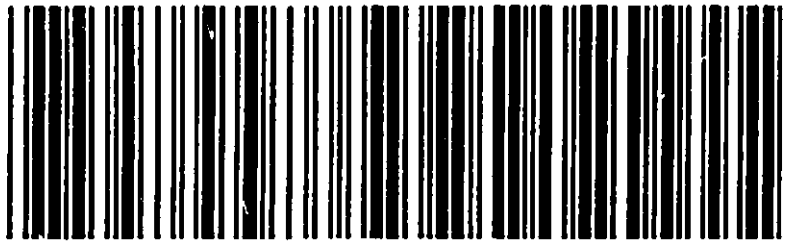
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1 Australian Base Sub Area

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OPERATION OBOE ONE

9 Aust Div requirements to be included in agenda for Embarkation Conference at 1500 hrs 8 Apr 45:

(a) Delineation of responsibilities for embarkation.

(b) Allocation of areas as pre-embarkation, waterproofing and ship assembly areas.

(c) Embarkation and loading points.

(d) 9 Aust Div requests for wharfage.

(e) Dates of embarkation and proposed programme.

(f) Engineer work required in areas allotted.

(g) Explanation of 9 Aust Div proposed system of control of embarkation.

(h) Units, other than those included in the task force, available to assist 9 Aust Div in

(i) Traffic control
(ii) Loading
(iii) Labour
(iv) Transport
(v) Engineer work, equipment and stores
(vi) Interior economy.

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SUBJECT: OBOE ONE AND OBOE TWO - UNITS UNDER COMMAND 9 AUST DIV FOR PLANNING PURPOSES

Adv HQ 9 Aust Div
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1. Units which come under command 9 Aust Div for operations OBOE ONE and OBOE TWO are shown in attached appendices.

2. 1 Aust Corps has authorised direct communication for planning purposes only with all Corps and 1 Aust Base Sub Area units. on their arrival at MOROTAI.

3. The remarks column shows those units which have arrived in MOROTAI. Vehicles are NOT shown.

4. Information as available of further arrivals will be given addressees.

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DISTRIBUTION

20 Aust Inf Bde (To be held)
24 Aust Inf Bde
26 Aust Inf Bde
RAA 9 Aust Div
RAE 9 Aust Div
Sigs 9 Aust Div
AASC 9 Aust Div
2/9 Aust Armd Regt (To be held)
C Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
1 Aust Beach Gp
2 Aust Beach Gp
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US Navy Planning Team
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ANNEX 'A'

To 9 Aust Div
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ORDER OF BATTLE

AUST ARMY UNITS

Serial	Unit	Personnel	Vehs	Remarks
	9 AUST DIV UNITS			
	HQ			
1	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	79	12	
2	det 3 Op Report Team	2	-	
3	det Directorate Public Relations	5	2	
4	det 2 Mob Met Flt	5	2	
	CAV			
5	2/4 Aust Cdo Sqn	280	6	
	ARTY			
6	2/7 Aust Fd Regt (JD)	687	102	
7	A tp 8 Aust Svy Bty	20	2	
	ENGRS			
8	2/13 Aust Fd Coy	251	51	
9	det 2/24 Aust Fd Pk Coy	8	4	
	SIGS			
10	det Sigs 9 Aust Div	6	2	
11	det 2/3 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt Sig Tp	3	-	
12	2/7 Aust Fd Regt (JD) Sig Sec	35	8	
13	det 3 Aust Engr Sig Sec	7	2	
14	26 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	49	10	
15	det 2/43 Aust Cipher Sec (Type K)	2	-	
	INF			
16	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	836	26	
17	2/24 Aust Inf Bn	836	26	
18	2/48 Aust Inf Bn	836	26	
19	2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	838	26	Remain for grn duties
20	two coys 2/2 Aust MG Bn	228	16	One coy remain for grn duties.
21	4 Pl A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	41	-	
	INT			
22	det ATIS	6	-	
23	det 'B' Aust FS Sec	7	2	

Serial	Unit	Personnel	Vehs	Remarks.
	S and T			
24	2/30 Aust Sup Dep Pl	33	4	
25	2/31 Aust Sup Dep Pl	33	4	
26	2/18 Aust Tpt Pl	99	45	2½ ton 6 x 6
27	2/15 Aust Tpt Pl	99	85	Jeeps.
	MED			
28	2/11 Aust Fd Amb	234	19	
	DENTAL			
29	C Sec 2/8 Aust Dental Unit	5	-	
	ORD			
30	2/123 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	22	18	
	AE&E			
31	2/123 Aust Bde Wksp	130	26	Incl recuperator truck.
32	2/78 Aust LAD (Type J)	31	10	Att H, 26 Aust Inf Bde.
33	2/63 Aust LAD (Type D)	37	12	Att 2/7 Aust Fd Regt (J
	PAY			
34	det 9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	2	-	
	POSTAL			
35	det 9 Aust Div Postal Unit	10	2	
	PRO			
36	3 and 4 Secs 9 Aust Div Pro Coy	32	4	
	CANTEENS			
37	det AACS	10	-	
	MISCELLANEOUS			
38	det 9 Aust Div Sal Unit	10	-	
39	det 9 Aust Mil History Fd Team	2	2	
	TOTAL DIV UNITS	5859	566	

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Appx 'B' to 9 Aust Div
G.19/21 of 6 Apr 45

OPOE ONE

COMPOSITION OF 2 AUST BEACH GP UNDER COND 26 AUST INF BDE.

Serial	Units	Personnel	Vehs	Remarks
1	HQ 2 Aust Beach Gp	45	5	Arrived
2	2/11 Aust Fd Coy	251	51	Arrived
3	2 Aust Mech Eqpt Pl	42	22	
4	2 Aust Beach Gp Stores Pl	26	6	Arrived
5	1 Aust Beach Gp Sig Sec	47	6	Arrived
6	4 Aust Beach Gp Sig Sec	47	6	Arrived
7	2/2 Aust Pnr Bn	836	10	
8	58 Aust BIPOD Pl	29	4	Arrived
9	2/35 Aust Sup Dep Pl	33	2	
10	HQ 2/108 Aust GT Coy	28	8	Arrived
11	2/45 Aust Tpt Pl	99	43	
12	2/46 Aust Tpt Pl	99	43	
13	2/108 Aust Wksp Pl	25	8	
14	2 AAMC Coy (Beach Gp)	79	10	
15	23 Aust MCU (Type C)	11	8	
16	1 Aust Ord. Beach Det	76	4	48 personnel arrived.
17	2 Aust Beach Wksp	78	17	Arrived
18	17 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl	39	13	Arrived.
19	1 Aust Armd Bde Sal Unit	30	2	Arrived (22 personnel)
20	Naval Beach Cdos RAN	179	6	156 personnel arrived.
21	det 'Q' Aust FS Sec	2	-	Arrived.
22	1 Aust ED Pl	25	3	Arrived.
	TOTALS	2126	277	

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Appx 'C' to 9 Aust Div
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OBOE ONE

C TPS ALLOTTED 26 AUST INF BDE

Serial	Unit	Personnel	Vehs	Remarks
	HQ			
1	√det 2 Aust mil Ldg Gp	4	2	Arrived.
2	√det 11 MC Gp (Type E)	10	2	Remain with grn. Arrived.
	ARMD			
3	√C Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	121	46	Arrived.
	ARTY			
4	√B Tp 1 Aust Naval Bombardment Gp (less two SFOPs)	51	13	BLO parties move in naval craft. 46 arrived.
5	√63 Aust Comp AA Regt (LE) less Bty HQ and two tps LAA	287	78	280 personnel arrived.
	ENGRS			
6	√HQ RAE 1 Aust Corps tps	39	10	Available for OBOE FOUR Arrived.
7	√2 Aust Fd Coy	251	51	Available for OBOE FOUR. Arrived.
8	√One mech eqpt pl 5 Mech Eqpt Coy	42	22	Available for OBOE FOUR. Arrived less 40 vehs, NO infm.
	SVY			
9	√det 5 Fd Svy Coy	12	2	
	SIGS			
10	√det 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Sig Tp	3	2	Arrived.
11	√3 Aust Wireless Sec (1t) ✓	25	-	) Arrived.
12	√7 Aust Wireless Sec (1t)	25	-	) Att HQ Ship. Arrived.
13	√63 Aust Comp AA Regt Sig Sec (LE)	32	8	
14	√4 Aust Engr Sig Sec	20	6	
15	TNT			
15	√Det 2 AAPIU	4	-	
16	√Det 34 Aust FS Sec (EE)	4		
	ST			
17	√1 Aust Air Maint Coy	315	66	Remains for grn duties.
	MED			
18	√109 Aust Adv Med Stores	9	2	Available for OBOE FOUR Arrived
19	√110 Aust CCS	128	14	Available for OBOE FOUR
20	√2/12 Aust Fd Amb	234	19	One coy may remain for grn duties, remainder to OBOE FOUR. Arrived.
21	√2/7 Aust MCU (Type B)	19	8	Remain for grn duties Arrived.
22	√36 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit (Type B)	6	2	Att 110 Aust CCS

Serial	Unit	Personnel	Vehs	Remarks
	ORD			
23	One sqn sub pk 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Ord Fd Pk	17	15	Arrived
	AEME			
24	One sqn sec 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Wksp (Type B)	62	26	Arrived
25	53 Aust AA Regt (Comp) Wksp (LE)	89	18	
	GRAVES			
26	Det 8 Aust War Graves Unit	3	-	Remains for grn duties
	TOTAL	2218	412	

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Appx "D" to 9 Aust Div G.1G/21 of 8 Apr 45

1 AUST BASE SUB AREA UNITS

Serial	Unit	Pers	Vehs	Remarks
	1 AUST BASE SUB AREA UNITS			
	SIGS			
1	Det HQ 22 L of C Sigs (HE)	8	2	half remain for grn duties
2	Det 11 Line Sec	35	5	5 pers remain for grn duties
3	Det 8 Line Maint Sec	13	2	2 pers remain for grn duties
4	Det 9 Tech Maint Sec	12	2	2 pers remain for grn duties
5	Det 18 Op Sec	21	2	4 pers remain for grn duties
6	Det 3 DR Sec	13	12	
7	Det 9 Tele Switbd Op Sec	11	2	
8	Det 49 Wireless Sec (Hy)	19	3	10 pers remain for grn duties
9	Det 25 Wireless Sec (Lt)	13	2	remains for grn duties
10	Det 50 Cipher Sec (Type K)	11	-	7 pers remain for grn duties
11	Op Det 5 Pigeon Sec	2	2	remains for grn duties
	INT			
12	Det 'Q' FS Sec	2	-	
	SUP			
13	Det 64 BIFOD Pl	14	2	remains for grn duties
14	Det HQ 4 Bulk Petroleum Storage Coy	8	1	
15	Det One Pl 4 Bulk Petroleum Storage Coy	11	1	remains for grn duties
16	2/3 Fd Baking Pl	37	2	one sec remains for grn duties
17	Two Secs 2/2 MAC Pl	32	12	
	DENTAL			
18	One Sec 2/5 Dental Unit	5	-	remains for grn duties
	ORD			
19	Det 17 AOD	44	6	
20	Det 4 RSD	20	2	
21	Det 10 Ord Veh Pk (LE)	20	3	
22	Det 5 Ord Port Det (Type B)	8	1	remains for grn duties
23	Det 14 AAD (Type B)	30	3	
	AEIE			
24	260 LAD (Type A)	16	4	
	PAY			
25	94 Dep Cash Office (Type C)	3	-	remains for grn duties
	POSTAL			
26	Det 6 Base Postal Unit	15	1	5 pers remain for grn duty.
	PRO			
27	One Sec 2/3 L of C Pro Coy	16	2	remains for grn duties
	CANTEENS			
28	Det AA Canteens Service	20	1	remains for grn duties
	AMENITIES			
29	112 Mob Cinema	5	2	remains for grn duties
	MISC			
30	Det 10 Kit Store	5	2	
31	Det 1 Base Sub Area Details Dep	9	1	
32	Det 37 L of C Sal Sec	10	1	
33	Det 2 Aust Adv 2nd Ech	5	-	remains for grn duties
	TOTAL 1 AUST BASE SUB AREA UNITS	491	81	

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9 Aust Div
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of 6 Apr 45

ORDER OF BATTLE

RAAF UNITS

Serial	Unit		Pers	Veh	
1	76 F Sqn		311	32	Plus Air Ech 24 pers
2	77 F Sqn	81 F Wing	311	32	Plus Air Ech 24 pers
3	82 F Sqn		311	32	Plus Air Ech 24 pers
4	452 F Sqn		311	32	Plus Air Ech 24 pers
5	22 Attack Sqn		348	34	Plus Air Ech 72 pers
6	30 Attack Sqn	77 Att Wing	348	34	Plus Air Ech 72 pers
7	31 Attack Sqn		348	34	Plus Air Ech 72 pers
8	Det 16 Air Ops Flt		20	5	
9	Det 113 Air Sea Rescue Flt		64	5	Plus Air Ech 40 pers
10	Adv Ech 1st Tactical Air Force		240	13	
11	Det 4 Radio Installation Maint Unit		60	6	
12	Det 10 Replenishing Centre		34	5	
13	Det 2 Malaria Control Unit		7	2	
14	Det 11 Postal Unit		7	2	
15	Det 9 Tpt Mov Office		19	3	
16	Det Service Police Unit		11	1	
17	Bomb Disposal Unit		10	1	
18	Det Defence Pool Unit		130	1	
19	Det Air Fmn Sigs		80	18	
20	HQ Task Force		32	3	
21	HQ 77 Attack Wing		57	17	
22	Air Support Sec		50	14	
23	47 Op Base Unit		345	27	
24	26 Repair and Service Unit		452	66	
25	23 Med Clearing Stn		34	8	
26	27 Air Stores Pk		74	30	
27	HQ 84 F Wing		59	17	
28	14 Repair and Service Unit		432	66	
29	23 Med Clearing Stn		34	8	
30	29 Air Stores Pk		74	30	
31	114 Mob Fighter Control Unit		285	52	
32	137 Radar Sta		31	4	
33	138 Radar Sta		31	4	
34	308 Radar Sta		34	4	
35	309 Radar Sta		34	4	
36	312 Radar Sta		34	4	
37	554 Radar Sta		34	4	
38	355 Radar Sta		34	4	
39	1st Airfield Constr Sqn		577	176	
40	8 Airfield Constr Sqn		577	176	
41	Det 61 Airfield Constr Wing		15	3	
	TOTAL RAAF UNITS		6309	1011	

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Appx 'F' to 9 Aust Div
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ORDER OF BATTLE

US AND NEI UNITS

Serial	Unit	Personnel	Vehs	Remarks
1	NICA Unit (DUTCH)	84	5	
2	One NEI Inf Coy (DUTCH)	160	-	
3	One NEI Inf Coy (DUTCH)	160	-	
4	One Coy 727th Amphibian Tractor Bn (US)	100	30	Tentative only
5	One Boat Coy 593rd Engr Boat and Shore Regt (US)	329	9	Plus 58 craft - boats
6	Naval shore facilities (US)	102	26	Incl Naval Port directorate and comn personnel
	TOTAL US and DUTCH	995	70	

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Appx 'G' to 9 Aust Div
G.12/21 of 6 Apr 45.

ORDER OF BATTLE

GRN FORCE REMAINING AT OBOE ONE

Serial	Unit	Personnel	Vehs	Remarks
	HQ UNITS			
1	det 11 MC Gp (Type E)			
	SIGS			
2	det HQ 22 L of C Sigs (HE)			
3	det 11 Line Sec			
4	det 8 Line Maint Sec			
5	det 9 Tech Maint Sec			
6	det 18 Op Sec			
7	det 49 Wireless Sec (hy)			
8	det 25 Wireless Sec (lt)			
9	det 50 Cipher Sec (Type K)			
10	Op Det 5 Pigeon Sec			
	S and T			
11	1 Air Maint Coy			
12	det 64 BIPOD Pl			
13	det one pl 4 Bulk Petroleum Storage Coy			
14	one sec 2/3 Fd Baking Coy			
	INF			
15	one coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn			
16	2/3 Aust Pnr Bn			
	MED			
17	one coy 2/12 Aust Fd Amb			
18	2/7 Aust MCU (Type B)			
	DENTAL			
19	one sec 2/5 Aust Dental Unit			
	ORD			
20	det 5 Ord Port Det (Type B)			
	PAY			
21	94 Dep Cash Office (Type C)			
	POSTAL			
22	det 6 Base Postal Unit			
	PRO			
23	one sec 2/3 L of C Pro Coy			
	CANTEENS			
24	det AACS			
	AMENITIES			
25	112 Aust Mob Cinema			
	GRAVES			
26	det 8 War Graves Unit			
	MISCELLANEOUS			
27	det 2 Adv 2nd Ech			

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Appx 'H' to Adv HQ
9 Aust Div G.19/21/4
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OBOE TWO

Proposed OOB 9 Aust Div Force

Serial	Formation or Unit	ex MOROTAI		ex OBOE ONE		Remarks
		Pers	Vehs	Pers	Vehs	
1	HQ 9 Aust Div	209	34			
2	3 Ops Report Team			5		
3	Det Directorate of Public Relations	5		5	2	
4	2 Mob Met Flt	6	2	5	2	
5	HQ 2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt	47	4			
6	2/4 Aust Cdo Sqn	[illegible]		280	6	
7	2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn	280	6			
8	2/12 Aust Cdo Sqn	280	6			
9	HQ RAA 9 Aust Div	41	6			
10	2/7 Aust Fd Regt (JD)			687	102	
11	2/8 Aust Fd Regt (JD)	687	102			
12	2/12 Aust Fd Regt (JD)	687	102			
13	2/3 Aust Tk A Regt	494	130			
14	8 Aust Svy Bty	53	10	20	2	
15	HQ RAE 9 Aust Div	40	11			
16	2/3 Aust Fd Coy	251	51			
17	2/7 Aust Fd Coy	251	51			
18	2/13 Aust Fd Coy			251	51	
19	2/16 Aust Fd Coy	251	51			
20	2/24 Aust Fd Pk Coy	197	62	8	4	
21	Sigs 9 Aust Div	269	54	6	2	Incl 12 orderlies from 9 Aust Div
22	2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt Sig Tp	12		3		
23	2/7 Aust Fd Regt (JD) Sig Sec			35	8	
24	2/8 Aust Fd Regt (JD) Sig Sec	35	8			
25	2/12 Aust Fd Regt (JD) Sig Sec	35	8			
26	2/3 Aust Tk A Regt Sig Sec	18	4			
27	3 Aust Engr Sig Sec	20	6	7	2	
28	20 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	49	10			
29	24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	49	10			
30	26 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	[illegible]		49	10	
31	2/43 Aust Cipher Sec (Type K)	20		2		
32	HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde	79	12			
33	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	79	12			
34	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde			79	12	
35	2/13 Aust Inf Bn	836	26			
36	2/15 Aust Inf Bn	836	26			
37	2/17 Aust Inf Bn	836	26			
38	2/23 Aust Inf Bn			836	26	
39	2/24 Aust Inf Bn			836	26	
40	2/28 Aust Inf Bn	836	26			
41	2/32 Aust Inf Bn	836	26			
42	2/43 Aust Inf Bn	836	26			
43	2/48 Aust Inf Bn			836	26	
44	2/2 Aust MG Bn less 1 Coy	398	26	114	8	
45	A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	143	4	41		

Serial	Formation or Unit	ex MOROTAI Pers	ex MOROTAI Vehs	ex OBOE ONE Pers	ex OBOE ONE Vehs	Remarks
46	Det ATIB			6		
47	B Aust FS Sec	8	2	7	2	
48	Hq Comd 9 Aust Div ASC	42	6			
49	HQ 2/6 Aust Sup Dep Coy	16	4			
50	2/26 Aust Sup Dep Pl	33	4			
51	2/27 Aust Sup Dep Pl	33	4			
52	2/28 Aust Sup Dep Pl	33	4			
53	2/29 Aust Sup Dep Pl	33	4			
54	2/30 Aust Sup Dep Pl			33	4	
55	2/31 Aust Sup Dep Pl			33	4	
56	2/187 Aust Sup Dep Pl	33	4			
57	2/189 Aust Sup Dep Pl	33	4			
58	HQ 2/14R Aust GT Coy	28	7			
59	2/16 Aust Tpt Pl	99	46			
60	2/17 Aust Tpt Pl	99	46			
61	2/18 Aust Tpt Pl			99	45	
62	2/142 Aust Wksp Pl	25	8			
63	HQ 2/156 Aust GT Coy	28	8			
64	2/13 Aust Tpt Pl	99	85			
65	2/14 Aust Tpt Pl	99	85			
66	2/15 Aust Tpt Pl			99	85	
67	2/44 Aust Tpt Pl	99	85			
68	2/156 Aust Wksp Pl	25	16			
69	2/1 Aust CCS	140	14			
70	2/3 Aust Fd Amb	234	19			
71	2/8 Aust Fd Amb	234	19			
72	2/11 Aust Fd Amb			234	19	
73	2/118 Aust Mob BU	18	3			
74	2/3 Aust MCU (Type A)	32	8			
75	22 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit (Type B)	6	2			Att 2/1 Aust CCS
76	2/8 Aust Dental Unit	36	2	5		
77	2/118 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	22	18			
78	2/122 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	22	18			
79	2/123eAust Bde Ord Fd Pk			22	18	
80	2/118 Aust Bde Wksp	130	25			
81	2/122 Aust Bde Wksp	130	25			
82	2/123 Aust Bde Wksp			130	26	Incl recuperator truck
83	2/58 Aust LAD (Type J)	31	10			Att HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
84	2/61 Aust LAD (Type D)	37	12			Att 2/12 Aust Fd Regt (JD)
85	2/63 Aust LAD (Type D)			37	12	Att 2/7 Aust Fd Regt (JD)
86	2/64 Aust LAD (Type D)	37	12			Att 2/8 Aust Fd Regt (JD)
87	2/67 Aust LAD (Type A)	16	6			Att HQ 9 Aust Div
88	2/71 Aust LAD (Type G)	39	12			Att 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt
89	2/72 Aust LAD (Type A)	16	6			Att 2/24 Aust Fd Pk Coy
90	2/76 Aust LAD (Type J)	31	10			Att HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde
91	2/78 Aust LAD (Type J)			31	10	Att HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
92	9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	7		2		

Serial	Formation or Unit	ex MOROTAI		ex OBOE ONE		Remarks
		Pers	Vehs	Pers	Vehs	
93	9 Aust Div Postal Unit	19	4	10	2	
94	9 Aust Div Pro Coy	78	6	32	4	
95	Det AA Canteen Service	22	2	10		
96	115 Aust Mob Cinema	3	2			
97	116 Aust Mob Cinema	3	2			
98	9 Aust Div Reception Camp	17	4			
99	9 Aust Div Sal Unit	32	2	10		
100	4 Aust Visitors and Observers Sec	9	4			
101	9 Aust Mil History Fd Team	4	2	2	2	
	TOTAL 9 AUST DIV UNITS	12620	1608	4907	522	
	1 Aust Beach Gp (incl Naval Beach Cdo)	2096	273			
	2 Aust Beach Gp (incl Naval Beach Cdo)			2096	273	

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Appx 'J' to 9 Aust Div G19/21/4 of 6 Apr 45

OBOE TWO

ORDER OF BATTLE 1 AUST CORPS TROOPS

Serial	Formation or unit	ex MOROTAI		ex OBOE ONE		Remarks
		Pers	Vehs	Pers	Vehs	
1	Det 1 Aust Combined Op Sec			2		
2	2 Aust Mil Ldg Gp	17	6	5	2	
3	Det 11 Aust MC Gp (type E)	30	6			
4	Part 1 Aust AL Gp					As required will move with air force
5	2/9 Aust Armd Regt	396	133	121	46	
6	"B" Tp 1 Aust Naval Bombardment Gp	20	6	51	13	
7	53 Aust Comp AA Regt(LE)			934	117	
8	5 Aust ED Pl	33	3			To accompany 1 Aust Beach Gp
9	5 Docks Op Coy (type C)	293	17			
10	2/10 Aust Docks Op Coy (type C)	293	17			
11	8 Pl 1 Aust Port Maint Coy	40	5			
12	Det 6 Aust Fd Svy Coy	12	2	12	2	
13	2/9 Aust Armd Regt Sig Tp	16	8	3	2	
14	13 Aust Wireless Sec (hy)	32	16			
15	3 Aust Wireless Sec (lt)	25				
16	7 Aust Wireless Sec (lt)	25				
17	2 Aust Line Sec	66	10			
18	53 Aust Comp AA Regt Sig Sec (LE)			32	8	
19	4 Aust Engr Sig Sec			20	6	
20	Det 2 Allied Translator and Interpreter Sec			4		
21	34 Aust FS Sec (HE)			4		
22	102 Aust Adv Dep Med Stores	9	2			
23	2/3 Aust CCS	122	14			
24	2/13 Aust Fd Amb	218	19			
25	103 Mob Bact Lab	6	4			
26	21 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit (type B)	6	2			
27	3 Aust Mob Entomological Sec	3	2			
28	6 Aust Mob Entomological Sec	3	2			
29	2/9 Aust Armd Regt Ord Fd Pk (HE)	40	33	17	15	
30	2/9 Aust Armd Regt Wksp (type B)	150	58	62	26	
31	53 Aust Comp AA Regt Wksp (LE)			39	18	
32	Det 1 Aust Corps Accounts Office	7				
33	117 Aust Mob Cinema	3	2			Direct from AUSTRALIA
34	8 Aust War Graves Unit less det	6	3			
35	23 Aust War Graves Unit	9	3			
	Total 1 Aust Corps units	1588	373	1381	257	

Serial	Formation or unit	Ex MOROTAI Personnel	Ex MOROTAI Vehs	Ex OBOE ONE Personnel	Ex OBOE ONE Vehs	Remarks
41	15 Aust Fd Baking Pl	37	2			
42	HQ 2/102 Aust GT Coy	28	6			
43	2/30 Aust Tpt Pl	99	46			
44	2/31 Aust Tpt Pl	99	46			
45	2/36 Aust Tpt Pl	99	46			
46	2/37 Aust Tpt Pl	99	46			Direct from AUSTRALIA.
47	2/33 Aust Tpt Pl	99	46			Direct from AUSTRALIA.
48	2/102 Aust Wksp Pl	25	8			
49	2/19 Aust Tpt Pl	99	51			Equipped with DUKWs
50	2/20 Aust Tpt Pl	99	51			
51	2/1 Aust Amphibious Veh Increment	26	3			
52	2/2 Aust Amphibious Veh Increment	26	3			
53	2/2 Aust MAC Pl	78	35	32	12	
54	2/106 Aust Wksp Pl	25	8			
55	2/4 Aust Gen Hosp (600 beds)	327	16			
56	2/6 Aust Gen Hosp(1200 beds)	536	26			Direct from AUSTRALIA.
57	9 Aust MCU (Type B)	19	8			
57	9 Aust MCU (Type B)	19	8			
58	13 Aust MCU (Type B)	19	8			
59	2 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit (Type A)	68	7			Att 2/6 Aust Gen Hosp.
60	40 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit (Type B)	6	2			Direct from AUSTRALIA.
61	42 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit (Type B)	6	2			
62	43 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit (Type B)	6	2			Att 2/4 Aust Gen Hosp.
63	2/5 Aust Dental Unit (less one sec)	36	2			
64	2/7 Aust Dental Unit	41	2			
65	2 Sec 1 Aust Base Dep Dental Stores	4	-			
66	det 17 Aust AOD	125	7			
67	det 4 Aust RSD	34	2			
68	det 10 Ord Veh Pk (LE)	30	4			
69	2 Aust Inf Tps Ord Fd Pk	123	53			
70	det 5 Aust Ord Port Det	16	2			
71	3 Aust Mob Laundry and Fwd Decn Unit	65	13			
72	det 14 Aust AAD (Type B)	52	5			
73	14 Aust Mob Amn Repair Shop	14	2			
74	2/2 Aust Inf Tps Wksp	219	31			
75	2 Aust Mech Eqpt Wksp	58	5			
76	2/44 Aust LAD (Type A)	16	4			
77	2/66 Aust LAD (Type A)	16	4			Att det 22 Aust L of C Sigs.
78	260 Aust LAD (Type A)	16	4	→		Att HQ 8 Aust Base Sub Area.
79	340 Aust LAD (Type A)	16	4			Att 2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy.
80	2/3 Aust Comp AA Regt Wksp (LE)	89	18			
81	one mob gas generating sec of 23 Aust Adv Wksp	13	5			
82	93 Aust Dep Cash Office (Type A)	10				
83	95 Aust Dep Cash Office (Type C)	3				

Serial	Formantion or Unit	Ex MOROTAI Personnel	Ex MOROTAI Vehs	Ex OBOE ONE Personnel	Ex OBOE ONE Vehs	Remarks
84	det 6 Aust Base Postal Unit	30	2	10		
85	2/3 Aust L of C Pro Coy (Less one sec)	94	14			
86	det 11 Aust L of C Stationery Dep (Type A)	10				
87	det AACS	40	2			
88	111 Aust Mob Cinema	3	2			Direct from AUST.
89	14 Aust Wks Coy	468	4			
90	28 Aust Wks Coy	468	4			
91	det 10 Aust Kit Store	5	2	5	2	
92	det 1 Aust Base Sub Area Details Dep	41	2	9	1	
93	37 Aust L of C Sal Sec (less det)	24	2			Direct from AUSTRALIA.
94	det 2 Aust Adv 2nd Echelon	10				
	TOTALS	7488	1356	194	44	

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Div G.19/21/4 of 6 Apr 45

OBOE TWO

PROPOSED OOB 1 AUST BASE SUB AREA UNITS

Serial	Formation or unit	Ex MOROTAI Personnel.	Ex MOROTAI Vehs	Ex OBOE ONE Personnel	Ex OBOE ONE Vehs	Remarks
1	HQ 8 Aust Base Sub Area (Type D)	118	10			Adv LHQ tps.
2	2/3 Aust Comp AA Regt (LE)	934	107			
3	9 Aust CRE (Wks)	34	9			
4	73 Aust DCRE (Wks)	20	5			
5	14 Aust Fd Coy	251	51			
6	18 Aust Fd Coy	251	51			
7	4 Aust Army Tps Coy	277	46			
8	60 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy	221	61			
9	2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy	254	157			
10	2 Aust Port Constr Coy	286	59			
11	2/1 Aust Boring Pl	78	16			
12	1 Aust Welding Pl	47	14			
13	2 Aust Welding Pl	47	14			
14	3 Aust Welding Pl	47	14			
15	5 Aust Welding Pl	47	14			
16	4 Aust Mech Eqpt Spare Parts Sec	13	2			
17	det HQ 22 Aust L of C Sigs (HE)	16	2	4	1	
18	11 Aust Line Sec (less det)	33	5	30	4	
19	8 Aust Line Maint Sec (less det)	14	2	11	2	
20	det 9 Aust Tech Maint Sec (LE)			10	2	
21	18 Aust Op Sec (less det)	19	2	17	2	
22	3 Aust DR Sec	14	12	13	12	
23	det 94 Aust SWBd Op Sec			11	2	
24	49 Aust Wireless Sec (HF) (less det)	19	3	9	2	
25	50 Aust Cipher Sec (Type K) (less det)	11	-	4	-	
26	2/3 Aust Comp AA Regt Sig Sec	32	3			
27	det 4 Aust Sig Eqpt Sec	4				
28	det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy	10				
29	det 'Q' Aust PS Sec	2				To accompany 1 Aust Base Gp.
30	HQ Comd 1 Aust Base Sub Area AASC	43	6			
31	62 Aust BIPOD Pl	29	2			
32	65 Aust BIPOD Pl	29	2			
33	det HQ 4 Aust Bulk Petroleum Storage Coy			8	1	
34	one pl 4 Aust Bulk Petroleum Storage Coy	22	1			
35	HQ 2/16 Aust Sup Dep Coy	16	4			
36	178 Aust Sup Dep Pl	33	2			
37	179 Aust Sup Dep Pl	33	2			
38	180 Aust Sup Dep Pl	33	2			
39	2/3 Aust Fd Baking Pl (less one sec)			21	1	
40	13 Aust Fd Baking Pl	37	2			

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9 Aust Div G.19/
of 6 Apr 45

OBOE TWO

PROPOSED OOB 1 AIR ELEMENT RAAF

Serial	Formation or Unit	ex MOROTAI +		ex OBOE ONE		Remarks
		Pers	Vehs	Pers	Vehs	
						+ see notes below
1	75 Fighter Sqn	311	32			
2	78 Fighter Sqn	311	32			
3	80 Fighter Sqn	311	32			
4	457 Fighter Sqn	311	32			
5	1 Attack Sqn	205	47			
6	93 Attack Sqn	344	39			
7	4 TAC/R Sqn	285	50			
8	16 Air OP Flt	86	11			
9	113 Air Sea Rescue Flt	64	5			
10	Det 9 Comb Unit	167	15			
11	13 CR Sqn	348	34			
12	21 MB Sqn					Staging only
13	24 MB Sqn					Staging only
14	34 Sqn (TC)	200	20			
15	2 Photo Chart Sqn	163	50			
16	Det 9 Tpt and Mov Office	19	3			
17	61 Op Base Unit	345	27			
18	HQ Task Force	62	3			
19	Adv Sch 1st Tactical Air Force	240	13			
20	Det Special Police Unit	11	1			
21	Det 4 Radio Installation Maint Unit	60	6			
22	Det 10 Replenishing Centre	34	5			
23	Bomb Disposal Unit	10	1			
24	Det Defence Pool	130	1			
25	Det HQ Airfield Constr Wing	12	3			
26	Airfield Constr Sqn	577	176			
26a	Airfield Constr Sqn	577	176			
27	Det Air Stores Pk	24	20			
28	111 Mob Fighter Control Unit	285	52			
29	165 Radar Sta	31	4			
30	166 Radar Sta	31	4			
31	316 Radar Sta	34	4			
32	323 Radar Sta	34	4			
33	324 Radar Sta	34	4			
34	325 Radar Sta	34	4			
35	342 Radar Sta	34	4			
36	Air Fmn Sigs	160	36			
37	HQ 78 Fighter Wing	59	17			
38	24 Med Clearing Sta	34	8			
39	25 Air Stores Pk	74	30			
40	11 Repair and Service Unit	432	66			
41	HQ 86 Attack Wing	54	96			
42	Two Air Sp Secs	100	28			
43	1 Repair and Service Unit	420	42			
44	30 Air Stores Pk	94	12			
45	28 Med Clearing Sta	30	5			
46	84 Op Base Unit	86	17			
47	HQ 83 Army Co-op Wing	32	5			
48	32 Air Stores Pk	74	30			
49	38 Op Base Unit	59	9			

Serial	Formation or Unit	ex MOROTAI+ Pers	ex MOROTAI+ Vehs	ex OBOE ONE+ Pers	ex OBOE ONE+ Vehs	Remarks
50	Det 11 Postal Unit	7	2			
51	Det 2 Malaria Control Unit	7	2			
52	Main HQ 1st Tactical Air Force	382	6			
53	Canteen Services	11	1			
TOTAL AIR ELEMENT RAAF +		7839	1257			+ see note below

NOTES

1. Information is NOT held as to the Port of Embarkation for Air Force Element and US and NEI Forces. Units have been included in the column "ex MOROTAI".

2. Information is NOT held of numbers of personnel of certain Air Force Units who will move by air.

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Appx 'M' to 9 Aust Div G.19/21/4 of 6 Apr 45

OBOE TWO

US AND NEI FORCES

Serial	Formation or unit	ex MOROTAI Pers	ex MOROTAI Vehs	ex OBOE ONE Pers	ex OBOE ONE Vehs	Remarks
1	NICA Unit (DUTCH)	84	12			
2	One Amphibious Tractor Bn (US)	502	153			
3	One Engr Boat Bn (US)	1028	37			
4	One Engr Boat Maint Coy (US)	191	83			
5	Naval Shore Facilities	669	90			
6	NEI Rifle Coy			160		
	Total US and NEI forces	2474*	375	160		* See notes below.

NOTE:

1. Information is NOT held as to the port of embarkation for air force element and US and NEI forces. Units have been included in the column "ex MOROTAI".

Vehicle discharge.

~~First vehicle off~~ approx 11.30.
Available forward 14.00

Harwich. 6 vehicles were driven direct to Longdump. One discharge no 2 Key were loaded.

Availability 0500 this morning.

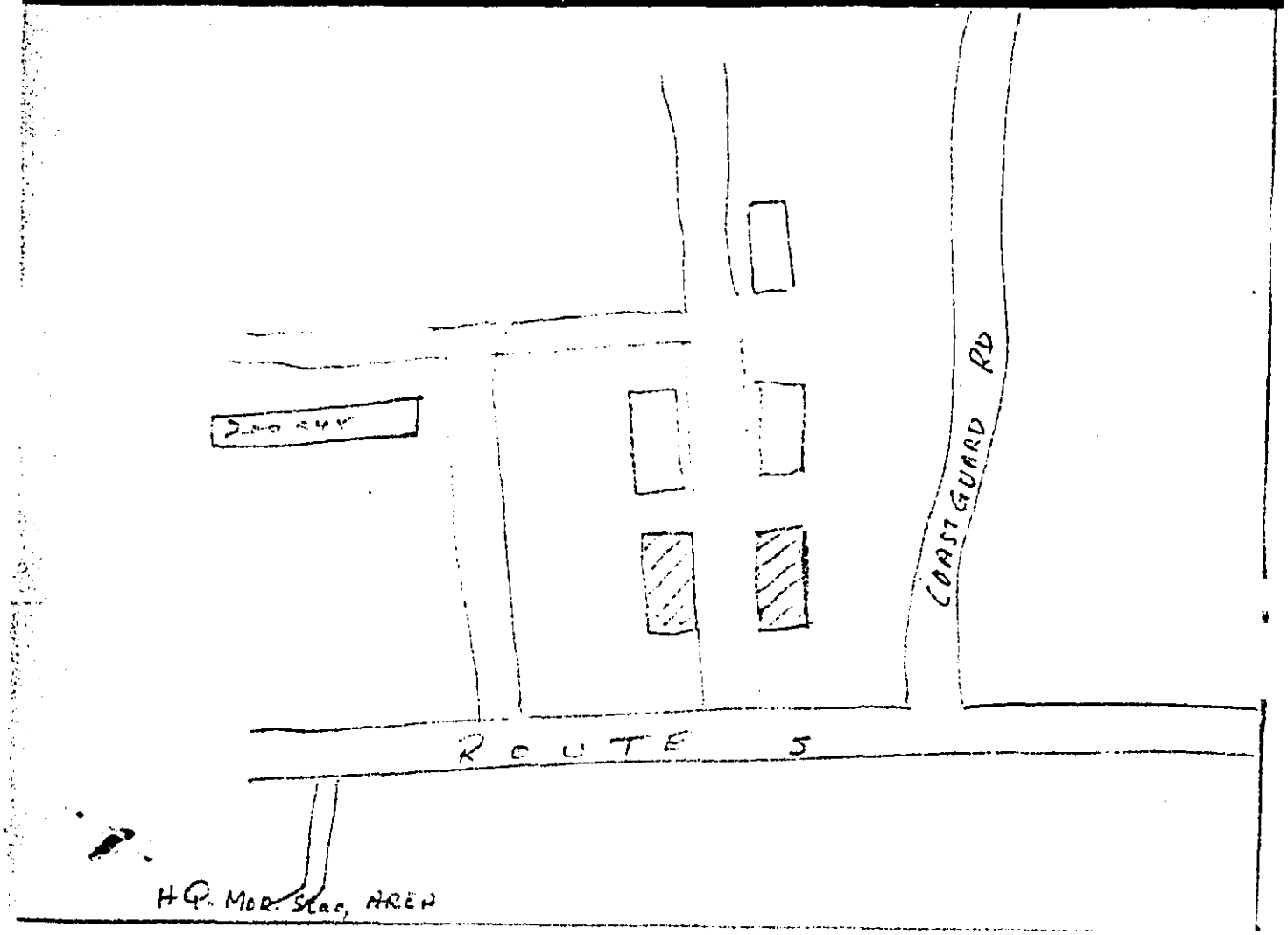
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This will increase progressively during the morning.

Beach Gp. Pls availability will not be high until Tropic Wooping not completed on the mainland is done.

38 vehicles are employed on jobs other than cargo duties.


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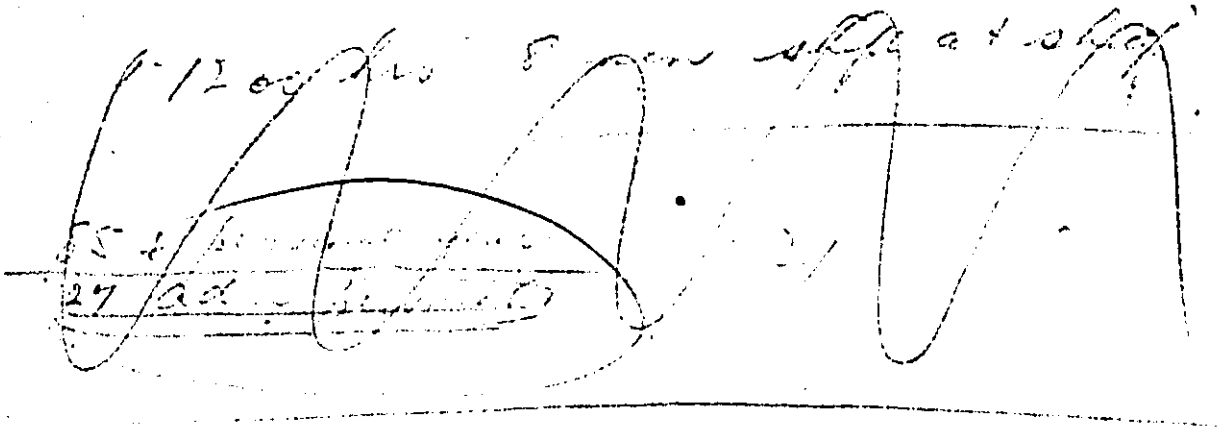
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2/ Sea Ray
3/ Eastern
4/ Carlos Colombo 27 Mar. 3 days.
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Recon 9 Div & 1 Corps
Patrols with Bde Task Force
26/30 ft lengths of timber

Corps HQ 12 Engr Companies.

RN ships: many of RN personnel

Div Units.

RAF

Field Hosp 20.

Dept Army Canteens

Coverage for vehs X

27 Mar Lingayen 27 Mar 3 or 4 Hqrs ETA

Water Supply 7 Hqrs

Area Engrs Distribution

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CYPHER MESSAGE

TOP SECRET

FROM: LANDOPS

TO: STAGING AREA 2

DEC212 of 0700I 6 Mar 45.

For CRE 1 Aust Corps Tps

Detailed information arrival troops and construction required being prepared. Approximate advance information:

1. Arrival Troops: 6,800 Staging Area Troops and Beach Group estimate commence arriving 17 Mar complete 25 Mar. Brigade Group by 5 Apr. Divisional Task Force by end April 26,000.

2. Coverage: Requirement as per Adv LHQ AQ/326.013 of 2 Feb. Completion as per dates above. [redacted]

   80 per cent.....17 Mar
   40 per cent.....25 Mar
   50 per cent.....5 Apr
   100 per cent.....End of April.

3. Hospitals: 600 beds first 1200 bed hospital by 8 Apr. Completed by 23 Apr. 600 beds second 1200 bed hospital by 8 May. Completed by 18 May.

4. 4 Aust Army Tps Coy in Staging Area Tps.

5. Rough estimate your engineer resources shows above difficult. Have asked for attachment to you of works company.

IMPORTANT

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ORIGINAL faxed To Lt Col BREWER. JRB 7 Mar.

Army Form C2136 (Small)
(Code of 100) - (Adopted Sept. 1943)

MESSAGE FORM

DMSS Register No. DA 158

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FROM (A) FORLAND — Originator

Date—Time of Origin: 2011452I outside British or U.S. Government departments of headquarters or communication even other, without being paraphrased. (Message Instructions—GR—)

TO LANDOPS — For Action — FIRST AUST ARMY

(a) For Information (INFO.)

6 AUST DIV

DELIVERY No.

B238 TOPSECRET. WARNING ORDER. Conference MOROTAI probably 24 Feb discuss future employment and (relief?) 6 AUST DIV. CCC FIRST AUST ARMY and/or G and AQ representative CCC 6 AUST DIV and/or G and AQ representative DA and CCC LANDOPS three representatives FORLAND and RAAF representative. LANDOPS arrange accomodation for conference party. Expect confirmation within two days

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This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means { except _____ } Wireless

Signed

If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands this message must be sent IN CIPHER

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SECRET.

Adv LHQ
9 Feb 45

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
MINUTE PAPER.

SUBJECT:— Recce report for Staging at MOROTAI

OC MOROTAI Staging Area.

DA+QMG has read your report, also that of Col Meyer. He says to tell you to proceed with the recce, but as a priority 2 requirement.

When you were here we were thinking of the possibility of staging the whole show with you, and your inquiries & recce were made on that basis. We have had further word since and as far as we know at present we are to work on the basis of staging 35,000 at each place. Your No 1 priority commitment is, therefore, to work on the best placing of the 35,000 you were planning for in the first instance.

However, as you know, things do change, and sometimes quickly and with little warning, so we want you to continue to investigate the possibility of staging the whole lot; but treat it as number 2 priority, and do not commit us to it.

Also reserve the toe of GILA Peninsula for this HQ as we may require it.

Maj Blackland can tell you the rest, which is not much at present.

Regards. W.G. Grant.

TOP SECRET.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
MINUTE PAPER.

SUBJECT:— TOPSEC Staging Area 2 AQ/908/B of 6 Feb 45

Dear Nick,

1. Personal message for you from Brig Secombe with reference to para 4 of your memo of 6 Feb 45, "Reserve the area for Adv LHQ. While Brig Secombe admires your spirit, that area is not for you."

2. Cannot give any more definite indication at present

3. Glad to know that you and your companions arrived safely with this months vital supplies.

Regards.

WMK.

TOP SECRET

HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF)
(Staging Area 2)

AQ/908/C

10 Feb 45

SUBJECT: ARRANGEMENTS FOR STAGING 1 AUST CORPS - MOROTAI

Further to our AQ/908/B of 6 Feb 45

ADV HQ

1. All areas shown on map attached as Appendix "A" to HQ MOROTAI Staging Area letter G/908/A of 6 Feb have been allotted by 31 US Div with the exception of the North Western corner of Area "B" and Air Corps Area "F".

2. 13 US AF have advised that any areas vacated by their units can be taken over by Aust Forces but they are unable to give a date on which units will be moving.

3. Operations which it is expected will be carried out in the near future will entail the move of most of the units of 13 US AF excepting XIII Bomber Command which will remain here to provide heavy bomber cover.

4. Certain areas have been held temporarily by 31 US Div as there is a possibility of the Regiment of this Div now at MANSAPOR returning to MOROTAI before Div moves on other operations.

5. With present areas allotted it is considered that 15,000 tps can be accommodated within the perimeter made up as follows :-

(a) TRANSIT Camp.

(b) One Bde Gp Camp.

(c) 10,000 Base tps.

When the position clarifies there is every possibility of a further number of troops being staged within perimeter.

6. Survey is progressing on the EAST side of SABATAI RIVER and areas now being surveyed confirm that 45,000 tps can be staged outside perimeter.

7. It will be noticed from map already forwarded that Staging Maintenance Area has been altered from vicinity US Am Dump to both sides of Lighter Sector rd. Also Initial Maintenance and Docks Area have been extended.

8. Comd 511CA has been consulted and it does not appear that DASO village will be affected to any great degree. Arrangements have been made for this offr to inspect our proposed boundaries on Mon 12 Feb. It has been found that the area immediately NORTH of DASO is unsuitable for our requirements and has therefore been discarded, other areas being sufficient.

(H.A. NOBBS) Lt-Col

Comd Morotai Staging Area

TOP SECRET

HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF)
(Staging Area 2)

AQ/908/B
6 Feb 45

SUBJECT: ARRANGEMENTS FOR STAGING 1 AUST CORPS - MOROTAI

Adv LHQ

1. Reference recent conference at Adv LHQ on Staging Arrangements, and MOROTAI Staging Area letter of 6 Feb 45 to 31 US Div. (Copy attached).

2. As a result of discussions with the local US authorities, additional areas have been found within the perimeter for a total of 15,000 Staging Area and Staging Troops, and for a total of 45,000 Staging Troops outside the perimeter. The number of troops inside the perimeter may be increased. A further 5,000 troops can be staged but this will entail clearing some heavily timbered areas to the NORTH of the present MAINTENANCE Area, and outside the perimeter.

3. The above arrangements have been made on the assumption that both 31 US Div and 13th US Air Force remain at MOROTAI. It is probable that some of the areas indicated as Area "F" on Appendix "A" to our above-mentioned letter to 31 US Div will be vacated by US Air Corps, thus giving additional areas within the perimeter. RAAF have indicated that they will not require space in this area. No definite indication can be given at present of expected date of movement of 13th Air Force units, excepting HQ 5th Bombardment Group and ancillary units.

4. HQ 5th Bombardment Group will be vacating their area about mid Feb 45. This area, which is to the WEST of the 13th Bomber Command and on the extreme tip of the peninsula will accomodate Adv LHQ. An indication would be appreciated as to whether Adv LHQ will be moving, as the area of HQ 5th Bombardment Group would be suitable for HQ MOROTAI Staging Area.

5. Signal message DEC 121 of 041945I Feb 45 was despatched as requested by Col MEYER, giving advance information on development of docking facilities. Signal was sent through both RAAF and US channels.

6. Maj J.F. BLAKLAND carries this letter and Col MEYER's written report to Adv LHQ. It is anticipated that he will leave by the courier plane for HOLLANDIA on 6 Feb. It would be appreciated if his early return by air could be arranged.

(N.A. NORRIS) Lt-Col
Comd, Morotai Staging Area.

Attachment:

HQ MOROTAI STAGING AREA G/908/A of 6 Feb to 31 US Div.

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TOP SECRET

HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area
(Staging Area 2)

G/908/A

6 Feb 45.

SUBJECT: ALLOTMENT OF AREAS FOR STAGING AUSTRALIAN TROOPS

CG 31 US Inf Div

Copies to:

Adv LHQ
13th US Army Air Force
First Tactical Air Force RAAF

1. Reference conferences between CG 31 US Div, G1 31 US Div, Divisional Engineer 31 US Div and Commander MOROTAI STAGING AREA; also with Chief of Staff 13th US Air Force and Staff Officer, Organisation First Tactical Air Force RAAF.

2. Regarding anticipated staging of 69,000 Aust troops at MOROTAI indications are that 15,000 Base and Staging Troops, can be accommodated within the present perimeter, and an additional 45,000 in the area EAST of the SABATAI RIVER.

3. Areas considered suitable and which have already been discussed are shown on map attached as Appendix "A" and are as follows :-

(a) Area "A" adjoining and immediately NORTH of Route 1, situated between Route 6 on the WEST and the US Ordnance Units adjacent to the Ammunition Dump on the EAST. This area has been vacated by 436 Sig Constr Bn.

(b) Area "B" to the NORTH of Area "A" and of the Ammunition Dump, traversed on the WEST by Route 6, and adjoining Area "C" on the EAST.

(c) Area "C" to include the area already allotted to Aust Forces for Staging Maintenance, but extending to the NORTH and EAST to include the native garden area to the NORTH EAST of Trash Dump No 2.

(d) Area "D" wedge shaped area with its base on a line immediately NORTH of the camp areas to the NORTH WEST of the intersection of Routes 1 and 4. This area is bounded on the EAST by Route 4 and includes the banana plantations and vacant areas to the WEST of Route 4, but excludes existing Anti-Aircraft installations, and Field Artillery Bn.

(e) Area "E" bounded on the WEST by Route 4, on the EAST by the Bomb Dump, on the SOUTH by the line of camp sites which include Air Force Supply installations and the Air Force Casual camp, and extends to the NORTH up to the AAA Headquarters camp.

(f) Area "F" all areas to the NORTH of Route 1 at present occupied by US Air Force units, bounded on the WEST by the Ammunition Dump and on the EAST by the Bomb Dump. This area is controlled by 13th Air Force. (See paragraph 4 below).

(g) Area "G" on CAPE GILA PENINSULA on either side of Route 5, extending NORTH from the boundaries of areas already allotted to Aust Forces for Docks Troops and Initial Maintenance to within a 100 yds of the SOUTHERN boundaries of the US Station Hospitals on either side of Route 5.

(h) Area "H" (not shown on map attached), at present occupied by 5th Bombardment Group. This area is controlled by 13th Air Force. (See paragraph 4 below).

4. With regard to the areas controlled by 13th Air Force (Reference paragraphs 3 (f) and 3 (h) above), it has been arranged that the Engineer Officer 13th Air Force advise the Engineer Officer 31 US Div by Tuesday 6 Feb details of the areas or portions of areas which will be available to Aust Forces by 10 March 45. As regards Area "F" to the NORTH of Route 1 First Tactical Air Force RAAF advise that they will NOT require any part of these areas. It is appreciated that their allotment to Aust Forces is dependent upon receipt from higher authority of orders to move.

5. With reference to the 45,000 troops to be staged in the area to the EAST of the SABATAI RIVER there is a possibility that this commitment may be increased to 50,000. Should this occur it is proposed to request that an area extending 1,500 yds from the WEST bank of the SABATAI RIVER and to a depth of 1,000 yds to the NORTH, be allotted. It may be necessary also to request the Rifle Range. It is unlikely that this area will be required but the matter is mentioned should the contingency arise.

6. Could early consideration please be given to the abovementioned matters, as it is necessary that Adv LHQ be advised details as soon as possible for retransmission to GHQ.

(N.A. MORRIS) Lt-Col

Comd, Mororai Staging Area

File

The following units and detachments have been warned for embarkation by this HQ and have not embarked

Unit or Det Warned for Movement	WE			Posted Strength			Deficiency		Surplus	
	Offrs	ORs	Total	Offrs	ORs	Total	Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs
HQ										
det 2 Aust Adv 2nd Echelon	23	331	354	19	310	329	4	21		
ARTY										
Balance 2/3 Aust AA Regt	40	895	935	46	832	878		63	6	
ENGRS										
18 Aust Fd Coy	7	244	251	7	236	243		8		
11 Aust Wksp & Pk Coy	10	273	283	11	252	263		21	1	
12 Aust CRE (Wks)	8	26	34	8	27	34				1
57 Aust DCRE (Wks)	3	17	20	3	19	22				2
21 Aust Fd Coy	7	244	251	8	235	243		9	1	
2/4 Aust Fd Sqn	7	244	251	6	207	213	1	37		
9 Aust A Tps Coy	9	268	277	10	270	280			1	2
101 Aust A Tps Coy	9	268	277	9	271	280				3
2/2 Aust Rly Constr Coy	8	246	254	8	205	213		41		
1 Aust Port Constr Coy	8	278	286	7	254	261	1	24		
SIGS										
det HQ 22 Aust L of C Sigs	20	98	118	18	92	110	2	6		
9 Aust Tk Op Sec	1	37	38	1	27	28		10		
12 Aust Line Sec	2	64	66	2	51	53		13		
13 Aust Line Sec	2	64	66	1	64	65	1			
30 Aust DR Sec	1	26	27	1	28	29				2
36 Aust Cipher Sec (Type K)	2	20	22	2	15	17		5		
AASC										
HQ 6 Aust BSD	5	33	38	5	33	38				
HQ Comd 1 Aust Base Sub Area AASC	9	34	43	9	35	44				1
183 Aust Sup Dep Pl	2	31	33	2	32	34				1
184 Aust Sup Dep Pl	2	31	33	2	38	40				7
185 Aust Sup Dep Pl	2	31	33	2	33	35				2
2/37 Aust Tpt Pl	2	97	99	2	100	102				3
2/38 Aust Tpt Pl	2	97	99	2	99	101				2
HQ 2/106 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	3	25	28	3	27	30				2
49 Aust Tpt Pl (DUKW)	2	97	99	2	91	93		6		
50 Aust Tpt Pl (DUKW)	2	97	99	2	96	98		1		
4 Aust AVI	1	25	26	1	30	31				5
5 Aust AVI	1	25	26	1	25	26				
46 Aust Fd Baking Pl	1	36	37	1	34	35		2		
66 Aust BIPOD Pl	1	28	29	1	28	29				
MEDICAL										
2/4 Aust Gen Hosp	109	221	330	108	220	328	1	1		
40 Aust Hosp Ldy Unit		6	6		6	6				
42 Aust Hosp Ldy Unit		6	6		6	6				
43 Aust Hosp Ldy Unit		6	6		6	6				
14 Aust Malaria Control Unit	2	17	19	2	16	18		1		
ORDNANCE										
Three dets 17 Aust ADD	45	556	601	41	541	582	4	15		
Two dets 14 Aust AAD	10	176	186	10	178	188				2
Three Two dets 4 Aust RSD	7	193	200	7	187	194		6		
det 2/7 Aust Mob Ldy & Fwd Decon Unit	3	118	121	3	114	117		4		
Two dets 10 Aust Ord Veh Pk	6	100	106	6	105	111				5
det 5 Aust Ord Port Det	2	46	48	2	42	44		4		
2/121 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	1	21	22	1	20	21		1		
134 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	1	21	22	1	22	23				1
AEME										
305 Aust LAD (Type A)	1	15	16	1	15	16				
228 Aust LAD (Type A)	1	15	16	1	15	16				
2/121 Aust Bde Wksp	4	126	130	4	127	131				1
2/3 Aust Inf Tps Wksp	4	85	89	3	77	80	1	8		
5 Aust Mech Eqpt Wksp	2	56	58	2	49	51		7		
6 Aust Mob Gas Generating Sec	1	12	13	1	12	13				
det 10 Aust Veh Pk Wksp	3	78	81	1	68	69	2	10		
134 Aust Bde Wksp	4	126	130	4	118	122		8		
CANTEENS										
det AA Canteens Service	16	170	186	16	176	192				6
POSTAL										
Two dets 6 Aust Base Postal Unit	8	140	148	8	135	143		5		
MISCELLANEOUS										
37 Aust L of C Sal Sec (less det)	1	42	43	1	48	49				6
Two det 1 Aust Adv Rft Depot	23	238	261	22	231	253	1	7		
1 Aust Corps has accepted responsibility for the warning and embarking of the following:										
2/6 Aust Gen Hosp	177	359	536	172	353	525	5	6		
2 Aust Hosp Ldy Unit	1	67	68		65	65	1	2		
95 Aust Dep Cash Office		3	3		3	3				

NOTE: The total WE, Posted Strength Deficiency and Surplus of the unit is shown wherever a detachment appears in the designation of units.

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A) Originator: STAGING AREA TWO

Date—Time of Origin: 04 1245 Z

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO: LATDOPS

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions: GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

ING 121 (.) SECRET (.) ADDITIONAL BERTHS ASSIGNED (.)
RECOMMEND (.) FIVE DOUBLE PERTOON LIBERTY AT MAP REF 779833
REF MAP CAPE GELA 1/20,000 (.) NO MAJOR CONSTRUCTIONAL DIFFICULTIES
(.) APPROACH NEAR ASHORE HAS BEEN FILLED CONCRETE AFFORD 200 FT
REMAINDER 150 FT PIERHEAD (.) LOCATION LIMITED BY EXISTING [illegible]
ROAD SYSTEM BUT EXISTING APPROACHES (.) WIDEN (.) ALTERNATIVE
TWO PILED LIBERTY BERTHS (.) RECOMMEND TO HEAD OF EXISTING SPUR
DEPTH TO ACCOMMODATE TWO SHIPS (.) ONE BERTH NEW CONSTRUCTION AT
SAME LOCATION AS FOR DEEPER DRAFT ABOVE (.) ENGINEER SUBJECT
TO DETAIL SOUNDINGS BY DATE (.) WRITTEN REPORT FOLLOWS BY AIR
7 FEB (.) [illegible]

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TOP SECRET

NOTES OF COMD'S CONFERENCE 3 FEB 45

SECURITY:

1. Most of the following matters are in a TOP SECRET category. They will NOT be discussed with any officers other than those at the Comd's conference. These NOTES will be passed by hand of officer.

FUTURE OPERATIONS 1 AUST CORPS:

2. It is anticipated that 1 Aust Corps will stage at MORATAI as the jumping off base for future operations. The operations envisaged are as follows:

(a) A minor operation employing one bde gp and a BSA Type D. Staging Area 1 will probably form the BSA Type D.

(b) The major operation employing a div plus and 1 Aust BSA on a reduced scale to its present org.

(c) Two further subsiderary operations employing each a bde gp and a beach gp, or 7 and 8 BSAs Type D.

STAGING TROOPS

3. It is anticipated that a maximum of 65,000 troops will have to be staged at MORATAI. Of these approx 10,000 will be base staging area tps and will be situated inside the present perimeter. 55,000 will be staging troops and will be situated outside the perimeter.

4. The staging tps of 55,000 will consist of 9 and 7 Divs (in that order), two beach gps, corps and base tps.

5. These tps will be staged in the present Aust Staging area. It will be necessary to extend the present area by exploitation of the area up the SABALA R, use of the native garden areas to the NORTH of the surveyed Staging Area if roads can be constructed, and if necessary, use of an area to the NORTH and EAST of DAEO village.

6. The area of the proposed transit camp will have to be enlarged, possibly by extension of the already allotted area to the WEST to include portion of that area reserved by 31 US Div for concentration prior to their moving out.

STAGING AREA TROOPS

7. It is planned to combine the Staging Area tps allotted to HOLLANDIA with those already allotted this area (Ref combined OOB).

8. The additional troops will render neccessary revision of present plans for layout of Staging Area Tps. It is suggested

(a) That present Staging Maint Area be allotted entirely to S and T units.

(b) That present Engr Dump Area be enlarged by taking over area at present occupied by US Sig Constr Bn, this giving a frontage to Route 1.

(c) That this area be allotted to Whsp and Engr tps and that it be joined to the S and T area by a road behind the existing US Amn Dump

(d) That the present Docks Area be extended SOUTH down to the Aust Hosp Area. As there will be only an Armd Sqn, the area to the NORTH of the present Dock area allotted to an Armd Regt can be used for extention of future docks area.

(e) That the present Docks Area be extended NORTH to small craft docks NORTH of the double can dock.

(f) That additional areas be obtained from 13 A F for Staging Maint Area.

9. The general plan is that the whole of the peninsular area will be required by Aust Forces.

ALLOTMENT OF TROOPS TO CAMP AREAS

10. This HQ will draw up a proposed bulk allotment of troops to camp areas as previously submitted to Adv LHQ. As far as the Staging Area is concerned this HQ will allot areas to bde etc gps on a basis of the number of kitchen units required, and the formation will distribute its units in the camp area.

CAMP MAINT AREAS

11. Use div or staging area tps units for establishing camp maint areas in Corps Tps and BSA Tps camps. Sup Dep Pls from div ASC can be used as long as there is no interference with preparations for forthcoming ops.

DOCKS

12. As it is expected that ~~some hundreds of thousands of tons of~~ large tonnage stores and eqpt will have to be unloaded in a short time, the present two available wharves will not be adequate to permit unlodding at the required speed. It is therefore proposed to construct a further two docks. Col LYNES from E in C's branch Adv LHQ is here to investigate this matter.

13. ~~Docks units will concentrate at~~ HOLLANDIA and move thence to here. Two Port Constr Coys will be on the first ship coming up. We will also have four docks operating coys and four works coys so that four wharves can be handled at once.

ROADS

14. It is estimated that there will be two vechiles every minute from the docks during unloading. This will throw an undue strain on present road facilities. Engrs have suggested making Route 5 double its present width, and constructing an additional circuit to the double can dock.

OPERATION OF DOCKS

15. We will work US ships when not working ours. It is desireable however, that after the US QM has unloaded our first docks tps, we call on the US Army for as little as istance as possible. This will reduce our reciprocal committment to them.

COVERAGE

16. 150 tarps have been allotted to Ord units in addition to 150 Coyps advise allotted to S and T. Seissl-kraft and timber have also been allotted for coverage for transit sheds. Gal Iron will be used for coverage for amn

USE OF STAGING TPS

17. Base tps for far shore will come forward first and we can use them in addition to Staging Area Tps. Col WATSON says also that QMGs of divs have been instructed to assist. We can get two sup dep pls from divs and use any S and T tps as long as the operational programme is not interfered with.

S and T—GENERAL

18. We must be prepared to ration 13,000 RAAF tps, during the staging period. RAAF formations will probably move out with the main assault force.

19. If US Drum Filling Plant Coy moves out ~~one~~ our Aust Bulk Petroleum Storage Coys are available.

ORDNANCE

20. Authority to purchase 50 machetes from US Army. Send account to DDOS Adv LHQ.

21. Census of warlike stores to be rendered direct to 1 Aust BSA. Until arrived

LIGHTING OF HOLLANDIA DOCKS

22. HSD has no facilities. However there are three lighting sets in each of the Inf Tps Wksps and they can be used to light transit sheds.

Two Units is available

SALVAGE

23. Adv LHQ advise we will have to arrange own sal org. Comd advised that this impracticable. Matter rests.

ORGANISATION OF HQS

24. There is possibility that Adv LHQ will move this area. Will require HQ site on peninsular. Possibly that occupied by "Lone Rangers" Bomb Gp.

25. 8 Aust BSA is being raised on mainland by LHQ. Possibly send personnel to WE, less numbers here, and incorporate this HQ in new Type D base. Possibly leave this HQ here and make 1 BSA up to WE.

26. This HQ camp will have to be moved. Possible area ~~xxxxx~~ behind coral pit NORTH of Aust Hosp Area. Type D BSA 65 all ranks, therefore construct camp to accomodate 150 all ranks.

27. There will be a Maj DADST, a Capt POL, and a Lt Adm Officer on S and T. A DADOS Maj, Capt and BOMO on Ord; a DADMS and RMO; No EME, and no G.

DEFENCE

28. Units responsible for own local defence. Possibility that 31 US Div may move out before staging begins must be considered.

ADM INSTR

29. Adv LHQ approves our Adm Instr in principle, but has added few points, and placed Q before A so as to obtain logical order.

MOVEMENT CONTROL ORG

30. Possible D Type MC Gp this area. Two or three MC personnel will arrive this area prior disembarkation first staging area tps.

GENERAL

31. Adv Officers: DADOS and OO coming fwd.

32. Comms: This HQ can communicate 1 BSA on Education matters, and to send Monthly Census of Warlike Stores.

33. Official Mail
(a) Only matters specifically for Adv LHQ to go in Safe Hand Bag to Adv LHQ

(b) Other official mail to mainland through RAAF postal channels.

34. Designation HQ: Postal Address will remain HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area (Staging Area 2)
This designation will go on top of letterhead for official mail but comd will be designated "Comd, MORATAI Staging Area"

35. Regtl Trust A/c: Adv LHQ will write to 1 Aust Corps. We should obtain our due proportion of moneys from 1 BSA.

36. Pay: Depot Cash Office coming fwd early date.

COMMITMENTS AFTER STAGING TPS MOVE OUT

37. We will have to stage ~~two 1,000~~ 1700 and one 600x bed hosp. Own three hosps remain as before--one for staging, two for op hospitalisation.

38. Therefore, when staging tps move out we will still be responsible for
Three Hosps
Proportion of Staging Area Tps
RAAF
Adv LHQ

COMPUTATION OF AREAS REQUIRED FOR TPS

39. Docks Tps and all staging area tps--50 sq yds per man.
Staging tps-75 down to 60 sq yds per man
Transit camp--25 sq yds per man

REPORT ADV LHQ
40. Must reach HOLLANDIA by Tue Feb 6 Feb.

SECRET

Headquarters
8 Aust Base Sub Area
G8
>Jun 45

Subject: HISTORICAL RECORDS - RECOMMENDATION FOR M.I.D

STAFF DUTIES
MILITARY HISTORY SECTION
NO2 AUST BASE POST OFFICE

1. Forwarded under separate cover please find copies of recommendations for M I Ds submitted to Adv LHQ by Comd MOROTAI Staging Area in Mar 45.

2. These recommendations were submitted in respect to services performed by certain personnel in connection with the organisation and establishment of a Staging Area for 1 Aust Corps at MOROTAI.

3. Please acknowledge receipt.

Lt Col
(N.A.NORRIS)
Comd 8 Aust Base Sub Area

JOE/CGH

CONFIDENTIAL

HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area (ALF)
Staging Area 2

10 Apr 45

Subject: PERIODICAL AWARDS

VX-112170	Capt	R. W. DART
VX-62216	Capt	W. F. NEVILLE
VX-109625	S/Sgt	F. L. JONES
VX-120186	Sgt	J. F. BULT
VX-13980	Lt	E. A. BUCKMARA

Adv LHQ

1. Forwarded herewith in duplicate are recommendations by CRE 1 Aust Corps Tps for the Award of M I D to the abovenamed personnel.

2. Names appear above in order of merit.

Lt-Col
(W. A. MORRIS)
Comd HQ MOROTAI Staging Area

HQ RAF 1 Aust Corps Tps

Comd
Moorta. Staging Area

Herewith names & details of pers of this HQ & 2 Fd Coy whom I consider are worthy of a Mention in Despatches.

[signature]
Lt Col
CRE 1 Aust Corps Tps

VX112170 Capt DART Ron W J
HQ RAE (Rest Camp Tpo

Capt Dart spent three months at ALEXANDRIA in charge of convoy, cargo sorting out & general preparation for the construction of the proposed staging area. His work was such that promoted in obtaining double track by eight pounder.

When the HQ moved to FLORATAI to construct the staging area it was found that the resources and conditions made the provision of adequate coverage and accom a difficult task in the extreme & short time available. Capt Dart's tireless and capable efforts in preparation & setting out of tents, maintaining close liaison with constructing units and assisting with their organisation has contributed largely to the satisfactory results which have been achieved with very meagre engr resources.

VX 62316 Capt NEVILLE William F
2 Asst Fd Coy.

Capt Neville spent three months on Lofoten
work at NORMANDIA preparing for the
construction of the slipway area.
On moving to ~~the~~ NORMANDY early
this month he was allotted the task of
preparing work for the unit and ~~continuing~~
supervision of incoming stores and their
attachment to work. This task has
involved endless difficulties and long
hours of work. His thoughtfulness and efficiency
has contributed very largely to the progress that
has been achieved

WX8980 Lieut BUCKLENARA Edward Angelo
2 Aust Fd Coy.

Lieut BUCKLENARA on arrival with his unit. ~~with~~ early the month was given the task of ~~handling~~ establishing an Engr Depot and prefabrication mill for production of sawn and accommodation stores. ~~His pl although~~ his pl was not large. A pl of a Fd Coy is not fitted for such a task, ~~The conditions of weather~~ and the weather conditions were most adverse and his site rapidly became a sea of mud. Despite these difficulties he established an efficient mill and depot and kept his men cheerful and enthusiastic although they were working ~~throughout~~ the nights often 24 hrs at a stretch, and thoroughly wet ~~&~~ without a dry change with all the discomforts of handling heavy stores in deep mud. His efforts are considered to be due to handling

VX109625 S/Sgt JONES Frederick Leslie
2 Tank Fd Coy.

Promoted 2 Fd Coy at MORATAI
S/Sgt Jones put outstanding execution of
courage and accommodation. Many
difficulties of shortage of material, eqpt
transport etc necessitated constant close
and careful organisation of work by
NCOs to ensure rapid progress of work.
S/Sgt Jones throughout proved capable
and authorities led under these conditions
and his example had a most beneficial
effect on his fellow NCOs, the NCOs
& men of the unit.

VX 120186 Spr BULT Donald Frederick
2 Aust Fd Coy.

2 Aust Fd Coy arrived at MORATAI under ~~simpler~~ bad conditions of weather with no comfort facilities and were put to work immediately on preparation of base facilities. There began many to work long hours in very arduous conditions. Spr BULT proved a smart clean capable soldier who was always cheerful no matter what discomfort or fatigue was experienced by his prompt aid much to maintain the enthusiasm of his platoon ensure continuity of effort

NCRÉ [illegible]
to Eifler.
2 Bl Cos on 2/11

Lay 8/23 Cos 2nd Pl Co to Cantonment
Camp Cowin
Also Bn Clerk [illegible]
Cleaning

Launch upon — ? Engineer Clerk
[illegible]

[illegible]

X VX 6236 ~~Lieut~~ Capt NEVILLE William Dennis

Lieut 1 Sept 41

Capt 28 Dec 41.

Temp Engr Reinft 16 Sept 41 – 12 Jun 42

X 2/2 Coy 13 Jun 42 – Oct

X NOK Mrs. Elizabeth Neville

162 Williamstown Road

West Footscray

Victoria

VX 12170 Capt. DAQ Burnside Cliffford John

Lieut Aug 40

T/Capt Jun 42 96 Cft 14

Capt 2nd Jul 43.

Adjt 2/2 Coy Aug 40.

T/Adjt 2/2 Bn Aug 42

HQ. RAE 1 Aust Div Sept 43

HQ. RAE 1 Aust Corps 7th Jul 1945

NOK Mrs Lilian Frances Burnside

211 Victoria St

Ballarat East

Victoria

Date Enlisted
13 Jan 42

Date Birth
24 Feb 08

Date enlistment
30 Oct 40

Date Birth
17 Jul 15.

Date enlistment
3 May 41

Date Birth
23 Oct 13

Elizabeth Neville
162 Williamstown Rd.
Port Melbourne.
Vic.

Date enlistment
23 Aug 41

Date Birth.
30 Jan 14

JOT/PWG

HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF).
Staging Area 2.
9 Apr 45.

Subject: PERIODICAL AWARDS.

VX-20787 Lt. C.P. ORELLIN
VX-73521 WO II J.H.T.ELLIS
1 Aust CRE (Wks)

Adv LHQ.

Forwarded herewith for consideration is memo received from 1 Aust CRE (wks) and attachments recommending the above-named officer and warrant officer for the award of MID.

(H.A.MORRIS) Lt-Col.
GOLD HQ MOROTAI Staging Area.

1 Aust CRE (Wks)
Staging Area 2.
1 Apr 45.

Commander
Morotai Staging Base

Recommendations for Periodic Awards.

Herewith particulars regarding

VX 20787 Lieut Charles Donald Cullin
VX 73521 WO II John Heyman Thomas Ellis

Both are recommended to be mentioned in despatches

G R Westlund Lt Col.
CRE

VX20787 Lieut Charles Donald Bellin, works officer (survey) of 1 Aust CRE (Wks) arrived in MOROTAI on 28 Dec 44 and was immediately set the task of surveying all areas allotted for Australian forces. He completed the task and supervised the draughting of three surveys. The majority of this work was carried out under trying weather conditions in light to heavy rain forest terrain. The staging area was well beyond the existing US Army perimeter with a constant possibility of contact with isolated enemy detachments.

Work has been completed with expedition and technical skill and with an application that is a credit to himself and the limited number of untrained personnel allotted to him.

This officer has constantly proved himself enthusiastic, diligent and efficient. His work is considered worthy of recognition.

It is recommended that he be Mentioned in Dispatches

(A.W. Williams) Lt Col.
1 Aust CRE (Wks)
1 Apr 45.

NX 73521 WO II John Heyman Thomas Ellis foreman of works 1 Aust CRE (WKS) moved from the mainland to MOROTAI with a detachment of his unit to assist in the initial planning for the arrival of Australian forces. Enroute and whilst at Hollandia his capabilities were auditably reported on by Lt Col Hosie Commander of the MOROTAI Base Detachment

On arrival at MOROTAI he applied himself diligently to the establishment of the Base H.Q. camp and although no facilities were provided for work, improvisation and ingenuity achieved good results.

As assistant to the Survey office he worked with unfailing energy and ability in carrying to a successful conclusion the initial surveys of all Australian areas on MOROTAI. Surveys were carried out beyond the existing US Army perimeter in rain forest country under trying weather conditions. The task called for application, leadership and skill and WO Ellis set an example to his associates that is considered worthy of recognition.

It is recommended that he be mentioned in Despatches

R Rutherford Lt Col.
CRE 1 Aust CRE Wks
1 Apr 45