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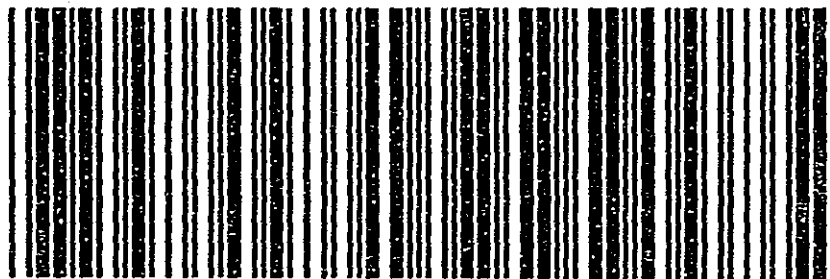
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ADVANCE HQ

Advanced Land Headquarters
Deputy Adjutant and
Quartermaster General
Branch (ADV LHQ DA &
QMG Branch)

September - December 1942



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Unit DA & QMG

Date and Time.—From _____ To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
St. Lucia	1 Sep 42		DA & QMG Brig Lucas and Lt-Col Greenway - discussion re reps of Engrs Stores and Works Services on ADV LHQ. Lt-Col Greenway was of the opinion that the L of C set up with the addition of a DCRE staff on Adv LHQ would be sufficient. This was not agreed to because the functions of reps on Adv LHQ were different from those of a CE L of C Area or a DCRE. There is still confusion regarding general and local adm. LGA informed that the position was not satisfactory.	
			Maj-Gen Bridgeford had called on 31 Aug and the position of AWAS, 2 Corps was discussed and also Works & Engr Stores reps. He was in agreement with these reps coming from First Army.	
			Sigs were received from NG force regarding Amn and rations. The position at Milne Force was not as satisfactory as had been anticipated. Further, Amn and Tommy guns were to be sent by seaplanes and an early ship was requested for further Amn and Rations.	
			LGA was informed of the above matters and he was also asked concerning the request for extra shipping.	
			A meeting had been held with Judge Clyne with LGA, GOC, USASOS and other reps. Judge Clyne was to see P.M.	
			An order for £300 worth of plaited leaf for walls of stores for N.G. was placed with Lt-Col Langford.	
			Instns concerning moves to Northern part of Queensland were received from GHQ and copies sent to LGA and Brig Norman. Brig Mann, First Aust Army, called re Works etc. reps. He could let Col McCausland go but wanted to retain Maj Fletcher.	

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Unit DA & QMG

Date and Time.—From _____ To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
St. Lucia	3 Sep 42		DA & QMG represented C in C at ceremony laying of wreath on the Shrine in Anzac Place and afterwards at St Stephen's Cathedral.	
			DA & QMG and Col Q attended conference with Gen Whitlock, GHQ. Latter requested infm covering engr material awaiting shipment from SYDNEY and also particulars re small craft Thursday Island area used for maintenance purposes. The required infm was later supplied.	
" "	4 Sep 42		Infm received that further shipping would be available ex SYDNEY for MILNE BAY.	
" "	5 Sep 42		Letter from GHQ asking for particulars of all small craft now obtained or projected for tactical or adm purposes, and results of any tests so far carried out.	
			Representatives of the press visited Adv LHQ.	
			DA & QMG represented C in C at reception to Admiral D'Argentlau of the Fighting French.	

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Unit ADV LHQ.Date and Time.—From 6 SEP 42. To 9 SEP 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	6 Sep 42		Infm re extra rations going from Townsville to MILNE. Unable to get exact state of ration situation in latter place.	
"	7 Sep 42		Infm received re ship sunk by shell fire at MILNE. Unable to ascertain if cargo was discharged before this happening. DCGS conference re NEW GUINEA situation. Stated that probably another Bde would be sent, DA & QMG pointed out difficulties of supply and unloading at other end. Also informed G Branch that it was not practicable, in view of railway and shipping situation to build up 180 days reserve in New Guinea and a 90 days reserve in Queensland. Conference with Maj Worssan and ST Service re New Guinea and supply of petrol in bulk. Visited Gen Whitlock and outlined bottleneck of shipping and informed him that creation of a separate line of US supply with US units doing distribution in NEW GUINEA would not be economical. Col Legge to ask LHQ to again approach Gen Marshall.	
"	8 Sep 42		Conference held re BOULDER move. Staff informed that this would probably be by rail to Brisbane and thence by ship. MGO arrived at Adv LHQ.	
"	9 Sep 42		Conference held regarding details of move of BOULDER. MGO attended. Discussed with DCGS and SD the shortage of reinfsts. Memo received from SD that DCGS requested that AIF reinfsts only be sent at present. This is difficult because the majority of these are being taken for 9 Div. Informed G Branch that any large increase in numbers in New Guinea would	

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Date and Time.—From 9 SEP 42. To _____

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M. 1000 21/2

Unit ADV LHQDate and Time.—From 15 Sep 42 To 16 Sep 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	15 Sep 42		CGS discussed with DA & QM question of reinftr, AIF, for NEW GUINEA. It was decided that some of the reinftr would be taken from those originally earmarked for the 8,000 required by M.E.	
			AG and ADGMS inspected hosp site at Downlands, TOOWOOMBA, and it was decided that dispersed plan would be continued.	
			In regard to notification of ship movements Gen CHAMBERLIN advised that he had signalled NG Force but no answer had yet been received. Up to the present it had been ruled that notification of ships' sailings would be sent by safe hand airmail and not by signal. This apparently had caused delay and in certain cases NG had received shiploads without prior notification.	
			Message was received from Minister for Defence concerning sending of special Army Medical pers to AMERICA to investigate Quinine supply and requested that the DGMS be made available to explain the reasons for this mission. The latter was referred to LGA by telephone and a copy of Minister for Defence's request was fwded.	
BRISBANE	16 Sep 42		Infm was received from Smr 10 that 13,000 lb of air freight was available for forwarding to NEW GUINEA. Action was taken to fulfil this demand.	
			In regard to promotions C-in-C decided that Commander, 1 Aust Corps was to be given the power to make first appointments and to promote up to and incl the rank of Maj.	
			Brig NORMAN advised that a ship, 4,000 tons cargo capacity was available for loading SYDNEY at the coming weekend and asked for allotment of cargo space.	

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Unit AVY LHQ.Date and Time.—From 17 SEP 42 To 21 SEP 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	17 Sep 42		DA & QMG attended luncheon at State Government House. 1600 hrs DA & QMG left by air for MELBOURNE. Arrived MELBOURNE 2300 hrs.	
BRISBANE	18 Sep 42		0830 hrs DA & QMG attended CGS's weekly conference. DA & QMG telephoned Col Q at Adv LHQ. Col Q said that RAAF pers were being moved fwd in CIPROS by USASOS according to the terms of the original directive. Col Q said that ABC and Medical thought they could produce a MAG for HQ and also another Gen Tpt Coy. DA & QMG instructed Col Q to get a CCS ready to go in MANUMBA pending info that this was possible under the GENEVA Convention. (Later DGMS procured info that the latest Convention allowed the carrying of pers of Medical units and essential eqpt excepting motor vehs). Col Q passed on info that American patrol at AUGUSTA were short of food and Adv LHQ was helping to get rations sent up. Col Q also said that another American Combat team was going by air to MORESBY at the rate of 400 daily commencing 19 Sep. He also stated that some reinforcements had arrived at MILNE BAY in ordinary FS and had landed trg. DA & QMG conferred with LGA and the following issues were discussed: (1) Stepping up of NEW GUINEA HQ. (2) Staff at PORT MORESBY. (3) Representation of new American Cargo Movement Hqs in SYDNEY. (4) Powers of promotion of Commander HQ Force. (DA & QMG subsequently instructed Capt Dowling to send signal to HQ Force about powers of promotion). 1430 hrs. LGA's conference attended by QMG, MGO, DA & QMG and Gen Staff Offrs. New charter discussed and decided branch instns would be issued early to follow a new gen instn. Htso NEW GUINEA was discussed in detail and also the provision of Adm units for HQ.	

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Date and Time.—From 17 Sep 42. To 21 Sep 42

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Unit DA & QMG

Date and Time.—From _____ To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	22 Sep		<p>Letters received from Brig Broadbent asking for further supplies of dehydrated rations when available also information relative to Sub Area Comd.</p> <p>Difficulties were being experienced with USA Sups. USA Forces had asked for 140 days res of rations in N.G. On account of stocks these could not be supplied. They also wanted extra refrigerating space but this could not be made available by H.G. Force.</p> <p>Brig Norman LHQ visited Adv LHQ. Discussions took place regarding the setting up in Sydney of a Cargo Control Committee at USASOS. Also discussed was the move of CYPRUS. First Army informed Adv LHQ that the maintenance for the overland party while on route and after arrival had been arranged and was satisfactory.</p>	
"	23 Sep		<p>Conference with Gen Whitlock G4 GHQ. Present Maj-Gen Chapman, Col Legge and Lt-Col Grant Adv LHQ, Brig Norman and Capt Perry LHQ. Gen Whitlock and Col Bullock USA HQ. It was agreed that there would be an exchange of information on all shipping between USASOS on one hand and LHQ and Adv LHQ on the other.</p> <p>A Cargo Committee in Sydney on which should be representatives of USA, LHQ Allied Air would collect information and would, with the exception of Townsville and Cairns, send forward to New Guinea the signal showing general loading of ships. GOC HG Force could then call forward in priority desired ships from Townsville.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Committee should not be designated USASOS Cargo Control Committee with USASOS Sydney as the address. Brig Norman was to discuss further details with USASOS, Gen Marshall & Col Whipple and was then to ring LGA and QMG on the matter.</p> <p>Adv LHQ was to be further advised. Further information was received from First Army that the water tanker was five days on the way and would complete the voyage in another 9 days.</p>	

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Unit DA & QMG

Date and Time.—From _____ To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	24 Sep		The following copy of a sig was obtained from GEQ —	
			"From: NOIC PORT MORESBY	
			To : CSNP (R) ACNB and NOIC TOWNSVILLE	
			Further arrival convoy S on 24th will be unable to accept further cargo ships until 30th earliest".	
			This infm was passed to Brig Norman who was at the time, discussing shipping matters with USASOS in Sydney.	
			Majs Farrell and Agar, Canteen Services, called. Maj Farrell who had been in H.G. explained that the Canteen Services in that place were not in a good condition and it was essential that extra staff be sent fwd immediately in order to cope with the work. This was the first infm received concerning the lack of organization of the Canteens, as previous reports had stated that the Canteen position was satisfactory. Arrangements were made for Maj Farrell to proceed to Melbourne to get the necessary staff to deal with the position.	
			DA & QMG discussed with Lt-Col Lemaire adm matters as the result of his visit to the Townsville area. Col Lemaire had forwarded his reports to LHQ and was granted permission to proceed to 5 Div and 2 Corps and then later to Melbourne and afterwards to Darwin.	
			A letter was sent to Brig Broadbent on gen adm matters. He was informed that every effort would be made to speed up the production of the dehydrated emergency rations; at the present time it is understood these are being produced at the rate of 10,000 per day.	

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Unit ADV LHQ.

Date and Time.—From 28 Sep 42 To 30 Sep 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	28 Sep 42.		DA & QMG, D of A and DDOS visited Adv Ord Amn and Stores depots at WALLANGARRA. Shortage of storage accommodation at Amn depot. Also shortage of fire appliances. Shortage of water. Fire appliances were ordered to be bought and also issued from Stores depot where they had just been received. Storage accommodation Amn depot behind receipt of stores. D of W asked to speed up. Visits also paid to DRO and 2/11 AGH, Warwick.	
	29 Sep 42.		Copies of two sigs received from C-in-C concerning a ferry boat for MORESBY area to collect native carriers. DA & QMG in touch on several occasions with LGA, QMG and Gen Whitlock. Action being taken by LGA but it would be some time before ferry was ready. There was a possibility of using one of the smaller supply ships now in the MORESBY area as a temporary measure. QMG visited Adv LHQ. Two LOs sent to QMG and US Base Sec for experience and making contacts.	
	30 Sep 42.		Infm received that ISLANDER would be placed at disposal C-in-C for collection of natives as a temporary measure while ferry boat being procured. QMG held conference. QMG said that a reminder would be issued to all concerned to take more care in branding and loading ships. The question of securing light railway from QUEENSLAND for sending to MB was discussed and it was decided to get one mile immediately, 5 miles at an early date and additional 5 miles later. Sleepers, trucks and engines to be procured also. Arrangements were initiated for procuring small cabinet refrigerators for Medical and Mobile unit refrigerators which had been on order for the Americans. QMG directed that shipments of bulk distillate should be sent up to PM. It was also decided that a set of baking equipment should be sent to MILKE BAY and that another section was to go complete with eqpts.	

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Date and Time.—From 30 Sep 42 (contd) To _____

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Unit DA & QMG Date and Time.—From 1st Oct 42 To 3rd Oct 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ADV LHQ	1 Oct 42		Conference held presided by QMG dealing with Q problems, mainly in connection with NG. Notes of Conference att. Sig had been received from NG Force stating that for Milne Bay adm units were required prior to the arrival of the 17 Bde, this includes Coy AASG, but difficulty was experienced in obtaining MF ships to tpt necessary wehs. Contact was made with Brig Norman but the best that could be obtained at the moment through these sources was one ship about 11 Oct and one about 15.	
			The directive issued in connection with this move stated that USASOS could help in connection with shipping. No definite help can be promised from this source at present, but further info was expected tomorrow. The directive in question GHQ No 5 also stated that sup for USA tps would be the responsibility of USASOS. The QMG pointed out that in his recent conversations with Gen Marshall, the latter had stated that Base Section NG would not be in a position for some time to hold and distribute stores. This raises the question of gen adm in NG.	
			At a previous conference with Gens Sutherland, Marshall, Wyater and Chapman, it had been agreed that the control of gen adm must rest with the GOC NG. Should a separate organization be set up by the USA Force in NG in regard to the holding of reserve stocks, it would take part control of gen adm away from GOC NG Force, unless such stocks were held on behalf of the GOC by American organization. The matter had been previously referred to LGA who had written to GHQ and USASOS pointing out the agreement concerning the gen adm emphasizing that this control must rest with the GOC NG Force.	
			A further conference was held concerning reinforcements to go fwd to Milne Bay, the numbers available at Sellheim were not sufficient to provide the quota allotted for X10 leaving Townsville, and the question of cross posting of the X list of AIF units arose. DA & QMG would not agree to such cross posting and the matter was referred through Col Balchin to the AG. The AG also would not authorize cross postings.	

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Unit DA & QMG Date and Time.—From 1st Oct 42 To 3rd Oct 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ADV LHQ	2 Oct 42		Further discussions took place concerning the provision of MT ships for Milne Bay. Q Movts contacted USASOS but no definite info could be obtained. DA & QMG communicated with Gen Whitlock and pointed out the necessity for the provision of MT ships which would enable adm units to go to NG prior to the arrival of further fighting tps. Gen Whitlock promised to consider the allocation of American ships and to contact USASOS in order to help in the provision of ships suitable for carrying MT.	
			Info received that the barge which was being towed to Thursday Island in order to provide water at Thursday and Horn Islands had broken away from its tow boat and no further info was available as to whether it had sunk (later info received on the 3 Oct stated that no further info was available and that the search for this barge had been given up). The question of the provision of a substitute water carrying vessel was discussed with DA & QMG and DE in C, and it was suggested that the MLC recently finished in Melbourne might be suitable for this task. DE in C was directed to contact E in C in this regard. DA & QMG rang LGA in connection with the speeding up of the provision of adm units shown in early priority. LGA also promised to sig NG Force in connection with a request of the C in C for vehicular ferry.	
			Mr. Holden, Controller Canteens, Mr. Green, Chairman Queensland Canteens, Maj Agar and Maj Farrell called on DA & QMG to discuss canteen matters. Chaplain General McCarthy also called.	
	3 Oct 42		Info was received from Gen Whitlock that 2 ships suitable for carrying of MT could be made available by USASOS. Further conferences were held and it was decided that the adm units should be moved prior to the move of 17 Bde, but at least the ships carrying vehs should move in the first flight.	

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Date and Time.—From 1st Oct 42 To 3rd Oct 42

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Unit DA & QMG Date and Time.—From _____ To _____[illegible]

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Unit ADV LHQ. DA & QMG.

Date and Time.—From 5 Oct 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	5 Oct 42.		<p>Info received from NG that no more sugar and flour to be sent fed unless in hermetically sealed containers and I am not quite sure if this applies to both MORESBY and MILNE BAY. Signal sent to confirm.</p> <p>Conference held with SD and Q concerning collection and trg of mules and donkeys. Maj Arnold, Adm LG, to visit Vestays in SYDNEY and then proceed north. It was pointed out to SD that it would be necessary to organise special units to take these animals overseas. Ord stated that it would be possible to make locally the necessary pack saddlery.</p> <p>DA & QMG and Brig Seccombe visited GHQ in regard to the new administrative set-up in NEW GUINEA. Conference held with Gen Sutherland, Gen Whitlock and Gen Chamberlain. Gen Johns was to be appointed Commander of the new Combined Operational Supply Service which would come under the direct command of GOC NEW GUINEA FORCE. It was decided that the following would go fed on Wednesday, 7 Oct 42:</p> <p>Gen Whitlock, Gen Chamberlain, Brig Seccombe, Capt Wynter. Gen Chapman.</p> <p>It is possible that Gen Chamberlain will also join the party.</p> <p>Brig Prior arrived Adv LHQ to discuss A matters before proceeding to NEW GUINEA.</p> <p>Signals received from C-in-C regarding the position of Air Tpt planes in NEW GUINEA. Info passed to G-4 by DA & QMG and to G-5 by DGS (Ops). Gen Chamberlain stated that every endeavour would be made to provide the planes required by Gen Blaney.</p>	

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Unit ADV LHQ.

Date and Time.—From 7 Oct 42 To 16 Oct 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	7 Oct 42.		DA & QMG, Brig Prior and Capt Wynter left BRISBANE and arrived TOWNSVILLE. Discussions with Col North of No 1 L of C Sub-Area about Offrs' Club at TOWNSVILLE and other local problems.	
TOWNSVILLE	8 Oct 42.		DA & QMG, Brig Prior and Capt Wynter left TOWNSVILLE in flying boat for PM via CAIRNS - arrived PM 1830 hrs. Reported NGF HQ.	
PT MORESBY	9 Oct 42.		DA & QMG visited MB for discussions with Maj-Gen Clowes and AA & QMG, Lt-Col Litchfield.	
MILNE BAY	10 Oct 42.		DA & QMG returned to NGF HQ from MB and discussed issues with C-in-C, GOC NGF (Maj-Gen Herring) and DA & QMG NGF (Brig Broadbent).	
PT MORESBY	11 Oct 42.		Further conferences with C-in-C and Brig Broadbent. DA & QMG visited 5 CCS, DDOS and S & T at 17 Mile. (Notes arising from conferences during period at NGF and at MB att and letter to Brig Broadbent of 23 Oct).	
PT MORESBY	12 Oct 42.		DA & QMG, Brig Prior and Capt Wynter left PM and arrived TOWNSVILLE. Departed for BRISBANE at 0930 hrs but plane damaged at MACKAY and they returned to TOWNSVILLE.	
BRISBANE	13 Oct 42.		DA & QMG, Brig Prior and Capt Wynter arrived BRISBANE and reported Adv LHQ.	
"	14 Oct 42.		AQ conference on issues arising from DA & QMG's visit to NGF (notes att).	
"	15 Oct 42.		DA & QMG left BRISBANE for MELBOURNE to report to LHQ.	
MELBOURNE	16 Oct 42.		DA & QMG reported to LHQ and attended IGAs conference (see LHQ conference notes of 16/10/42). DA & QMG saw, AG, QMG and principal Staff offrs.	

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Unit ADV LEQ.

Date and Time.—From 17 Oct 42. To 22 Oct 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	17 Oct 42.		DA & QMG conferred with LGA and MGO. DA & QMG left MELBOURNE for SYDNEY.	
SYDNEY	18 Oct 42.		DA & QMG arrived SYDNEY.	
"	19 Oct 42.		DA & QMG visited GOC L of C and Gen Marshall at USASOS. Explained provisional organization of COSC, stated that American Pro were wanted at MB and gave infm that HATRACK was being supplied by sea. Other issues discussed;	
			American SMO at MB,	
			Victualling of ships, and question of supply of grenades for Americans in NEW GUINEA.	
			Gen Marshall thought that there were quite sufficient stocks of American grenades in NG and undertook to investigate.	
			Also discussed: BOSTON stores at TOWNSVILLE, shipping and cargo control and shipping infm.	
"	20 Oct 42.		DA & QMG left SYDNEY by air and reported Adv LEQ at 1400 hrs.	
BRISBANE	21 Oct 42.		Col Wilson. Interview with Lt-Col Hutchinson re his duty in NG. Ring from Navy asking for labour to help unloading ship.	
"	22 Oct 42.		Lt-Col Goward and Maj Hughenden - Comforts Fund.	
			Conference re LILLIPUT.	
			AQ conference on issues arising from D A & QMG's visits to NG and MELBOURNE (notes att).	

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Unit ADV LHQ - DA & QMG

Date and Time.—From 28 Oct 42 To _____

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Unit ADV LHO., BRISBANE

Date and Time.—From 29 Oct 42 To 31 Oct 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	29 Oct 42.		DA & QMG submitted his appreciation of NG staff situation to LGA. DA & QMG was in favour of an AQ Staff to work in conjunction with G for planning and to exercise such functions of gen adm which are not at present exercised by COSC or to increase the staff of COSC building up later to an army type staff (Appreciation att). Further conferences were held on this question at Adv LHO.	
"	30 Oct 42		LGA notified writing to C-in-C after discussing NG adm staff with PSOs and expected to go to NG personally. Gen Allen GOC 6 Biv arrived from NG.	
"	31 Oct 42.		Gen allen gave short talk at morning conference and saw service reps later. DA & QMG & DDOS inspected No. 1 Sub-Depot, 3 Adv Ord Depot at HARRISTOWN. Also visited First Aust Army.	
"	1 Nov 42.	<i>Ad</i>	NIL.	

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NOTES ON QMGs CONFERENCE AT ADV LHQ - 1 OCT 42

1. FARRELL Movements to check. Left 25 arr 27 Sep.
2. FIJI NATIVES QMG will take up with LGA (also questions of rations, tobacco and leave to be considered).
3. RATION HOLDINGS AT NEW GUINEA Stewart taken stock. Ready by end of Sep.
4. BAN HONG LIONG On fire. Putting into NEWCASTLE. Mvts to get manifest and notify all Branches and Services.
5. MOSQUITO CREAM Position up to date.
6. FOUR ANSONS FOR ANGAU Have they gone? Mvts to check with Civil Aviation or Gatty.
7. (a) FWD VEHICLES DA & QMG has spoken to SD about GS Instn No 12 in which it said "where possible all vehs taken would be FWD". This to be amended to read "all vehs will be FWDs except in the case of essential technical vehs".

(b) ADGMS asked about Motor Ambulances. He is to see Americans about American type of amb and possible exchange.
8. CORAL GRINDING MACHINE Works to investigate. (DE-in-C said that crusher and Reinhold had gone to MB).
9. BRC 20 tons on the way.
10. Army to carry on rationing ships until Navy prepared to take over. DA & QMG to ask Navy how they are moving in this regard.
11. ROAD PRIORITIES DE-in-C to give ANG report on IPSWICH-CHARTERS TOWERS road.
12. PREFABRICATED HUTS QMG suggested 25% prefabricated and 75% Masonite, timber and iron to PM. 75% prefabricated and 25% building materials to MB. NOT Fibrolite.
13. DESIGNATIONS OF RATIONS QMG said new list out, should be here today or tomorrow.
14. PETROL LIGHTERS Cancelled because going to send up bulk distillate.
15. PACK SADDLERY 26 sets for MB being packed to go with BOONAH. LHQ getting other up.
16. REFRIGERATION Availability: 2 of 1,500 cubic feet within approx 10 days.
1 of 300 cubic feet within approx 2 days
1 " 112 " ")
5 " 5 " ") IMMEDIATELY
17. OUTBOARD MOTORS 2 left last night by air for PM. Another 3 ready today. Works suggested shipping one of these to MORESBY and 2 to MILNE. DA & QMG suggested that another 2 should be sent to MILNE and the balance to MORESBY, making 8 to PM and 4 to MILNE in all.
18. MARINE ENGINES FOR LUGGERS Pearlina luggers need auxiliary engines to get out of MILNE BAY. Works to check.
19. FODDER 300 tons of fodder for horses going to MB with BOONAH.
20. MALARIAL EQUIPMENT Another set to replace that lost in ANSHUN going with BOONAH.
21. MOBILE CRANES Cranes lifting approx 3-5 tons installed on two SYDNEY showboats, formerly vehicular ferries. QMG wanted to know whether one should go to MILNE BAY and one to MORESBY. Should be ready to leave about middle of Oct. DA & QMG to take up with Brig Broadbent.

22. OFF LOADING AT MILNE BAY DA & QMG to take up with Brig Broadbent whether more pontoons or lighters are wanted or whether second wharf will be sufficient.
23. Has Brig Broadbent sufficient piles to make dolphins? DE-in-C stated they were being collected and sent up.
24. Fabricated steel for bulk tanks to go from TOWNSVILLE - high priority required.
25. TANKERS Question of whether small tankers available on the Coast. Lt Col Grant to get in touch with Brig Norman. (About 600,000 glns tankage to be erected at PM.)
26. HYGIENE ON TRACKS ON OWEN-STANLEY RANGE Question of providing disinfectant.
27. RIVER WATER Question of providing each man with his own sterilizing eqpt.
28. JUNGLE BOOK. Discrepancies about short trousers.
29. DOCKS OPERATING PERSONNEL Brig Norman in favour of lifting half Coy from CAIRNS immediately and bringing DARWIN people down.
30. BAKERY Second lot of eqpt to go.
31. LABOUR QMG to take up question of pers for 32 Labour Coy.
32. Q UNITS IN NG DA & QMG to check with Brig Broadbent on requirements.
33. WORKSHOP ISTUATION AT PORT MORESBY AND MILNE BAY Question of whether AASC Wkshops should be sent to do first and second line work at PM and Otd to be left to carry on at MILNE BAY. Col Wilson to raise this point when he goes through.

23/10/42.

DA & QMG discussed notes regarding his visit to MELBOURNE and the last conference.

1. SMALL CRAFT: Infm ~~weekly~~ sent to SD, Q.
2. ORD PERS: Not up to number shown on staff table - about 25 due to pulling out boys under 20. Left by rail 21 Oct for TOWNSVILLE, embark before midnight 23 Oct. Efforts to be made to secure reinfts.
3. HOSP SHIP: AG promised to get out a screed as requested by A dealing with what can go in this ship. No use leaving it to the Naval offr in charge of various ports.

Col Dawkins said CO, Hosp ship, had suggested this screed when produced should be submitted to the Japanese rep in the Protective Power and get them to agree to it and carry a copy of it on board, translated into Japanese. The ship is likely to be boarded at any time and inspected. Would be advisable to get something that they could show any Naval offr, who then boarded ship, what they are entitled to carry. DA & QMG will discuss with AG later.

4. CON DEPOTS: 2/3 Con Depot has been put on priority serial 9 for MB and is await-
mvt (A to see SD). Pers for the increase of the 113 Con Depot at PM being collected in NSW and they expect to be ready for movement on 28 Oct.
5. YMCA TRUCKS AND PERS: 7 reps in NG and one in transit - changing trucks to FWD.
6. BOOKS: Dealt with.
7. DAILY PAPER: LGA arranging release 6 tons paper immediately and then at the rate of 2 tons per mth.
8. STATIONERY: 1300 lb of stationery sent from MELBOURNE by passenger - to be broken down to 1/3 to go air and the rest by ship.
9. AGAR - CANTEENS: Canteen rep for QUEENSLAND to give advice to landops as required. New Canteen regs not yet out - new one being printed will include provision for a distribution for offrs.
10. AMENITIES: NG Concert Party - awaiting advice from NG regarding priority. Will leave MELBOURNE 26 Oct. Mobile cinema dealt with.
11. FWD: All 2-wheel drives in NG should be replaced with FWDs. Also discussed FWD Ambbs.
12. BEACH LIGHTS: 20 on DILGA ETA at MB 1300 hrs 22 Oct. Col Rogerson stated 30 on BAN HONG LIONG.
13. ANTI-PERS MINES: None available at moment. No advice as to when sups are likely to come fwd. Starting manufacture 10 to 14 days time. In Aust 2,000 jumping type, but considered not suitable for tropical conditions. Check to be made.
14. SHEEP: Sheep can be fwded. Question of sailing date of ships, depends on ship space, small quantities can go.
15. PIGS: Doubtful whether worth sending. Bacon and ham to go instead. GORGON suitable for taking stock.
16. PACK TPT COY: Now in Sydney will be shipped from there about end of mth on JASSENS - Americans have been using this for horse tpt.
17. VEGETABLES: Sending seed fwd by air, fertilizer to go by ship. Monthly order for seeds and fertilizer given to QUEENSLAND L of C.
18. FRUIT: Apples, oranges and pineapples should be able to carry quite well. Q to take up.
19. REFRIGERATION: 1 x 5,000 and 5 x 1,000 ready for shipment within 4 weeks. 2 x 1500 going on next ship. £20,000 available for refrigeration at MB.
20. PILES FOR WHEARVES: MATTHEW FLINDERS only ship can take them. Piles available in BRISBANE sufficient to meet our requirements but not to meet American requirements. Expect sail ex BRISBANE 1 Nov.

21. DEHYDRATED RATIONS: Food fairly good at MORESBY. 20,000 ready to go fwd. Could be built up to 100,000.

22. LEAVE: Col A; Interstate leave will commence 1 Nov.

23. BINDER TWINE: Some fwded by air, some shipped from SYDNEY.

24. Question of despatch of stores from southern ports and gen control of allocation of priorities for shipment discussed.

25. Question of responsibilities of Engrs and Engr Services. Conference to be held with Brig Lucas.

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23 Oct 42.

Dear

The following notes are submitted in connection with items raised during my recent visit to MORESBY. Some of these were raised by C-in-C and some by Gen Herring. There were a few others raised by the C-in-C about which I will write to him.

1. Small Craft. Att is copy of a report on small craft received from the Directorate in Melbourne. I will keep you posted with regard to any changes.

2. Ord Pers. These have now been given higher priority and will be moved across as early as possible. They are light in numbers, about 25 down, on the figures shown in the priority list. This reduction, I think, may have been caused by the cutting out of under age.

3. AA Pers. Relief will take place as soon as shipping situation permits.

4. Reinfts. "A" Branch LHQ has now instructed that owing to the time lag between notification of unit strengths and the sending fwd of reinfts, conditions may change in HQ and it has therefore now been decided that unit identity will be given in HQ for general reinfts and not in the ARD in Qld. Frequently conditions in regard to various units may change in HQ and it is thought that the giving of unit identity on this side may result in cross posting being resorted to in HQ on arrival. So the above system has been decided upon. Brig Prior also told me by phone today that no more AIF Reinfts would be going fwd to MB and that those now available would be used to reinforce HQ.

5. Hospital Ship. I have again asked that a clear definition be arrived at between Navy and Army in regard to the pers and vehs which can be carried in a hosp ship. This would be much better than leaving it to individual Naval Offrs at the various ports.

6. Con Depot. Con Depot for MB has been placed No. 9 on priority list by HQ Force. This will go fwd when shipping is available.

Increment for 113 depot MORESBY. It is understood that this will be ready to come fwd from NSW on 28 Oct. I have asked that this be expedited. It is understood that combatant HCOs are required for this unit. In this regard Brig Prior rang me to say that reinfts going fwd from units of Second Aust Army, will have a proportion of HCOs, Sgts and Cpls, and that some of these HCOs could be used either for the Con Depot or to replace in units other combatant HCOs selected for duty with the Con Depot. I do not know the exact figure, but it possibly will be about 1 Sgt per 30 and 1 Cpl per 14. He explained that this was necessary on account of the fact that units have been broken up and that HCOs have to be absorbed alongside other reinfts.

As I informed you previously, please watch your priority lists for these adm units.

7. Hosp Expansion. We are waiting on a further report as the result of Maj Fletcher's visit in regard to the extension of No. 9 AGH. If later a further hosp is required, No. 5 AGH could go at a month's notice, although I understand the DGMS does not think it could be catered for in the MORESBY Area under two months.

8. AANS. Leave 22 Oct by MANUNDA. They total 90, including 18 USA. That is the full number this ship can cater for.

9. Quinine. (a) It is understood that three tons have been promised from Africa, but there is no info yet whether this has left.

(b) Atabrin. It is understood that 15,000,000 tablets are on the way and that a further 30,000,000 will be sent, probably before the end of the year. The DGMS has received further info from Col Fairley which he is sending to the C-in-C (Gen Herring very interested in quinine situation).

10. Water Sterilizing Outfits. In the last month 18,193 have been sent to PORT MORESBY and 4,440 to MILNE BAY. Another 10,000 outfits will be sent to PORT MORESBY in the "NORDHESS", sailing about 31 Oct. Production is 10,000 per week and it is hoped to double this figure shortly.

Further supplies of Water Sterilizing Powder will also go in the "NORDHESS". These are additional to 82 cases containing a total of 7,872 x 4-oz tins also sent to PORT MORESBY during October. Production of Powder is 20,000 x 4-oz tins daily.

11. Anti-Mosquito Cream. 200 cases of 144 x 1 1/2-oz tins and 8 cases of 1-6 x 6-lb tins are also being shipped in the "NORDHESS".

12. Provost. Some have already been despatched to MILNE BAY and 2 offrs and 89 ORs of 1 Div Provost Coy are to go to MILNE BAY within a fortnight. 1 Aust Corps Provost Coy (30 ORs) sailing in Tarooma 24 Oct and 6 Div Provost Coy (1 offr and 56 ORs) are to go to PORT MORESBY. The latter one looked to sail in Duntroon in a few days time.

13. Pd Punishment Centre. One SO and 15 ORs sent. Balance will have to be made up in your area under LHQ instruction already signalled to you.

14. YMCA. This Assoc has several reps in HQ, and the Deputy Commissioner for YMCA (Mr. Manning) is leaving in the TAROOMA on Oct 24. Appointing of additional reps is being considered by the Assoc. Each rep has a veh and these are being changed over to PWD. The man in transit has a PWD veh (Gen Herring interested).

15. Reading Books. I discussed this matter with the AG and also with Col Cohen when in Melbourne. It is understood that 5,000 books have already been sent and a further 2,500 are being collected or are on the way. These are being despatched in the proportion of PH, MB, five to two. These are being dealt with through both Amenities and Education. The Camp Library Service, Sydney, is helping in this regard. I was told by Col Cohen that some 10 cartons had been sent from NSW containing books. I told him that future consignments must be properly crated and that cartons were not suitable. Col Cohen has brought 3,000 Penguin Series books and these are being sent up (Gen Herring interested).

16. Mobile Cinema. Has been ready for some time, but shipping is the difficulty. It is booked to go on the next ship and arrangements have been made for the two operators to go with it. This will be the first veh ship out since BOONAH for MILNE.

17. 16 mm Projectors. While in Melbourne I asked for 3 moving and 3 still for MORESBY, one moving and one still for MILNE. I have just received word that 3 x 16 mm projectors are in hand, two are being sent straight away and the other needs overhaul and will be despatched as early as possible. (Gen Herring asked re these).

18. 35 mm Strip Film. Enquiries are still being made in Melbourne as to their availability (Gen Herring interested).

19. Daily Paper. LGAs Branch are investigating availability and hopes to obtain initial release of six tons and keep up further two tons per month. This is not definite until such time as we get further info. (Gen Herring interested).

20. Canteen Regulations. QMS informs me that new regulations have not yet been published, but states when this is done, offrs will be included in the distribution (C-in-C asked re this).

21. Amenities. C-in-C raised the question of Amenities Offrs and amenities in general. I discussed these with Col Cohen. The latter is a bit concerned about the appointment of Amenities Offrs to HQ. He states the Corps should have a Maj and that the work is being done by a WO who is himself a very good chap. But in that post he must have the necessary backing, e.g., be able to give orders to a Capt with the AGH who is a senior offr upon the Amenities staff. There should also be a Lieut with each Bde and I think in only two of the four Bdes have such appointments been made. Col Cohen is anxious to help in regard to these appointments, and states he has a Capt Tyack who can be made available. This offr was Amenities offr of 1 AGH. Could you have the post reviewed and the matter taken up so the appointments can be filled. Col Cohen may have another offr in addition to Tyack. Would you let me know the position?

HQ Concert Party should be up in this area about the end of the month and will be sent as soon as shipping is available. Capt J. Davidson, who recently returned from HE, is being sent to HQ to organize concerts and entertainments.

A large quantity of fishing eqpt has been sent to Amenities Offr HQ, HQ Force. Amenities Offr here has sent many requests for opinions regarding the need for more fishing eqpt and nets and has arranged for the manufacture of 6 large nets. Could you chase this up and get some info sent back?

Four cases of sporting eqpt have been sent from Melbourne to Brisbane for shipment to MORSEBY and more is being packed for sending fwd.

22. Comforts. The following consignments have been fwded:-

MORSEBY	last quarter	200 tons
	present quarter	200 tons plus 10,000 lbs chocolate

Now prepared for shipment -

Christmas Hampers 200 tons

MILNE BAY Initial fwding 25 tons of which 16 tons were lost.

Have now sent an additional 25 tons for present quarter; 60 tons plus 50 tons of Christmas Hampers. Also for MILNE are despatching 60 Wireless Sets.

23. Colour Patches 49 Bn asked for by Gen Vasey in hand by Ord and Gen Vasey has been advised.

24. Medallions for Issue to Natives. Immediately on return I put in hand your request, but this was altered by a further letter from Gen Morris sent down by you. On arrival in Melbourne the matter was discussed and action taken to have a revised type made, but the only difficulty is that the King's head cannot be put on the medal without the King's permission. It was decided to put on the obverse side the Australian Coat of Arms and on the reverse "For Loyal Service". These are being pushed fwd as quickly as possible, I have hopes that the initial 500 will be ready by about the 27 or 28 of this month. If it is considered essential to have the King's head on these, the matter will be put in hand to get the necessary permission and a further lot made, but I thought it much better as the demand was urgent to get something fwd to you at the earliest. Let me know.

25. FWD Ambs. 5 have been shipped in "GORGON" STD CAIRNS 24 Oct. 9 are awaiting shipment in Sydney. In addition to these it is understood that another 45 are being collected for PH and 30 for HE.

26. Shirts & Socks. I think about 5,000 have been ordered fwd, also a large quantity of safari jackets, 20,000 at least of the latter, but I think this number has been doubled.

27. BOOTS. Canvas and with rubber soles (also raised by MILNE) in hand by Ord Services.

28. Beach Lights. (for MILNE) 20 in "DILGA" which should have reached there by now.

29. Blank Am. (for MORESEY). Has been referred to SD who have asked Melbourne to despatch 5,000 rads immediately to MORESEY and more will be sent later if available.

30. Anti-pers Mines. Pineapple size similar on the outside to a Mills grenade being made with a Murray switch mechanism for firing. Switches are now being manufactured, but manufacture of the mine itself will not be commenced till about another 10 days. Murray switch can be used in anything of local manufacture until the proper mine arrives.

It is understood that in Australia there are about 2,000 of the jumping type anti-pers mine, but it is stated that these are no good for the tropics. I have asked that these be collected and am seeking further info concerning them and will contact SD. (Gen Herring interested).

31. Light eqpt for 6 Indep Coy. Immediately on return we put in hand in BRISBANE, to be of duck canvas, 200 of the new sample. These should be ready this week. I also took a sample down to Melbourne and asked that a further 200 made out of webbing be manufactured there, and I have hopes that these will be ready about 28 Oct.

32. Cookers. Samples of 3 types have been sent fwd, we would appreciate an early report on these. The ring type is being sent fwd in quantities.

33. Flour and Sugar. It is thought that sups can be kept up in sealed containers. The C in C wanted all of these commodities in sealed containers. A letter has now been received from you asking for water-proof paper bags of 15 and 35 lb size to be packed with sugar. $\frac{1}{2}$ of your requirements to go this way. Your letter implies that balance should go in ordinary containers. No mention is made of flour. Will you clear up this matter and let me know early.

34. Refrigeration. (For MILNE). One 5,000 and five 1,000 have been ordered here in BRISBANE and the balance in MELBOURNE. In addition to which QMC is having manufactured a mobile 250 - 275 cub ft refrigerator and if successful will have it produced. It is thought that about four a week can be obtained.

35. Ice Making Plant for MORESEY. Hope to have one of three ton capacity available in three weeks time.

36. Fresh Vegetables and Fruit asked for by MILNE. We are very doubtful indeed owing to the delay in shipping after leaving here, that these will keep and, as you know, refrigeration space is very limited in these ships. However, we will send fwd a consignment as a trial and would like a report from MILNE as to its condition.

(A consignment of fresh vegetables and fruit is being shipped on a vessel leaving SYDNEY for PORT MORESEY within the next few days. The name of the ship will be notified by signal. The consignment consists of 500 x 100 lb crates of fresh vegetables and 425 cases of apples.

37. Air Freight. I have asked that particular attention be paid to the marking of all air freight in order to ensure that it reaches its destination alright.

38. Mail. There has been another check up on the delays in regard to both private and official mail, the latter will be overcome by the Courier Service and as a result of a visit by Col Sladden, DAPS, and the arrangements made therefrom, it is considered that private mail will

go fwd more quickly.

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39. Carton Packed Stores. (raised by MILNE) I brought this up when at LHM and stated that either aircraft could be put around these or they should be packed in crates.

40. Marmite and Vegemite. It is impossible at present to fulfil your outstanding demand for 84,367 lb of Vegemite because present stocks are 26,000 lb and production rate is only 25,000 lb per month. However, 1,338 lb of Vegemite has been sent to PORT MORESBY in the last month and a further 20,000 lb is being moved to BRISBANE for shipment to you at earliest opportunity.

In view of the use of Vegemite and/or Marmite as part of the European ration, and possible increased consumption, scientific examination is necessary as to the quantities required per man per week to give the necessary amount of vitamins. This is being gone into in MELBOURNE.

On the point of ADS & 1, BSW L of C, deleting your outstanding demand, it has been ascertained that this was done on LEQ instructions after HQ Force had indented direct on L of C. The reason for this deletion was the small stocks on hand. However, ~~in future~~ it has been arranged that S & T your end indents on Landops for all requirements in future.

41. Fly Spray. About 1 Oct 2,730 gallons were sent to PORT MORESBY ex Sydney, as well as more than 200 gallons from Brisbane in the last four weeks. In the same period 1,110 gallons were sent to MILNE BAY. A further 4,000 gallons are being moved north for onward shipment to your area. Stocks of this are very short, and orders have been placed for 61,000 gallons, representing total requirements for 12 months, and also the total amount of raw material available in Aust. This will go from the factory at about 6,800 gallons per month.

42. Paris Green. In the last month 20 x 56lb drums and 2 cases have been sent fwd to PORT MORESBY. To MILNE BAY 2 x 56lb drums have gone. One ton of stocks is held in Aust and this is to be distributed

5 cwt PORT MORESBY
5 cwt MILNE BAY
5 cwt BRISBANE (reserves)
5 cwt SYDNEY (reserves)

10 additional tons are to be manufactured within three months.

43. Tobacco. 4 tons of Red Twist are to be shipped on the "HORDNESS" for PORT MORESBY. Information from MILNE BAY is that they are being overstocked there.

44. Corn Sacks. 20,000 are being shipped from Sydney within the next few days and at least another 12,000 will go in the "HORDNESS".

45. Binder Twine. 75 lb went by air ex TOWNSVILLE 1 Oct. 1,000 balls to go fwd ex Sydney immediately.

46. Stationery. Couple of parcels were sent by air on my return and an additional 400 lbs is going by air immediately. Also 16 tons is being shipped from SYDNEY in the "GORDON" which is expected to sail for PORT MORESBY on 24 Oct.

47. Parachutes. These had been going fwd as far as TOWNSVILLE, but not apparently onwards to you. They are handled by the Air Force and instns have been issued for these to be pushed on to you. Would you let me know how they are coming in?

48. Ration bags. Available from HQO and will be sent fwd.

49. Shipping Signals. I am informed that these are now on a satisfactory basis from this end and are going fwd promptly. I would like to have your views as to whether you are getting sufficient info to enable you to state your case when discussing priorities.

With kind regards,

Brig J.R. Broadbent,
HQ Force.

Yours

John A. Chapman

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13 Oct 42.

NOTES ON VISIT TO NEW GUINEA FORCE.

1. SUPPLIES. Holding PM 9 Oct 100 days rations for 60,000 tps.
EB 10 " 70 " " " 11,000 " incl supplies in
DILGA.
Dehydrated Rations PM 10 Oct 215,000
Chocolate " " " 6,000 (days mtee 1,000 dehydrated, 300 Chocolate)

2. DOCKS. Maj Ballantyne stated he required steel nets about 12 ft square, standard ropes and steel wires, mechanical motors for pumping out lighters. Couple by air.

Re lighters. Asked for 20 of 50 and 100 tons but received 3 x 300 tonners which are too big for port. Wants 5 x 100 tonners immediately also wants 5-ton electric cranes for wharf work.

Complained about stowage of KATOOMBA. Stated it was urgent that commodities be kept together. Also complained that ISLANDER had been allotted to task for which she was unsuitable.

Complained that 16 of his salvage crew were being taken away for the Salvage Board. Authority letter from Col Wallace. Suggested salvage job at MILNE BAY.

Native ration holdings approximately 60 days at MORESBY and 26 days at MILNE BAY. Practically out of native tobacco. 5 tons has not arrived yet.

Emu Twist ration 17/100 ozs daily or 112 lb per day.

A bit more unpolished rice and meal required.

Unpolished rice also being used for our tps. Stops beri-beri.

Twine - use 180 yds per 1500 rations. Need 10,000 yds per mth.

Binder Twine.

Cornsacks - consumption 2000 per day. Need mths holding.

POL - aiming at 4 mths holding. At present about 35 days.

Q wants managing clerk and typist.

VEGEMITE OR MARMITE - holding 11 Oct 68 lb. Ration per week 2-ozs. Require 8000 rations per week (1000 lb per week). Suggested take up with dietitians weekly requirements per man. Outstanding demand for Vegemite 84,367 lb. (deleted from demands by ADST NSW L of C, L of C memo 173942 of 4 Sep).

3. SHIPPING. To be called fwd before 16/17 Oct 42:

JOHN STEELE
GEO MATHEWS
ADMIRAL HALSTEAD
STAGEN
STEPHEN FIELD.

Q says could not state any case from Aust point of view because had no particulars. QM 206 USASOS and Mvts SYDNEY apparently first of new type advice signals to arrive.

Infm about STEPHEN FIELD secured from US Adv Base MORESBY ex Base Sec 2.

Complained signals still being received without classifying cargo. See QM1491 from Mvts TOWNSVILLE of 2 Oct 42. Also complained nature of tps in pers signals not specified. Require type of plans in aircraft signals.

4. CHAINS. 1100 sets due about 15 Oct. Additional 576 sets needed plus 160 sets per mth mtee. Needed before end of Oct when the rains come.

5. 4-WHEEL DRIVE. About 80% of vehs belonging to 2/102 Gen Tpt Coy were 2-wheelers.

6. PARACHUTES. Holding 9 Oct not in use, 2 small, 28 large and ready for dropping 142 small and 6 large. LANDFORCE SD 49088 of 19 Aug said that parachutes were being turned out at 500 per week and would be despatched on this basis. Since then have received 16 large and 190 small.

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25 Oct 42.

AMERICAN FUND: C-in-C raised the question concerning funds for Amelias. I spoke to Col Cohen with regard to this. He stated that \$2,000 had been mentioned some time back and he wrote to NEW GUINEA FORCE suggesting that the \$2,000 be taken out of Formation Commanders' 1st dividend from Captains in anticipation of the July and Aug allotment. If the Formation Commanders' allotment did not cover the whole of the amount then the C-in-C's fund would take up the balance. Col Cohen was not asked for anything over and above this and was anxious to know if this arrangement was adjusted and is satisfactory.

7. MOSES. Talc.

8. Percentage of recovery during supply dropping 10 Oct.

POINT	AMOUNT REQUIRED LB.	RECOVERY	QUANTITY SENT LB.
IGRABAWA	13200	40%	33000
NAURO	15050	60%	25000
MENARI	18000	70%	22200
EFOGI	16800	40%	42000
MYOLA	17500	70%	24000

NB: Planning for possibility 1 Bde each Div to be supplied by air, which means increased ration holdings to cover losses during dropping.

5,000 fwd tps fed at present. Trying to dump reserve of 10,000 rations. Also trying dropping of 15,000 per day. See separate notes.

Check on CAPE YORK Mats.

9. STATIONERY. 3 days supply left on Island. Want some by plane. Also matter for Pringing Plant. Present arrangement to requisition on MELBOURNE.

Want 200 bags for carrying sugar - suggested cement bags, waterproof, in size suitable for carrier - 19 of 38 lb. Consumption 1500 lb per day.

Hermetically sealed tins. For MB only. (1 MORESBY)

10. GRENADES. Shortage of hand grenades. 4 days WUR - 12,000 10 Oct. Require 360,000.

11. OPERATIONAL RATION. Pack unsuitable - too bulky for fwd tps. Experimenting - really require an operational patrol ration to last 7 days. 45,000 per day. Waterproof pack wanted for 7-day ration. Suggested size of old iron ration. Better pack.

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DA & QMG'S NOTES ON VISIT TO NG FORCE NO I

14 Oct 42.

1. VESSELS FOR COLLECTING CARRIERS.

(a) C in C asking re vessels to collect carriers. I understood from LGA that a signal had been sent to NG Force asking if Curl Curl suitable. If this were sent it was not received at NG Force.

(b) ANGAU states types of vessels required for collecting labour are as under:

Draft 9' - 60 to 100 tons suitable for Western Areas.
DARU-KIHORE-ABAU, otherwise draft is limited to 5'6" -
30 to 50 tons. These craft are suitable for southern waters.

(c) Mataphile in NG waters collecting native carriers etc. Seven small ships going on 12 Oct to take 120 tons to Milne.

(d) Islander held for present at NG. This ship of great assistance on the PM - MB run.

2. ORD PERSONNEL. DA & QMG asked to get a higher priority from NG Force for these. Informed C in C re change Anderson and Walters and that a review of Walters posn would be made within a month. C in C agreement. A good offer to be provided for 3 Aust Div if Walters not up to this work.

Certain verbal reports were passed on to Col Wilson who will investigate.

3. RELIEF OF AA PERS. C in C NG Force informed that relief will be delayed owing to other moves. Agreed that this should not be a very high priority.

4. REINFTS. Those sent to MILNE were not given unit identity at ARD before departure. Do not know whether this is applicable to MORESBY or not.

5. HOSP SHIP. Explained to Brig Johnson that a Medical certificate was not sufficient for putting NGVR members on Hosp ship. C in C considered that it would be sufficient if similar pers were medically boarded. He was going to speak to DDMS NG Force.

6. CONVALESCENT DEPOT. (a) MILNE wanted 500 Con Depot as soon as possible. Get it ready and MILNE will ask for priority through MORESBY. Malaria at MILNE about 800 patients - average 40 a day.

(b) Pers required to bring depot up to 1000 to be sent as soon as possible. Combatant offers available in PM but MOs orderlies and combatant NCOs required. Understand from PM this has already been asked for on a priority.

7. HOSPITAL EXPANSION MORESBY. Maj Fletcher now there. Expansion of 9 AGH preferable to a new hosp. DDMS will send further report. Are we in a posn to send over a 600 bed hosp to be expanded to 1200 bed later if required at a later date?

8. SMO. US Forces at MILNE. No nomination. This has been referred to Gen Johns.

9. AANS. Required for 9 AGH and CCS at MORESBY - should belong to their own units.

10. QUININE. C in C asks any report from Col Fairlie? Can one be obtained?

11. MEDICAL EVACUATIONS. Can Maj McDonald be sent over to arrange details of medical evacuation, method, records, etc?

12. WATER STERILIZING OUTFITS. DDMS wants signal as to posn. What has been sent lately and what is coming fwd? Also what is coming fwd in Anti-Mosquito Cream?
13. HYGIENE. Special disinfectants. Nothing of a special nature is required at present. Normal types.
14. PRO. Situation bad at MILNE. Pro pers wanted as early as possible. Told DA & QMG to get placed higher on priority list.
15. FD PUNISHMENT CENTRES PM. Wanted early.
16. YMCA. GOC NG Force wants YMCA reps and trucks sent over.
17. BOOKS READING. GOC NG Force wants reading books sent across to both places. Some, it was stated, had been sent to MILNE, but these never arrived. There is a Camp Library Service SYDNEY. Can help be obtained here?
18. MOBILE CINEMA. For MILNE. Urgent matter. Early priority must be given.
19. 16 mm PROJECTORS. GOC NG Force wants projectors, three moving film and three still for MORESBY. Some also required for MILNE. What is the posn re educational offrs?
20. DAILY PAPER. A weekly paper is published at present. GOC NG Force wants to issue a daily paper. Thought that two tons of paper per month will meet requirements.
21. MAJ AGAR. Posn in regard to LANDOPS. Can he be made DADACS and to be nominated as advisor to LANDOPS on Canteen matters.
22. CANTEEN REPS. Have these been amended to permit of offrs taking a share?
23. AMENITIES. Account. Hostels. Boxing gloves and other sporting. eqpt. Gen work. See Col Bennett and Maj Dennett.
24. COLOUR PATCHES 49 BN AND AUSTRALIAS. Requirements given to Ord.
25. MEDALLION FOR ISSUE TO NATIVES. About 1 1/2" diameter copper or aluminium. On obverse side King's head. On reverse printed "KING'S MAN" with room for individual name to be printed underneath. Hole in top for cord. 500 required very early (ten days).
26. FWD VEHS. Must be FWDs at MILNE. Hundreds of two-wheel drive vehs will be returned from there later. MORESBY wants as high a proportion as possible of FWDs. Rainy season coming on. Have we sent Amb FWD both places?
27. BOOTS. (a) Boots canvas with the holes in the side are useless for wet weather. Boots creeper not considered a good pattern. Will be taken up with Col Wilson. DDOS keep in touch with latter. Tongues must be fastened in boot so as to help keep water out.
(b) Can all boots be dubbined or greased before going over?
28. SHIRTS WORSTED. Informed C in C that some being sent for trial. He instructed that a large quantity should be made - must be very light - will they chafe the neck? If very light shirt can be produced don't await result of trial but get on with production.
29. BEACHLIGHTS. Are these on the way to MILNE. None yet received.
30. AMN. MILNE don't go beyond 120 days. Check figures of TSM .45 and .303.
31. BLANK AMN. Proportion required for trg purposes at PM.

32. ANTI-PERS MINES. GOC NG Force wants these for MILNE. What is the posn?
33. USA AMM. NG Force asking for five units of fire at PM and five at MILNE. Action is being taken by Gen Johns.
34. LIGHT EQPT. Further sample brought back.
35. GRENADES & 2 INCH MORTAR. (a) Grenades short. We are to be responsible for US sup. What sup can we keep up?
(b) 2 inch Mortar. What sup can we keep up?
36. MULES. C in C had been informed that there was a large number of mules about CAIRNS district. Asked that a check be made as to possible numbers.
NG Force asked that mules be sent over with pack saddlery as soon as possible. It was recommended that they take the place of part of the Pack Tpt Coys now being organized.
37. AUSSIE COOKERS. It was considered that these would be suitable. What was required was a small individual cooker that would last a day or two. Each man could carry his own. Large quantities required. This is an urgent matter.
38. FLOUR AND SUGAR. Should be sent in container which will keep out damp. C in C considered that even in store these items will deteriorate.
39. REFRIGERATION - MILNE & MORESBY. MILNE asked for two 5,000 cubic ft and ten 1,000 cubic ft. This was considered to be excessive. To be discussed with Q and Engr Stores. C in C wants ice making plant at MORESBY. Wood short. Diesel engine best.
40. SHEEP, VEGETABLES ETC. MILNE asked if it were possible to send sheep in crates on ships going over. Also stated had not received fresh vegetables, potatoes, sweeds, carrots or onions for a considerable period. Is it possible to grow vegetables at Milne?
41. AIR FREIGHT FOR MILNE. Must be well marked and advice sent. Dehydrated rations for MILNE sent last month never got beyond MORESBY.
42. PONTOONS. MILNE - open pontoons are of no use. These swamp easily.
43. LAUNCHES. MILNE - A number sent recently by MORESBY to MILNE were of little use. Brig Seccombe was notified.
44. MAIL. Air mail situation not good both private and official mail. One Movement Order issued by Landops on 4 Oct had not reached MORESBY by 11 Oct.
45. STONE CRUSHER, CEMENT ETC. (a) Former not required at MILNE and was sent to P.M.
(b) Cement about 5 tons a month sufficient for MILNE.
(c) Bitumen not required for Army purposes at MILNE.
46. CARTON PACKED STORES. Not suitable at MILNE. Put sizelcraft around or pack in crates.
47. MARMITE & VEGEMITE. Present holding 68 lb. One of these is required at rate of 1000 lb per week. It is understood by NG Force that these articles were cut out some time ago by ADST NSW L of C. (Reference ADST NSW L of C Memo 173842 of 4 Sep).
48. CORNSACKS. Require to use 2,000 a day. Want one month's holding.
49. BINDER TWINE. Need 10,000 yds per month.

50. TOBACCO. 'Nailrod' useless. Emu brand to be sent. Require 112 lb per day.
51. PIGS. Can these be sent to PM.
52. RATION POSN MILNE & MORESBY. 90 days held at MILNE after unloading of Gremer as on 9 Oct. MORESBY holding 9 Oct 100 days for 60,000 Strengths - MILNE 10,730 PM 47,697.
53. FLY SPRAY, PARIS GREEN. Short. Send along sups.
54. Q INSTNS, MOVEMENT ORDERS ETC. Put MILNE FORCE on 'copy to' distribution list if affected.

W. A. Gopman
Maj-Gen
DA & QMG

25 Oct 62

**NOTES ON CGS VISIT TO NEW GUINEA GIVEN AT ADV LHQ STAFF
CONFERENCE - 25 Oct 62.**

1. **MOVEMENTS - TOWNSVILLE.** System chaotic. Questions of air freight, priority of passengers. Our Hvt Offr has last say. Offrs waiting for 3 or 5 days to get plane across. Among 25 passengers on CGS's plane were USA ORs. All Correspondents coming and going to TOWNSVILLE as they wish. All Correspondents must take precedence after fighting troops. Hitch-hiking rampant. 4 Offrs of 8 Div who had not order for travel by train to school were found arranging own air tpt at American field. GHO to be issued and repeated in unit orders travel by not order only. Arrest for contravention. Air freight in TOWNSVILLE included 6 cases Offrs missing gear. Maj Haniford could not get on but Air Corps ORs went. Yeast had to be taken off to allow Maj Haniford to go on with safe hand bag.
2. **SHIPPING.** Hold up at TOWNSVILLE. 20 ships there on 25 Oct, 10 of which with the exception of a possible one, were lying in port 5 days previously.
3. **SIGS.** Too many high grade cypher sigs on adm matters which could go by letter.
4. **NATIVE HERALS.** C-in-C wants Coat of Arms and "King's Han" plus number, i.e. "21".
5. **MOBILE CINEMA.** One went for MB, 2 for PM. CGS informed that one for MB in hand.
6. **COOKERS.** Crown ring satisfactory, want all they can get also "ADESIE" type.
7. **OPERATION RATION.** No more to be produced.
8. **FUCKER BAGE.** CGS asked position and informed that 50,000 prepared for despatch.
9. **RECCE GARE.** Want as many as can get as staff cars break down quickly. Also FWD 15-out.
10. **MIS.** Want all can get.
11. **64-OLE DEUES.** 15,000 have been returned.

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AIR EVY CONTROL TOWNSVILLE.

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26 Oct DA & QMG interviewed Gen Whitlock, G4, GHQ and afterwards in conjunction with Gen Whitlock interviewed Gen Wilson, Chief of Staff Allied Air Force.

Info given to these offrs was that the CGS on his return from HEBBERTY, and after an inspection at TOWNSVILLE, considered that conditions at the latter place in regard to air tpt and air freight were far from good.

The various items shown in the letter to LGA on the 26 Oct were explained and in addition the DA & QMG quoted other cases which were brought to the notice of the CGS either from his personal knowledge or info given to him, such as tents, tent poles, Avery scales (8 1/2 cwt?) being put on air tpt.

The question also of pers was brought to notice, in which other ranks of US Force and Air Force were put on planes. There were instances of offrs, Aust Force, having to wait two or three days. The case was also quoted when an Aust offr Air Courier, had to displace urgent sups and yet Air Force other ranks were going by plane.

It was suggested to G4 that a directive from GHQ should be issued, outlining the functions of air tpt, stating that only priority freight should go by this means and that other gear and eqpt should be sent by ship where this urgent priority was not required. The same applied also with regard to pers that consideration be given to sea tpt prior to giving air priority. This should be made applicable to both Armies and both Air Forces.

It was further asked that GHQ install a rep at TOWNSVILLE who had GHQ authority and could decide on priorities.

Both Gen Whitlock and Gen Wilson promised to go into the matter, but no definite proposition at this stage could be made.

27 Oct. DA & QMG rang Gen Whitlock and again explained the CGS request in connection with a directive, and also the control necessary for priorities in TOWNSVILLE. Later the CGS held a conference with the chief Censor, the latter gave info concerning air-mail which the following are examples:

- (a) Letter posted airmail TOWNSVILLE on 18 Sep or 20 Sep did not reach its recipient at TI until 2 Oct.
- (b) Lt McCarthy (Postal) sends out daily the mails for both THURSDAY and HORNE ISLANDS and frequently checks and finds that mail has not gone fwd.
- (c) Mails for TI have been left on HORNE ISLAND and not sent across.
- (d) Some mails have gone fwd and come back undischarged from plane.

The CGS also instanced these further points:

- (e) There is no orderly loading and that the offr or NCO in charge of the mail bags should hand in lists of bags going fwd.
- (f) Priorities should be given to mails rather than kit bags.

Later, in a discussion with Col Whitfield, he was given the above points and also the result of the conference between DA & QMG and GHQ Senior Offr on the 26th and was asked to contact Gen Whitlock and explain the conditions in regard to mail. It was pointed out that it was important from our point of view that airmail go fwd quickly.

PM 27 Oct. Maj Shurler, Base PO Brisbane, called for conference with DA & QMG. This offr stated that the the present time there was one offr and four NCOs to deal with the onward handling of mail, the only regular service for mails to TI was once weekly, plus what could be done either by RAAF or US planes, but there is no guarantee that these latter would be going fwd regularly.

A receipt is obtained from the civil Companies rep at the air port or from the office of the US or RAAF on the aerodrome for the number of bags handed in. Further that the American and Aust Air services had given permission for an NCO from the Postal sec in TOWNSVILLE to actually load the mail on the planes.

It was pointed out to Maj Shurler that mail was going also by seaplane and the same check should be made there.

He informed DA & QMG that Capt Jackson and 28 ORs from 5th Aust were being collected and sent fwd to TOWNSVILLE to act as receiving and onward passage postal agents for all army mail. There was a system by which the amount of mail going fwd was notified to the Postal authorities at the other end, this consisted of a list in the final bag showing the number of packages, and if these were not received completely, a sig was sent from the recipient notifying the shortages.

He stated, that as far as he knew, mail was going fwd quite regularly to TI without loss.

AG CONFERENCE 27 OCT 42.

Present: DA & QMG, Col Legge, Col Stinson, Col Easterbrook,
Col Dawkins, Lt-Col Whitfield, Maj Sproule, Maj Selden,
Maj Dennett, Maj Bird, Maj Arnold, Capt Jacobs, SCAQ.

1. DA & QMG discussed security report on wharves and embarkation. Col Grant to check up on question of alternative camp to Ascot. ST to take up with OC, BIPOD the question of removing leaking drums from wharves and also removing drums containing petrol drained from veh tanks. LO to be assigned to take up questions handled by L of C.
2. Question of adm units for LILLIPUT.
3. Supplementary rations for LILLIPUT. DDST asked what possibility of getting some supplementary rations away. US people are sending some. (DDST to ring QMG).
4. Medical plot for LILLIPUT. Col Dawkins said he had asked Brig Johnson to let him know what this was. He was wondering whether action was needed to put a small medical staff on ships. Sent about 10 tons extra medical stores in charge Pd Amb. Only able to send 14 days quinine for 15,000. Col Dawkins said he wants to know what plan there was for evacuation of LILLIPUT. (Col Legge to take up).
5. Col Stinson asked for info about Ord plot - stores, amm, and workshops (Col Legge to take up).
6. Maj Dennett said that no amenities had been arranged because of no info of move. DA & QMG pointed out that this operation must be considered as operational move. (DA & QMG to ask Ops whether people like Canteens Service should be informed).
7. Col Easterbrook said that individual cooks were not available for LILLIPUT, he said he had asked Melbourne for latest production details. LHQ statement the other day that 5,000 were in PM not correct, but some on way. (DA & QMG to speak to LGA, Col Easterbrook to mention to QMG).
8. Col Stinson raised question of loading cargo for HQ. Col Stinson, Col Grant to sup DA & QMG with pencil notes about confusion over amm. Col Whitfield to take up with Col Parsons when he returns.
9. Procedure for calling fwd of ships and shipping info signals (Col Legge to take up in HQ).
10. Salt water soap (Col Legge to take up).
11. Reinfits - what priorities required (Col Legge to take up).
12. Mobile Cinemas. One waiting to go to MB, two more available shipment in about fortnight.
13. Matthew Flinders. Capt Jacobs suggested Col Legge should ask HGF to arrange for engr from MB to be present at PM when she arrived. This to ensure right piles unloaded.
14. Concert party from Melbourne. Col Grant and Maj Dennett to check shipping arrangements.
15. Col Easterbrook said that he had stopped a Maj of SPC from going fwd. Would Col Legge enquire whether there was any senior offr in the SPC at PM.
16. Col Easterbrook asked for a summary of the views in HQ of the Crown Ring Cooker.
17. Catering at Ascot. Complaints about arrangements.
18. Office hours. Branches to work on Office Instrn No. 5 as closely as possible.

(See Back)

19. Pack saddles. Col Stinson asked present possn about donkeys. Number of sample saddles available. Maj Arnold stated sample saddles were on trial in Townsville area at present. Maj Arnold to check possn with Col Parsons on his return and go to Melbourne on Thursday.

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27 Oct 42.

LHQ (for QMG)

CANTEEN SUPPLIES - SHIPMENTS TO MILNE BAY.

1. Reference your 125385 of 15 Oct 42.
The only priorities which have been issued were those laid down by LHQ for essential supplies to bring reserves to 120 days, no specific items being mentioned.
2. As shipping becomes available, which is usually at very short notice, all stores for which T 58's have been submitted are allotted cargo space in the vessel concerned. Canteen stores have not been refused shipping space from ports in this area.
3. ADCS Q'land L of C Area advised that there are now 250 tons (meast) for PORT MORESBY and 75 tons (meast) for MILNE BAY available for shipment in BRISBANE. If the shipping which is anticipated materializes, space will be available for the above mentioned tonnage and probably a much greater quantity may be lifted for both destinations depending upon availability of Canteen supplies.
4. It is stressed that early submission of T 58's (application for space) should be made to Movement Control Groups at port of loading and a copy forwarded to this HQ are not in possession of all demands made by NG Force for stores or of those being shipped from Southern ports it is not possible to lay down priorities except for those shipped from Queensland ports.
5. I raised the question as to how shipping space was allotted by LHQ to ships loading in MELBOURNE and SYDNEY and was informed that when space is available services are contacted, requirements ascertained and allocations made. The bulk of canteen stores are available in Southern States, ships also load from Southern ports.
6. In view of the above, it is not understood how Adv LHQ is to be made responsible for the allotment of the complete requirements of Canteen Stores, nor what is meant by the statement 'action to be taken to place ADCS on the priority list' when dealing with monthly maintenance, which was understood to be an LHQ responsibility.
7. Further, Major Agar advises me that he has instructed from Central Control not to ship Canteen stores without prior reference to Central Control. At times therefore, he is unable on account of short notice, to take supply space made available by Adv LHQ.
8. Can further information be given please as to how much of this monthly maintenance is the responsibility of Adv LHQ and how much LHQ, and can the necessary authority be given to Major Agar to act in regard to that portion of Canteen stores for which Adv LHQ will be made responsible.

(Sgd)

Maj-Gen
DA & QMG

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29 Oct 42.

H.Q. STAFF ADH
BASIS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Objects of staff required.

To permit a Corps staff being separated from present HQ Force staff - the Corps staff to function fwd.

To provide a staff for C in C to deal with future planning and to co-ordinate present ops.

2. Factors apart from those which are obviously the outcome of objects given in 1 above.

(a) Though GHQ is sending fwd an Adv HQ, it is probable that the main HQ will remain in present location for some time to come. A senior A & Q staff offr with staff and Services is necessary at present Adv LHQ to keep in touch with G4 Sec GHQ and USASOS and LHQ.

(b) COSC has been established and has submitted to the C in C a document showing method by which its functions can be implemented. COSC takes over a large portion of gen adm as well as local adm in Base and L of C Areas, takes command of Service units US and Aust in Base and L of C and, in general, carries out a number of the functions of gen adm which would be the duty of the staff and Services of HQ Force.

Reports on the exact functioning of COSC have not yet been received and these are being investigated by Col Q during present visit.

(c) It is still probable that other units and possibly formations will move from Australia to HQ. A staff to co-ordinate such moves will be required in BRISBANE. This staff in general to co-prise G, SD, A, Q, Q mnts and Services.

3. Probabilities relative to HQ Staff.

(a) Locate in HQ a staff approximating an army-type staff. This would create another staff and another echelon of LHQ unless of course present Adv LHQ was moved from BRISBANE to MORESBY. Although the latter is probably the ultimate decision, it is considered the time for this has not yet arrived. Further the size of the staff will be regulated in part by the functioning of COSC, the details of which are not yet available. It would be unwise to build up a larger staff than necessary. Therefore until more info is available concerning COSC, the size of the staff and, equally important, the Services cannot be given.

On the other hand, an army-type staff, if established, would contain, in both staff and Services, personnel of rank and authority necessary to deal with a Corps staff fwd and COSC in the Base and L of C Area.


(b) Place with the C in C a smaller AQ staff to work in conjunction with G for planning and to exercise such functions of gen adm as are not at present exercised by COSC. This, to start with, could consist of a Senior A & Q Staff Offr - need not necessarily be the ultimate Senior on the final HQ - and three or four junior SOs.

One of the disadvantages of this proposition is that A & Q staff to the C in C would have to rely for technical advice on the Senior Service personnel on the Staff of Corps or the more Junior Service Officers of COSC. In the event of the former Senior Service Officers on Corps HQ would have a dual role. This would make their post difficult later.

A solution to this would be the placing of more Senior Service Officers at COSC either by substitution between Corps and COSC or other appointments to COSC who will eventually come on the army-type staff.

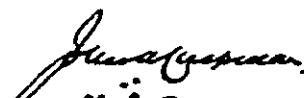
(c) To increase the staff of COSC - staff and Services - as a temporary measure to carry out the objects given in para 1 and later when an army-type staff is being built up to withdraw on to this staff, the extra staff and Services with COSC. The third subpara of para (b) above could be applied.

4. Whichever plan is adopted, clerical staff, AQ registry and local adm staff e.g. camp, pay, messes, quartermaster staff etc will be required.
5. I am in favour of either para 3 (b) or (c), building up to para 3 (a).
6. As LHQ is responsible for dealing with matters of policy of this nature, the matter has been referred to the LOA.


Maj-Gen
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Later - Spoke to LOA and gave the above particulars. LOA is in agreement with the summary given above. He favours para 3 (c) and states that "the object should be to turn COSC into the Adm staff, in fact if not in name, of the C in C, reinforce it by Senior Heads of Services and other personnel to make it a self contained HQ. Separate from it the immediate functions of local adm which would be carried out by comds of Base Sub-areas working under control of C in C exercised through COSC".

LOA was to hold a conference with PSOs on afternoon 29 Oct.


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DA & QHQ

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Date and Time.—From 3 Nov 42 To 4 Nov 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	3 Nov 42.		DA & QMG had conference with MGO who was passing through Adv LHQ on his way to NG. Conference with Col Legge on policy matters which Col Legge brought back from NG with him. AQ conference held and Branches and Services given general background of proposals to build up adm staff in NG. Branches were requested to consider plans for this. (Notes of conference att). Further talk with LGA on question of provision of transport planes for evacuating wounded in NG. Lt-Col Whitfield again saw G-4 GHQ and brought back infm that one LCI plane would be sent up from BRISBANE to NG on 4 Nov and another LCI would be sent up probably 5 Nov. G-4 advised Commanding General Allied Air Force (Lt-Gen Kenney) considered that the Ford Trimotor plane was not suitable and he was doubtful about the DH84s.	
"	4 Nov 42.		Further conference with MGO. Maj-Gen Bridgeford DA & QMG First Aust Army called on DA & QMG. Passed to LGA infm about aircraft received from GHQ of 3 Nov and signalled C-in-C. DA & QMG attended daily conference at GHQ. Discussion with Col Q on the method of allocation of shipping tonnage for mtoe and building up reserve in NG. Col Q to discuss subject with LHQ during his visit.	
		<i>16</i>	DA & QMG inspected Base Hospital at GREENSLOPES. DA & QMG inspected site of No. 4 AGH, Redbank, on 30 Oct also No. 7 Camp Hosp. Inspected No. 1 AGH.	

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Unit DA & QMG, Adv LHQ.

Date and Time.—From 5 Nov 42 To 12 Nov 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	5 Nov 42.		QMG left en route to TOWNSVILLE thence NG. Signal received at LHQ from NGF asking for release of HQ pers but not received at Adv LHQ. Conference held to discuss mvt of these pers.	
			Gp Capt Packer of Rwd Ech RAAF raised issue of shipping requirements for RAAF (notes att).	
"	6 Nov 42.		NGF signal about Staff received. Further arrangements for mvt of HQ pers.	
"	7 Nov 42.		Conference on Adm planning (notes att).	
"	8 Nov 42.		AQ conference (notes att).	
"	9 Nov 42.		Col Legge to depart for NGF on 9 Nov 42.	
"	10 Nov 42.		LGA and Brig Gorman arrived from MELBOURNE en route to NGF. Conference with LGA on various issues.	
"			LGA and Brig Gorman left for NGF.	
			Mvts TOWNSVILLE, reported that the Americans were expected to take over 5 ships which were at present on the Aust m/c runs. Col Elliott, LGAs Branch telephoned to state that Americans were taking over 5 ships in TOWNSVILLE. Shipping Board had no intention of releasing these ships. Col Elliott asked to check whether any correspondence between LGA and USASOS on responsibility of carrying Air Force in ships raised with Army and also to make an agreement with Air Force HQ, inform this HQ and inform Gp Capt Packer. Col Elliott stated that we had generally undertaken the responsibility for moving Air Force in the past but there was nothing in writing about it (notes att) and nothing could be done about it at present.	
"	11 Nov 42.		On behalf of C-in-C DA & QMG laid wreath on Flame of Remembrance, Anzac Square.	
			QMG returned from visit to NGF.	

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Unit DA & QMG ADV LHQ.

Date and Time.—From 11 Nov 42. To 12 Nov 42.

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Unit DA & QMG BRANCH ADV. LHQ.

Date and Time.—From 15 Nov 42. To 16 Nov 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	15 Nov. 42.		AQ Conference to report progress on undertakings arising from QMG's conference held 12 Nov. LGA and Brig Gorman arrived from PM.	
"	16 Nov. 42.		Conferences with LGA on adm planning, adm staff for NG HQ and gen policy. His Excellency, Sir Leslie Wilson and Military Secretary (Lt-Col Starke) visited HQ and later were entertained at lunch at C-in-Cs Mess.	
			LGA brought back infm that two LCI aircraft for which arrangements had been made on 3 Nov to tpt wounded from MYOLA to MORESBY, were not in evidence in NG. On 3 Nov the following arrangements were made by G-4, GHQ:	
			1. One LCI to be sent ex BRISBANE to NG on 4 Nov.	
			2. Second LCI to be sent ex BRISBANE to NG anticipated date of departure 5 Nov.	
			Both of these planes were to be used as air amb. On a subsequent occasion a check was made as to the mvt of these aircraft and GHQ advised that they had gone in accordanced with the original arrangements. On further request on 16 Nov, after LGAs infm, GHQ again advised Lt-Col Whitfield that the aircraft had gone according to the original arrangements. Later in the day it was ascertained that at the time when the planes were supposed to go they had not been serviceable for this task and therefore GHQs infm was incorrect. After further investigations at GHQ and talks with Cp Capt Gatty, Lt-Col Whitfield was informed that both planes will not arrive in NG not later than 19 Nov.	
			During the day signal (Q1152 of NG Force) was received from the C-in-C. This stated that the 2 LCI aircraft had not arrived. In reply to this sig, the DA & QMG sent a sig (AQ130 of Landops) to Cin-C giving history of planes as stated above.	

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Unit ADV LHQ - DA & QMG BRANCH Date and Time.—From 17 November, 1942 To 19 November, 1942.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	17 Nov 42.		The situation with regard to reinforcements was discussed and attention directed to the signal sent by Adv LHQ to LHQ today, making LHQ responsible for provisions of tropical gear, clothing and scale A Accommodation. Ships leaving SYDNEY in the next few days. Col Elliott, (LGAS Branch) promised to get hold of the signal and see what action taken. He was also informed that a further complaint had been received from MILNE that tps were still going fwd not being properly equipped. It was pointed out that in a number of cases very little time was available here for getting tropical clothing and eqpt for tps coming here for embarkation. We were not getting infm concerning inabilities from other areas.	
	18 Nov 42.		Conference at GHQ* on planning for LILLIPUT II. Suggested that although responsibility for this at present lay largely in hands of NGF that adequate plans should be made here. Later conference held at Adv LHQ with all Branches and Services present. DA & QMG presided.	See Appx., 21 Nov
	19 Nov 42.		Further conference at Adv LHQ. A & Q reps present. DA & QMG presided. Details of pass, eqpt, stores and tonnages were discussed. Later DA & QMG took infm received from A & Q Branches and Services to GHQ conference* attended by Col Dawkins, Col Parsons, Maj Keogh, Col Whitfield.	See Appx 21 Nov
			The following signal was sent to NG Force 19/11 - "FOR CINC FROM CHAPMAN. REFERENCE AQ130 OF 16 NOVEMBER. GHQ ADVISED ONE LC1 LEFT TOWNSVILLE FOR MORESBY 18 NOVEMBER. SECOND LC1 TO LEAVE TOWNSVILLE FOR MORESBY 20 NOVEMBER."	

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Unit DA & QMG BRANCH, ADV LHQ.

Date and Time.—From 20 NOV 42

To 24 NOV 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	20 Nov 42.		DA & QMG left by morning plane for MELBOURNE.	
			SCAQ proceeded on leave - Maj C.R. Bird acting SC.	
			Ref LCI aircraft mentioned 16 Nov, the two planes have now departed for NG.	
			Pack Saddles - donkeys. Memo 13165 to LHQ despatched 17 Nov - full report contained of experiments and recommendations.	Copy att.
"	21 Nov 42.		Points raised by DA & QMG with Col Elliott by telephone pm 17 Nov:	
			(a) Pack tpt	} see note att
			(b) Reserves for MB.	
			(c) Reinforcement situation.	
			(d) Disruptive tropical clothing.	
			(e) Concert Party (particulars in note att).	
			Received from COSC copies of various documents:	
			(a) Request for telegraphic address.	
			(b) Require staffs COSC and sub-areas.	
			(c) Directive on Docks Operating and Cargo Movement PM.	
			(d) Directive on control of small craft NG.	
			(e) Priority of Engineer Works KRESBY.	
			Copies of these were forwarded to LHQ for LGA on 17 Nov.	Copies att.
			Concert Party. Sig LANDOPS AQ131 to LANDFORCES on 18 Nov, re mvt of Concert party to NG.	Copy att.
			Sups to MB. Fwded to NG Force copy LHQ, in reply complaints on shiploading.	Copy att.
			QMGs conference notes. Fwded to LHQ memo 13240 of 18 Nov, report on points raised during recent visit of QMG to NEW GUINEA and Adv LHQ.	Copy att.
			Crown Ring Cookers. It had been stated in weekly report 11 Nov of LHQ that 100,000 Crown Ring Cookers had been completed. Memo 13241 of 19 Nov gave the actual situation in BRISBANE or at that date.	Copy att.

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Unit DA & QMG, ADV. LEQ.

Date and Time.—From 25 Nov 42. To 30 Nov 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	25 Nov 42.		Reinforcement troops EGBERT BENSON and DUNTROON held up at TOWNSVILLE awaiting call forward. Owing to unhealthy conditions for tps aboard EGBERT BENSON Movements, TOWNSVILLE, requested permission to move groups of troops ashore for exercise and leave. This was granted and financial authority obtained from QMG. Later, due to prolonged delay personnel aboard EGBERT BENSON were placed in staging camp OONCOMBAH and 300 per day from DUNTROON were taken ashore for exercise and leave.	Notes by LOI att.
			DCGS report on visit to NT Force. Four copies of this report were forwarded to LGA as the matters on the administration side concerned LHQ. When decisions have been arrived at Adv LEQ are to be notified.	
"	26 Nov 42.		Supply Demands from NEW GUINEA. Memo 13523 of 25 Nov to LGA is att.	
			GHQ Troop Movement directive No. 17 of 23 Nov was forwarded to LGA as the question of policy in this matter has been under discussion between LGAs Branch and DA & QMG.	
"	27 Nov 42.		Disturbances - City of BRISBANE. Attached is signal A536 to C-in-C reporting on disturbances and trouble which occurred between US and AUSTRALIAN troops in the city of BRISBANE on nights 26 and 27 Nov.	Att memo by DA & QMG.
			ATHERTON TABLELAND: AQ conference held 27 Nov. C-in-C desires recce made of ATHERTON TABLELAND area and report on the area - (a) as a hospitalisation area for NEW GUINEA FORCE and (b) as a base area for holding three divisions. Copy of conference notes Committee as set out in DCGS memo G/13560/SD of 27 Nov to depart Adv LEQ on Sunday, 29 Nov.	(att.)
"	29 Nov 42.		Letter from Brig Secombe (COSC) Mentions -	
			(a) bad loading of ships arriving in NEW GUINEA.	
			(b) Requirements of Labour units	
			(c) Requirements of landing craft.	
			(d) Watering and provisioning of ships for NEW GUINEA.	

W.S.C. to D.A. & Q.M.G.

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H.Q. C.O.S.C.
2 Nov '42

HQ NEW GUINEA FORCE
(through CG, CCSC).

PRIORITY OF ENGINEER WORKS - MORESEY

1. In accordance with HQ NGF memo G 01959 of 28 Oct, the following committee assembled at 2030 hrs on 1 Nov '42 :-

Chairman	Brig. V.C. Secombe	CCSC
Members	Brig. Gen. Walker)	
	Col Ramey	5 AF - at request of Brig-Gen Whitehead
	Brig J.W. Main	CE NGF
	Brig R.H.E. Hopkins	SGS NGF
	Col Matthews	CE US Adv Base HQ.
	Maj Pies, P.E.	5 AF
	Col Suerdrup	D/CE CHQ

Attended in view of signal received by him concerning Air Corps priorities.

2. Terms of reference to the committee were read, and plan outlined on which conference would operate.

Brig-Gen Walker desired that his following comment be registered.

"Although this committee may arrive at certain recommendations the Air Corps could not be bound by them. Has Comd Allied Land Forces power to decide Air strategy? Is it not a question for CHQ".

In reply the Chairman indicated that the purpose of the meeting was to review engineer resources etc. and to recommend a plan by which demands of all services could be met, and our efforts and resources co-ordinated to render the most efficient service.

He added that no doubt Comd Allied Land Forces would communicate with CHQ on those matters considered essential by him.

3. PRESENT ENGINEER RESOURCES & ALLOTMENT

- (a) Engineer resources and allotment of equipment and personnel USA are shown appendix "A" attached.
- (b) Engineer resources and allotment of equipment and personnel Aust are shown appendix "B" attached.

4. PRESENT & FUTURE PROJECTS

Present and future projects of Airfields, Roads, Docks, Service Dumps etc. were fully discussed, and are shown in appendix "C" attached.

5. PRIORITIES

As there are so many engineering projects required, and the engineering resources are so comparatively limited, the principal items were selected as follows :-

- (a) (I) 7 MILE DROME
1 heavy Bomber all weather strip to take 24 bombers - B24s.
- (II) WARD'S DROME
1 heavy Bomber all weather strip to take 24 bombers - B24s.
- (III) BARONA
2 heavy Bomber all weather strips to take 24 bombers - B24s.
- (IV) All weather dispersal areas required for above.
- (V) Completion of all other strips for all weather conditions to continue at same time.
- (b) Tatara Dock
- (c) Bulk Oil Installation
- (d) Completion of essential cover, and access roads to supply dumps
- (e) Erection of facilities at No. 9 AGH.
- (f) Main road to Base Area.
- (g) Extension of existing Dock.

6. The Committee reports :-

- (a) If projects listed in para (5) are considered essential and imperative, engineer resources in personnel and equipment are not sufficient to carry them out simultaneously or in sufficient time to render the service required before the wet weather commences.
- Date of commencement of periodic storms of wet weather was fixed at 15 Nov.
- (b) To carry out the projects in para 5 simultaneously the following additional engineer units are required to complete in 30 days; one additional field coy and six additional US Engineer Battalions, complete with organizational and supplementary equipment.

However as these are probably not available or could not be provided in time, it is recommended that the following projects for the time being be abandoned.

See Para 5.

Abandon items (c
(f in favour of item a.
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and that the state of completion of all other items be reduced to a workable minimum.

This would provide 3 Aust Fd Coys (under strength) to reinforce units on item 5 (a), but even that addition, does not completely answer the question, as this project with the extra assistance would then be completed only in seventyfive days instead of the thirty mentioned above.

7. AIR CORPS PROJECTS.

A majority decision included in air-field construction

- (a) Construction of strips
- (b) Construction of taxi-ways and dispersal areas
- (c) Construction of access roads
- (d) Construction of water supply

This is to clear any misapprehension that troops working on items c and d, are not engaged on air drome necessity.

The Chief Engineer should be the deciding authority on the priority and standard of items c and d, as they so directly effect the construction, and maintenance of the actual strips.

8. WEATHER

ANGAU reports that periodic storms commence about 15 Nov, and the true wet late in Dec.

It should be borne in mind that between these dates, those airfields not all weather would only be out of action for a period of approx 24 hrs at a time.

The greatest danger would be for aircraft landing during or just after a storm.

9. GENERAL

It is agreed that the above is not a happy solution, but it appears to be the only plan if priorities vide Para 5 are to be followed.

As this decision was for the Higher Command the matter was left at that and the meeting closed.

V.C. SECOMBE

Brig
Deputy Comd. COSC

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AQ CONFERENCE - 3 NOV 42

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4 Nov 42.

Held in
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1. DA & QMG outlined proposals about adm staff in NEW GUINEA.
2. Col Legge to go to MELBOURNE to discuss issues brought back from NEW GUINEA.
3. Offrs Mess hrs. Col A to see DA & QMG.
4. Location Statements. Retained in DA & QMGs office at present may be put in AQ Infm Room later.
5. OOB. One for A, 1 for AQ Room. Posts to investigate what location states he has and what required.
6. Ammunition at FM. Col Q said AQ and Ord IN NEW GUINEA are quite prepared to hold 120 days. It is question of the force HQ saying what it wants. Ref SD statement that 90 days only required with 30 held on the mainland. Nothing in writing so far to vary GEQ directive.
7. Adm Lessons. Branches and Services asked to submit draft of Adm lessons to DA & QMG within a week so that he can prepare another draft for later discussions.
8. Col Q said NGF HQ short of capable clerks, question of DPl.
9. Col Q quoted Brig Secombe's statement that 5 Employment Coy arrived with two men who had wooden legs, several suffering from the effects of infantile paralysis, one with one arm and one man who celebrated his 70th birthday on the way over. Q to take up with MELBOURNE.
10. Shipping Code. Codes we have been using are those used by USASOS for their ships - no codes for Australian vessels. Nothing known of codes in NEW GUINEA. Question of universal codes to be taken up.
11. MS to check up on Scott and advise Q.
12. Donkeys. L03 to locate file showing types of donkeys and eqpt believed held by First Aust Army.
13. Bulk Storage. Tankage for bulk petrol storage well on the way - only waiting for welders.
14. Want more Offrs for Supply Personnel Coy. More AASC Offrs generally wanted.
15. Meat in Brine. No good. S & T advise Lt-Col Stewart.
16. Bakery. FM will require another complete bakery with its eqpt.
17. Emergency rations. *Need tape binding.*
18. Dehydrated mutton. Want ~~small~~ drums about 5 gln capacity.
19. Hospital Supplies. Work on basis of 2,000 beds.
20. Issue Order E26 for 2/9 AGH. SD uniforms as part of eqpt. Ord to check up.
21. List of stores required for LILLIPUT handed to Ord.
22. Additional 100 tarpaulins 20 x 50 required.
23. Ord Pers. BUNA 5 plus 120 for stores
2 " 30 " ammunition.
(5 " 80 ready for LILLIPUT).
24. NGF wants 800 amb stretchers. Hope to evacuate ~~as~~ as many casualties as possible by air from BUNA.
25. Officers Mess gear. Want some reserves held in FM.
26. Surgical teams. Want 2 surgical teams send over by air as soon as possible plus additional amb by air. Also have CCS ready for despatch.
27. Nurses could be taken for Camp Hosp. Will be sent on next trip of MANUNDA.
28. Salt water soap. No demand.

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29. Amenities for Nurses. Floor coverings, 20 folding chairs, 8 card tables, wireless set, wire coverings for meat dishes, sewing machine. Amenities to look into.

30. Distribution of Christmas Comfort parcels. Suggested to Americans also. Maj Denmet to discuss with A.

31. Camouflage tents. Maj-Gen Fewtrell's teams will "J" emulsion. Question of training team and sending fwd. Ord to check.

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SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS OF RAFF.

Ref my minute of above subject of 6 Nov 42, no further action is to be taken on this subject unless specific directions are issued.

(Sgd) J. A. CHAPMAN, Maj-Gen.
DA & QMG.

6 Nov 42.

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SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS OF RAAF.

The att signal was received from Fwd Ech on evening
5 Nov.

Discussions had taken place on afternoon 5 Nov between
Gp Capt Packer, SD (Landops) and DA & QMG. Copy of signal was
taken by Lt-Col Grant to Col Legge at LHQ on morning 6 Nov.

DA & QMG rang Gp Capt Packer 0845 hrs 6 Nov re
statement in part 2 of message relative to barges. This statement
was not made by either BGS (SD) or DA & QMG during discussion on
5 Nov. It was stated that as far as is known here ships of not
more than 13 ft draught could be taken round to northern NEW
GUINEA area and that transshipment into smaller ships may have to
take place at MILNE BAY; also Col Legge had stated on his return
from NG that the adm plan for LILLIPUT had not been completed.

Gp Capt Packer advised later that No 75 Sqn would
not be ready to move for 14 days as from 6 Nov.


Maj-Gen
DA & QMG

6 Nov 42.

COPY OF SIGNAL.

TO AIRBOARD REPEAT RAAF COMMAND, LHQ MOVEMENTS
FROM FORWARD ECHELON

OX 5

5/11

Part one of two (.) for D.C.A.S. (.) From discussion with DAQMG Land Forces it appears that Army is unaware of the shipping requirements of R.A.A.F. for GULLIVER (.) Desirable that this position be discussed with Colonel LEGGE now in MELBOURNE (.) Army plan under LILLIPUT is not yet sufficiently advanced to permit a decision as to whether R.A.A.F. petrol bombs and ammunition should be drawn from New Guinea area or from TOWNSVILLE (.) Our shipping requirements may be summarised as follows (.) One (.) Ground Echelon of 75 Squadron from CAIRNS to MILNE BAY personnel 325 equipment 180 tons (.) Two (.) Ground Echelons 30 Squadron personnel 380 equipment 200 tons 22 Squadron personnel 348 equipment 190 tons from MORESEY to BUNA (.) Three (.) 295 tons bombs 540,000 rounds point 303 600,000 rounds point 5 170,000 rounds 20 mm ammunition (total weight ammunition 183 tons) 10,000 drums petrol 428 drums Oil (total weight fuel and oil 2,150 tons) to BUNA (.) Four (.) 60,000 rounds point 303 30,000 rounds 20 mm (total weight ammunition 13 tons) 1700 drums petrol 68 drums oil (weight fuel and oil 350 tons) to GOODENOUGH ISLAND (.) Five (.) Possibly a detachment of No 1 Special Works Force from MORESEY to BUNA and GOODENOUGH ISLAND for aerodrome construction (.) End of part one part two follows

Part two.

Part two begins (.) Requirement four may be met in two ways (.) Alternative A (.) Shipment in three parts from MILNE BAY MORESEY and TOWNSVILLE (.) Proportions from each to be determined later (.) Alternative B (.) Shipment from TOWNSVILLE direct (.) The latter alternative is preferred provided that the ships can proceed to BUNA (.) Army advise that this is impracticable and that cargo must be loaded in barges at MILNE BAY (.) Enquiry locally does not support Army opinion (.) Probable Works requirement for shipping space will be communicated later.

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Dear

POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION IN ADM PLANNING.

SECRET
7 Nov 48.

The following points are suggested for consideration by LHQ and Adv LHQ in connection with Adm planning for LILLIPUT and subsequent moves after that operation.

2. (a) Gen adm is in the hands of NEW GUINEA FORCES but units will be required from the mainland to supplement those already there. These units, or in some cases, reinforcements of present pers, will go either to new theatres of operation or will go to PORSEBY relieving similar pers from that centre who might be sent fwd to LILLIPUT and other parts.

(b) In the majority of cases units or pers required are not close at hand to Adv LHQ and consequently some time will elapse before they are available for shipping overseas.

(c) Shipping is doubtful and no specific time can be set down for moving such pers.

(d) In the case of some units - example, Medical - it might be necessary to close down their present activities before the unit could be concentrated in BRISBANE.

3. SUPPLY FOR LILLIPUT AND SUBSEQUENT OPERATIONS.

(a) Will this be done from the mainland in large ships or from mainland to MILNE BAY with transshipment into smaller vessels?

(b) Medical Shipping. This might use the more open channels which are not safe for ordinary shipping and rely on the Geneva Convention for protection.

(c) Some ops - supply will be done by air - either dropping or landing.

4. A BRANCH.

(a) Reinfts. These will continue to be held on the mainland but it is considered that the cash side in NEW GUINEA will need extra pers. If operations develop according to plan it is not considered that further cash pers will be needed fwd with these operations ~~for operations to come~~.

(b) Medical. (i) Collection, holding and evacuation of casualties.

Collection will be in the hands of the forces operating. For holding, extra medical units will be required from the mainland. For evacuation air will be available though this should not be relied upon entirely. Small craft, for medical use, only will be required and subsequently visits by the Hosp ship.

(ii) Medical Stores. These will be required to be held in the theatre of operations which necessitates the operation of some Medical Stores unit for holding and distribution of stores.

(iii) Units required for the above purposes.

5. ORD. (a) Amm
(b) Stores
(c) Vehs
(d) Units for holding
(e) Units for recovery and repair
(f) Special eqpt.

6. S & T. (a) Supplies - base type unit required for bulk holding
(b) POL
(c) Distillate } Unit required for holding and issue.
(d) Expense stores
(e) Special Hosp supplies
(f) Special containers or bags
(g) Any special stores for air dropping.

7. TPT. (a) HT vehs - any special types.
(b) Small craft.

8. Special units for base and L of C Work.
(a) Dock unit
(b) Labour
(c) Sub-area organisation
(d) Tpt units.

9. BASE STORES & UNITS.
(a) for dock area
(b) road making
(c) Air strips
(d) other base duties.
10. Movement Control organisation.
11. Postal
12. Pay
13. Canteens
14. Comforts.
15. Salvage.

Paul J. [unclear]

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COSG
ADVANCE BASE HQ.

AFD 929,
7 Nov 42.

MEMORANDUM:

The following directive on docks operating and cargo movement this port is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

2. Authoritative Personnel.

- a. EOIC Commander Hout
- b. Major Ballantyne - CO Australian Docks Operating.
- c. Major McIntyre - Supt USATS.
- d. Major Loan - Australian Movement Control Officer
- e. Major Hapes - US Movement Control Officer
Capt Aralson - Cargo Control Officer.

3. Procedures

a. Priority on ships in harbor to be called to docks will be arranged by agreement between EOIC, Major Ballantyne and Major McIntyre. Priority to be determined on the basis of cargo, practicability of unloading and military necessity. All cases where any disagreement occurs will be referred to the Commanding General, COSG for final decision.

b. Ships which have been docked, and where unloading has not been completed will not be moved from the dock without agreement between EOIC, Major Ballantyne, and Major McIntyre, except in cases of naval necessity then the EOIC has sole control.

c. In the loading of cargo for outports, the type of equipment to be used, when and where cargo is to be loaded will be the responsibility of Major Ballantyne and Major McIntyre.

d. Requests for movement of troops, supplies, or equipment will be made formally in writing to Commanding General, COSG.

e. All lighters, necessary tugs and towing equipment, stevedoring, gear, etc. to be used in the most economical and efficient manner as directed by Majors Ballantyne and McIntyre.

f. Movement control and cargo control officers are responsible for the

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prompt and efficient movement of all cargo from or to docks and providing necessary guard protection and checking of all such cargo.

(Sgt) DWIGHT P. JONES
Brigadier General, USA.
Commanding.

Headquarters, COSC.

Subject: DIRECTIVE ON CONTROL OF SMALL CRAFT NEW GUINEA.

To: LIEUT. M. BOYD, RNVR.

1. COMMAND & ORGANISATION.

(a) All small craft in New Guinea waters, other than those under command RAN, some under command of COSC. In cases of operational necessity COSC may call on NOIC to perform certain tasks.

(b) ANGAU craft will be under command COSC but provision of craft to carry out ANGAU's normal functions will be made available as far as operational demands will permit.

(c) All small craft will be organized into the New Guinea Water Transport Group and will consist of:-

- (i) US Small Ship Section.
- (ii) Aust Water Transport Group (now being raised).
- (iii) Aust small craft at present in New Guinea.
- (iv) ANGAU ships.

The NZ Water transport Group will be organized into sections of approx 10 ships in each, an officer commanding each section.

As far as possible complete sections will be formed from within groups (i) to (iv) as shown above, but carrying capacity and relative speed of ships must also be considered.

The formation of these sections is to assist in control and administration, but of necessity they will often be broken up to fit in with the task as ordered.

(d) NZ Force will submit demands for Water Transport on COSC, whose responsibility it will be to carry out the tasks. A forecast of such tasks will be given as far as is possible in order that the necessary small craft may be marshalled at the jumping off place for each project.

2. Lieut Boyd, RNVR has been appointed Staff Officer for small ships on the staff of CG COSC. Lieut Shoaf US 333 will assist Lieut Boyd. The duties of Lieut Boyd will be:

(a) Co-ordination of all activities of NZ Water Transport Group and issuing on behalf of CG COSC all orders for movement of ships or groups of ships.

(b) Recommendations to CG COSC of allotment of sections of NZ Water Transport Group to tasks as ordered by NZ Force.

(c) He will prepare and submit daily at 0900 hrs to CG COSC location of all ships, tasks on which engaged, those available for allotment.

(d) He will prepare nautical data on NZ coast especially the NE coast and islands in that area.

(e) He will prepare plans and submit recommendations for the organization and siting of maintenance and Providing Sections and liaise with the Marine Engineer on matters relating to maintenance of all craft.

(f) He will act as liaison officer with NOIC on all matters pertaining to small ships.

(g) He will arrange through ANGAU the provision of necessary native pilots and crews for all ships.

Copies to:

Commander HQF

CG USAFOS

CG US Adv Base

CG US Troops Fall River

CG Sub-base Hattarak

NOIC

ANGAU.

(Sgd) DWIGHT F. JOHNS,
Brig. Gen UEA.
Commanding COSC.

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SECRET.
7 Nov 42.

Subject: REF SIGNAL TO AIR BOARD RPTD RRAAF COMD LHQ
MVTS - from FWD ECH - OX5/11 att.

1. Following a discussion with DA & QM, I interviewed Col Bullock, G-4 Section, GHQ SWPA at 1615 hrs, 6 Nov, concerning the subject matter of the abovequoted signal. G-4 had no knowledge of the matter.
2. Interviewed G-3, GHQ and Col E.L. Sheehan, Aust staff offr on staff of that sec. I was advised that a recommendation had that day been received from Allied Air Force recommending the construction of three landing strips on Good Enough Is. On completion these to be occupied and operated by Air Force units, to be decided by Comd Gen AAF.

G-3 had not had sufficient time to give full consideration to the project submitted but the opinion was expressed by Col Sheehan that some modified form of the project would be submitted to the Commander-in-Chief, SWPA, for consideration, and if approved it would entail land troops, possibly one Inf Bde less one Bn or some such force, being employed for protection of the landing strips referred to.

The opinion was also expressed that shipping involved would be the responsibility of USASOS.

The project which has been named GULLIVER has no connection with LILLIPUT.

3. All interviews were entirely unofficial and personal.

(Sgd) N. H. WHITFIELD, Lt-Col
SENIOR ADM LO.

DA & QMG rang Gp Capt Packer afternoon 6 Nov and stated that requirements itemised in OX5 of 5 Nov were not included in the original directive issued by GHQ concerning the LILLIPUT move.

From conversation with Gp Capt Packer it would appear that some other instn had been issued by RRAF copy of which had not been sent to Landops.

It was explained to Packer that the adm arrangements for LILLIPUT were in the hands of NG force and that all Landops were responsible for was the sending fwd of certain units and certain stores which would marry up with other units sent by NG Force.

Any amendments to the Air plan issued since the original directive from GHQ had not been received by Adv LHQ.

Gp Capt Packer was asked by DA & QMG to contact Allied Air Force in order to ensure that any subsequent arrangements made for tpt between Adv LHQ and GHQ would be in accordance with op instns to be issued.

It was arranged that sen Adm LO and Maj McNab, Q Mvts, would visit Gen Whitlock to state that it was doubtful if the necessary shipping for the Air Force move predicted in OX 5 could be made available by LHQ and to find out if any arrangements had already been made by GHQ with USASOS. Prior to Col Whitfield's visit to GHQ, a further telephone communication was received from Gp Capt Packer, who then stated that the plans for GULLIVER had not at that stage been approved by Allied Air Forces and Gp Capt Packer asked that no further action be taken towards the provision of shipping until such time as Allied Air Forces had submitted their plans to GHQ.

It would appear from the conversation on this subject that -

- (a) Infm supplied to Gp Capt Packer concerning the possibility of large size ships moving in the northern channels of NG was not correct and
- (b) that the plan concerning the move of RAAF units had not yet been settled by Allied Air of GHQ consequently no further action can be taken until such time as a definite plan had been decided upon.

DA & QMG contacted Col Legge at LHQ and directed that no further action be taken in regard to shipping, pending a GHQ directive here; also agreed that Aust mvts could not provide shipping required and that when a directive had been issued the responsibility for the provision of shipping should rest with USASOS through GHQ.

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AQ CONFERENCE 8 NOV 42.

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Present : DA & QHQ, Col A, Medical, Col Q, Q Htce, Q Hvtc, DEST,
DDOS, Adm LOS, SCAQ.

1. Maintenance Policy. Col Legge reported on discussions with LGA, DOS & DQHQ. Decided responsibility for maintenance must remain in MELBOURNE, therefore ultimate responsibility for space must remain in MELBOURNE.

Procedure to be for Hvtc in Melbourne, knowing when a ship is ready to load, will get in touch with this HQ. They will enquire if there are any particular service items which require urgent shipment. Adv LHQ to specify such urgent requirements. Ultimate allocation of space to be done by LHQ. In special cases ships may be available in BRISBANE and the space allocations may be decided by Adv LHQ, subject to the over-riding authority of LHQ (this applies more particularly to units taking stores with them in ships from BRISBANE and TOWNSVILLE).

LGA to issue adm instn covering this.

2. Ord Stores waiting shipment in SYDNEY. DDOS preparing minute to DOS. Copy to be sent to DA & QHQ.

3. Staff H.C. discussed.

4. MILNE BAY BIFOD. DADST has prepared report on mvt of pers and eqpt. Copy to be sent to DA & QHQ.

5. Adm Planning. DA & QHQ to prepare appreciation.

Haj-Gen
DA & QHQ

8 Nov 42.

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HQ 5 Aust Div

9 Nov 42

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DONKEY BACK SADDLES

Adv LHQ

Copy to First Aust Army

1. Ref your 12122 of 20 Oct 42.
2. Att is report furnished by Capt Churchward and Lieut Lee.

(Sgd.) E. J. Milford

Maj-Gen
G.O.C. 5 Aust Div.

DONKEY PACK SADDLES.

The trial with pack saddles supplied through AQMG 1 Aust Army was completed on 6.11.42. Originally it was intended to use 10 Mules with five types of packs but owing to short delivery (1) an injury in transit (1) eight animals were available for use. In addition to the original five a further three saddles were forwarded. As five saddles were similar in type (commercial) it was decided after preliminary fitting and trial to eliminate four and use one as being representative. In this manner the final field test covered the use of four types of saddles with eight mules.

Preliminary fitting was found necessary to ascertain the types most suitable to the conformation of different animals. Saddles numbers 1, 2, 6, 7 & 8 were incomplete and fittings (P.G.S.) had to be obtained and attached. These included Breast Collars, Breeching, Crupper and Girths (Nos. 2, 6, 7 & 8) whilst No. 1 had Girth only. In addition three mules had to be broken. Before starting the test under field conditions it was considered necessary to complete all details and the few days spent in this direction eliminated many errors that might have clouded the final observations.

DESCRIPTION OF SADDLES.

No. 2. Commercial Type, metal tree, fixed wooden side bars, panels (not detachable) 20-in. x 18-in., thickly padded. Low steel arches with hooks attached.

No. 3. Wooden tree, fixed side bars, detachable numnahs 20 x 6 in., leather panels 12 x 11 in., fixed to side bars, free portion of panel below numnah 5 in., girth V attachment fixed to side bars. Channel of clearance $1\frac{1}{2}$ in at wither increasing to $2\frac{1}{2}$ in at rear.

Fittings: Saddle type breast plate, crupper, one web girth.

No. 4. As for No. 3 but with oscillating sidebars. Detachable numnahs 20 x 7 in.

Fittings: Breastcollar (described as pack saddle type of breastplate 102/CC 20th Oct. 42), crupper, two folded leather girths.

No. 5. Steel tree with hooks attached, oscillating wooden sidebars, detachable numnahs 20 x 10 in. Leather panels fixed to side bars 11 x 12 in. Free portion below numnah 2 in. Fittings: Breastcollar, crupper, one webbed girth.

No's 2, 6 and 8 identical

No's 1 and 7 identical

No's 1 and 2 are similar in all features.

TYPE OF LOADING USED.

Bags of sand weighed to 75 lb. 100 lb. and 150 lb. were used so that evenly balanced loads of 150 lb. 200 lb. and 250 lb. could be carried. Although 250 lb. were carried in the final days of the test we do not suggest this as a load for constant packing but used it rather to find out whether such a load could be carried without doing damage to the saddle and/or animal.

OBSERVATIONS AT PRELIMINARY FITTING.

Measurement of Mules.

Mule.	Height	Withers to point of croup	Girth
A	14.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hands.	28 in.	67 in.
B	14.1 "	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	65 $\frac{1}{2}$
C	14.2 "	30	68
D	14.1 "	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	63
E	13.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	29	63
F	14.0 "	27	64
G	12.2 "	25	56 $\frac{1}{2}$
H	14.1 "	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	67

The mules were in fair but soft condition and obviously had not been worked for some time. It took two days before they became accustomed to hard feed. Considerable time was taken to educate the mules to stand whilst loading packs and in leading. In addition three of the mules had to be broken and handled. Ration consisted of lucerne chaff 10 lb., oaten chaff 6 lb., crushed maize 3 lb., the large amount of lucerne was needed to encourage feeding. The total ration was reduced at the fifth day and the amount eaten varied considerably as the mules were observed to be erratic feeders. We consider that the above mentioned ration could be reduced and that a longer time be allowed for feeding than in the case of horses. Suggested ration - oaten chaff 8 lb. lucerne chaff 4 lb. crushed oats 3 lb. bran $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. salt 2 oz.

Saddles. No.1

Breeching straps from a P.G.S. saddle were attached and found to be too short for a medium mule. The necessary adjustments were made. The straps would be suitable without adjustment for small mules or donkeys. The hooks attached to steel arches for handling loads are low and the effect will be discussed in No.2

No.2 As this saddle is slightly larger than No.1 the breeching straps from the P.G.S. saddle fit more satisfactorily. The loading hooks are lower than in No.1 thus bringing the pressure of the load to a more horizontal plane.

This would tend to embarrass respiration more than when the weight is carried higher. When fitted to a small mule the P.G.S. girths proved too long.

No. 3. This type of wooden tree allows of higher loading but owing to the fixed side bars it exceeds the optimum height thus causing rolling with the action of the mule. Owing to the fixed bars and higher loading together with shallow numnahs the greater portion of the weight is carried directly on the lower border of the numnah. We suggest that a disadvantage of the wooden tree is the possibility of breaking should the animal fall and/or roll. We consider the saddle type breastplate fitted is a valuable adjunct and definitely superior to the breastcollar (named ordinary pack saddle type breastplate L02/GC 20th.Oct.42.) as it eliminates pressure on the windpipe. The girth V attachment and single girth on this saddle is considered preferable to single strap attachments and double girths because in crossing double girths, apart from the possibility of pinching, to achieve compactness of load the crossing must necessarily be high on both sides, but not so high as to interfere with the adjusting of the girth when the load is in position. To maintain high crossing is not possible but the V attachment and the single girth achieves the object.

No. 4. The oscillating bars allows this saddle to sit low on the back thus reducing, but not eliminating the rolling as in No. 3. The pressure of the lower edge of the numnahs as in No. 3 is eliminated as the saddle conforms to the back of the mule. A breastcollar, crupper and single girth straps are fitted to this saddle and the remarks apply as in No. 3.

No. 5. Although the steel arches in this saddle are almost as high as the wooden tree in No's. 3 and 4 the load is carried on hooks so placed that the weight is carried below the hooks but high enough to eliminate distress as anticipated in No. 2. A breastcollar crupper and single girth straps are fitted to this saddle and remarks apply as in No. 3. A single web girth with two single girth straps gives the same effect as the V attachment as in No. 3. We consider that the panels, although satisfactory for small compact loads, would not be deep enough for bulky loads as the latter would come in contact with the animal and cause chafing. This could be rectified by an additional 2 in. in depth of panels.

No. 6 unserviceable.

No. 7 identical with No. 1.

No. 8 " " No. 2.

Loading of Saddles.

All saddles with the exception of No's. 3 and 4 are fitted with hooks, thus enabling the loads to be roped on ground ready to be hung in position on saddle. In No's. 3 and 4 the loads have to be lifted and held in position while lashing to saddle. This increases the manpower and time required to load and is more difficult if the animal is fractious. Thus the advantage of hooks attached to saddle is obvious. For the test no ropes, baggage, surcingles, or other equipment necessary for loading was supplied. It is taken that this was an oversight and under ordinary conditions same would be available.

Girths.

We suggest that folded leather girths are superior to canvas as the latter when wet chafe more than do leather and in addition deteriorate more quickly. It is further suggested that dressing should be applied only to the insides of leather girths and that the surface in contact with the skin should be treated by washing only and at frequent intervals. We consider that a flank girth is not necessary with a V attachment and single girth.

Although surcingles are not included in the girth group the use of same is included here and suggested. The P.G.S. mark III surcingle is considered an ideal type.

Numnah Pads.

The smallest mule (G) was not injured or embarrassed in any way by the use of saddle No. 5 which had a numnah of equal length (20 in.) to all other saddles tested. It is therefore suggested that the length of the numnah pad questioned would be satisfactory for donkeys and mules.

TEST UNDER FIELD CONDITIONS.

This test consisted of loading mules over a period of 6 days with a starting weight of 150 lb. and increasing to 200 lb. and 250 lb on the 3rd and 5th days respectively. The period worked each day was from 7 to 9 hours and the area covered included the traversing of Mt. Stuart and surrounding ridges and Muntalunga Range. These areas are very rocky and precipitous and the lead horses that accompanied the mules (in case of emergency) could not negotiate some of the ridges taken by the mules.

The object was to give the animals and saddles the most severe test in the time allotted and area available. It is note-worthy to record that mule H carrying 200 lb. on No. 5 saddle.

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down into a gully about 8 feet deep on to its back and owing to the narrow width could not regain normal position without assistance. No damage was done to the saddle.

The saddle blankets used were as follows -

Full saddle blanket (4 thicknesses)	Saddle No.2
" " " (4 " ")	" No.3
One thickness	" No.4
No blanket	" No.5

After the third day of the test it was found necessary to use one thickness of blanket with No.5 saddle to prevent slight chafing.

Although all mules sweated profusely it was noticed that No.2 saddle with blanket caused greater heating than the others. It is important to note that no difference in heating could be detected in No's 3, 4 and 5. Although four thicknesses of blanket were used with No.3 the blanket was cut to conform to the limits of munnahs and attention paid to maintaining the channel in the blanket.

Weather conditions during the 6 days trial were mainly overcast and very humid.

	Min. Temp.	Max. Temp.	% Relative Humidity at 1500 hrs.
Nov. 1	73F	85 F	83
2	66	86	82
3	72	84	81.7
4	75	88	87
5	76	87	86
6	75	86	84

Daily observations.	Mule	Saddle	Hours worked	Weight carried.	Remarks
Nov. 1	A	2	7	150 lb.	Mule distressed. Load too low, frequent periods of rest to loosen girths. Respiration very laboured. No chafing.
	C	3	7	150 lb.	Withers badly pinched. Back chaf at lower edge of fixed side bars.

	Mule.	Saddle.	Hours worked.	Weight carried.	Remarks.
Nov.1	E	4	7	150 lbs	No pinching or chafing mule travelled well. Breath- ing restricted slightly by breast collar.
	G	5	7	150 lbs	No pinching or chafing except at butt of tail caused by crupper on down hill travel. Breathing restricted slightly by breast collar.
Nov.2	A	2	8	150 lbs	As for Nov.1
	D	3	8	150 lbs	Pinching and chafing as for mule C but not as pronounced.
	E	4	8	150 lbs	Slight pinching at withers possibly due to late correct- ion in adjustment shortly after starting. Breast collar restricting breath- ing.
	G	5	8	150 lbs	Satisfactory except for crupper which made butt of tail very sore. Breast collar restricting breathing.
Nov.3	B	2	9	200 lbs.	Mule very distressed as with A on previous days.
	D	3	9	200 lbs.	Withers badly pinched, back very swollen.
	E	4	9	200 lbs	Satisfactory. No pinching withers as on previous day. Chafing at butt of tail. Breathing restricted slightly by breast collar.
	H	5	9	200 lbs	Satisfactory except for chafing by crupper. Restrict- ed breathing caused by breast collar.

	Mule.	Saddle.	Hours worked.	Weight carried.	Remarks.
Nov.4	B	2	8	200 lbs	As for Nov.3
	D	3	2	200 lbs	Injuries to withers and back accentuated. Mule constantly lying down. Slight chafing by crupper. Eliminat- ed from test.
	F	4	8	200 lbs	No pinching or chafing of withers or back. Slight chafing at butt of tail. Breathing slightly restrict- ed by breast collar.
	H	5	8	200 lbs	As for previous day.
Nov.5	A	2	5	250 lbs	Used in morning only. In- creased load proved too distressing. Eliminated from test.
	F	4	9	250 lbs	Satisfactory. Chafing by crupper no worse. Breathing slightly restricted by breast- collar.
	G	5	9	250 lbs	As for Nov.2
Nov.6	F	4	7	250 lbs	As for previous day
	H	5	7	250 lbs	As for Nov.4

OBSERVATIONS ON FIELD TEST.

No.2 Saddle.

1. As anticipated the low loading proved very distressing to both mules by restricting respiratory expansion of the chest.
2. The heavy padding of the large panels contributed to overheating.
3. No pinching or chafing was noted.
4. The P.G.S. girths proved too long for the mules used and adjustment was necessary.
5. Breastcollar by pressure on windpipe when going up hill required occasional spelling.

No. 3 Saddle

1. The height of the load caused considerable swaying which contributed in turn to injury to back and withers.
2. Fixed numnahs accentuated injury along area of lower edge of panel even with four thicknesses of blanket.
3. Crupper chafed on last day only.

No. 4 Saddle.

1. Height of load still caused swaying but not so pronounced as in saddle No. 3 as oscillating numnahs helped to maintain equilibrium.
2. No pinching of wither or chafing of back except when adjustment of load was delayed.
3. Slight chafing at butt of tail by crupper.
4. Breastcollar by pressure on windpipe going up hill required occasional spelling.

No. 5 Saddle.

1. Satisfactory in all details ^{except} for chafing at butt of tail by crupper and effect of breast collar as in No. 4 Saddle.

SUMMARY.

1. Test of four pack saddles representing all types supplied was carried out with eight small to medium mules.
2. Preliminary fitting and observations on saddles used were made prior to the field test.
3. Field tests were undertaken over a period of 6 days on rough precipitous mountain country.
4. Observations on the field test are recorded.
5. Height, girth measurements and length of back of mules are recorded.
6. Minimum and maximum temperatures with % relative humidity are shown.
7. One saddle No. 3 was eliminated on the 4th day and another No. 2 on the 5th day.
8. Recommendations are made on the results obtained from the test.

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RECOMMENDATIONS.

No. 5 saddle, with modifications is recommended as most suitable for P.G.S.

Modifications.

- a. Addition of breeching to be attached by a lay and D as on P.G.S. Mark v panels.
- b. Elimination of breastcollar and replacement by ride saddle breastplate.
- c. Extension by 2 in. in depth of free portion of leather panels.
- c. Replacement of web girths by 5 in. folded leather.

The field test and observation on same were carried out by
Lt Lee H. 2 Cav Rgt.

(Sgd.) H. Lee Ltd.

(Sgd.) Capt
A.A.V.C.

8 Nov 42.

D.A.Q.G.F.
5 Aust Div.

Phone Conversation with Col Elliott 10 Nov.

1. Col Elliott can find no trace of a schedule of monthly tonnage requirements on which USASOS requires infm. Informed him Randell's letter being sent down to LHQ for reply.
2. 5 boats. There is no truth in that rumour from Richards. Shipping Board gave assurance rumour not true.
3. He can find no restriction on the sending fwd to NG of B class pers, but they can only fulfil B class appointments. There are practically no B class appointments or units in NG.
4. Told Col Cohen about Russell.
5. Packer's story is correct. If he refers to GULLIVER we have no means of doing it. The Americans will have to do it. There is no directive placing responsibility for lifting Air Force on us, but the general practice in the past has been for us to do this. However, in the case of GULLIVER we have no hope of doing anything about it and therefore US will have to do it.
6. Asked for standing orders for mvt to be sent down as soon as poss. (Q Mtce state this was despatched this morning and should be there tomorrow).

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AG CONFERENCE NOTES - QMS PRESIDING. 12 Nov 48.

1. QMS stated that MILNE BAY wanted extra labour (Labour Coy) as they have two wharves.
2. Reinfits. These are urgently needed for MB. Suggested 700 should go there. Signal to be sent to HQF stating what available and asking if any more required for MB.
3. QMS stated MB are short of anti-malarial eqpt. Out of sprays. (DEBT said he had been putting these on every ship going to MB).
4. Question of arrival of manifests. To be checked up.
5. QMS stated Gen Glasse complained about adn tasks assigned to him by COSS as had no resources to do them.
6. Canteens, Craven A, Chocolates and sweets wanted.
7. MB experimental farm. Want dies ploughs, cultivators, pumps and engines.
8. QMS said that MB was alarmed at signal that 18 x 6" Hows on LAROBANK (later ascertained that these had been unloaded at BRISBANE. Note suggests must have been included in shipping signal when LAROBANK sailed from MELBOURNE).
9. Refrigeration. 2 x 1500 cub ft to be put into next ship for MB. QMS to check up on refrigerators being procured in MELBOURNE.
10. QMS suggested proper mvt staff at MB - would prevent many of the present complaints and confusions from there. DA & QMS pointed out that he had offered mvt staff but HQF did not call any for.
11. QMS stated MB said that they still have no protection for stores and have not received tarpulins and marquees. This to be checked up. Also asked for heap marquees. (ADCOM stated this was the first he had heard of it).
12. Bakery. Reinfits wanted for MB.
13. Mesh netting. MB stated nothing had been received (some going on each ship).
14. Operational ration. QMS directed S & T to send over about 115,000 to MB.
15. Fodder. QMS stated signal received saying 1385 horses being sent to FH and MB (check up shows that QMS to HQF on 4 Oct stated 138 horses. It appears that the error of the additional 5 must have occurred in decoding at the other end). MB wants no more Fack Coys.
16. QMS quoted MB figures - 50% down on Offrs and 50% down on QAs.
17. Ration strengths. Gen Glasse's figures - feeding 25,000 incl 123 US Regt, holding 60 days for 20,000. Holding three days' Jan Monday.
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18. Cardial Factory. To be provided in SYDNEY by Canteens. QMS to take up.
19. Ice-making plants. Want three brine tanks and extra condenser coils for FH. Check up made whether these available in BRISBANE. Later consideration whether ice-making plant now being prepared should be sent to MB because extra eqpt would provide sufficient output in FH.
20. Second wharf in HERBERTY to be finished this week. Expect extra 1800 tons from it. Old wharf clearing about 2200 tons per day.
21. Bulk installations. One welder turned up, where are the other 16?
22. Small craft. Small heap ships wanted.
23. Crown Ring Cockers. QMS directed that some should be sent to MB.
24. Empty fuel drums. More bungs required.
25. Set fishing lines and nets. HQF wants these, particularly for MB.
26. G-in-C does not want Remount Depot in NEW GUINEA. To be in TONSVILLE.
27. Want 240 ft conveyor rollers for moving cargo at FH. Also 10 ton - lift, link belt spreader. Check up made to find these items in BRISBANE.
28. DA & QMS instructed Branches and Services to report progress on Monday, 14 Nov 48.

HQ 133.300.64

VISIT OF STATE GOVERNOR TO ADV LHQ.

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His Excellency, the State Governor, will be visiting this HQ internally on Monday, 16 Nov about 1200 hrs. The following is suggested program:-

Met by DSGS and SA & QM (could you get away from your QM meeting on this morning?)
About 1205 hrs visit Army War Dept Mess.


1215 hrs Battle Room.

1230 hrs show rooms of DSGS and G-in-C.

1245 hrs Sig Office to see typew machine and teleprinter. Use teleprinter to First Army.

1255 hrs G-in-C Mess.

1315 hrs Lunch.


**Maj Gen.
SA & QM.**

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16 Nov 42.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

GOSG, 14 Oct 42.

Subject: STAFF FOR COSG AND SUB-AREAS.

REF.

The following Australian staff are required for COSG and Sub-Areas. It would be appreciated if this staff could be supplied at any early date.

<u>COSG.</u>	S & T	Lt-Col	1	Lt-Col Symnot already apptd.
	Ord	Lt-Col	1	
	Med	Lt-Col	1	
	Engrs	Lt-Col	1	Lt-Col Davis CEE Works.
	Staff	Capt	1	
	Clerks	Sgt	1	
	Pte	Pte	1	(Typist).

NECESSARY SUB-AREAS.

S & T	ADST	Lt-Col	1
	DADS	Maj	1
	DADT	Maj	1
	Per O	Capt	1
	Adj	Capt	1
	Clerks	Sgt	1
		Cpl	3
		Pte	8
	MSO	Dr	2
RED	DADS	Maj	1
	Per O	Capt	1
	Clerks	Sgt	1
		Cpl	1
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GRD	ADCS	Lt-Col	1
	DADCS (E)	Maj	1
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	Clerks	Sgt	1
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Capt Lang
Lieut Craig.

Brigadier.
Deputy Comdr CGSO.

Shane
HEADQUARTERS US ARMY ADVANCE BASE
NEW GUINEA.

October 15, 1942.

MEMORANDUM TO: New Guinea Force
CO USARMC SWPA

Could the following telegraphic and postal address for Combined Operational
Services Command New Guinea be registered please.

C.O.S.C.

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(Sgd) DWIGHT F. JONES
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ALLIED LAND FORCES SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

Advanced Headquarters

17 Nov 42

DA & QMG

Copy to : Col Adm Q
DQMG (II), LHQ

Subject: AIR SERVICE - MILNE BAY

In accordance with your instns, I discussed the method of despatch of "Mvts" Air Safe Hand mail to MORESEY and MILNE BAY with Capt Quincey, S/Capt Air, TOWNSVILLE.

Capt Quincey advises the present drill is for all Safe Hand Mail for both MORESEY and MILNE BAY to be despatched to HQ Force at PORT MORESEY by flying boat each day and HQ Force arranges despatch of MILNE BAY Air Safe Hand mail by plane from MORESEY.

I advised Capt Quincey that serious delay was being occasioned in arrival of manifests, bills of lading, etc for shipments to MILNE BAY in many cases these arriving 48 hours after the vessel. Capt Quincey stated there was no delay at TOWNSVILLE, all Safe Hand Mail going forward by first flying boat, after receipt, and he suggests the delay is probably on-despatch from MORESEY.

I inquired what service if any was operating direct from TOWNSVILLE to MILNE BAY and, if such a service existed, was it regular, and feasible to despatch MILNE BAY Air Safe Hand Mail by this service.

Capt Quincey advised that there was no regular service, that USA freight planes were flying direct between TOWNSVILLE and MILNE but their departure was very irregular and was governed by the quantity of freight awaiting lifting for MILNE. He said it was a common occurrence for a plane to be put on and depart at an hour's notice.

He stated that invariably, although they had a man stationed at the drome, he had considerable difficulty in getting his manifests for air freight lifted, completed to leave with the plane, the notice was so short.

I asked Capt Quincey his opinion as to the possibility of arranging for despatch of Air Safe Hand Mail for MILNE BAY on these planes. He advises against such a course, giving the following reasons:-

- (a) Irregularity of service.
- (b) Unreliability

Suggests the present system is the best and most reliable and that with some co-operation from HQ Force to ensure that MILNE BAY Safe Hand Mail is despatched to its destination by first opportunity, there is no reason why all manifests, bills of lading, etc, should not arrive well ahead of vessels.

(Sgd.) F.R. Murray,
Capt
S.C.I.

17 NOV 1942

19-Nov 42.

LET (for LET).

Subject: DONKEY PACK SADDLES.

1. Late in Oct arrangements were made with First Aust Army to purchase ten (10) donkeys or mules in the TOWNVILLE area and to carry out comprehensive tests of various types of pack saddles.

2. The saddles tested were as under, the numbers in each case agreeing with the numbers shown in 5 Aust Div report att hereto:-

- No. 1 - an ordinary commercial pack saddle manufactured by Butler Bros., BRISBANE.
- " 2 - an ordinary commercial pack saddle manufactured by Fule & Co., BRISBANE.
- " 3 - a pack saddle with fixed side panel and a wooden tree made in Ord Workshops, BRISBANE, similar type to that used in TINDA.
- " 4 - similar to No. 3 but with oscillating saddle panels.
- " 5 - similar to No. 4 but with a metal tree.
- " 6 - ordinary commercial pack saddles which had been used
- " 7 - by RAAF and were tested to TOWNVILLE at a slightly
- " 8 - later date but in time for the test.

Saddles Nos 3, 4 and 5 were fitted with different types of breast plates, girths and cruppers and 5 Aust Div, who were carrying out experiments, were asked to express an opinion on the harness as well as the saddles.

3. A very comprehensive report has been received, copies of which are att hereto, together with photographs taken from all angles of No. 5 saddle as used in the test. It will be noted from the report that the breastplate and girth as shown in the photographs are not recommended and it is recommended that a breeching be added.

A saddle is at present being made by Ord, BRISBANE, to fulfil the recommendations of 5 Aust Div in all details. This saddle should be completed about the middle of the coming week and will be tested for your inspection as soon as possible.

4. The ability of Ord Workshop BRISBANE, to manufacture these saddles in quantity is being investigated and you will be advised as soon as info is available.

5. Saddle No. 5 has been inspected by Maj L. G. Olson, CG 2 Aust Pack Tpt Coy, who is of the opinion that it is eminently suitable for the work required.

6. (a) It will be noted from 5 Aust Div report the measurements of the mules on which the saddle was used were:-

12.8 hands high, 25" wither to croup, 56 1/2" barrel to girth.
14 1/2 hands high, 28 1/2" wither to croup, 67" barrel to girth.

(b) Info received from Mr. Single of Aust Investments & Agency Pty. Ltd., shows that the average donkey in the KATHERINE area was:-

11.1 hands high, 27" wither to croup, 56" barrel to girth.

(c) 5 Aust Div report expresses the opinion that the 20" mullah pad caused no injury to the smallest mule and consequently that size pad would be satisfactory to either donkeys or mules. It had been previously considered here that the pad should be no greater than 16" in length.


Maj-Gen.
RA & QMS.

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The following points were raised with Col Elliott by telephone afternoon 17 Nov:-

1. Pack Tpt. He was advised that a report on the result of trials at THURSVILLE was being filed to LHQ but we heard in the meantime that 300 sets of pack saddlery for donkeys were being sent here. The poem regarding Pack Tpt Coys, horses and donkeys is not clear and needs to be tidied up both from organization and eqpt side and advice given to Adv LHQ concerning the probable establishments.
2. Reserves at MILNE BAY. It was anticipated that LILLIPUT, at a later stage, may make a drain on our reserves at MB and the question of balanced rations should be considered when the loading for ships for MB is being gone into, not only balanced rations but also expenses stores, water and mosquito chemicals.
3. The situation with regard to reinforcements was discussed and attention directed to the signal sent by Adv LHQ to LHQ today making LHQ responsible for provisions of tropical gear, clothing and scale & accommodation. Ships leaving SUVA in the next few days. Col Elliott promised to get hold of the signal and see what action taken. He was also informed that a further complaint had been received from MILNE that tps were still going fwd not being properly equipped. It was pointed out that in a number of cases very little time was available here for getting tropical clothing and eqpt for tps coming here for embarkation. We were not getting info concerning inabilities from other areas.
4. We were sending down today from Gen. Mearns a pattern of disruptive tropical clothing required in NEW GUINEA. Col Elliott was informed that this had been addressed to MFO and was asked to contact him on the matter.
5. Concert Party. Col Elliott informed me that signal had been sent by Col Cohen. This has not yet been received.


W. A. Gosman

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LHQ (for LCA)

Herewith two copies of documents received
from C.O.S.C.


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For	Col	Elliott	from	Chapman
(.)	Cahans	wire	A63288	of
17	November	re	Concert	Party
not	clear	(.)	As	stated
you	will	arrange	movement	this
unit	to	MORESBY	and	advise
in	of	position	(.)	Party
or	28	repeat	28	has
been	included	on	list	of
units	sent	to	NO	for
consideration	for	move	but	with
following	note	added	(.)	Movement
this	unit	doubtful	equipment	not
yet	ready	matter	being	dealt
with	by	Landforces		

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18 Nov 42.

RE, HQ FORCECopy LER (for GMB)SUPPLIES TO MILNE BAYRef your 9340/9/2120 of 1 Nov 42

1. The number of pers and tonnage of stores allotted to vessels ex the mainland to MB are dependant on certain factors :

- (a) Where vessels are tactically loaded, as in case of "TOORAK" and "LILLIPUT" movements, a certain amount of space must be sacrificed to obtain required stowage.
- (b) Block stowage of service cargoes also results in a degree of waste space.
- (c) The availability of the port facilities to off-load at destination, as known at the time of despatch of a vessel ex mainland, e.g. when ANSHUR partly blocked wharf at MILNE.
- (d) The length of time a vessel can be allowed at port of discharge having consideration to other projects in view.

2. The notice of availability of ships at port of loading restricts the time allowed by the Navy for loading. This is usually very limited, and has, on occasions, resulted in small amounts of space not being utilised, as it has not been possible to get sufficient quantities of suitable cargo for the space offered. An instance of this was the LARGESHAIR ex BRISBANE 2 Nov 42 when 50 tons Tween decks (for 200 drums petrol) became available. This petrol could not be brought to the port in time for loading.

3. There have been cases where ships have not been loaded to full weight capacity owing to the nature of the stores available, i.e. floor space occupied by particular type vehicles and similar bulky cargo. Other cases are where the pers, tonnage, units and vehs have been fixed by GMB, having consideration for other projects in view. Instances of these are :

- (a) Ships in LILLIPUT move - tactically loaded.
- (b) KATOONBA to PORT MORESBY - approx 1,500 tons light loading. Tonnage etc fixed by LER.
- (c) Certain vessels of short endurance depart from mainland with one hatch loaded with additional bunkers and probably this is not apparent on arrival at destination due to coal being used on voyage. Thus a vessel arrives with one hold completely empty.

4. Full advantage is taken of all pers and vehicular space allotted on ships loading at Queensland ports in an endeavour to despatch units, vehs and stores shown on priority, and special and general maintenance stores available, even though this has resulted in splitting units and vehs over a number of ships as they become available so as to make the best use of pers and vehicular space.

5. In many cases availability of space on ships under US control is not notified to Aust authorities in sufficient time to enable advantage to be taken of this space.

6. It must be remembered also that allocation of space is made to cover Aust Army, US, RAAF, Navy and ANGAU requirements.

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7a. Another report on this matter was received from HQ Force
303/2/2100 of 4 Nov which referred to the loading of heavy ships
arriving at HILHE - the WEST CACTUS and the VAN HERNIMIR. The first
named was loaded under USASOS control. The details given concerning
the loading of the second ship are not correct. This was answered
in Adv LH 15034 of 13 Nov.

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18 Nov 42.

LEQ (for LGA & QMS).

The following points were raised during recent visit of QMS to NEW GUINEA and Adv LEQ:-

1. LABOUR - MILNE BAY. Labour pers now at MILNE BAY:

2/3 Docks Op Coy	2 Offrs	116 ORs
22 Exp Coy	5 "	418 "

1 Pl 30 Exp Coy, 1 Offr 108 ORs at present at INSLEBURN, NEW. 1 Offr 84 ORs will be available for mvt on 18 Nov. MILBARE, SYDNEY, anticipate the balance will be available for mvt 25 Nov.

This Pl has been raised vide SM20069, and was to proceed to BRISBANE and come under command of Q'LAND B of C until it was despatched to join 30 Exp Coy at PORT MORESBY.

SD had been requested to secure an early priority for MORESBY but HQ Force has asked that this pl be sent to MILNE as priority 1A.

It is considered the 30 Exp Coy pers be sent to MORESBY as intended and that a fresh Coy be provided for MILNE. Can Adv LEQ be advised of anticipated date this new Coy will be available?

2. BRIEFES. Action has been taken to despatch these to both MORESBY and MILNE BAY.

3. ANTI-MALARIAL EQPT. 12 knapsack sprays were sent to HQ with the Anti-Malarial unit. 20 more are on order and were to go got ready in SYDNEY to be available about 27 Oct.

The following Anti-malarial supplies were shipped to MILNE BAY between 1 Oct and 4 Nov. These are in addition to the stocks issued to tps who embarked and crew individual issues of 1 x 1 1/2-oz tin per mny.

Anti-mosquito cream despatched:

DOVERIDGE	BRISBANE	13/10	1008 1 1/2-oz tins
TASHAN	"	"	1008 " "
VAN HEMSEKERE	"	14/10	180 " "
HARTBOUYCKE	"	8/10	1008 " "
ROTH	"	"	834 " "
JAPARA	"	"	10 " "
"	"	"	8400 lb.
"	"	"	15120 1 1/2-oz tins
CERRER	TOWNSVILLE	3/10	5150 lb.

Malarial - last shipment 28/8/42. Has been scarce. Shipment on SAN HOSE LIONS, RND SYDNEY 24 Nov. Approximately 5,000 gallons.

4. MANIFESTS - MILNE BAY. *State that it is* It is not possible to send these direct by air to MILNE (copy of report att) and N.G. Force has been asked to expedite transmission of manifest to Milne Bay. However, further investigation are being made because it is *Understand that ordinary mail goes direct to Milne Bay*

5. CANTEENS AND TYPE OF GOODS.

(a) 50 tons Craven & cigarettes, chocolates and sweets are being got ready by Canteens for despatch ex BRISBANE to PORT MORESBY by DUTROON.

(b) 70 tons Offrs' club eqpt is now being purchased, and is expected to be ready for shipment by DUTROON.

(c) 280 packages chocolates, 160 packages toffee were loaded ex MELBOURNE for PORT MORESBY 4 Nov.

285 packages assorted toffees and chocolates despatched ex SYDNEY for PORT MORESBY 1 Nov.

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116 cases chocolates, 143 cases toffee despatched ex MELBOURNE for MILES BAY 31 Oct.

153 packages chocolates and confectionery despatched ex SYDNEY to MILES BAY 1 Nov 42.

6. EXPERIMENTAL FARM MILES BAY. The following seeds are being sent to MELBOURNE by LMQ for onward move to MILES by air:-

6 cwt.	Tonate (5 varieties; "Ponderosa" unobtainable)	to plant 3 acres
6 "	Silverbeet	" " 1/10 "
16 "	Radish	" " 1/10 "
16 "	Pumpkin (only "Pinnacle" available)	" " 1/8 "
16 "	Watermelon	" " 1/8 "
8 "	Lettuce	" " 1/8 "
16 "	Beetroot	" " 1/8 "
32 "	Cucumber	" " 1 "
1 "	Paraley	" " "
2 bush.	French Beans, ("Brown Beauty")	" " 2 "
2 "	Baire ("Miskery King" and "Red Hogan" - "Red Indian" is unknown here).	" " 8 "

Kochalaets, Snake Beans, Chinese Cabbage, Mint and Carrot seed are unobtainable. Some Carrot may be obtainable at a later date.

7. 6" HORN. MILES BAY expressed alarm concerning these said to be in LARCHBANK. A search has been made of the file held in this office dealing with the LARCHBANK, and on SH17234 Hvt Order No. 173 inwards, mention is made Item No. 1 consignee DOB MELBOURNE 18 x 6" Horn guns each 4 1/2 tons. This reference is to cargo discharging at CLARE ISLAND, SYDNEY.

8. REFRIGERATORS MILES BAY. Two 1500 Cub ft units which have been awaiting shipment in MELBOURNE have now been sent by rail 1/2 of RAE pers to SYDNEY. These will be shipped in KATONGA sailing about 21 Nov. Efforts have been made prior to this to obtain space in a US Ship.

Cool rooms for 1 x 5000 cub ft, and 5 x 1000 cub ft units are being assembled in MELBOURNE.

Power and compressor units for these were not obtainable locally, and LMQ have supply in hand. Latest advice received that compressor for 5000 cub ft unit will be ready in MELBOURNE in 8 weeks' time and for 1 x 1000 cub ft unit in 10 weeks' time. This is the best delivery that can be made by purchase in AUSTRALIA.

To expedite delivery arrangements have been made to ingress machinery for 1 x 5000 cub ft unit and 5 x 1000 cub ft units, and an endeavour is being made to have these ready for shipment about end of Nov.

9. MVT STAFF MILES BAY. It is recommended that a type D Hvt Control Cp for MILES BAY be authorised, establishment only to be filled as required.

It is not considered that the services of a technical transportation officer (Maj) is required as such, but he could be carried on establishment and perform the duties of an ESO. It is thought that this establishment will be adequate for MILES BAY.

10. COVERS FOR STORES. 2 Aust GH has advised that 2 Armo huts have been shipped to MILES BAY.

12 Sydney Williams huts were faded to MILES BAY per LARCHBANK. Further huts of this type are available to be shipped ex SYDNEY or MELBOURNE.

Parabolic arched huts. 6 of these huts are being pre-fabricated in MELBOURNE and delivery is anticipated in 6 weeks. One is expected to be ready in three weeks.

The following tarpaulins have been despatched to NEW GUINEA by Ord:

PORT MORESBY 538
MILNE BAY 580

Ninety 30' x 30' are en route from SYDNEY to 4 COD GAYTHORNE for disposal by DDOS Adv LHQ, and a further 230 (various sizes) are to be despatched to 4 COD GAYTHORNE for distribution by DDOS Adv LHQ.

DDOS has been asked to advise immediately these arrive and to earmark 78 of the 30' x 30' and a proportion of the 230 for MILNE BAY by first ship after their arrival in BRISBANE.

On 13 Nov ADRES requested DDOS to despatch 10 American GS double marquees to 2/1 Aust CCS, MILNE BAY, as soon as possible.

11. BAKERY. Remainder of 2/2 Aust Fd Bakery (HQ details and one sec comprising 1 Oftr and 57 (Gs), now located at CHARTERS TOWNS, JACKY JACKY and PORTLAND ROADS, are to be made available for MILNE BAY in about fourteen days' time. DST is arranging for pers to relieve them.

12. FRESH MEETING for MILNE BAY. 50 rolls shipped by GEARON on 30 Oct. 50 rolls loaded on BAN HONG LIONS (KPD ex SYDNEY Approximately 24 Nov) and further quantities to follow as shipping is available.

13. OPERATIONAL RATIONS. S & F HSN has been instructed ships to put on ^{ships} loading in SYDNEY up to 50,000. Space on one ship at present allotted permits of only 5,000 but as space available further quantities will be loaded.

14. SIGNAL re HORSES. The signal advising the shipment of the horses shows 198. It would appear that the error of the additional 5 must have occurred in decoding at the other end.

15. REINPTS MILNE BAY. Arrangements are being made to despatch reinfts to MILNE BAY - expected ex SYDNEY 22 Nov.

16. RATION POSE MILNE BAY. (QMG brought back figure of 23,000 for MB ration strength and info about shortage of jam).

Estimated of ration pose both at PORT MORESBY & MILNE BAY have been amended to agree with return of ration strength HQ Force as at 31 Oct and is now given as 23,043.

Jan. MILNE Force have been issuing 3-ozs per day as against scale of 1-oz per day. Jan tons of jam is loading in SYDNEY on the BAN HONG LIONS. This represents 17 days' supply.

18. CORDIAL FACTORY. Three 8-bottle plants are being arranged in SYDNEY by Canteens Services. Maj Agar advised that negotiations are in hand to impress two that have just been completed.

ICE MAKING PLANT
19. Three Brine tanks, complete with extra condenser coils (each to make about 40 blocks of ice per day) are expected to be ready for shipment to PORT MORESBY by 27 Nov. One 3-ton ice plant will be ready about 23 Nov for shipment to PORT MORESBY. One 4-ton second hand ice-making plant is now being overhauled with a view to its being taken over. It could then be sent to MILNE BAY.

20. EGGS. 200 crates have been released to Canteens to go fwd as supplementary rations.

21. WELDERS FOR BULK PETROL INSTALLATIONS. 25 Pers were assembled at TOWNEVILLE. 12 welders departed TOWNEVILLE for PORT MORESBY by flying boat on 13 Nov. It is understood that mvt of these is now complete.

22. SMALL CRAFT FOR HOSPITAL SHIP. The DDOS LHQ and the DDOS HQ Force have been written to as to whether such craft are required. The QMG has been written to requesting that enquiries be made as to the possibilities of obtaining and outfitting such craft in anticipation of a demand from DDOS HQ Force.

23. CROWN RING COOKERS. Priority of despatch has been to PORT MORESBY. Arrangements are being made to send supplies to MILNE BAY as they become available from production.

24. BUNGS FOR DEFTY FUEL DRUMS. Spare bungs for 44-gal drums are not available. ^{See} It is suggested that not all the drums are being returned from NS the bungs from all damaged drums should be used for those that are being returned.

25. FISHING NETS AND TACKLE. A quantity of fishing nets and tackle has been sent to MILNE BAY. The AS Committee advised some nets and other fishing gear being procured and will be despatched at an early date.

26. 240 Tn CONVEYOR ROLLERS FOR PORT MURSEBY. These are obtainable locally only by imprestment. LHQ has advised that these will be obtained in MELBOURNE and railed to TOWNVILLE earliest.

27. 10-TON PORTABLE CRANE. LHQ advised that ASU can only suggest buying crane manufactured by J.G. Sanderson, BRISBANE, in competition with URA orders. This would mean considerable delay in delivery.

A 19,000 lb portable crane suitable to requirements is in use by the BRISBANE City Council for pipeline work. Welding plants have already been imprested from this scheme for Bulk Oil installations and it is anticipated that opposition will be encountered if it is imprested.

A further portable 10-ton steam power crane has been located. This is being inspected and if suitable it is anticipated it can be purchased - if not imprested.

Both of the above cranes are suitable and recommended as good stock.

28. TARPAULINS FOR MILNE BAY. 74 are now awaiting despatch from BRISBANE. BDOG has arranged for these to be sent to TOWNVILLE for onward shipment to MILNE BAY, by TACOMA, about 23 Nov.

29. TIPPING TRUCKS. Twentyfour 3-ton tipping trucks were despatched on LARGHAWA, which has since arrived at MILNE BAY.

Copy to:

NEW GUINEA FORCE.

John Ferguson
M3-Gen.
DA & QMG.

HEADQUARTERS COMBINED OPERATIONAL SERVICES COMMAND.

**October 19, 1942.
APO 929.**

**MEMO TO: Headquarters, HQ Force.
US Allied Air Force
MOIC
US Adv Base
Headquarters, Horesby Sub-Area.**

1. Representatives of HQ Force, Air Corps, and US Adv Base Sec will notify MOIC their priorities of calling ships fwd as they receive notification that ship is ready to sail.
2. Carveys leave approximately every ten days from ROBINVILLE. On or about the 6th day MOIC will convene a meeting of the representatives, vide paragraph 1, and after conference submit to COSS recommendations as to priorities in calling fwd of ships.

**BRIANT E. JOHNS,
Brigadier General, U.S. Army.
Commanding.**

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19 Nov 43.

LRG (for QMS)

CROWN RING COCKERS.

1. The att extract from Weekly Report 11 Nov shows that 100,000 Crown Ring Cockers have been completed. The following is the posn regarding cockers and fuel tins received, despatched or awaiting despatch:

Despatched -

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Cockers</u>	<u>Fuel tins</u>
PORT MORESBY	8,235	23,902
LILLIPUT	-	5,000

Forwarded - DUNEDIN 18 Nov.

PORT MORESBY	5,000	20,000.
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Awaiting despatch - About 1,000 arrived in BRISBANE today and info was received that more were on the way.

2. Up to date there has been a shortage in the supply of crown rings.

3. Can the exact posn, anticipated time of despatch from SYDNEY be given please?


Maj-Gen.
DA & QMS.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
MINUTE PAPER.

21 Nov 42.

SUBJECT:— Ref Adv LHQ, DA & QMG Branch War Diary - Date and time from 17 Nov 42 to 19 Nov 42.

Entries of 18 Nov and 19 Nov referring to conferences at GHQ are elaborated as follows:

Conference 18 Nov G3 office GHQ.

Attendance: USA - G3,
Col Sheehan,
Ext Offr G4, Col Bulloch
Chief Sig Offr
Engr, Lt-Col Heiberg
Gen Marquat AA represented
Col Beeby, AAF.

Aust - Maj-Gen Chapman
Lt-Col Banford, Ops
Maj Keogh, SD & Tng
Lt-Col Whitfield, Snr Adm LO.

Subject for discussion. Strength and composition and maintenance of Force to garrison Buna. G3 and Maj-Gen Chapman explained difficulties confronting them. They have no knowledge of any plans which NG Force may be initiating, and in absence of such information decided to estimate size of Force at 15,000 A/R all services; comprising Allied Forces now moving on Buna by land and air, those included in Lilliput, and also those included in the new project under consideration - i.e. Lilliput II.

Maintenance supplies to be increased from 30 days now en route with Lilliput, to 60 days, in two lots of 30 days each for Land Forces; and 30 days AAF.

The object of Lilliput II is planning ahead to meet any situation which may arise. But may not be required.

USASOS to provide necessary shipping, loadings from Sydney and Brisbane, and to be ready to move within two or three days, if called forward; but not expected to be required before first week or even beginning of the third week of Dec 42.

GHQ issuing directive for consideration of NG Force.

Conference 19 Nov GHQ.

Attendance: US representation same as 18 Nov, and in addition Col Renner, AAF.

Aust - Maj-Gen Chapman
Lt-Col Parsons, "Q" Maint
Col Dawkins, ADGMS
Maj Keogh, SD & Tng
Lt-Col Whitfield, Snr Adm LO.

Subject for discussion. Review of position arising from conference
18 Nov. New project - Goodenough Island. Code name "Pygmy".

Object. Construction of two landing strips, operation and protection thereof on Goodenough Island. Protection of Normanby Island and Wengila against raiders.

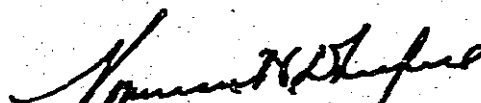
Estimated Strength Force, all services - 6,000 A/R.

Maintenance supplies. 60 days Land Forces, 30 days AAF.

NG Force to decide size of Land Force required, and from where drawn.

USASOS provide shipping.

Pygmy to be ready to move Brisbane by 28 - 29 Nov 42.



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N.H. WHITFIELD, Lt-Col,
Snr Adm LO.

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W.D. 20.4.42

Leave & Controlled Exercises Reinforcements
on Demitron & Reinforcements from Egbert
Reinforcements in Shaggy Camp Townsville

1) a. Discussed with G. & B. H.Q. The position which had
arisen concerning the above quoted Subject Matter
to address him that leave in both cases had been
stopped for today, & until the position was
clarified.

c. G. & B. of opinion that Security was being over
done & leave & Controlled exercises should be
resumed:-

2(a) Similar discussion Capt Carson Allied
Naval & with Comd Chesterman Airt base
off. with Allied Navy H.Q.

b. Both Capt Carson & Comd Chesterman agreed
with G. & B.

3 Action Taken

Comd Chesterman Rang N.O.I.C. Townsville
& spoke to his 2/I.C. informing him that
granting of leave & Controlled exercises
would be resumed.

4 Conditions

a. Controlled exercises for both personnel
from Demitron & Egbert Reinforcements & for
grant of normal leave at discretion
of C.O. Troops in each case.

(b) All Troops concerned to be addressed
by their off. on necessity of obeying
Security regulations & consequences of
failing to do so

W.D. 20.4.42

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5. U.S.A. troops in Townsville who have been on 24 hr patrol, have been ordered to stand down & will be granted normal leave.
6. discussed matter with Major Hest, Q. Queensland L.O.C. & advised him of position & Action Taken.
7. Major Hest advises that no staying accommodation Hay River Island: One Hotel Twenty Rooms & a Holiday Camp run & maintained by V.M.C.A. for Military Personnel Capacity approx 130. Always full
8. Recommendation.
 - a. That C.O. of Troops Queensland & Expert Review be advised & leave & controlled exercises be resumed.
 - b. Off concerned address troops on necessity of obeying security regulations
9. A.D.H.G. 1. advised.

Norman D. Whiffles
D.C.

Sen Adm L.O.

26/11.

24. Nov 42.

AQ CONFERENCE HELD ADV LHQ - 24 Nov 42.
re ALLOTMENT OF SHIPPING SPACE AND TONNAGE
LHQ Circular 144671.

1. DA & QMG gave precis of discussion in MELBOURNE on above circular. LANDOPS was not specifically mentioned in the circular and it was pointed out that -

- (a) we would be consulted before allotment of space and -
- (b) we would be notified of the space allotment.

Services, Adv LHQ, are to notify Mvts, Adv LHQ, of requirements for shipping space - this infm to be kept up to date. In particular Mvts must be notified of all shutout pers and stores and all items on priority. These will be indicated through Mvts channels to LHQ. Policy as laid down in the last circular is not affected in any way. Where an urgent show is to take place MELBOURNE will probably tell us to go ahead.

It was pointed out that possibly duplication may arise, that Mvt Control Gps as a normal procedure request allotment of shipping space from Mvts LHQ and that these requests may also include the shutouts and priorities which are notified from Adv LHQ Mvts.

At present S & T have instns that they are responsible for fulfilling NG demands. Engrs Services are working in the same way for the bulk of their requirements. Ord and Medical requirements are now all demanded in MELBOURNE.

The position then arises that although some services at Adv LHQ are responsible for NG demands, shipping space is allotted in MELBOURNE. DA & QMG is contacting MELBOURNE to discuss the question whether all demands be placed there.

2. COMBINED STAFF AT USASOS. There is no idea of having a combined staff at USASOS.
3. SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS AND AVAILABILITY. Brig Norman considered that the estimate of shipping requirements for NG mtce, 1-ton per man per month, is high and would be approximately 2-ton per man per mth on figures to date.
4. ADVICE OF SHIPPING TO MILNE BAY. Instns were given that the original copy of Bill of Lading for ships to MILNE BAY would be sent to NGF with a duplicate direct by air to MILNE BAY. Manifest to go in the normal way via PORT MORESEY. It was pointed out by Mvts that the original Bill of Lading should be available to consignee for unloading of stores. This is not always practicable. Mvts are checking with Brig Norman.
5. MAINTENANCE OF PERSONNEL. Reinfts problem will now be handled completely by LHQ. A memo is being prepared and this will be sent up to SD Adv LHQ to see before being implemented. In urgent cases DA & QMG can still direct that certain action be taken and notify MELBOURNE. (This is equally applicable to stores).
6. ORDNANCE PERSONNEL LILLIPUT. Pers are in BRISBANE and are on Mvt Order for "DUNTROON".
7. SUP PERSONNEL FOR LILLIPUT AND PIGMY. People to be called fwd to BRISBANE for LILLIPUT AND PIGMY.
8. STAGING CAMP. Q L of C are placing staff in ASCOT Staging Camp for handling units staging prior to embarkation. A to enquire into the staging camp arrangements and staff provisions.
9. ORDNANCE VEHICLES FOR NG. DA & QMG will be discussing with Col Elliott provision of ship for gital Ord vehs required in NG. It was pointed out by AQMG Mvts that main difficulty at the present moment, even if ship were provided, that quite a number of other ships were still awaiting call fwd.

Wm. Denny

10. MOBILE REFRIGERATORS. Opinion in MELBOURNE was more favourable to portable type of Refrigerator in preference to the mobile trailer. D of W pointed out that first experiments with the mobile refrigerator were unsatisfactory - the second type had been developed and tested satisfactorily. He understands there are approximately 300 of these in manufacture.
11. POSTAL. Milne Bay. There has been no direct postal service from TOWNSVILLE to MILNE BAY since approximately 18 Nov. Q was instructed to ensure that Postal Unit, TOWNSVILLE used all means of forwarding mail to NG and if no direct MB planes were available then mails were to be forwarded through PORT MORESBY.
12. LILLIPUT. Mail for LILLIPUT is banking up but will not be sent on as yet.
13. DOS LETTER NO. 140323 of 10 Nov 42: para 4. Urgent Ord demands may be fulfilled by LANDOPS and DOS notified.
14. RECCE CARS FOR C-IN-C. Latest advice - these cars should be out of Ord Wkshop by 26 Nov. Mvts are enquiring into possibility of loading in DUNTROON ex TOWNSVILLE approximately 30 Nov.
15. STAFFS FOR TRG UNITS AND DEPOTS. DCGS memo on above passed to A and Medical for necessary action.
16. DCGSs VISIT TO NT FORCE. Staff Capt to obtain four more copies for passing to LHQ as all A and Q items mentioned are policy matters.
17. RAAF REQUIREMENTS - SHIPPING. RAAF requirements for shipping space should go through RAAF channels to MELBOURNE. All demands for their requirements in shipping should be transmitted through RAAF, MELBOURNE. This is apparently not happening at the present moment. The matter was to be discussed by Col Burton with RAAF on 23 or 24 Nov.
18. REINFORCEMENTS. "EGBERT BENSON" & "DUNTROON" are held up at TOWNSVILLE and pers from "EGBERT BENSON" are to be off-loaded and staged. Pers from "DUNTROON" are being taken off in batches of 300 daily for exercise and leave. Lt-Col Whitfield is to see Q L of C and check staging facilities.

Authority to incur expenditure in the daily off-loading of "EGBERT BENSON" pers was obtained from MELBOURNE, now these people are being off-loaded. The "DUNTROON" tps are being moved in batches from ship to shore and DA & QMG authorised the expenditure to perform this. Q to notify MELBOURNE of the latest procedure. TOWNSVILLE have asked for a standing authority to incur expenditure in transporting tps to shore for staging and recreational purposes. LHQ to be asked by Q to confirm QMGs direct advice re this.
19. MEDICAL STORES UNIT. To be called fwd ready to move with LILLIPUT II.
20. 2/3 CCS. A to check up priority and authority to move.
21. MAINTENANCE OF LILLIPUT I DURING WAITING PERIOD. S & T queried source of supply used for maintaining LILLIPUT during this waiting period. We have no infm - note will be dropped to Col Legge enquiring about this.
22. LAUNCH FOR MVTS, TOWNSVILLE. Launch "ANNA B" is ready to move from BRISBANE and will be going to TOWNSVILLE next couple of days.
23. CONVEYOR ROLLERS. D of W to find out if NG require any more.
24. SHIPS' STAFF FOR "DUNTROON". Possibility of "DUNTROON" being made available for regular mtce to NG and necessity therefore for provision of permanent ships' staff. A to enquire.

219/300/27

13/00

21 Nov 42.

LRQ (for LBA)

DCGS REPORT ON VISIT TO HT FORCE

U. S. G. S.

Forwarded herewith are four copies of the above report. As the matters to be attended to on the adm side are such which concern LRQ, they are referred for action.

When decisions have been arrived at it would be appreciated if Adv LRQ (DA & CIG) could be notified.

[Signature]
Haj-Com
DA & CIG

W. B. B. B.

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AQ/CG

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25 Nov 42.

LMQ (for LGA)

Sup. demands from HG.

For info the following has been received by DDST
Adv LMQ from DDST HG Force :


"SUBJECT: DEMANDS ETC ON AUST."

U.S.A.C.
HLINR FORCE

DDST Adv LMQ for info.

From the receipt of this memo all demands for supplies
will be made primarily on DDST Adv LMQ by memo (landops if by
signal) and repeated to Landforces by signal, or copy of memo
to DST LHM.

2. This also applies to signals and memos notifying stocks,
ration strength etc."


DA & QMG

War Diary

AO/CC

HQ 165.300.647


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26 Nov 42.

LHQ (for LGA)

Filed for info is copy of Troop Movement Directive No. 17, A.P.O.
500 of 23 Nov, issued by GHQ, SWPA.

The question of policy in this matter has been under discussion
between LGA's branch and DA & QM.


Maj-Gen
DA & QM

War Diary

MOST SECRET.

AQ Conference Notes 27 Nov 42.

Subject: ATHERTON TABLELAND. Mtce of pers for NG Force.

1. DA & QMG read memo G/1356Q/SD of 27 Nov

Notes. (A) Arrangements to be made for cars to be made available for Committee. SD contact Bde in CAIRNS area.

In elaboration of memo, Con Depot to provide for expansion from 1,000 to 2,000 troops. ARD from 2,500 to 5,000 troops.

2. Discussion on service requirements:

Scheme A - hospitalization

Suitable locations required for the following units:

Sub Area Headquarters
Docks Operating Coy
Labour Coy
Mvt Control Group
Two sections Provost Coy
Cash depot

In Cairns

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Hospitals (as in memo)
Con Depot do
ARD do
(Amenities)

Ambulance Trains
Adv Depot Medical Stores
(Dental Units)
(Stationery)

Amenities bldgs will be gone into later.

Investigate sidings and stabling.
In scheme A will be with hospital
Will be provided as required
First Army will increase T'ville depot

Detention Compound
Postal
Bakery
DID
(BIPOD)
Farm
Gen Tpt Coy
HAC
FOD
FAD
(Ord Workshops)
Mob laundry

Portion Base Postal Unit
Additional small unit
HAREKBA may be increased - or another
Extra not necessary (established
Vegetable farm near con depot
Three pls
minimum 1 section
Already located TOLGER

L of C Workshops CAIRNS to do 3rd line
(repairs.)

Scheme B for three divs.

Adv Depot Medical stores
Hospital (additional)
HAC

1200 beds
2nd section (if a Corps in area they
would have their own HAC)

Field Bakery)
Field Butchery)
DID)
DSD (?))
POL
Adv Ord Depot
Adv Am Depot
Area Workshops

S & T will provide Committee with
further particulars of requirements

Extra mobile section

Man-Dean

Services will report by the morning 30 Nov on service problems in both schemes.

4. Discussion on type of accommodation to provide.

Suggested: Hospital: huttet annexes and tented wards with early expansion to huttet wards.

Gen Depot: Small portable huts.

ARD: Huttet mess and adm buildings, tentage accommodation.

5. Road and rail report. Evts submitted report on road and rail facilities in the area.

6. US planning in area. USASOS have plans for the area - they are building at CARBURN large holding stores. Memo to be submitted to USASOS asking for particulars of commitments in that area. Col Rogerson will contact TOWNSVILLE Base Section USASOS for similar infm. Further advance units in the area include drone strip at MAREEBA and an amn depot.

D of W to submit to DA & QMG all known particulars and results of investigations on the above subject.

7. DADST recommended Committee to contact a Lieut Farquhar, O.C. BIPOD Cairns area previously manager of Shell Coy and has an extensive local knowledge.

COPY.

28 Nov 42.

First Aust Army
Q'land L of C Area.

LHQ (FOR INFM)
Carg, Adv LHQ (for action).

DISTURBANCES IN BRISBANE.

During the last two evenings there have been serious disturbances in BRISBANE between members of the US and AUST forces. On the evening of 26 Nov this took the form of rioting in which shots were fired causing one death and numerous other casualties. On the evening of 27 Nov it was apparent that AUST soldiers had formed themselves into "packs" and were hunting the streets with the object of beating up individuals or small parties of US personnel.

The seriousness of the situation outlined above cannot be overemphasised and if continued, will lead to more serious trouble and stronger ill-feeling.

The responsibility for control in such matters cannot be left entirely as one for the Provost to deal with. The root cause goes back to a unit responsibility and it should be the aim of the CO, offrs and the well-disciplined members - the majority - of a unit to ensure that their unit is not a participant in such unruly conduct.

Measures are being taken by the L of C Area to prevent a recurrence of these acts of bad discipline but these efforts will not succeed without the full co-operation of units.

Formations will repeat the information given above to all units and attachments under command and will ensure that all ranks are warned against taking part in such disorderly conduct. Such other measures as are considered necessary by Formations will be taken.

(Sgd) J.A.C.
Maj-Gen.
DA & QMG.

Wan Henry

G. BRANCH
REGISTRY

29 NOV 1942

TIME RECEIVED

2155 HOURS

X G FORCE

LANDOPS BRISBANE

A 536 29

FOR	G IN C	(.)	DISTURBANCE	NIGHT
24 NOV	STARTED	OUTSIDE	AT 3P	CANTER
AND	ASSUMED	RIOTOUS	PROPORTIONS	AND
US	PROVOST	USED	FIREARMS	CAUSING
DEATH	ONE	AUSTRALIAN	SOLDIER	AND
HUNGER	INJURED	(.)	ON	27 NOV
L OF C	PROVIDED	EXTRA	MILITARY	AND
CIVIL	POLICE	PIQUETS	AND	CLOSED
CANTER	EARLY	DUT	MOVING	GROUPS
OF	AUSTRALIAN	SOLDIERS	COMMITTED	HUNGER
OF	ASSAULTS	OF	AMERICANS	(.)
L OF C	REPORT	AUSTRALIANS	INCREASED	AT
DISPLAY	AND	USE	OF	FIREARMS
BY	AMERICANS	(.)	ON 2P	28 NOV
FURTHER	PRECAUTIONS	TAKEN	EXTRA	PIQUETS

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AND	STREET	LIGHTING	AND	LANDOPS
ARRANGED	ASSISTANCE	FROM	FIRST	AUST
ARMY	PROVOST	AND	ASKED	IF
EXTRA	PIQUETS	HERE	REQUIRED	(.)
NO	TROUBLE	OR	DISTURBANCES	NIGHT
23 NOV	(.)	A G	ASKED	2RD
COL	MURPHY	FORWARD	EARLY	ALSO
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ACTION	THOUGH	SOME	PROVOST	HOT
HIGH	STANDARD	(.)	FULL	REPORTS
FOLLOW				

Capt. H. H. H.

2150 4/29

Col IMMEDIATE.

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29 Nov 42.

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11/10
LHQ (for LCA) (Two copies)

The attached are extracts from a letter sent by Brig Secombe.

Para 2 (a) The MONTORO was loaded in SYDNEY. Attention has been directed previously to difficulties caused by bad loading. Could infm be supplied for answer to Brig Secombe. LOWELL and STEPHEN FIELD loaded by US authorities. This infm is being passed on to USASOS.

Para 3 In anticipation of this demand can infm be supplied concerning the availability of labour units.

Para 4 Two 32 ft ALC have gone fwd in the KATOOMBRA. It is understood that three more (two 54 ft and one 32 ft) have been completed. DE in C is ascertaining from E in C infm regarding fwd movement of these craft and also future availability. A letter received from Brig Broadbent a few days previously emphasises the necessity for these barges.

Para 5 Will the necessary instns be issued?


Para 6 It is understood that some ships are rationed by the respective Coys and some by the Army.

The following report has been received from DDST Q'Land L of C Area.

(a) "The DST advised Q'land L of C on 3 Nov 42 - Arrangements are in hand whereby Shipping Coys will do their own victualling under arrangements made through Overseas Shipowners Representatives Association."

(b) "Q'land L of C make sups available on demand quite often at CAIRNS for ships of Shuttle Service and occasionally at TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE. Demands sometimes considered excessive for items in short supply i.e. potatoes and coffee, but S & T issues what is considered reasonable for turn round trip plus a safety margin. Agents are charged cost plus 15% for handling on all supplies intended for use of crew. Certain ships ration troops on route i.e. TAROOMA, KATOOMBRA and DUNTRON, but quite a lot make no provision for troops and necessary supplies are placed on board by S & T when advised by Movements that this is necessary".

The question of the Navy's responsibility was under discussion QMG Branch and Navy. In the case of LILLIPUT it was known that these ships were held up in TOWNSVILLE for some time. Could Navy be asked to issue instns to Ships Masters that where hold-ups occur at mainland ports demands for extra rations should be made before the ship departs to cover voyage out and back.


Maj-Gen
DA & QMG

W. D. Gray

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Adv. LHA

Date and Time.—From 1 Dec 1942 To 31 Dec 1942.

U. S. 1000 2/42

Unit DA & QMG

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Adv LHQ	1/12/42		Mail Lilliput. Further memo 13687 was fwded HQ Force 30 nov asking advice for disposal Lilliput mail. Townsville advise fwded letter mail by air 1 Dec, later advice received fwd further Lilliput mail 5 Dec.	
			Disturbances in Brisbane. Report on disturbances in Brisbane was fwded C in C.	Copy att
			To LHQ for AG was fwded (a) Report from GOC Q'land L of C. (b) Letter from DCGS to C in C 29 Nov (c) Letter from DCGS to C in C 1 Dec	
	3/12/42		Comds Conference Agenda. Report to LHQ for LGA - recommendations which had been submitted to SD by A & Q branches for inclusion in Comds Conference Agenda.	Copy att
	4/12/42		IIS Tp Mts fwded to LHQ for LGA. Details of US units due to arrive in Aust memo 13844 Staging camp facilities Townsville	Copy att Memo 13864 att
			Message received in the evening from C in C to say that his plane was to be used at BRISBANE early afternoon 5 December to transport Col Speckman south, the latter was crossing to the mainland in the early morning of 5 Dec.	
			The plane at this time was in use by a recce party in the Atherton Tableland district. It was later ascertained that the plane actually was at TOWNSVILLE. Message was sent for the plane to return to BRISBANE by midday 5 Dec with the members of the recce party who had finished their recce.	
	5/12/42		AQ conference on PYGMY	Notes att
			Atherthon committee returned to Adv LHQ	

[Signature]

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Unit DA & GAG

Date and Time.—From _____ To _____

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(adapted.)**WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY**

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M. 1208 2/42

Unit DA & QMGDate and Time.—From 6 Dec 42To 11 Dec 42

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ADV 3 HQ	6 Dec 42		Nil	
	7 Dec 42		Further discussions on PYGMY & LILLIPUT. DA & QMG decided to send Sen Adm LO, Lt-Col Whitfield to NG Force to discuss: PYGMY, LILLIPUT, shipment of MT and other issues.	
	8 Dec 42		DA & QMG advised LHQ that he proposed to visit there, arriving on 13 Dec 42. The following were some of the matters for discussion: A & Q Staff Adv LHQ and set up, Atherton Tableland recce, Adm lessons to date, Control of Cargo Allotment and Mvts by LHQ. Control of Canteen Stores allotment, Movement of personnel units and reinfts, Movement of RAAF personnel and stores, Authority for travel for offrs visiting NG. PSOs to obtain C-inC's concurrence, Docks and Labour units, other adm units probably required for LILLIPUT, Base Sub-area and Mvt Control Cairns, Air Movement control, officers leave and travel, Mvts Sydney, Liaison with USASOS, Camouflage clothing, Wrappings for supply dropping blankets etc., Quick moves and alterations to priorities, Ration strengths and fluctuations. ATHERTON report received and distributed to Staff and Services.	
	9 Dec 42		Further discussions on PYGMY, LILLIPUT and ATHERTON project.	
	10 Dec 42		Sen Adm LO left for NG. At about 2200 hrs Q Mvts informed DA & QMG that they had learned from Col Grimm of USASOS that loading was not to continue for PYGMY. No infm had been received from GHQ. Contacted Col Bullock of G-4 Sec and he stated that PYGMY had been postponed but could give no further infm. Arrangements made to suspend loading of ships.	
	11 Dec 42		DA & QMG with Brig Irving left by train for MELBOURNE. Infm arrived from GHQ that PYGMY had been cancelled.	

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Unit DA & QMG

Date and Time.—From 12 Dec 42 To 29 Dec 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ADV LHQ	12 Dec		Received signal from C in C to proceed with Atherton project construction Scale A accommodation in two stages. The first stage for one division plus a fourth Inf Bde Gp. Second stage for another div. L of C Sub Area to be formed with Cook as commander. Divisions will not require complete set of installations, fully stock on an operational basis.	
	13 Dec		C in C signalled Landforces that hospitalization was first priority and to be carried out concurrently with first part of stage one, first part of stage one is to accommodate for 7 bns which it was hoped to commence moving within 14 days.	
	14 Dec		LHQ issued warning order to First Aust Army to assemble RAE units for work in Atherton Tableland and also LCA issued order for Brig Lucas to move to Cairns, Atherton Area in command of Adv Echelon of LHQ, to supervise construction and organization of the Cairns, Atherton area.	
			AQ Conference on Atherton. Col Thomas presiding in absence of Gen Chapman	Notes att
	15 Dec		Adm arrangements for Atherton project continued in absence of Gen Chapman.	
	16 Dec		Sig received from HGF stating that 25 Bde 3 bns and 16 Bde would move from NG in that order commencing not before 1 Jan.	
	17 Dec		On arrival units would come under First Army but they were not to be given an operational roll as the object was re-organization and training.	
			DA & QMG reported to Adv LHQ from Melbourne.	
	18 Dec		Brig Lucas and Adv Echelon party left for Atherton	
	19 Dec		Q conference held.	Notes att
			Directive received from GHQ on shipments of sups by air rpt.	Copy att

P. Wynter Sept

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Unit DA & QMG

Date and Time.—From 12 Dec 42 To 29 Dec 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	20 Dec		Further conferences and adm arrangements for Atherton. American projects for Cairns area, examined and conferences held at GHQ.	
	21 Dec		Nil	
	22 Dec		Continuation of arrangements for Atherton. AQ Conference to investigate progress of units required for Atherton Area	
	23 Dec		SM24954 received by phone from LGA. This defined functions of Ech LHQ under Brig Lucas, the functions of the Cairns Base Sub Area under Col Cook and the responsibility of First Aust Army. Orders received for 29 Bde to move to Moresby before Militia reinforcements.	
	24 Dec		Action taken to cancel embarkation of CMF reinforcements allotted to DUNTROON and KATOOMBA ex Townsville. 29 Bde to be brought up to WE before movement. GHQ Warning Instn No 1 received. This opened Lilliput II and established units required and priorities. Sig sent to NG asking for directions on units already lined up or in NG. Conference to check over details for Lilliput II.	
	25 Dec		Received copy of NG Force Op Instn 46 referring to the development of Oro Bay and NG Force Op Instn 54 referring to the installations at Oro Bay	Copy Att
	26 Dec		A further discussion on Lilliput II and continuation of adm arrangements. Summary of situation on the Atherton project indicated that arrangements were well in hand Sig from C in C ordering that personnel of 11 and 29 Bdes should be reconstituted to bring one Bde to maximum strength and to make it available for NG at earliest possible date. 5 Aust Div selected 29 Bde and stated	

that it would be ready to move within 7 days of receipt of order to re-organize.

P. Wynter Capt

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Unit DA & QMG

Date and Time.—From 12 Dec 42 To 29 Dec 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	27 Dec		Signal SD668 of 27 from NG Force establishing units required for Lilliput received.	
	28 Dec		Signal received from NG Force that 1450 personnel were desired to arrive at Cairns on the night 1/2 Jan. NG Force asked Brig Lucas's ability to accept.	
	29 Dec		Telephone conversation with Brig Lucas. Also talks with Lt-Col O'Loughlin and LGA. DA & QMG left for 7 days leave in Sydney after interviewing USASOS, Mvts and L of C there.	Notes att
	30 Dec		nil	
	31 Dec		nil	

P. W. J. Taylor

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1 Dec 42.

LEA (For AG)

Disturbances in Brisbane.

Following :

Forwarded herewith are copies of the

Report from GOC Q'land L of C Area.

Letter from DCS to C in C. - 29 Nov.

Letter from DCS to C in C. - 1 Dec.

W. J. J.
Maj-Gen
DA & QMG

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1 Dec 42.

C-in-C,
Aust Military Forces

Disturbances in Brisbane.

Further to this office 13650 of 29 Nov 42.

The Provost Marshal has been in close touch with Commissioner of Police, Queensland and GOC Queensland Base Area. The P.M. has been interviewed on two occasions and reports as follows :

After perusing a copy of the report of GOC Q'land L of C, Mr. Carroll considered it a fair statement of what happened on both nights. The Commissioner of Police was present and in charge in Adelaide St near US Canteen. He advised the US Provost to remain in the Canteen and not to use firearms. Several detachments of American Provost arrived at intervals, all armed and some in possession of tear gas bombs (these bombs were not used). The arrival of each detachment caused a demonstration amongst the troops.

Mr. Carroll was of the opinion that at least 90% of the men were not aware of the circumstances of the disturbance outside the Australian Canteen. A few soldiers who were seen moving amongst the crowd were watched by the civil police. Seven of these have been arrested.

The Provost Marshal's view is that there was a marked difference of opinion as to how a situation such as occurred should be handled. American Provost are inclined to methods which are not favoured by the civil police authorities in the handling of a crowd, the great bulk of which is attracted there out of curiosity. Mr. Carroll has impressed this view on the American Provost at conferences held during and since the disturbances.

Since the night of 27 Nov there has been a total absence of any disorder. Strong piquets are moving through the city. Most troops clear the city between 2130 and 2200 hours. Both Mr. Carroll and Maj-Gen Durrant consider that any further disorder is extremely unlikely. First Aust Army sent in 1 offr and 23 ORs and 6 Aust Div Provost one section of 16. 1 offr and 25 ORs are leaving SYDNEY by train evening 1 Dec.

This party of 1 and 25 plus First Aust Army Provost will remain in BRISBANE from two to three weeks during which time local Provost of L of C Area will, as far as practicable, be withdrawn from duty to undergo intensive training.

Adjutant General has recommended an extra Provost Company on order of battle after getting report of Provost Marshal.

Lt-Col J. Courtney, whose appointment to A.P.M. Q'land L of C Area has received approval, reports for duty 2 Dec and the Provost Marshal proposes remaining for several days to advise and assist.

Maj-Gen
DA & QMG

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3 Dec 42

LHQ (for LGA) (for information)

Comds Conference Agenda

Ref: LHQ 144750 of 18 Nov

Forwarded herewith is copy of recommendation
submitted to SD Adv LHQ by AAG branches Adv LHQ for inclusion in
Comds Conference Agenda.

L Maj-Gen
DA & QMG

W. A. Denny

CONFERENCE AGENDA.


ED.

Ref LHQ 144780 of 18 Nov and Adv LHQ covering minute of 23 Nov.

The following items are submitted for consideration. Some of these points are of a detailed nature and may be considered more suitable for a staff instead of a C-in-Cs conference:-

1. **REGIMENTAL TRUST FUNDS:** It has been submitted that a number of COs and officers controlling these funds are reluctant to inform the men about the state of their regimental funds - amount of income, how it is spent and balance in funds. Could a balance sheet covering the fund and an explanation of income and expenditure be posted on unit notice boards once a month?
2. **RECREATION ROOMS:** Could GOCs insist on the provision of recreation rooms on an appropriate scale in every stationary camp under their command. The Ammunition Directorate is anxious to furnish and equip these rooms but in many camps they are not provided.
3. **AMMUNITION OFFICERS:** Vacancies should be filled up to the appropriate rank in all LAs. If there are difficulties in finding suitable Ammunition Officers to fill vacancies the Directorate of Ammunition should be consulted with. It is anticipated this Directorate would be able to help in this regard.
4. **POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS AND PRIORITIES:** Correspondence on matters other than those of purely branch or service technical matters and on priorities for movement, etc. should come as from the HQ of the Formation or Force originating the correspondence. Recommendations on such matters coming from a branch of the staff or from a service will frequently lead to delay.
5. **ADMINISTRATIVE PLANNING:** A forecast of the likely theatres of operations and the probable ports or bases in AUSTRALIA likely to be used. This will enable the following to be considered:-
 - (a) Special types of equipment, e.g. development of hard hats, camouflage equipment.
 - (b) Consideration and development where necessary of probable ports which are likely to be used.
 - (c) Special types of units, e.g. pack transport companies etc.
 - (d) Port facilities in the probable theatre of operations and extra requirements necessary.
 - (e) A survey of shipping both large and small craft.
 - (f) Other administrative planning.
6. **AMMUNITION:** Attached are four items submitted by Director of Ammunition, LHQ.
 - (a) Disposal of German profits.
 - (b) Sporting goods.
 - (c) Concert parties.
 - (d) Cinema.

1 Dec 42.


Maj-Gen.
DA & QHQ.

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Reference Circular 144550 - I append notes of four matters which may be considered if chance permits.

ITEM

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

- (a) GSO Q.178. Disposal of Canton profits to troops.

There is evidence, particularly in Queensland that these profits are reaching some units very slowly and others, particularly new formations, not at all. Will Commanders who do not receive such funds bring it to notice and ask for distribution? The allocation is made monthly by OPH and details are held in this office.

- (b) Sporting Goods - provision of.

This HQ has stores of Sporting Goods, both purchased locally and obtained from "refugee stores". The Department of Supply and Development has authorized the manufacture of further goods over a period.

We have a bulk store in MELBOURNE and distribution stores in BRISBANE & SYDNEY and are establishing one in PERTH.

Unit Amenity reports show that some formations do not make use of us to obtain their requirements, although all Amenity Officers have been supplied with details.

We sell at cost to units which can pay and make free distributions where it is proper to units without funds.

- (c) Concert Parties. Interchange and programmes.

The authorized Army Concert Parties are now in operation. CGs should ask for all requirements in instruments, music and scripts. Commanders should arrange for interchange so as to provide variety. Routing should be carefully arranged so that units away from populated centres receive first consideration.

- (d) Cinemas - provision of.

We aim at a Cinema in each division for field formations. So far, obtaining of projectors and generators limits our provision. With the help of the Philanthropic bodies this is improving. Our first consideration is formations in the field away from populated centres.

We ask for any suggestions as to routing and invite criticism of programmes. In suitable fixed training groups we will consider provision of fixed units.

RESTRICTED.

13844

4 Dec 42.

US ARMY UNITS DUE IN AUST AND THEIR LOCATION
US NAVAL UNITS DUE TO ARRIVE AUST

MEMO (for LSA).

The following are the US Units due to arrive in AUST. In some cases part may have already arrived:-

1. ARMY UNITS:

(a) Mar Amphibian Bde.

Proposed location.

Mar Base Shop Bn
One regt Mar Amphibian Bde
Mar Amphibian Bde (less one
regt and Shop Bn).

CAIRNS
CAIRNS
ROCKHAMPTON.

(b) 803 Parachute Regt

CORBOVILLE (24 miles south of
CAIRNS).

2. NAVAL UNITS:

(a) Naval PT Base

CAIRNS

This is a motor torpedo boat base.

(b) US Naval Amphibian Training Group

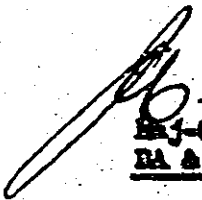
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3. Attached hereto are the following documents:-

(a) LANDOPS 013778 of 3 Dec 42 - marked "Appx A". It is recommended that early action be taken in regard to para 7 of this memo.

(b) LANDOPS G/13806/DCG of 3 Dec 42 - marked "Appx B".

(c) Ref is made in the first para of 13778 (Appx A) to a previous document. This latter gave the details of the Army units' organization. These particulars have been obtained and are attached as "Appx C".


Maj-Gen.
RA & CDS.

War diary

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13773

MOST SECRET

US ARMY UNITS DUE IN AUST AND THEIR LOCATION
US NAVAL UNITS DUE TO ARRIVE AUST

APPX 14

2 Dec 42.

G-in-C
Aust Mil Forces
HQ HQ Force.

Copy:

LEI (for CGS)
DA & QMG.

In continuation of LANDOPS 13621 dated 29 Nov 42 on the above subject, I have had a discussion with Brig Gen CHAMBERLIN today and the position now is as follows:-

1. (a) 25 US Div is NOT now coming to AUSTRALIA but another Div will come later, date NOT known but probably NOT until shipping being used for move of 25 US Div is free. When this other Div arrives it is proposed to locate it in LOGAN Area, south of BRISBANE in the camps formerly occupied by 32 US Div. The Units at present in these camps will probably move to ROCKHAMPTON.
2.

<u>Engr Amphibian Bde.</u>	<u>Proposed location.</u>
Engr Base Shop Bn	CAIRNS
One regt Engr Amph Bde	CAIRNS
Engr Amph Bde (less one regt and Shop Bn).	ROCKHAMPTON
3. 503 Parachute Regt (no change in location) GORDONVALE (14 miles south of CAIRNS).
4. NAVAL Units.
 - (a) Naval PT Base CAIRNS

This is motor torpedo boat base.
 - (b) Naval Amphibian Group MACKAY
5. Brig Gen CANNY is proceeding to NEW GUINEA on 3 Dec 42 to discuss above proposals with General MACARTHUR.
6. Brig Gen CHAMBERLIN stated that it was most desirable to locate the Naval PT Base and portions of the Engr Amph Bde at CAIRNS so as to get them as close as possible to NEW GUINEA. He stated that, with the arrival of US Units in the CAIRNS area, it would probably NOT be necessary to retain 11 Aust Inf Bde (less one and half bn gps) in CAIRNS but that it would still be necessary to retain our garrisons on the following northern aerodromes:-

One Inf Bn Gp	JACKY JACKY (Cape YORK)
One Inf Coy Gp	IRON RANGE
One Inf Coy Gp	COOKTOWN.
7. At present Brig CRANFORD, 11 Aust Inf Bde, is the senior Officer in CAIRNS and is responsible for its defence. In view of the arrival of US Units and in view of our development of the AYERHURST Tablelands, it is considered that an Aust Base Sub-AREA with the necessary Movement Control Unit should be located at CAIRNS to be responsible for the development and control of CAIRNS as a base sub-area. DA & QMG and I have discussed this point and think it most desirable that early action should be taken to establish this Base Sub-Area and also that Brig CRANFORD should remain at CAIRNS until the Base Sub-Area is formed. An early direction on this point would be appreciated.

(Sgd) F.H. BERRYMAN, Maj-Gen.

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APPX B.

US ARMY UNITS DUE IN AUST AND THEIR LOCATION
US NAVAL UNITS DUE TO ARRIVE AUST

3 Dec 42.

G-in-C
Aust Mil Forces
HQ AF Forces.

Copy:

LHQ (for CSE)
BA & QHQ.

Further to LHMOPS 613773 dated 2 Dec 42 on the above subject, the following additional details are forwarded concerning:

- (a) Naval PT Base.
- (b) Naval Amphibian Group.

3. Naval PT Base (Motor torpedo boat major overhaul and operating base).

1. (a) to be located at CAIHES on a site agreed upon in preliminary joint survey made by US Army engineers and US Navy civil engineer officer, and agreed to by civil authorities, and now awaiting final approval of CSE.

(b) PT is US Navy designation for Motor Torpedo Boat.

2. ESTABLISHMENT.

Officers and ratings - 109.

In consideration of its function, there will probably be an average of 200 officers and men attached to the base. This allows for Sqn HQ and crews of PT boats undergoing overhaul.

3. BASE INSTALLATIONS.

Workshops 3 (1 hull, 1 engine)
Small ordnance shop 1
Small torpedo shop 1
Barracks 1
Ponoon floating dry docks 2
Barracks and Officers' quarters.

4. It is anticipated that this PT base will be used primarily for major overhaul and general maintenance of PT boats, and not as an operational base.

5. MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT OPERATIONAL SQUADS.

One-half Sqn with six (6) PT boats is arriving in SYDNEY during this week. These will be built up in the future by the arrival of an additional 2 1/2 Sqn.

Two of these will be allotted to Northern waters, the third to Western Australia and the fourth is to be held in reserve.

6. (a) TYPE OF CRAFT.

Each Sqn has ten (10) PT boats which are high speed power craft, 4 to 5 ft draft, 70 ft long, manned by a crew of 2 officers and 7 naval ratings.

(b) ARMAMENT.

Torpedo tubes 4
Twin 50-cal MG 2
FS Smoke Tank 1

Depth Charge apparatus for anti-submarine work. When depth charges are provided for, the 3 aft torpedo tubes have to be dismantled and removed from the craft.

(c) RANGE

500 miles.

7. PRIMARY FUNCTION

Night and low visibility attack against surface craft.

8. US NAVY AMERICAN TRAINING GROUP

1. (a) Establishment (not firm). Anticipated that total strength of personnel arriving in Australia in immediate future - 700 officers and ratings.

(b) Standard Organisation.

3 boat units - 500 A/E's, 200 of whom are boat manning personnel and 100 maintenance personnel.

Maintenance personnel capable of repair and maintenance of a total of 160 craft.

(c) Landing Boats per unit.

Each boat unit is allotted 60 landing boats.

(d) Equipment.

Workshop equipment for maintenance and repair of unit craft, construction gear for ramps, prefabricated huts for office and quarters.

2. (a) Of the first element of the unit arriving in AUSTRALIA, 25 Officers and ratings are being attached to the Combined Training Centre at TOORAK Pt, and 25 to JOOTS, PORT STEPHENS, NSW.

3. Location - MACKAY.

(Sgd) F.W. BERRYMAN, Maj-Gen.
D G S.

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US ARMY UNITS.

APPX 2.

1. 503 AIRBORNE BDE.

Strength - Offrs and EM - 8,648. This includes Engr Base Shop Bn of strength - 1,065.

Org - Tentative org chart is attached.

Expected date of arrival - January 1943.

2. 503 PARASHUTE REGT.

Composition, strength and weapons.

HQ Coy	A/Rs	125
Service Coy	"	208
3 Bns, each 503	"	1809
Attached personnel		187
TOTAL strength	"	2039

Weapons -

Carbines	459
LMGs	132
60mm Mortars	27
81mm Mortars	12
Pistols	1753
Rifles M1 (principal weapon)	1113
Rifles .03 (grenade)	60
Sub-MGs	154

Transport - Very little.

Expected date of arrival - 1 Dec 43.

3. OTHER INFORMATION ON ARMY UNITS.

(a) Aircraft required to move a Bn of Para Tps:

C47s	22
C50s	6
B17s or B4s	2
TOTAL aircraft	30

(b) Aircraft required to move a Regt of Para Tps:

C47s	76
C50s	12
B17s or B4s	4
TOTAL aircraft	92

(c) Availability of combat team units.

(i) Available now in USA and awaiting shipment:

Inf Regt, jungle trained	A/Rs	2753
75mm Pk How Bn		897
QM Pack Troop		82
Vet Evac Hosp		93
TOTAL available now		3925

(ii) Available in USA in Feb 43, and subject to availability shipping:

QM Truck Co	124
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(iii) Available in September 43:

(iii)
 contd.

Engr Co, Engr Hq Bn	135
Engr Pack Co, Engr Hq Bn	132
Coll Co, Med Bn, Ht	83
Slitting Plat, Med Bn, Ht	42
Field Hosp	245
Vet Co	133
Sig Co (less Div Sig Off's Sec)	206
Ord Det	18

TOTAL available Sep 43 1095

TOTAL COMBAT TEAM - 5048.

(iv) War Department, WASHINGTON, notified that unit shown as available in Sep 43 will be activated in SWPA from locally available resources.

(viii) ROBERT H. WHITEHEAD, Lt-Col.
 SWP A6m LO.

ENGINEER AMPH REGT
O-584. W.O.-21 EM-4988

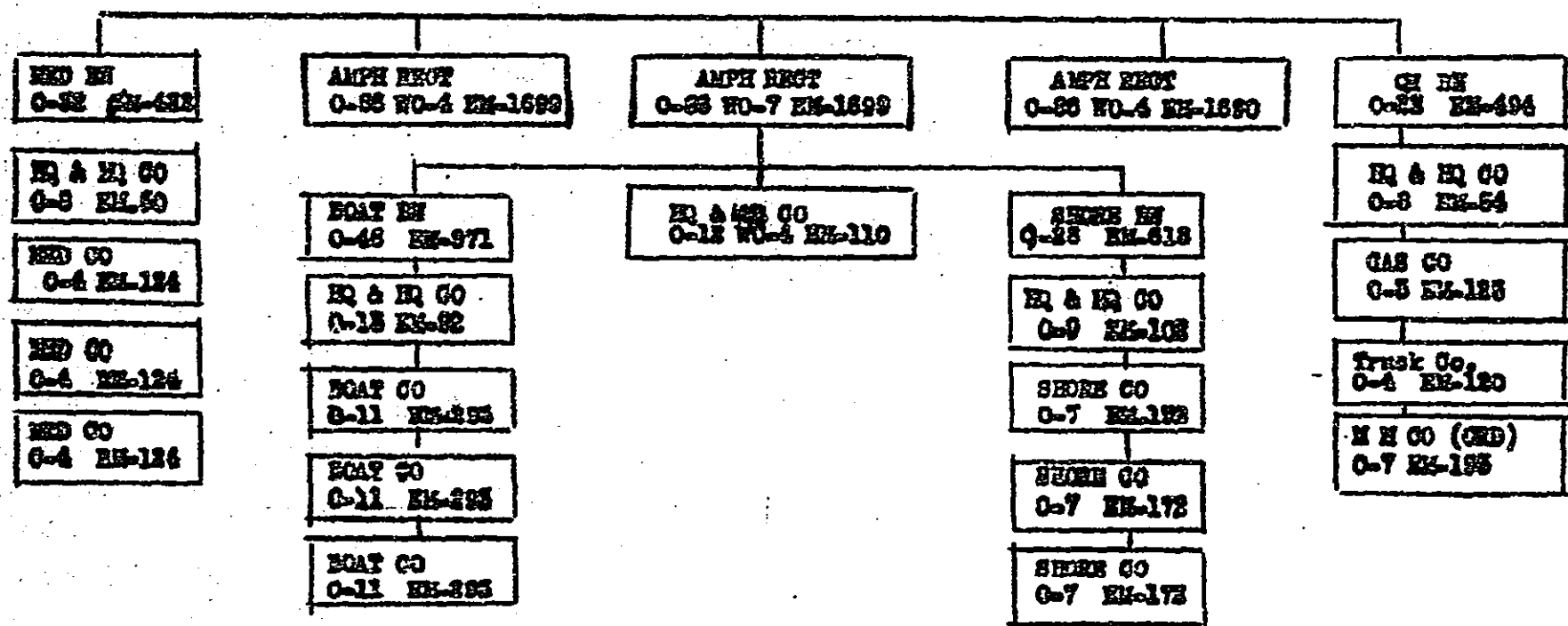
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1 Nov 1942.

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SIGNAL CO
O-8 WO-1 EM-388

GND PLAT
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ENGINEER BASE
SHOP EM.

(1,055) 8,648 Total Strength.

37/30/3.

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5 DEC 1942
4 Dec 42.

STAGING CAMP - FACILITIES TOWNVILLE.

1.

Personnel ships for NEW GUINEA are often held up at TOWNVILLE awaiting call out to NG and in order to preserve the health of the tps and keep them in the necessary physical condition required for NG, it will at times, be necessary to stage them ashore.

During the last week in Nov reinforcements tps on liberty ship ROBERT BROWN held up at TOWNVILLE had to be placed in OCEANIAN Staging Camp owing to illness developing amongst them.

2. It is considered that the provision of a Staging Camp (for up to 2,000 tps) on MAGNETIC ISLAND would be more suitable than a mainland camp for the following reasons:-

- (a) SECURITY: the segregation of the tps on the island would overcome the trouble recently experienced of tps bound for operational duties breaking security on shore.
- (b) MAGNETIC ISLAND is close to ship anchorage.
- (c) During prolonged holidays trg in jungle warfare could be carried out in suitable ground on the island.
- (d) Swimming exercise could be indulged in without costumes, which, of course, are not held by tps proceeding to NG. OCEANIAN Staging Camp on mainland is in a hot area away from the sea.
- (e) Tps would be more easily controlled and AWIs unlikely. No leave need be granted.

3. Water supply on the island should present little difficulty and the whole engineering programme would appear to consist of Scale A accommodation for say, 2,000 all ranks.

4. Tps cannot tie up at jetties on the island and the transfer of tps to shore would need to be made by tug or launch capable of carrying approx 300 tps.

5. As the establishing of Staging Camp is dependent on provision of suitable craft, may we be advised as to the possibility of obtaining same?


RA & CMC.

W. B. Gray

AQ CONFERENCE NOTES 5 DEC. 42.

P.Y.G.M.Y.

1. DA & QMG read sig SD 319 4 Dec from HQ Force.
2. SD to ensure that copies SD 319 and SD323 are sent to GHQ and that Col Bullock is notified immediately priorities are received.
3. Ed Amb - has ~~been~~ detailed.
4. Sup Pers Sec - is en route to BRISBANE from MELBOURNE.
5. Lighters - Q to find out -
 - (a) from DE-in-C what can be provided from Aust resources.
 - (b) what can be provided from GHQ.
6. In anticipation of offr proceeding HQ, Services are to prepare details showing specialised items of stores comprising the tonnage allocated to P.Y.G.M.Y.
Details to be submitted by 1800/5 Dec.

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MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AT LHQ.

A
Q
Medical
Ord
S & T
Q (Hvts)
D of W
SCAQ
Copy to SD

1. DA & QHQ proposes visiting LHQ leaving p.m. Sat 12 Dec. The following are some of the matters for discussion:

- (a) A & Q staff Adv LHQ and set up.
- (b) Atherton Tableland recess.
- (c) Adm lessons to date.
- (d) Control of cargo allotment and Hvts by LHQ.
- (e) Control of Canteen stores allotment.
- (f) Movement of personnel units and reinforcements.
- (g) Movement of RAAF personnel and stores.
- (h) Authority for travel for offrs visiting HQ. PEOs to obtain Co-in-C's concurrence.
- (i) Docks and Labour units.
- (j) Other adm units probably required for LILLIPUT.
- (k) Adm units likely to be required ATHERTON Tableland.
- (l) Base Sub area and Hvt Control CAIRNS.
- (m) Air movement control.
- (n) Officers leave and travel.
- (o) Hvts Sydney.
- (p) Liaison with USASOG.
- (q) (r) (s) etc see below

2. (b), (k) and (l) are linked and previous adm appreciation sent to LHQ refers. Also report on recess.

SCAQ - files - the above file also MOST SECRET file on US units.

3. Any information from staff and services on above points are required.

4. Also any other points which it is desired DA & QHQ to discuss. Those required by 1200 hrs 9 Dec so that LGA branch can be informed.

[Signature]
Maj-Gen
DA & QHQ

- (u) Camouflage clothing
- (v) Wrappings for supply droppings - blankets etc
- (w) Quick moves and alterations to priorities
- (x) Ration strengths and fluctuations.

6 Dec 42.

7 Dec 42.

Dear

I propose coming down on afternoon Saturday 12. Can you arrange for a car to meet me at Essendon? I am getting Hvt's to arrange for my train journey from Melbourne to Sydney on Monday night 14. Would you check up and see if this is O.K?

By proposed programme, if you will discuss with LGA, is above plus visiting USASOS, Hvt's Sydney and L of C Area on 15 and probably 16, then if everything is alright at this end and LGA is agreeable, I thought I might be able to sneak a few days leave, however I will discuss with LGA this aspect when I get down. I have arranged for a return plane ticket from Sydney, but am leaving the date open until I see LGA.

The matters with which I would like to deal with in Melbourne are as follows :

- (a) A & Q staff Adv LHQ and set up.
- (b) Atherton Tableland recce.
- (c) Adm lessons to date.
- (d) Control of cargo allotment and mvts by LHQ.
- (e) Control of canteen stores allotment.
- (f) Movement of personnel units and reinf'ts.
- (g) Movement of RAAF personnel and stores.
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- (n) Officers leave and travel.
- (o) Hvt's Sydney
- (p) Liaison with USASOS

I would very much like to have a preliminary discussion with you on Sunday morning the 13 Dec, say 10 o'clock at the Barracks, but will ring you on Thursday or Friday. The matters I would like in this preliminary discussion are :

Atherton Tableland project
Control of cargo allotment and Hvt's
Movement of personnel and RAAF personnel
Other adm units likely to be required
Base Sub area and Mvt Control CAIRNS
Liaison with USASOS

If it were possible, it would be helpful if a rep of Hvt's, SF and Ord services were in on some of these talks, particularly with regard to ATHERTON.

I realize that the planning will have to be done at LHQ, but with the general staff up here and the C-in-C probably requiring early information, I would like to have a knowledge of when service units for this project are likely to be available and what it will involve from services point of view.

I will write to Mrs. Jim Chapman and let her know that I am coming down.

Yours

Col C.H.L. Elliott,
IGA's Branch,
L.H.Q.

DISTRIBUTION :

DA & QMG

WD

Lt-Col Thomas

Col Dawkins

Lt-Col Parsons

Col Rasterbrook

Col R.T.A. McDonald

Lt-Col Grant

Col Rogerson

Col Kingham

Lt-Col Whitfield

P. Wynter Capt
for Maj-Gen
DA & QMG

14/12/62.

AG CONFERENCE 14 DECEMBER, 1962.

Subject: **ATTENTION**

SECRET

Present: **LT-COL THOMAS (presiding)**
COL DAVKINS
LT-COL PARSONS
COL BASTERBROOK
COL R.T.A. McDONALD
LT-COL GRANT
COL ROGERS
COL KINGHAM
LT-COL WHITEFIELD
SCAR.

1. Col Thomas explained instruction received from C in C to proceed with ATTENTION project Scheme 'A'.

COS confirms interpretation of "Hospitalisation is first priority to be done concurrently with first part of stage 1", to be to proceed with 1200 and 600 bed hospitals, Con Depot and AED.

2. STAGES.

Stages: Division plus one infantry brigade divided into two parts:

- Part 1: Accommodation for seven bns (complete in accommodation should be able to accommodate div troops which may accompany).
Part 2: Balance of div plus one infantry brigade.

3. Hospitalisation necessary under Part 1:

- (a) 600 bed temporary hosp in present 300 bed camp.
- (b) Start 600 bed Con Depot adjoining, straight away.
- (c) Start on 1200 bed hosp.

4. Other installations required under part 1:

- (a) Sheds for sec Pd Bakery HAREERA/ATTENTION area.
- (b) DID at RAVENSHOE (probably existing facilities).
- (c) Staging camp CAIRNS to take up bits and pieces prior to sorting out and development.
- (d) AED (cannot be prepared to accept any sick from HAN GUINEA into ATTENTION area until 1200 bed hosp completed - then would require AED).

5. Installations required under Part 2:

- (a) Balance of one div and one bde.
- (b) 600 bed hosp.
- (c) Canteen bulk store (probably existing facilities).

6. Units required: 3 & T:

- (a) One sec Pd Bakery for 600 bed hosp and Con Depot in Stage 1, Part 1.
- (b) DID at RAVENSHOE
- (c) Two Gen Tpt Coys.
- (d) East Pd Bakery in later stages.

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7.

- (a) Additional 2 Docks Coy.
- (b) One Labour Coy ultimately. 200 are going up now increasing present strength.
- (c) Canteens. Want people at HAREERA & CAIRNS (this, with new installations on camp site sufficient for first stage).
- (d) Staging camp site must be expanded.
- (e) Augment Movement Control people at CAIRNS.

- (d) Staging camp site must be expanded.
- (e) August Movement Control people at CAIRNS.

Q to arrange with Contours the provision of Officers' and men's Hostels as urgent measures.

8. MEDICAL:

- (a) Possibly a P4 Ambulance at RAVENHIDE on account of distance from Hosp.
- (b) Section HAC.
- (c) Suggested 200 bed hosp CAIRNS.

9. ORDNANCE:

- (a) LHQ has told Ord to proceed. Ord at LHQ worried about tpt situation - stated railways unsatisfactory.
- (b) Arrange for Ord to establish a FOD and stock immediately for 2,000.
- (c) Camp equipment.
- (d) Scale "A" accommodation.
- (e) Clothing - winter and summer.
- (f) Reserve hospital stores.
- (g) Water carts and tanks.
- (h) Ord project to be pushed forward as soon as possible to clear the line before units and hospitals get on the move.
- (i) Mob Laundry must go to ROCKY CREEK.

10. Additional points to be attended to :

- (a) First Ayrnments in CAIRNS And availability of L of C Area to assist.
- (b) LHQ to provide sub-area staff as matter of priority.
- (c) Arrange for Ammunition to spread themselves.
- (d) Ensure pay facilities available.
- (e) Arranged with SD not to disperse maintenance and medical units PUKY until further advised.

Q CONFERENCE 19 DEC 42.

Present:

DA & QMG
Q Hqs
DDST
LOI
SCAQ ✓

1. DDST to check up on 8,000 cookers ordered forward by DA & QMG.
2. DDST to discuss with DST the question of building up a reserve of cookers in HQ.
3. Discontinue supplying cookers for service and base tps, issuing only the front line units and reinfits until such time as a reserve can be built up (DA & QMG to write to Brig Broadbent).
4. Gen Tpt Coys. Two additional Gen Tpt Coys will be required in HQ, DDST to check up soon and advise DA & QMG.
5. 20 Employment Coy. Question of having substitute ready to replace this Coy when called fwd. Also need some engr units in northern area. (Q to check up).
6. Ration holdings HQ Force. S & T letter states 90 days for 80,000 while QMG Directive lays down 120 days. (LOI to clarify with G4). S & T building up shortages at HQ.
7. C/S STAN. ~~Let Q Hqs know~~ LOI to check with ^{G3} ~~Q Hqs~~ Let Q Hqs know ¹
8. SD signal to HQ about extra staff (SCAQ to procure).

[Signature]
Haj-Gon
DA & QMG

19 Dec 42.

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19 Dec 42.

141 (for LIA & Q13).

Herewith two (2) copies of G2G memo on shipment of supe by air transport. These are forwarded for info of services concerned.


Maj. Gen.
DA & Q10.

Wen Bray

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA.

AFPO 500,
December 15, 1943.

AF 550 (13-14-43)D.

SUBJECT B Shipment of Supplies by Air Transport.

To: Commander, Allied Land Forces.
Commander, Allied Naval Forces.
Commander, Allied Air Forces.
Commanding General, USASOS.

1. The increasing demands for transportation of supplies by air are exceeding the capacity of available means. In order that the Air Transport Command may render the maximum service, it is desired that appropriate action be taken by all concerned to reduce the requirements for air shipments to a minimum. Especial attention is directed to the following:

- (a) Transport by air is an emergency rather than the normal means of supply. Water, rail, motor or other means will be utilized to greatest extent possible.
- (b) Air shipments will be limited to those critical items required for immediate use in active areas.
- (c) All supplies will be packed in suitable containers of minimum weight. In many instances, original heavy wood or metal containers should be removed and the articles repacked in light wood, bags or cartons. Ammunition and certain other items may, of necessity, have to be shipped in the original outer container for purpose of identification and security.

By command of General MacARTHUR:

(Sgd) S. H. FITCH,
Colonel, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

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AC 177/300/264

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OP INSTNS NG FORCE.

25 Dec 64.

25 Dec 64

Forwarded herewith for information are copies of NG Force Op
Instns 63 and 64. *full received*

66. Diary

A
Major General
Lt. & Col.

[Signature]

Copy to Col A.
Col S. ADM LO

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18 Dec 42.

KG FORCE OPS IN3TH - 54.

To be read in conjunction with KG Force Ops 1st sta 46.

1. The development of ORO BAY as a port for the supply of troops in the B. HA area is now to proceed under arrangements COSC.

Separate instns have already been issued for the movement of units and stores from first flight LILLIPUT to ORO BAY.

2. Adv KG Force will arrange for the development of an overland route from ORO BAY to the BOBODJEA area for the movement of supplies from the port to the forward area, and will arrange with COSC for assistance where their resources are inadequate.

3. The defence of installations at ORO BAY remains the responsibility of 32 US DIV.

4. The following additional tps are now allotted for the defence of ORO BAY, and will come under comd 32 US DIV on arrival:

2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty less three tps - from MERESEY
(to replace one tp diverted to FORLOCK HARBOUR).
One US AA Bty (12 x .50 Cal MG) - from first flight LILLIPUT
One coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn - from MERESEY.

5. Units under comd COSC ORO BAY are as follows:

One sec 2/4 Aust Pz Coy
1 Bn 43 US Mgr Regt less one coy
Det Pz Det US
Det Art Bn US
Det Jeep Coy (Prov) US

In the plan for defence, the above units are to be allotted an operational role to come into effect in an emergency.

6. MOVEMENT OF UNITS

Movement of units from MERESEY to ORO BAY will be arranged by KG Force.

7. Code name remains HAIROIL.

8. ACK.

Signed at 1805 hrs.

(Sgd) P.H. BERRYMAN

Maj-Gen.

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25 Nov 42.

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HQ FOR CS OF INSTN NO 46

1. ORO BAY is to be developed forthwith as a supply pt for troops in the BUHA area. Adm instns have been issued by HQ NEW GUINEA FORCE and COSC to all concerned.

2. 32 US DIV will be responsible for its defence.

3. SCALE OF ATTACK. The scale of attack expected is bombing and strafing by aircraft and raids by small landing parties supported by fire from light naval vessels. Defensive arrangements will include protection against sabotage.

4. ALLOTMENT OF TROOPS

(a) Troops for this task including guns for AA and beach defence will be provided from the present resources of 32 US DIV in the BUHA area.

(b) In addition the following are allotted:- one tp 2/17 Aust Lt AA Battery - ex MILLIPUT - from MORSEBY. One sec 2/4 Aust Fd Coy - from MILNE BAY.

These units will come under comd 32 US DIV on arrival at ORO BAY. HQF will arrange the necessary movement by sea, to be completed as early as possible.

5. CODE NAME - HAIROIL.

6. ACK.

(Sgd) T W WHITE Col
for

Time of signature 1450 hrs

G.S. H.G. P ^{Brig} O R C R

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AQ.ER.

ATHERTON PROJECT.

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Copy to HQ.

ICA informed RA & QHQ by phone 29 Dec 42 that ICA is sending a signal to Brig Lucas, First Army and Landops that Brig Lucas should issue an order covering his area of the area and arrangements for movements etc., and that Brig Lucas was to remain in command of troops at ATHERTON until replacement, approved by ICA, by a formation HQ arriving. First Army is to be responsible still for fostering.

29 Dec 42.
Ext 203.

P.W. ynter Capt
for Maj-Gen.
RA & QHQ.

HQ 177.300 247

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ATTENTION

SD SF
A Ord
Q Copy for WD ✓
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Q Hrts

Herewith copy of notes of telephone conversation between
DA & QMG and Brig Lucas and Lt-Col O'Loughlin on 29 Dec.

P. Weynter Capt
for Maj-Gen
DA & QMG

29 Dec 42.

W. J. O'Leary

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ATHERTON PROJECT

Telephone conversation - Brig Lucas and DA & QMG 1100 hrs 29 Dec.

1. Landops Sig SD1335 of 26. Brig Lucas stated this had already been replied to.
2. Landops Sig SD1404 of 29. Not received by Brig Lucas at time of conversation. He stated he could take 1450 on night 1/2 Jan.
3. Progress.
 - (a) Staging camp ready by 30 Dec can take 1800
 - (b) First Bn camp ready 31 Dec about 800
 - (c) Second Bn camp ready 2 Jan about 800
 - (d) Posting parties have been arranged for first lot in.
 - (e) He has reserved accommodation at Hides Hotel for Aust officers.
 - (f) Tents have been erected in Staging Camp.
 - (g) Some tents have already been erected in first Bn camp.
 - (h) Things in general are going satisfactorily.
4. He has sent a letter four days ago - not yet received.
5. He has sent or is sending a letter asking for clearer definition of responsibilities First Aust Army and his party. Could not give details over phone. DA & QMG referred him to LHM Instn on this.

Notes of Telephone Conversation between DA & QMG and Lt-Col O'Loughlin
First Aust Army 29 Dec.

1. First conversation. ^{should} DA & QMG told Lt-Col O'Loughlin that LGA had advised that 5 Div troops could be used for fostering, also that some AA personnel could be used if absolutely necessary. VDC not to be used.
2. DA & QMG advised that 1 offr plus 14 ORs of Staging Camp staff had left SYDNEY on 28 Dec.
3. Advised further that adv party of L of C Sub-Area already in CAIRNS area. 1 offr plus 8 ORs to leave MELBOURNE on 29 Dec.
4. Second conversation. Gave particulars of conversation with Brig Lucas on 29 Dec.