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BASE AND LINE OF COMMUNICATION AREAS (SUB)

1 Australian Base Sub Area

March - May 1945, appendices

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CONFERENCE held at [illegible] on 13 May 45.

[illegible]

1. [illegible] Area between Irrigdi and Staging Joint Areas. Maj [illegible] examine layout and check on accommodatio . 2 [illegible] type of 2 Beach Gp expected to arrive about 18 May 45.

2. POW Stockade. Cond advised previous direction reversed - [illegible] Staging Area now responsible for reception, accommodation and hospitalisation of POW - Americans have no responsibility. Stockade to be erected in Area near Pre camp by 20 May. Bulldozer, barbed wire, iron, timber and explosives and or ex prosser required also lighting. CRE notes
[illegible] investigate medical aspects.

[illegible]

3. Shipping.
Vessels in Port.

No 1 Dock	S.S. [illegible]	Dis AAF Cargo ETC 14 May.
No 2 "	T 392	Dis Engr Stores ETC 14 May.
No 3 "	S.S. LEWIS	Completed dis AAF Stores - back loading [illegible] cargo ETC 15 May.
No 4 "	[illegible]	Dis AAF Stores & T/E - ETC 15 May.

Vessels in Streams.

[illegible]) Disembarkation of ops (with exception of odd personnel) Comp 1700 hrs 13 May. Vessels to discharge AAF Stores & T/E.

A.S. LST — Dis completed
[illegible] — Awaiting Orders
[illegible] — Ex dirs mark 727 Asph Treater Bge
[illegible] — Awaiting Convoys

Loading Programme. ADOT advised to commence loading 16[illegible] hrs 14 May. Loading schedule [illegible] first. Cond not able to accept commitment in terms of troops, nor [illegible], probably. Immediate action taken to ascertain increased commitment for [illegible].

[illegible]

Maj [illegible] advised two at Engr dump - para pool being trained in driving and maint one working at [illegible] depot. Four still to be made available - Maj [illegible] check with 1 Corps.

[illegible]

4. Hospitalisation - Natives. Col A has verbally advised that hospitalisation of natives will in future be effected at [illegible] Village central. Ban on movement of natives beyond perimeter lifted in relation to this. Arrangements to be made with [illegible] for movement of natives from 155 Station Hospital (CS) to [illegible]. [illegible] Staging Area to arrange type [illegible] acts.

[illegible]

5. Accn Stores for [illegible]. [illegible] investigate and report.

6. Accn stores supplied to 1 Corps and 9 Div. Cond to be supplied with details and if our requirements prejudiced, will take up with [illegible] ADOS Advise.

[illegible] RECTIFICATION.

7. Passage to Submarine. Cond referred to signals sent direct to submarine who were under cond of a [illegible] located in the area. In future, [illegible] to be communicated with if time permits; if not, signal to sub mit, copy for info to unit [illegible] Cdr and Services notes.

8. Telephone [illegible]. Lt Col [illegible] endeavour to expedite [illegible] have already been made.

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16 Dec 45

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1. [redacted] - CRE to submit report on present position.

2. [redacted] - [redacted]. CRE to submit sketch of Layout.

3. [redacted] - CRE detail officers to inspect and advise number of Ops possible to accommodate.

[redacted]:

4. [redacted]:

(a) [redacted]

3. [redacted]	-	No 1 Dock	RTC 12 Dep
4. [redacted]	-	No 3 "	
5. [redacted]	-	No 4 "	
7. [redacted]	-	No 2 "	

(b) [redacted]:

6. [redacted]	-	Completed discharge - to load ammo.
6 B [redacted]	-	Awaiting Orders
AS [redacted]	-	Refrig Cargo - also ASP cargo
AS [redacted]	-	" " " " "

(c) [redacted] [redacted]:

[redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted]:

5. [redacted] - [redacted] may arrive short loaded [redacted]. Cooking gear available. [redacted] availability of cooking gear etc.

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6. [redacted] - [redacted] arrival arrangements will be made - Brig [redacted]'s confirmation required.

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COND/FWD

MINUTES

COND'S DAILY CONFERENCE 8 May 44.

Maj. Miller

PRESENT.

1. Lighting Sets Following sets will have to be withdrawn in near future.

26 Sup Depot Coy	1 x 5 KVA	-	required for OBOE 6.
GE SIPCD	1 x 5 KVA	-	" " "
POL IRA	1 x 5 KVA	-	" " "
Engr Dump, SRA	2 x 25 KVA	-	" " " (These are unit equipment)
No 5 Dock	1 x 5 KVA	-	" " OBOE 6
AACS	1 x 5 KVA	-	" " "
Engrs IRA	1 x 5 KVA	-	to be returned to 7 Amph BSU
2 Adv Depot Med Stores	1 x 5 KVA	-	" " " " EM 108 Adv Depot Med Stores Required for OBOE 6.

A number of sets are in JOSIAH SMART - ETC discharge 12 May CWE advised reserve operational stores and release will have to be approved by Adv LHQ. Cond will take up with that HQ.

2. 60 C-rps Fd Pk Coy CWE stated he understands workup F1 and SE F1 going with assault force and other pls were to follow. Cond will discuss at Adv LHQ.

3. 6 AE Coy CWE stated he understood one of two remaining Pls of this Coy would be proceeding ex ops. Cond will discuss this also at Adv LHQ.

4. Bombed Mine, Ord Depot OSD Submit 516 - CWE make as much as possible available Ord to effect works.

MOVEMENTS.

Shipping

Vessels in Port

JOSIAH SMART	No 1 Dock ETC 12 May
FS 404	No 2 Dock ETC 8 May
Col. SHELDON	No 3 Dock ETC 9 May

Vessels in Stream.

A LOWT	Pls completed emaiting landing Asm.
TENCHEID	Tors ALF lighters off 2ND BEACH.

Early arrivals.

LUMIS) NICHOLLS)	9 May	(NICHOLLS with 1900 tons Marudam mat movin into No 4 Dock. (LUMIS will disembark tps in stream & follow SHELDEN into No 3 Dock OPERATION I
SEA CAT	May not arrive before 18 May.	

Two refrigerator Barges arrived 8 May one 1% to go forward, other to anchor and discharge rations - will then be ready to receive cargoes

RAF

5. Water deliveries to be on equal distribution basis - maximum 5 galls per man per days. DADST see that water carts personnel receive instructions.

6. Tpt Hospital Patients May have to supplement tpt for 48 hrs to cope with influx of tps. DADMS advise CO's.

7. Petrol Supply Units in SW Area. DADST investigate possibility of detaching POL personnel to Fd Bakery in SW Area to issue to units there, and advise

MED

8. Latrines at Docks Area DADMS to make recommendation and subsequently arrange supervision of maintenance.

9. Supply - Engrs supplies, S/S ACK Natives from S/S ACK to be used. If unsatisfactory, use of [illegible] (Camp) or Pioneers to be considered DADMS note.

ENGR Each office, SW Area to be moved to Transit Area on 11 May "A" Date. Accommodation of Lab personnel employed IN Store - Med Sale not with GP's q.a.d.

ENGR Disposal of Mine NEB DAD Lab endeavour obtain.

[redacted]

[redacted]

Transport for WIGs. Will in future be provided by American or Asst Army dependent upon their cooperative commitments. POET HDQ will investigate position before ordering transports.

3. Shipping Information

LATONA HEAD	Completing at No 1. Will move into stream 0600 hrs 7 May to await convoy.
GEORGE MELLEN	Working at No 3 BTC 9 Mays
LUNA	Completed at No 3. Will move into stream 0600 hrs 7 May
JOSIAH SMITH	Due at No 2 at 0600 hrs 7 May to discharge vehicles and general cargo.

4. Loading for Unit Stores on Board.

A shed will be built in Docks Transit Area when possible, to receive and hold unit stores mentioned in sorting orders.

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[redacted] (Rec)
HQMD
DAAG/G

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6 spares A to Add
2nd Lab
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MINUTES

COMD'S CONFERENCE 6 MAY [illegible].

Transport for NICA Will in future be provided by American or Aust Army dependent upon their comparative commitments. PORT MCO will investigate position before ordering transport.

2. Shipping Information.

LUTHER HERD	Completing at No 1. Will move into stream 0600 hrs 7 May to await convoy.
GEORGE SELDEN	Working at No 3 ETC 9 May.
LUNA	Completed at No 2. Will move into stream 0600 hrs 7 May.
JOSIAH SEWEY	Due at No 2 at 0600 hrs 7 May to discharge vehicles and general cargo.

3. Lockup for Unit Stores on Wharf.

A shed will be built in Docks Transit Area when possible, to receive and hold unit stores unclaimed in sorting areas.

DISTRIBUTION:

1 Aust CRE (Wks)
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DAD Lab
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MINUTES

COMDS DAILY CONFERENCE 5 MAY 45.

ENGINEERS

1. Accommodation Scale A accommodation for Initial Maint Area. 130 personnel coming into the Area. CRE to sup ply materials, Unit to erect building.

2. Water Supply Lt-Col WESTON reports that personnel are fishing round the water point at the SABATAI. Fish are being caught but get under the lodges of rocks and die. This is polluting the water.
There is no control over the personnel in this area. Comd to take up with Adv LHQ.

MOVEMENTS

Shipping.

(a) Vessels in Port.

LUNT	Discharging
GEORGE B SELDON	Discharging
LUTHER HURD	Moving into No 1 dock 0600 6 May 45.
FREDERICK LYKES	Discharging
ROCKY MOUNT	in stream at 1400 hrs 5 May 45.
	4 pers battle casualities
	1 sick admitted, 3 RTU

S&T

3. Loss of Vehicles Loss of vehicles to be treated as Court Martial offence. A to publish in ROs.

4. Timber Jinkers Maj RICH reports having contacted US Ordnance Depot (Route 1 towards Staging Maint Area) and advises that there are suitable parts for the construction of a jinker - Maj RICH to contact Lt-Col CROWLEY and arrange inspection.

5. 6 Wheel Trailer Capt GARTSIDE advises 2/2 Aust Inf Wksp have a 6 wheel trailer 8 ton capacity overall length 22 ft. This trailer will be made available at any time for the transportation of long timber from ships.

6. Fire Wood. Requirements can be obtained from American Saw Mill. (Route 3 adjacent to American Bomb Dump) 2/5 to supply Transport and labour.

7. Jeep Transit Camp Capt HOWATSON advises that the last Jeep has been withdrawn from the Transit Camp and allotted to MOVT Control.

8. US Army Petrol Dump. Army units may draw petrol supplies between 0800 - 1600 hrs week days only.

ORDNANCE Capt CLEAVER reports a memo is being prepared for DA&QMG signature for coverage of 15700 sq ft target dates 12 May 17 June.

MEDICAL.

Hygiene AQ Adv LHQ reports that the hygiene in areas is not up to the required standard.

9. Stretcher Bearers. MC request that stretcher bearers accompany ambulances to the docks owing to the difficult lifting of personnel from LCM's on to the wharf.
Capt BRACKEN suggests that LCM's pull into Red Beach and so allow the ambulances to back on to the LCM's
This is being carried out on future occasions.

MOVEMENT FROM AREAS
When units vacate Camp Sites, Area is to be checked prior to unit moving out and descrepancies to be noted. Capt QUAYLE to act.

CAMP Capt Brunsdon requests that the Amenities and Education Centres be moved from it present site owing to troops passing through unit lines. Very hot in this Area. Comd advises that no action is to be taken at present.

SECRET DOCUMENTS Maj McPHEE reports that he has approached Ord for security boxes but they are not available. DADOS to check with the view of using 25 Pdr Amm Cases.

LOST STORES List of deficiencies on completion of discharge of vessels. Reports will be submitted through Service channels, direct to Adv LHQ.

NOTES FOR COMMANDER 1. Responsibility 27 Amphib Tractor Bn returning from SINGUAYAN

2. Command - 2/3 L of C Pro Coy Comd to check dress for night sport (shorts & sandshoes?) No

3. Pro. - Soldiers for Base.

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COMD'S DAILY CONFERENCE

4 May 45

ENGINEERS:

1. Oiling of Roads - Hospitals & Adv LHQ - CRE to advise whether oiling can be done at regular intervals - as far as hospitals concerned, to overlap slightly at each end; also oiling adjacent Operating theatre and Blood Transfusion blocks.

2. Clearing of additional slotting area ESD - CRE to detail Engr Officer to contact Capt CLIFTON at ESD.

3. Fencing, cemetery - War Graves Unit to contact CRE in respect of S18 for materials. 'Q' act.

MOVEMENTS:

4. Shipping:

(a) Vessels in Port

'ALFRED LUNT'	- No 1 Berth
'XANOCRA'	- No 2 Berth May complete night
SELDEN	- No 3 Berth 4 May
WESTRALIA	- No 4 Berth " " "
GEN McRAE	- Awaiting Orders
LUTHER HURD	- ETC 4 May Loading for OBOE 1

(b) Vessels expected

JOS SENEY	- ETA 7 May
JOHN WARD	- ETA 7 May - 27 Amph Tr Bn Q check whether we have any responsibility

5. Changes in Stowage Plans MC to advise when possible.

ST

Economical use of Transport.

(1) Comd referred to incident which occurred on 4 May when vehicles for disembarkation were at wharf for some considerable time before they were required. This HQ to await Movts call - Q and ST note.

(2) Comd also referred to retention of troops on board for clearing of ships on 4 May resulting in transport lying idle from 1300 - 1530 hrs. MC to tighten up on communication between ships and shore so that advice may be given when such delays occur.

(3) All must realise the need for economy in the use of both transport and labour. Staff & Services ordering transport to advise immediately if hold-ups are likely to occur. DADST at liberty to call transport off in cases where not used for over two hours.

(4) DADST to take up with 9 Div matter of provision of transport for conveying supplies from ASD to SARATAI Area.

6. Issues by AACS DADST to examine possibility of units drawing from AACS at some time as DID with object of conserving transport.

7. Second Bde Maint Area SARATAI DADST advised 9 Div are opening.

8. Bread issue increased to 10 ozs - DADST will review at end of two weeks.

ORD

9. Amn & Ord Bases OBOE 6. MC check and advise concerning 3000 tons understood to be coming in shortly for immediate loading for OBOE 6. Maj Hale also check with Maj Rich.

BAND PERFORMANCES

'A' advised programme sent to Adv LHQ by 1 Aust Corps. Owing to non-receipt by this HQ, band arrived this HQ night 3 May, but as no arrangements made did not play. Performance arranged for Thursday night. Camp act.

CEMETERY.

'A' contact War Graves Unit - no one in attendance at Cemetery.

LABOUR

10. 2/9 Armd Regt. DAD Lab note may draw on 150 for time being.

11. Change of Shift RED BEACH night 3 May Comd stated he had noticed change-over not effected smoothly - DAD Lab act.

12. Natives employed at 2/5 AGH DADMS to inspect and report on value of work done.

13. Latrines - new areabetween Transit Camp and SM Area. Party of 50 personnel from Transit Camp may be required to work with Engrs DAD Lab note.

COMD

14. 5 MEC 1 Aust Corps have agreed that comd will revert to this HQ.

15. B Coy. 2/12 Fd Amb future role. ADMS 9 Div advised DADMS HQ MOROTAI Staging Area that it was possible Coy would be used in OBOE 6. DADMS to make representation concerning retention and matter will be taken up through Staff channels.

OBOE 6.

Still no firm date concerning delay - probably 26 May plus 7 days.

TOPSEC DOCUMENTS

To be opened by Officers, and restricted to only those Offrs actually interested. If of general interest, "G" will make available to offrs desiring to peruse.

TELEPHONES

For 9 CRE installed.
Hospitals 22 installed at 2/5 AGH-if satisfactory, same number to be provided for 2/9 AGH.
Phones for hospitals willbe increased to 40 eventually.

AREAS

16. Cash Office SM Area. suggested move to Transit Camp. "A" investigate and advise.

17. Peninsular Area. Maj Hale and Capt Cleaver to examine; keep in mind:

Amph Tr Bn
Third Hospital
Small ships area
1 Base Sub area.

NOTES FOR CMD

(1) Application for Camp CLEAVER'S Services.
(2) See CRE and pick up maps
(3) ? date of completion first 5000' refrigerator.

MINUTES.
COMD's DAILY CONFERENCE.
3 MAY 45.

b/reg 1. COMD MAIL FILE

1. Command, 5 Mech Eqpt Coy. Comd advised unit was under command 1 Aust Corps., but Adv LHQ had signalled a request for unit to come under comd MOROTAI Staging Area.

2. Provision of Labour. 1 Aust Corps will assist but definite request to be made in writing. "Q" Actn.

3. 'OBOE 6'. Probably delayed till approx 26 May and withdrawal of Engr tps may be anticipated about that date.

4. Transport. 1 Aust Corps to be advised in writing of extent to which use of 9 Div transport is required. "Q" Actn.

5. Routine Table. Issue of amended Routine Table by Adv LHQ may be anticipated.

6. Loading Platforms. Engr & Salvage services cannot provide required sizes of timber. Docks taking matter up with Adv LHQ direct.

7. Clearing for Amenities. Work in area adjacent to Coast Guard Rd to be given low priority.

8. Unit Areas. Area on peninsula to be selected for 2/121 Bde Wksps and 2/121 Bde Ord Fd Pk - 'Q' acting.

9. Movements of Units Inward. 1 Aust Corps is promulgating instructions relative to the appointment of fostering officers for each incoming unit and responsibility for transport from Transit Camp to Staging Area.

10. Access Road, 2/1 Topo Svy Coy. No further action to be taken for the present.

11. 'Phone, 9 CRE. Lieut DALE to arrange for top priority.

12. 2/9 Hospital. (a) CRE requests that CO of hospital wait till completion of work before making further requests. DADMS act.
(b) Telephones will not be supplied in excess of number in 2/5 AGH.

13. 2/5 Hospital. CRE advised that chlorination of water had been stepped up 50%. DADMS to carry out further tests to see if satis-factory.

14. Telephone for DADMS. Lieut DALE to arrange.

15. Transport. DADST suggested more efficient operation of transport if number of shipping points were reduced. AQMG (Mvt & Tn) advised four points being worked and number could not be reduced.

16. Shipping. (a) 'GEORGE SELDON' - working at No 3 Dock - all vehicles should be discharged by p.m., 4 May 45.
(b) 'FRED LYKES' - - working in stream discharging Unit eqpt. Balance of tps to be disembarked 0800 hrs, 4 May 45.
(c) Due 7 May 45 - 'JOSIAH SENEY' and 'KANIMBLA'.
(d) LST's ex TARAKAN expected 4 May 45.

17. Docks Transit Area. (a) Construction of a Ramp will be undertaken as a works project with low priority.
(b) Comd to issue a direction in respect of assistance to be rendered by Docks Gp.

18. Coverage for STO. Construction of hut to be given low priority unless Adv LHQ otherwise direct.

19. Development of Staging Area. CRE advised that Works P1 had been released from SANANAI for construction of LST Ramps. If further development of SANANAI Area required for overlap of 9 Div and 7 Div, immediate notification of necessary priority is requested. Comd to advise CRE.
CRE also advised construction of Scale 'A' Accom would not be sufficient for further areas.

20. Transit Area. Comd to investigate position in respect of release to 93 Div of area between Transit Camp and Staging Maint Area.

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MINUTES
CO ORD DAILY CONFERENCE
8 A.M.

ENGINEERS.

1. Command. Command & Asst Maj h Sqdn. Lt DALE advised.

2. Water Supply. Navy advised that they do not require pipe for shipping water supply.

3. Access road S/A Loge Sqy Cpl. Check to be made with Capt CLOVER. Q note.

4. Damage. Maj HALE has arranged for damage for Ordnance and Docks Ops

MOVEMENTS.

Troops in Port.

CHARLES M. RUSSELL
MILLER GRIFFITH
ALPHA LUNT
L THEP HUNG.

Troops in Storage. LUNA
GENERAL McRAE Complete discharge morning 3 May.

Project Arrivals. GEORGE [illegible] SHELDON may arrive a torpedo 3 May 43.

G4T

1. Transport. Maj McCarthy advised that transport has been gone into and there are 6 Transport Pl in the area comprising 110 to 150 vehicles.
Lt-Col Chapman is taking the position of transport up with CSC, Regulating Officer, with the view of co-ordinating all vehicles in the area and allot them in order of priority.

2. Jeeps. Maj McCarthy to withdraw one jeep from Transit Camp and allot to Movement Control.

Maj McCarthy requested the more extensive use of loading platforms on wharves other than lowering of slings load of cargo direct into MT vehicles.

ORDNANCE.

1. Embarkation & IB. Ser lighting for Ord and Amm Dump. Issue of materials to be checked by Q.
Lighting required for Ord Dpt moving on 3 Div operation
Cond to take up with Adv Lt.
Lighting of Embarkation issuing depot to be taken up with 3 Div by Cond.

MARINE. Capt LOAKES contacted Maj Barns re personnel but up to the present has received no reply.

MEDICAL.

1. Barracks Tests. Barracks Test was carried out at 2/3 ACH it was found that 3 sumps were required at the source and after passing along the pipe line a further 3 sumps were required.
Capt Brunskon to check with Lt Pelgrume as to actual point that test was carried out at the 2/3 ACH.

TRADE DUMP. Capt Brunskon advise contacted CRI 23 Div who is arranging for the dumping of Trash to be discontinued in the Transit Areas

TRAFFIC. Speed limits are to be published in Routing Orders.

TELEPHONES. For 2 CRE. Lt DALE to check with signs.

LOST STORES. Services will submit complete list of deficiencies on completion of discharge of vessels.

CAMP

Movement of Area people. Capt Brunskon request that offices advise camp when personnel move in or out of this Area.

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COMD'S DAILY CONFERENCE

1 May 45

ENGINEERS:

1. Acetlyne. Somd advised 7500' electrodes and carbide arriving on 7 May.

2. LST Slotting - Clearing of additional area for storage space. Comd will inspect and advise CRE.

3. Damage to 6" pipeline - CRE referred to driving of vehicles over pipeline, and running of cranes etc alongside, causing damage. 'A' prepare draft RO.

4. Clearing of area enclosed by circuit road ASD - To be first work effected in area. CRE act.

5. Electric light fittings. ORD det proceeding with OBOE I. Generator available but no fittings. Ord to supply details and requirements and Maj MILLER to take up with Corps.

6. Access road 2/1 Topo Sup Con - Capt CLEANER inspect and advise.

7. Con Depot - Road running through area - CRE to inspect when in SARAWAI River area and advise possible solution.

8. Additional coverage, ASD - Being considered by Col 'G'. Comd will advise.

MOVEMENTS:

9. Shpg
   - 'GEN McRAE' - At No 4 Dock - moves into stream at 0600 hrs 2 May. Stores then to be discharged at RED BEACH.
   - 'ALFRED LUNT' - No 5 Dock - Discharging bombs - then to load AMF amn.
   - 'LUTHER HURD' - No 4 Dock - to load AMF supe and vehs - OBOE I.
   - 'LUNAR' - Waiting for NICA supplies.

10. Projected early arrivals:
   - 'JOSEPH GRINNELL' - ETA 2 May
   - 'GEO SELDEN' - " 4 May
   - 'FRED LYKES' - " 7 May
   - 'JOSIAH HENRY' - " 7 May

S & T:

11. Jeeps - Movt Control - Attachment of two vehicles requested until 9 May; being considered.

12. Water carts - Maj McCARTHY advised assessment of availability completed.

ORDNANCE:

13. Area for ammunition LST Slot - ORD advised satisfactorily arranged.

14. Dunnage for slotting ammunition - ORD advised 6000' of 3" x 3" timber consigned for this purpose missing. Possibly unmarked and delivered to Salvage dump for Movts, who advise they can make 6000' available to ORD. Maj HALE, with 'G', investigate dunnage position.

15. Tents and Cots folding, Con Depot - Depot opening 15 May - 17 tents 12' x 14' required, also 100 cots folding. ORD det act.

LABOUR:

16. 2/6 AGH - Party of 1 offr and 50 ORs at present working under supervision of CRE to be released on 5 May if possible. CRE note and advise later.

MEDICAL:

17. Con Depot - Dumping of trash in area - Details of specific instances to be submitted in writing. 'Q' advise Con Depot.

TRAFFIC:

18. (1) General - 93 Div require limit fixed at 20 mph. 'A' act. After checking limit laid down in MOROTAI Staging Area relevant Adm Instrn.

(2) Hospital Areas - "15 mph" signs to be erected. CRE provide signs when convenient - Pro to erect.

TELEPHONES:

19. For 2 Docks Gp - already given priority - Lt DALE check with Sigs.

AREAS:

20. Units connected with small craft (vide latest troop movement priority lists) - 'Q' keep in mind question of allotment of unit sites in Docks Area, having regard to location eventually fixed for small craft jetty.

21. 2/3 & 2/7 Fd Coys - If moving with OBOE 6 to go into areas off Coast Guard Road. Additional kitchen required. 'Q' prepare sketch map of areas for 9 Div representative.

NOTE FOR COMD: 'Q' advise that if one Coy moves with OBOE 6, it may be possible to accommodate other Coy off Coast Guard Road without prejudicing development of Engr Mat Dump.

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Conference 2/9.

(1) Visit
Personnel
General & Adm LHQ.

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(2) Reports on working
of ships - Cases.
(Reports on each ship).

RJM/PWG

MINUTES
COMD'S DAILY CONFERENCE. 30 Apr 45.

ENGINEERS

1. Additional coverage Engr Dump Construction of 100' x 45' shed, and 50' x 45' extension of existing shed to be placed on works priority list. Q advt.

2. Supply of Acetlyne Comd advised matter taken up with Adv LHQ, who are acting.

3. Lighting Plants Comd advised further plants would probably be available about mid May.

4. Showers 150 probably arriving next convoy.

5. Road Maint. CRE advised that Peninsula Road would be responsibility of AMF -- Navy to be contacted concerning their responsibility. CRE also advised very little maintenance could be effected pending further rains

6. Oiling of Roads. Necessarily limited to main roads and hospitals for present.

7. Clearing of Area between circuit roads, ASD DADST advised necessary to provide for additional stocks of drum commodities arriving soon. Comd will inspect with CRE.

8. ARC Mesh "Q" advised most S18's submitted for security purposes approved. Quantity to be reserved and stored for security of ACF hut.. Surplus to be issued for dunnage - "Q" Act.

9. Barbed wire ASD DADST advised that, as lighting installed and pioquets posted, need for wire not now so urgent.

MOVEMENTS

SHIPPING.

Vessels in Port.
Nil

Vessels in Stream.
HALIKPAPAN - Awaiting convoy.

Projected early arrivals.

GENERAL McRAE	1 May - 2600 personnel, stores, equipment. No 4. berth
JOSEPH GRINNELL	2 May - to load for ops.
GEORGE B SELDON	4 May - vehs and stores.

10. Jetty for small craft. Comd advised under consideration - will probably also be used for mooring of refrigerator barges.

11. Dock Transit Area. No appreciable progress. MC to proceed with barricading far ramp. CRE will then commence filling, using tipper trucks.

12. Dunnage 3 Truck loads to be made available to ORD. MC Act.

ORD

13. Tentage for 2/8 AGH Comd will discuss with Brig McCALLUM and STINSON.

14. Area for ammunition LST embarkation slot. Ord take up with 9 Div.

LABOUR

15. Use of 2/3 Tk A Regt Comd will take up with 9 Div.

16. Native Labour 25 natives to be allotted for malarial control and 15 to 2/5 AGH. Transport required from and to NICA - 2/5 AGH will provide guides. "Q" act.

NEGRO PRO - 2/5 AGH. A advised OC 2/3 L of C Pro Coy taking up with Americans.

FIELD PUNISHMENT CENTRE Comd advised area selected vicinity Staging Maint Area. Personnel under punishment to be used on construction and subsequently on wood-chopping for hospitals.

MED

17. Water, 2/5 AGH To be tested twice weekly and advice of results to be submitted to this HQ. DADMS act.

TELEPHONES

18. Public phone being installed at CORAL CLIFFS Area for general use by units in vicinity. ? handphone for 2 Aust.

COMMAND.

19. Engr, Tpt and Supply etc units under comd 8 Aust Base Sub Area. MOROTAI ? Staging Area to communicate direct regarding employment - administration to be dealt with by 8 BSA.

20. 5 MEC - Comd will take up with 1 Aust Corps.

21. 9 CRE (Wks) etc (8 Base Sub Area). Comds to clearly understand that they are under comd 1 CRE (Wks) for tasks. May Blaxland acting.

22. 2/3 and 2/7 Fd Coys. - To go into areas on Peninsula when they can be accommodated. Units will be used in Engr I M Dump.

5 M.E.C. less 1 Pl. — Det: Internal Pers.

2/1 M.E.C. (less 1 Pl & HQ ST: — Staging Area

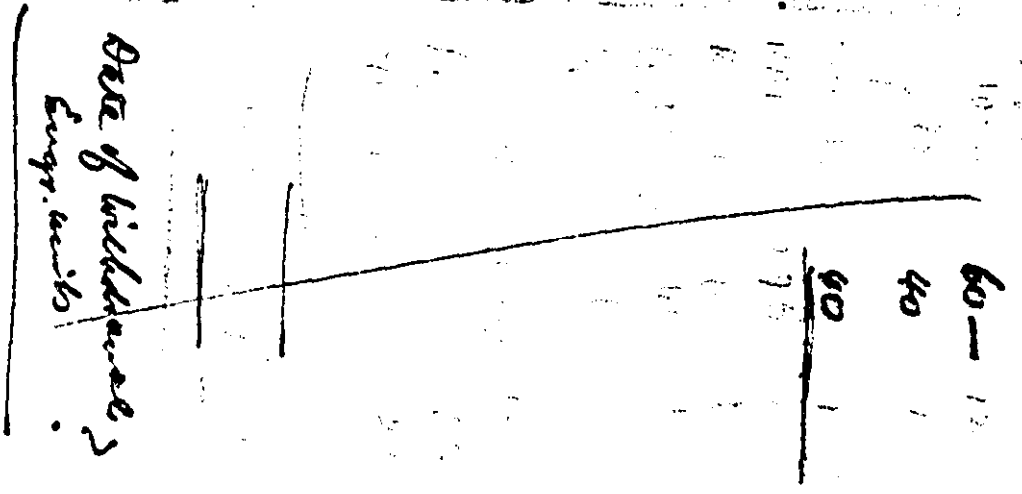
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4 Cdn Fd Pk Coy — Hospitals & Refuge.

Loo Corps Fd Pk. — Running Emp. Coverage Defiles.

Oddbits Port Ends.
2/15 Fd Coy

100. Tanks



5 M.E.C. less 1 Pl. / 6th Internal Perm.
2/1 M.E.C. (less 1 Pl) 15th Staging Area
14 Fd Coy. — Sap. develop. Scale A. Sup
4 Cav Fd Pks — Hospitals & Refuge.
60 Corps Fd Pk. — Running Disp. Coverage Defab.

6th Irish Pnr Cmds.
2/15 Fd Coy

100. Tanks

Base of Withdrawal
Engr. units

60 —
40
100

COMD'S DAILY CONFERENCE

28 APR 45

ENGINEERS:

2. Conference - Lt Col Carmichael - CRE contacting 35 Engrs.

2. Water, AP 240 Jetty - Co-ordinator has been informed that pipeline is available but NO labour.

3. Trench Shelt. RHA - Replacement of CANVAS. commenced.

4. Further accommodation, Base Camp - CRE requests priority in view of impending arrival of 2,000 base Engr troops. At least further 100' x 45' shed required, plus 50' x 45' extension of existing shed.

5. Water Point, Trench & Chlorination - Trained unit personnel only are to be attached to every vehicle delivering water in this area. 'A' ref.

6. MED Railway:

(i) Flywire only, required for bread store. DADST advise CRE quantity.

(ii) Oiling of adjacent road - CRE noting.

7. Laundry site - Maj AIGR to interest with Engr Officers and advise most suitable area.

8. Hospital accommodation - CRE requested ruling as to whether 2/9 AGH is to take priority. Lt-Col GOSTELLO will discuss at Adv LHQ and advise.

9. Latrines, 2/9 AGH - Accepting and veiling nets required to effect improvement - not at present available. Lt-Col GOSTELLO will take up with Maj Gen Adv LHQ.

10. Hospital requests for water and light - CRE made reference to fact that such requests were associated with question of priorities.

11. Bailey Bridge Area - further clearing and swelling required. CRE advised question of priorities and manpower. Direction - Labour to be made available to CRE Docks to effect such work as may be possible at this juncture. NZ and RAD Labour ref.

12. Materials for conversion ammo handling equipment - CRE advised materials not available - possibly coming forward in next shipment. CRE has written this HQ to that effect. 'C' follow up - reply to Adv LHQ memo required.

13. Steel cargo, SS Ah Ah - Col CRASTLER will despatch six trucks for transport of same - CRE ref.

14. Electric lighting -

(i) 'C' advised requests for 250-300 lights received. Figure of 700 set down for issue. Reserve of 100 to be maintained.

(ii) 250 LAD to effect connection of additional lighting required for RAD sites - work to be commenced on 30 Apr. 'A' ref.

15. Explosives, AEC - 26 extra Coy to supply personnel qualified to handle explosives. RAD labour ref.

[redacted]

16. [redacted]

(a) [redacted]

'GEO VANDERVEER' - No 3 Tank Battalion [redacted] 30 Apr.

(b) [redacted]

'RICHARD ZORICOVICH' - Disembarking AMP stores
'DALRYMPLE' - Operational location.

(c) [redacted]
[redacted] - HSA 1 Aug.
'JOSEPH CRIMMINS' - HSA 2 Aug
'GEO B KELLOGG' - HSA 4 Aug

17. [redacted] - A/Cpl to check progress and advise.

18. [redacted] - [redacted] - Nil [redacted]

19. [redacted] - RE look into [redacted] and advise.

A.A.S.C.

20. [redacted] - Required for one week. Major [redacted]

21. [redacted] - AASC advised Jeep and trailer were [redacted] this unit 1 location, but no definite evidence obtained. Awaiten unit take some findings. Traffic already to be established when existing conditions permit.

22. [redacted] - Maj [redacted] to make assessment of availability.

[redacted]

23. [redacted] - 'A' to prepare Route No.

24. [redacted] - DADOS advised DCO would assist with range cubbies and [redacted] and also trailers if available. Ammo Amr Lts are [redacted] lighting.

[redacted]

25. DAD Labour to prepare statement showing availability of labour throughout area.

[redacted] -

26. 'A' ans.

[redacted] -

27. 10-Gal [redacted] advised two drafts expected soon. 'A' note.

[redacted]

Genl Major Blackwood File No 1 Amph CRE Tpn	Copy No 1 Copy No 2	Navfor CRE AD (pass to Ord) A A Engr Stores	Copy No " " " " " "

FM: A&T

TO:

MINUTES

CG/DC's DAILY CONFERENCE AT A/B ___

PRESENT:

1. Ground Defence Weapons: CRE to proceed with installations as soon as possible.

2. Road Reinforcement Material: Conference of interested Engrs Officers being arranged.

3. Huts for LST's ATOAC Depot: Huts being dismantled.

4. Replacement of Tarmacadam with Sand Mix: CRE note.

5. Traffic Circuits at ACSA: CRE have sign erected ASC.

6. Siting of Road adjacent A/B ACSA: CRE advised instructions issued to have work effected on 27 Apr.

7. Water Point Tripoli Camp: Assumed as heavy that difficulty being experienced with chlorination. Asked to consider best method of overcoming difficulty and advise.

8. Convoy Pl. - Flyovers: DADOT advise CRE concerning use of aerodromes and flyovers

9. Final Adjustment Convoy MTP: To be filed - CRE note.

10. Reconnaissance Parties Tripoli Area: To be kept under constructions. Sufficient Officers already flying & driving to be located. "B" note.

11. 300 Gall Tanks Water Points: "A" arrange distributions.

12. Laundry Units: Lond will see Brig Stingon concerning here and advise CRE.

13. Tripoli Facilities: CRE advised none available. Files moving out to returns "B" note.

INTRODUCTION: Meetings

WEEKLY TO DATE:

Month	Name	RTC	Sub	Remarks
2	RICHARD [illegible]	-	Mastering RAF [illegible], with Veteran RAF Pharmac	
6	[illegible]	26 Apr	"	" [illegible], and 4 Sqdrons 3 AAF Pharmac

WEEKLY FIXTURE

DO	Name	RTC	Remarks
[illegible]	LITOLST [illegible]	-	Completed discharge awaiting Convoy
[illegible]	No ROBERTS	"	" " " "
[illegible]	John GRIMES	"	" " " "
FIRST	ATLANTIC TRADER	"	" " " "
THE	RALEIGHEAN	-	Operational loading
[illegible]	MILORD [illegible]	-	Awaiting discharge US Army RAF, A.F.A. FAST [illegible]

14. Refrigerator Barges: MC investigate anchorage and berthing facilities and advise.

RECEIPT OF NOTES - PERSONNEL MATTERS:

(i) "A" reported 2 bodies recovered but with equipment on, and attempts DADOS endeavour to ascertain whether troops were wearing lifejackets.

(ii) Bodies in future BOT to be sent to ADOS's - provision to be made to embalm where necessary prior to burial, to be known at cemetery given. A note

USE OF AMERICAN TROOPS AT A/B ACSA: BOT desired - "A" note.

REMAINDER "COMBAT CHIEF": "A" reported between 5 and [illegible] copies being received to be distributed on pro rata basis to Corps and Base units.

15. [redacted] - to be reserved for hospital use - "C" echo

SIGNALS

16. [redacted] Cmdr GARRISON to draw on troops at hospital Cp.

17. [redacted] OCO (Sg) Sigs) to see 13 Air Force Service Cmd with view to obtaining items of use to us - also discuss with Cmdr GARRISON (Sigs)

ORD

18. [redacted] Issue of equipment (incl rifles) to be made - ORD echo

19. [redacted] Issue of equipment from Aust's (also, possibly, from 2NZ EXPEDITIONARY FORCE) can be effected at least twice weekly - ORD echo

20. [redacted] (2/3 AA Regt) to take up with [redacted] - ORD echo

REPORTS OF LOSSES - SPECIAL CATEGORIES

21. Services to submit reports in respect of each vessel as early as possible

AIR

22. [redacted] Cmdr advised cessation of AAF and AIB of aircraft being investigated

LOCATION STATEMENTS

23. Supp and Services to advise AAF of any changes in unit locations

COMD - MEDICAL STAFFING ARTA

24. As from midnight 30 Apr 42 Medical Control Cmd 7 Aust Base Sub Area, will assume Cmd of MEDICAL Staging Areas. Certain units under Cmd HQ 8 Aust Base Sub Area will be administered by 7 Aust Base

Staff of 8 Aust Base Sub Area will continue to render such assistance to 7 Aust Base Sub Area as may be possible, and will also prepare units under cmd for movement.

CENSORSHIP

25. Applicable made to 1 Aust Corps for services of [redacted] AAAF.

CHEF ARE

26. [redacted] Cmd Circular "Strength" at 1715 hrs is forwarded - Comp echo

Comd

M I N U T E S

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COMD'S DAILY CONFERENCE

27 Apr 45

ENGINEERS:

1. Flywire - Bakery DID - 'Q' ascertain requirements.

2. 116 Fd Arty Bn (US) Area - obtained for AMF. CRE ascertain best access road and number of troops which can be accommodated.

3. AA and 167 Inf Bn (US) area (adjacent CORAL PIT) - CRE inspect and advise whether suitable for third hospital site.

4. Shelter for Sea Tpt Stores - coverage - Tents not available - bush shelter to be erected. CRE supply MC with sisalkraft.

5. Workshop and Pk Coy - Comd advised a Coy had been given priority of movement and would arrive this area before remainder of 9 Div Units.

MOVEMENTS:

6. Shipping:

(a) VESSELS IN PORT

'RICHARD MOSZCOWSKI'	-	Discharging RAAF U/E, Vehs & stores & AMF stores
'SWARTENHONDT'	-	28 Apr Discharging RAAF U/E, amn & stores & AMF stores

(b) VESSELS IN STREAM

'LINDLEY GARRISON'	Completed discharge awaiting convoy
'M. ROBERTSON'	" " " "
'MANOORA'	Operational
'TITANIA'	"
'WESTRALIA'	"
J.W. GRIMES'	Awaiting Convoy
'ATLANTIC TRADER'	" "

7. Projected Arrivals - S & T and Lab warned of probable heavy demands on labour and transport.
BALIK PAPAN - Expected to arrive 28 Apr.
'GORGON' and 'WANGELLA' - Comd advised vessels delayed and not expected to arrive before 19 and 29 May respectively. Tentage for 2/9 AGH on 'GORGON'.

MEDICAL:

8. Refuse Tins, Docks Areas - DADMS investigate removal and disposal.

S & T:

9. Reported thefts, POL IMA - S & T act.

10. Movement of 2/18 GT Pl to SABATAI area - Instructions for move issued by 9 Div. We are using 9 water carts. S & T take up with CASC 9 Div question of retention.

11. Bde Group Maint Shed - SABATAI - When erected S & T see CASC 9 Div re staffing.

ORDNANCE:

12. Roller Conveyor - CRD issuing 1600' to S & T - S & T ensure delivery taken.

13. Return of blankets to ORD - 2/3 AA Regt - Unit considers one blanket per man only necessary and requests permission to retain surplus. COMD will discuss at Adv LHQ and advise.

MINUTES
COMD'S CONFERENCE 28 Apr 45.

ENGINEERS

1. ARC Mesh, ACF Hut - being delivered. "Q" see that work is done.

2. 2/9 AGH - Supply of sand for females lines. To await completion of hospital construction.

3. Med Stores - shelter being on side of hut. "Q" discuss with Lt-Col COSTELLO.

MOVEMENTS.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Berth No	No	Name	ETC		Remarks.
1	3059	G. VANCOUVER	28 Apr	Discharging	RAAF U/E Vehs & AMF Stores.
2	NY117	ATLANTIC TRADER	26 "	"	AMF & US Stores & Egypt.
2		RICHARD MOSZCOWSKI	-	"	RAAF U/E Vehs & Stores.
3	2867	J.W. GRIMES	26 "	"	AMF U/E Amn & Stores.
4	Y14	SWARTENHONDT	28 "	"	RAAF " " " " & AMF Stores

VESSELS IN STREAM.

No	Name	ETC	Remarks.
2467	M. ROBERTSON	-	Completed discharge - Awaiting convoy
	MANOORA		Operational
	TITANIA		"
	WESTRALIA		"
	FS 274		Awaiting convoy.

CEMETERY.

4. Graves Service advises future burials will be in Aust Cemetery.

S&T

5. Rationing of RAAF DADST advised to commence 30 Apr. DID being established on Route 5 adjacent to American Bomb Dump. RAAF assisting in construction of site.

6. Attachment of Jeep - AACS. - To be made available if possible - [illegible] act.

ORD

7. Roller Conveyors Consignment question being investigated by Adv LHQ. If intended for AAOS 9 Div ORD endeavour to obtain 1000' to be replaced from stocks, when our shipment arrives.

TIDINESS OF STAGING MAINT & TRANSIT AREAS., DEPOTS ETC. Staff and Services concerned & act 27 Apr.

OFFICERS - APPOINTMENTS.

8. Capt HALLIDAY, AAEC arrived 28 Apr. Understands appointment EMO 7 Base Sub Area - "A" check.

MINUTES,

COMD'S DAILY CONFERENCE.

25 APR 45.

MOVEMENTS.

1. Shipping. SWARTENHONDT - ETA 25 Apr

Vessels in Port - M ROBERTSON - No 1 Dock
ATLANTIC TRADER - No 2 Dock, most of AMF Stores off.
RICHARD MOSCOWSKI - No 2 Dock - Ord Stores badly mixed with RAAF stores. ORD act.
F 8274 - No 2 Dock, awaiting loading Engr Stores for OBOE 1 - ETC 26 Apr.
J. W. GRIMES - No 3 Dock, ETC 26 Apr.

Vessels in Stream - L. GARRISON - ETC 26 Apr.
SEA BARB)
SEA RAY)
STEPHEN FIELD) - Sailed 25 Apr.
DAVID SHANKS)
CYRUS BRADY)

2. DOCKS TRANSIT AREA. - Docks Gp proceeding with establishment - Bulldozer required. CRE acting.

3. No 1 WHARF JETTY. - Co-Ordinator has made two American marquees available for personnel using No 1 Wharf and jetty. MC investigating possibility of obtaining suitable dunnage for timber framework.

4. SHELTER & FEEDING POINT, RED BEACH. Lt-Col COSTELLO investigating.

MEDICAL.

5. Medical and Red Cross Stores - DADMS reported Brig Secombe did not approve of stacking of stores. Lt-Col COSTELLO will investigate, particularly labour aspect.

6. PW CAMP. - Major DUIGAN, Adv LHQ, enquiring re site and possibility of combining American and Aust camps. Major DUIGAN to be advised to contact Col HOLMES or Col 'A' Adv LHQ. 'A' act.

PRO.

7. Security & Control of Traffic - SARATAI Area. Comd advised 9 Div Pro taking over SARATAI BRIDGE and picquetting road to DAO. Vehicles passing over bridge to have work ticket endorsed for duty beyond SARATAI RIVER.

LABOUR.

8. DAD LAB to draw on 2/9 Armd Regt as necessary.

ORD.

9. Roller Conveyors. - 2000' arriving - ORD understand intended for ADOS 9 Div. As quantity identical with that ordered for MOROTAI Staging Area use, ORD to take up with Brig STINSON.

10. Wiles Cookers. (I) Cooker deficient parts (with Beach Gp) to be returned to Vehicle Pk. ORD endeavour replace parts.
(II) Cooker taken over from Aux Air Sigs Formation with other two at TRANSIT CAMP to be placed on charge GRD or, if not needed, to go to Vehicle Pk. ORD & 'Q' act.

AREAS.

11. Cemetery Site. 'A' reported Graves Unit had moved into site adjacent 117 Fd Arty Bn (US) area & commenced work.

12. Hospital Cinema. 2/9 AGR request permission to use CORAL PIT for Hospital Cinema shows - request to be granted when pit available.

13. 2/3 Tk Att Regt. - to move into 117 Fd Arty Bn(US) area - to be retained for labour in ESD slots.

14. LOB Personnel, 9 Div. - (i) As many as possible to be moved to SARATAI Area 26 Apr. Capt CLEAVER make necessary arrangements with 9 Div; SHT arrange tpt.
(ii) AA & QMG 9 Div requests REST CAMP to be made available for LOB tps - Capt CLEAVER obtain details from LO, 9 Div.

TELEPHONES.

15. 2/12 Fd Amb. - Major BLAXLAND act.

M I N U T E S

COMD'S DAILY CONFERENCE

24 Apr 45

ENGINEERS:

1. Engineer Works required ¢ To be considered in relation to priority - all applications to be submitted to this HQ - Staff and Services note.

2. Scale 'A' Accommodation - Sites vacated by units - To remain pending re-allotment of areas.

3. Explosives - Latrine Excavations. S18 to be submitted with certificate to effect that personnel using are qualified to do so.

4. Roads Works SARATAI Area - CRE stated further check of vehicles passing over SARATAI Bridge had been made on 23 Apr - total 1145 vehs. Pro to advise reason given for personnel entering area - 'A' act.

5. Slot, ESD, levelling - Bulldozer or grader required - CRE act.

6. Bde Areas - Required to be ready to receive troops coming in approx 1 May. CRE to advise details of work required to be effected by 9 Div. Capt CLEAVER provide CRE with map showing allotment of kitchens.

7. Extension of CRD Installations - Clearing to be included in priority list - Engr works. 'Q' act.

MOVEMENTS:

8. Shipping:

'M. ROBERTSON'	No 1 Dock
'ATLANTIC TRADER'	No 2 Dock - Cranes and CROK 1 stores coming off.
'J.W. GRIMES'	No 3 Dock - ETC 26 Apr
'SEA RAY'	No 4 Dock ¢ ETC 26 Apr Necessary to keep tpt up - [illegible] act.
'LINDLEY GARRISON'	Idle owing to leak of water tpt
'SEA HAWK'	In stream - ETC 25 Apr
'DAVID SHANKS'	" " - ETC 25 Apr
'STEPHEN FIELD')	Completed awaiting convey
'CYRUS BRADY')	
'TITANIA'	Complete except for vehs - finishing in stream.
'SCHWARTENHOEDT'	Due 1100 hrs 25 Apr - following 'SEA RAY' into No 4 Dock.

9. Navy Dock: Vehs for shipping not to be marshalled on causeway - E & T act.

MINES:

10. Personnel working with tipping trucks in CORAL PIT - CRE considers should be permitted to remove shirts while in pit and on short runs in vicinity. Comd directed order relative to "heavy manual labour and authority of officer" to apply.

VISITS TO DAO VILLAGE BY TPS -

11. Reported constant stream of 2 troops visiting village. 'A' request 9 Div to have Pro posted to prevent such visits and to turn natives back (in accordance with Adv LHQ Instructions concerning control of natives and security).

CROWDING OF VEHS CARRYING PERSONNEL:

12. Reported that as many as 40 tps had been observed riding on one truck. 'A' prepare draft HO.

MEDICAL:

13. Employment of natives for Malaria Control - 15 AAMCU. 25 required. 'Q' note - bring up with Comd.

14. 113 Gen Depot -

(1) Capt CLEAVER advised area selected between BOUNDARY CK and Native Burial Ground - 27 acres available - will take in 17 camp sites. Proposed to brigade 4 kitchens, to provide food prep rooms for 500 personnel and to lay camp out in segments, one or more of which could be used to accommodate units if necessary until required by Gen Depot.

(2) CRE to provide materials for Scale 'A' Accn and construction to be effected by Unit labour under Engr supervision.

(3) Lt CRELLIN, 1 CRE (Wks) to lay out area in collaboration with officer of Gen Depot. CRE act.

(4) Approx 40 personnel will be on site 25 Apr to clear area.

(5) Gen Depot has nox water vehicles on MET - as hospitals reticulated, one water cart from each 2/5 and 2/9 AGH to be made available - 'Q' act.

15. Female personnel arriving by 'MANG ANELLA' ETA 15 May - Accn: 236 Offrs and 92 ORs arriving - Capt CLEAVER advised signal sent requesting that tentage, cots and accommodation stores be shipped. If this is not given effect, MO advise may be possible to hold personnel on ship until 25 May unless 'MANG ANELLA' plans dictate movement before that date. Failing shipment of tentage and retention on ship, use of 2/9 AGH hospital tents as/~~wards~~ may be possible. ORD to ascertain what cooking gear can be made available. Scale 'A' accommodation and compound to be provided - CRE act.

LABOUR:

16. Dock requirements - MO advised, to avoid confusion, all labour required will be demanded through Port M00's office only.

S & T:

17. Accident - Truck 2/18 GT Pl and aircraft - S & T obtain details immediately.

ORD:

18. Tentage - Naval Bombardment Gp - To be loaned on temporary basis.

19. Miles Cooker - Beach Gp. Capt CLEAVER reported that cooker was signed for by Capt KENNEDY, 30 Beach Gp, who was informed by Ord Port Det that it was complete and no check was made until arrival at Beach Gp area, when components ~~xxxxx~~ were found to be missing. Cooker did not stop en route RED BEACH to area. Possibly may have been deficient when shipped. ORD endeavour to provide replacement parts.

AREAS:

20. 2/3 Tk A Regt - 117 Fd Arty Bn (US) vacating site, which will be available for 2/3 Tk A Regt.

21. Cemetery Site - Area selected adjacent 117 Fd Arty Bn site. Bulldozer required for clearing heavy timber in about one weeks' time. 'Q' note and bring up with CRE later.

22. DUKW Pls - To go in CORAL CLIFFS AREA.

23. ADV LHQ - Additional area required for small units ~~xxxx~~ ADV LHQ. ~~xxxx~~ officer inspect area & advise

COMMAND.

24. Corps Tps & 9 Div Units required for works. Services to advise Units required. In the case of 9 Div Engrs, application to be made through this HQ to Adv LHQ.

25. Units of 9 Div & 1 Beach Gp. On arrival in unit lines to come under comd 9 Div.

26. 2 Base Sub Area Units (9 Div Force) To be administered by HQ MOROTAI STAGING AREA until 8 Base Sub Area comes under comd 9 Div.

STAFF - HQ MOROTAI STAGING AREA.

26. Comd advised planning commenced for CROW 6, for which 8 Base Sub Area required. Several members of staff will have to be withdrawn. Comd will discuss with Lt-Col COSTELLO question of replacements.

MINUTES
COMD CONFERENCE
23 Apr 45.

ENGINEERS

1. Removal of old trees. SABATAI Area. CRE had in hand.

2. Wire - Operating Theatre 2/5 & 2/9 AGH Half only of dysentery ward 2/9 AGH to be constructed. Surplus wire to be used for operating theatres both hospitals. CRE act.

3. Con Depot CRE to inspect site with Brig McCallum and obtain details for essential requirements.

4. A.C mesh (1) Security of ACF, Red Cross & Med stores. Capt REDMOND advise requirements.

(2) For Bde Maint Centres SABATAI Area. 15 sheets required. S&T discuss with "Q".

5. Red Cross Hut. Small area remains to be roofed. CRE act.

6. Road works; SABATAI Area. CRE reported traffic census 0700 to 1900 revealed 1144 vehicles passed over SABATAI Bridge. If this continues effect on construction work in area will be serious. Provost to be doubled and check of all vehicles, with particulars of duty to be obtained. 'A' car

7. Behaviour of Troops at No 3 Dock. CRE reported tap had been installed adjacent to 1 Aust CRE (Wks) area for use of tps employed at No 3 Dock. Facility thus provided was being abused, tps using for ablutions, and tap running constantly at full pressure, with resultant waste of water. Tps also fed in vicinity and left area strewn with food scraps etc. Pro to watch. "A" act.

MOVEMENTS

Vessels in Port

ATLANTIC TRADER.	At No 2 Dock discharging stores as priority. Cranes to come off tomorrow.
TITANIA	Completes loading night 23 Apr, and moves into stream 0600hrs 24 Apr.
[illegible]	Leaves Dock No 3. Cased goods coming off. S&T watch tpt position.
SEA RAY	At No4 Dock ETC 25 Apr.

Vessels in stream.

HADLEY GARRISON	Not working 23 Apr owing to lack of [illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]

S&T

7. Vehicles- Loading sleeve HADLEY GARRISON. Cord will take up with ADC [illegible].

8. MT - redirection of by offrs at their own discretion. S&T to furnish details of specific instances.

9. [illegible] Harbours. MC referred to terms of instructions by Dpt officer [illegible] of [illegible]. Officers concerned to cooperate MC & S&T act.

11. MT use of immediate future. Comd directed LOB personnel to be moved to SABATAI area as soon as tpt position eases, possibly 25 Apr. Maintenance of vehicles then to be given attention and 2/30 GT Pl rested. MC asked that wharves be fed up to 25 Apr, when tpt demands should decrease considerably.

12. 3/4" piping for repair of MT. Responsibility for supply and availability- ORD checking.

13. Accident- Aircraft and truck 23 Apr. S&T to obtain details and advise.

14. Sandbags for recovery of AASC items from broken packages. CRE OBTAINing number available and will advise.

ORD

15. Wiles Cookers "Q" reported Cooker with Air Sigs Formation will be delivered to Transit Camp 25 Apr. No trace of missing components of other cooker.

16. Cleaning of Blankets. ORD reported arrangements made with laundry.

ACCOMMODATION Units att 2/12 Fd Amb. "A" reported Dental units allocated; other units satisfactorily accommodated.

AREAS

17. Site for Naval Stores (life jackets etc) Lieut Comdr. Stevens to select area off road to DOUBLE CAN LOCKS. CRE make bulldozer available - MC advise CRE when required. Type of coverage to be provided under consideration.

18. Vacation of Site by 2/13 Fd Coy. Area left in deplorable condition. "Q" draft memo to 1 Aust Corps, copy Adv LHQ, concerning this instance in particular and tidying of areas by units vacating generally. Also refer to incident reported by CRE, i.e. pulling down of structures and removal of timber, etc by Americans who claimed unit had told them they could take materials.

KVA Set Blood Transfusion Unit. Located-DADMS ascertain where it was found.

COMMAND.

19. Units of 1 Aust Corps ~~XXX~~ incl 9 Aust Div, together with base units allotted for future operations, to come under comd those formations. All staging troops to be administered by 1 Aust Corps.

Services to submit details of 1 Aust Corps and 9 Aust Div units required for tasks while in this area.

OFFICERS POSTINGS Capts SANDERS & LOVE-"A" advised under consideration by LHQ.

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MINUTES

COMMANDER'S DAILY CONFERENCE

22 APR 45

ENGINEERS:

1. Construction of signal hut for wireless purposes and provision of huts for TOPO Sky Coy - CRE advised material could be made available - that for TOPO Sky Coy ready for delivery to site. 25 L of C Sigs to submit S 10 - 'Q' note.

2. Water - Theft of hoses on Water Points - CRE reported incidence with consequent waste of water - 'A' note.

3. Drainage to shed (fallen trees) ASD - Repairs to be effected when Transit Shed completed. CRE note.

4. EL Cable for S & T requirements - S & T secured 2,000' from RAAF - further 2,000' required. RADET check capacity of lighting sets. Comd will then see DDST Air LHQ.

MOVEMENTS:

5. (a) Vessels in Port:

'M. ROBERTSON	25 Apr	Discharging AMF U/L Vehs & Stores
'STEPHEN J. FIELD'	24 "	" " " "
'TITANIA	-	Operational Loading.
'WESTRALIA'	22 "	" " & Awaiting Later Embarkation.

(b) Vessels in Stream:

'LUCIUS C.C. LAMAR'	23 Apr	Discharging AMF U/L Vehs & Stores
'OWEN T. BRADY'	23 Apr	" " stores & Vehs
'SEA BARB'	24 Apr	Disembarking pers & Discharging U/L Vehs and Stores
'SEA RAY'	25 Apr	Disembarking pers & Awaiting U/L vehs and Stores
'JAMES W. GRIMES'	25 Apr	Discharging AMF U/L Vehs & Stores
'DAVID SHANKS'	25 Apr	" " " " "
'G. VANCOUVER'	-	Awaiting discharge RAAF stores U/L & Veh Vehs & AMF Stores.
'LINDLEY GARRISON'	-	Discharging AMF U/L Stores & Vehs
'MANORA'	-	Operational Loading.

6. INJURY to soldier by shell splinter during disembarkation of 'SEA BARB' - MO advised report submitted to 2/5 A.G.H.

GUARDS FOR 2/5 AGH (2/43 Bn)

7. Action complete.

MEDICAL:

8. Latrines at RED BEACH - DADMS advised material available but transport required. Salvage truck to be detailed - Capt GARTSIDE asst.

9. RAP - RED BEACH - Fd Amb vehicle to be detached & Capt HOOK to be consulted re concerning establishment of RAP. DADMS asst.

STORES:

10. Transferred under "Lend-Lease" - 8 cranes ex 'LUCIUS LEMAR' transferred to Aust Army under "Lend-Lease" agreements taken over by US Forces. Capt GRAVES to take up with Americans.

S & T:

11. Vehs to arrive from Mainland - Comd advised probable arrival of 5 LSTs every 5 days with vehicles from mainland.

2 12. MT for AGH - In exchange for buses, hospitals to have 2 x 3 ton vehs. S&T to

12. GMC Trucks - 11 out of commission owing to damage to hydraulic hose - S & T arranging to obtain some replacement from US Forces, but insufficient available. MC take action to ensure more careful handling of GMC Trucks.

24. Construction of Timber Jinkers - S & T obtain advice of Col EMERSON, CRME 1 Aust Corps.

15. 2/1st GT Coy -

(1) Area - Lt Col HOSTELLO will view area at 7 Fd Regt location and advise whether suitable.

(2) Retention of vehs for our use - DADST to see CASC 9 Div.

16. Water Carts, SARATAL-SANALA Area - Comd advised DADST 9 Div responsibility.

ORDNANCE:

17. Wiles Cookers - ORD reported two Wiles Cookers ex "MORGAN ROBERTSON" were to be issued to MOROTAI STAGING AREA. Signature obtained for one which was sent to BRACH Gp, and on arrival found to be deficient several components. Other cooker taken direct by Air Formation Sigs. Maj HIGH visited [redacted] unit 22 Agr - OC absent and no information could be obtained. Lying near the cooker were various components that were stated by one of the personnel to belong to a RAAF steam cooker. "Q" arrange to take delivery of complete cooker, and investigate re components.

ARMAS:

18. 9 CRE (Wks), 73 DCRE (Wks) and 1, 2 and 3 Welding Pls - Stores to go to 2/13 Fd Coy area direct. Units to move into area as soon as possible. Capt WAYLE advd.

19. Gun Depot Site - Capt CLEAVER to see Brig McCALLUM.

20. 9 Div Sigs Area - Capt CLEAVER reported by-pass road to DAD cuts right through Sigs area, which is at present in bad condition owing to heavy rains.

MISSING EVA SET, Blood Transfusion Unit -

21. Comd directed attention of OC unit to be drawn to provisions of Discmb Order concerning safe custody of unit equipment. Details of markings to be supplied. DADMS advd. "Q" endeavour to locate.

ADMIN - UNITS ATTACHED 2/3 FD AMB -

22. A'tn to take up with Capt FINNEY ADDS Adv LHQ question of allocation of Dental Units when 2/12 Fd Amb moves. DADMS check up with 2/5 AGH concerning accn for other units.

SHELL DUMP, ROCKY CK

23. Capt CLEAVER advised 93 Div arranging for removals.

MOVEMENT OF OFFRS:

24. Capt SUTHERS marched out to 26 Bde Gp 230830 I

COMD:

25. [redacted] 5 MEC less one Fl to come under command 1 Aust CRE (Wks) from 2359 hrs 22 Apr. Lt DALE advd.

LOGISTICS STATEMENT:

26. Lt DALE to be notified of changes of location of alterations necessary. ALL OFFRS NOTE.

NOTES ON COMMANDERS CONFERENCE.
21 APR 45.

ENGINEERS

1. LNT LIGHTING Not completed owing to poles being unavailable. Being delivered 22 Apr.

2. REFRIGERATION Cond advised CRE construction of first to be completed as soon as possible; second not to be commenced for present.
Refrigerater at No 1 slot some time. CRE investigated re taking delivery.

3. Bulldozer for RED BEACH. CRE to make available.

4. Barbed wire CRE to take up with Col MEYER question of obtaining from Initial Maint.

5. Dannert wire Cond advised stocks coming forward from AUST.

6. Use of explosives for drainage purposes AAMCU's CRE advised explosives could not be supplied for this purpose.

7. Tippers - Tpt requirement 20 Apr. CRE reported 14 trucks made available Three were supplied by 5 MEC of which two transported troops and one was sent to DID and not used. 30 Corps Fd Pk supplied five vehs; and 4 Army tps Coy six vehs - told at Transit Dump only 5 wanted and were sent to SARATAI, them back to Transit Camp and subsequently took troops out.

COVERAGE

8. Construction of Signal hut for wireless purposes and provision of huts for Topo Survey Coy. CRE advised no 4 x 1½ timber available for any purpose other than present commitments. He had contacted 1 Aust Corps concerning release of 15000' (for Topo Svy huts) from operational dump. Cond will discuss at LHQ.

9. Water Points Peninsula Signals to be sent out allocating units to WPs. Q act.

10. Priorities - Engr Work CRE stated he was referring all requests to HQ MOROTAI Staging Area for priority; also that extra issues of Scale A accommodation would reduce availability for Staging Area requirements.

MOVEMENT

11. 7 Aust Div Cond advised it was anticipated that move would commence between 7 and 21 May; and ultimate total of tps during this period would reach 30,000.
SD Adv LHQ are investigating position as regards LOB personnel.

12. Shipping

CYRUS BRADY	left berth 1700 hrs 21 Apr. Continuing discharge in stream.
STEPHEN FIELD	At No 2 Dock.
TITANIA	Loading at No 2 Dock.
WESTRALIA	Loading at No 3 Dock.
DAVID SHANKS	In stream discharging.
LINDLEY GARRISON	Awaiting discharge. OBOE I eqpt off.
LUCIUS LAMAR	Discharging in stream.
JAMES GRIMES	Expected to berth at No 4 Dock 22 Apr.
M ROBERTSON	Coming into No 1 Dock.
SEA RAT	Discharging in stream.
SEA BARB	" " "

Hospital ship MANUNDA - MC advised Master informed he could select position in harbour - preferred ship to remain present location.

13. STORAGE SPACE FOR LIFE JACKETS. MC stated STO required space for storage of life jackets - 1000 coming ashore from M ROBERTSON Cond will take up at Adv LHQ.

14 CEMETERY SITE Maj Blaxland consider site.

15. Promotion of NCO's. A ascertain position re CRE's recommendations.

16. Injury to soldier by shell splinter during disembarkation of SEA BARB. Maj Blaxland advised [illegible]

16. Cont'd. Maj Blaxland advised US AA Bty concerned shooting on wrong bearing. Matter being taken up by US Forces with unit.

17. GUARD for 2/6 AGH (2/43 Bn) Capt CLEAVER check.

MED

18 Chlorination of water. SAPATAI area. In answer to enquiry, DADMS was advised water duty personnel were issued with powder by AASC.

ISSUE OF BEER Adv LHQ producing new Adm Instruction - two bottles NOT to be issued on same day.

SAT

19. Firewood for hospitals. Adv LHQ investigating possibility of installing drip feeds in Soyer Stoves and outside ovens. This should reduce firewood requirements.

20. 2/166 GT Coy (one pl and Wksp pl SAWMILL AREA) to be used on general tpt duties and provide wksp facilities so that 2/30 GT Pl may stand down for 2 days and repairs and maintenance of vehicles may be effected. DADST act.

LABOUR

21. MS advised 11 hatches at present being worked in stream and in next few days RED BEACH would require 100 men per shift. MC to discuss with DAD Labour.

ORD

22. Water cans, ORDE I 3000 x 4½ gall cans on ATLANTIC TRADER. Four water carts being obtained from hospitals for filling. Capt REDMOND ascertain from where cans are wanted.

23. Wilcs Cooker for Beach Gp Arrived without utensils etc. ORD investigate

COMMAND

24. 9 Aust Div Comd advised comd of all 9 Div Tps had passed to that Formation.

25. Channel of Communication 9 Aust Div "A" ascertain whether channel through 1 Aust Corps or direct to 9 Aust Div.

TELEPHONES

26. Base Depot Med Stores Approved. Q act.

AREAS

27. Site for Bn Depot Capt CLEAVER reported not possible to get troops into area for at least a week owing to heavy rains. Only method of supply would be by DUKW. Would have to accommodate personnel in Transit Camp.
Capt CLEAVER to investigate possibility of obtaining alternative site - US Medical Bn Area.
CRE advised no materials available for Com Depot Construction.
Comd will discuss with DAA QMG and Brig McCallum.

SHELL DUMP, ROCKY CK.

Capt CLEAVER see 9 Div concerning removal.

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Comd's Daily Conference.

20 Apr 45.

ENGINEERS:

1. Barbed Wire requirements - 2/5 AGH 400 yds, Red Cross 300 yds. S&T requirements - DADST to see Maj MULCAHY concerning stocks. GHD requirements - Capt QUAYLE to obtain. CRE advised 7,500 yds available exclusive of 2/9 AGH requirements.

2. Tippers, transport requirement 20 Apr - only 6 reported for duty - 19 originally arranged. CRE investigating.

3. Water. - W.P. No 5 being closed as from midnight 21 Apr owing to necessity for overhaul of pumps ; four bore points functioning and American point DUKW Pt Road coupled to ours and can be used; water also available at No. 3 Dock.

4. Refrigeration (S&T) - first unit required by 15 May on arrival of "GORGON". CRE advised that with resources available, not possible to give more than 5000 cub ft by that date.

MOVEMENTS:

5. Shipping :

"CYRUS BRADY"	-	at No.1 Dock. ETC 24 Apr.
"STEPHEN FIELD"	-	at No.2 Dock ETC 24 Apr.
"DAVID SHANKS"	-	continuing discharge in stream - ETC 22 Apr.
"LINDLEY GARRISSON"	-	work practically ceased owing to unavailability of gangs-position re OBOE 1 eqpt being watched.
"LUCIUS LAMAR"	-	discharge proceeding.
"JAMES GRIMES"	-	load carrying vehicles coming off.
"TITANIA"	-	berthed - tpt requirements for loading estimated.
"SEA BARB"	-	to commence discharge 1800 hrs 21 Apr.

Coordinator has directed that "SEA BARB" and "SEA RAY" will sail 25 Apr.

6. Disembarkation of Tps - "SEA BARB" - 1,500 disembarked on 20 Apr; approx 75% with empty water bottles. Numbers of Tps remaining on board. "SEA BARB"-1500 - "SEA RAY" 2160.
Comd advised MC all ex "SEA BARB" could be accepted 21 Apr.
Maj MCPHEE to advise tpt available 21 Apr.
CRE to make 6 Tippers available 0700 hrs 21 Apr at North Road, Double Gun Dock.

7. Rough handling of eqpt, 2/7 Fd Regt.- Comd stated Adv LHQ had received report to effect that eqpt conveyed in tippers had been off loaded by tipping. Maj MILLER enquire where this occurred - at Red Beach or in unit lines.

MEDICAL

8. Diversion of Ambulances - DADMS reported two ambulances were sent to Docks to pick up personnel evacuated from "SEA BARB". On arrival one was diverted, by instruction of a Major, to take troops to Transit Area.

9. Report of injury to soldier by shell splinter during disembarkation "SEA BARB" - MC [illegible] obtaining particulars.

10. LATRINES. - 9 Div Area - DADMS reported complaints made that on units moving into area it had been found that deep trenches had been dug but no seats were available. Capt CLEAVER advised due to transport position - Engrs delivering night 20 Apr.

11. Crane Drivers - A reported transfer from 33 Wks Coy to Fwr Bn effected - personnel have been trade tested.

12. Cemetery Site - DAD Graves Registration, 1 Aust Corps, has made recce and [illegible] area adjacent to HQ Morotai Staging Area be allocated. Area pointed out to Maj MILL Comd considering.

13. Labour
Over-estimation of [illegible] requirements - DAD Labour drew attention to tende[illegible] to over-estimate when submitting demands. Services note and act.

14. Use of Reinforcements - Comd directed reinforcements could be used for general labour purposes.

15. Labour for Docks - MC stated approx 250 personnel necessary, in addition to Works Co- to [redacted] work port. MAD Labour to note.

SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT.

16. Control of Transport - Comd stated tpt poorly controlled 20 Apr. Two Offrs (WILLIAMS and [redacted]) previously on duty to be detailed. S&T act.

17. Firewood for hospital use - CRE advised approx 1000 tons of off-cuts available at [redacted] Sawmill area.

COVERAGE.

18. Stationery - to have all of 100' X 18' previously divided between them and ACF's ACF present 60' X 18' to be increased to 100' X 18'.

AREAS.

19. 2/166 G. H.Coy. - HQ and one Pl to go to MED CAMP SARATAI AREA- Capt CLEAVER act. One pl and Wksp pl to go to Sawmill Area - DADST act.

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ENGINEERS.

1. Stockade, Canteen, SARATAI Area. Comd discussed with Col, 'Q', Adv LHQ. Because of heavy shipment of Canteen goods, considered preferable to have increased security at SMA rather than at SARATAI Area.

2. Pegmart Pickets and Barbed Wire. To be issued for security of depots according to availability. Services to submit requirements.

MOVEMENTS.

3. Disembarkation - "Sea Barb" & "Sea Ray".
(i) Comd stated efforts were being made to clear Transit Camp & it was hoped that it would be able to accommodate 3600 tps there.
(ii) MC to consult co-ordinater re time of disembarkation and advise - certain OBOE 1 units required to disembark 20 Apr.
(iii) Transporting Tps from Transit Camp to SARATAI Area. CRE to advise number of tippers available. Med to arrange for two buses from each 2/5 & 2/9 AGHs to be made available.
(iv) Two Miles cookers ex 'MORGAN ROBERTSON' - Ord to arrange with Brig STINSON for release; one to go to Transit Camp & one to SARATAI.

4. Shipping.

CYRUS BRADY- at Dock No 1.
STEPHEN FIELD - at No 2 Dock.
DAVID SHANKS- at No 3 Dock until 291800 I then to move into stream & 'TITANIA' to come in. MC advised all unit eqpt for OBOE 1 should have been discharged.
LIEDLEY GARRISON - continuing at No 4 Dock.
LUCIUS LAMAR - No progress in discharge of stores until 191200 I - action taken to ensure right stores come off.
MORGAN ROBERTSON - In Stream.
JAMES GRIMES - In stream discharging vehs.
SEA CAT) In stream discharging vehs.
LAKE OKMOC)
GEN BUTNER) Sailed in convoy, 19 Apr.
FRED AINSWORTH)
DUNTROON)

5. Trailers for transporting long timber, pipes etc. MC reported serious delay in discharging CYRUS BRADY owing to lack of this type of Tyt. They are arranging with Docks Gp to produce plan for building of timber jinkers. Comd will discuss with Col, 'Q' Adv LHQ, use of low loaders; also with CEME question of acquiring major assemblies from Americans.

6. Employment of Colored American Tps at Docks. CRE reported stores being damaged owing to rough handling. MC advised that instrns had been issued that Aust Officer was to supervise work.

MEDICAL.

7. Gen Depot - Priority. - CRE to take up with Brig McCallum.

8. Cemetery Site. AF reported DAD Graves Registration, 1 Aust Corps & OC, 8 Graves Unit had undertaken to make recce and would advise.

LABOUR.

9. Initial Maintenance Depots. Major Williams, 9 Div, advised because of shipping position it was not expected to start until later than originally intended. (200600 I).

10. Transit Camp advised no labour would be available 20 Apr, owing to movement of tps. Comd will discuss with DAD/LAB.

Big jack + trailer for rail RAAF ave

S & T.

11. Vehicles, 2/13 GT Fld. Comd stated DDME Adv LHQ had inspected vehicles and 14 were on road.

12. Water Vehicle, Mob Laundry. To be withdrawn for general use SARATAI Area. Capt CLEAVER act.

OHD.

13. Tarpaulins for use by S & T. Capt Turnbull to see OHD, Adv LHQ with view to obtaining.

14. Demage for repair of broken crates. Ord to ascertain quantity available at Engr's Dump and make request.

15. Wiles Cooker, 9 Div. One to be withdrawn from 2/9 AGH for use at embarkation assembly area.

TELEPHONES.

16. Connection Main Hospital supply and Pump. Col McKinley advised phones would be installed as soon as possible.

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COMD'S DAILY CONFERENCE.

18 Apr 45.

ENGINEERS.

1. Loop Road & Fencing A & L. CRE reported clearing could be effected adjacent two sheds only owing to inflammability of many buildings. Work will commence 20 Apr. CRE also advised that, after receiving authorisation he had with Col Lloyd Hospitals Bde, Lt. ZOO is to be 28 beds would be available. (Lt is to be asked to submit for ZOO beds to be all open Sheds.)

2. ZOO Beds Huts for PARAMUT Area. Quantities to be sent to be taken by Col. Lloyd. Hospitals Bde. Liaison with CRE, PARAMUT.

3. Clearing of Tree Stumps for PP, Bde Mtce Area. 20 yds square required for stacking of crates. CRE act.

4. Bowsers - SARATAK Area. APC each needed for small area 20' x 20' for bulk stores. Two bowsers on APC is all available.

5. Bde Gen Tpt Pk. Card. stated that Major DIXON, new Bde would increase requirements to [illegible] Bde Area.

6. SARATAK Rly Bridge. 2/4 Aust Inf Bn to dig latrines for Amn. Dump to proceed with work in the area.

7. [illegible] Card. stated [illegible] Bde Area.

8. [illegible] [illegible]

9. [illegible]

10. [illegible]

11. [illegible]

12. [illegible]

13. [illegible]

14. Latrines, Mtce & Drainage. Card. advised DDH to C in C [illegible]

15. [illegible]

16. Supply of 180 Gallon Tanks to Hospitals. No coverings provided- Breach of IHQ Admin Instrn No 28. CRE act.

[illegible]

MOVEMENTS.

18. Shipping. -

CYRUS BRADY - at No 1 Dock.
STEPHEN FIELD " " 2 "
DUNTROON - leaves No 3 Dock at 0600 hrs 19 Apr - will complete in stream.
FRED AINSWORTH - Completed at No 4 Dock 18 Apr.
LINDLEY GARRISON - at No 4 Dock.
SEA CAT - in Stream.
LUCIUS LAMAR - in stream; Eqpt of NAI to come off for OBOE 1 - given priority.
MANUNDA - Female personnel disembarked 18 Apr.
DAVID SHANKS - expected to berth at 0730 hrs 19 Apr - disemb expected to commence at 0900 hrs. apprx.
GEN BUTNER - In Stream - may be necessary to leave 30-40 tons rations on vessel.

19. RAAF encroachment on Area, RED BEACH. Comd advised matter taken up with RAAF who would remedy within 24 hrs.

20. LCT's. MC advised output for night 17 Apr reduced by 2/3rds. owing to 31 Div requirements.

MEDICAL.

21. Hospital Ship 'MANUNDA'. DADMS stated CO Shipcomplained position to other ships in harbour constituted breach of Geneva Convention. MC to take up with Navy.

22. Water Carts. 'Q' advised two withdrawn from AGH's to service SARATAI - one from 2/5 AGH, one from 2/9 AGH. Five left to AGH's. Comd directed one to be left with 2/9 AGH and four [illegible] be made available for filling water cans for 9 Div Task Force.

[illegible].

23. [illegible]. Additional 166 personnel required 20 Apr. DAD Trb act.

[illegible].

24. [illegible]. Comd. stated [illegible] -
[illegible] Transport Pls.

25. 2 Ord Beach Det. Personel to go direct to Ord IMA on disembarking.

26. Stores Pl - 1 Beach Gp. - Area required. Major Blaxland act.

TELEPHONES.

27. Connection between main hospital water supply and Pump. CHE advised necessary. Major Blaxland act.

28. SOIC approvals. (1) Docks Supt, No 1 Dock.
(2) LST Sheds to GT Coy.

Other priorities.
GT Coy.
MAC Pl.
31 GT Coy.

29. BASE SUB AREA DET for OBOE I-Capt DWYER allotted to Air Maint Coy Capt SUTHERLAND. Det required additional personnal M 1 Cook 1 Batman. Comd will discuss at Adv LHQ.

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17 Apr 45.

ENGINEERS

1. Water Reticulation 2/5 AFI - CRE reported water flowing 171000I - clear water would not be available until pipes were cleared few days.

2. Maintenance of RED BEACH - Bulldozer required - CRE act

3. Dunnage - CRE advised 20,000 ft of timber used by Americans as dunnage had not been returned. Bulk of quantity was vital construction timber and would be of little value owing to rough usage. MC act

4. Refrigerators, Testing of - Comd will see Col 'Q' Adv LHQ

5. Fencing, ASD - Major McPhee reported prevalence of pilfering, and requested erection of fence at rear ASD and on eastern and western limits. CRE advised barbed wire sent for Staging Area. S&T to submit S18 for requirements.

6. Road - loop at rear of sheds, ASD - CRE to obtain estimate of work required.

7. Spare parts etc. 60 Aust C Fd Pk. - CRE reported unit did NOT hold essential spare parts - informed before embarkation that spares would be available NORCTAL.

8. Welding Rod - CRE reported all available stocks issued to 5 Aust Mech Mapt Coy - anticipated more would arrive in approx one week.

MOVEMENTS

9. Shipping - In Port - CYRUS T BRADY - No 1 dock)
STEPHEN FIELD - No 2 dock) Discharging
DUNTROON - No 3 dock) vehs, U/E
FRED AINSWORTH - NO 4 dock) and stores

In Stream - SEA CAT - discharge vehs & stores
LUCIUS LAMAR - do
and MEI pers & stores.
All OBOE 1 eqpt off.
Stations for HICA in poor condition.
RICHARD MOSZCOWSKI - awaiting discharge
LAKE ORION - do
GEN BUTNER - disembarking pers and discharge U/E
LINDLEY GARRISSON - disembarking pers and awaiting discharge stores, vehs & U/E
VANCOUVER - awaiting discharge
MANUNDA - female pers to disemb 181000I
LINDLEY GARRISSON - efforts being made to get 2/25 Bn U/E off (unit preparing for OBOE 1)

PROVOST

10. Combined road partols - Aust & US Pro. - 'A' reported 1 offr and 15 ORs would report to APM 93 US Div daily for combined road patrols.

11. Traffic Control Point - Staging Maint Area - arranged

12. Guards - female pers 2/5 AGH - camp site and rationing arranged with 2/5 AGH.

13. Traffic SABATAI Area - DADMS reported hospital bus observed in area 16 Apr was conveying pers from 2/5 AGH to unit.

~~11.~~ ACF HAMPERS

14. Issue to be made from Hut at DID to all units, 18 - 20 Apr.

OFFICERS - MOVT

15. Capt SAUNDERS marched out to 2/2 Pnr Bn 17 Apr 45.

LABOUR

16. Transit camp tosupply 60 pers (30 for unit e pt ex BUTNER and 30 for Gen docks work) every 6 hrs until further notice. Tpt to be arranged by S&T in conjunction with MC.

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COMD'S DAILY CONFERENCE

16 APR 45

1. ENGINEERS:

ARC Mess - 16 Sheets required for security purposes, Adv LHQ Wkshp. Comd will discuss with Col "Q".

2. Roads - Oil Spraying - DADST to investigate possibility of obtaining RAAF truck - first requirement, road in front of 2/5 AGH.

3. Roads - Adv LHQ & Corps - Capt CLEAVER ascertain whether Adv LHQ road work sufficiently advanced to permit Corps road to be proceeded with.

4. Welding Rod - CRE requirement 500 ft 8 gauge & 500 ft 6 gauge. CRD ascertain whether available.

MOVEMENTS:

5. Shipping:

"DUNKOOM" - At No 3 Dock - Disembarkation of personnel complete - discharging unit stores & eqpt.

"AINSWORTH" - At No 4 Dock - discharging vehs, stores and U/E

"JOHN HOPE" - Completed - awaiting convoy

"CYRUS BRADY" - Moved into No 1 Dock

"SEA CAT" - in stream - continuing discharge ETC 18 Apr.

"LUCIUS LAMAR" - in stream - continuing discharge - NAAFI foodstuffs to go to NICA.

"[illegible]" - in stream - awaiting discharge.

"GEN BUTNER" - Proportion of personnel disembarked - necessary to continue during night to enable vessel to join convoy.

"LINDLEY GARRISON" - In stream - awaiting discharge

"STEPHEN FIELD" - In stream - commencing discharge 17 Apr

S & T:

6. Water -

Transit Area (Inf Bns) - "Q" discuss with Lt-Col COSTELLO.

7. SABATAT AREA - 1 x 3 ton vehicle to be attached to 2/3 Pnr Bn. S&T act.

8. Workshop facilities for MT - DADST to see DDST and request matter be taken up with DDME.

9. Withdrawal of 2/108 GT Coy - DADST examine affect on MT position.

10. 9 Aust Div requirements (Labour & Tpt) ESD:

This HQ will provide labour in IM Depots only and transport IM Depots to ESD and ESD to LST Dock, in accordance with Adm LHQ Adm Instrn No 29 of 8 Apr 45. Labour and S & T act.

TRACTOR CRANE DRIVERS:

11. 'A' take up with Adv LHQ.

GUARDS - FEMALE PERSONNEL, 2/5 AGH - 1 offr and 15 ORs from 2/43 Bn to be made available - "A" act.

MEDICAL:

13. Ambulance vehicle to meet ships carrying personnel - Med demand on S & T as necessary.

14. Evacuations from hospitals to GDD & Transit Camp - "A" discuss procedure with 2 Echn.

PRO:

15. SABATAI BRIDGE Control Point - "A" draft definite instructions for Pro; American vehicles & personnel in SMA ~~area~~ - Pro Control Point to be established - "A" act.

TRAFFIC - SABATAI AREA:

16. Hospital bus reported to be in area 16 Apr. DADMS investigate and report.

17. DARO VILLAGE - Aust personnel visiting - out of bounds - "A" act.

~~OTHER~~

18. COMD 2/2 Aust Pnr Bn will revert to Comd 9 Aust Div from 1600 hrs 17 Apr.

AREAS:

19. 'B' Coy, 2/12 Fd Amb (remaining this area) in connection with evacuation of casualties) - Med advised area occupied by Coy of 2/2 PNR BN suitable.

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15 APR 45

ENGINEERS:

1. Transit Shed, ILA - CRE advised will be completed when Fd Pk Coy available. Comd directed platform be given priority.

2. LST Road - CRE to ascertain whether RAAF have commenced.

3. Roads - Oil Spraying - CRE reported 3 ton veh required - permanent duty. S & T act.

4. Transport of Engr Stores to STAGING AREA - CRE reported if troops continued to move to locations in STAGING AREA where no Scale "A" at present erected, transport would be required for conveyance of stores. S & T act.

MOVEMENTS:

5. 'MAHUNDA' - arrived 15 Apr
'WILLIAM HENRY' - at No 3 Dock, should complete discharge night 15 Apr.
'F.C. AINSWORTH' - at No 4 Dock
'JOHN HOPE' - Complete discharge in stream night 15 Apr
'CYRUS BRADY' - Berthing 16 Apr No 1 Dock
'SEA CAT' - Continuing discharge of ammunition
'LUCIUS LAMAR' - Personnel disembarking 15 Apr. Cranes also coming off.
'GEN BUTNER' - Due 0800 hrs 16 Apr - will be worked by LCTs.
'DUNTROON' - Due 0600 hrs 16 Apr
'LINDLEY GARRISON' - Due 16 Apr
'STEPHEN FIELD' - Due 16 Apr

6. Cranes - Engrs in Dump - MC reported 2 cranes had been made available.

7. Beach Control -

(a) RED BEACH - CC 2/10 Docks Op Coy has been appointed Beachmaster and has complete control of all activities on beach, both Aust and US. Responsible to co-ordinator for running of beach. Responsibility includes traffic control but not safe-guarding of stores.

(b) NEW BEACH, between northern approach to No 1 Dock & AN GAS JETTY - Being set up for working of LCTs and LCMs. Ramp being constructed.

MEDICAL:

8. Evacuation of casualties - 'B' Coy 2/12 Fd Amb remaining here to service airfields and barge landing points. Area required. MED inspect site adjacent DOCKS GUARD HD.

PRO:

9. 'A' reported link up with Americans not quite complete. Awaiting action by Fd 93 Div.

CEMETERY SITE:

10. Recce of possible areas proceeding.

AMENITIES:

11. Cinemas - 112 Mob Cinema will show at SARATI AREA 16 & 18 Apr; & at TRANSIT AREA 17 & 19 Apr.

SALVAGE:

12. Capt GARTSIDE reported he had been informed at Adv LHQ that det of 37 L of C Salv Sec was to move & suggestion had been made that personnel from Con Depot be employed on salvage duties. Comd directed that until arrival of unit which could be employed Capt GARTSIDE would engage in recce of salvage possibilities.

LABOUR:

13. Misuse of labour - DADT drew attention to incidence - all Services to watch.

14. Use of Reinfts - May be used while awaiting posting. DADT consult Lt-Col COSTELLO.

15. Tractor Crane Drivers - 'A' to ascertain whether 9 Div will trade test.

ORDNANCE:

16. 9 Div requirements - ADOS 9 Div staff arriving 16 Apr - will handle 9 Div requirements.

17. PASSENGERS - VEHS transporting loads from [illegible] - 'A' to prepare A/C prohibiting carrying of passengers by such vehs.

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COLD'S DAULT CONFERENCE

14 SEP 45.

PRESENT...

1. Gilling of Land. Amount of L.V. Laid - CRE act.

2. Reinforcements 5000 to be up in time for first shipment of Mason - loading [illegible] about 15 Sept. CRE act.
500 - one of 2 ships loaded for Mil. - only [illegible] in Med Stores. Co'd advised CRE another coming for Blood Bank.

3. Tank Production Materials to be made available to 1 Aust Corps and plumbers to be employed in production in unit lines. Tanks then to be handed over to Engr Dump. CRE stated he anticipated difficulty in carrying iron unless personnel were employed at dump.

4. Deficiencies - 1 Aust Corps accommodation Co'd stated it had been agreed that 1 Aust Corps would complete work.

5. Transit Shed S.A. CRE to advise probable date of completion.

6. Stores for third hospital Co'd stated it had been decided to signal for complete set.

7. 2/3 AGH Latrines for new 500 beds- CRE advised would be complete by target date.

8. Accommodation for 240 female personnel arriving on [illegible]
CRE advised well in hand.

9. Latrines 28 Mtn Coy - Co'd will refer DDMS LHQ concerning rescinding of original instruction re type of latrine to be used (burner or deep trench)

LATER

10. General- [redacted] Co'd conferred with Col Cook, Base Engrs 93 Div re establishing point at MP 6 to be used as substitute for point No 5. CRE supplying pump and engine. Reticulation 2/5 AGH. In operation 15 Apr 45.

11. Third Hospital CRE reported rough tentative layout fixed, he will discuss with DGMS

LOT 1 PT

12. QBOW 1 4000 tons of Marsden matting in Engr Dump to be loaded into [illegible]. To be shipped on [illegible] Aust Corps, 20 Sept.

13. Unloading of ships Co'd stated it had been reported that certain instructions issued by [illegible], were not being observed. A.D.M.S. Instruction to be distributed down to Apt Pls, Docks Coys and Docks Op Coys. [illegible]

14. Turn round of vehicles in dumps to be speeded up. All services to give attention. Delay in Engrs Dump reported to be due to insufficient labour and lifting power. [illegible] to take up with 9 Div re labour; MO to investigate possibility of [illegible] available.

15. Disembarkation - [illegible] Delay occasioned by late arrival of LCT's. Vehicles waiting [illegible] needed until 1000 hrs. MO to take up concerning LCT's and calling forward of vehicles.

16. Shipping [illegible] berthed and discharging [illegible] and stores
[illegible]
[illegible] in stream discharging Vehs and stores.
[illegible] discharging AIF & RAI personnel and stores

RICHARD NOSWORTHY) Awaiting discharge.
LT COL DD)
CMS BALDY)

H.M.S. due 1000 hrs 19 Apr. Details pers not to report off 17 Apr to ships books if may affect.

H.M. BS ... proceeding with special escort. Convoy on 19 Apr due 1500 hrs.

19. CRE for Con Depot ... area at DOUDART DE LEE approved by D.A.Q.M.G, Adv LHQ.

18. Blood Bank. Donors required. D.A.D.M.S to confer with hospitals and ascertain number of personnel who can be bled each day, time and dates required, also transport required.

19. PRO "A" to report progress in relation to link up with American Pro.

20. PERSONNEL AWARDED DETENTION. LHQ have sent signal stating that FFO be raised and despatched earliest. FFO to be served in unit lines. Personnel awarded detention to be sent to LHQ. Cond will ascertain from Adv LHQ when findings of recent Courts Martial would be available for publication in R/O's.

21. ST 2/187 Sup Depot Pl to be moved and employed in LST shed. Move on 16 Apr. ST to advise disembarkation signal to be sent to Adv LHQ. Lt Dale act.

22. POL AREA. D.D.S.T reported no fire fighting equipment available.

23. ORD Demands by Div units for initial War equipment very heavy. Units arrived without equipment. Indents on Ordnance due to-day. Matter has been referred to Adv LHQ Ord.

24. LABOUR Tractor crane drivers - 10 personnel required. FFO to be on ..E of units as crane drivers. Lt ... act.

25. BOMB DISPOSAL Cond stated that Adv LHQ did not propose to alter their Air Instruction. Should bombs be found by civilians, this would be reported and a letter sent to Adv LHQ asking them to take action. Adv LHQ would probably "black-list" the unit in relation to the bomb found. "A" note.

26. AREAS New units coming into area to be directed to ... Bridge of Bush along roadside to stop dust. ... and Services note.

27. Reported move of Coast Guard Cond ... Col Costello will visit Naval Base with view to obtaining ... not to go into ... area.

28. 2/16 Pl Coy & 2/24 Pl Pack Coy

29. Minding of Stores - 55 Aa Bty ... Cond requires report of circumstances. Maj Blamland act.

30. Weekly Report Cond directed no necessity to send to LHQ, but incl in War Diary.

31. OFFICERS-NOVA LIS Capt Suthers to report to 26 Bde 15 Apr.

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M I N U T E S

COLD'S DAILY CONFERENCE.

13 Apr 45

ENGINEERS

1. Water - General CRE taking up with Base Engrs, 93 US Div with view to improving water situation generally.

Reticulation 2/5 AGH - operating 16 Apr.

WPs Transit Area and MG Bn Area - still incomplete but will deliver water. CRE has no personnel available to new purps. Lt-Col COSTELLO investigating possibility of obtaining skilled personnel from reinfts at Transit Camp.

200-gal Tanks - 5 required for new Fd Bakery, SMA. 'Q' act.

Production of Tanks - CRE advised in view of influx of troops into SARATAI area production of water tanks was a matter of urgency. However production was being retarded owing to withdrawal of plumbers for other works and because of supply unsuitable iron. Comd and CRE will see DE in C.

Land cover watercarts to Corps

2. DEFICIENCIES 1 Aust Corps HQ - CRE reported can do nothing more with resources available at present.

3. ENGR UNITS MOVING WITH OBOE 1 - CRE reported following commitments on which Engr units moving with OBOE 1 are at present employed, still to be completed -

(i) Hip section of roof of one 100' x 48' shed.

(ii) Transit Shed, S.L.Area - (a) retaining walls - will require 15 man days, and bulldozer for one day to complete. (b) Structure will require 36 man days to complete.

4. Stores placed on sites, Staging Area - CRE reported these are being removed; if allowed to continue completion of works will be impossible in view of shortage of stores. Letter to be sent to 1 Aust Corps, copy to Adv LHQ. Maj MILLER see Comd.

5. Engr Stores, third Hospital - complete set of engr stores for 1200 bed hospital required. CRE to see DE in C.

6. Supply of Carbide - CRE advised requirements would be heavy. Army Tps Coy and L.E.C require respectively 3 cwt and 5 cwt monthly Ord ascertain position re supply.

7. Dunnage - (i) For ships loading mobile reserve of ammn - Salvage act in conjunction with MC

(ii) CRE advised no further ARC mesh available for use as dunnage.

(iii) For ASD - to be drawn from Engrs and replaced later.

Sand from CORAL PIT - Unit parties may remove from north end only.

MOVEMENTS

8. Future movements into area - Comd advised that orders were being issued for movement into the area of 7 Div and Base Tps totalling 31000. First personnel to leave AUSTRALIA approx 20 Apr. The necessity for additional Engr constructional work would have to be considered, also accomodation, for 9 Div LOB personnel, who became responsibility of Base Sub Area.

9. Unloading of vehs and sampling of stores at unit sites - Comd directed minimum of 1 off 25 ORs to be provided for this purpose. 'Q' act

10. Orders for disembarkation. - Instructions concerning establishment of camps (being drafted) to accompany in future. 'Q' act.

11. Shipping - WILLIAM A HENRY - at No 3 dock
JOHN HOPE - at No 4 Dock
SEA CAT and F.C.AINSWORTH - Disembarkation complete
LUCIUS LAMAR - Disembarkation 14 Apr
SIMON BAMBERGER - Awaiting discharge
WILLIAM A HENRY will move into stream on 14 Apr and F.C.AINSWORTH will berth.
MANUNDA - expected 15 Apr. Female personnel NOT to disembark until 17 Apr vide instn from Adv LHQ
Next Convoy - no further information but expected on 16 Apr.

TRANSIT DEPOT

12. Sorting of cargoes - MC to commence establishment 14 Apr. Two trucks and necessary labour to be made available.

GENERAL DETAILS DEPOT.

13. If move of present det GDD takes place before further det arrives Ech & Rec will provide staff for interim administration from LOB personnel and gen reinfts.

MEDICAL

14. 2/5 AGH opens 0900 15 Apr. All evacuations to that hospital Transfer of personnel from 2/12 Fd Amb and US Stn Hosp to commence 15 Apr.

15. Dental 1 Sec 2/2 Dental Unit being detached to 2/4 MDC - moving out 14 Apr.

23 WAR GRAVES UNIT

16. Accomodation with det 2 Ech satisfactory to Adv LHQ

FIELD PUNISHMENT CENTRE

17. 'A' reported question of establishment now rests with Adv LHQ to whom matter referred.

CANTEEN, TRANSIT AREA

18. Opens 0900 16 Apr to serve all units north of Route 1.

S and T

19. Bread - issue reduced to 6 ozs plus 4½ ozs biscuit.

LABOUR

20. 30 Aust Wks Coy arrived 13 Apr and will be employed immediately.

AREAS

21. 2/36 Tpt Pl - DADST advised site contemplated will accomodate personnel, but not vehicles. Maj BLAXLAND act.

22. HQ 2/2 Pnr Bn - to move to SABATAI area

23. 2/16 Fd Coy and 2/24 Fd Pk Coy - Comd is taking up with Adv LHQ.

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COMD'S DAILY CONFERENCE

13 Apr 45

ENGINEERS :

1. LST ROAD - to be commenced 13 Apr.

2. THIRD HOSPITAL - Survey of site to be made by CRE 13 Apr.

3. SABATAI WORKS - schedule of committments and dates for completion. Maj BLAKLAND obtaining from 9 Div.

4. AMPH. TRACTOR BN AREA - Light Bulldozer operating 12 Apr.

5. TRANSIT SHEDS, SMA - CRE to advise probable date of completion.

6. INCINERATOR FOR HOSPITAL - Maj BLAKLAND act.

7. ARC MESH - Total requirements notified 707 sheets. Engineers to ascertain whether they can supply without infringing on prior committments; if not, to be issued on pro rata basis.

8. EL FITTINGS AND WIRING - Requirements notified to ~~xx date~~50 lights and 2000 yds wiring. Services to submit details of immediate requirements by 13 Apr.

9. EM AREA -Bulldozer for road through Ammn Depot.- CRE to advise when work to commence.

10. EM AREA - ORD STORES- additional area required, also Bulldozer for clearing. Maj BLAKLAND and CRE act.

11. ROAD - POL EM AREA - Target date 15 Apr. CRE to advise when completion may be anticipated.

12. SABATAI ROAD - Maj BLAKLAND reported 3 ton vehicles can now proceed to BOUNDARY CK.

13. EXPLOSIVES for work in SABATAI Area - 23 L of C Sigs - S18, with certificate concerning use of explosives, to be submitted to CRE.

14. POSTAL AREA - Light Bulldozer required for clearing. CRE act.

15. CLEARING for NICA - levelling necessary. CRE act.

MOVEMENTS:

16. SHIPPING - Convoy 13 Apr due 0600 hrs; LCTs alongside 0900 hrs.
"AINSWORTH" and "SEA CAT" disembarkations at one time.
"ROGER SHERMAN" - No. 3 Dock
"JOHN HOPE" - No. 4 Dock
VESSELS IN STREAM
"WILLIAM HENRY"
"JAMES MAGUIRE" - awaiting discharge US 727 Amph Tractor Bn.
"RICHARD MOSZCOWSKI"
"LAKE ORMOC"
"SUVA"
"SIMON BALBERG" } Discharge completed-
"CHARLES M.RUSSEL" } awaiting convoy.

17. RAAF LABOUR AND TRANSPORT - LHQ taking up with RAAF with view to improvement of position.

18. FEEDING POINTS.- Unit personnelemployed as guards etc in connection with discharge of ships. Feeding to be arranged by units. Service and and unit representatives in sorting area to work on shift basis. Fostering units to supply transport required, or if unable to do so, submit application to DADST. Arrangement to commence as from 13 Apr. Fostering units for tps arriving on 13 Apr to be advised immediately. Q act.

Foregoing to be incorporated in Instn being prepared re Discharge of Ships.

19. DUNNAGE: MC reported large quantities coming off ships and being directed to Engr Dump. Engrs have difficulty in handling - suggested should be taken over by Salvage. "Q"act. MC also advised that they could send trucks direct to units if required.

20. FOSTERING OF NEI. - Capt Suthers reported arrangements well in hand.

21. STORES - Units staging through Transit Area.- to go to unit site. Maj BLAXLAND act.

22. VEHICLES.

22. 2/3 Tk ATT Regt.- 16 parked in CORAL PIT pending arrival of unit. To be moved to MAC area. Camp to provide guards pending movements.

AREAS.

23. War Graves Units SC"A" taken up with LHQ whether proposal to accomodate with det 2 Ech and Rec acceptable.

24. INF Tps Ord Fd Pk.- To go with 2/2 Inf Tps Wksp.

25. 36 GT Pl - Area required Maj BLAXLAND act

26. SARATAI - Maj BLAXLAND will have details of exact areas 1000 hrs 15 Apr

TRANSIT CAMP

27. Troops arriving 13 Apr. Mobile Cooker and water cart required early on that date. 'Q' act.

ARRIVAL OF OFFICERS - 13 Apr - Col HAYES - Docks Comd
28. Capt BRACKEN - DADMS, HQ 7 Aust Base Sub Area.

TILLEY LAMPS FOR DET 2 ECH

29. Camp requested four made available from this HQ.

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COMD'S DAILY CONFERENCE

11 Apr 45

ENGINEERS:

1. LST Road - CRE to contact Gp Capt ROONEY & ascertain whether RAAF still have any personnel on wharves; if so, we will endeavour to release them.

2. Establishment of third hospital: Comd stated this may be necessary. CRE to carry out survey of remaining area and advise.

3. Red Cross Hut - CRE reported sited fixed but that Med Stores had expressed dissatisfaction. Comd stated that there would be ample room for Med stores in 2/12 Fd Amb. area.

4. WORK in SARATAI area - CRE requested schedule of commitments and dates for completion. Maj BLAKLAND act.

5. Withdrawal of Engrs for OBOE I - Comd stated DA & QMG had informed him that he had advised 9 Aust Div that withdrawal would effect preparation of areas and that Div accommodation would have to be erected by Div troops.

6. Amphib Tractor Bn Area - Insufficient area cleared to accommodate all vehicles. CRE to arrange for light bulldozer to be made available for clearing.

7. Scale 'A' - Accommodation - CRE advised that authorisation of additional Scale 'A' accommodation would leave a shortage of materials required to meet commitments.

8. Transit Shed, 200 x 45, SLA - To be completed by 29 Apr.

MOVEMENTS:

9. Shipping:
'JOHN HOPE' at No 4 Docks
'ROGER SHERMAN' at No 3 Dock
'WILLIAM HENRY' in stream, some delay occasioned by unavailability of LCTs.
'SHVA' completed, now in stream
'CHAS RUSSELL' completed
'LAKE ORMOC' in stream.

10. Convoy expected on 13 Apr includes 'LUCIUS LAMAR', 'SEA CAT', 'CYRUS T. BRADY', 'F.C. AINSWORTH'.

11. Arrival of Troops - On 13 Apr expect 3600 plus NEI; and on 16 Apr, 9,000. Comd stated he had seen Col GRANT LHQ re priority for disembarkation. Col GRANT will discuss later with Comd & AQMG (M).

12. RAAF labour and transport - AQMG (M) reported RAAF labour not controlled and indifferent results were being obtained.
Capt DWYER reprted similar state of affairs as regards RAAF tpt. RAAF vehicles did one trip while our vehicles did five - no contrd exists.
AQMG (M) to take up with Col GRANT Adv LHQ.

13. Control of Wharves: Comd stated that certain evidence had been produced at Courts Martial indicating lack of control at wharves. Adv LHQ have asked that the matter of directing cargoes to destinations be tightened up. A MC offr to supervise and if instrns not carried out the offr or NCO concerned to be charged.

~~14. Training Bn~~
FIELD PUNISHMENT CENTRE

14. Comd stated Lt-Col COWPER would furnish advice - possible that personnel sentenced to detention would have to be sent to LAE.

WAR GRAVES UNIT:

15. 'A' to take up with LHQ.

MEDICAL:

16. Detachment of 3 ambulances of 2/2 MAC requested:- one to 1 Aust CRE Wks; one to 5 MEC ; one to det 2/2 Fmr Bn, SARATAI Area.

17. Site for Con Depot: To be as near sea as possible with sufficient space for recreation. Capt SANDERS to make recce with ~~Maj~~ to determine suitable area.

ACCOMMODATION:

18. 2 Ech - timber to be supplied for/HQ & one 18 hut - S18 to be submitted. Tilley lamps from this HQ to be made available for det - Camp act.

S & T:

19. Supplies: Aust Army to ration NEI Bn - SWPA Scale satisfactory to them.

20. Transport: - 3 vehicles loaned by 23 L of C Sigs returned 11 Apr.

ORDNANCE:

21. Ammunition, NEI Bn - Capt TURNBULL investigating.

22. Issue of clothing - Ord anticipate being able to make issues of clothing to units in 4 or 5 days time.

23. Beach Gp vehicles - List of parts required obtained and issue being arranged.

24. ME parts: CRE reported some units had received advice notes after leaving mainland to effect that issues had been made but parts had not been received. Capt TURNBULL advised policy was to return stores to depots in such cases.
CRE to advise Ord of units concerned. Ord to investigate.

AREAS:

25. 9 Div & Beach Gp - SARATAI AREA - Maj BLAKLAND gave outline of areas allocated.

TRANSIT CAMP:

26. 2645 tps ex 'GEN BUTNER' to be accommodated.

PREVALENCE OF SCROUNGING

27. MC and Services to require COs of units under comd to explain to troops the effect such practice may have on operations and the possible serious consequences to fighting troops.

LOCAL ADM

28. EL to go off at 2330 hrs.

29. Beer issue When available to be issued before evening meal.

NOTE FOR COMD.

Instruction - pistols to be worn at all times unless Formation Commander decides unnecessary, in which case they will be returned to Q-store. COs responsible for security.

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COLD'S DAILY CONFERENCE

10 Apr 45

1. Alterations 2/9 AGH - CRE to discuss with Brig McCALLUM.

2. SPARE ELECTRICAL FITTINGS - Complete list of requirements to be compiled so that issues may be decided. '2' act.

3. LST Road: CRE saw Gp Capt ROONEY who can undertake construction on wharves. MC advised 108 personnel released - will make further check of position. Yes have d

4. COVERAGE:

   Stationery - 45 tons expected this week. Half of unoccupied 100 x 18 shed @ SLA to be allotted Printing & Stationery and other half to Amenities.

5. KITCHENS:

   Nos 43 and 44 allotted miscellaneous personnel (Postal, Canteens etc). No 44 not yet erected. Cond directed S18 to be prepared for materials & personnel who are to use will do work.

6. SECOND HOSPITAL SITE:

   Desired to commence work with mech eqpt - some US AA personnel still to move. Maj BLANKLAND act.

7. ADV LHQ WORK:

   CRE reported provision of trucks would affect completion of hospital work to extent of full output of one shovel with 12 trucks, for 31 operating hours. Arrangements made with Capt DEACON that 4 trucks could be filled with shovel.

   Lighting Set, 5 KVA, 7 Base Sub Area: To be returned from Engr Dump.

8. SHOWERS, PREFABRICATED KITCHENS ETC. FOR UNITS IN BDE AREA - S.18's to be submitted.

MOVEMENTS:

9. SHIPPING:
   'JOHN HOPE' at No 4 Dock - ETC 16 Apr
   'CHARLES S. RUSSELL' in Stream - " 11 "
   'SUVA' " " - " 11 "
   'SIMON BAMBERGER' " " - " 12 "
   'ROGER SHERMAN' - to berth at No 3 Dock
   'JAMES MAGUIRE' - in stream awaiting discharge
   'RICHARD MOSZGOWSKI - in stream awaiting discharge
   'WILLIAM HENRY' - will commence night 10 Apr provided LCTs available.
   'VAN HEUTZ' - completed
   'LAKE ORION' - due night 10 Apr with 20,000 sheets Marsden Matting - to be off loaded into LCTs.
   'DUNTROON' now not expected until 16 Apr.
   'GENERAL BUTNER' - expected 16 Apr.
   'MANUMA' - No further advice - expected about 16 Apr.
   'LUCIUS LAMAR' - set down for arrival 16 Apr, but probably arrive 11 Apr.

10. AVAILABILITY OF WATER TPT:

Water Tpt is becoming available in greater numbers, consequently call on labour and tpt will increase.

11. TRANSPORT FOR RAAF:

RAAF now working two ships and require assistance with tpt - MC acting.

12. Feeding Points for unit guards remaining on ships. Lt-Col COSTELLO will investigate position.

13. UNAUTHORISED VEHICLES ON WHARVES: MC have taken up with APM question of policing by PRO.

14. DISPOSAL OF TRASH FROM SHIPS:

Matter to be taken up with view to ~~securing~~ Navy Trash barge - MC act.

15. DUNNAGE:
CRE stated he understood some thousands of feet of Aust timber were being used by US Forces for dunnage. MC advised Americans had expressed regret and had promised to retain timber in 3 days' time.

MEDICAL:

16. Dental: 1 Sec 2/2 Dental Unit to be attached to 2/48 Bn; 2 Sections to serve Engr Dump Area; 1 Section attached 53 AA Regt.

17. US Trash Dump: Causing concern to advanced elements of Inf Bns. MED act.

PRO:

18. No troops to go beyond SARAMI River - this particularly applies to RAAF and US personnel. Pro to control bridge. 'A' act.

19. A Section Of 9 Div Pro Coy has been placed under control 2/3 L of C Pro Coy. Pro position not relieved thereby, because one section of 2/3 L of C Pro Coy has been made available to Beach Gp for special training 9-16 Apr.

~~20. CHAPLAINS~~
CHAPLAINS:

20. Hut required for services in Staging Maint Area. 'A' take up with 'Q'.

AMENITIES:

21. CINEMAS arriving on 'DUNTROON' - Fixed cinema to go to Adv LHQ. Mobile Cinema at disposal of Adv LHQ - to be accommodated their area.

WAR GRAVES UNIT:

22. No advice received as to allocation or area allotted.

S & T:

23. MEI Tpt: Arrived carrying on ship 30 days' rations for one Coy and 16 days for other. These to be consumed while here. DADST, to check on responsibility for supply while here, also for operational requirement.

24 RATIONS IN STAGING MAINT AREA: Total 1,400,000.

25. TRANSPORT: Comd stated that he had received advice that two additional tpt platoons would be arriving soon.

26. ~~26~~

26. 25 L of C Sigs request return of 3 jeeps on loan. AQMG (M) reported vehicles still required by MC and Regulating System. MC vehicles not arrived were to be loaded at CAIRNS on 10 Apr. Capt DWYER to obtain 3 jeeps for use by MC and Regulating System.

LABOUR:

27. Pnr Bn - HQ Coy left - will continue with engr work.

28. ENGINEER DUMP - to be run by 9 Aust Div.

ORDNANCE:

29. PARTS FOR MT:

1 CRE raised question of issue to 2/1 MEC. Ord advised LHQ had directed no detail issues of parts until sorting completed, unless vehicle actually grounded. Should be possible to issue in about one week.

30. AMN FOR NEI - to be checked. Position as regards replenishment. ORD act.

AREAS:

31. Clearing of area for Postal Unit - Maj BLAXLAND act.

32. Pnr Bn established in area - using kitchens 35, 36 38, 39, 40. Water supply arranged.

33. Transit Camp: Tents for 3090 personnel either up or on ground. Area to accommodate 4,000 cleared. Two sheds completed.

34. MOB LAUNDRY SITE - fixed.

ARRIVAL OF HQ 8 AUST BASE SUB AREA:

35. Camp act re accommodation.

OBOES 1 and 2:

36. Increment HQ MOROTAI Staging Area proceeding to OBOE I.

37. Increment for 8 Base Sub Area for OBOE 2 applied for. Disposal of surplus personnel to be directed by Adv LHQ.

HQ 7 AUST BASE SUB AREA:

38. Personnel to come in from Transit Camp when possible - some personnel of 8 Aust Base Sub Area to be sent to Transit Camp until ARD arrives.

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COMD's DAILY CONFERENCE

9 APR 45

ENGINEERS:

1. Equipment (Shower heads, etc) from CHARLES RUSSELL - Some equipment taken over.

2. Water Bore - Staging Point Area - Engine operators wrongly employed on chlorination 7 APR. Position adjusted.

3. CRE is conferring with 93 Div relative to improving conditions at WP Head.

4. CRE received unconfirmed report that hospital water source is becoming brackish. CRE is investigating.

5. Barbed wire -
DEF require approx 2000 yds. CRE will advise whether available.

6. CRE Building - IN and MI Areas -
All commitments met. Iron to be dropped for CRE to complete. CRE acts.

COVERAGE

7. CRE reported 191,800 ft of coverage has been provided throughout island.

MOVEMENTS

8. Shipping
JOHN HOPE - at Head Dock ; commenced working 0218001.
CHARLES RUSSELL - at Head Dock.
CHARLES GOODRICH - Discharging across CHARLES RUSSELL.
[illegible] - Should be completed 092200 is.
[illegible] - Working in stream. Using 2 LCTs.
[illegible] - Not commenced.
[illegible] - Not commenced
ROGER SHERMAN - Small amounts only.
SIMON [illegible] and JAMES [illegible] - position to be checked by [illegible]
Amphib Trg Bn commenced disembarkation independently of MC instructions.

9. CO-ORDINATOR's Conference
RAAF Labour figures obtained can provide enough to work one ship at a time.
Co-ordinator directed RAAF - release some engineers.
Maximum vehicles RAAF can provide 30-30 . Co-ordinator investigating their Canberra resources. Trailers to be made permanently available for working of ports.
Co-ordinator also asked for details of number of heavy trailers Aust Army have in area - CRE to supply figures.

10. Loss of Unit equipment
MC obtaining further information concerning [illegible] . Most equipment recovered incorrectly marked, or badly marked. Apparently some locked boxes opened with cold chisels.

11. Loss of Cartage ready - MC to submit report in respect of each ship.

MED

12. Fatigue for Malarial Control Not used 9 Apr. Not note

ADMINISTRATION

13. Cinema - Two arriving shortly. "A" in touch with LTC concerning allotment. Areas required.

14. [illegible] - Arriving soon - Area required.

LABOUR

15. From Naval Commando Bn - [illegible] (M) r port c satisfactory.

16. Engr requirements from MICA - Any reduction in strength due to non-availability in which case allotment made on pro rata basis.

17. Syr Hqs. Move will affect labour position.

[redacted]:

18. Train for NEA - available. Tpt & guides will be required.

19. LST Accessible Ships. Cmd discussed with Americans 9 Apr. LST currently given unit by Americans for moving out will be allotted to Aust Army - proposal to obtain on a permanent basis, but when we have finished in respect of CMF I Americans will use for SE Pers Area is sufficient for 8 LST ships of Yokohama. Two LSTs can operate at KURE HAVEN and a move is being made in connection with a proposal to open UKIT HAVEN.

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MINUTES

COMD'S DAILY CONFERENCE

8 APR 45.

ENGINEERS:

1. Mosquito Proof Showers: Requirements received from S & T Services, 2/1 Docks Op Coy, 14 & 33 Works Coys. Comd directed no further applications to be considered for present.

2. Nails: CRE to investigate possibility of obtaining from US Forces.

3. Troop Carrying facilities: (shower heads &c) from CHARLES RUSSELL: CRE to examine and ascertain whether these are suitable for Engineers Dump.

4. Arc Mesh: Total requirements 586 sheets. CRE to check and issue as available.

5. Subdivision of L3T Shed: Comd will advise CRE.

6. Roofing of Sheds: To be covered completely. Tarpaulins not available.

7. Water:
(i) Bore, Staging Maint Area: Engine operators and chlorinators provided from Works Coy in area on permanent basis.

(ii) CRE reported pumps not capable of standing up to work, and again stressed necessity for co-ordination of water requirements throughout area.

MOVEMENTS:

8. Shipping:

SUVA: left No.2 Dock and will continue to discharge in stream.

CHARLES RUSSELL: Continuing to work at No.3 Dock.

JOHN HOPE: To work at No.4 Dock on 9 APR.

CHARLES GOODNIGHT: Continuing to discharge in stream.

VAN HEUTZ: Additional water transport required.

LEMAR with landing mats sailed from NOUMEA 6 APR.

CONVOY ARRANGEMENTS: have been altered and convoys will now arrive every three days. Only one ship (LAKE ORION) of interest to us on 11 APR.

9. Future commitments in regard to labour and transport: Will be heavy. S & T and Labour note.

10. Dunnage: 4 loads delivered to 2/5 AGH, 1 load to BSD.

11. Amphib Trg Bn: To disembark 9 APR - arrangements for meals on 8 APR cancelled.

12. Disembarkation Orders: Will in future provide that units will leave small party on ships to ensure safe custody of stores; also that units must report full details of any deficiencies as soon as known. "Q" act.

13. Cargo handling gear: Request received for certain items to be made available to 1 Aust Corps. Letter to be sent LHQ - equipment will be provided if necessary, but operation of port will be seriously prejudiced. "Q" act.

MED:

14. Natives for Hillside Complex: - As stated.

15. Accommodation for Reception Orderly, with bed requirements to be established in area for use of MO's [illegible]. "A" ref.

TRANS:

16. Emer requirements from HQLA: "A" to ascertain why full number not supplied.

17. Naval Command will supply 10, possibly more, for HQ requirements, ADMG (Lovts) to see OC.

18. 5th Lhs Coy now entirely av[illegible] to Docks.

S&T

19. Lighting available for Initial Maint Area 8 Apr. DADST concide s results will justify.

ORD

20. Tarpaulins : Fifty 20' x 15' available for use on vehicles leavi wharves with stores subject to damage by water - will have to be recalled later for operational requirements. DADOS to control issue to Service representatives on demand.

21. [illegible]

Comd will check and issue [illegible].

22. Hut DID - to be completed by 1000 hrs 9 Apr.

23. Tents - [illegible] - [illegible].

24. Command Engineers. All [illegible] Comd HQ who will allocate [illegible]. This arrangement will obviate [illegible] to [illegible].

25. Task Force responsibilities to be outlined (vide LHQ direction) procedure for loading of stores for task force.

OBOE I LHQ will advise assembly and embarkation areas required.

GHQ COORDINATION is charged with co-ordination of shipping, labour tpt etc and ensuring task force mounted by correct date.

AREAS

26. Comd stated it is proposed to move co[illegible] units in PENINSULA area beyond SARATAI Object: to hav[illegible] clear flow of traffic fro[illegible] SARATAI into LST Dock.

27. Site for laundry CRE to discuss with Comd.

28. For Inf Tps Ord Fd [illegible]: being dealt with by Lt-Col CO [illegible]

COVERAGE 29. Iron Ord Initial Maint Area available only for 60' x 15' hut. Remainder required for Ord to be stocked, not delivered JCE act.

ROADS 30. Oiling of road in front of Fd Amb possibility of RAF providing vehicle to do job. Maj Blomland to take up when dry again.

NOTES OF CONFERENCE C FUN 2

7 Apr 45.

ENGINEERS

1. Refrigerators - one for Base Depot Med Stores to be installed as soon as possible - CRE act.
One to be installed in each de area later, Comd will advise further priorities.

2. Arc lash requirements of Services to be ascertained by 18.. hrs 8 Apr 45. "Q" Act.

3. Assemble Prefab Stowers Services to submit requirements by 18.. hrs 8 Apr

4. 2[illegible] Hall Tanks Priority lists required by 9 Apr "Q" Act.

5. Water [illegible] area - anticipated that not more than 15.. tps in area by 15 Apr. Requirements to be ready by 1[illegible] Apr.

6. Conference on coordination of requirements - as Standard arrange.

7. Batteries for lamps - These have been supplied.

8. Bore Starting point area - personnel required from units in area to run engines. SCA act. This bore delivered 2.. galls in 2 hrs. Pumping capacity only 18.. galls. Comd will discuss with CRE in C.

9. Road Preparation Loops - isolla[illegible] units of less than 120 personnel Sl[illegible] to be first submitted this [illegible] for approval.

10. Bulldozer for access to 2[illegible] Works Dept. Comd will consider.

11. Timber [illegible] in C has authorised issue for [illegible] out of Starting Point Stocks.

12. Kitchens Transit area - Comd will discuss with CRE - Lt-Col Costello

13. Initial P/L area AVGAS. [illegible] reported because of heavy traffic construction of main road should be proceeded with as soon as possible. [illegible] also necessary.

14. Starting point area Additional accommodation for R.A.F. Canteens Stores and supplies approx 6 extension of loop road necessary. Comd will advise CRE later of priority.

15. Nails 10 cwt required for op requirements. CRE reports in short supply.

16. Materials (Timber, iron etc) CRE to investigate possibility of obtaining from ol Adm. Comd will see Sp Supt Rooney and [illegible].

17. Road List Sheds to 13 Hard Comd will discuss with [illegible] possibility of their undertaking construction.

MOVEMENTS

18. Shipping MA [illegible] on SHD HY 2 Apr [illegible] 12 Apr Personnel include 125 females. [illegible] 1[illegible]/5 2/[illegible] 2/[illegible] personnel include 320 females. DF ER [illegible] 13 Apr. [illegible] arrived 7 Apr. [illegible] disembarked, most equipment being discharged.
[illegible] at wharf
[illegible] in stream
[illegible] not yet commenced.

19. Disembarkation Orders Add instruction to be logged when ship leaves mainland. MC to advise all concerned date of arrival.

20. 727 Amph Bn [illegible] may be disembarked at one or two points to be [illegible]. Wheeled vehicles at same time, as amph. vehs. [illegible] act.

21. Vehicles conveying personnel for complement of Docks. not to go on wharves. Personnel to fall out at end of wharf.

23. Trailers for [illegible] timber. [illegible] other trailers with [illegible].

23. Crews for LCMS - [illegible] semi-skilled, and should be permanently detached. "A" act.

24. US Tpt [illegible] all US Div vehicles, except those required for essential US Div requirements detailed. S Army require 18 vehicles 3rd act.

recalled.

MED

25. Natives for malaria control CME to transfer 2[illegible] natives on 9 Apr. Transfer of additional number to be considered on 10 Apr. DCL will arrange transport.

PROJECT

26. Co-ordination of [illegible] vessels to be trol with [illegible] vessel C to check.

LABOUR

27. Personnel at Finschhafen Area C of C to check and report on disposement of personnel on 7 Apr.

28. US Army to return HQ Sig Gen Wksp and Sqn of each bty, leaving 300 personnel for labour and clearing Finschhafen Area. Demands to be made to DC Labour by 19[illegible] hrs.

29. Avoidance of waste of labour. G and Services to co-operate Services to report [illegible] of waste to G.

ST

30. Issue of supplementary rations to 1st US Corps. Comd discussed correspondence on file with [illegible], who will produce report from 2 Aust Corps (not on our file).

CMD

31. Cannon[illegible] for security purposes [illegible] to ascertain if available.

COVERAGE

32. Red Cross Stores portion of Red Stores coverage to be allotted until barges arrive Finschhafen.

33. Units arrived 7 Apr coverage in hand. Units disembarked without tents, half-shelter, or cots.

34. ESD further 150'x45' hut required as soon as possible. CME to check size.

35. Spare timber to be used in staging Saint Area.

AIRFIELDS

36. SAKAI R area 2/6 Armd Regt and 1st Attach Regt. Comd has requested permission from HQ to move some units beyond SAKAI R.

37. SAKAI R and FINSCHHAFEN areas Maj BLACKLAND preparing list of units which can be accommodated.

38. 2/2 Aust Pnr Bn if sent beyond SARATAI RIVER through lack of space, to be employed on clearing areas for units to move in.

39. Site for Mob Laundry Comd will discuss with CME

40. Site for Adv 2 Ech Maj BLACKLAND to arrange.

PILLAGING OF STORES

41. COs being issued direction that summary of evidence to be taken and application made for C.M. in respect of any personnel charged.

42. LHQ (Legal) dealing with Maj BLANCHARD's recent investigation.

COMD.

43. Engrs (except Adv LHQ, 1 Aust Corps and 9 Div Tps) - under comd CRE. Comd will discuss with CRE withdrawal of Engrs from allotted tasks.

DUPLAGE

44. For 2/5 AGH and 110 CCS - not yet delivered - NC act

C.E BDE TASK FORCE

45. LHQ issuing direction as to what extent we will assist 1 Aust Corps in transporting stores to LST Sheds. We have call on all 26 Bde and Beach Gp Tpt.

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CCRD'S DAILY CONFERENCE

6 Apr.

ENGINEERS

1. US Vehicles on SARATAI RD. / 6a - 93 Div will issue instructions to all units in area under that vehicles must be parked so that they will not interfere with road construction. US Vehicles are using road under construction. Maj BLACKLAND take up with 93 Div.

2. WPs (a) Comd will see 81 Div re co-ordination of water requirements.

(b) Personnel to run engines obtained.

3. Mosquito proof showers - Services to submit details of units requiring. Comd will discuss construction with CRE.

4. 200-gallon Tanks - Accumulating in dump - to be cleared. 'Q' to prepare priority list for issue to units.

5. Time for availability of areas beyond SARATAI - Bde Gp area required by 15 Apr. CRE to report daily progress.

6. ARC Mesh - Sufficient available to floor seven 100' x 45' huts. Allotment - Operational Engrs Stores Dump 1; Med Stores 1; S & T 2; Ord (Initial Mtce Area) 2; Stationery and Philanthropic to divide remainder.

7. Roofing - Second Postal hut - Engrs to supply iron. Postal to do work.

8. LST Sheds - 200' x 45' hut being constructed, also road to LST landing. Plan of ARC mesh subdivision required - Comd will advise CRE.

9. Pumps for WPs - Batteries unserviceable, 6 required. Ord to take up with Brig STILSON.

10. Work at HQ MOROTAI Staging Area - 1 dozer arrived - road and drainage work in hand.

MOVEMENT

11. Amphib Trg Bn - All arrangements for reception made.

12. MEI Inf due 10 April. Transport to SARATAI area - S & T to act. Tents (60 required) - take up with LHQ - ORD act

13. Shipping - 'SUVA' and 'CHARLES RUSSELL' at Docks. 'SUVA' lost 30% of discharge rate owing to inability of Tpt to move long timber. MC to discuss with service offrs. 'CHARLES GOODNIGHT' working in stream - Canteens stores will continue to come ashore. 'JOHN DOCHERTILLER' - completed. 'BOPH' completed. 'JOHN HOPE' - not yet commenced. 'ROGER SHERMAN' - Tps disembarked. 'VAN HEUZ' and 'WILLIAM HENRY' - due 2200 hrs 7 Apr 45. It is possible that LCMs of 1 Aust Corps may be used for 'VAN HEUZ'

14. Tonnages - Total 2950 tons incl 1300 tons stores.

15. ATC BLAK has assumed duty.

MEDICAL

16. Tps ex 'ROGER SHERMAN' isolated for 10 days owing to outbreak of German Measles. Med act.

17. Stores delivered to 110 CCS - to be moved to Med Stores.

18. Inspection of Water carried out 6 Apr.

19. Malaria Control improved. Personnel still working at nights without shirts. 'A' act.

PROVOST

20. Working of AUST with US - "A" act.

21. Pro will be stationed at TCP's to protect stores while vehicles stationary.

S & T

22. Transport 4 x 3 ton trucks to be made available to A [illegible] SU CORPS - S & T act.

23. Supplies US Air Corps complaining about rationing RAAF. RAAF Comdr to be advised to consult LnQ.

24. DID have instructions concerning increase in rations for Work Co. [illegible], Docks units etc.

CASUALS

25. Loss of Stores from C ARMS C[illegible] D.I.[illegible]C-report submitted.

C. [illegible]RCS.

26. ADF Xmas parcels to be unloaded. Escorts required - "A" act. A CF commissioner to RAAF taking delivery. "A" to see Col C.[illegible]C.

COVERAGE

27. LSD - more sheds to be built when timber available * CRE to advise.

28. CRD Staging Maint Area completed in accordance with priorities on LnQ list.

29. CRD Initial Maint Area - In progress.
[illegible] " " " " "
C[illegible] " "

30. Capt CLARK LR obtaining from Col CRA T total coverage particularly S & T. in order to ascertain whether sufficient to cover RAAF commitments.

ACCOMMODATION

31. ARIS - personnel due shortly - accommodation is LnQ and 1 Aust Corps responsibility.

32. [illegible]ut DAD - 40' allotted S & T, 20' Postal CRD to put down floor.

AREAS

33. 53 AA Regt in process of moving.

34. 110 COS to move - "A" act.

35. [illegible]AJ [illegible] to confer with Lt. DAL[illegible] on allotment of areas.

36. Ddo this side of SA[illegible]MAI RIVER. Units of 9 Div beyond SAMARAI. Three [illegible]nits to Transit area - allocate them areas in vicinity to be cleared. Two [illegible]nits to clear areas in vicinity [illegible] DUMP.

37. Sito for [illegible] Laundry - C[illegible] will consider.

AREA FOR [illegible]CLES STAFF [illegible] AREA

38. C[illegible] will discuss with [illegible]A J [illegible] D.

PHONES

39. Priorities almost fulfilled. [illegible]AJ [illegible] to report further.

40. Phones installed at REAR HQ.

MAPS

41. Complete set for Col FITZGERALD. Also shaded maps (first litho received). showing areas. Lt DALE act.

DISEMBARKATION

42. 2/5 AGH to remain [illegible] as previously arranged.

ESCORTS FOR VEHICLES CO TENTAGE LIQUOR OR ATTRACTIVE STORES.

43. Maj DUIGAN to incl para in draft instruction on Procedure for Disembarkation.

TRANSIT AREA

44. Con Detail Det moved into area 6 Apr.

45. 53 AA Regt moved except HY Bty which will move 7 Apr.

46. As from 7 Apr area can take 1800 personnel. Hales Cookers will be required as larger numbers arrive. Showers to take priority over extra kitchens.

47. Requests for labour from area to be submitted to HQ Transit Area.

HQ 7 AUST BASE SUB AREA

48. Lt-Col COSTELLO to hand over Comd of Transit Area and resume duties of COMD 7 AUST BASE SUB AREA.

HQ NORTHERN STAGING AREA

49. ORD complaint re use of dividers for profabricated bins. ORD to produce sample of dividers to COMD.

50. EL to go off at 2300 hrs daily.

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MINUTES

COMD'S DAILY CONFERENCE

5 Apr 45

ENGINEERS

1. WPs - Engrs Dump will open 6 Apr 45. SC 'A' to obtain unit personnel to run engines. Engrs will inspect bi-weekly. CRE suggests only 3 WPs for SABATAI area each with three filling points. CRE to arrange one WP to commence. Will advise later.

2. LHQ work - DEACON asked for auto-patrol and two tippers. Now have three dozers. May be able to send drawngrador.

3. US Vehicles on SABATAI RD - Maj BLAXLAND to take up with 93 Div. Access to their camp interferes with road construction.

MOVEMENT

4. Shipping - 'VAN HEUTZ' incl in convoy expected to arrive 7 Apr 45.
'GENERAL BUTNER' due 14 Apr 45.
'JOHN HOPE' and 'CHARLES RUSSELL' - Tps disembarked 5 Apr 45.
'SUVA' at No 2 Dock
'CHARLES RUSSELL' at No 3 Dock
'BOTH' in stream
'DOCHTEILLER' will complete discharge tonight.
'CHARLES GOODNIGHT' not working. Pro on board.
'VAN HEUTZ' - Maj MILLER to draft disembarkation instn.

5. Amphib Trg Bn - Vessels arrived 5 Apr 45. MC to ll board morning 6 Apr.

6. Tonnages - 1700 tons stores - no vehicls

7. Dunnage - 8 trucks to go to 2/5 AGH. 4 Trucks to 110 CCS. MC will arrange delivery. Maj BLAXLAND to advise units for stores.

8. Beer and Spirits - Report relative 'CHARLES GOODNIGHT' and 'FELIX HATHAWAY' submitted 5 Apr.

PROVOST

9. Comd discussed with Gen JOHNSTONE 93 Div. SC 'A' act.

S and T - Transport

10. Transit Camp - 1 x 3 tonner to be detached permanently.

11. Tpt for US Army - US Navy still have 10 vehs. To will help with more if available. Capt DYMER act.

12. Jeep and Trailer to be to be made available to Base PO. Capt DYMER act.

Supplies

13. Fresh vegetables ex 'SUVA' in good condition.

14. Arrangeto supply bread to US Forces on 7 Apr. They will supply perishable goods to hospitals.

POL

15. 3 ays for 9000 drums completed. Minor road construction required.

CANTEENS

16. Stores removed from backs of vehs DOCKS AREA. Instructions issued for 'EMBIRICOS' to stand - escorts to be armed.

COVERAGE

17. Sig Stores - below AIR DEPOT on CORAL CLIFF RD. Sigs will clear.

18. Red Cross Stores - portions of coverage already allotted MED STORES.

LABOUR

19. Salvage Unit - SC 'Q' to ascertain how personnel ~~how personnel~~ can be employed. Move from hut where now accomodated.

20. RED BEACH arrangements satisfactory.

21. 53 AA Regt - One Bty to ORD and AIR DUMP. Directly available to ORD.

22. C Sqn 2/9 Armd Regt - tp supply personnel to ORD night 5 Apr

23. 2/2 Pnr Bn to clear Corps area.

PHONES

24. Maj BLAXLAND to arrange for ASD

25. For Col ARNOLD, NAVAL BASE - Maj BLAXLAND to act.

MAPS

26. Complete set for Col FITZGERALD Lt DALE to act

A REAS

27. SARATAI Area - progress excellent.

28. Tps at present in area 11,000; additional 30,000 warned for movement.

29. One Bn can be put in SARATAI area in 3 days time.

30. 31 Div HQ and Embarkation area - Comd will discuss with 93 Div.

CORPS PLAN

31. Comd has seen.

7 AUST BASE SUB AREA

32. Maj MILLER to take over duties of DAA & QMG as soon as possible.

NOTES FOR COLD

See Col GRANT relative Capt CLEAVER's investigation into coverage.

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TO ADJUTANT from

2 vehicles 2/10th HGT. Coy

reported to Camp Comd. at 0745 - 3 Apr 45

for carrying newsprint to S.M.A.

Drivers report:-

1. Waited for 2 hours for loading party

then waited another hours for crane to

[redacted] arrive - on crane duty work

arrive Bales of newsprint were loaded

by hand.

At S.M.A. waited 1 hour for ppr. loading

party - finally unloaded at 1530 hrs

Each vehicle doing 1 load only

Above report received from 2/10th HGT Coy

on request

[signature] Capt

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MINUTES

COMD'S DAILY CONFERENCE

4 APR 45

ROYAL ENGINEERS:

1. BSD CRE please concentrate on cover at expense of LST shed

2. POL Initial CRE please put in a days work on job 5 Apr.

3. Corps Area Corps HQ have now taken whole area previously allotted H Q and Sigs. CRE please submit plan to Comd

4. Engr Operational Stores SC "Q" please advise CRE posn re amount and ETA.

MOVEMENTS

5. Dunnage MC act.

6. LCTs 10 arrived 4 Apr.

7. Tonnages 3,200 of which 2,400 stores.

8. GHQ Reg Offr Col LEMMINGTON arrived 4 Apr.

9. BEER and SPIRITS . MC please provide report re "GOODNIGHT" and "BATHAWAY".

MEDICAL

10. Water: SC"A" fix chlorination Water Point Engr Dump.

S AND T.

11. Supplies ex "BOOTH" and "RUSSELL". Proportion to be diverted BSD.

ACCOMMODATION

12. Two coys NEI Inf ETA 10 Apr.

COMMAND .

13. 7 BSA will take over soon.

LABOUR .

14. Offr to be on every shift BSD.

ORDNANCE.

15. NOTHING TO REPORT TT

NOTES FOR COMD

1. Paper SHA - Capt DIVERS report attached.

2. Corps HQ layout and Sig Dump.

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COLD'S COMF 5 Apr

ENGINEERS:

1. SABOTAI: Out of Bounds to US tps.

2. SL Corps HQ Area: Have be n ord red to move.

3. BSD: CRE please concentrate on ramp and extentions.

4. Mech Equt: Resources of Bo ch Gp available directly to CRE. Orders from Adv HQ .

5. ARC Mesh: More in. S and T note.

MOVEMENTS:

6. Pilfering on Wharves: MC please investi te and submit report. Also arrange parade of officers concerned for identification purposes. Advise SC"A" time and place. SC"A" follow up this net er.

7. Damage BSD: MC ar nge send 3 truck loads.

8. Tonnages: Unloaded to 021800 Apr 10,150 tons incl vehs. Only 1,625 tons of stores.

9. [redacted] Shipping: Convoy due 041030 pr.

10. [redacted]: Delayed total 6 hrs due to delays.

11. Disembarkation: [redacted] not before midday if then.

BOOK Expect first tns ashore 1500
We cant till after 1300

S and T:

12. Tpt: Give back jeeps to 3 L of C sigs. Require for DNLS.

13. Gravity Rollers: Check those on DID rd. Ord can help with some. Two pairs.

14. DSD: Labour increased.

MEDICAL:

15. [redacted] Mosquitoes bre ding. Maj DIA [redacted] an n obtain 40 natives if available.

16. Water Duties: 24 hrs a day at WP 5.

ACCOMODATION:

17. Div HQ: Will attempt to ac present C1 Div H for 9 Div.

18. Comms: SC" " fix notes on.

19. Transit Camp: 150 tents will be delivered tonight.

20. Fostering—Cookers: 1 for Transit Camp
1 for 2/3 GH
1 for 1 Rest.

21. Tents for 2/3 A GH: D. DOS arrange deliver 70 tents to site. SC" " arrange with 2/12 to erect. Next Camp [redacted] at hosp site at 040900 Apr.

22. Details Depot: To transit camp. Will handle mts. 700 to ar ive shortly.

23. CSOs Dump: A llot area. Corps HQ Sigs area?

COMMAND:

24. 9 Div willcontact all units of force as they arrive for planning purposes only.

over

25. Beach Gp Units: Adv LHQ has directed that all personnel and vehs on MOROTAI I except those of ADV LHQ, HQs 1 Corps and 9 Div at disposal of Staging Area.

NOTES FOR COLD

727 Amphib Tractor Bn: Are we responsible for rations and sups incl POL?

Signals: Could you ask Sigs to let us have details of their DNLS as at present and to what extent their present service can be expanded.

CSOs Dump: In Corps Sigs Area?

Tot 10 vehs to US navy.

Paper: Two loads delivered to Postrl Tnt Sqn. Misc hut under constr. ~~[illegible]~~ Two vehs made available to Adv LHQ which handled one load each during day. Report to follow from Capt D[illegible].

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M I N U T E S

CCHD'S DAILY CONFERENCE

3 APR 45

ENGINEERS:

1. SABATAI: Out of bounds to US Tps.

2. SL Corps HQ Area: Have been ordered to move.

3. BSD: CRE please concentrate on ramp and extentions.

4. Mech Eqpt: Resources of Beach Gp available directly to CRE. Orders from Adv LHQ.

5. ARC Mech: More in. S and T note.

MOVEMENTS:

6. Pillaging on Wharves: MC please investigate and submit report. Also arrange parade of officers concerned for identification purposes. Advise SC "A" time and place. SC "A" follow up this matter.

7. Dunnage BSD: MC arrange send 6 trucks loads.

8. Tonnages: Unloaded to 021800 Apr 10,150 tons incl vehs. Only 1,625 tons of stores.

9. Shipping: Convoy due 041030 Apr.

10. 'GOODNIGHT': Delayed total 6 hrs due to delays.

11. Disembarkation: 'CHARLES MISSEL' not before midday, if then.

'BOCK' - expect first tps ashore 1500 hrs
No eqpt till after 1800 hrs

S AND T:

12. Tpt: Give back jeeps to 23 L of C Sigs. Require for DRLS.

13. Gravity Rollers: Check those on DID rd. Ord can help with some. Try Pnrs.

14. BSD: Labour increased.

MEDICAL:

15. SABATAI RIVER: Mosquitoes breeding. Maj BLAXLAND arrange obtain 40 natives, if available.

16. Water Duties: 24 hrs a day at WP 5.

ACCOMMODATION:

17. Div HQ: Will attempt to get present 31 Div HQ for 9 Div.

18. Camps: SC "Q" fix notes on.

19. Transit Camp: 150 tents will be delivered tonight.

20. Fostering - Cookers: 1 for Transit Camp
1 for 2/5 AGH
1 for AA Bgt

21. Tents for 2/5 AGH: DADOS arrange deliver 70 tents to site. SC "Q" arrange with 2/12 to erect. Meet Capt MORPHETT at hosp site at 040900 hrs.

22. Details Depot: To Transit Camp. Will handle rfts. 700 to arrive shortly.

23. CSOs Dump: Allot area. Corps HQ Sigs area.

(P.T.O)

COMMAND:

24. 9 Div will contact all units of force as they arrive for planning purposes only.

25. Beach Gp Units: Adv LHQ has directed that all personnel and vehs on MOROTAI except those of Adv LHQ, HQ 1 Corps and 9 Div at disposal of Staging Area.

NOTES FOR COMD

727 Amphib Tractor Bn: Are we responsible for rations and supp incl POL?

Signals: Could you ask sigs to let us have details of their DRLS as at present and to what extent their present service can be expanded.

CSOs Dump: In Corps Sigs Area?

Tpt: 10 vehs to US Navy.

Paper: Two loads delivered to Postal [redacted] Hut SEA. Misc hut under construction. Two vehs made available to Adv LHQ which handled one load each during day. Report to follow from Capt DWYER.

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COMD'S DAILY CONFERENCE

1 APR 45

ENGRS:

1. Clearing: CRE please assist Pnrs with by logs in Amphib Tractor Pn area if possible.

2. Lighting HQ: CRE please supply flex.

3. Pipe for US Engrs: CRE please advise availability.

4. Sig Centre: Delete from coverage requirements. Sigs will erect.

5. Rds: Give priority to rd from HQ 81 Div to and over SARATAI. Higher than development of staging area.

6. Lighting of Depots: Adv LHQ advises being investigated.

7. Staging Area: "A" will take up with US and RAAF the prohibition of the SARATAI area to sight-seeing typs. Also post pro.

8. Natives: Maj BLADLAND take up again matter of native in SARATAI. HICA advise will NOT shift. Engrs will have to destroy livings in the way of works.

CAPTS:

9. Maj BLADLAND take up with AIB question of UK Maj selecting sites for camps.

10. Water Pt: Include in ROs re being open.

11. Refrig: Get off 'DOGFEILLER' to DID as soon as possible.

MOVEMENTS:

12. 'COCONIGHT discharging at No 2.

13. 'DOGFEILLER' will pull in to No 4 for 36 hrs in which time it is hoped to discharge all vehs and small quantity of stores.

14. 'HATAWAY - Good day. Timber still being dumped in slot. Investigate posting pro to guard.

15. Tpt: OK if RAAF trlrs continue to be available. 3 vehs now operating on 'COCONIGHT'.

16. Wharf Tpt Offr: Will be appointed as soon as required.

17. Dump Mtng: 2 LOs will check dumps and docks. Work in shifts.

18. HCO BIAK: Will check ships at BIAK and advise this area.

19. Timber: CRE please investigate obtaining electric hand saw. Maj RICH also please check availability of rear wheel assemblies as jigs.

MEDICAL:

20. LO to SARATAI Mon.

21. Med coverage OK to receive stores. HC please advise when coming off.

ACCOMODATION:

22. Tentage: DADOS ensure that all units which require coverage and cooking gear get them. Check Reach up units and issue on temporary basis. DADOS advise Comd when fixed.

23. Hose Tents: 2/12 Fd Amb. CO 2/12 Fd Amb made direct approach to Adv LHQ.

24. Camps: Col Q preparing notes for units. Will be issued.

25. Naval Bomb Co: Maj BLADLAND check with Brig CHAMBERS.

26. Staging Hoses: Use pnrs for clearing.

27. Latrines: Incinerating type? Water at 5 ft in hosps.

CAMP:

28. Batmen: Not available to offrs between 1330 and 1600.

29. Water Drums: Get out of tents.

NOTES FOR COLD:

US Air Corps Adv LHQ area. Maj DEVONE advise that 73 sqn incl rear elements of 5 Bomb Gp are completely cleared of area except for two A/C loads which were turned back with engine trouble. These will leave in the morning.

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C[illegible]'S DAILY CONFERENCE.

31 Mar 45.

ENGINEERS

1. TP [illegible] as seen on key plan open 1 Apr.

2. Ord Initial: CRE please check circuit track.

3. Female Accr: 250 female AA/C pers PM 15 Apr. Require enclosure 2 strands of barbed wire and hessian if availle.

MOVEMENTS:

4. Sol MEAT [illegible]: Accn? MC please check.

5. Shipping: SSA [illegible] completed discharge to-day.
3 AS [illegible] Berthed approx 0800 1 Apr at Dock 2.
2 CHARTERER Berthes approx 1900 1 Apr at Dock 4 Navy.

6. Discharge of tpt: Drvs called forward 0730. Require operators for mech eqpt. Engrs will be disembarked to units.

7. Tank Steers: CRE please advise availability.

8. Coverage: Total 2[illegible] tons to 1[illegible] 30 Apr-- 18[illegible] stores, 7[illegible] vehs.

9. Adm Instr: 30"Q" pass copies of Adv [illegible] Adm Instr No 22 to services.

MEDICAL.

10. [illegible] to be det to 30 Adm Coy.

11. Med offr to [illegible] Coy at CAPALMI

12. RAP to be established on Ord Initial.

ORD

13. DADOS arrange 150 tents [illegible] to 7 BDA for transit camp.

LABOUR

14. All requirements to be submitted to DAD Lab by 16[illegible] daily for requirement for following day from 0800.

15. This force will work 8 hrs shifts 12 hrs off.

PRO

16. Instr being prepared re duties.

MTO

17. 6 offrs will drive vehs. Drvs will remain with vehs.

STAFF

18. Capt [illegible] 30"A". Capt [illegible]. Down Comd.

AIRAC.

19. Tents to go in [illegible] area.

20. Pinelands check availability of AA sites transit camp.

21. S [illegible] check that tpt pl has moved back to correct area.

22. Maps available to services at HQ. See Lt DALY.

STORAGE

23. Stationery to be maint about 5 days time.

TRANSPORTATION AND UNITS

24. Beach gp units available to Otr Gnr area as follows:-

RAE units at disposal of CRE.

Four Indians to be transit Camp on
one coy to DARWIN Due.
remainder clearing Peninsula, and labour on dump.

3 Aust units at disposal of DADST

Beach wire clear area.
aval Beach Wire clear area.
AT clear area.

All 3 Coy to hold 2 Pl in res.

Sigs US in C arrangements.

Beach gp will make arrangements for maint of units.

DE MAIL:

25. All Staff officers and service heads will check the following points when visiting units:

(a) Latrines in bad shape.

(b) Damage direct into disorder.

(c) Dirty tents must not be near roads.

(d) Personnel must recognise and salute all offrs particularly those of general rank.

(e) Incorrect dress will be matter for disciplinary action.

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[redacted] TASK FORCE CONFERENCE

20 May 44

[redacted]

1. Water supply

(a) CRE please check making more water available by installing more units

(b) CRE please check and water points

(c) CRE please investigate and report possibility of providing piped for line to [redacted] We have pumps and labour

(d) Pumps at [redacted] were less 6-in pipe. CRE improvising with 4-in pipe.

2. Beach Opening - Beach Gp Comd has agreed gun area. Gp requires lay out marks in dugs and fix road to CORAL CLIFF.

3. Staging Area - Dutch hut and area on 2000 tpm under water. Natives still in area.

[redacted]

4. Transport - ADC DAF RAF has instructed that AT be available 08 a cross of transport piled up during days

5. Transport - Delays at dumps still. All services check turn round tpt and labour positions.

6. Tpt on ships - Blackpool drivers early.

7. Cross Ord Depot - Will fix tomorrow.

[redacted]

8. No fd guns available from 30 corps

[redacted]

9. MTL Initial - S and T to arrange to clear.

10. Comms - Sup Depot Pln have no temps. S and T check with Maj [redacted]

[redacted]

11. Ord Beach Det - move to ord initial area. CRE please divert dozer if available in area to clear tracks

[redacted]

12. D4 this day for initial stage
D5 this day for cocks Depot
D6 this day in Staging Maint Area.

13. SO Labour check availability to CORAL area.

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COMD'S DAILY CONFERENCE

29 Mar 45

ENGINEERS

1. Explosives No detonators. Have used US land mines collected from bush. Compressors broken down. Cannot make holes in hosps for centtrs or in other places with hard coral.

2. Lighting Some extras available ex FELIX HATHAWAY intended for third hosp. Also some more stores may be in before second hosp required. Some may be available in reserves.

3. 1st Hosp Area 31 Div is issuing instruction re closing rifle range. Also incl mention in ROs re Aust Engrs building on ball ovals etc.

4. Pnr Bn Labour Will be allotted to RAE.

5. Beach Gp RAE Beach Gp Comd says OK to use. CRE check with Lt-Col DAVIS who is senior officer in Areas while Comd on planning team.

6. SARATAI Ready for labour soon. RALLY Br up tonight. Road filled and ready 2/3 days. CRE will advise labour requirements. Mtn Coy det will live with Engrs at SARATAI.

7. Refrigeration On DOCKWEILLER. Engrs get in as soon as arrive.

8. Coverage (a) Security Col Base PO - CRE please assist by assessing requirements and providing.
(b) Compartment for Attractive Items DSD - CRE please provide stores.

MOVEMENTS

9. Accn Stores SC'Q' provide list of units disembarked short of stores by 1300 hours 30 Mar 45 at the latest. DADOS assist.

10. Cookers At both docks. SC'Q' arrange provide cooks.

11. Timber and Piping RAE will fix disposal.

12. ETAs DOCKWEILLER) Due Saturday with 4 other ships. 2 RAAF.
CHARLES GOODNIGHT)

TRANSPORT

13. Vehs with units S and T provide list of load carrying vehs with all units in area.

14. DADT S and T report conversation with DWYER.

15. RAAF Tpt 7-ton semi-trailers not available. Recalled for servicing. S and T will report.

16. US Tpt MC advise that US Army has 25 x 2½-ton trucks not in use because no drivers. In approx two weeks US tpt will be withdrawn for wksp overhaul and will not be puto on roads thereafter.

17. Delays at Dumps Services please ensure that working parties at dumps are adequate and on time. Also that guides provided and know their duties.

18. Unloading at Depots Roads in SHA will be torn up if vehs unload on them. Send crane to Ord Depot to ensure quick unloading of heavy lifts.

19. Heavy Lifts To be unloaded in ESD if cannot be unloaded at depots, until

Stores Transit Depot established.

ACCOMODATION

20. Beach Wksp — No living facilities. 7 BSA provide please. DADOS arrange.

21. ESD — RAE on job.

MEDICAL

22. Fd Amb — Will operate as from 0900 30 Mar 45. RMO see Lt-Col JENKINS re provision of two ambs.

23. Med Water Pt — Where? RMO find out and arrange Fd Amb to use.

ORD

24. Will arrange lighting Postal Shed if fitting made available.

NOTES FOR COMD

1. Adv LHQ offrs seeing Americans. We can help by directing to right person to see.

2. Report on Tpt.

3. Adv LHQ labour cut down to 30.

4. 7 BSA to Transit Camp 30 Mar 45.

5. Fostering — DADOS arranging accn stores.

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COLD'S DAILY CONFERENCE

28 Mar

SEA BARB:

1. Accn Stores: Some Units short loaded but details not available.

2. Cots Etc: Corps Pay Office only Unit which disembarked with tents half shelter, cots folding, and mosquito nets. 1 Aust Corps HQ elements arrived without cots, half tents or mosquito nets.

MOVEMENTS:

3. Lost Stores: Pieces of Daily Br have been identified. MC will pick up piping. Roofing lost MC will continue investigate.

4. Veh Loading: Cordage received. Ord Port Det arrange with Dockers for bearers for heavy lifts.

5. Wharf Control: Pro are permitting persons to board ship without passes. SC"A" instruct that must be strict in enforcement of orders re passes even with Senior Offrs.

6. Instr Re Discharge of Ships: Copies available Ad v LHQ. SC"Q" check Distbn.

ENGINEERS:

7. Priorities: Further list of Engr Works priorities will be issued. It will include inter alia

   (a) SMA: Will require complete development for use for normal maint after staging force moves out.

   (b) Huts: S & T for attractive items.
   DADOS Dump
   Docks Transit Depot
   LST Shed
   BSD Transit Shed SMA

8. Roofing: Can do amm sheds and one shed ord initial.

9. Rds: Divert proportion mech eqpt to maintain SMA access rd.

10. Accn - Water Tanks: SC"Q" issue priority list of issue to RAE. First priority to Bakeries and Fd Amb, then RAE and Tks Coys.

11. Engr Stores - Lighting: Some stores allotted for hosp may have to be used for lighting depots. CRE requests services advise requirements so can make equitable distribution of available resources. Services please note and SC"Q" please follow up.

12. Lost Unit Stores: Replacement by Indent.

S&T:

13. Tpt: MC advise RAAF will make available 7-ton semi trlrs if we provide dvrs and maint. Available 8 ACS. S&T investigate. NO tpt Pl veh available for discharge shipping during day.

MED:

14. Hyg: Sjt to be att 2/1 MEC at SABATAI.

15. Water: Sjt supervise chlorination of water SMA.

PRO:

16. Wharves: Persons without passes NOT allowed on ships.

17. Signs: Collect from HQ and erect. Put on firm and neat posts.

18. Iron-Theft: Iron and timber taken from hut sites in ESD and Engr Initial. Should be no iron or cut hard wood in any Unit Lines.

19. Misuse Kitchen Material: Timber and iron provided for kitchens must NOT be used for other purposes.

20. Dunnage: MARSDEN matting provided as dunnage SMA in pers tents. To be returned to store huts.

21. Dress: Lay charge against personnel improperly dressed.

LABOUR:

22. For RAE: SC"Q" arrange that LOADER fix with NOSSITER direct for Engr requirements.

Pnr Bn: Coy to Transit Camp. Coy to clear area opposite 4 Army Tps Coy for Amphib Tractor Bn.

Docks: SC"Q" ensure Works Coy directedto provide labour as required by Docks Supt

ORD:

23. Cooker: Vehicle Park will issue to HQ .

Dunnage ORD: Initial delivery when Tpt available.

Ord Beach DET: 5000 tons stores expected. Check Site.

CANTEENS:

24. Spirits: No issue until 1 Apr.

Beer: SC"Q" check re 7 days drawing.

NOTES FOR COMD

RECEPTION AND COVERAGE UNITS:

Beach Gp and Med Units etc. - Covered by 1st Aborn

Beach Gp HQ and Naval Beach Cdo: Tents half shelter provided.

Armd Sqn: Tarps provided.

Tpt Coy:

Pnr Bn: Built own shelter.

Maj DEVINE 13 AF advises 1125 I 28 Mar. - Movement of 72 Sqn at 72 slowed down owing to fact only 3 A/C off. Delay caused by hurricane in LEYTE- SAMAR Area. Maj DEVINE will keep Maj BLAKLAND informed as to mvt of A/C to-morrow.

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COMD'S DAILY CONFERENCE

26/27 Mar 45

26 MAR

ACCOMMODATION:

Accn 1. Dutchmen: Will have to look after 60 to 100 pers NEFIS. Not self-supporting. Maj BLAXLAND fix.

Accn 2. Rfts: Expect 800 rfts up to 10 Apr. Accn Transit Camp. These are Staging Area Tps Rfts. Expect 1500 initial battle casualties.

Accn 3. Shelter: 1 sq yd seizaloraft per man available to units on submission of S.18 showing unit strength. Water tanks also available shortly on basis of two per unit Scale "A". Priority to fd bakeries and fd amb. 100 tanks 200 gal on "HATHAWAY".

COVERAGE:

4. Portable Shelters: S and T advise Corps instr NOT to be used.

ENGINEERS:

Accn 5. Accommodation: CRE please arrange blast latrines for 2/12 Fd Amb. Three hard standings required. They will provide labour. CRE provide facilities.

W.H.-Ld 6. Rds: Corps Comd's rd and hut progressing satisfactorily. Maj BLAXLAND check move of US SL from area with Brig CHAIMERS.

W.H.-Ld 7. Rd to Staging Maint: To be maintained at expense of SARATAI rd.

MOVEMENTS:

8. Docks Cranes: RAE please arrange low-loader.

9. Canteens Stores: Tps get at beer and spirits on "HATHAWAY". Pillage suspected extensive. MC will report.

10. Cas. of ships: 8 ex "SEA RAY" - Cpl i/c med. Request future large ships have MO
3 ex "HATHAWAY"
1 ex "CARLOS CARRILLO"

11. Docks lighting: No engr stores available except those provided for hosps. Port Maint pls require engr stores to set up lighting.

12. GHQ Reg Offr: Maj TIGHE and 4 OR arrived today. 3 less mosquito nets. All less cots. No batmen. Will require accn.

S and T:

13. Bakeries: Will require 1,000 gals a day each. S and T arrange units submit S.18 for 200 gal tanks, Priority to bakeries.

CRD:

14. Follow Ups: Some unit deficient initial eqpt had follow up cancelled. DADOS check posn and advise Comd.

15. Accn Stores: DADOS check stocks.

LIAISON:

16. Maj DUIGAN, DAQMG (Accn) Adv LHQ will act as inspecting offr in area. Render all assistance and co-operation.

27 MAR 45

ADM:

1. ADM Instr: Ours approved. Add amendments to incl following:-

(a) Att Adv LHQ Instr No 26 - Issue of Alcohol
(b) Orders re Air Raids - Maj BLAXLAND to provide
(c) Censorship - as per Adv LHQ Instr - NOT to mention NEI.
(d) Bulldozers not to be used in clearing camp sites.

ACCN:

2. AL Gp: Will disperse to RAAF units

3. GHQ Reg Offr: 31 Div have been given accn at wharr. Two phones required. 3 Jeeps to come from MC.

4. NICA: Maj BLAXLAND arrange with CRE visit area to determine extent of engr wks required. Under Comd Corps therefore our responsibility

5. Hosp: Maj BLAXLAND arrange clear No 1 Hosp area of Rifle Range and ball pks. Check with 31 Div and AA Gp.

6. Fostering: Conf tonight. Guides at No 1 wharf at 0900.

ENGINEERS:

7. IST Shed: CRE please lay out and advise Comd. Require 200 x 45 and hard standing all round. Back from rd to allow Transit Depot in area to be dozed out.

8. Rd to IST Lands: Include in plan. Priorities will be allotted after consideration of plans.

9. Ord and Amn Huts: CRE advise Comd ability to roof with iron within limit set out by Adv LHQ Instr.

10. Port Det: CRE please arrange provide RAE Port Det. Consult MC re responsibilities.

11. Rds: Maint of rd from tank farm to Staging Maint is now priority over access to SABATAI. Must be kept open. Use mech eqpt ex "SEA BARB". Advise US Base Engr.

12. Rds: Route 5 cut beyond 31 Div HQ. Have to use rd on beach behind NICA. Can only use at low tide.

13. Explosives: None available till "CHAS GOODNIGHT" arrives.

MOVEMENTS:

14. Crane: Docks crane to go to engr dump. RAE to provide mover 0900.

15. Stores Dropped off Tpt: MC will arrange pick up pipes DUKWS Pt Rd and Sta Hosp. Will also check ARC mesh dropped. Will also submit report on dumped Refrigeration and Bailey Bridge.

16. Mild Steel: MC will bend if bendable and will put on suitable table tpt when available.

17. Cordage: DADOS provide cordage as required to RAE for tying down stores on trucks.

18. Guides: Responsibility of service port dets to ensure know job and ensure safety of stores - EG, ride on loads and not in cabins.

19. Timber: 30 to 35 ft lengths coming off "HATHAWAY". will be put in slot to be cut up.

[redacted]:-

ORDNANCE:

20. Ord Depot: DADOS follow up. Will arrange with CRE for constr on priority to be advised.

21. Eqpt Beach Gp: Some Units short loaded. 30"Q" check and DADOS arrange temporary issue.

CANTEENS:

22. When supply posn permits will issue to AIB and NICA. ALOs are RAAF ration responsibility until we ration RAAF.

COMMUNICATIONS:

23. DRIS: BLAXLAND advise Sigs requirements Stag Maint Area.

24. Phones: MC pass requirements to BLAXLAND. Pro require phone and Stag Maint Units. Engrs Dump and Transit Camp.

DISCIPLINE:

25. Adv LHQ advise this HQ has no powers of fmn. Therefore pass all matters beyond power of CO to Adv LHQ.

NOTES FOR COMD.

See Maj MORGAN OC 2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy re not giving Adm Instr to Fostering Rep. Advise those concerned Port Maint Coys to provide lighting from Unit war eqpt. Tents not to go near roads.

Posn 72 Sqn: 14 A/C of 72 Bomb Sqn took off this morning. 20 A/C will take off to-morrow morning. Maj DEVINE said he would work steadily to clear up that Sqn.

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CAMP DONIGHT

Weekly Report:

A C and services please have notes of matters for inclusion in Weekly Report to Adv LHQ to Maj [illegible] by 1000 hrs every Saturday morning. This report is made up to 2359 every Friday.

ACCN:

CRE please check provision of basic camp facilities for the off [illegible]--the following in particular

1. The Beach Gp and Bde Gp HQ units in Hosp Area SOUTH of 3/12 FD Amb site.
2. Area for one coy of Fmr Pn down Coast Rd--area being cleared at present by 7 RSA pers.
3. 2/3 Docks Coy in area adjacent to 2/10 Docks Coy
4. Naval Commando and Naval Sig Sec in Hosp area near Beach Gp HQ
5. Beach Gp and Bde Gp Med units in Hosp Area.

SC "A" please check with units coming off CHA BASE re whether they have tents half shelter and cots readily available and how long it will take to get at their own stores. Check number of tents required and advise D DOS.

LIAISON

Maj WILLIAMS [illegible] 9 Aust Div)
Capt [illegible] SC 26 Aust Inf Bde) Called. They are with planning teams

Capt S[illegible] LO 9 Div on CHA BASE will be allotted as 2 LO to this HQ

CAMP ADM

7 RSA and pers of MOBILINDIA det please throw in weight to get camp cleaned up. Camp concentrate on Offrs Mess now that tps are more or less set led in. Keep vehs out of area and block of road properly.

ARMS

Suggest

M I N U T E S

COMD'S DAILY CONFERENCE

Sun 25 Mar 45

AMALGAMATION NOS 1 AND 2 BSA:

1. SC "A" write Adv LHQ stating that in accordance with verbal instructions DA & QMG Adv LHQ personnel of HOLLANDIA Staging Area (No 1 Det 1 BSA) have been absorbed in HQ MOROTAI Staging Area.

7 BSA:

2. 7 BSA under comd Lt-Col COSTELLO will move to Transit Camp as soon as all stores and eqpt received, and set up in vacated AA site. Will cl ar area of transit camp, erect tentage (ex "FELIX HATHAWAY") and generally organise TRANSIT CAMP for reception of tps. One Coy Pnr Bn will be allotted to assist in clearing.

3. 7 BSA will please provide twenty men for clearing Pnr Bn site on both sides of US COAST GUARD ROAD. Camp Comd will check posn as regards machetes on charge HQ and arrange supply to 7 BSA personnel. Maj BLAKLAND will indicate area to be cleared.

4. 7 BSA will write Adv LHQ advising that Lt-Col COSTELLO has assumed command.

LOCATION PNR BN:

5. When Bn arrives will put Coy down US Coast Guard Road. Remainder of Bn will bivouac in Armour area and will send troops to clear area for remainder of Bn. One Coy will move to Transit Camp to come under comd 7 BSA for clearing of area and erection of tents.

LABOUR:

6. 28 Wks Coy in Staging Maint Area will provide 100 men as from 26 Mar to RAE to be disposed as required by HQ RAE 1 Aust Corps Tps.

7. Maj BLAKLAND arrange Wks Coy vacate postal hut 26 Mar and check provision tools for clearing.

ACCOMMODATION:

8. 2/2 Fd Amb have been given bulk of their tentage from "CARLOS CARRILLO". The instruction to give priority to this unit's stores resulted in their having to be extracted from below other cargo and caused a gross loss of time in the unloading of the "CARLOS CARRILLO" of 12 hrs.

9. RMO will check rd and layout of Fd Amb site according to RAE plan and advise. Fd Amb has to set up MDS of 100 beds. NOTE: Site immediately across Route 5 is available for MDS.

10. RAE Will please deliver to 64 BIPOD Pl on Ball Pk area one food prep room and latrine seat and they will erect.

11. RAE please check accn in 14 Wks Coy area (SOUTH 2/1 Docks between access rd and 1059 US Engrs).

12. Please check accn two tpsp pls.

13. RAE please arrange disposal of soil in area between two rds in Staging Maint Area. Required for Tpt Pl.

14. Sigs adjacent HQ self supporting as from 26 Mar. Very satisfied with HQ fostering. Maj BLAKLAND define limits of their area.

15. Tarpaulins: 5 and 2/10 Docks no longer require tarps as now have tentage. 2/12 Fd Amb also now has tentage.

16. Other units coming in including Fmr Bn may require tarps. SC "Q" check all units to find out who has tents half shelter. Maj BLAXLAND check all sites to ensure that food prep rooms and latrines provided before unit arrives. NOTE: Mvts advise will know by 1000 hrs 26 Mar what units will not have tentage off "FELIX HATHAWAY" by 1800. Will have to provide tarps for these. 14 Wks Coy and Fd Coy for SABATAI will probably be among these.

AREAS:

17. HQ 9 Div and 1 Corps ETA not before 15 Apr. Div HQ will go direct to SABATAI.

18. No NICA personnel will be accommodated on Peninsula. Get as far away as possible. Civs in area near NICA HQ. Native personnel and NEI Inf Coys to DARO. Maj BLAXLAND fix. NOTE: Lt LEENART of NICA is worried about constr of accn and coverage of stores.

19. SABATAI Staging Area to be opened as soon as possible.

ENGINEERS:

20. Coverage: All huts now being constructed are wing covered only. Centres left for tarps. Services check provision of tarps as stores arrive.

21. Now only need two 100 x 45 in bail pk for S and T as Sup Dep Coys bringing 60 x 20 shelters with them.

22. Tpt: RAE require 9 vehs as from Tues 27 Mar to move approx 200 wks Coy pers. S and T check with RAE.

23. Transit Shed BSD. Part will be available in three days. Engrs going ahead with ramp.

24. Rd Maint - As soon as mech eqpt arrives and SABATAI opened up will take share of maint of roads in area. Commence approx 8 Mar.

S and T:

25. Tpt for RAE.

26. 6 jeeps to be allotted from 25 Aust L of C Sigs. Arranged by Adv LHQ. Follow up and advise next conf.

ORD:

27. Clothing will be distributed 26 Mar preference to RAE and Wks.

MOVEMENTS:

28. Comd advised Adv LHQ units not carrying out instrs re tents half shelter.

29. Refrigerator lighter sets will be coming fwd to be att 2 Docks Gp.

30. Cannot advise ETA of fwns and units because of difficulties on mainland. Dont know what is coming fwd until ships actually completed loading.

31. Discharge SEA RAY expected to be completed by 1200 26 Mar.

32. Tpt: Mainly UB for SEA RAY. Have been working on 24 hr basis.

33. FELIX HATHAWAY expected to commence disembarkation of tps 0800. Stores 1000 - 1100. Services can get details of stores tonight. NOTE later advise some units will not get tentage and other unit eqpt off by 1800. HATHAWAY will go to Naval Dock (No 4).

34. SC"Q" will issue Instr re SEA BARB 26 Mar.

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DIMENSIONS OF CORPS HUT - SORTING AREA

1. CRE please follow up.

US MED BN CORPS HQ:

2. Moving out today.

GHQ REGULATING OFFICER:

3. Will operate as from 28 Mar. To be billeted with 11 MCGp, who advise facilities for accn senior offr limited.

TWO COYS NEI INF:

4. Moving LEMAKE to MOROTAI. Further particulars later.

RECEPTION ARRANGEMENTS:

5. Cooking: Miles Cooker Staging Maint OK. Dpck 3 Cooker from RAAF too dirty to use.

6. Guides: Some mistakes due to lack of guides. Will profit from lesson and provide more liberally in future. Man power shortage and tpt shortage also led to exaggeration of difficulties. MC will advise all units requirements of guides for [illegible].

7. Water: S&T will arrange provision peninsula to-night. CRE will arrange RAE Service Stag Maint Area to-night.

CAMP:

8. Camp SOs not yet issued. SC"A" to issue as soon as possible.

MED:

9. One Hyg Sjt to go to each of Engr Dump and Stag Maint Areas.

MOVEMENTS:

10. Lighting: Inadequate at docks. LC will get Port Maint on job.

11. Tpt: Posn difficult. RAAF may provide without drivers. DADST fix.

12. Disembarkation: GORGON, SEA RAY and CARLOS CARRILLO complete to-day.

13. Stores: From CARLOS CARRILLO will be got off by DUKWS as soon as possible.

ACCN:

14. Tents Half Shelter: When unit OsC on SEA RAY asked if any units had tents half shelter none stated that they had. NOTE: Maj BLACKLAND infm tents half shelter of 2/10 Docks and 2/12 Fd Amb loaded bottom stowage in CARLOS CARRILLO. Also cargo handling gear of 2/10 Docks.

DISCIPLINE:

35. Camp: Bad dress discipline. Cooks and cook house dirty. Tendency not to shave. Camp Comd to fix. All Offrs on HQ check irregularities.

36. Malarial Discipline: New Units. Very poor. All offrs check units. Dookers on deck and wks ccy on wharf will wear correct dress by day and by night. Also service dets on wharves.

37. Routine Orders: will be issued weekly in future. SC"A" please check and all SOs and Services note and assist.

NOTES FOR COMD:

72 Sqn Maj DEVINE now cannot give firm ETD of rear elements of sqn and rear ech 5 Bomb Gp. Still 85 C47 loads to go. They over estimated the weight of stores to go fwd. Also more priorities have been introduced.

MO FELIX HATHAWAY: Capt SANDERS advised that three casualties evacuated from HATHAWAY. First infm subject to check was that they were very sick and that they were attended on board by Cpl and Ship's mate. He will advise you further.

WEEKLY REPORT: Delayed owing to Staff being occupied on Reception and Fostering mt duties. Will come in to Adv LHQ 26 Mar.

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15. Cover: Army Tps Coy fixed with tarps. DADOS to arrange 20 tarps for 2/12 Aust Fd Amb. Maj BLAKLAND to check Docks Units. NOTES: Maj CRICHTON arranged during afternoon with Maj. TICH to obtain special release for 20 tarps from Brig STIMSON for 5 Docks. Arranged later to get 15 tarps for 2/10 Docks.

16. Other Units: S&T to get 3 tarps for POL units on ball pk. Units DID in sheds. Units Stag Maint in sheds. Units at HQ can use mess hut.

ADV LHQ AREA:

17. 72 Sqn cleared up to rd WEST of area. One bldg available. Other being used to house some pers for a few days. If arrangements NOT suitable Lt-Col NORRIS please contact Col LITTLEJOHN.

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COND'S CONF 24 Mar

DEMOLITIONS OF CORRUGATED HUT--SORTING AREA

1. CRE please follow up.

US MED EQUIP DEPOT

2. Moving out today.

CHD REGULATING OFFICER

3. Will operate as from 26 Mar. To be billeted with 11 MC Gp, who advise facilities for accn senior offr limited.

TWO COYS NEW ZEALAND

4. Moving [illegible] to MOROTAI. Further particulars later.

RECEPTION ARRANGEMENTS

5. Cooking: Miles Cooker Stag Maint OK. Docks 3 cookers from RAAF too dirty to use.

6. Guides: Some mistakes due to lack of guides. Will profit from lesson and provide more liberally in future. Man power shortage and tpt shortage also led to exacerbation of difficulties. MC will advise all units requirements of guides for FELIX NUMBER TWO.

7. Water: S and T will arrange provision peninsula tonight. CRE will arrange RAAF service Stag Maint area tonight.

[illegible] CAMPS

8. Camp SOs not yet issued. SCAP to issue as soon as possible.

MED

9. One Amb sjt to go to each of Emer Dump and Stag Maint areas

MOVEMENTS:

10. Lighting: Inadequate at docks. MC will get Port Maint on job.

11. Tpt: Posn difficult. RAAF may provide without dvrs. DADOT fix.

12. Dismemberment: GORGON, SAMARAY and CARLOS CARILLO complete today.

13. Stores From CARLOS CARILLO will be got off by DUKWS as soon as possible.

[illegible] ADMIN:

14. Tents half shelter: When [illegible] unit OsC on SAMARAY asked if any units had tents half shelter none stated that they had. NOTE: Maj BLACKLAND infm tents half shelter of 2/10 Docks and 2/12 Fd Amb loaded bot on stowage in CAR CARILLO. Also cargo handling gear of 2/10 Docks.

15. Cover: Army Tps Coy fired with tarps. DADOS to arrange 20 tarps fo 2/12 Fd Amb. Maj BLACKLAND to check Docks Units. NOTES Maj CRICHTON arranged during afternoon with Maj RICH to obtain special release for 20 tarps from ship STINSON for A Docks. later to get 15 tarps for 2/10 Docks.

16. Other Units: S and T to get 3 tarps for POL units on ball pk. Units DID in sheds. Units Stag Maint in sheds. Units at WP can use huts.

NEW LIFE AREA

17. 72 Sqn cleared up to rd CLOT of area. One bldg available. Other being used to house some pers for a few days. If arrangements NOT suitable Lt Col NOR IS please contact Col LITTLEJOHN.

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ACCN 9 DIV:

1. Wait arrival of Gen WOOTEN

RESPONSIBILITIES CORPS AND STAGING AREA:

2. Our responsibility to receive, accommodate and maintain. Receive and cover maint. Issue initial maint as required by Corps. Base has no responsibility for loading amphibious craft.

FIRST TROOPS MOVING OUT:

3. (i) Bde Gp
(ii) Beach Gp
(iii) Tk A Regt
(iv) MG Coy
(v) Two Pnr Bns

ADDITIONAL TROOPS:

4. Possible may have to stage

SORTING AREA FOR CORPS:

5. CRE please find out how big a hut can be got in ball park with room for veh circuit, and leaving sufficient room for ESD and Transit Depot about 50 x 75 yds on corner of 117 FA rd.

HOLLANDIA STAGING AREA:

6. All personnel except Lt-Col COSTELLO to be absorbed in HQ MOROTAI Staging Area. SC "A" act.

ENGR REPORT:

7. Comd explained to Adv LHQ that labour critical factor.

STAGING MAINT:

8. All S and T Staging Maint off "FELIX HATHAWAY" will go to DID. Remainder will go to Staging Maint Area.

9. CRE please concentrate on short rd to Canteen and Ord, then BSD to cover arrival of CHAS. GOODNIGHT and "DOCKWEILER".

HOSPITALS:

10. 2/5 to MOROTAI. 2/9 substituted for 2/6 which will go straight to objective area. 2/9 will arrive same time as planned for 2/6. Only one staging hosp now.

11. Hospitilisation responsibility of Adv LHQ. Corps will merely evacuate to APOL.

12. No 1 Hosp: CRE ready to start. Maj BLAXLAND arrange clear rifle range immediately.

13. No 2 Hosp: Ready to start soon. Maj BLAXLAND check move SL.

CORPS HQ:

14. Comd will take up matter of use of Corps Sigs area.

15. CRE advises Corps Comds rd in hand.

16. Maj BLAXLAND check move of SL from area.

17. Maj BLAXLAND arrange with 13 Bomb Comd that tpt does NOT use ball pk area.

18. Corps will advise when necessary to move Med En from area.

REGULATING OFFR:

19. Will arrive MOROTAI 26/27 Mar. Commence 28 Mar. Will live with?

COMNS:

20. 23 L of C Sigs have plan in hand. Maj BLAXLAND check phone for 5 MEC.

MOVEMENTS AND RECEPTION OF TROOPS:

21. Guides: Will report to Maj BLAXLAND at ball oval between rds Dock 3. One or two as required by each unit.

22. Meals: Wiles Cooker will be provided on ball oval. SC "A"X arrange cooks on shift basis. S and T fixed rations. "SEA RAY" may be late in berthing. If so MC will arrange meal on board before disembarking. Time of disembarkation of SARATAI units will be determined according to circumstances tomorrow.

23. Tpt: AMF tpt will work "GORGON". RAAF tpt will work "SEA RAY". CRE will fix tpt for P1 of Fd Pk. Tpt short and would appreciate help from any source.

24. Adv Parties: Adv Parties of Fd Amb and 2/10 Docks will be disembarked by DUKWS and come ahead and prepare area.

25. Pro: SC "A" fix for Staging Maint Area. To report to Capt YATES.

26. Sigs: Will come to Sig HQ area and move later to Staging Sigs Area

27. Kitchens: CRE please check kit for 14 Wks Coy SOUTH of 2/1 Docks.

28. Staff:

Capt SUTHERS	-	A/SC "A"
" DWYER	-	to assist DADST
" TAIT	-	attached to Movements to man sorting area at Stick dock for mixed loads of unit eqpt.

ENGINEERS:

29. Water: CRE reports satisfactory progress being made with borrowed RAAF eqpt which they want back.

30. Coverage: Well up to schedule.

31. Accn: Scale "A" and latrine pits lagging slightly.

32. Roads: Hampered by bad weather and mud, but expect progress to improve with experience of operators. Shovel going in RAAF pit. Sand going to Staging Maint and rd to coral cliff. Tpt limiting factor. Trying to get tippers from RAAF. At present own tippers working night shifts.

33. RAAF Bn Area: To extend over rd into engr area.

34. Ord Matting: CRE will keep ahead of stores. Ord to get own resources on to job as soon as possible.

LABOUR:

25. Pl in engr dump. Shift back to Coy Mcn. During next few days most of available labour to be placed under Docks Supt. RAE will temporarily retain pl till coy established in Staging Maint Area. In meantime HQ party cancelled. Fd Bakery cancelled. Engr Accn Labour cancelled. Adv LHQ party cut down by 9.

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COVERAGE:

1. S and T Initial: 100 x 45 will save space and timber. Adv LHQ advise OK. Comd Staging Area is responsible for provision of coverage. Adv LHQ merely advise total requirements.

2. RAE will construct five 100 x 45 instead of 20 smaller ones.

SORTING AREA FOR CORPS:

3. Corps require sorting areas near LST hards. Sorting stores and loading stores entirely Corps' responsibility. Propose erect large hut on ball oval sufficient size for one LST load to be sorted into vehicle loads. Hut will be divided into compartments with ARC mesh. Balanced veh loads will be placed in such bins from depots and loaded on to vehs which will go down to LST hards.

4. Will have to build hut and rd from sorting hut to LST hards. CRE will be advised of priority.

DATES:

5. Comd advised dates of future movs. Will advise CRE and Services consequent alteration of priorities.

TRANSIT DEPOT:

6. One area required for transit depot in ball park. One big hut and rd circuit requird.

TIMBER ON EMBERICOS:

7. MC will investigate replacement of timber by US Army and discuss with CRE.

HOSPS:

8. Adv LHQ advise 3 AANS and 4 AAMWS for Staging Hosps only.

9. Details of movs of all hosps and females coming available on chart from Adv LHQ.

10. Comd will check with Adv LHQ re hosp going direct to objective area. 2/6?

PAY:

11. Adv LHQ advise 81 Dep Cash Office willbe working in time to handle pay next week.

MOVEMENTS:

12. Convoy expected Sat 0600. GORGON and SA RAY FIRST unloaded. DOCKWEILER and CHAS GOODNIGHT delayed due 31 Mar. Loaded vehicles.

13. SC"Q" try obtain WILES COOKER for No 3 Dock. SC"A" detail cooks on shift basis 24 hrs. S&T fix rations.

ENGINEERS:

14. Key plans prepared and handed to Adv LHQ for reproduction.

15. Maps for fostering units. CRE will send down to-night.

16. If rain doesn't let Staging Maint Area will be in mess. Will arrange for tractor to be there to pull trucks out of mud. SC"A" to arrange for Provost to guide trucks to correct depots.

UNITS ARRIVING AREA:

17. Amphib Tractor Bn - 120 LVTs.

18. Two Coys NEI Inf Bn. Adv LHQ have asked mov be delayed as long as possible.

OOB:

19. Comd to ask Col GS for firm OOB Staging Area Tps this Area.

RETURNS:

20. SC"A" send out as Adm Instr instead of in ROs.

AIRFIELD PASSES:

21. S and T arrange for Comd's Jeep.

ORD:

22. Gaiters not available US sources. SC"Q" arrange submit CRE's recommendation through staff channels to Adv LHQ.

23. 2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy will go direct to SABATAI. SC"Q" will check whether have tents half shelter. Ordwill hold tarps in readiness for issue on loan.

S and T:

24. Tps arriving Sat: 2 Days rations delivered to fostering units. SC"Q" to indicate in reception instr.

25. Matting: CRE please arrange deliver to BSD.

26. Transit Shed: CRE will advise when complete.

BASE SUB AREAS ARRIVING:

27. We will take over No 1 Det ex HOLLANDIA. S&T arrange for one of their jeeps with driver go to MC. Lt-Col COSTELLO will take over 7 ABSA.

OTHER MATTERS TO BE REFERRED TO ADV LHQ.

1. Corps: BLAXLAND would like to see Lt-Col WEBSTER re-
   (a) ETA and accn Amphib tractor Bn.
   (b) Details of NEI Inf Bn arriving and NICA civil servants and stores.
   (c) Date by which Corps office area required so can arrange move "C" Coy 106 US Med Bn.

2. Beer and Spirits: Are AL Secs entitled. See attached application.

3. Sitrep 72 Sqn:

4. Engr Progress Report: Coverage
   Accommodation
   Roads
   Water.

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MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST NIGHT'S CONF:

1. Landing Rations: Appears that units from mainland will arrive with landing rations as unit stores.

2. Engr Stores ex "GORGON": 40 tons timber, 40 tons iron to go Engr Dump.

CONF ADV LHQ:

1. Accn 9 Div: Adv LHQ will give ruling 22 Mar whether bivouac and then move SABATAI or stay fixed inside perimeter.

2. Corps HQ: GOCs living qrtrs and access rd first priority. 13 Bomb Comd advise OK re rd. CRE contact. Pers here now of Corps HQ will live with Planning Teams temporarily and then move to area when prepared. Remainder HQ due here early Apr. Engrs will be allotted as required to prepare area. Confirmation later.

3. Accn Svy Units: We must provide. Require plenty water, concrete floors, 4 dust proof rooms.

4. Press Unit: Area required for "TABLE TOP" and 50 tons newsprint. Suggest send unit with paper to Staging Maint Area.

5. Cover Veh Loads: Send T ensure covers with trucks. Advises not suitable but is submitting indents for tarps on advice Brig STINSON. However stores get wet if any rain when holds open and when unloading.

6. US Amphibious Tractor Bn: Due ex "LINGAYAN" 3/4 Mar. Have to find area. Suggest island where were going to put Shore and Boat Bn. Corps will advise org and vehs.

7. Long Timber: Adv LHQ thought timber would arrive in 14 ft lengths. Will take up with LHQ.

8. RMO: Will move 5 MEC 22 Mar. CRE please advise unit. RMO check times and details.

MOVEMENTS:

9. Timber on "EMBERICOS": Some timber not unloaded. Movts will advise how much and method of checking amount unloaded. US Army advise will replace that taken away.

10. Pilfering: Service reports to go direct to MC to permit early investigation.

11. First Convoy: Estimated rate of unloading 2,100 tons per day.

12. Unit Eqpt: Some units will not receive their eqpt the day they embark. Some will be able to take rations.

13. Rations: All units ex "GORGON" will be going to est units. S and T advise other units will get one day's rations of main items to provide first three meals. Will then live for ten days on landing rations.

S and T:

14. Drums: ex BONTEKOE in bad condition. Exchanged with US Plant Coy for good ones.

15. Bread: First Fd Baking Pl probable op by Thursday (72 hrs after stores off if water available) US QM may require assistance.

16. Petrol Points: Two pts to be opened - one near DID and one in Staging Maint Area. To issue unit requirements NOT veh filling pt. Afterwards larger units will draw in bulk from Depot.

17. Tpt: 2 Fd Coy not using tpt to maximum advantage. CRE to investigate

[redacted]:

18. Accn Ord Stores: Require 3 - 30 x 18 huts for staging maint ex HATHAWAY. RAE provide sketch and offr to advise. Ord fix with CRE.

19. Tank Shelters: Clearing and matting required. Ord please advise further.

ENGINEERS:

20. Clearing: Faster progress required in hosp area. Do sufficient to permit erection of tents. Leave piles of rubbish for units to clear up.

21. Females Staging Hospa: Not sufficient room available at 2 AANS and 3 AAMWS to tent. Can do at 3 AANS and 4 AAMWS.

ACCN:

22. Units going to Staging Maint Area can use huts first night. Stores probably come off ship day after.

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TROOP MOVEMENTS:

1. The following alterations to Troop Movements Priorities are pending:-

   (a) Insertion of 2/1 Tk A Regt after 2 Beach Gp but before Bde Gp 550 pers and 146 vehs.

   (b) Insertion of 2/3 Prn Bn just before first Bde Gp 838 pers 26 vehs.

   (c) Two coys of MG Bn will be coming now instead of whole Bn.

   (d) One Bn of 24 Bde will be comingwith 26 Bde (the first one)

   (e) The following will also be coming on the same priority as the first bde:-

      (i) HQ 9 Aust Div
      (ii) HQ 1 Aust Corps
      (iii) 1 Beach Gp (this is on priority 112D. 2 Beach Gp is on priority 62).

   (f) Percentage of 12 MC Gp will also be coming on a lower priority to take over here and allow 11 Gp to move fwd.

MOVEMENTS:

2. LCTs: No sign of LCTs due here today. Adv LHQ are checking with Fwd Ech.

3. Landing Rations: It is possible that units to arrive this area from mainland have drawn landing rations and are carrying them as unit stores. SC "Q" to check with Adv LHQ.

4. "EMBERICOS": Probably finished 21 Mar.

5. RAAF Ship: If Aust resources not used to clear RAAF cargo possible that only one wharf available when convoy arrives 24/25 Mar. Comd will discuss with Mvts.

6. Timber: CRE to check with US Pro re allegedly stolen timber.

7. Delay Ships: Some ships delayed by cyclone CAIRNS.

8. ETAS:

24 Mar	GORGON FELIX HATHAWAY SEA RAY CARLOSCARILLO
27 Mar	SEA BARB CHAS GOODNIGHT
31 Mar	DOCKWEILLER with tpt
4 Apr	JOHN HOPE with 2/5 AGH less females

9. ETA Engr Units: SC "Q" advise CRE ETA eqpt 5 MEC and 2 Fd Coy.

10. Tpt: No tpt available after arrival of first ships.

11. Engr Stores: SC "Q" check re timber coming on next trip of "GORGON".

12. Bills of Lading: None available because of delay air mail.

AREAS:

13. Corps HQ Area: Maj BLAXLAND take up with 31 Div move of 106 Med Bn from area.

14. AA Sites: AA also mov of AAA Searchlight from No 2 Hosp Area.

15. Camp Maint Area: Possibility owing to number of tps expected in area may have to set up camp maint area in Engr dump area next to US Amn dump on road frontage. To contain DID, Postal Pay and canteen. Comd will advise CRE. Will move out to SABATAI as soon as open.

MEDICAL:

16. RMOs: RMO Adv LHQ will service that area. This HQ RMO will service remainder of area until arrival of troops 25 Mar when MO from Camp Hosp will man 5 Mech Eqpt Coy RAP. Med to check availability of orderlies.

SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT:

17. Meat: Mutton on US shipment. US QM will issue 21 Mar with allowance for cuts of mutilated meat.

18. Rations: US QM will issue direct to major units. S and T will instruct units.

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Business from previous conf:

1. Natives: Whole complement to be employed SABATAI.

2. MG Bn: To go in area behind US Bomb Dump. 500 yds rd constr required.

3. Serum: Ex BONTEKOE in Camp Hosp.

Adv LHQ Conf:

4. (a) Armour Rd: Not to be constructed till later.

(b) Rd Constr: To be kept to minimum.

(c) Adm Instr: Approved with slight alteration. Fwd Ech Instr to conform. SC"Q" to reproduce our instr with alterations and additions.

(d) Refuse: Will be buried in unit lines.

(e) HOLLANDIA Staging Area: Staff and personnel will be used as directed by Comd.

(f) ETAs: Latest shipping indications first tps here 24/25 Mar. Maj BLAXLAND check accn with CRE and see areas.

(g) Relations with US and RAAF: Adv LHQ staff and services will be directed to conduct their dealings on local matters through this HQ.

(h) Command: Construction of base entirely under this HQ. Adv LHQ will direct and we will effect.

(j) Port Control: Adv LHQ will only interfere to issue instructions on special priority discharges. Tech working of port pur a MC function. On matters of gen adm Adv LHQ will contact MC direct.

(k) Lighting: Col "Q" Adv LHQ will investigate availability. Engrs will install. Ord check provision of fittings etc.

5. Engr Stores: Camp prepare consolidated requirements of HQ and present to SC"Q" to pass to RAE. Include dunnage for RAP.

MOVEMENTS:

6. Dunnage: Mvts will check what happened to that on "EMBERICOS".

7. Stores: Any alteration in destination of stores will be advised by services to MC HQ and NOT to ESO.

LABOUR:

8. Engr Works: All spare Wks Coy pers to go to Engrs. Engrs advise cannot anticipate complete works required by dates specified without additional labour. 80 now allotted Adv LHQ would permit adherence to programme.

AREAS AND TP MOVS:

10. 31 Div are expecting more tps than originally anticipated. We can

NOT get any more areas from them.

11. Second Bde Gp may arrive here before first one moves out. Bde Gp Area SABATAI to be cleared and prepared.

12. When 31 Div Regt moves out of rifle range area we may be able to get it.

COVERAGE:

13. Details to be published 20 Mar.

14. Engrs advise expect 3,000 tons engr assault stores coming in early.

ACCN:

15. Details to be published 20 Mar.

16. SC"A" to advise Engrs number of female personnel with hospitals.

17. Clearing in areas - Leave rubbish in heaps in areas for units to burn.

RATIONS:

18. Col COOK will advise whether mutton fit for consumption.

GENERAL:

19. Tonc Svy Stores: Adv LHQ require held where stored. SC"Q" follow up

20. Tpt for DADOS: Engrs will provide for 20 and 21 Mar.

21. Plans and Signs: Demands will be submitted to Engrs 20 Mar.

22. Med: 31 Div Special Tps RAP will look after Sprs at SABATAI.

23. Gen matter of Conf with Brig STINSON att as Appx "A".

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APPENDIX "A" TO COMD'S DAILY
CONFERENCE MINUTES OF 19 MAR 45

ORD MATTERS:

1. 1000 tons ord stores to go straight into Staging Maint. Ord have requested service in Aust to provide dunnage with shipments.

2. Schedule of incoming tonnages being made out. Totals expected 8000 tons stores and 4500 tons ammn.

3. 3000 fathoms of rope ordered for lashings. Bush frames will take 20 x 30 or 20 x 15. Those coming fwd mostly the latter.

4. Incoming initial Maint:

220 tons 30 Mar
1,100 tons 4 Apr
700 tons 15 Apr (theatre stores)

5. No more than 700 vehs.

6. Keep centre of ord initial area clear for ironmongery.

7. Try to keep POL as faraway from ammn as possible.

8. 570 tons of ord accn stores - tents cooking gear etc, to be held Staging Maint. Available for Transit Camp.

9. Stores in Staging Maint will be binned so outgoing stores will NOT appreciably increase coverage available for incoming.

10. Brig STINSON would like to see Col LANCE Ord Offr 31 Div on Wed.

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Typed 1100

COMD'S CONF 10 Mar

ENGRS

1. No major change priority of wks. Main commitment is to stage 10,000 trps for 7 to 10 days about 7 apr. Cut down on S andT and ord work

2. Comd requested CRE provide list of minimum requirements for his HQ camp when this HQ moves to new area.

SIGS

3. Comd advised sig wireless channel open to LEYTE and HOLLANDIA

4. DRLS three runs a day open

MOVEMENTS

5. ANHUI—150 tons engr stores will commence unloading night 10/11 mar.

6. BONTIKOE—no further infm

7. SC (Q) to obtain list of items which unitswere deficient ex "GORGON".

ORDNANCE

7. Capt TURNBULL arrived.

BRING UP TONIGHT

Engr to supervise natives in construction of mens mess hut.

Provision of compressor to dig sullage pit for kit and offrs latrine. Also engr to supervise use of explosives.