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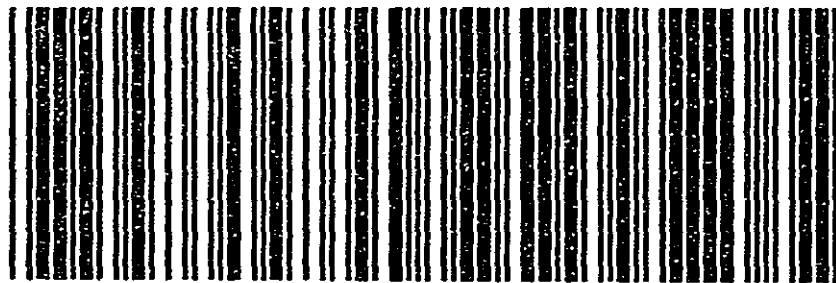
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July 1946, Morotai Force



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WAR DIARY - HQ MOROTAI FORCE

From 1 Jul 46 to 31 Jul 46 - Original Copy

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and Information	Remarks
Morotai	1 Jul		HQ Morotai Force Routine Orders Part 1 serial 24 Nos 96-97.	Copy attached
"	3 "		Disposal of Unit War Equipment.	Copy Q 3811 attached
"	12 "		HQ Morotai Force OOB and Location Statement No 13 as at 2359 hrs 8 Jul 46.	Copy G 213.11 SD attached
"	25 "		Evacuation of Morotai Force area	Copy attached.

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Serial 24

Nos 96 - 97

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS, PART I

by

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Adm Comd MOROTAI FORCE

HQ, MOROTAI FORCE

1 Jul 46.

Adjutant and Quartermaster
General's Branch

A56. Promotion of Warrant & Non-Commissioned Officers

In order that a correct balance in ranks may be maintained in the A.M.F. during the forthcoming period of reducing strengths, it is desired that Commanders and Commanding Officers carefully examine each individual case when giving consideration to promotions of W and NCOs.

Due regard will be given to the following before a promotion is approved:-

- (a) The period the unit is to be retained on OOB.
- (b) Strength of Unit. (The fact that a vacancy exists on WE will not in itself warrant approval of the promotion. When the total strength of the unit is below WE it should be accepted that the strength of W and NCOs will be proportionately below WE).
- (c) The period the member is prepared to serve on (normally a member should not be considered for promotion unless he is prepared to serve on for a period of at least six months).
- (d) Whether a member already holding the rank is available for posting to fill the vacancy.
- (e) Whether the promotion is necessary and in the interests of the service.

Q97. Crating of Furniture for B.C.O.F.

Reference MOROTAI FORCE signal Q3754 of 20 Jun 46.

When packing furniture for shipment to BCOF attention will be paid to the following points:-

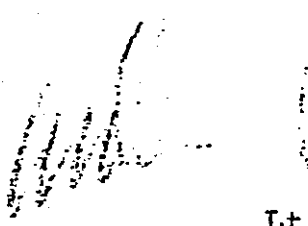
- (a) Forms dining tent, tables FS and all small folding tables will NOT be crated but will be wired in pairs.
- (b) Canvas folding chairs, stiff backed chairs and other types of small folding chairs will be crated.

- (c) Filing cabinets, stationery cupboards, office tables and desks will be crated.
- (d) Crates will be substantially made and will have two (2) bands of cleats around the outside.
- (e) Where practicable the weight of packages will NOT exceed 2½ cwt.
- (f) All crates will be wired with two (2) bands of wire.
- (g) Where necessary the surfaces of tables and desks will be protected by old rags, hessian etc.

For the purpose of wiring packages units may borrow a wire tying machine from 17 A.O.D.

Suitable nails are obtainable from 9 Wksp and Pk Coy.

As this furniture will be shipped to JAPAN via AUSTRALIA it will be subjected to more than the usual amount of rough handling and it is therefore essential that it be packed securely.


Lt Col
Adm Comd, Morotai Force

1 Jul 46

N O T I C E

Further to this HQ circular concerning the evacuation of the Morotai Force Area it is advised that within a few days Labuan will be completely evacuated. LSTs previously allotted to that port will now be routed to Morotai for loading. This means that Morotai should be completely evacuated by mid August 46. It is estimated that the LSTs will arrive by mid August.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ MOROTAI FORCE

Q 3811

3 Jul 46

Subject: DISPOSAL OF UNIT WAR EQUIPMENT

ALL UNITS UNDER COMD
MOROTAI

1. General

This instruction is issued to ensure that all equipment held by units is correctly disposed of and accounted for, before leaving MOROTAI.

2. For the purpose of disposal, unit war equipment will be divided into the following categories:-

- (a) Vehicles and VOL equipment.
- (b) Tech stores including weapons.
- (c) Camp and accommodation stores.
- (d) Other stores.

3. MT and VOL Equipment

(a) Vehicles

- (i) In accordance with HQ MOROTAI FORCE signal Q3185 of 15 Mar 46 addressed to all units, only the following types of vehicles will be returned to AUSTRALIA, and unless instructions are issued to the contrary these vehicles will accompany unit cadres.

Serial 6010	truck	$\frac{1}{2}$ ton	4 x 4
6070	"	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton	6 x 6
6288	"	4 ton	DT wrecker

- (ii) All other vehs will be returned to MOROTAI ORD STORES CELL. Returned Veh Section as soon as possible but in any case, prior to departure from MOROTAI. For return of the above-mentioned vehs 3 copies of G1033 will be prepared and will be presented to DADOS for approval at the time the vehs are delivered to the RV Section.

(b) Vol Equipment

- (i) Loose tools and equipment for vehs referred to in para 3(a)(i) above will be vouchered to MOROTAI ORD STORES CELL on 3 copies of G1033 as soon as possible for acquittal. The items of equipment will be retained by units until the evacuation of the area, when they will be delivered in bulk to a place to be nominated for sale as salvage or destruction by DADOS.
- (ii) Similar action will be taken for loose tools and equipment of vehicles referred to in para 3(a)(ii)

4. Tech Stores

Stores now surplus to requirements will be returned to MOROTAI ORD STORES CELL. Stores still required for the functioning of the unit will be returned to AUST with unit cadres. The procedure set out in GRO 229/45 paras 63 and 64(d) will be followed.

5. Camp and Accommodation Stores

- (a) All camp and accommodation stores will be inspected by unit board of survey.
- (b) In the case of stores declared unserviceable and having no salvage value the consignee portion of the voucher will NOT be filled in on the G1033 and the following certificate will be entered in the remarks column and will be signed by the unit board of survey.

"Inspected and sentenced as unserviceable. Stores destroyed in terms of GRO 229/45 and MOROTAI FORCE Adm Instr 99 of 12 Feb 46".

- (c) When stores declared unserviceable have a reasonable amount of remaining life, and are NO longer required by units, they will be returned to MOROTAI ORD STORES CELL for ultimate disposal as salvage.
- (d) Serviceable stores surplus to requirements of units will be returned to MOROTAI ORD STORES CELL

6. Other Stores

Units having items of equipment NOT referred to or items of COMMONWEALTH property NOT on unit charge irrespective of the source from which they came will contact DADOS for instructions as to disposal thereof.

7. War Equipment Tables

- (a) Units will ensure that their WET's are entered up to date forthwith.
- (b) All entries must be supported by correctly acquitted vouchers which will be filed in numerical order.
- (c) Entries recording the return of disposal of stores will be made in red ink and will contain reference to the relative return or transfer voucher.

8. Deficiencies Financial Adjustment

Where a check of unit war equipment is made against stores charged on WET reveals deficiencies, immediate action will be taken in terms of GRO 548/44 and an application for financial adjustment in terms of GRO 201/45 will be made to Formation HQ. On receipt of approval to write-off departmental charge, appropriate write-off voucher will be prepared and submitted to DADOS for final approval. The memo from Formation HQ will be attached to the unit copy of the write off voucher.


Staff Capt 'Q', Morotai Force

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

SECRET

HQ MOROTAI FORCE
G 213.11 SD

Copy No. 53
12 Jul 46

MOROTAI FORCE OOB AND LOCATION STATEMENT No. 13
as at 2359 Hrs 8 Jul 46

WAR DIARY

1. This document supersedes all previous OOB and Location Statements issued by HQ MOROTAI FORCE. HQ MOROTAI FORCE G 213.11 SD of 17 Mar, amended to amendment No. 6, and G 114 Ops of 16 Mar 46, are cancelled, and will be destroyed forthwith.
2. Please complete and return the subtended receipt.

(E V SHAW) Capt
Staff Capt, Morotai Force

MOROTAI FORCE.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of MOROTAI FORCE OOB and LOCATION STATEMENT No. 13 as at 2359 hrs 8 Jul 46, Copy No.....
2. Previous OOB (G 213.11 SD of 17 Mar 46) and OOB and Location Statement No. 12 (G 114 Ops of 16 Mar 46) have been destroyed.
(Date)..... (Name & Rank).....
(Appointment).....

(NOTE - Units and formations marked "p" on the distribution have NOT received G 213.11 SD of 17 Mar, and those marked "x" have not received G 114 Ops of 16 Mar 46)

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	x	9 Wksp & Pk Coy	5
	x	94 Wireless Sec (Hy)	6 - 7
	x	183 Sup Depot Pl	8
	x	2/9 Gen Hosp	9
	x	17 Adv Ord Depot	10
	x	MOROTAI FORCE Details Depot	11
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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
	<u>HQ and HQ UNITS</u>				
1.	45110	HQ MOROTAI FORCE		MOROTAI	
2.	45110	HQ /AMF DETAILS BALIKPAPAN	MOROTAI FORCE	BALIKPAPAN	det HQ MOROTAI FORCE
3.	92574	11 MC Gp (Type E)	MOROTAI FORCE	MOROTAI	AHQ unit - det at BALIKPAPAN
	<u>ENGINEERS</u>				
4.	47344	9 Wksp & Pk Coy	MOROTAI FORCE	MOROTAI	
	<u>SIGNALS</u>				
5.	45819	9 Tg Op Sec	AMF DETAILS BALIKPAPAN	BALIKPAPAN	
6.	92699	94 Wireless Sec (Hy)	MOROTAI FORCE	MOROTAI	
7.	45275	Det 1 Cipher Sec (Type A)	MOROTAI FORCE	MOROTAI	AHQ unit
	<u>SUPPLIES AND TRANSPORT</u>				
8.	48840	11 Sup Dep Pl	AMF DETAILS BALIKPAPAN	BALIKPAPAN	
9.	48990	183 Sup Dep Pl	MOROTAI FORCE	MOROTAI	
	<u>TRANSPORTATION</u>				
10.	45198	5 Port Op Coy (Type C)	MOROTAI FORCE	MOROTAI	
	<u>MEDICAL</u>				
11.	55218	2/9 Gen Hoep (M) (30)	MOROTAI FORCE	MOROTAI	
	<u>ORDNANCE</u>				
12.	92342	17 Adv Ord Depot less deta	MOROTAI FORCE	MOROTAI	deta returned AUST
13.	92344	'A' Det 10 Ord Veh Pk	AMF DETAILS BALIKPAPAN	BALIKPAPAN	

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	<u>ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS</u>				
14	92642	B Det 10 Veh Pk Wksp	AMF DETAILS BALIKPAPAN	BALIKPAPAN	
	<u>PAY</u>				
15.	49423	Det Chief Pmrs Office AIF (SWPA)	MOROTAI FORCE	MOROTAI	
16.	48739	107 Dep Cash Office (Type A)	MOROTAI FORCE	MOROTAI	
	<u>PROVOST</u>				
17.	61115	Det 7 Div Pro Coy	AMF DETAILS BALIKPAPAN	BALIKPAPAN	
	<u>GRAVES</u>				
18.	94054	HQ War Graves Gp (CENTRAL PACIFIC)	MOROTAI FORCE	MAKASSAR	
19.	47500	8 War Graves Unit	}	JESSELTON	
20.	46923	16 War Graves Unit		AMBON	
21.	92416	23 War Graves Unit		LABUAN	
22.	92417	24 War Graves Unit		BALIKPAPAN	(under comd AMF Det (BALIKPAPAN for local adm ! To move SANDAKAN
		HQ War Graves Gp (CENTRAL PACIFIC)			
23.	94028	30 War Graves Unit			AMBON
24.	94046	31 War Graves Unit		SANDAKAN	
25.	94047	32 War Graves Unit		LABUAN	
26.	92564	Pacific Area Det War Graves Maint Unit		MAKASSAR	AFQ Unit - Deta at MOROTAI, TARAKAN
	<u>CANTEENS</u>				
27.	45543	Det AA Canteens Service	MOROTAI FORCE	MOROTAI	AHQ unit
28.	45543	Det AA Canteens Service	AMF DETAILS BALIKPAPAN	BALIKPAPAN	AHQ Unit

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
	<u>AMENITIES</u>				
29.	47862	9 AO Broadcasting Sta	MOROTAI FORCE	MOROTAI	AMF Unit - Det AHQ pool Amenities Service
30.	92829	28 Det 1 Cinema Unit	AMF DETAILS BALIKPAPAN	BALIKPAPAN	AHQ Unit
31.	92829	52 Det 1 Cinema Unit	MOROTAI FORCE	MOROTAI	AHQ Unit
	<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>				
32.	92637	MOROTAI FORCE Details Depot	MOROTAI FORCE	MOROTAI	

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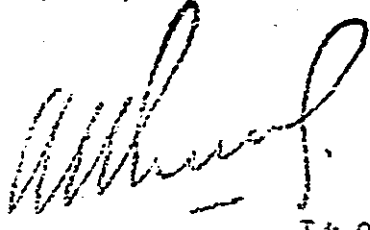
AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

EQ MOROTAI FORCE

25 Jul 46

EVACUATION OF MOROTAI FORCE AREA

1. "RIVER CLARENCE" is now at Morotai and is loading stores and equipment for Australia.
2. "MANOORA" is expected at Morotai during the first week of August 46. Some units, cadres and personnel who can be spared from all units will be embarked on this vessel for SYDNEY. It is hoped to move between 100 and 150 personnel on this vessel. More will be moved if possible.
3. Four LSTs are due at Balikpapan on 15 Aug 46, whilst two LSTs are due at Morotai on the same day. These vessels will complete the evacuation of AMF personnel stores and equipment from the Morotai Force Area. The LSTs are expected to arrive in Sydney on approximately 30 August 46. It will however be realised that these dates are estimates only at this stage, and are subject to minor alterations.
4. The movement of personnel to the mainland by air will continue until the final evacuation. Air movement is necessarily limited but will be used to its fullest extent.
5. Since 30 Apr 46 approximately 370 personnel have been returned from Morotai to Australia. 33 personnel are now in Details Depot here awaiting air movement to the mainland.


Lt Col
Adm Comd, Morotai Force

25 Jul 46

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