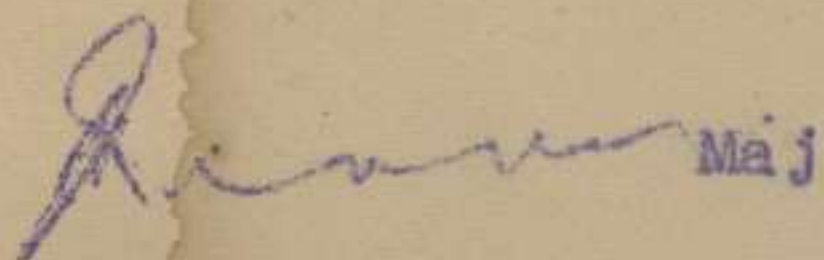
FROM : 26 INF BDE

230835I

TO : LIST B

G0272

unclass (.) abbreviation security classification (.) following are authorised abbreviations for immediate use throughout AMF and with other british and dominion services (.) first (.) TOPSEC for TOP SECRET (.) second (.) SECRET same word (.) third (.) CONFD for CONFIDENTIAL (.) fourth (.) RESTD for RESTRICTED (.) fifth (.) UNCLASS for UNCLASSIFIED



Maj

SDS

Subject : WEEKLY "Q" REPORT TO 1800 HRS 22 DEC 45

HQ 26 Inf Bde
QG/35A/316
23 Dec 45

HQ MOROTAI FORCE

Copy to :

War Diary ✓

1. RATION STRENGTH

AMF.....	368
RAN.....	5
RAAF.....	97
NICA.....	226
RNIA.....	325
Jap PW.....	207

	1228

2. RATIONS - As per Stock Sheets attached

3. AIR MOVEMENTS

3 personnel only moved out during the week.

4. SHIPPING

(a) RIVER MURCHISON sailed 19 Dec 45 via BALIKPAPAN for disembarkation SYDNEY.

(1) <u>Unit Cadres</u>	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>
2/13 Comp AA Regt Wksp	1	9
2 Pl 2/10 Port Op Coy	1	48
2/15 Tpt Pl	1	5
2/2 MAO Pl	-	2
64 BIPOD	-	4
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	3	68
(ii) <u>Units for re-allotment</u>		
2/2 Dental Unit	1	8
(iii) <u>For Reposting or Demob</u>	2	109
(iv) <u>For disembarkation BALIKPAPAN</u>	1	6
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	7	191
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(b) HMAS GASCOYNE sailed 21 Dec 45 for MOROTAI.

Personnel for reposting 2 124

(c) Three LST are due 24 Dec 45 to load balance AMF and RAAF personnel and vehicles. This will complete the evacuation of TARAKAN.

(d) TARASCON expected 24 Dec 45 to lift 70,000 galls each AVGAS and MORGAS for MOROTAI.

5. NATIVE LABOUR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Natives employed</u>
17 Dec 45	72
18 Dec 45	72
19 Dec 45	37
20 Dec 45	37
21 Dec 45	71
22 Dec 45	65

6. CONCLUSION : As this HQ is expected to close 27 Dec 45, this will be the final "Q" report submitted by this HQ.

Anderson
Lt Col.
Adm Comd 26 Inf Bde.

Subject : HISTORICAL RECORDS

HQ 26 Inf Bde
GS/26A/131
23 Dec 45

Military History Sec
SHOWGROUNDS SYDNEY

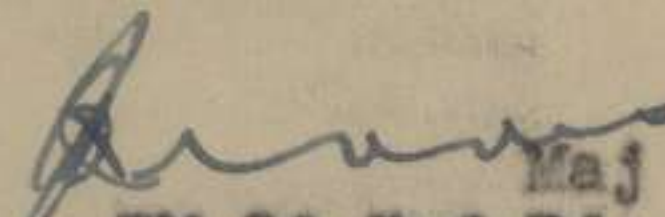
Copies to :

HQ AMP
HQ MOROTAI FORCE
War Diary ✓

1. Action is being taken to forward to Military History Sec SHOWGROUNDS SYDNEY the undermentioned which are considered may have some value as war relics.

- (a) Signboard 6' x 3' marked "FORCE HEADQUARTERS". This signboard was erected outside the HQ of this Bde for the duration of the Bde domicile on TARAKAN including the operations culminating in the capture of the island.
- (b) Metal roadside sign approx 3' x 1' 6". This sign was constructed by 2/78 LAD (attached this HQ) in PALESTINE Dec 1941 after the Bde had withdrawn from TOBRUK. It has since that date always been placed outside the HQ of the Bde. During this period the HQ was in PALESTINE, SYRIA, EL ALAMEIN, AHERTON TARIELANDS, LAE, FINSCHHAFEN (incl SATELBERG), MOROTAI and finally TARAKAN. It has been repainted several times in accordance with the variations in the numbers allotted as unit signs. First 58 on brown ground then 65 on a brown ground and finally 26 on a red ground.
68

2. These signs will be taken to AUSTRALIA with unit cadre and forwarded to the address indicated.


Maj
BM 26 Inf Bde

26 INF BDE DEMOBILIZATION INSTR 25

FINAL MOVE FROM TARAKAN

1. This instr is in addition to and to be read in conjunction with 26 Inf Bde Demobilization Instr 24.

2. EMBARKATION OF PERSONNEL

(a) The maximum number of personnel who can be spared by units will come at TARAKAN DETAILS DEPOT at a time to be notified.

(b) Those essential personnel who cannot be come at that time will be embarked as convenient by direct arrangements between units concerned and TARAKAN DETAILS DEPOT (in liaison with MC). It is stressed that these personnel will be reduced to the minimum. Units will advise TARAKAN DETAILS DEPOT of personnel affected by 251800I Dec.

3. All personnel will carry:

21 days atabrin
21 days canteen sups
Tents mosquito) Personnel for MORDEAI will take these
Cots folding) items, those for AUST may take cots
folding.

Advice regarding cut lunches will be issued in sig re come.

4. RATIONS

HQ AASC will place on board 5 days rations for all personnel being embarked as under:-

LST "A"	196
" "B"	158
" "C"	108

5. CLEARING CAMP AREAS

Units are given a final reminder that unit areas will be left clean and tidy with all rubbish etc burned. It is particularly requested that units remove all units signs prior to departure.

6. RATIONS POL ETC

Units will carefully review their holdings of these items and will return surplus quantities to AASC as soon as possible but NOT later than 261000I Dec.

PP	closes	251000I Dec
FSD/DID	"	251200I Dec

AF W3810 will be submitted to HQ AASC by 261500I Dec for period ending 27 Dec 45. Should embarkation NOT take place on 27 Dec 45 as is anticipated then amended instr will be issued.

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7. AEME

2/123 Bde Wksp will provide 1 DT wrecker for lifting heavy eqpt of 49 wireless eq (Hy). Bde sig offr will liaise direct with 2/123 Bde Wksp.

2/123 Bde Wksp closes at 251200I Dec except that 1 DT wrecker will be provided for recovery until embarkation is complete.

8. COMNS

W/T comns close sailing time minus 9 hrs.

L/T comns close sailing time minus 2 hrs.

SDS ceases sailing time minus 2 hrs.

All units who have last minute comns to be dispatched by W/T will forthwith advise Bde sig offr who will then check with that unit immediately prior to closing W/T net to ensure all comns are cleared.

9. UNIT STORES

(a) Prior to loading commencing Veh Marshalling Offr will contact units and advise them the time their stores are required.

(b) Units will advise this HQ by 251600I Dec number of AASC vehs required for lifting unit stores. Loading vehs is a unit responsibility, unloading that of the ships loading offr.

(c) Units may retain minimum last minute stores and will liaise direct with loading offrs regarding time of loading.

10. KIT INSPECTION

OC Ips are responsible for the implementation of GRC 275/45

11. OFFRS

This HQ is submitting application for posting to EOL of offrs as appropriate.

12. COMD

At a time to be notified this HQ closes and at the same time ceases to exist as a fm. On arrival at destination units and personnel will come under comd HQ of area of disembarkation.

13. VEH PARK

Temporary veh pk vide our QG592 will not operate until embarkation of personnel vide para 2 (a) above commences.

Distribution : List A


Maj
BM 26 Inf Bde

War Diary

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 26 INF BDE

TO : LIST B

QG699 UNCLASS (.) 26 inf bde demobilization instr 24 and 25 (.) following allotment LST (.) A 408 B 9 C 324 (.) all available personnel conc TARAKAN DETAILS DEPOT as under cut lunches NOT required (.) LST B and C by 271400I dec (.) LST A by 271500I dec (.) HQ AASC provide 8 x 2½ ton trucks TARAKAN DETAILS DEPOT 271500I dec (.) units requiring tpt for conc of tps submit demands to this HQ by 270900I dec (.) AASC 2½ ton vehs NOT available for this purpose between 271500I and 271600I dec (.) units to maintain tele comms until 271400I dec and advise FORCE switch when disconnecting phone (.) FORCE and AUST BASE switch boards close 271800I dec (.) W/T comms close 271800I dec (.) temp veh pk opens 271200I dec closes 280800I dec (.) mails etc for MOROTAI per LST close FPO 036 271200I dec (.) this HQ closes 271800I dec (.) ETD all LST 280900I dec (.) all personnel to be embarked by that time vide 26 inf bde demobilization instr 25 para 2(b) (.) LST A departs SOUTH PIER (.) LST B and C depart PONTOON PIER

[Handwritten signature]

SDB

Subject : TRANSFER INSTALLATIONS ETC - TARAKAN

War Diary

HQ 26 Inf Bde
QG/104B/318
26 Dec 45

HQ MOROTAI FORCE

Copy to :

War Diary A

1. Ref your Q2454 of 181500I dec and Q2522 of 251030I dec.

2. As requested, forwarded herewith at Appendix "A" are 5 copies of the schedule of installations etc constituting real or permanent assets created directly by AUSTRALIAN forces on TARAKAN.

3. The schedule includes :-

(a) Bulk Oil Installations

In accordance with previous instructions, the bulk oil installation on TARAKAN was offered to NICA, who stated they did not wish to buy the installation but only the 7 tanks. These tanks have been used for AVGAS and MCGAS, but NICA intend converting them for use with the oil production on TARAKAN (and have already converted one tank). Some of these tanks will subsequently be moved to other parts of the island, and as an installation they had no value to NICA especially as the piping used was of an unusual variety and not a commercial proposition, accordingly the 7 tanks were transferred to NICA. The relevant documentation was forwarded to your HQ through service channels some time ago.

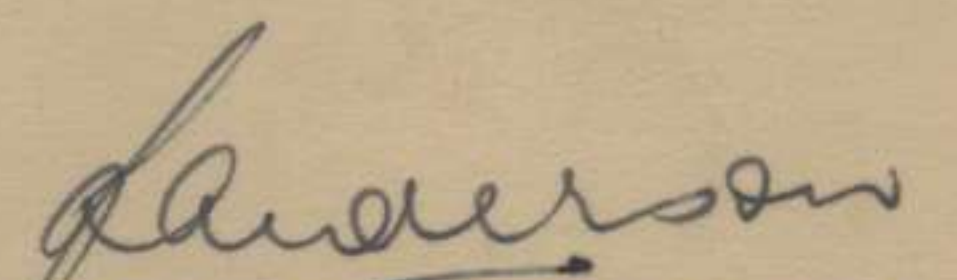
(b) CROYDON Air Strip

This strip, built by the DUTCH before the war, was damaged by Allied bombing and was repaired by this Force. The repair work was done by two RAAF Airfield Construction Sqn. As one Sqn moved from here in July and the other has been disbanded, it has not been possible to assess costs as requested. The information given in the schedule is the best that can be produced in the circumstances.

4. POWTOON PIER

This is an asset; but it was built by US units attached to this Force with, as far as is known, US materials. None of the construction costs is available, but presumably this is not a matter for settlement between the AUSTRALIAN and DUTCH Governments, and has been excluded from the schedule.

5. Documents for transfer on Custody basis without commitment to purchase of installations etc referred to in para 3 above are attached.


(J.A. ANDERSON) Lt Col.
Adm Comd 26 Inf Bde.

SCHEDULE OF INSTALLATIONS - TARAKAN

I. BULK PETROLEUM INSTALLATIONS

1. Materials used in construction - see attached list.
2. Labour used in construction - 4,000 man days.
3. Plant and equipment used in construction :
 - Tracked tractors - 8,000 HP hrs
 - Tipping trucks - 200 truck days.
4. Tons measurement of stores - 150.
5. Percentages of life remaining :
 - Tanks - 80%
 - Pipes and pipe fittings - 30%

II. REPAIR CROYDON AIR STRIP

1. Materials used in repair :
 - 1000 Tons measurement (1600 Tons dead weight)
2. Labour used in repair approx ---
 - 2 Airfield Construction Sqns RAAF
 - for 8 weeks (7 day, 24 hrs per day)
3. Plant and equipment used in repair - no details.
4. Percentage life remaining - %

III. The above are the only installations etc on TARAKAN created or repaired directly by AUSTRALIANS that are considered can be classed as real and permanent assets.

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BULK PETROLEUM INSTALLATIONS - TARAKAN

SCHEDULE OF MATERIALS USED IN CONSTRUCTION

Serial	Description	Unit	Quantity	Remarks
1.	Piping 4" (Invasion type) grooved for VICTAULIC couplings	Lin. ft	4900	
2.	Piping 6" (Invasion type) grooved for VICTAULIC couplings	Lin. ft	5060	ALL
3.	Couplings VICTAULIC 4" diam	No.	280	stores
4.	Couplings VICTAULIC 6" diam	No.	300	
5.	Valves gate 4" diam	No.	23	of
6.	Valves gate 6" diam	No.	10	USA
7.	Tees 4" x 4" x 4" grooved for VICTAULIC couplings	No.	10	origin
8.	Tees 6" x 6" x 6" grooved for VICTAULIC couplings	No.	8	
9.	Tees reducing 6" x 6" x 4" grooved for VICTAULIC couplings	No.	8	
10.	Elbows 4" diam grooved for VICTAULIC couplings	No.	20	
11.	Elbows 6" diam grooved for VICTAULIC couplings	No.	18	
12.	Tanks steel bolted 1,000 bbl capacity	No.	7	
13.	Tanks steel bolted 2,000 bbl capacity	No.	1	
14.	Tanks steel bolted 10,000 bbl capacity	No.	1	
15.	Hose rubber armoured 6" diam with flanged connections	Lin. ft	60	

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

PRO FORMA 6.27

ISSUE AND TRANSFER VOUCHER

Voucher to (full postal address)		Stores consigned to RNF, NEI Tech Bn		Issuing Depot voucher No. 81		Full Part Completion	
Issued by : RAE Stores Depot TARAKAN		Type of trans action: Custody	Date 26 Dec 45	Depot Reference number		Receiving depot:	
		No. of sheets 1	Sheet no. 1	Originators Number			
Item No.	Vocab or Part No.	Vocabulary nomenclature			Quantity issued	Remarks	
1.	NTV	BULK PETROLEUM INSTALLATION - TARAKAN			1	7/ 1000 bbl tanks 1/ 2000 bbl tank 1/10000 bbl tank forming part of this installation have already been transferred to RNF NEI Tech Bn on repayment, vide Depot voucher P of Dec 45	

Transferred on Custody basis on 26 Dec 45 without commitment to purchase.

.....Capt.
J.W. JEZBER
Supply Offr, RNF, NEI Tech Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

PRO FORMA S.27.

ISSUE AND TRANSFER VOUCHER

Voucher to : (full postal address)		Stores consigned to : RNF, NEI Tech Bn		Issuing depot voucher No. P13		Full Part Completion	
Issued by : 61 ACW RAAF		Type of trans- action : CUSTODY	Date : 26 Dec 45	Depot reference No.		Receiving Depot :	
		No. of sheets 1	Sheet No. 1	Originators No.			
Item No.	Vocab or Part No.	Vocabularly nomenclature				Quantity issued	Remarks
1.	NIV	CROYDON AIR STRIP - TARAKAN				1	

Transferred on Custody basis on 26 Dec 45 without commitment to purchase.

.....Capt
J.W. JEZIKER
Supply offr. RNF, NEI Tech Bn.



The Force Comd

Lt Col J.A. ANDERSON ED

requests the pleasure

of the company

of

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for Short Drinks

on Christmas Eve

24 Dec '45

at 2000 hrs

at

FORCE HQ, TARAKAN

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RSVP by 22 Dec 45.
Mess Secretary,
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde Offrs' Mess.

NOTE: You are recommended to
hang out your Christmas
Stocking before you
leave camp.

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a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h
14.	<u>2/3 Pnr Bn</u> QX 38975 Lt A.S.BAUER 2/48 Bn NX126755 Maj J.F.WOOD 2/3 Pnr Bn NX127380 Capt T.E.HINCKSMAN 2/3 Pnr Bn NX 63965 Capt J.A.W.EWART 53 Comp AA NX124611 Lt J.H.HEAD 2/3 Pnr Bn NX140446 Lt D.R.LESLIE 2/3 Pnr Bn NX177995 Lt R.H.HATFIELD 2/7 Fd Regt VX 83088 Lt E.G.HULETT 2/3 Pnr Bn VX104139 Lt G.E.HERBERT 2/48 Inf Bn VX120540 Lt J.B.McCOLL 2/23 Inf Bn VX144546 Lt R.J.T.BANKS 2/23 Inf Bn VX 86134 Lt P.J.BOYLE 2/24 Inf Bn VX 50255 Lt F.J.CORLETT 2/24 Inf Bn VX146498 Lt W.A.BRYDIE 53 AA Regt SX 10330 Capt D.G.KIMBER 2/48 Inf Bn WX17663 Lt F.M.M.SMITH 2/23 Inf Bn	16	3	28	48	594	689
15.	<u>2/15 Tpt Pl</u>	-	-	1	3	4	8
16.	<u>246 Sup Depot Pl</u>	-	-	-	-	9	9
17.	<u>2/3 Fd Baking Pl</u>	-	-	-	-	4	4
18.	<u>51 Tpt Pl (Hy)</u>	-	-	-	-	1	1
19.	<u>64 BIPOD Pl</u>	-	-	-	-	6	6
20.	<u>A det 2/2 MAC Pl</u>	-	-	-	-	5	5
21.	<u>110 CCS</u> SX 10405 Maj R.H.HAMILTON (2/11 Amb)	1	-	1	-	8	10
22.	<u>174 FOD</u>	-	-	1	-	14 (R&F)	15
23.	<u>det AACS</u>	-	-	-	-	1	1
24.	<u>9 Div Sal Unit</u>	-	-	-	-	2	2
		17	3	33	55	684	792
	<u>SECTION D</u> <u>(SPECIAL PRIORITY DEMOB)</u>						
25.	NX177809 Pte BAKER J.K. 2/24 Inf Bn SX 17669 Pte FLORENCE K.R. 2/48 Inf Bn NX 88976 Gnr MATTHEWS H.T. 53 Comp AA Regt VX140705 Gnr HENKEL P. 53 Comp AA Regt VX 93352 Pte MOORE F.G.W. 2/24 Inf Bn						5
	TOTALS SECTIONS A, B, C and D	40	4	51	55	789	944

DRAFT "D"

Serial.	UNIT	Offr	Wos	Sets	Cpls	Ptes	Total all ranks
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h
<u>SECTION A</u> (UNITS & CADRES FOR DISEMBARKATION AUST)							
1.	<u>53 Comp AA Regt (less Wksp)</u>	12	-	16	-	81 (R&F)	109
2.	<u>C Sqn Sec. 2/9 Armd Regt Wksp</u>	1	1	-	-	6 (R&F)	8
3.	<u>C & D Secs 2/2 Dental Unit</u>	2	-	1	-	4 (R&F)	7
		15	1	17	-	91 (R&F)	124
<u>SECTION B</u> (UNITS ETC FOR DISEMBARKATION MOROTAI)							
4.	<u>112 det 1 Mob Cinema Unit</u>	-	-	-	-	1	1
5.	<u>8 War Graves Unit</u>	1	-	1	-	5 (R&F)	7
6.	<u>Det AACS</u>	-	-	-	-	2	2
7.	<u>174 FOD</u>	-	-	-	-	5 (R&F)	5
8.	<u>Miscellaneous personnel for duty and re-posting</u>	7	-	-	-	1	8
	VX 51148 Lt J.C.FORDYCE 2/7 AMCU						
	NX203554 Capt D.L.HOBSON 2/3 Pnr Bn						
	SX 34028 Chap W.T.TAYLOR 110 CCS						
	NX205421 Chap K.M.GROGAN 110 CCS						
	Chap ROBERTS 110 CCS						
	NX201971 Capt R.B.SYMONDS 2/4 Cdo Sqn						
	NX200337 Capt W.N.BENNETT 2/24 Inf Bn						
	WX 22872 Spr C.W.DAVIES 11 Small Ships Sec						
		8	-	1	-	14	23
<u>SECTION C</u> <u>PERSONNEL FOR DEMOB or REPOSTING</u> (see para 5)							
9.	HQ 26 Inf Bde	-	-	2	1	9	12
10.	2/13 Fd Coy	-	-	-	3	18	21
11.	5 Mech Eqpt Coy	-	-	-	-	1	1
12.	26 Inf Bde Sig Sec	-	-	-	-	6	6
13.	Det 49 Wireless Sec (Hy)	-	-	-	-	2	2

- 8. OC Tps - Lt Col A.F. YOUNG, 53 Comp AA Regt
Ship's SMO - Maj R.H.HAMILTON, 2/11 Fd Amb
Ship's Staff - appointed by OC Tps.

9. OC State Drafts

The following offr's are appointed OC State Drafts. They will be responsible for the personnel of their drafts from the time they are conc at TARAKAN DETAILS DEPOT until the personnel are reposted in their ultimate state of discharge, or until relieved of the responsibility by the relative HQ L of C Area. For duties relative to documentation, see 26 Inf Bde Demobilization Instr 15.

- Queensland - Lt A.E. BAUER, 2/48 Inf Bn
- New South Wales - Maj J.F.WOODS, 2/3 Pnr Bn
- Victoria) - Lt G.E. HERBERT, 2/48 Inf Bn
- Tasmania)
- South Australia - Capt D.G.KIMBER, 2/48 Inf Bn
- Western Australia - Lt F.M.M.SMITH, 2/23 Inf Bn
 (If in hospital when ship sails, Capt D.G.KIMBER will be responsible for Western Australia draft.)

10. Nominal Rolls

See para 12 of 26 Inf Bde Demobilization Instr 17. Documents will be at TARAKAN DETAILS DEPOT by 081800I.

11. Personnel

All personnel (cadres and drafts) will conc at TARAKAN DETAILS DEPOT at a time to be notified. They will carry out lunch. Only those personnel for disembarkation MOROTAI will carry cots folding and tents mosquito.

12. Canteen Sups

21 days voyage canteen sups will be issued to personnel prior to conc at TARAKAN DETAILS DEPOT.

13. Atebrin

21 days Atebrin will be issued to all tps prior to conc.

14. Rations


Ship will victual all tps.

15. Kit Inspection

OC Tps and OC State Drafts are responsible for the implementation of GRO 273/45.

16. Offrs

This HQ will be responsible for submission of requests for reposting etc of all offrs (excl cadres) moving on the draft.


 (J.O. GEDDES) Capt.
 SC 26 Inf Bde.

Distribution : List A plus
 OC Tps and OC State Drafts.

26 INF BDE DEMOBILIZATION INSTR 20

MOV OF UNITS FROM TARAKAN

1. All AMF units on TARAKAN (previously declared Interim Army in 26 Inf Bde Demobilization Instr 8 Appx "A" as amended) are now declared redundant w.e.f. 15 Dec 45, with the exception of units shown in para 2 hereunder.

2. (a) The following remain Interim Army units for disposal as shown :-

112 det 1 Mob Cinema Unit	-	MOROTAI
8 War Graves Unit.	-	MOROTAI
C, D & E Secs 2/2 Dental Unit	-	AUSTRALIA
C Sec 2/5 Dental Unit	-	AUSTRALIA

(b) The undermentioned dets will rejoin parent units on MOROTAI on completion of duty here:-

det 2 Adv 2 Ech
det 17 AOD
det 14 AAD
det 4 RSD
det 10 Ord Veh Pk
det 4 Ord Port Det
det AACS (low priority personnel only)

3. No further disbandments of units on TARAKAN can be authorised, therefore cadres of all units incl para 1 above will be prepared for mov to AUST for disbandment.

4. Vehs enumerated in para 2 26 Inf Bde Demobilization Instr 18 will be returned to 174 FOD as convenient to units by immediate arrangement with OO.

5. The following categories of low priority personnel surplus to unit cadre requirements will be transferred to 1 Base Sub Area Details Depot MOROTAI for reposting :-

Typists
Clerks
Cooks.

Sec C of Appx "A" att incl such personnel and separate nominal rolls will be submitted for them in addition to personnel for reposting in AUST.

KANIMBLA - DRAFT D

6. HMAS KANIMBLA ETA TARAKAN 9 Dec 45 will load 300 RAAF and 1103 AMF for MOROTAI and SYDNEY.

7. All AMF personnel NOT required on TARAKAN will mov by this vessel. For allotment, see Appx "A" att. This will be known as Draft D. It will incl units and personnel for disembarkation in both MOROTAI and AUST. Personnel for reposting in AUST will have AAF Mob 3 endorsed "For re-posting vide LANDOPS AG6091 of 24 Nov 45. High priority personnel will be moved to AUST as available for dispersal.

JAPANESE SWORDS

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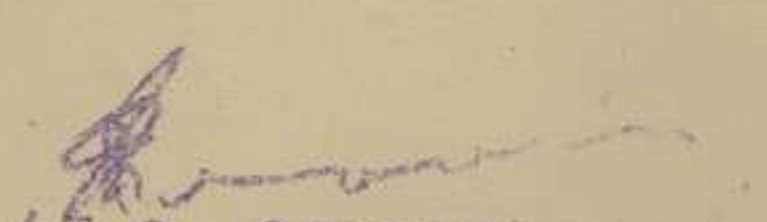
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3. (a) The allotment of those swords now on hand or due to arrive by 14 Dec is :-

HQ 26 Inf Bde	2	
2/23 Inf Bn	128	(x)
2/24 Inf Bn	128	(x)
2/48 Inf Bn	128	(x)
2/4 Cdo Sqn	39	(x)
C Sqn 2/9 Armd Regt		
incl Ord Fd Pk & Wksp	17	
2/7 Fd Regt incl		
Sig Sec & 2/63 LAD	50	(x)
53 Comp AA Regt	52	
RAE	46	
26 Inf Bde Sig Sec		
incl 22 L of C Sigs	3	
2/3 Pnr Bn	128	
D Coy 2/2 MG Bn	17	(x)
4 Pl 2/1 Gd Regt	1	
AASC	13	
2 Pl 2/10 Port Op Coy	2	
2/11 Fd Amb	6	(x)
110 CCS	4	
2/123 Bde Wksp	3	
2/78 LAD	1	
174 FOD incl 2/123 Bde Wksp	3	
3 & 4 Sec 9 Div Pro	1	
AACS	1	
RAAF	80	
	<u>853</u>	

(b) Swords for units marked (x) will be placed on board STAMFORD VICTORY by OO this HQ on 5 Dec 45. OC tps is requested to receive and distribute them to COs or OCs of respective unit cadres in accordance with above allotment.

(c) Swords for remaining units etc will be made available at 174 FOD as they arrive from MOROTAI by air. OO will advise units when to collect.


(J.O. GEDDES) Capt.
SC 26 Inf Bde.

Distribution : List B less serials 40-42.

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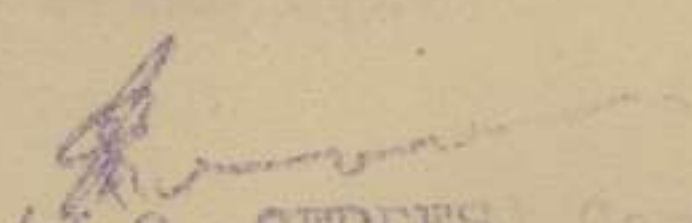
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C Sqn 2/9 Armd Regt incl Ord Fd Pk & Wksp	17	
2/7 Fd Regt incl Sig Sec & 2/63 LAD	50	(x)
53 Comp AA Regt	52	
RAE	46	
26 Inf Bde Sig Sec incl 22 L of C Sigs	3	
2/3 Par Bn	128	
D Coy 2/2 MG Bn	17	(x)
4 Pl 2/1 Gd Regt	1	
nASC	13	
2 Pl 2/10 Port Op Coy	2	
2/11 Fd Amb	6	(x)
110 CCS	4	
2/123 Bde Wksp	3	
2/78 LAD	1	
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 (J.O. GEDDES) Capt.
 SC 26 Inf Bde.

Distribution : List B less serials 40-42.

HQ 26 Inf Bde
QG/31A/264
6 Dec 45

JAPANESE SWORDS

1. Further to our QG/31A/257 of 5 Dec 45.


2. An additional allotment of swords is expected to reach TARAKAN by 22 Dec, the following table shows the amended allotment to units :-

	Allotment vide QG/31A/257	Additional Allotment	Total Allotment
HQ 26 Inf Bde	2	1	3
2/23 Inf Bn (x)	128	88	216
2/24 Inf Bn (x)	128	88	216
2/48 Inf Bn (x)	128	88	216
2/4 Cdo Sqn (x)	39	27	66
C Sqn 2/9 Armd Regt incl att	17	12	29
2/7 Fd Regt incl att (x)	50	34	84
53 Comp AA Regt incl att	52	36	88
RAE	46	32	78
26 Inf Bde Sig Sec incl			
22 L of C Sigs	3	2	5
2/3 Pnr Bn	128	88	216
D Coy 2/2 MG Bn (x)	17	12	29
4 Pl 2/1 Gd Regt	1	1	2
AASC	13	9	22
2 Pl 2/10 Port Op Coy	2	1	3
2/11 Fd Amb (x)	6	4	10
110 CCS	4	3	7
2/123 Bde Wksp	3	2	5
2/78 LAD	1	1	2
174 FOD incl 2/123 Bde Ord Fd Pk	3	2	5
3 & 4 Sec 9 Div Pro Coy	1	1	2
AACS	1	1	2
RAAF	80	50	130
	<u>853</u>	<u>583</u>	<u>1436</u>

3. Units marked (x) have already had their first allotment of swords delivered. The additional swords allotted vide this memo will be drawn by HQ 26 Inf Bde and carried to AUST as unit stores for distribution to the units concerned as per instrs to be issued later.

4. Delivery of all swords will be arranged by OO as soon as practicable after receipt.

Distribution : List B (less serials 40-42)


Capt
SC 26 Inf Bde

Subject : WEEKLY "Q" REPORT TO 1800HRS 1 DEC 45

HQ 26 Inf Bde
QG/35A/247
2 Dec 45

Adv HQ AMF

Copy to :

War Diary ✓

1. Ration Strength

AMF	3892
RAN	6
RAAF	1310
NICA	187
NEI	<u>329</u>
	<u>5724</u>

2. Rations)
3. POL) As per Stock Sheets attached.

4. Stores Etc available for shipment to AUST

(a) Of ammunition listed in sub para 4(a) of our report of 25 Nov, all mortar, 2 pr and suitable SAA has been transferred to NEI. The balance of ammunition held in Amn Depot, 4 guns 25 pr (short) and 20 measurement tons technical stores will be loaded on STAMFORD VICTORY at present in port.

(b) Drums 44 gal (empty) - 4200

5. Movements

(a) Air movements to MOROTAI and AUSTRALIA for week :

Compassionate leave or discharge	7
Duty	3
Occupational releases	<u>4</u>
	<u>14</u>

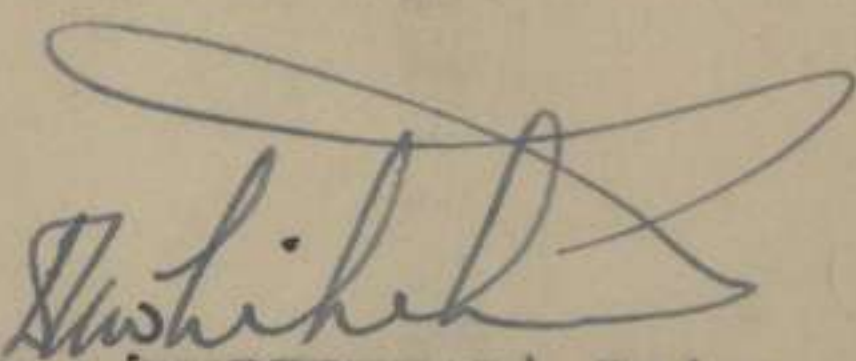
(b) Of personnel listed for movement, (Special priority demobilization) the following have been moved :-

HMS FORMIDABLE	26 Nov 45	-	1 offr	53 OR's
HMS GLORY	2 Dec 45	-	-	50 OR's

(c) Personnel awaiting movement - 5

6. Native Labour

<u>Date</u>	<u>Natives Employed</u>
26 Nov	750
27 "	728
28 "	707
29 "	658
30 "	680
1 Dec	626


(D.A. WHITEHEAD) Brig
Comd 26 Inf Bde

Subject : WEEKLY "Q" REPORT TO 1800HRS 8 DEC 45

HQ 26 Inf Bde
AG/35A/280
10 Dec 45

Adv HQ AMF

Copy to :

War Diary ✓

1. Ration Strength

AMF	1616
RAAF	562
RAN	7
NICA	187
NEI	327
Jap PW	204

	2903

2. Rations) As per stock sheets attached
POL)

3. Cargo available for shipment to AUST

Drums 44 gals (empty) - 1530

4. Movements

(a) Air movements to AUST and MOROTAI for week :

Compassionate leave and discharge	-	2
Duty etc.		9

		11

All remaining personnel for air movement to MOROTAI will be cleared on KANIMBLA ETD 10 Dec 45.

(b) Shipping

(i) HMS GLORY sailed 2 Dec with 1102 AMF personnel, (Demobilization, Duty and reposting), for disembarkation SYDNEY.

(ii) STAMFORD VICTORY

Sailed 6 Dec for disembarkation BRISBANE.

Personnel for demob	52
Personnel for reposting	780

Unit Cadres :

2/23 Inf Bn	
2 Fd Coy	
2/11 Fd Amb	
2/4 Cdo Sqn	
2/7 Fd Regt	
2/24 Inf Bn	
D Coy 2/2 MG Bn	
11 Air Maint Pl	264
C Sec 2/5 Dental Unit (for reallocation)	5

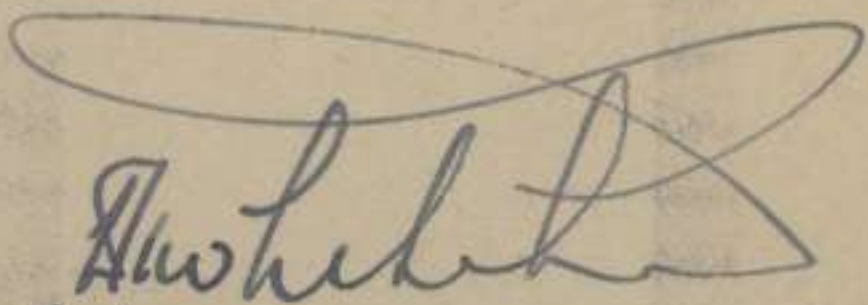
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(iii) Tanker TARASCON arrived 8 Dec to lift 70000 gals each of MOGAS and AVGAS. Vessel unable to berth at oil pier owing to shallow water, and sailed 9 Dec without loading.

5.

NATIVE LABOUR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Natives Employed</u>
3 Dec 45	674
4 " "	664
5 " "	606
6 " "	326
7 " "	308
8 " "	306


(D A WHITEHEAD) Brig
Comd 26 Inf Bde

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 26 INF BDE

131545I

TO : LIST B

QG673 UNCLASSIFIED (.) an additional issue of spirits at the rate of
6 bottles per 5 offrs will be made (.) this issue is of assorted
types which will be drawn for at the canteen by ballot (.) units are
requested to draw by 141100I (.) canteen bulk store will finally
close 141200I in lieu time previously stated

 Maj

SDS

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM : 26 INF BDE

131550I

TO : LIST B

QG674 UNCLASSIFIED (.) to ensure delivery in AUST by 25 dec 45 all
christmas greetings telegrams should be lodged at FPO 036 prior to
18 dec

 Maj

SDS

HQ 26 Inf Bde
13 Dec 45

26 INF BDE DEMOBILIZATION INSTR 21

ORDERS FOR DEMOBILIZATION

1. Demob 95 Returns - These are not required for period 23 Dec 45 to 5 Jan 46.
2. Dispersal Data Form - Orders for Demobilization of AMF para 151 is amended by deleting sub para (b) and inserting -

"Form 16 will be detached from AAB 87 by rehabilitation unit in discharge depot".

Side note to form 16 is amended accordingly.

SS RIVER MURCHISON.

3. The SS RIVER MURCHISON eta TARAKAN 141400I dec 45 will load for disembarkation SYDNEY via BALIKPAPAN.
4. Unit Cadres, vehicles and eqpt, personnel and bulk stores will be loaded as shown at appendix "A" attached.
5. Unit vehs and eqpt and bulk stores will be available for call forward for loading as from 150800I dec. AASC tpt will be provided.
6. (a) Personnel comprising Draft E, other than units or unit cadres will move to state of ultimate discharge as "available for dispersal" or "for reposting vide LANDOPS AG6091 of 24 Nov 45".
(b) Units and unit cadres proceed to AUST and come under comd HQ NSW L of C area on arrival.
7. Personnel, incl cadres, will be comd at TARAKAN DETAILS DEPOT at a time to be advised. They will carry cots folding, blanket, cut lunch, 21 days atebriin and 21 days canteen sups. Personnel for BALIKPAPAN 7 days only.
8. Nominal Rolls - See para 12 of 26 Inf Bde Demobilization Instr 17. Documents will be at TARAKAN DETAILS DEPOT by 161000I dec.
9. Tps Facilities - 2/13 Fd Coy will construct on board necessary latrines, ablation requirements etc as required by STO.
10. OC Tps Capt J W KEMP - 2/13 Comp AA Regt Wksp
Ships MC Capt M R LEE - 110 CCS
11. OC State Drafts - As no offrs are being moved for demobilization OC State Drafts cannot be appointed. OC Tps will be responsible for documentation being correct and for handing over of these drafts to HQ NSW L of C area as appropriate. He will enlist the assistance of other offrs being moved as required.
12. Rations - HQ AASC will place on board voyage only rations as required.

13. Loading Parties

- (a) 2/3 Par Bn will provide JAP labour as under -

Ships Side 4 Gangs, each 12 JAPS from 150600I dec

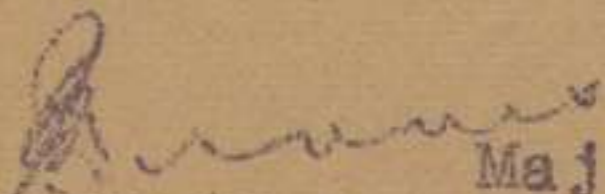
Agers Lump 20 JAPS as required - 2/13 Fd Coy to liaise direct with 2/3 Par Bn

...../BIPOD

BIPOD 10 JAPS as required - HQ AASC to liaise direct with
2/3 Pnr Bn.

(b) 2/13 Fd Coy will provide dvrs for TD9 Tractors as required
by 174 FOD.

14. Veh Marshalling Offr - Lt M JOHNSTONE is appointed Veh Marshalling
Offr and will call vehs forward as required.


Maj
BM 26 Inf Bde

Distribution : List A

LOADING "RIVER MURCHISON"

(a) VEHS and EQPT

	<u>No of Vehs</u>	<u>Tons measurement out of vehs</u>
2/13 Comp AA Wksp	26	-
2/2 Dental Unit	-	2
2 Pl 2/10 Port Op Coy	-	5
2/15 Tpt Pl)		
2/2 MAC Pl)		1
64 BIPOD Pl)		
AASC Drums	-	459
RAE Stores	4	90
Ord Stores	16	3
	<u>46 Vehs</u>	<u>560 Tons</u>

(b) PERSONNEL FOR AUST

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>
2/13 Fd Coy	-	17
Pl 5 Mech Eqpt Coy	-	1
26 Inf Bde Sig Sec	-	4
2/15 Tpt Pl	1	13 incl
QX34942 Capt E.M. ALLISON (for reposting)		Cadre
HQ 1 Air Maint Coy	-	2
51 Tpt Pl	-	31
246 Sup Depot Pl	-	7
64 BIPOD Pl	-	4 incl
		Cadre
2/3 Fd Baking Pl	-	2 "
2/2 MAC Pl	-	2 "
2 Pl 2/10 Port Op Coy	1	49 "
TX6256 Lt G.H. HARDMANN		
110 CCS	1	17
QX45115 Capt M.R. LEE		
174 FOD	-	4
2/123 Bde Wksp	-	11
2/13 Comp AA Regt Wksp	1	9 incl
NX112957 Capt J.W. KEMP		Cadre
2/2 Dental Unit	1	8 for duty
NX144651 Capt A.A. RIPPINGALE		in AUST
Det AACS	-	2
	<u>5</u>	<u>182</u>
TOTAL for AUST		

(c) PERSONNEL for BALIKPAPAN

HQ 26 Inf Bde (AAES)	1	4 (repost- ing)
NX102209 Lt L.W. GOULD		
AACS (Sjt BARNARD)	-	1 "
110 CCS (S/Sjt BRUCE)	-	1 "
11 MC Gp	-	3
	<u>1</u>	<u>9</u>
TOTAL for BALIKPAPAN		
GRAND TOTAL PERSONNEL	<u>6</u>	<u>191</u>