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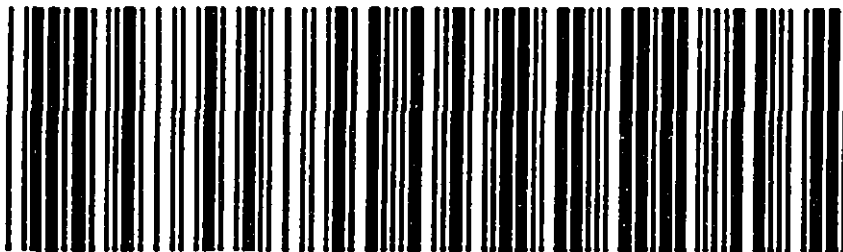
Australian Military Forces, Army headquarters,
formation and unit diaries, 1939-1945

1/8/52

**BASE AND LINE OF
COMMUNICATION AREAS
(SUB)**

**Headquarters British Commonwealth
Base British Commonwealth
Occupational Forces (HQ Brit Comwlth
Base BCOF)**

**January - February 1946, part 2,
Commonwealth Base, Kure**



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BCOF

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTR NO. 1

Ref. Map KURE 1:12.500

12 Feb 46

OBJECT

1. To cover the unloading of Liberty ship "STAMFORD VICTORY" and the reception and accn of tps, stores and vehs.

INFORMATION

2. U.S. Forces

(a) KURE is in the general area of responsibility of I. Corps until taken over by BCOF at a date to be notified later.

(b) I. Corps is composed of.-

(i) 25 Div located in area KYOTO

(ii) 24 Div located at OKAYAMA

34 Inf Regt is part of 24 Div and is located at KURE.

(c) 34 Inf Regt is disposed as follows.-

(i) Regt HQ - HIRO

(ii) One bn less two coys - ETA JIMA

(iii) One coy - UJINA

(iv) One coy - OTAKE

3. British Forces

(a) HQ BCOF - KURE (eventually ETA JIMA)

(b) BCOF Base HQ - KURE

(c) BRINDIV - HIRO - CNOMICHI - FUKUYAMA

(d) 34 Inf Bde - KAITAICHI (15 miles North of KURE)

(e) NZ Bde - ETA JIMA

(f) Air Component - IWAKUNI

METHOD

4. Order of Disembarkation.- See Appx 'A' attached.

5. Unit areas.- See Appx 'A' attached.

MC

MC 6. Organisation for Dispersal

(a) Mov of pers and stores by rail to KAITAICHI on 15 Feb.-

- (i) Details of units see Appx 'A' attached
- (ii) Personnel train.- ¹⁸/₈ coaches will be at entrainment point $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles from disembarkation point. Approx BTD 1300 hrs 16 Feb.
- (iii) Baggage train.- 12 baggage cars will be assembled at ships' side and when loaded will move direct to KAITAICHI at approx 1000 hrs 16 Feb. 34 Bde will detail OC train and baggage guards.

(b) Mov of pers by MT.- See Appx 'A' attached.

(c) Mov of pers on foot.- See Appx 'A' attached.

(d) Mov of personal stores and unit stores.

- (i) Kit bags.- Personnel moving by rail or MT will retain kit bags.

Personnel marching to billets will stack kit bags on the wharf under directions from the Wharf Control officer.

Unit guards will remain with baggage.

- (ii) Extra Personal Baggage and Blankets.-

Personal baggage which has been bulk-stowed and blankets (less those of 34 Bde Gp) will be stacked on the wharf under directions of the Wharf Control Officer, for transport by MT to billets. Unit guards will remain with dumps. Personal baggage and blankets of 34 Inf Bde Gp will be loaded direct into rail trucks for transportation to KAITAICHI.

- (iii) Accn Stores, Landing rations, Unit stores will be dumped as in (ii) above.

- (iv) Other items.- All equipment not mentioned in sub-paras (i), (ii) and (iii) above will be dumped in the Transit Shed for sorting under the supervision of Capt Beauman, OC Docks Operating Coy, and will remain there under guard till transported by available MT to unit sites.

(e) Mov of bulk stores.- These will be loaded direct into MT for transportation to depots. If tpt and time do not permit of this, stores will remain temporarily under guard in the Transit Shed.

(f) Mov of Unit MT.- All off loaded MT will be parked in the docks area under arrangements to be made by the Wharf Control Officer until guides are available.

(g) Wharf Control Officer.- For duties see Appx 'C'.

ADMIN

7. Sups

(a) Landing Rations.-

- ML
with
S & T
plan
- (i) Units will land with 7 days landing rations and expense stores and these will be retained under unit control.
 - (ii) Where units are grouped for rationing, landing rations and expense stores will be grouped on arrival at billeting area.

(b) Emergency issues.- Will be made only on approval of CASC BCOF Base KURE (Phone 22204) until opening of the DID.

(c) DID.- Will open for issue of fresh rations 14 Feb.

(d) Fresh supplies.-

- (i) Bread - will be available for issue approx 48 hours after discharge of bakery eqpt from "STAMFORD VICTORY".
- (ii) Meat) Will be available for
- (iii) Butter) issue approx 14 Feb.

(e) Scale of issue - SWPA Scale.

8. POL

ML
with
S & T
plan

(a) Emergency PP.- Will be opened by 78 BIPOD P1 on wharf on commencement of unloading of vehs and will close on completion of unloading.

(b) PP.- Will open 542432 0800 hrs 14 Feb.

9. Fuel

Coal only is available and will be delivered to unit areas. Details later.

10. Indenting for Sups

(a) Indents on an area basis for issues of fresh supplies on 12, 13 and 14 Feb will be lodged by areas with the DID by 2000 hrs 14 Feb and 48 hrs in advance of drawing thereafter.

(b) Indents for complete rations will be submitted 48 hrs in advance of drawing. First indents will be lodged on a date to be notified.

11. Tpt

(a) As there is a scarcity of tpt only urgent requirements can be met by AASC.

(b) Requisitions for tpt will be lodged with CASC BCOF Base KURE by 1630 hrs the day prior to the requirement.

12. Recovery

ML
with
REINF
plan

All non runners will be towed to the EME area and handed over to an EME rep.

13. Labour

- (a) Japanese civilian labour is available for work on docks, wharves and in base installations.
- (b) Pending arrival of DAD Labour, CO 6 Labour Gp will co-ordinate all demands.
- (c) Requisitions for Labour must be lodged 48 hrs in advance. (i.e. Labour required on 21 Feb will be requisitioned for by 1200 hrs on 19 Feb)

14. Ordnance

- (a) The DADOS Stores Depot will be situated in Bldg No. 220, 200 yards from the disembarkation quay.
- (b) Canteens, Welfare and Medical Base Stores Depot personnel will be attached to the BCOF Base Ordnance Depot for quarters and rations.
- (c) The personnel of 21 AOD will be absorbed into BCOF Base Ordnance Depot and together with the personnel referred to in sub-para (b) will be quartered as follows.-

Officers - Bldg No. 222
WOs and Sits - Bldg No. 223
Other ranks - Bldg No. 221

15. Medical

- (a) For 34 Bde Gp, det 20 Fd Amb will open at KAITAICHI.
- (b) For BCOF pers an RAP will open in the KURE area. Pers and eqpt for this will be supplied by 20 Fd Amb. DADMS will select site.
- (c) Hospital cases will be sent to 361 American Station Hospital (Japanese Naval Hospital).
- (d) Water.- All tap water will be chlorinated or boiled before drinking.
- (e) No fresh food will be bought locally.
- (f) VD is prevalent. All brothels are out of bounds.

16. Guards

34 Inf Bde will supply guards as demanded by Harf Control Officer.

17. Pro

Will be responsible for.-

- (a) Traffic circuits in dock area
- (b) Traffic control in dock area
- (c) Ensuring no persons other than those immediately concerned with the off-loading of the ship will be permitted in the dock.

18. Pay.- Limited amount of Yen will be available. Details later.

19. Postal

- (a) Postal address BCOF will be.-

Number, Rank, Name, Unit,
Adv det HQ BCOF,
OO4.
Japan.

- (b) Mail posted on board ship will be delivered by MT to Base P.O. One rep of 8 Base Postal Unit will accompany.

Details later.

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INTERCOM

22. Location of HQ

HQ BCOF and BCOF Base HQ are operating as an integrated HQ.

Heads of Services are located in Force HQ building.

Base Comd and Staff Offrs BCOF are located in Base HQ building.

23. Telephone System

- (a) Telephone Directory of principal Staff Offrs, HQ BCOF, BCOF Base HQ, etc - see Appx 'B' attached.
- (b) Service is supplied through an Automatic exchange and subscribers will dial their required numbers SLOWLY, as otherwise wrong numbers will result.
- (c) Telephone extensions exist in most Unit and Office areas, but the instruments have been removed to prevent interference by Jap Nationals. HQs requiring service will first examine their areas and site their HQ nucleus at the spot where the extn line terminates. Few extns at present are NOT practicable owing to the shortage of technical personnel and stores.
- (d) Under no circumstances will units connect their switchboards to the automatic system.
- (e) All requests for telephones and signal facilities will be made to Lt Col I. J. Hooker - CSO's Branch, ground floor HQ BCOF - extn 22422.

24. Signal System

- (a) Signal Office and Signal Centre are located on ground floor next to main entrance of HQ BCOF.
- (b) SDS will be instituted as soon as possible after the arrival of the Adv Party. Pending this service units will arrange delivery and collection of despatches from their own resources.

25. Signal Co-ordination

Pending arrival of CSO BCOF, co-ordination will be the responsibility of SO Sigs I in para 23 (a) above. Signal reps of all Fms and Units will report there on arrival.

[Signature]
Brigadier in charge Admn
BCOF Base HQ

Method of issue: By hand

<u>Distribution</u>	<u>Copy No.</u>	<u>Distribution</u>	<u>Copy No.</u>
HQ 34 Inf Bde	1-6	6 Adv 2 Ech	47
65 Inf Bn	7-9	BCOF Base HQ	48-50
66 Inf Bn	10-12	24 Pro Pl	51
67 Inf Bn	13-15	8 Base Postal Unit	52-53
2 Mtn Bty	16	12 L of C Stationery	54
28 Fd Coy	17	130 AGH	55
20 Fd Amb	18-19	Brig i/c Adm	56
254 Sup Dep Pl	20	Comd BCOF Base HQ	57
47 Fd Bky	21	DAQMG	58-60
78 BIPOD	22	CE	61
HQ 168 GT Coy	23-27	CSO	62
41 Adv Sup Depot	28	DDOS	63
1 Area Wksp	29-30	DDST	64
21 AOD	31	DDMS	65
Det AACs	32	DDEME	66
17 CRE Wks	33	CASC	67
13 Army Tps Coy	34	DAD Tn	68
26 L of C Sigs	35-37	DAD Labour	69
42 Port Op Coy	38-39	DAD Amenities	70
HQ 6 Labour Gp	40-41	DAD Canteens	71
13 M. C. Gp	42-43	OC Docks Operating	72
HQ BCOF	43-45	Spare	73-80
36 FS Sec	46		

Appendix 'A' to
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Serial	Unit	Pers			Area	Mov by	Priority of Dis-embarkation	Remarks
		Offrs	ORs	Tons				
1.	HQ 34 Inf Bde	7	17	49	KAITAICHI	Rail	31	(a) MT from docks to railhead
2.	HQ 34 Bde Amenities	1	1		"	"	32	
3.	34 Inf Bde Sigs	1	9		"	"	33	(b) No move before 16 Feb.
4.	34 Inf Bde CSDIC	5	5	1	"	"	34	
5.	34 Inf Bde Fd Cash Office	1	4	4	"	"	35	
6.	65 Inf Bn	9	62	74	"	"	36	
7.	66 Inf Bn	8	50	42	"	"	37	
8.	67 Inf Bn	7	157	16	"	"	38	
9.	2 Mtn Bty	1	9	6	"	"	39	
10.	28 Fd Coy	1	20	10	"	"	40	
11.	20 Fd Amb	4	55	27	"	"	41	
12.	89 Dental Unit	1	1		"	"	42	
13.	254 Sup Dep Pl	1	26	34	AASC Area	Route March	8	
14.	47 Fd Bakery	1	33	45	"	"	9	
15.	78 BIPOD Pl	1	9	8	"	"	7	
16.	HQ 168 GT Coy	1	11	22	"	"	10	
17.	120 Tpt Pl	1	20		"	"	5	
18.	121 Tpt Pl	1	3		"	"	6	
19.	122 Tpt Pl	2	73	55	"	")Will take over 4)40 U.S. 6 x 6 vehicles
20.	168 GT Coy Wksp Pl	1	23		"	"	12	
21.	41 Adv Supply Dep	3	23		"	"	11	
22.	1 Area Wksp	1	6	10	AEME Area	Sea tpt	27	
23.	140 Inf Bde Wksp	1	1		"	"	28	to be cancelled
24.	344 LAD	-	2	1	"	"	29	28) Rostered by 34 29) 11 Area Wksp
25.	21 ACD	3	22	13	Ord Area	Route March	25	
26.	Det AACS	1	44	198	"	"	26	

Serial	Unit	Pers		Tons	Area	Mov by	Priority of Dis-embark-ation	Remarks
27.	17 CRE Wks	1	9	4	Engrs	Sea tpt	14	
28.	13 Army Tps Coy	1	29	7	"	"	13	
29.	26 L of C Sigs	8	68	77	Signal Depot	MT	24	
30.	42 Port Op Coy	4	89	188	Tptn Corps	Route March	1	
31.	HQ 6 Labour Gp	1	6	4	"	"	2)	Fostered by 42 Port Op Coy
32.	13 M C Gp	13	30	16	"	"	3	
33.	HQ BCOF	4	19	44	Force HQ	MT	15	(a) Offrs in billets on
34.	36 FS Sec	1	9	5	"	"	21	BOQ.
35.	M11 Hist	-	2		"	"	22	(b) ORs in Force HQ bldg
36.	6 Adv 2 Ech	2	28	9	"	"	23	
37.	BCOF Base HQ	4	17	10	HQ Base Area	MT	16)	(a) Offrs in Base Offrs bldg (b) ORs Base HQ bldg
38.	24 Pro P1	1	19	13	"	"	17	Adm pers only to disembark
39.	23 Pro P1	-	2		"	"	18	
40.	8 Base Postal Unit	1	9	4	"	"	19	Fostered by 24 Pro P1
41.	12 L of C Stationery Dep	-	2	1	"	"	20	Fostered by 24 Pro P1
42.	130 AGH	1	9	8	Hiro	MT	30	Attached to U.S. Fd Hoep

NOTE.- All MT other than unit tpt will be pooled, will be available on the docks and will be controlled by CASC.

Appendix 'E' to
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BCOF
Telephone Directory

HOSPITAL	22361	and	22362
FIRE			22222
Telephone trouble			22122
Enquiries			7
Trunk calls			9

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Office No.</u>	<u>Residence No.</u>
Brig i/c Adm	Brig	Anderson	22403 22007	22306
Base Comd	Col	Wilson	22006	22133
Engineer				
CE	Col	McGowan	22415	22375
	Capt	Berriman	22415	22373
	Capt	Currell	22315	22385
Signals				
SO I	Lt Col	Hooker	22422	22364
SO II	Capt	McDonald	22422	22364
Receiver Room			22428	
Transmitter			22352	
Col 'Q'	Col	Kappe	22062	22384
DAQMG Base HQ	Capt	Hopton	22005	
DAQMG HQ BCOF	Maj	Danvers	22005	22370
S & T				
DDST	Col	Synnot	22204	22384
CASC	Lt Col	Jones	22204	22364
Ordnance				
DDOS	Col	Reynolds	22304	22383
Medical				
DDMS	Brig	Scales		
361 Sta Hosp (USA)			22361 22362	
AEME				
DDEME	Col	Bendall		
DADTME	Maj	Bauert		22396
Tn				
DAD Tn	Capt	McDonald	22004	22370
Labour				
DAD Labour	Major	Joss	22404	22370
Canteens				
DAD Canteens	Major	Sinclair		
Amenities				
DAD Amenities	Major	Collins		

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Office No.</u>	<u>Residence No.</u>
Naval HQ (RN)(RAN)	HMS GLENBARN		22056	
Port Director (USA)			22230	
Docks Operating	Capt	Beauman	22404	22370
Mil Govt (USA)	Lt Col	Watts	22479	
	Maj	Walker	22479	
Procurement Sec (USA)			22066	
Wharf Control Offr	Maj	Graham		22397
Chief Clerk Base HQ WO II		Warnecke		

NOTE.- Trunks

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Hiro .....dial 9 ask for Dragon
Iwakuni.....dial 9 ask for Otake
Tokyo.....dial 9 ask for Octagon, then
Hiroshima Strip.....dial 9 ask for Jockey.
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Wharf Control Officer

Name.- Major S. C. Graham

Locn.- His office on the wharf will be connected
by phone with HQ British Commonwealth Base (22005).

His duties will be.-

- (a) General control of wharf area.
- (b) Control of tpt into, on and off wharf.
- (c) Control of movement of personnel off wharf.
Units will not move from wharf until given
clearance by Wharf Control Officer.
- (d) Safe guarding of stores etc on wharf. He
will be assisted in this duty by DAFM and
by Capt Beauman.
- (e) All enquiries which cannot be answered by
officers controlling the disembarkation
and unloading will be referred to Wharf
Control Officer.
- (f) Provision of guides to show units to their
respective areas. Heads of services or unit
reps will detail guides to report to Major
Graham on the docks when the ship docks.