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12 Australian Division Adjutant General Branch Northern Territory Force (12 Aust Div AG Branch NT Force)

May - June 1945



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WAR DIARY ~~or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Unit A BRANCH NT FORCE Date and Time.—From 1 May 45 To 31 May 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN			ORGANISATION	
	3 May 45		Instructions have been issued for the release of officers selected for service with the British Army in INDIA. Officers are to be granted leave, and released from the AMF prior to concentration for movement to INDIA. (Appendix A)	APPENDIX A
	8 May 45		As a result of the disbanding of Area Camp Staffs at ADELAIDE RIVER and KATHERINE, it has become necessary to appoint the Senior combatant officer in each locality as Area Comd and to define his duties and responsibilities. VX52375 Capt MN GLEESON, OC 5 Aust AAD has been appointed Area Comd ADELAIDE RIVER, and NX123752 Maj GAV GILBERT at KATHERINE. (Appendices B & C)	APPENDICES B-C
	13 May 45		3 Aust Bulk Petroleum Storage Coy has been reduced from HQ and three pls to a HQ and two pls. Due to the depleted strength of the unit on its former organisation, it is not anticipated that many personnel (except possibly several NCOs)	APPENDIX D

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Unit A BRANCH NT FORCE *Date and Time.—From* 1 May 45 *To* 31 May 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			will be rendered surplus on reorganisation (Appendix D).	
	14 May 45		Following the issue of new radar equipment to Aust AA Regts (Comp) amendment No 7 to WE III/25A/4 has been implemented in respect of 54 and 55 Aust AA Regts (Comp).	APPENDIX E
			Additional personnel are being selected for training in the use of the new equipment, and will be posted in due course by LHQ 2nd Ech. (Appendix E)	
	15 May 45		Owing to the seriously depleted strengths of 40 and 12/50	APPENDIX E
	15 May 45		Aust Inf Bns, these two units have been amalgamated to form a new unit, 12/40 Aust Inf Bn. 12 Aust Inf Bde now contains only 10/48 and 12/40 Aust Inf Bns. To equalise the strengths of each Bn, one complete rifle coy has been transferred from the units being amalgamated, to 10/48 Aust Inf Bn. Surplus officers will be posted to units of 1 Aust Corps and immediately seconded as instructors to Second Aust Army Trg Units, under instructions from LHQ. Surplus other ranks are	

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Unit.....A BRANCH N.T. FORCE..... *Date and Time.—From*.....1 May 45.....*To*.....31 May 45.....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			being retained within the Bde, pending absorption into vacencies caused by casualties, wastage, etc. LHQ has been requested to return to the Bde all X list personnel of the Bns concerned. (Appendix F).	
	22 May 45		Instructions issued for the disbarding of 60 Aust DCRE (WKS) which is no longer required in the area. Surplus personnel are being moved to 1 RAE Trg Centre for trg prior to reallotment, if suitable, by LHQ 2nd Ech to 1 Aust Spare Parts Sub Depot RAE, in process of formation in QLD. (Appendix G).	APPENDIX G
	24 May 45		Approval has been given for the retention of NT Coastal Recce Unit until 31 Aug 45, or the completion of the survey task on which it is engaged (whichever period is the shorter). This involves the retention of AK "AROETTA" with its master, who is on loan from 56 Aust Port Craft Coy RAE. The latter unit has also been authorised to hold surplus to WE comd craft "TOORBUL" with its crew. (Appendix H).	APPENDIX H

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Unit A BRANCH NT FORCE *Date and Time.—From* 1 May 45 *To* 31 May 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	2 May 45		359 Aust HAA Tp has been disbanded, and personnel absorbed in 54 and 55 Aust AA Regts (Comp). Approximately 14 selected personnel have been made available to Z Special Unit (LEANYER STA) at the request of LHQ. Any balance will be marched out to general refts. (Appendix I).	APPENDIX I

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Unit A BRANCH NT FORCE *Date and Time.—From* I May 45 *To* 31 May 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	PERSONAL SERVICES			
	Staff Changes and Movements.		Ref Adm Staff Conference - Notes appended	
	Medical Services		Vide Summary attached from DDMS NT Force	Appendix J
	Dental Services		" " " " ADDS NT Force	" K
	Provost		" attached report from APM NT Force	" L
	Legal		" " " " CLO NT Force	" M
	Education Service		" " " " DAD Edn NT Force	" N
	Amenities Service		" " " " DAD Amen NT FORCE	" O
	Appendices		Adm Staff Conference No 72	" P
			73	" Q
			74	" R
			75	" S

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for AAG NT FORCE

Appendix A

HQ NT FORCE (AIF)

AM/2541

SECRET

HQ 12 AUST INF BDE (4)
HQ DARWIN FIXED DEFENCES (3)
HQ 11 L OF C SUB AREA (2)
NT FORCE DETAILS DEPOT
HQ DARWIN AREA AASC

25 AUST WORKS COY
10 AUST BASE WKSP
DDST
CEME

Copies to: Brig i/c Adm
AQMG
A/GSO1
War Diary (2)
File.

RELEASE OF OFFICERS FROM AMF FOR SERVICE WITH BRITISH ARMY IN INDIA

LHQ SM3525 of 23 Apr 45 is repeated hereunder :-

"1. The C-in-C has approved of the release from the AMF for service with the British Army in India, under the terms of GRO A419/44, of those officers whose names appear in Appendix A attached.

2. (a) The list given in Appendix A is divided into two parts, viz :-

PART I Officers for inf appointments, and officers for conversion to inf;

PART II Officers selected as suitable for employment other than with inf.

(b) It will be noted that in the list seconded officers are included under the formation to which their parent unit belongs.

3. Action will be taken by Formations and L of C Areas as follows:-

(a) Officers listed in Part 1 of Appendix A who are at present serving on the mainland will be marched out forthwith to the RR & GDD of the L of C Area of their enlistment.

On arrival at that RR & GDD they will be taken on holding strength and, after taking leave in accordance with para 4, and finalization in accordance with para 5, they will be concentrated for embarkation as follows :-

(i) Qld, NSW, Vic, SA and Tas Officers at RR & GDD Melbourne, not later than 30 May 45.

(ii) WA officers at RR & GDD Perth not later than 5 Jun 45.

Accordingly prompt movement is necessary, and wherever appropriate air travel should be authorised.

(b) Officers listed in Part 1 of Appendix A who are serving outside the mainland and officers listed in Part II of Appendix A whether serving on or outside the mainland will be marched out as soon as possible to the RR & GDD of the L of C Area of their enlistment. Air travel may be authorized, if available, particularly in the case of officers of units in remote locations.

On arrival at that RR & GDD they will be taken on holding strength and granted leave in accordance with para 4 prior to finalization and concentration for movement to India.

Further instructions as to their concentration and embarkation will be issued in due course.

4 (a) To enable the officers concerned to have an opportunity of adjusting their affairs it is desired that if possible they should be granted a minimum of 14 days leave prior to finalization and concentration.

(b) This however is subject in the case of those listed in Part 1 who are serving on the Australian mainland to the necessity of their being concentrated by the dates prescribed by para 3 (a), and in the case of the remaining officers listed in Appendix "A" to their earlier recall should such be necessary to effect finalization and concentration for movement to India in accordance with subsequent instructions.

5. After the return from leave of the officers and prior to their concentration the following action will be taken by RR & GDD of their L of C area of enlistment :-

(a) each officer will be required to sign an undertaking in the form set out in Appendix "B" to this instruction with reference to the payment to his dependants of an allotment at least equal to the standard AIF allotment allowance to dependants.

These undertakings will be carefully checked by the Pay Representative at RR & GDD and will be disposed of by him under instructions to be issued by the CPO, LHQ.

(b) The AIF appointment of the officers concerned will not be terminated till the date of disembarkation in India, but they will be subjected at RR & GDD to all the processes incidental to termination of AIF appointment, subject to the following modifications -

(i) AIF paybooks will be withdrawn only at RR & GDD Melbourne or RR & GDD Perth after concentration and immediately prior to disembarkation. Any balance due on finalization of pay accounts will be paid into the banking account etc nominated by each officer, after official termination of appointment.

(ii) Vouchers for the purchase of civilian clothing will be issued in accordance with current instructions but civilian identity cards ration books etc will NOT be issued.

(c) If the RR & GDD is not the RR & GDD of concentration it will ensure that finalization is completed and the officers are marched out to the RR & GDD of concentration in time to arrive there before the prescribed date.

6. (a) At the RR & GDD of concentration these officers will be held, together with those already on holding strength, pending instructions for embarkation which will be issued in due course to W Comd and Vic L of C Area.

(b) The RR & GDD of concentration will be responsible for ensuring that immediately prior to embarkation AIF paybook is withdrawn and forwarded through pay channels to the DFO maintaining the officers ledger accounts.

7. It is requested that advice be furnished to LHQ by Formations and L of C Areas regarding the date on which officers listed in Schedule A are marched out from their units, and the date on which they are marched in to the RR & GDD of their L of C Area of enlistment.

8. It is also requested that in the event of any of the officers listed in Schedule A becoming unavailable owing to medical downgrading, withdrawal or casualty, immediate signal advice be furnished to LHQ.

9. Formations etc are requested to advise units that applicants whose names do not appear on Schedule A hereto have not been accepted for release at this stage for service in India.

10. Action is being taken by LHQ (Mil Sec) for the transfer of the officers listed in Appendix A to the RSL (Retirement).

11. The following information is promulgated for the guidance of those officers who have been selected -

(a) MAIL ADDRESS Until officers have been posted in India mail should be addressed to them C/o Mil Sec, GHQ, NEW DELHI, INDIA.

(b) INSURANCE. It is the responsibility of each officer concerned to insure items of personal belongings etc which are not of a military nature, should he so desire.

(c) CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT. With the exception of AMF Jackets SD (Battle Dress), all the usual items of clothing and equipment held e.g. Valise, Stretchers, Hat Fur Felt, Uniform FS etc, will be useful and it is understood that mufti outfit may later be of some use.

12. Appendix 'A' as mentioned above has been condensed to show those officers of MT Force only.

13. Arrangements are being made through 'Q' Branch this HQ for air movement to respective states for leave, as indicated in para 3. Advice of periods of leave due and places for leave to be taken will be notified to this HQ by 3 May 45.

14. Action addressees will advise this HQ of dates of departure by all officers

15. If para 6 is applicable in any case, immediate advice will be furnished to this HQ.

16. The above LHQ authority SM2526 will be quoted in AAF Mob 3s.

Lt-Col.
AAG.

3. MAY 45

APPENDIX "A" TO HQ NT FORCE
AM 2541 of 3 MAY 45

OFFICERS FOR INDIA

Number	Rank	Name	Unit	Remarks
PART I				
SX 26145	Capt	TROWBRIDGE A S	55 Aust AA Regt	Not yet reported to unit
SX 22763	Maj	BIVEN K S	10/48 Aust Inf Bn	
SX 26830	Maj	HEATH R W	"	
VX 29876	Lt	STEPHENSON I	"	
SX 12350	Lt	LINBRICK T N	"	
SX 22756	Lt	TODD E C	"	
SX 12113	Lt	MILTON R V	"	
SX 22751	Capt	GREEN R H	"	
VX 27900	Lt	LOTT B W	"	Leave in SA
SX 22933	Lt	[illegible] J [illegible]	"	Not yet returned to unit
SX 13868	Lt	BRENNAN C H	40 Aust Inf Bn	
VX 20921	Lt	DARLING T	1 Aust Fd Regt	School in NSW
NX 72844	Lt	McGREGOR D G R	55 Aust AA Regt	
VX 25231	Capt	FORESTER E G	HQ NT Force	
NX 106912	Lt	COLQUHOUN-DEVERS J D	DARWIN C A	Now transferred SYDNEY CA
VX 125730	Lt	WILTSHIRE D H	25 Aust Wks Coy	
NX 28150	Capt	DOCHARTY H C	Holding strength NT Details Depot - ALICE SPRINGS det	
SX 2710	Lt-col	WILLIAMSON T C	HQ Comd 11 L of C Sub Area AASC	
NX 54926	Maj	EDMONDSON E T	HQ Comd Darw'n Area AASC	
PART II				
SX 25069	Lt	HIDDLE E H	117 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	dep ALICE SPRINGS 2 May for EST
SX 9205	Lt	STEVENSON R T R	64 Aust Sup Dep Pl	recalled from MT ISA to ALICE SPRINGS awaiting movement.
VX 92424	Lt	CAMERON R W	10 Aust Base Wksps	Withdrawn

Appendix B

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NT FORCE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO 7

AREA COMD KATHERINE - APPOINTMENT OF

INFORMATION

1. The disbanding of Area Camp Staff KATHERINE and its replacement by a Camp "Q" Staff involves the appointment of a senior officer in the area as Area Comd.

AREA COMD

2. The undermentioned officer is accordingly appointed to carry out the duties of Area Comd :-

NX 125752 Maj G A V GILBERT - OC 134 Aust Gen Tpt Coy.

FUNCTIONS

3. The functions of an Area Comd are set out fully in FSR Vol I Sec 13, but as control of most of these matters is already provided for under existing orders, it should be necessary only to ensure general supervision of these requirements. Particular attention is drawn, however, to the following duties which will be the responsibility of the Area Comd :-

Air raid precautions
Civil liaison
Issue of movement orders, etc., for civilians
Co-ordination and control of concession rate telephone calls.
General supervision of discipline and hygiene.

4. The following duties, previously carried out by Area Camp Staff KATHERINE, will in future be the responsibilities of the units indicated :-

Payment of natives - Camp "Q" Staff Officer KATHERINE
Distribution of "Army News" - Unit responsibility to collect from a central delivery point to be arranged

CAMP "Q" STAFF - DUTIES OF

5. The functions of Camp "Q" Staff KATHERINE will in future be limited to administrative and accommodation matters within the Area camp site, but units and dets located within that camp will supply, on a roster basis if necessary, such camp fatigues as may be required.

DISCIPLINE

6. The officer appointed as Area Comd will exercise the powers of CO for the purpose of discipline, of the units sub units and detachments shown at Appendix "A" attached, under the provisions of GRO A354/1944.

COMMUNICATION

7. In his capacity as Area Comd, the officer so appointed may communicate with HQ NT Force direct on any of the matters mentioned above.

GENERAL

8. For information, it is advised that RAN and RAAF have been notified that in future staging facilities will not be provided by Army at KATHERINE.

9. It is the responsibility of the officer appointed as Area Comd to notify HQ NT Force immediately of his impending movement from the area for any reason, in order that a successor may be appointed.

10. Addressees will ensure that the foregoing instructions are promulgated to all concerned.

for BRIG
BRIG I/C ADM

8 MAY 45

DISTRIBUTION

10 AUST CRE (WES) (2)
17 AUST C OF C SIGS (2)
HQ COMD DARWIN AREA AASC (4)
74 AUST CAMP HOSP
CAMP "Q" STAFF KATHERINE

Copies for information to:

HQ 11 L OF C SUB AREA
NT FORCE DETAILS DEPOT
5 AUST MOVT CONTROL GP
CONTROLLER OF NATIVE PERSONNEL
NT PRINTING & PRESS UNIT
BRANCHES & SERVICES NT FORCE
WAR DIARY (2) ✓

APPENDIX "A" ISSUED WITH NT FORCE
ADM INSTR No 7 DATED 8 MAY 45

UNITS, SUB UNITS AND DETS TO BE ATTACHED TO AREA COMD
KATHERINE FOR DISCIPLINE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF
GRO A345/1944

CAMP Q STAFF
RTO AND ATO
20 AUST MAINT PL (63 DCRE WKS)
11 AUST LINE MAINT SEC
DET 20 AUST TECH MAINT SEC
95 AUST TELE SWBD OP SEC
15 AUST TG OP SEC
DET 122 AUST GT COY
DET 1 AUST HAC
77 AUST BIPOD PL
1 AUST EXPERIMENTAL FARM PL
2 AUST FARM COY
HQ 6 FD BAKING COY
23 AUST FD BAKING PL (HQ 6 FD BAKING COY)
[redacted]
2 AUST REF PLANT OP PL
DET 10 AUST MALARIA CONTROL UNIT
'C' SEC 73 AUST DENTAL UNIT
DET NT AREA WKSP
47 AUST DEP CASH OFFICE (TYPE B)
DET 2 AUST L OF C PRO COY
APO 0128
SUB DET NT DET AA CANTEENS SERVICE

War Diary

Appendix C

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NT FORCE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO 8

AREA COMD - ADELAIDE RIVER - APPOINTMENT OF

INFORMATION

1. Consequent upon the deletion of Area Camp Staff ADELAIDE RIVER, it is necessary to appoint an Area Comd, who will carry out, in addition to his normal duties, the area functions prescribed in this instruction.

AREA COMD

2. VX 52775 Capt M F GLEESON - GS 5 Aust MD , is appointed Area Comd ADELAIDE RIVER.

FUNCTIONS

3. The duties of an Area Comd are set out fully in FSR Vol 1 Sec 145, but as control of most of these matters is already covered by existing orders and instructions, it should only be necessary to exercise general supervision of the area.

4. The following duties, in particular, will be the responsibility of Area Comd :-

Air Raid Precautions (Refer HQ NT Force GS Instrs 86 and 87)
Civil Liaison
Movement orders, etc., for civilians
Co-ordination and Control of Concession rate telephone calls
Payment of Natives
General supervision of discipline and hygiene within area.

DISCIPLINE

5. The officer appointed as Area Comd will exercise the powers of CO for the purpose of discipline, of the units sub units and detachments shown at Appendix "A" attached, under the provisions of AMO A554/1944.

COMMUNICATION

6. In his capacity as Area Comd, the officer appointed to administer comd of the area may communicate direct with HQ NT Force on any matter affecting the area generally, and on any of the matters included in para 4 above.

ALLOCATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES

7. The following duties will be the responsibility of the units etc shown :

Distribution of "Army News" - Unit responsibility to collect from a delivery point to be arranged.

GENERAL

8. The officer appointed as Area Comd will notify HQ NT Force immediately in the event of his impending movement from the area, in order that a successor may be appointed.

9. It will be ensured that the foregoing instructions are promulgated to all concerned.

D. Cameron Major
for BRIG
BRIG I/C ADM

11 MAY 45

DISTRIBUTION

10 AUST CRS (WKS)
17 AUST L OF C SIGS
[illegible] AASC
5 AUST AID (2)
55 AUST CAMP HOSP
10 AUST MALARIA CONTROL UNIT
74 AUST DENTAL UNIT
2 AUST L OF C PRO COY
2 AUST L OF C POSTAL UNIT
25 AUST WKS COY
HQ 7 AUST SAL DEP
CONTROLLER OF NATIVE PERSONNEL

Copies for information to:

12 AUST INF BDE
HQ 11 L OF C SUB AREA
5 AUST MOVT CONTROL GP
NT PRINTING & PRESS UNIT
BRANCHES & SERVICES NT FORCE
WAR DIARY (2)

APPENDIX 'A' ISSUED WITH
NT FORCE ADM INSTR[redacted]8 DATED 11 MAY 45.

UNITS, SUB UNITS AND DETS TO BE ATTACHED FOR DISCIPLINE TO AREA COMD ADELAIDE RIVER, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF GRO A345/1944

RTO
DET 14 AUST LINE MAINT SEC
DET 95 AUST TELE SWBD OP SEC
DET 15 AUST TG OP SEC
16 AUST DR SEC
DET 134 AUST GT COY
DET 1 AUST MAC
1 AUST FARM COY (No 3008)
37 AUST FD BAKERY PL
DET 3 AUST REF PLANT OP PL
DET 10 AUST MALARIA CONTROL UNIT
5 AUST STATIC LAUNDRY
DET NT AREA WKSP
DET 2 AUST L OF C HRO COY
APO 256
11 AUST WAR GRAVES UNIT
DET AUST WAR GRAVES MAINT UNIT (11 AUST WAR GRAVES UNIT)
DET 25 AUST WKS COY
SUB-DET NT DET AA CANTEENS SERVICE
13 AUST L OF C SAL SEC

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HQ NT FORCE (AIF)
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13 May 45

HQ COMD DARWIN AREA AASC

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3 AUST BULK PETROLEUM STORAGE COY - REORGANIZATION OF

INFORMATION

1. Approval is contained in LHQ SM.3906 (240/4/432) dated 3 May 45 to anticipate amendments to the OOB AMF for the reduction of 3 Aust Bulk Petroleum Storage Coy.

ACTION

2. HQ Comd DARWIN Area AASC will take action as follows:-

DISBAND

War Office Serial No.	Unit	Posted strength as at May 45 Offrs	OR	Total	WE strength Offrs	OR	Total
48607	3 Aust Bulk Petroleum Storage Coy (AIF) (HQ and three Pls)	5	98	103	-	-	-

RAISE

48607	3 Aust Bulk Petroleum Storage Coy (AIF) (HQ and two Pls)	-	-	-	6	96	102

3. It is desired that action be completed by 31 May 45.

METHOD

4. Personnel

(a) Officers : The officer required to complete new unit to WE is being nominated by LHQ

(b) Other ranks :

(i) The unit to be raised will be completed to WE strength by transfer of personnel from the disbanding Coy.

(ii) Surplus personnel, if any, will be transferred to NSW L of C Area HIPOD, and details of any such members will be advised to HQ NT Force as early as possible.

5. Only those personnel will be transferred in terms of para 4 above, who are on posted strength at date of receipt of this instruction. "X" List personnel will be disposed of under instructions from 2nd Echelon LHQ.

6. Equipment

(a) Personal arms and equipment will be retained by all members transferred

(b) Unit equipment of the coy being disbanded will be transferred as far as practicable to the new unit

(c) Any additional equipment required to complete WET of the unit to be raised will be issued under arrangements ADOS NT Force

(d) ADOS NT Force will issue any necessary instructions covering the return to Ord or Ord Veh Pk (as appropriate) of equipment and vehicles on charge to the disbanding unit, which cannot be absorbed within the WET of the new unit.

(e) All stores and equipment for return to Ord will be properly packed, cleaned and identified, and all components will be included with major equipment.

(f) The unit will retain the same Store Account as held previously and no ledger finalization will be involved.

GENERAL

7. HQ NT Force will be advised when the foregoing instructions have been implemented.

(L F Bosworth) Maj
for Lt-col
AAG NT FORCE

Appendix E

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HQ MT FORCE (AIF)
AS/142/4
14 MAY 45

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HQ DARWIN FED DEPS (3)

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84 AND 88 AUST AA REGTS (CONF) - AMENDMENT TO MT

1. Authority is contained in LHQ CM4024 dated 4 May 45 for the provision of additional personnel for the abovementioned units, in accordance with amendment No 7 to MT III/2844, consequent upon the issue of new radar equipment to those Regts.

2. Action is being taken by 2nd Echelon LHQ to recover sufficient suitable personnel from Instrument Operators Fire Control, Predictor Hos and Height-Takers, who have been rendered surplus consequent upon the disbandment of their units.

3. These personnel will be concentrated at 2 Aust Fd Arty Trg Regt pending attendance at LHQ School of Arty (AA) for instruction in the use of the new radar equipment.

4. Separate instructions will be issued regarding the commencement and duration of the course of instruction.

5. On completion of the period of instruction, personnel will be posted to units under arrangements 2nd Echelon LHQ on priorities 5 and 6 respectively.

R.E. Walkerden Maj.

(L F [illegible]) MAJ,
for LT-COL,
AAG MT FORCE.

Appendix F

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HQ MT FORCE (AIF)
(AS/95/1)
15 May 45

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12 AUST INF BDE (5)

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REDUCTION OF OOB MT FORCE
40 AUST INF BN AND 12/50 AUST INF BN - AMALGAMATION OF

Ref HQ MT Force 1105/38/15 dated 12 May 45

INFORMATION

1. Approval is contained in LHQ SM.3855 (37/432/9) dated 2 May 45 for the amalgamation of 40 and 12/50 Aust Inf Bns to form 12/40 Aust Inf Bn.

2. To equalize, as far as possible, the posted strengths of 12/40 and 10/48 Aust Inf Bns, one complete Tasmanian rifle coy will be transferred at WE strength from the units to be amalgamated, to 10/48 Aust Inf Bn.

3. Approval is given for amendments to the OOB AIF to be anticipated, providing for the deletion of 40 Aust Inf Bn and 12/50 Aust Inf Bn, and the addition of 12/40 Aust Inf Bn.

ACTION

4. Action will be taken by 12 Aust Inf Bde as follows :-

(a) TRANSFER: One Rifle Coy drawn from 40 and 12/50 Aust Inf Bns - WE Strength: 5 Offrs 135 ORs

TO : 10/48 Aust Inf Bn

	War Office Serial No	Unit	WE Ref	Posted Strength as at 5 May 45 Offrs	ORs	Total
(b) AMALGAMATE	46266	40 Aust Inf Bn	11/12/3	30	416	446
	46265	12/50 Aust Inf Bn	"	30	368	398
			Total	60	786	846

	War Office Serial No	Unit	WE Ref	WE Strength Offrs	ORs	Total
TO FORM	92825	12/40 Aust Inf Bn	11/12/3	35	865	900

5. It is desired that all action be completed, if possible, by 30 May 45.

METHOD

6. Personnel

Officers

(a) 5 Officers will be transferred with the rifle coy to 10/48 Aust Inf Bn in accordance with para 4 (b)

(b) All other officers will be absorbed, as far as possible, within the WE of the newly formed 12/40 Aust Inf Bn.

(c) Any officers surplus to WE requirements will be disposed of in accordance with GRO A159/44.

(d) Pro forms (in triplicate) are to be submitted in accordance with this GRO, to HQ MT Force (MS) for those officers concerned in sub paras (a), (b) and (c) above.

Other ranks

(a) Personnel on strength of the units to be amalgamated will be disposed of as follows :

(i) By the transfer of a complete rifle coy at WE strength to 10/48 Aust Inf Bn

(ii) By absorption of the remaining personnel within 12/40 Aust Inf Bn

(iii) Personnel transferred in accordance with sub para (ii) above who, by reason of rank, trade or specialist classification, cannot be immediately absorbed within WE will be carried supernumerary to WE of the new unit pending ultimate absorption into vacancies caused by normal wastage. Details, showing numbers by ranks and trades only, of surplus personnel will be furnished as early as possible to HQ MT Force.

7. Directions regarding transfer of personnel from the units specified to other units will apply only to those personnel on posted strength as at date of this memo. X List personnel will be disposed of under arrangements 02E.

8. Leave: Leave in accordance with HQ MT Force memo 13071 of 9 Dec 44 will be granted to officers rendered surplus to requirements of 12/40 Aust Inf Bn.

9. Equipment

(a) Personal arms and equipment will be retained by all personnel.

(b) Unit equipment and vehicles surplus to WE entitlement of 12/40 Aust Inf Bn will be returned to RSD or Ord Veh Pk as appropriate under instructions from ADO S MT Force.

10. Unit records

Unit records and accounts will be adjusted to the satisfaction of Records Liaison Staff and DFO respectively. In this regard particular attention will be given to investigations in accordance with GRO 813/45 relative to members AWL or declared illegal absentees.

GENERAL

11. Progress report on action taken to implement this instruction will be forwarded to reach HQ MT Force not later than 3 Jun 45.

(L F Bosworth) Maj
for Lt-Col
AAG MT FORCE

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Appendix F

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CONFIDENTIAL

NT FORCE (AIF)
AS/95/1
25 MAY 45

LAND HEADQUARTERS

Copy to: Second Aust Army, ~~SA~~ Esh & Rec, Records Liaison Staff, G, War Diary (2)

RETURN TO UNITS - X LIST PERSONNEL AND INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF - 12 AUST INF BDE

1. With reference to LHQ SM3855 dated 2 May 45 (not to Second Aust Army) it is recommended that personnel of 40 Aust Inf Bn and 12/50 Aust Inf Bn who are on X List (including members staffing recruit and inf trg bns) be returned to this area as they become available for allotment to the reorganized bns of 12 Aust Inf Bde.

2. These personnel are required to offset deficiencies in NCOs and riflemen in the 10/48 and 12/40 bns, which cannot be reinforced from other sources.

3. Attached for information are nominal rolls of personnel on X List, whose return is desired.

(J J MURRAY) MAJ-GEN.
COMD NT FORCE

Appendix G

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HQ MT FORCE (AIF)
(AS/85/37)
11 May 45

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10 AUST CRE (WKS) (2)

Copies to: SA ECH & RECORDS; NSW ECH & RECORDS; DISTRICT ACCOUNTS OFFICE MT; MT FORCE DETAILS DEPOT; 'G'; 'Q'; CSO; CHAPLAINS (3); DDMS; ADOS; DAD EDUCATION; DAD AMENITIES; SUPERVISOR CATERING; WAR DIARY (2)

DISBANDING - 60 AUST DCRE (WKS) (AIF)
RAISING - 1 AUST SPARE PARTS SUB DEPOT RAE

INFORMATION

1. Authority is contained in LHQ SE.4309 dated 16 May 45 for the raising of 1 Aust Spare Parts Sub Depot RAE by QLD L of C Area and, inter alia, the disbanding of 60 Aust DCRE (Wks) (AIF) by MT Force.

2. Necessary amendments to the OOB AIF are being issued at an early date.

ACTION

3. 10 Aust CRE (Wks) will take action as set out hereunder -

Action	War Office Serial No.	Unit	WE Ref No.	W E T
DISBAND	47276	60 Aust DCRE (Wks) (AIF)	IV/11C/1	E2/68a

METHOD

4. Personnel

(a) Officers - will be reposted under separate instructions to be issued by LHQ.

(b) Other Ranks - OR personnel rendered surplus on disbandment of 60 Aust DCRE (Wks) will be transferred to trainee strength of 1 RAE Trg Centre pending reallotment by 2nd Echelon LHQ to 1 Aust Spare Parts Sub Depot if suitable. Documents covering movement of such personnel will be endorsed with the LHQ and MT Force authority for disbandment and date of departure will be advised to HQ MT Force immediately movement commences.

(c) Two copies of nominal rolls of draft will be prepared and distributed as follows :-

1 copy SA Ech & Records
1 copy NSW Ech & Records

(d) Action in accordance with this paragraph will be taken only in respect of those personnel on posted strength as at date of receipt of this instruction. "X" List personnel of the unit will be disposed of by 2nd Echelon LHQ in the normal manner.

5. Equipment and vehicles

(a) Personal arms and equipment will be retained by all ranks

(b) Equipment on charge of 60 Aust DCRE (Wks) will be returned to RSD under directions ADOS MT Force. It will be ensured that prior to return to Ord all stores are properly cleaned and identified;

all components will be included with the major equipment.

(c) Vehicles rendered surplus will be returned to 9 Aust Ord Veh Pk under directions ADOS HT Force.

Units will ensure that all vehicles are returned in the following condition :-

(i) Thoroughly clean
(ii) Complete with VDL equipment
(iii) Log book complete and up to date
(iv) Accompanied by AAF G4

(d) Attention is drawn to the instructions contained in HQ HT Force Q16970 of 14 Feb 45 in regard to completion of ledger accounts.

6. Unit Records

Cond 60 Aust DCRE (Wks) (AIF) will be responsible for the completion of unit records and accounts to the satisfaction of Records Liaison Staff and DFO respectively. In this regard, particular attention will be given to investigations under GRO A518/43 into members declared illegal absentees.

GENERAL

7. Target Date - It is desired that action in accordance with this instruction be completed if possible by 15 Jun 45.

8. Reports - A report on action taken to implement this instruction will be furnished to reach HQ HT Force not later than 17 Jun 45.

(L F Bosworth) Maj
for Lt-Col
AAG HT FORCE

Appendix H

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HQ MT FORCE (AIF)
(AS/120/13)
14 May 45

56 AUST PORT CRAFT COY RAE
MT COASTAL RECCE UNIT

Copies to: G; Q; CRE; ADOS; SA ECH & RECORDS; RECORDS LIAISON STAFF;
WAR DIARY (2)

REDUCTION OF OOB MT FORCE
DISBANDING - 15 AUST SMALL SHIP COY RAE
RAISING - 56 AUST PORT CRAFT COY RAE

1. With reference to HQ MT Force memo 18731 (AS/120/13) dated 17 May 45 and previous correspondence relative to the above, attached hereto for information and necessary action is copy of LHQ SM.4427 dated 18 May 45.

2. Further instructions regarding the ultimate disbanding of MT Coastal Recce Unit will be issued in due course.

3. Necessary adjustments to records and returns will be effected immediately, quoting the LHQ SM as authority; and supplementary appendices in accordance with LHQ memo 85039 of 22 Jun 44 will be submitted.

4. HQ MT Force will be advised, not later than 4 Jun 45, of action taken to implement these instructions.

(L F Bosworth) Maj
for Lt-col
AAG MT FORCE

Appendix I

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HQ NT FORCE (AIF)
(AS120/32)
24 May 45

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HQ DARWIN FIXED DEFENCES (4)

Copies to - SA Ech & Rec; District Accounts Office NT, NT Force Details Depot, 'G', 'Q', CRE CSO, ADOS, DAD Education, DAD Amenities, Records Liaison Staff, War Diary (2) ✓

AA AND SL UNITS - DELETION OF DISBANDING 359 AUST HAA TP (STATIC)

INFORMATION

1. Authority is contained in LHQ SM 4566 dated 22 May 45 to anticipate amendments to OOB to provide for the disbandment of 359 Aust HAA Tp (Static).

ACTION

2. Action will be taken by HQ Darwin Fixed Defences, as follows -

	WO Serial No	Unit	WE	Posted strength as at May 45	
				Offrs	ORs
DISBAND	46711	359 AUST HAA TP (STATIC)(AIF)	IV/13F/1	3	102

3. It is desired that action be completed as early as possible.

METHOD

4. PERSONNEL - Personnel, including officers, will be disposed of as follows -

(a) By the transfer of suitable personnel to fill existing vacancies in 54 and 55 Aust AA Regts (Comp). Recommendations for transfer of officers in accordance with this sub para will be furnished to HQ NT Force without delay.

(b) Balance of personnel in accordance with HQ NT Force memo 15573 (AS/120/36) dated 16 Feb 45. Full details of any Warrant or NCOs unable to be absorbed will be submitted to HQ NT Force in terms of para 5 (a) of memo 15573.

5. UNIT RECORDS - Comd of 359 Aust HAA Tp (Static) will be responsible for the completion of unit records and accounts to the satisfaction of Records Liaison Staff and DFO respectively. Particular attention will be given to investigations in accordance with GR0813/44 relative to members declared illegally absent.

6/ PRESELECTION OF OFFICERS -

Disposal of any members of 359 Aust HAA TP (Static) who have passed either a local or LHQ Preselection Board will be advised to HQ NT FORCE.

GENERAL

7. A report on action taken to implement this instruction will be furnished not later than 12 Jun 45.

(L F Bosworth) Maj
for Lt-col
AAG NT FORCE

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Unit DDMS NT FORCE *Date and Time.—From* 1 May '45 *To* 31 May '45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			CONTENTS OF THE WARDIARY FROM MONTH OF MAY '45	
			1. Reorganisation of the medical service.	
			2. Movements of Medical Units	
			3. Visits of Staff	
			4. Changes of Postings	
			5. Miscellaneous	
			APPENDICES	
			1. Notificable DiseaseReturn	
			2. Fortnightly return of beds occupied and equipped.	
			3. Personnel hospitalised by Army in NT	

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Unit DDMS *Date and Time.—From* 1 May '45 *To* 31 May '45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			1. REORGANISATION OF THE MEDICAL SERVICES	
			There have been no further changes in Medical Units in this Area. 108 Aust Con. Depot has now completed disbandment except for checking of unit ledgers by Unit Stores Account Section and handover of buildings occupied formerly by the unit at BERRY SPRINGS. All personnel and records have been despatched according to the orders issued by NT FORCE, and stores returned to the respective Depots.	
			Changes have been mated for further reductions, but nothing concrete has been decided.	
			No advice has come to hand concerning the laundry increment for 107 Aust Gen Hosp.	
			2. MOVEMENTS OF MEDICAL UNITS	
			There have not been any movements of medical units during the month.	

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Unit DDMS HT FORCE Date and Time.—From 1 May '45 To 31 May '45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			3. VISITS OF STAFF	
			Lieut-col THOMPSON A/DDMS marched in 10 May '45 and in the next week commenced a tour of inspection of all medical units in the Force, moving down by road and returning by Air, visits were made also by Principal Matron and DAC AAMWS to 55 Camp Hosp. 74 Aust Camp Hosp. and 109 A.G.H. the latter coinciding with the arrival of DDMS.	
			No specialists were sent on tour this month.	
			4. CHANGES OF POSTINGS	
			Seven (7) medical officers and three (3) officers AAMC were posted out of the formation. All medical Officers but one (1) will be replaced.	
			5. MISCELLANEOUS	
			(a) Quarantine	
			These duties are now growing in their volume due to the increased amount of shipping passing through the port	

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Unit DDMS NT FORCE *Date and Time.—From* 1 May '45 *To* 31 May '45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			since the Jap threat to the north has been neutralised. As yet the tie-up between RAAF, RAN and Army is only each having its own sphere - the main point for consideration is to have a central authority which does not exist under the present organisation.	
			As yet there has not been any necessity to place any vessel in quarantine.	
			(b) MALARIA	
			There is a reported outbreak of fever in the ROPER RIVER Mission Area and sporadic cases are occurring in other areas. A medical officer and one from 10 AMCU have been flown to the mission but have not yet returned to make their report. The position is being closely watched.	

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A/D.D.M.S., N.T. Force

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - NORTHERN TERRITORY FORCE. HS/.

HQ NT FORCE (AIF),
DEN 45/29/235,
1 June, '45.

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50188

"A" BRANCH,
HQ NT FORCE.

WAR DIARY - DENTAL SERVICES -
FOR MONTH ENDING 31 MAY 1945.

In response to a request from Brig. i/c Adm., a review covering the activities of Dental Services in Northern Territory during the War period was prepared. This included a brief outline of Dental treatment carried out for civilians during the period of Emergency control and suggestions for an organised Dental Service when the Territory returns to civil control.

The following changes in locations of Dental sections were effected during May'45:-

"B" Sec. 74 A.D.U. - From Larrakeyah to Leanyer.
(No. 2 Mobile)

"G" Sec. 74 A.D.U. - From Camooweal to Tennant Creek
(No. 1 Mobile) thence to Banka Banka.

A complete Annual Stocktake of L.H.Q. Sub-Depot Dental Store, Winnellie was carried out on 26 May '45. The total value of surplus and deficiencies revealed were :-

Deficient £ 10 0½.

Surplus £1 1 1.

The result is highly satisfactory and reflects a great deal on the efficient manner in which the O.C. and staff of the Dental Stores have carried out their duties. Revelant C.R.V.'s and Write Off vouchers covering the above discrepancies have been prepared for finalisation.

No advice has as yet been received concerning approval to write off the amount of £120 11 3¼ as recommended by the Board of Survey held at Dental Store, Winnellie on 21 April '45.

Returns of charges for Dental treatment of civilians in Northern Territory during April '45 show an increase of £30 17 6 over March figures.

Visits of inspection were made to all Dental Units and Sections operating North of Mataranka during May.

L. Harbeck

(L. Harbeck) Lt-Col,
ADDS NT FORCE.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - NORTHERN TERRITORY FORCE

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HQ NT FORCE (AIF)
APM/32/1
1 May 45

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WAR DIARY - MAY 45

1. CHANGES

(a) Location - Nil

(b) Organization - Nil

(c) Staff - NX28150 Capt A C DOCHARTY marched out on leave on 5 May 45 and then to report to LHQ for service with British Army in India.

2. SIB

Owing to changing circumstances SIB in NT have been concentrated in ALICE SPRINGS for duty.

3. VARIOUS DUTIES

Nil

J. Eason Maj
(J F Eason)
APM HQ NT FORCE

CLO/BS/EC

HQ MT FORCE (AIF)

31 May 45.

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WAR DIARY

---NIL RETURN---

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AA EDN SERVICE - WAR DIARY - MAY 1945

Changes

The organization of educational activities in Darwin Fixed Defences having been completed an adjustment in F.T.D. personnel in accordance with the new W.E. was effected during the month. Previously two additional sergeants (supernumerary) were allowed. Owing to the withdrawal of this authority one of these has been withdrawn and the other is now carried on the W.E. of NT Force though attached for duty to 55 AA Regt.

The closing of the Education Centre at 103 Aust Con Depot and the transfer of material, equipment, library and personnel to 107 Aust Gen Hosp is now complete.

The Mobile Music Unit completed its return tour of units along the Stuart Highway and is now established at HQ for work in the Darwin and Northern area.

Visits

The Education Officer for Women's Services visited Alice Springs and Tennant Creek early in the month and Mt. Isa at the end of the month.

Through the loss of two officers by transfer, visits by Officers of this HQ have been limited to local units.

Lectures

Interest in Lecture programmes has been maintained generally and further developed in units not served by F.T.D. personnel in formations and centres by including a sergeant lecturer on HQ. Topics commanding most interest have been upon Reconstruction Training, Housing, Films and Development of NT.

Films

Films and lectures are closely correlated. Regular film programmes are maintained. These involve covering long distances in which air, land and water transport are utilized. For example AA and SL Batteries in isolated coast locations are reached by Army water transport, by a cutter made available through Salvation Army Welfare, by RAAF Marine Section, and by the co-operation of RAAF Communications Aircraft. For this purpose specially constructed carrying cases for cinema plant have been designed. It can be readily understood that the further afield activities are extended and the greater the isolation the keener the appreciation and more effective the results.

Music

The Mobile Music Unit has returned to this HQ, the greater portion of the month having been spent in giving recitals to units along the Stuart Highway. "Music on the Lawn" series has been maintained for the last month or so by recorded recitals very well received. These can now be augmented by personal recitals. This activity presenting a general programme of good music with variety has successfully developed a regular following of patrons

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Music Continued

and it is felt that its ultimate objective may now be advanced another step by the formation of a group or groups on a higher level and concentrating on some particular aspect of music.

Art

Two art groups are operating but though they are continuing they are experiencing difficulties in keeping instructors. One has been transferred and the other has not alwasy been available because of regimental duties.

Libraries

Seven new Circulating Box Libraries together with ten boxes of Special Penguin Series have been received during the month. Nine new Field Reference Libraries have been received and distributed to full time NCOs in the field. The old series of F.R.L. have been incorporated in these and thus is provided a ready source of reference for the preparation of lectures and discussions and for loan to interested personnel.

Correspondence Courses

There were eighty six applications for new courses during the month. Details of a number of new courses continue to arrive as the various subjects become available from the sources being set up in the respective states under the direction of the Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme.

Pre-Vocational Workshop

The setting-up of this has proceeded and it is expected that with the installation of light and power and the arrival of tools from the South it should be possible to commence holding classes in woodwork and allied subjects very shortly. No Supplies of leather and other materials have arrived so that there has been little hobby activity.

Women's Services

Increased interest has been shown in Correspondence Courses. Women are looking to the future. Courses most sought after are English, Dressmaking and Interior Decoration.

Jackson

(F.J. JACKSON) Maj
DAD EDUCATION HT Force

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WAR DIARY.

AA AMENITIES SERVICE.

N.T. DETACHMENT.

STORES AND GOODS:

Non-arrival of shipping has cut the store stock to a very low level. This demonstrates the advisability of ordering for some months ahead, and as such had been done, no embarrassment has been caused.

Monthly stock-takes are now satisfactory; and still ~~in~~ very necessary with such a wide range of goods.

The latitude allowed an operational area has now, in all our stores and workshops given over to strict accounting, with consequent increase of work.

REPAIRS:

Electrical goods repairs have increased now that tehcnician has returned from leave. The "expert?" in many units still interferes with childlike curiosity, and causes extra work.

POLICY:

No new departure. But a tightening up of use of Service personnel, Equipment and goods is ordered by LHQ. The "issue to individuals" is again adversely commented on by the Director.

CINEMAS & FILMS.

Irregular supplies of films due to Air Freight irregularities cause some trouble to the Service. A film "bank" of old films will later be established at Darwin to "tide over" such irregular arrival of film.

CONCERTS:

Endeavour being made to improve the structure of some existing unit stages to accomodate larger parties than previously catered for.

SPORT:

All Services successfully running their own competitions.

The intrusion of Grand Carnival not welcomed by R.A.N. and R.A.A.F with consequent reorganisation of well established competitions.

RADIO:

Phillips radio parts are unobtainable, therefore a number of sets cannot be repaired.

5DR a great success, but practice of keeping portion of staff at LHQ for scripting of programmes not entirely approved of by DAD or O.C. Station. In compiling of W.E. for Broadcasting Stations provision should have been made for scripters and full W.E. sent up to Station.

R A Love Major.
(R.A. Love), DAD AMENITIES.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES-NORTHERN TERRITORY FORCE

ADM STAFF CONFERENCE

NO 72

2 MAY 45.

HQ NT FORCE

PRESENT:

AQMG
A/AAG
AQMG(Mov & Tn)
G11 (SD)
CRE
DDST(rep)
DDMS(rep)
ADOS
GEME

1. FRESH MEAT

14 days in the chillers; 9 days on the hoof

2. CENTRAL KILLING SCHEME:

(a) MANBULLOO Abattoirs

Should be able to work new abattoirs to full capacity on 7 May 45.
Murphy generator is being connected and should be ready in a few days.
DST has requested that a beef export programme be undertaken during 1945 and that a maximum number of cattle be killed commencing as soon as practicable.
AWC promised to have plan of doors in by 1 May 45. They have agreed to do everything possible to expedite their completion.

(b) By-Products Plant

Preliminary plans have been received. LHQ negotiating with AWC HQ regarding detailed plans, without which no further action can be taken.

DAD Hygiene is continuing his investigation regarding blood disposal.

3. MEN'S CLUB DARWIN

Canteens have been advised that RSA Hall in Smith Street will be available on vacation by USN and are making preliminary plans so that as soon as building is available it can be taken over.

4. REFRIGERATION FSD DARWIN

Strike by AWC employees finished after 4 days. CRE reported that it considered not worth taking over the job by RAE labour. At present rate of progress completion hoped for in two weeks time.

5. WATER SUPPLY HOWARD SPRINGS

Stage 1 - Tested again on 27 Apr 45 for 16 hours; another break developed.
Stage 2 - No change.

6. BROADCASTING STATION

100% complete.

7. LARRAKEYAH BARRACKS

Staff Corps Mess

45% complete; ETC still 1 Jun 45.
Complete project has been taken over by RAE labour.

8. MOVE OF 10 AUST BASE WKSP FROM KATARINKA TO 18 ML

Roads and Drainage - Still awaiting estimate from AWC for completion of sealing of roads, and culverts.
Buildings - Still progressing with unit labour. Estimate not yet received from AWC.

9. WORKSHOP POSITION

10 AUST BASE WKSP	Major repairs	5
	vehs under repair	62
NT AREA WKSP	Major repairs	25
	vehs under repair	44
ALICE SPRINGS AREA WKSP	Major repairs	6
	vehs under repair	18
SUMMARY:	Major repairs	36
	vehs under repair	124

Transit Park vehs held -
vehs available for issue 220 vehs, 47 carriers, 211 motor cycles (9 Aust Veh Pk)
31 Vehs (9 Aust AOD- Alice Springs)

"B" VEHICLES (EXCLUDING M/C & TRAILERS)
IN ORD VEH PKS AS AT 20 APR 45

		Alice Springs	9 Aust Ord Veh Pk (excl Alice Springs)
Unclassified	(a)	597	259
Class 1		11	212
II		5	17
III		59	303
IV		154	96
Va		511	776
Vb		184	421
VI	(i) Covered by G.33	218	773
	(ii) Awaiting earmark for disposal	34	412
	(iii) In Disposal Pk	104	77
		1,877	3,346

Note : (a) Vehicles have been inspected - recording incomplete.

10. DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS STORES

Nothing further to report.

11. VISITORS

(a) Departures.

Col Speckman	30 Apr 45
Lt-Col Hill	29 Apr 45
Capt Wilson	26 Apr 45
Mr Sladdin	26 Apr 45

(b) Arrivals in NT (prior to 25 Apr 45)

Maj Butler	23 Apr 45	E in C LHQ) Insp Engr
Capt Wilson	23 Apr 45	Finance LHQ) Fin Liaison

(c) Arrivals in NT (during week ending 1 May 45)

Lt-Col Maude	26 Apr 45	AQMG (Liaison) LHQ
Maj Granger	1 May 45)	Research Directorate LHQ
Capt Peisley	")	V & R LHQ-Water Buffalo Survey
Lt-Col Hill	27 Apr 45	HQ "M" Spec Unit GHQ

(d) Due

Brig Burton	5 May 45	DAG(1) LHQ (ADM)
Mr Bingle	5 May 45)	Vesteys Aust
Mr Tessier	)	Vesteys London
Col Fitzpatrick	7 May 45	DDRT(Inspect NA Railways
Lt-Col Brown	7 May 45	DDRT
Mr Gahan	7 May 45	Commonwealth Railways Comm.
Maj Mitchell	?	Indian Army-Insp Aust AA methods
Capt Holmes	?	Ord LHQ (offr shop installations)
Mr Gardner	2 May 45	(Alice Springs) Representative Adelaide "Advertiser"

12 MOVEMENT OF OFFICERS

NIL

13. CHANGES IN APPOINTMENTS

NIL

14. REVIEW OF OOB

(a) Units notified for removal from OOB since last conference -
1 Aust Fd Regt (AIF)
1 Aust Fd R gt Sig Sec (AIF)
204 Aust LAD (Type D) (AIF)
HQ 2 Coy 1 Aust Line Constr Gp
22 Aust Line Sec

(b) Units notified for addition to OOB since last conference -

NIL

(c) Posted Strength NT Force as at 1 May 45 - 15,638

(d) Estimated ultimate posted strength NT Force as at 30 Jun 45 - 14,891

15. RETURN OF RESPONSIBILITY TO CIVIL ADMINISTRATION

Nothing further to report.

Conference closed 1035 hrs

A.V. Burgess
COL
AQMG
4 May 45.

DISTRIBUTION

Comd	(1)	AQMG(Mov & Tn)	(5)		
Brig i/c Adm	(2)	CRE	(6)		
AAG	(3)	DDST	(7)	CSO	(12)
AQMG	(4)	DDMS	(8)	War Diary	(13-14)
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		CEME	(10)		
		GS	(11)		

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ADM STAFF CONFERENCE

No 73

10 MAY 45

HQ NT FORCE

PRESENT:

BRIG I/C ADM	CRE
AQMG	DDST (rep)
A/AAG	DDMS (rep)
AQMG (Mov & Tn)(rep)	ADOS
G11 (SD)(Rep)	CEME

S/C ADM (Secy)

1. FRESH MEAT

13 days in the chillers; 8 days on the hoof.

2. CENTRAL KILLINGSCHEME

(a) MANBULLOO Abattoirs

It is proposed to continue using the new abattoirs as the trial run held on the 8 May 45 when 50 beef were killed was successful.
The Murphy engine has been installed and work on the other engine isproceeding.
One of the chambers will be out of operation all the time for a period estinated at 3 months, which is the ETC.
The plan difficulty for the fitting of the new doors has been overcome, but complete efficiency is dependant upon no further breakdown occurring.
In this regard it is obvious that the power line from KATHERINE project should be proceeded with. It is understood that submission has been made by IHQ for the necessary funds. If approved, time of completion would be in the neighbourhood of 6 months.

(b) By-Products Plant

No change in present position.

(c) Disposal of Effluent

As present method has proved, over a long period, to be inefficient, it is decided that an alternative system such as is in operation at abattoirs in the main centres of the commonwealth be adopted, consisting of the "farming" of blood effluent and waste matter on to an area some distance from the abattoirs. The plan is to be evolved covering work of the abattoirs in an estimated cost to be furnished in due course.
CRE to consult DAD Hygiene and to obtain, if possible, details of modern set-up before deciding on the actual plant, bearing in mind the fact that the MANBULLOO Abattoirs has now been accepted as a permanent Post-War installation.

3. MEN'S CLUB DARWIN

No change.

4. REFRIGERATION-FSD DARWIN

ETC by AWC 17 May .

5. WATER SUPPLY HOWARD SPRINGS

Stage 1 - Further test made but yet another break occurred.
Stage 2 - No change.

6. BROADCASTING STATION

Second SW hut at LEANYER well under way; ETC 24 May.

7. LARRAKEYAH BARRACKS

Staff Corps Mess

Painting and renovation 40% complete
Sewerage 65% complete
Total completion 52%; ETC still 5 Jun 45.

Extra finance has been approved to enable the original project to be completed in full.

8. MOVE OF 10 AUST BASE WKSP FROM KATARANKA TO 18 MILE

Roads and Drainage - Still awaiting estimate from ANC.
Buildings - Still progressing with unit labour.

9. WORKSHOP POSITION

10 AUST BASE WKSP	Major repairs	9
	vehs under repair	60
NT AREA WKSP	Major repairs	37
	vehs under repair	85
ALICE SPRINGS AREA WKSP	Major repairs	14
	vehs under repair	20
SUMMARY:	Major repairs	60
	vehs under repair	165

Transit Park vehs held -
vehs available for issue 206 vehs) (9 Aust Veh Pk)
57 carriers)
208 motor cycles)

31 Vehs (9 Aust AOD ALICE SPRINGS)

CLASSIFICATION OF UNIT 'B' VEHICLES - NT FORCE
AS AT 20 APR 45
(EXCLUDING M/C & TRAILERS)

		CLASS							
WE	Unclassified	I	II	III	IV	Va	Vb	VI &	TOTAL
3096	122	577	1047	176	667	106	8	14	2717

REVIEW OF LT AS AT 20 APR 45
(EXCLUDING M/C & TRAILERS)

Entitlement:		
WE	3096	
LHQ	132	
Total	3228	3228
On Issue:		
Entitlement	2353	
Approved excess	310	
Unauthorised (a)	54	
Total	2717	2717
Deficiency		511

NOTE: (a)

Re-organisation of units	8
Vehicles being transferred to Ordnance	44
No reason	13
Total	65

10. DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS STORES

A complete survey is being carried out of all surplus buildings in II L of C Sub-Area.

11. VISITORS

(a) Departures

Brig Burton	8 May 45	
Lt-Col Maude	4 May 45	departed AliceSprings
Lt-Col Cape	9 May 45	
Mr Tessier	9 May 45	
Mr Gardner	9 May 45	
Maj Butler	9 May 45	
Capt Wilson	9 May 45	

(b) Arrivals in NT (prior to 2 May 45)

Maj Granger	1 May 45	Ref buffaloes in NT
Capt Peisley	1 May 45	

(c) Arrivals in NT (During 8 days ending 10 May 45)

Brig Burton	5 May 45	DAG 1 LHQ
Mr Bingle	5 May 45	Vesteys
Mr Tessier	5 May 45	"
Lt-Col Cape	6 May 45	G1 Air LHQ
Capt Betty Sale	6 May 45	FANYS
Pastor Guilliard	7 May 45	7th Day Adventist
Mr Gardner	8 May 45	Adelaide Advertiser

(d) Due

Col Fitzpatrick	12 May 45	DRRT
Lt-Col Brown	12 May 45	ADRT
Col Gahan	12 May 45	Commissioner C'wealth Rlys
Maj Mitchell	?	Indian Army (insp AA methods)
Maj Duncan	10 May 45	DGMS Branch LHQ
Mr Murphy	12 May 45	ThomasBrown & Son
Maj Moore	29 May 45	?
Lt Kelly	29 May 45	?

12. MOVEMENT OF OFFICERS

Lt-Col Johnston, DDS & T. dep on compassionate leave 4 May 45.
Maj Barton, GSO 11 (SD) dep on emergency leave 9 May 45.

13. CHANGES IN APPOINTMENT

Nil.

14. REVIEW OF OOB

(a) Units notified for removal from OOB since last conference -

NIL

(b) Units notified for addition to OOB since last conference -

NIL

(c) Posted Strength NT force as at 10 May 45 - 15,475

(d) Estimated ultimate posted strength NT Force as at 30 Jun 45 - 14,823

Brig i/c Adm outlined the result of his recent inspection 11 L of C Sub-Area by which certain reductions can be immediately effected mainly in the AAMC strength of the Sub-Area. Comd 11 L of C Sub-Area is working upon plan for reorganizating LARRIMAH camp andmilitary installations in the ALICE SPRINGS area to effect centralization and economy of camp sites and over-head staff.

15. RETURN OF RESPONSIBILITY TO CIVIL ADMINISTRATION

Nothing further to report.

Conference closed at 1100 hrs.

Capt
S/C AHQ
14 MAY 45

DISTRIBUTION	COPY NO
Comd	1
Brig i/c Adm	2
AAG	3
AQMG	4
AQMG (Mov & Tn)	5
CRE	6
DDST	7
DDMS	8
ADOS	9
CEME	10
GS	11
CSO	12
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ADM STAFF CONFERENCE

No 74

16 May 45

HQ NT FORCE

PRESENT: BRIG I/C ADM, CRE, AQMG, DDST (rep), A/AAG, DDNS, AQMG (Mov & Tn (rep), ADOS, G11 (SD)(rep), CEME (rep)

S/C ADM (Secy)

1. FRESH MEAT:

16 days in the chillers; 7 days on the hoof.

2. CENTRAL KILLING SCHEME:

(a) MANBULLOO Abattoirs

New abattoirs started in operation. Reconditioning of engine and doors proceeding as satisfactorily as possible. No further word in regard to the power line.

(b) By-Products Plant

Requisition being submitted to AWC. As far as known no plans yet available.

(c) Disposal of Effluent

New scheme for disposal of blood being prepared with view to placing work with AWC in due course.

3. MEN'S CLUB DARWIN:

"A" Branch have question of personnel in hand.

4. REFRIGERATION ESD DARWIN:

Notify AWC that S & T will occupy on 23 May 45.

5. WATER SUPPLY HOWARD SPRINGS:

Stage 1 - Further test made but yet another break occurred.
Stage 2 - No change.

6. BROADCASTING STATION:

Second studio at LEANYER progressing; ETC 26 May 45.

7. LARRAKEYAH BARRACKS:

Staff Corps Mess

Painting and renovation	50% complete
Sewerage	75% complete
Total completion	62%; ETC 1 June 45.

Requisition is being submitted to AWC for installation electrical fittings.

8. MOVE OF 10 AUST BASE WKSP FROM MATARANKA TO 18 ML:

Roads and Drainage - still awaiting estimate from AWC.
Buildings - still progressing with unit labour. Sleeping huts finished.

9. WORKSHOP POSITION:

10 AUST BASE WKSP	Major repairs	6
	vehs under repair	59
NT AREA WKSP	Major repairs	39
	vehs under repair	85
ALICE SPRINGS AREA WKSP	Major repairs	5
	vehs under repair	9
SUMMARY:	Major repairs	50
	vehs under repair	153

Transit Park vehshield - vehs available for issue

278 vehs)
57 carriers) (9 Aust Veh Pk)
208 motor cycles)

39 Vehs (9 Aust LOD ALICE SPRINGS)

"B" VEHICLES (Excluding M/C & Trailers)
IN ORDNANCE VEH PKS AS AT 5 MAY 45.

	ALICE SPRINGS	9 AUST ORD VEH PK (excl ALICE SPRINGS)
Unclassified (a)	419	223
CLASS 1	11	167
" II	5	15
" III	60	283
" IV	160	104
" Va	632	760
" Vb (Awaiting LHQ instruction)	211	448
" VI (i) Covered by G.33	427	776
" (ii) Awaiting earmark for disposal	34	381
(iii) In Disposal Pk	79	105
	2038	3262

NOTE: (a) Vehicles have been inspected, recording incomplete. Plans are now under way to move all vehicles from 89 ML Veh Pk forward to new site at 24 ML (9 AOD Veh Pk). All vehicles from MILIRANKA except those written off will be brought forward to 24 ML.

10. DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS STORES:

The question as to whether any well-constructed buildings of a permanent nature should be earmarked for disposal only to Governmental departments with a view to their retention for military purposes in the event of military operations in the future, is one for consideration and advice from LHQ.

11. VISITORS:

(a) Departures

Capt Betty Sale	13 May 45	
Mr Murchy	15 May 45	

(b) Arrivals in NT during week-ending 15 May 45

Major Duncan	11 May 45	DGMS Branch LHQ
Mr Murphy	12 May 45	Thos Brown & Son rep.
Col Gahan	12 May 45	Commissioner C'wealth Rlys.
Col Fitzpatrick	13 May 45	DRRT
Lt-Col Brown	13 May 45	ADRT
Major Mitchell	15 May 45	Indian Army (insp Aust AA methods)

(c) Arrivals in NT prior to 10 May 45

Mr Bingle	5 May 45	Vesteys
Major Granger	1 May 45	Research LHQ
Capt Peisley	1 May 45	V & RS LHQ
Pastor Guilliard	7 May 45	7thDay Adventist.

(d) Due

Major Moore	29 May 45	MEO - Branch
Lt Kelly	29 May 45	Trials 40 mm amm.
Lt-Col Sedgley	18 May 45	E in C LHQ

12. MOVEMENT OF OFFICERS:

Capt Cook (EME Telecomm) transferred to HQ 6 Aust Div, 13 May 45.

13. CHANGES IN APPOINTMENT:

Maj Young rep 13 May 45, DADT.
Lt-Col Thompson rep 10 May, DDMS.
Maj Watson rep 3 May 45, DAQMG.
Maj Waller dep 3 May 45 leave and Staff School.
Brig Winning posted 13 Inf Bde, 15 May 45.
Lt-Col Williams, 109 AGH, posted 2/8 AGH, 13 May 45.
Lt-Col Williamson, CASC 11 L of C Sub-Area, posted British Army in India, 8 May 45.
Maj Kingsford, 5 AAD, posted 17 AAD, 13 May 45.

14. REVIEW OF OOB:

(a) Units notified for removal from OOB since last conference -

24 Maint Pl

(b) Units notified for addition to OOB since last conference -

11 Maint Pl

(c) Posted Strength NT Force as at 15 May 45 - 15,135.

(d) Estimated ultimate posted strength NT Force as at 30 Jun 45 - 14,484.

Submission is being made to LHQ giving recommended deductions in 12 Inf Bde Gp and 11 L of C Sub-Area.

15. RETURN OF RESPONSIBILITY TO CIVIL ADMINISTRATION:

Plans are under discussion -

(a) For movement of the HQ organization of the ANC from ALICE SPRINGS, ADELAIDE RIVER and 13 ML and their concentration in DARWIN.

(b) For the return to DARWIN of a branch store of Thomas Brown & Son, Brisbane, to act as forwarding agents for civilian stores in the Northern Area.

Conference closed 1045 hrs.

J Karen C.F.I
Capt
S/C ADM
19 MAY 45

DISTRIBUTION	COPY NO
Comd	1
Brig i/c Adm	2
AAG	3
AQMG	4
AQMG (Mov & Tn)	5
CRE	6
DDST	7
DDMS	8
ADOS	9
CEME	10
GS	11
CSO	12
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ADM STAFF CONFERENCE

No 75

23 May 45

HQ NT FORCE

PRESENT:

BRIG I/C ADM	CRE
AQMG	DDST (rep)
A/AAG	DDMS (rep)
AQMG (Mov & Tn)	ADOS
G11 (SD)	CEME

(S/C ADM (Secy)

1. FRESH MEAT:

16½ days in the chillers; 5 days on the hoof.

2. CENTRAL KILLING SCHEME:

(a) MANBULLOO Abattoirs

AWC commenced work on 3 shift basis and work will be pushed on as rapidly aspossible.

Conference held on spot between CRE and Lt-Col Sedgley, E in C Branch LHQ, on whole question of MANBULLOO set up. Plans at present in hand were reviewed, andresult of this conference should overcome all difficulties with regard to operation of the Central Killing Scheme. Further funds will be required to implement. Power Plant should now be satisfactory and meet all demands except additional load imposed by By-Products Plant when completed.

(b) By-Products Plant

Tenders have been called for plant at LHQ. No estimated date of commencement however can yet be given. Site has been settled.

(c) Disposal of Effluent

Effective scheme for disposal of effluent has been evolved and will be commenced at the earliest possible date.

3. MEN'S CLUB DARWIN:

Question of personnel in hand, otherwise no change.

4. REFRIGERATION FSD DARWIN:

Brig i/c Adm instructed that FSD is to be occupied immediately by S & T even if AWC still have certain equipment on the site. CRE will cooperate with regard to locks and safety of building and protection of AWC equipment. AWC to be notified that they are required to at once clear the area on high priority andthat Army is no longer prepared to wait for this work to be completed before occupying the buildings.

5. WATER SUPPLY HOWARD SPRINGS:

Stage 1 - Further test made but yet another break occurred.
Stage 2 - No change.

6. BROADCASTING STATION:

Second studio at LEANYER not yet completed.

7. LARRAKEYAH BARRACKS:

Staff Corps Mess

Painting and renovation	60% complete
Sewerage	80% complete
Total completion	70%; ETC 15 Jun 45.

8. MOVE OF 10 AUST BASE WKSP FROM MATARANKA TO 18 ML.

Roads and Drainage - Still same position, still awaiting estimate AWC.
Buildings - Still progressing with Unit labour assisted by working party; ETC 15 Jun 45.

Submission covering whole of this move has now been made to LHQ and involving expense of some £20,000 for necessary covering authority.

9. WORKSHOP POSITION:

10 AUST BASE WKSP	Major repairs	11
	vehs under repair	61
MT AREA WKSP	Major repairs	22
	vehs under repair	101
ALICE SPRINGS AREA WKSP	Major repairs	1
	vehs under repair	6
SUMMARY:	Major repairs	34
	vehs under repair	168

Transit Park vehs held -
vehs available for issue 190 vehs) (9 Aust Veh Pk)
57 carriers)
208 motor cycles)
30 vehs (9 Aust AOD ALICE SPRINGS)

Move of vehs from 89 ML Veh Pk to 24 ML is under way; ETC 30 Jun 45.

10. DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS STORES:

Additional buildings at MT ISA have been notified for disposal.
Complete survey of area being carried out.

11. VISITORS:

(a) Departures

Mr Murphy	16 May 45
Col Fitzpatrick	16 May 45
Lt-Col Brown	16 May 45
Pastor Guilliard	18 May 45
Col Gahan	18 May 45
Lt-Col Sedgley	23 May 45

(b) Arrivals in NT during week-ending 22 May 45

Lt-Col Sedgley	18 May 45	E in C Staff LHQ
Mr Heyer) Mr Trerise)	20 May 45	"Overlanders" Film executives.
Col Murray) Dr Cunninghan) Capt McElwain) Lt Grant)	21 May 45	Selection Committee ANGAU

(c) Arrivals in NT prior to 15 May 45

Maj Grainger	1 May 45	Research LHQ
Capt Peisley	1 May 45	V & RS LHQ
Mr Bingle	5 May 45	Vesteys
Maj Mitchell	15 May 45	Indian Army (insp Aust AA Methods)

(d) DUE

Lt-Col McCoy	24 May 45	SO-in-C Staff LHQ
Mr Gordon	24 May 45	Deputy Director Service Foodstuffs
Maj Moore) Lt Kelly)	29 May 45	MGO Branch trials 40mm gun.
Major Melville (AWAS)	30 May 45	SO Sigs (2) LHQ

12. MOVEMENT OF OFFICERS:

Brig Winning (Comd 12 Bde) dep 18 May 45 to 13 Inf Bde.
Lt-Col Williams (CO 109 AGH) dep 18 May 45 2/8 AGH.
Maj Culnane (Staff Learner A) dep 18 May 45 Staff School.
Maj Barton GSO II (SD) ret 22 May 45 from Special leave.

13. CHANGES IN APPOINTMENT:

Maj Culnane (Staff Learner A) seconded while attending Staff School.
Brig Dollery (Brig i/c Adm) posted Brig i/c Adm Qld L of C Area.

14. REVIEW OF OOB:

(a) Units notified for removal from OOB since last conference -

60 Aust DCRE (Wks)

(b) Units notified for addition to OOB since last conference -

NIL.

(c) Posted Strength NT Force as at 22 May 45 - 15,079

(d) Estimated ultimate posted strength NT Force as at 30 Jun 45 - 14,375

Submission has been made to LHQ recommending certain reductions in 12 Aust Inf Bde Gp and 11 L of C Sub-Area.
Appreciation has also been forwarded for consideration with respect to possibility in the future of maintaining Darwin by sea and air, thus allowing for the discontinuance of the road L of C's from ALICE SPRINGS and AT L.A.

15. RESUMPTION OF CIVIL ADMINISTRATION:

Administrator will visit Darwin to confer with GOC first week in June.

Conference closed 1055 hrs.

Capt
S/C ADH

MAY 45

DISTRIBUTION	COPY NO
Comd	1
Brig i/c Adm	2
AG	3
AQMG	4
AQMG (Mov & Tn)	5
CRE	6
DDST	7
DDMS	8
ADOS	9
CEME	10
GS	11
CSO	12
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ADM STAFF CONFERENCE

No 76

30 May 45

HQ NT FORCE

PRESENT:

A/BRIG I/C ADM	CRE
AQMG	DDST (rep)
AAG (rep)	ADOS
AQMG (Mov & Tn)	CEME (rep)
G11 (SD)	

S/C ADM (Secy)

1. FRESH MEAT:

20 days in the chillers; 4 days on the hoof.

2. CENTRAL KILLING SCHEME:

(a) MANBULLOO ABATTOIRS

3 shift work is continuing on the doors.

(b) By Products Plant

No change

(c) Disposal of Effluent

Plans forwarded to LHQ 29 May 45 for provision of extra plant.

3. MEN'S CLUB DARWIN

Canteen personnel requirements have been ascertained and it is anticipated that deficiencies will be available from reorganisation of units in NT.

4. REFRIGERATION FSD DARWIN:

FSD has been occupied by S & T. Still certain work to be finished.

5. WATER SUPPLY HOWARD SPRINGS:

Stage 1 - Further test carried out under 165 lb pressure for 20 hours, and another break occurred. Next test will be carried out under 200 lb pressure in an endeavour to locate all breaks.
Stage 2 - No change.

6. BROADCASTING STATION:

Second studio at LEANYER 60% complete.

7. LARRAKEYAH BARRACKS:

Staff Corps Mess

Painting and renovation	75% complete
Sewerage	85% complete
Total completion	80%; ETC 15 Jun 45

8. MOVE [redacted] 10 AUST BASE WKSP FROM MATARANKA TO 18 ML:

Roads and Drainage - Still same position, awaiting estimate AWC.
Buildings - Still progressing.

9. WORKSHOP POSITION:

10 AUST BASE WKSP	Major repairs	4
	vehs under repair	59
NT AREA WKSP	Major repairs	29
	vehs under repair	109
ALICE SPRINGS AREA WKSP	Major repairs	5
	vehs under repair	13

SUMMARY: Major repairs 38
vehs under repair 181

Transit Park vehs held -
vehs available for issue 180 vehs)
57 carriers) (9 Aust Veh Pk)
193 motor cycles)

32 vehs (9 Aust AOD ALICE SPRINGS)

10. DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS STORES:

Spare buildings in ALICE SPRINGS area workshop have been notified for disposal.

11. VISITORS:

(a) Departures

Col Murray) Dr Cunningham) Capt McElwain) Lt Grant)	24 May 45	
Maj Mitchell	24 May 45	
Lt-Col McCay	27 May 45	
Mr Bingle	28 May 45	
Mr Gordon	28 May 45	

(b) Arrivals in NT During week-ending 30 May 45

Lt-Col McCay	23 May 45	SO-in-C Staff LHQ
Mr Gordon	24 May 45	DD of Service Foodstuffs
Col Gamble) Lt Terrigoon)	29 May 45	ALICE SPRINGS Post War Rehabilitation
Lt Kelly	29 May 45	MGO Branch - trials 40 mm amm.

(c) Arrivals in NT prior to 22 May 45

Maj Grainger	1 May 45	Research LHQ
Capt Peisley	1 May 45	V & RS LHQ
Mr Heyer) Mr Trerise)	20 May 45	"Overlanders" Film executives.

(d) Due

Maj Moore	30 May 45	MGO Branch - trials 40 mm amm.
Maj Melville (AWAS)	30 May 45	SO Sigs (2) LHQ
Dep Comnr Keep	2 Jun 45	Red Cross
Mr Richardson) Mr Range)	15 Jun 45	Geophysicist and Asst. Department of Supply & Shipping - magnetic survey.

12. MOVEMENT OF OFFICERS:

Maj Raymond, Unit Equipment Inspector, arr 20 May 45.
Lt-Col Southwell (SO Sigs 1) dep 22 May 45 to LHQ.
Capt Baldock (Hirings Offr) dep 25 May 45 for reposting.
Brig Dollery (Brig i/c Adm) dep 27 May 45 to HQ Qld L of C Area.
Capt Downie (S/C "A" (M/S) dep 28 May 45 to HQ 11 Aust Div.
Lt-Col Redpath (CEME) dep 28 May 45 on leave.

13. CHANGE IN APPOINTMENT:

Capt Downie from Staff Captain "A" to HQ 11 Aust Div.
Capt Stidston, EME Rubber, arr 27 May 45.

14. REVIEW OF OOB:

(a) Units notified for removal from OOB since last conference -

122 AGT COY
134 AGT COY
Det 2 Aust Water Tpt Sig Sec

(b) Units notified for addition to OOB since last conference -

NIL

(c) Posted Strength NT Force as at 30 May 45 - 14,860.

(d) Estimated ultimate posted strength NT Force as at 30 Jun 45 - 13,018.

15. RESUMPTION OF CIVIL ADMINISTRATION:

No change.

Conference closed 1055 hrs.

Capt.
S/C ADM
31 MAY 45

DISTRIBUTION	COPY NO
Comd	1
Brig i/c Adm	2
AAG	3
AQMG	4
AQMG (Mov & Tn)	5
CRE	6
DDST	7
DDMS	8
ADOS	9
CEME	10
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Unit. A BRANCH NT FORCE *Date and Time.—From.* 1 JUN 45 *To.* 30 JUN 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN			ORGANISATION	
			Advice furnished to HQ II L of C Sub Area, giving details of authorised restricted WE of 53 AWAS Barrack (1 Offr 14 ORs) the figure recommended when the unit was last reorganised. Approval was not given for the nursing orderly provided for on the full WE. Medical attention will be provided from the AAWC Unit nearby.	APPENDIX A
			Following reductions in the Force, the WE of HQ NT Force has been reviewed and certain amendments deleting appointments no longer required, have been implemented. It has been found impracticable to reduce materially clerical and local adm staff at this juncture.	APPENDIX B
			Instructions have been received and repromulgated implementing amendments to the WE of Bde Wksps to provide for 2 additional mechs tels (fd). As no telecom equipment has arrived for 107 Aust Bde Wksp, and in view of the probable	

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Unit A BRANCH NT FORCE *Date and Time.—From* 1 JUN 45 *To* 30 JUN 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			role of this unit, it is not anticipated that personnel will be required.	APPENDIX C
			As a result of representations made to LHQ for laundry facilities for hospital patients and female personnel in DARWIN area, approval has been given to raise an Aust Laundry Increment AAWC (Type A) (one shift) on a restricted WE, for allotment to 107 Aust Gen Hosp. The laundry will be located at KAHLIN hospital, and operated in conjunction with RAN, who have agreed to supply certain technicians. In return, laundry will be done for the Naval Hospital.	APPENDIX D
			The organisation of 10 Aust B Wksp has been reduced by the deletion of one Type Repair Wksp Sec (Type B). This is merely a "paper" reduction, as no personnel were posted to this Sec when the unit was formed.	APPENDIX E
			Instructions have been issued for the disbanding of 53 Aust DCRE (Wks) and personnel absorbed within other RAE (Fd or Wks)	

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Unit A BRANCH HT FORCE *Date and Time.—From* 1 JUN 45 *To* 30 JUN 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			units in the area.	APPENDIX F
			A reduction of general tpt coys in NT has been ordered. This involves the expansion of 119 Coy to 6 Tpt pls, 121 Coy to 5 pls, and the reduction of 122 Coy to 4 pls and its withdrawal from the area. Reorganisation is to be effected by crosspostings between the above gen tpt coys and withdrawal of personnel from 31 Aust Coy AASC which will be reduced.	APPENDIX G
			A new WE has been issued for Aust Officers Shop, but no alterations to the present organisation of No 3 Sec in this area.	APPENDIX H
			The administrative boundaries of ADELAIDE RIVER and KATHERINE areas have been defined.	APPENDICES I and J
			Consequent upon the proposed withdrawal of refrigeration technicians from this area for forward areas, approval has been given for the raising of a further Aust Refrig Plant Op Pl (No 5) in NT. Personnel are being found from local	

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Unit A BRANCH N.T. FORCE *Date and Time.—From* 1 JUN 45 *To* 30 JUN 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			resources, and trained here.	APPENDIX K
			107 AUST Gen Hosp has been reduced from a 600 bed establishment (raised to 400 beds) to a 200 bed establishment (with a 100 bed increment) subject to the retention of certain specialists and personnel for a remedial wing which are to be carried supernumerary. to WE.	APPENDIX L
			Instructions have been received and repromulgated, for the disbanding of 9 Aust AOD. Personnel will be absorbed as far as possible in 8 Aust AOD, and any surpluses made available for disposal by 2nd Echelon LHQ.	APPENDIX M
			15 Aust Amb Train, which previously operated between ALICE SPRINGS and TERRITE (SA) is being disbanded. Four Medical orderlies are to be transferred to AAMC det 11 L of C Sub Area for duty on troop trains operating on this section of the route.	APPENDIX N

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Unit A BRANCH NT FORCE *Date and Time.—From* 1 JUN 45 *To* 30 JUN 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			BULK OIL INSTALLATIONS - OCEAN TERMINALS - RESUMPTION OF CIVIL CONTROL	
			Memo received from LHQ indicating that Minister for Interior and Navy Department had withdrawn objections to the handover of the bulk ocean terminal at DARWIN to SHELL COY. NO Government owned buildings will be made available as office accommodation.	
			Minutes of a meeting called by Dept of Supply and Shipping on 6 Jun 45, and copy of a letter from SHELL COY setting out its requirements over and above the actual ocean terminal facilities, are attached. After handover to the COY, 3 Aust BPS will be withdrawn to NSW L OF C AREA.	

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Unit A BRANCH NT FORCE *Date and Time.—From* 1 JUN 45 *To* 30 JUN 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	MEDICAL		Vide Summary attached from DDMS NT Force	
	PERSONAL SERVICES			
	Staff Changes and Movements		Ref Adm Staff Conference - Notes appended	
	Dental Services		Vide Summary attached from ADDS NT Force	APPENDIX O
	Provost		" attached report from APM NT Force	" P
	Education Service		" " " " DADAE NT Force	" Q
	Amenities Service		" " " " DAD Amen NT Force	" R
	War Graves Service		" " " " Aust War Graves Service	" S
	Appendices		Adm Staff Conference No 76 Minutes	" T
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R.E. Walkenden. Maj.
for AAG NT FORCE.

Appendix A.

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HQ NT FORCE (AIF)
(AS142/9)
3 Jun 45.

HQ II L OF C SUB AREA (2)

Copy - SA Ech & Rec; Records Liaison Staff; "G"; "Q"; DDMS; ADOS; DAD Edn; DAD Amen; Assistent Controller AWAS; DAC AAMWS; War Diary (2)

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53 AWAS BARRACK - AUTHORISED RESTRICTED WE

1. Authority is contained in LHQ SM 4766 of 28 May 45, for the authorised restricted Establishment of 53 AWAS Barrack to comprise the following ranks and trades :-

53 AWAS BARRACK
Authorised Restricted Establishment IV/161/2

Lieut	1
WO II (CSM)	I
S/Sgt (CQMS)	I
Sgt	1
Corporals	
Cook	1
Clerk	1
Privates	
Cooks (TG2)	2
Tailoress (TG2)	1
General Duties	4
Cooks Asst	2
Total Officers	1
Total Rank & file	11
Total other Ranks	14
Total all ranks	15

2. The recommendation contained in HQ II L of C Sub Area memo 1223 of 26 March 45, for the addition of 1 AANWS Nursing Orderly to the Authorised Restricted WE of 53 AWAS Barrack, is not approved. It is considered by LHQ that in view of the close proximity of 109 Aust General Hospital, medical attention for the personnel of the Barrack concerned can be made available by that Hospital, and arrangements will be made accordingly.

(L F Bosworth) Maj
for AAG NT FORCE

Appendix B

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HQ NT FORCE (AIF)

4 Jun 45.

CAMP COMD

Copy - HQ NSW L of C Area; NSW Ech & Rec; 1 Aust Base Depot Pers; SA Ech & Rec; Records-Liaison Staff; NT Force Details Dep OC 2 Aust L of C Postal Unit; 'G'; 'A'; 'Q'; CRE, CSO; DDST; DDMS; ADDS; ADOS; CEME; Catering; AA Ch D; DAD Amenities; DAD Education; AC AWAS; CLO; Graves; APM; DADV & RS; War Diary (2) ✓

HQ NT FORCE (AIF) - REDUCTION OF

INFORMATION

1. Consequent upon a review of requirements in Northern Territory approval is given, in LHQ SM 4723 of 26 May 45, to reduce WE III/II/7 - HQ NT FORCE (AIF) in accordance with Amendment No 7 issued with GROs of 18 May 45.

ACTION.

2. It is desired that CAMP COMD take action to effect this reduction, such action to be completed, if possible, by 11 Jun 45.

METHOD.

3. PERSONNEL -

(a) OFFICERS -

(i) The disposal of officers rendered surplus will form the subject of separate correspondence.

(b) ORs

(i) Attached as appendix "A" is a summary of alterations to the ORs on the WE of this HQ as a result of this amendment.

(ii) WOs, NCOs and other rank personnel rendered surplus, will be disposed of in accordance with HQ NT FORCE 15573 of 16 Feb 45, and Camp Comd will ensure that the appropriate sections of this instruction, relative to the submission of returns, etc., are adhered to.

(iii) Particulars of B class personnel rendered surplus and unfit for service outside Australia, will be forwarded to A Branch by 9 Jun 45.

(iv) Camp Comd will advise particulars of any personnel for transfer, who are on leave, attending schools, etc., and date draft departs from this area.

(v) Additional personnel required to complete to WE will be provided through normal 2ND ECHELON channels.

4. EQUIPMENT -

Personnel transferred will retain personal arms and equipment.

5. VEHICLES -

(a) Unit transport rendered surplus will be returned to 9 AUST ORD VEH PK in the following condition, under instructions ADOS NT Force -

Thoroughly clean
Complete with VOL equipment
Log book complete and up to date
Accompanied with AAF G4.

(b) Arrangements for the provision of an additional staff car will be advised at a later date.

6. GENERAL -

NT FORCE will be advised by Camp Comd when the provisions of this instruction have been implemented.

(L F Bogworth) Maj
for AAG NT FORCE

APPENDIX "A"

AMENDMENT NO 7 WE III/II/7

HQ NT FORCE (AIF)

SUMMARY - OTHER RANKS

PAGE 1 - GENERAL STAFF

Delete "Physical training" 1 WO II

PAGE 2 - INTELLIGENCE

Insert 1 S/Sgt Clerk recorder
1 Cpl Map storeman

Delete 1 S/Sgt Clerk general staff
and amend total to 8

ATTACHED TO THE GENERAL STAFF

ARTILLERY -

Delete 1 Cpl Clerk RAA

SIGNALS -

Delete 1 Sgt) Clerks, signals
1 TG3 Pte)
and amend total to 4
1 Pte Orderly

PAGE 3 - MEDICAL

Delete 1 WO II Hygiene Inspectors AAMC
4 S/Sgt
and amend total to read IO

PAGE 5 - HIRINGS

Delete 1 Cpl Clerk
and amend total to read 2
1 Cpl Draughtsman architectural

PAGE 6 - POSTAL

Delete 1 WO II Clerks, Postal
1 Cpl Clerk, postal

PAGE 7 - LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

Delete 1 WO II Caterer AACC
1 Cpl Driver MT
5 Ptes Driver MT
and amend total to read 62
3 TG3 Driver Mechs
and amend total to read 9
1 Sgt Mech MV AEME
2 TG2 Mech MV AEME

Appendix C

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HQ NT FORCE (AIF)

5 Jun 45.

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12 AUST INF BDE (2)

Copy - SA Ech & Rec; Records Liaison Staff; 'G'; 'Q'; ADOS; War Diary (2).

PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL AEME FACILITIES FOR REPAIR OF TELECOM EQPT.

INFORMATION.

1. In order to provide additional AEME facilities for the repair of telecommunication equipment, approval has been given for the amendment of the War Establishments of certain 2nd & 3rd echelon workshops and for the expension of certain 4th echelon workshops.

2. War Establishments of certain units have accordingly been amended to provide for two additional Mechanics Tels (Fd).

ACTION.

3. Action will be taken to implement Amendment No 2 to WE 11/18/4 in respect of 107 Aust Bde Wksp, by the addition thereto of the craftsmen referred to in para 2 above.

METHOD.

4. PERSONNEL -

Personnel required will be provided either by inter-unit transfers, under arrangement with CEME NT Force, or through normal 2nd Echelon, LHQ channels, as, and when, available.

5. EQUIPMENT -

Any additional equipment required will be issued under instructions ADOS NT Force.

(L F BOSWORTH) MAJ
for AAG NT FORCE.

Appendix D

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HQ NT FORCE (AIF)
AS/85/19 (19410)
9 JUN 45

HQ 11 L OF C SUB AREA
107 AUST GEN HOSP (2)
NT FORCE DETAILS DEPOT

Copies to: SA ECH & REC, RECORDS LIAISON STAFF, G, Q, CRE, CHAPLAINS (3) DDMS (2) DDST, ADOS, CEME, CATERING SUPERVISOR, DAD EDUCATION, DAD AMENITIES, WAR DIARY (2)

HOSPITAL LAUNDRY INCREMENT - RAISING OF

INFORMATION:

1. Reference is made to HQ NT Force memo 14197 (AS85/19) dated 9 Jan 45.

2. To provide the required hospital laundry facilities in Darwin area, approval has been given for the raising of one Aust Laundry Increment AAMC (Type A) (one shift) restricted to 21 all ranks, and the deletion of 39 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit (Type B) from COB AMF. The latter unit has not been raised.

3. Necessary technical maintenance personnel for operation of boilers and equipment are being provided under arrangements R&N.

4. Relevant alterations to the OOB AMF may be anticipated, giving effect to the amendments indicated in para 2 above.

ACTION.

5. 107 Aust Gen Hosp will take action to raise :-

One Aust Laundry Increment (Type A) (one shift) WE IV/67A/2 Restricted strength 1 offr 20 ORs

Increment, when raised, will be allotted to 107 Aust Gen Hosp.

6. Copy of WE IV/67A/2 is attached for 107 Aust Gen Hosp.

7. Details by ranks and trades of authorised restricted strength for the unit are included at Appendix "A" attached.

8. It is desired that action be completed, if possible, not later than 30 Jun 45.

METHOD

9 PERSONNEL

(a) The officer will be nominated by LHQ.

(b) Other ranks required to complete authorised restricted WE will be provided as follows :-

(i) By the transfer of personnel of the required ranks and qualifications, now on posted strength of 107 Aust Gen Hosp and detached to KAHLIN hosp operating laundry equipment at that site.

(ii) By the selection of male members (Ptes) considered suitable for training as laundry personnel from the

following sources :-

	Quota
HQ 11 L of C Sub Area	- 5
NT Force Details Depot	- 3

Personnel selected in accordance with this sub para will be concentrated at HQ NT Force Details Depot, and on arrival will report to WO i/c Laundry at KAHLIN hospital. 107 Aust Gen Hosp will advise HQ NT Force when personnel report for duty.

10 VEHICLES

The vehicle will be allotted under separate instructions.

11 GENERAL -

Reports: - 107 Aust Gen Hosp will submit reports to HQ NT Force:-

(a) By 28 Jun 45, as to progress of raising; and

(b) On completion of action.

(L F BOSWORTH) Maj,
for AAG NT FORCE

APPENDIX A ISSUED WITH
HQ NT FORCE MEMO 19410
DATED 9 JUN 45

AUST LAUNDRY INCREMENT (TYPE A)
(ONE SHIFT) - 107 AUST GEN HOSPITAL

AUTHORISED RESTRICTED WAR ESTABLISHMENT

SUMMARY OF RANKS

Lieutenants	1
Total Officers	1
Warrant Officer, Class II	1
Total Warrant Officers	1
Sergeant	1
Total Staff Sgts & Sergeants	1
Corporal	1
Privates -	
Clerk (Tr Gp 3)	1
Laundrymen	(a)16
Total rank and file	18
Total other ranks	20
Total all ranks	21

(a) Includes 2 lance-corporals

Appendix E

HQ NT FORCE (AIF)
AS/120/40 (19488)
12 JUN 45

CEME (2)

Copies to: SA ECH & REC; RECORDS LIAISON STAFF, G, Q, ADOS, WAR DIARY (2).

REDUCTION OF 10 AUST BASE WKSP AEME.

INFORMATION:

1. Reference is to LHQ SM329 of 26 Jan 45, para 8 of which provided that no personnel were to be allotted to the Tyre Repair Wksp Sec (Type "B") which forms part of 10 Aust Base Wksp; due to non-availability of equipment.

2. Authority is now given in LHQ SM4972 (240/3/757) of 5 Jun 45 to anticipate an amentment to the OOB, AMF, deleting the following sec from the remarks column against 10 Aust Base Wksp

"one Tyre Repair Wksp Sec (Type "B")

ACTION:

3. Action will be taken forthwith as follows :-

REDUCE

War Office Serial No.	Unit	WE Strength Offr	OOR	Total
45463	10 Aust B Wksp	21	496	517
by the deletion of -				
one Tyre Repair Wksp Sec (Type "B") (WE IV/975/2)		1	16	17
TOTAL: 10 Aust B Wksps (reduced)		20	480	500

METHOD

4. PERSONNEL

As no personnel have been posted to the Sec being deleted, no disposal is involved.

5. EQUIPMENT

(a) Any equipment on charge to 10 Aust B Wksp (Tyre Repair Wksp Sec) will be returned to RSD under arrangements ADOS NT Force.

(b) Such equipment will be properly cleaned, packed and identified, and all components included with major equipment, prior to return.

GENERAL

6. Reports - HQ NT Force will be advised, not later than 30 Jun 45 of action taken to implement these instructions.

(L F BOSWORTH) Maj,
for AAG NT FORCE

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HQ NT FORCE (AIF)
AS/85/40(19650)
17 JUN 45

10 AUST CRE (WKS) (2)

Copies to: SA ECH & REC, RECORDS LIAISON STAFF, G, Q, DDST, ADOS, DFO, DAD EDUCATION DAD AMENITIES WAR DIARY (2)

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53 AUST DCRE (WKS) (AIF) - DISBANDING OF

INFORMATION:

1. Approval is contained in LHQ SM5184 dated 9 Jun 45 for the disbandment of 53 Aust DCRE (Wks) AIF, and amendments to the OOB AMF may be anticipated accordingly.

ACTION

2. Action will be taken by 10 Aust CRE (Wks) as follows:-

DISBAND	War Office Serial No	UNIT	Posted strength as at 16 JUN 45 Offr	OR	Total
	46531	53 Aust DCRE (Wks) (AIF)	3	14	17

3. It is desired that action be completed, if possible, by 30 Jun 45.

METHOD

4. Personnel

(a) officers - will be reposted by LHQ
(b) other ranks - will be absorbed, in accordance with rank and trade category, in other RAE (Fd or Wks) Units under comd, under instructions to be issued by 10 Aust CRE Wks.
(c) Details of any personnel who cannot be absorbed in accordance with subpara (b) above, will be furnished to HQ NT Force.

5. Equipment and Vehicles

(a) Personal arms and equipment will be retained by all personnel transferred.
(b) Unit equipment on charge to 53 Aust DCRE (Wks) (AIF) will be returned to RSD under arrangements ADOS NT Force. Prior to return to Ordnance, all stores will be properly cleaned and identified. All components will be included with the major equipment.
(c) Vehicles on charge will be returned to 9 Aust Ord Veh Pk in the following condition:-

(i) Thoroughly clean
(ii) Complete with VOL equipment
(iii) Log Book completed and up-to-date
(iv) Accompanied by AAF G4

6. Unit Records

Comd 53 Aust DCRE (Wks) (AIF) will be responsible for the adjustment of unit records and accounts to the satisfaction of Records Liaison Staff and DFO respectively. Particular attention will be given to

investigations under GRO 318/43 into members illegally absent.

7. GENERAL

10 Aust CRE (7Mks) will submit progress report on disbandment to reach HQ NT Force not later than 25 Jun 45, and a further final report will be forwarded on completion of action.

(L F BOSWORTH) MAJ,
for AAG NT FORCE.

Appendix G

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HQ NT FORCE (AIF)
AS/120/47 (19651)
17 JUN 45

CONFIDENTIAL

HQ 12 AUST INF BDE (2)
HQ COMD DARWIN AREA AASC (4)

Copies to: HQ 11 L of C Sub Area; SA Sch and Rec, Records Liaison Staff, G? Q, CRE, CSO, Chaplains (3); DDST (3) DFO, DDMS; ADDS; CEME; DADAPS: DAD EDUCATION;DAD AMENITIES; WAR DIARY (2)

REDUCTION CCE - NT FORCE

REORGANIZATION - AUST GEN TPT COYS AASC

Ref LHQ SM4905 of 2 Jun 45
NORFORCE signal AG-7990 of 021130K (not to 12 Aust Inf Bde)

INFORMATION:

1. Following further reductions in OOB NT Force, approval has been given to effect certain reductions of AASC units under comd.

2. Units affected by this instruction are as follows:-

118 Aust Gen Tpt Coy. (AIF)
121 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (AIF)
122 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (AIF)

3. Further instructions will be issued concerning reorganization of 31 Aust Coy AASC, which for the time being will be retained on its present organization.

4. Nothing in this order will be construed as cancelling or amending in any way previous instructions issued by HQ NT Force concerning disposition of the units concerned; and it is assumed that 118 and 121 Aust Gen Tpt Coys have been reinforced to WE strength on the basis of their existing compositions, in accordance with instructions contained in NORFORCE signal AG7990 abovequoted.

ACTION:

5. Action will be taken by add ressees (as appropriate) in terms of Appendix 'A' attached and this instruction.

6. It is desired that this reorganization be treated as a matter of urgency, and completed, if possible, by 30 Jun 45, in view of the early movement of 122 and 134 Aust Gen Tpt Coys, instructions for which were issued in NORFORCE signal SD7995 of 021230K.

METHOD

7. Personnel

(a) Officers

Particulars of officers reposted in accordance with Appendix 'A' will be advised to HQ NT Force as early as possible.

(b) Other Ranks

(i) Personnel will be transferred in accordance with substantive rank and trade category.

(ii) HQ Comd Darwin Area AASC will advise HQ 12 Aust Inf Bde numbers, by ranks and trades, of personnel required to complete 118 and 121 Aust Gen Tpt Coys respectively to WE strength. HQ 12 Aust Inf Bde will then arrange necessary transfers from 31 Aust Coy AASC.

8. Equipment and Vehicles.

(a) Personal equipment will be retained by all ranks.

(b) Adjustments of vehicles and unit equipment consequent upon this reorganization will form the subject of separate instructions.

GENERAL

9. HQ Comd Darwin Area AASC will co-ordinate all action with regard to reorganization of units affected by this instruction and will furnish a report on progress as at 30 Jun 45. Final report will be submitted when action has been completed.

/s/ [illegible] Maj.
(L F BOSWORTH) MAJ,
for AAG NT FORCE

Appendix 'A' issued with HQ NT
Force memo 17451 dated 17 JUN 45

SERIAL NO	Action, and by whom to be taken	War Office Serial No	Designation	War Establishment O	ORs	T	To be provided from	Personnel O	ORs	T	Remarks
1	HQ COMD DARWIN AREA AASC Reorganize	46862	118 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (AIF) (five pls) AS 118 Aust Gen Tpt Coy(AIF)(six pls) comprising				118 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (five pls)-posted strength as at 15 Jun 45	11	511	522	Equivalent of one complete Wksp Sec to be transferred from 31 Aust Coy AASC (Landforces sig SD45854 of 151730K).
			HQ Gen Tpt Coy (WE IV/39A/1)	6	48	54	31 Aust Coy AASC	-	16	16	
			Six Tpt Pls (WE IV/39B/1)	6	366	372	122 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	2	61	63	
			Three RDIs (WE IV/39F/1)		93	93					
			Wksp Pl(HQ & 4 secs)(WE IV/39G/3)	1	81	82					
				13	588	601		13	588	601	
2	HQ COMD DARWIN AREA AASC Reorganize	47052	122 Aust Gen Tpt Coy(AIF) (five pls) AS 122 Aust Gen Tpt Coy(AIF)(four pls) comprising				122 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (five pls)- posted strength as at 15 Jun 45	11	492	503	Surplus personnel to be absorbed vide Serials 1 and 3
			HQ Gen Tpt Coy (WE IV/39A/1)	5	47	52					
			Four Tpt Pls (WE IV/39B/1)	4	244	248					
			Three RDIs (WE IV/39F/1)		93	93					
			Wksp Pl(HQ & 3 secs)(WE IV/39G/3)	1	65	66					
				10	449	459					
3	HQ COMD DARWIN AREA AASC Reorganize	47051	121 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (AIF) (four pls) AS 121 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (AIF)(five pls) comprising				121 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (four pls)-posted strength as at 15 Jun 45	10	465	475	
			HQ Gen Tpt Coy (WE IV/39A/1)	6	48	54	31 Aust Coy AASC	1	62	63	
			Five Tpt Pls (WE IV/39B/1)	5	305	310	118 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	1	-	1	
			Three RDIs (WE IV/39F/1)		93	93					
			Wksp Pl(HQ and fourssecs) (WE IV/39G/3)	1	81	82					
				12	527	539		12	527	539	

Appendix H.

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HQ NT FORCE (AIF)
AS/120/62
20 Jun 45.

RESTRICTED.

ADOS (2)

Copy - SA Ech & Rec; Records Liaison Staff; G; Q;
War Diary (2)

AUST OFFICERS' SHOP - REORGANISATION OF

REF - LHQ SM 5262 (96/1/2560) dated 13 Jun 45

INFORMATION

1. A new War Establishment has been issued for Aust Officers' Shop, which comprises a HQ and various sections, five of which are to be reorganised on Tropical Scale.

ACTION

2. Action will be taken to reorgenise 3 Sec Aust Officers' Shop (Type A) as follows -

War Office Serial No.	Designation	WE Ref	War Establishment Offr	OR	Total
47873	3 Sec Aust Offrs Shop (Type A)	IV/151A/1	1	12	13

METHOD

3. Personnel and Equipment -

Any adjustments to personnel and equipment at present held, which are necessitated by this reorganisation, will be notified as early as possible to HQ NT Force in order that necessary action may be taken.

GENERAL

4. HQ NT FORCE will be advised when these instructions have been implemented.

(L F BOSWORTH) MAJ
for AAG NT FORCE

Appendix I.

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AS/85/33(19724)
20 JUN 45

NT FORCE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO 8

AREA COMD - ADELAIDE RIVER -
Appointment of

1. The abovementioned Adm Instr is amended as follows :-

After paragraph 1,

Insert new paragraph

"DEFINITION OF AREA

2. ADELAIDE RIVER area for purposes of this instruction comprises the area of the town known as ADELAIDE RIVER north along STUART HIGHWAY to BATCHELOR, thence EAST to include COOMALLIE CREEK and south along the STUART HIGHWAY to incl 38½ milepost but excl BROCKS CREEK."

Amend numbers of following paragraphs accordingly

(L F BOSWORTH)MAJ,
for AAG NT FORCE.

DISTRIBUTION:

10 AUST CRE (WKS)
17 AUST L OF C SIGS
HQ COMD DARWIN AREA AASC
5 AUST AAD (2)
55 AUST CAMP HOSPITAL
10 AUST MALARIA CONTROL UNIT
74 AUST DENTAL UNIT
2 AUST L OF C PRO COY
2 AUST L OF C POSTAL UNIT
25 AUST WKS COY
HQ 7 AUST SAL DEP
CONTROLLER OF NATIVE PERSONNEL

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12 AUST INF BDE
HQ 11 L of C SUB AREA
5 AUST MOVT CONTROL GP
NT PRINTING & PRESS UNIT
BRANCHES & SERVICES NT FORCE
WAR DIARY (2)

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Appendix J

AS/65/33 (19725)

20 JUN 45

NT FORCE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO 7

AREA COMD - KATHERINE - APPOINTMENT OF

1. The abovementioned Adm Instr is amended as follows :-

After paragraph 1,

Insert new paragraph:

"DEFINITION OF AREA:

2. KATHERINE AREA for purposes of this instruction comprises the township of KATHERINE and that area within a radius of 10 miles thereof, thence north along STUART HIGHWAY to incl PINE CREEK "

Amend numbers of subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

(L F BOSWORTH) MAJ,
for AAG NT FORCE

DISTRIBUTION:

10 AUST CRE (WKS) (2)
17 AUST L OF C SIGS (2)
HQ CCRE DARWIN AREA AASC (4)
74 AUST CAMP HCSP
CAMP "Q" STAFF KATHERINE

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CONTROLLER OF NATIVE PERSONNEL
NT PRINTING & PRESS UNIT
BRANCHES & SERVICES NT FORCE
WAR DIARY (2)

Appendix K.

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HQ NT FORCE (AIF)

19778

21 Jun 45.

HQ COMD DARWIN AREA AASC (3)
12 AUST INF BDE (3)
DDST (3)
ADOS (2)

Copy - HQ II L of C Sub Area; SA Ech & Rec; Records Liaison Staff; G; Q; CRE; CSO; Chaplains (3); DFO; DDMS; ADDS; CEME; Catering; DADAPS; DAD Education; DAD Amenities; War Diary (2)

5 AUST REFRIGERATION PLANT OP PL - RAISING OF

INFORMATION

1. With the object of relieving 1 Aust Ref Plant Op Pl for allotment to 1 Aust Base Sub Area, LHQ SM 5379 of 16 Jun 45 gives approval for the raising of 5 Aust Ref Plant Op Pl in accordance with WE IV/35/1.

2. The OOB AMF is being amended as follows -

Add new serial K828.

WO Serial No.	Unit	Higher Formation
52942	5 Aust Refrigeration Plant Op Pl	NT Force

ACTION

3. DDST NT FORCE will co-ordinate action in accordance with this instruction, such action to be treated as a matter of urgency in order to effect relief of 1 Aust Refrigeration Plant Op Pl so that it is available for movement by 4 Jul 45.

METHOD

4. Personnel - The unit to be raised will be completed to WE strength by transfer of suitable personnel within the resources of AASC NT FORCE.

5. Details of officer nominated as OC new unit will be forwarded to NT FORCE as soon as possible.

6. Equipment - Personnel will be transferred with personal arms and equipment.

7. The issue of equipment and vehicles to complete unit to WET will be arranged by ADOS NT FORCE.

GENERAL

8. DDST will advise A Branch when the instructions herein have been implemented.

(L F BOSWORTH) MAJ
for AAG NT FORCE

Appendix K.

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HQ NT FORCE (AIF)
AS/85/25 (19880)
6 JUN 45

CONFIDENTIAL

HQ COMD DARWIN AREA AASC (3)
12 AUST INF BDE (3)
DDST (3)
ADOS (2)

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G; Q; CRE; CSO; Chaplains (3); DFO; DDMS; ADDS; CEME;
Catering; DADAPS; DAD AE; DAD Amenities;
War Diary (2)

5 AUST REFRIGERATION PLANT OP PL - RAISING OF

amendment to HQ NT Force 19778 of 21 Jun 45

1. Amend HQ NT Force 19778 of 21 Jun 45, para 2, as follows:-

(a) Delete: WO Serial No 52942 and substitute in lieu thereof WO Serial No 92942.

(b) Insert:- Next to "Higher Formation"

ALLOTMENT.

HQ COMD DARWIN AREA AASC

(L F BOSWORTH) MAJ,
for AAG NT FORCE

Appendix L

19888

HQ NT FORCE (AIF)
(AS/120/63)
15 JUN 45

107 AUST GEN HOSP (2)

Copies to: 103 Aust Adv Depot Med Stores; NT Force Details Depot; SA Ech & Rec; Records Liaison Staff; DFO; G; Q; Chaplains (3); DDMS (2), ADOS; DAD AE; DAD Amen; DAC AAMWS; War Diary (2)

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107 AUST GEN HOSP (M) (600 beds)- REORGANIZATION OF

INFORMATION:

1. Approval is contained in LHQ SM5474 of 19 Jun 45 for the reorganization of 107 Aust Gen Hosp as 200 beds (with 100 bed Increment) plus 5 offrs 9 ORs supernumerary to WE.

2. Relevant amendment to the OOB AMF may be anticipated.

ACTION.

3. Action will be taken as set out hereunder :-

REORGANIZE

War Office Serial No	Unit
45371	107 Aust Gen Hosp (M) (600 beds) (raised to 400 beds) (incls one Hospital Laundry Increment (Type 'A') (1 shift)
AS 45371	107 Aust Gen Hosp (M) (200 beds) (with 100 bed Increment on WE IV/62/3) (Incls one Hospital Laundry Increment (Type 'A') (1 shift)

4. It is desired that action be completed not later than 15 Jul 45.

METHOD

5. Personnel

(a) officers - will be posted and/or reallotted by LHQ.
(b) The following personnel will be carried supernumerary to WE:-

DETAIL	OFFRS	O.Rs
MAJOR (pathologist)	1	
MAJOR (otorhinolaryngologist)	1	
MAJOR (opthalmologist)	1	
LT (physiotherapist)	1	
LT (optometrist)	1	
Staff Sgt (optician spectacle maker)		1
Sgts (a) (b)		1
Sgts (AAES) (a)		1
Sgts (venereology)		1
Sgts (administration) (AAMWS)		1

		OFFRS.	O.Rs
Pte	(seamstress) Trade Gp 2		1
Pte	(shoemaker) Trade Gp 2		1
Pte	(carpenter) Trade Gp 2		1
Pte	(hairdresser)		1
	TOTALS	5	9

NOTE: (a) required for convalescent wing
(b) regimental duties.

(c) OR personnel rendered surplus on reorganization will be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of HQ NT Force memo 15573 (AS/120/36) dated 16 Feb 45.

(d) AAMWS OR personnel will be absorbed to the maximum extent possible, in the reorganized unit, and full details of any such members, who, by reason of rank and/or trade category cannot be so absorbed, will be advised immediately to HQ NT Force.

(e) Particular care will be taken in preparation and submission of Appendices under IHQ memo 85039 of 22 Jun 44, and HQ NT Force will be informed when surplus personnel march out.

6. EQUIPMENT

(a) Ordnance equipment surplus to WET will be returned to RSD under arrangements ADOS NT Force.

(b) Prior to return to Ordnance, all stores and equipment will be properly cleaned, packed and identified. All components will be included with the major equipment.

(c) Medical stores and equipment rendered surplus will be returned to 103 Aust Adv Depot Med Stores (AIF) as directed by DDMS NT Force.

7. GENERAL

107 Aust Gen Hosp will furnish reports on implementation of this instruction as follows:-

(a) On 16 Jul 45 (if action has not been completed by that date); or,

(b) On completion of action.

(L F BOSWORTH) MAJ,
for AAG NT FORCE

Appendix M.

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19917

HQ NT FORCE (AIF)
AS85/42/1525
24 Jun 45.

HQ II L OF C SUB AREA (2)
8 AUST AOD

Copy - SA Ech & Rec; Records Liaison Staff; NT Force Details Depot; G; Q; ADOS; DDST; DADAPS; DADAE; DAD Amen; DFO; Asst Controller AWAS; WAR DIARY (2). ✓

% 9 AUST AOD - DISBANDING OF

INFORMATION

1. Instructions are contained in LHQ SM 5528 dated 21 Jun 45 for the disbanding of % 9 Aust AOD, and necessary amendment to OOB AMF may be anticipated.

ACTION

2. Action will be taken by HQ II L of C Sub Area as follows -

Disband	War Office Serial No	Unit	Posted strength as at 23 Jun 45 Offr	OR	Total
	45461	% 9 Aust AOD	1	47	48

3. Disbandment will be effective as at 15 Jul 45.

4. It is desired that all action be completed, if possible, by 21 Jul 45.

METHOD

5. Personnel

(a) Officer will be reposted under directions from LHQ.
(b) Other Ranks -
(i) Male ORs rendered surplus as a result of the disbandment of % 9 Aust AOD will be absorbed, as far as possible, within the WE of 8 Aust AOD. For this purpose 8 Aust AOD will advise HQ II L of C Sub Area as early as practicable, deficiencies, by ranks and trades, existing in that unit as at 15 Jul 45.
(ii) Only those personnel on posted strength of % 9 Aust AOD at 15 Jul will be transferred in accordance with sub sub-para (i) above; X list personnel of the unit will be disposed of by 2nd Echelon LHQ.
(iii) No transfers to or from % 9 Aust AOD will be effected after 28 Jun 45, to units other than 8 Aust AOD.
(iv) Personnel surplus to requirements of 8 Aust AOD vide sub sub-para (i) above will be reallotted by 2nd Echelon LHQ, and details in accordance with Appendices A and B of LHQ memo 85039 of 22 Jun 45 will be submitted by % 9 Aust AOD as soon as possible in respect of these personnel.
(v) Further instructions will be issued regarding disposal of AWAS ORs on posted strength % 9 Aust AOD, pending receipt of which they will be retained with Unit.

6. Equipment

(a) Equipment and vehicles on charge % 9 Aust AOD will be returned to appropriate Ordnance Depot, in accordance with GRO 153/45, under instructions ADOS NT Force.

GENERAL

7. Comd % 9 Aust AOD will ensure that unit records and accounts are completed to the satisfaction of SA Ech & Rec Liaison Staff and DFO respectively. Particular attention will be paid in this regard to closing of messes and regimental trust account, and to investigations under GRO 813/43 relative to members AWL or declared illegal absentees.

8. Reports

HQ II L of C Sub Area will furnish reports in connection with the implementation of this instruction -

(a) As at 15 Jul 45, and

(b) On 1 Aug 45, if disbanding has not been completed by 15 Jul 45.

R.W. Ackerden Maj.

(L F BOSWORTH) MAJ
for AAG NT FORCE

HQ NT FORCE (AIF)
AS85/42/1525 (19952)
29 JUN 45

HQ 11 L OF C SUB AREA (2)
8 AUST AOD

Copy to: SA Ech & Rec; Records Liaison Staff; NT Force Details Depot; G; Q; ADOS; DDST; DADAPS; DADAE; DAD Amen; DFO; Asst Controller AWAS; WAR DIARY (2)

% 9 AUST AOD - DISBANDING OF

DISPOSAL OF AWAS ORs

1. With reference to para 5 sub para b(v) of HQ NT Force memo 19917 (AS 85/42) dated 26 Jun 45, it is advised that AWAS ORs personnel on posted strength of % 9 Aust AOD will be transferred to 8 Aust AOD for duty with 82 FOD.

OFFICERS PRESELECTION:

2. In respect of personnel of % 9 Aust AOD rendered surplus on disbanding of the unit who have passed either a local or an LHQ Preselection Board, all papers in connection therewith will be passed to the unit to which such personnel are transferred or reposted.

RELIEF OF LONG SERVICE PERSONNEL

3. Attention is drawn to para 5 of HQ NT Force memo 18581 of 16 May 45 regarding adjustment to returns submitted under the abovenamed scheme.

(L F BOSWORTH) MAJ,
for AAG NT FORCE.

Appendix N

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19905

HQ NT FORCE (AIF)
AS/85/43
26 Jun 45.

HQ II L OF C SUB AREA (2)

Copy - HQ SA L of C Area; Nt Force Details Depot; SA Ech & Rec; Records Liaison Staff; G; Q; DIMS; WAR DIARY (2)

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15 AUST AMB TRAIN - DISBANDMENT

1. LHQ SM 5490 dated 20 Jun 45 authorises the disbanding of 15 Aust Amb Train by HQ SA L of C Area.

2. Of the personnel rendered surplus consequent upon disbandment of the unit, 4 ORs AAMC will be selected as medical orderlies for duty on troop trains operating between ALICE SPRINGS and TEROWIE, and will be transferred to AAMC det 11 L of C Sub Area.

3. As soon as details of members selected have been notified, HQ II L of C Sub Area will take necessary action to complete transfers, advising HQ NT Force (copy to HQ SA L of C Area) when personnel have been taken on strength.

R C Packenden Maj.

(L F BOSWORTH) MAJ
for AAG NT FORCE

Army Form C. 2118
(adapted.)

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required).

Unit DDMS NT FORCE *Date and Time.—From* 1 June '45 *To* 30 June '45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			CONTENTS OF THE WAR DIARY FROM MONTH OF JUNE '45	
			1. Reorganisation	
			2. Movements and visits of Medical Officers	
			3. Malaria	
			4. Changes of Postings	
			5. Leprosy	
			APPENDICES	
			1. Notifiable Disease Return	
			2. Fortnightly return of beds occupied and equipped	
			3. Personnel hospitalised by Army in NT	

H. C. Mc Leai
for Lt. Col.
A/D.D.M.S., N.T. FORCE

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Unit DDMS

Date and Time.—From 1 June '45 To 30 June '45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			1. REORGANISATION	
			Towards the end of the month certain decisions were given which will effect further reductions in the medical service. MT ISA CDS will close and move to TENNANTS CREEK and establish a five bed RAP in the site of the civil hospital. 32 Aust Camp Hosp will move from TENNANTS CREEK to ALICE SPRINGS and will expand to 90 beds in order to replace 109 Aust Gen Hosp, which will be disbanded. These changes will mean a large saving in medical officers and AANS. Medical attention at MT ISA will now be provided by the civil hospital ; At TENNANTS CREEK the same potential services will not be available ; all nursing will be by males and any serious cases will be evacuated direct to ALICE SPRINGS - by air if necessary. Still further reductions can be made in medical services, and these are in the early stages of recommendation. Lastly 107 Aust Gen Hosp has been reduced from 600 bed and raised to 400 to a 200 bed with a	

N. E. [illegible] Jr. 15-Co

A/ D.D.M.S., NT. FORCE

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit DDMS Date and Time.—From 1 June '45 To 30 June '45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			100 increment : This is ample for present needs.	
			2. MOVEMENTS AND VISITS OF MEDICAL OFFICERS	
			CO 107 Aust Gen Hosp and DADMS visited BATHURST and	
			MELVILLE ISLAND Missions. The natives and half castes in	
			these places were healthy particularly at the Melville Island	
			Mission. Hookworm is the most prevalent disease amongst the	
			natives on Bathurst Island but unfortunately little can be	
			done except to treat the ensuing anaemia. Large scale treatment	
			against the hookworm would not be efficient because the incidence	
			of reinfection would be high due to the habits of the natives.	
			Visits are made regularly to SNAKE BAY and the natives	
			treated during the routine visit.	
			A Medical Officer from 74 Aust Camp Hosp accompanied by an officer	
			from 10 AMCU flew to ROPER RIVER MISSION to investigate an outbreak	
			of fever. This was subsequently proven to be malaria. Course	
			of treatment and maintenance were prescribed and instructions	

H. C. [illegible] Maj. for Lt.Col.
A/ D.D.M.S., N.T. FORCE

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Unit DDMS Date and Time.—From 1 June '45 To 30 June '45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			given for the control of breeding. Later HQ NT FORCE authorised the issue of a certain amount of Malaria Oil and DDT for the control in this area and arrangements were made to transport it there by air.	
			A visit has also been made to MARANBOY Area for the same reasons by a medical officer and an officer from 10 AMCU and treatment prescribed and control measures laid down.	
			3. MALARIA	
			This question has partially been dealt with in the preceeding paragraphs. There has been generally a large increase in the adult anopheline population and an increase in the number of cases of malaria admitted to hospital. These latter are only in "ones and twos" from different areas, but it shows that there is a possibility of an epidemic if strong measures are not taken.	

H. C. [illegible] for
D.D.M.S., N.T. FORCE

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Unit DDMS Date and Time.—From 1 June To 30 June '45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			4. CHANGES OF POSTINGS	
			Many RMOs have been given changes and have been replaced by reinforcement medical officers.	
			5. LEPROSY	
			Several suspected cases of leprosy have been reported from different areas e.g. BEETALOO STATION, OT DOWNS, TIMBER CREEK and DELAMORE STATION. Arrangements are in hand to have a medical officer visit these areas and to have suspects brought in to the nearest hospital.	
			(E J T THOMPSON) Lt-col A/DDMS NT FORCE.	

H. G. [illegible] Maj for Lt-Col.
A/ D.D.M.S., N.T. FORCE

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Appendix 6

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - NORTHERN TERRITORY FORCE

Headquarters NT FORCE (AIF)
Den45/29/240,
30 June,'45.

"A" Branch,
HQ NT FORCE.

WAR DIARY - DENTAL SERVICES-
FOR MONTH ENDING 30 June 1945.

Other than No.1 Mobile ("C" Section 74 Aust. Dental Unit) there has been no alteration in locations of Dental Sections in N.T. Force.

No.1 Mobile Section moved from Banka Banka to Elliot on 16 June, thence to Larrimah on 27 June. On completion of duties at Larrimah the Section will move to 8 Aust A.O.D. Mataranka.

The following changes of postings have been notified:-

WX 32013 Capt. E.J. Turnbull 73 A.D.U.(AIF) to 64 A.D.U. (AIF).
WX 41503 Capt. R.G. Liddle 64 A.D.U.(AIF) to 73 A.D.U. (AIF).

Capt. Turnbull is at present on compassionate leave in Western Command and arrangements have been made for him to report to his new posting.

Capt. Liddle is due to depart by Air approx. 29 June'45, and should arrive in the Area at an early date.

VX 61887 Major L.C. Newton has been appointed A.D.D.S., N.T. Force in present rank vice VX 108014 Lt-Col Harbeck. It is anticipated that Major Newton will arrive approx. 10 July '45. When final arrangements will be made for handover and movement of undersigned to Vic L. of C Area.

LHQ memo no. 81305 of 19 June'45 notified that course No.83 Serial N.S.W/3 for Trainee Dental Mechanics has been cancelled with the result that two only Cpl. mechanics selected for course No.83 Serial N.S.W./4 (Refresher Course) will proceed to the Trg. Unit at Ingleburn early in July.

O.C.,L.H.Q. Sub-Depot Dental Stores advised that authority to write off unserviceable dental stores, in accordance with the findings of the Board of Survey held at Winnellie on 21 April '45 has been received. (Authority for write of L.H.Q. 81303 of 19 June '45) A.A.Fs D.51 have been prepared and are in process of finalisation.

Dental Treatment for Civilians in N.T. showed a considerable increase for the month of May '45. The amount of fees received was £105 4 6 over and above the amount received for April '45. This is probably due to the overall reduction in Army strength and consequent availability of Dental Services for increased treatment for civilians.

(L. HARBECK) Lt-Col,
ADDS NT FORCE.

Appendix pa

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - NORTHERN TERRITORY FORCE

HQ NT FORCE (AIF)
APM/32/1
2 Jul 45

"A"

WAR DIARY - JUN 45

1. CHANGES

(a) Location - Nil

(b) Organization - Nil

(c) Staff - VX38628 Capt HOWARD W T OC 2 Aust L of C Pro Coy posted 12 Aust Div Pro Coy. SX1091 Capt HORSNELL A C OC 10 Aust L of C Pro Coy posted 2 Aust L of C Pro Coy vice Capt HOWARD.

2. SIB

VX2220 WO 1 Clarke S D and TX427 Sgt Thompson H R J carrying out investigations in 11 L of C Sub Area. SX13544 Sgt Sparrow E A posted to SIB Det HQ NT Force.

3. VARIOUS DUTIES

(a) Owing to increase shipping for month of Jun pro personnel have been engaged mainly on wharf duties.

(b) Census of traffic on McMillan and Bagot roads carried out on 28, 29, and 30 Jun.

(c) Pro escorts provided for C in C on 27 and 28 Jun.

(d) QFX36803 Pte M L BOOTH, AAMWS, and R MELBANK, ex Army Officer detained at ANTHONY'S LAGOON. APM made investigations. Pte BOOTH AWL from 2/4 Aust Gen Hosp from 24 Jul44.

(e) Conference held on 20 Jun with APM RAAF, Civil Police and RAN with reference to control of traffic in wharf and Railway areas.

(f) Normal provost duties maintained.

4. VISITS

No formal visit or inspection of pro Coys carried out during month.

APM departed by air for MELBOURNE on 7 days emergency leave on 23 Jun 45.

A Pinney Sgt.
for Maj

APM HQ NT FORCE
A.O.L.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Time 1400
Date
File 58050

HQ NT FORCE (AIF),
ED16/4/3419
3 July 45

"A" Branch,
HQ NT FORCE (AIF)

A.A. EDN SERVICE - WAR DIARY - JUNE 45.

CHANGES

During the month of June the area has been without the services of two officers who have not arrived to fill vacancies, two NCO's transferred and two NCO's on ARL.

VISITS

The Officer-in-charge of Pre Vocational Training attended a conference at LHQ to discuss plans for pre-vocational training and w was absent from 9 - 23 June.

LECTURES

Changes and troop movement in 12 Aust Inf Bde has caused some interruption in the lecture programme, otherwise rosters have been maintained.

FILMS

The film programme has been extended to include the Katherine-Larrimah area and one of the film units toured camps of that district with the local sergeant lecturer. Such visits are now arranged for every sixth week.

MUSIC

386 additions have been made to the Record Library. A few groups have ceased temporarily owing mainly to faulty equipment, but these have been off set by the formation of three new groups. Music activities for the month produced the most encouraging results so far experienced in this area.
'Music on the Lawn' has been presented with greater variety by personal performances and by the use of sound and strip films and spidiascope and by the assistance of local artists.
A series of recorded operas with commentaries has been commenced.
A music appreciation class meets on Wednesday of each week.
Reports from units indicate that the twelve educational sessions, five of which are on music, are generally well received. Request hour sessions indicate that music appreciation is surprisingly good.

LIBRARIES

Circulating Box Libraries are the backbone of our library system. Of the 178 in the area practically all boxes are out in addition about 58 boxes of Penguin Libraries are in circulation and it is considered that never before in the NT has the coverage been so effective. A census taken in Fixed Defences for last month revealed the following :- 2035 books had been loaned from 46 C.E.L's being used in the formation. This represents an average of 44.25 books loaned from each box. The necessity and advantages of keeping the boxes moving with quick and effective changes is realised.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

Again there were eighty six applications for courses during the month together with twenty seven requests for text books.
No 4 Advanced Depot opened during the month. By this means students enrolling in basis courses may be issued immediately with their first lessons and text books and the long delays of the past can be avoided.

PRE VOCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Some further progress has been made in establishing the workshop and in the installation of light and power, but this has been extremely slow because of shortage of labour and material. No materials for craft activities have been received during the month. Seventeen units are taking advantage of placing funds to their credit in the Hobbies Facilities Trust Account thus tending to make the groups self supporting.

WOMENS SERVICES

The month has been one of changes and breaking up of WS units which has retarded orga nised progress. However individual interest in Correspondence Courses has developed among Women's Services.

Jackson

(B.J. JACKSON) Maj.
DADAE, HQ NT FORCE

Appendix A

30 Jun '45.

RECEIVED
Time 1000.
Date 1 JUL 1945
File S1903.

WAR DIARY

AA AMENITIES SERVICE

N.T. DETACHMENT.

STORES & GOODS: All goods in which rubber is used are still more difficult to obtain, as for example Tennis Balls.

REPAIRS: No new remarks.

POLICY: LHQ is insisting again on the observance of GRO ref communal use of Amenities goods; as the difficulty of obtaining goods, cannot be conveyed to personnel clearly enough to evoke their co-operation.

CINEMA & FILMS: Irregular plane arrivals have caused difficulty in putting on shows; and this can be appreciated when it is realised that our films range from Broome to Camooweal, and Darwin to Alice Springs.

SPORTS: Now that Lieut. Crowe has assisted by Pte. Trinder has been put to work exclusively on Sports, a noticeable increase in sporting activity has taken place. It is obvious that where (e.g. 12 Aust Inf. Bde, and Darwin Fixed Defences) an officer concentrates on the Sporting activities, sport flourishes and conversely that the average officer of units not pushed into sports, does little to organise sports or attend to the General Amenities of his men.

This points inter alia to the necessity of OCTU embodying such instruction in their courses.

CONCERTS: Entertainment unit Dets have shown to appreciative audiences, from Alice Springs to Darwin; and across the Harbour also. O.C. Dets state that DAD expects too many shows from them, but generally cheerfully carry through DAD's itinerary.

VISITS: NIL.

RADIO: New auditorium nearly completed: shows presented in this studio now for some weeks. These evenings are an unqualified success. Local talent is still sufficient to use extensively.

1 GENERAL REGISTRY PM 30 JUN A1427

R.A. Love Major,
(R.A. Love), DAD AMENITIES.
N.T. DETACHMENT.

Appendix "S"

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

RESTRICTED

Quote in
Reply - WGS.9/1133

HQ NT FORCE (AIF)

2 JULY 1945.

DIRECTOR OF WAR GRAVES SERVICES
ALLIED LAND FORCES
MELBOURNE VIC.

Copy to AAG HQ NT FORCE.

STAFF OFFICER'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF JUNE 1945.

1. MAINTENANCE:

ADELAIDE RIVER War Cemetery was the only cemetery to receive maintenance during the month. Continuous attention has been paid to lawns, plants and shrubs, and general maintenance carried out.

2. DEATHS AND BURIALS:

One (1) RAN burial at ADELAIDE RIVER War Cemetery.
One (1) AMF burial at " " " "
Four (4) RAAF " " " " " "

3. EXHUMATIONS AND REBURIALS:

NIL.
Arrangements were made for a party of Aust War Graves Maintenance Unit to proceed to MILLINGIMBI IS., RABUMI IS., and GOVE to carry out exhumations, but owing to the Small Craft that was to be allotted to the party developing engine trouble the exhumations have been postponed.

4. PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN:

NIL.
Units have NO photographer on strength at present.

5. STAFF:

Advice received that Lieut. A. F. FERGUSON of War Graves Maint Unit (NSW) being appointed Staff Officer, War Graves Services, NT Force.

Strength of Units -

	Posted.	Leave.	Present.
11 Aust War Graves Unit	6 (Including T.G.2 Cook)	1	5
Aust War Graves Maint. Unit	3	1	2
	Total working strength		7

K Ashcroft Lt/Adgt
For Capt.
Staff Officer, War Graves Services.

COPY to "A" BRANCH for WAR DIARY.

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ADM STAFF CONFERENCE

No 77

6 Jun 45

HQ NT FORCE

PRESENT:

A/BRIG i/c ADM	
AQMG (rep)	DDST
~~A.G~~ (rep)	ADOS
AQMG (Mov & Tn)	ADOS (rep)
G11 (SD)	CENE (rep)
CRE	DDMS (rep)

1. FRESH MEAT:

23½ days in the chillers; 4 days on the hoof.

Discussion was held on the transportation of commodities and it was decided that perishable food stuffs such as vegetables, etc., should be given first priority.

2. CENTRAL KILLING SCHEME:

(a) MANBULLOO Abattoirs

Three shift work continuing on doors. Four doors now constructed. One room in operation with the new doors, but the locks have not yet been finished.

(b) By Products Plant

Result of tenders ~~not yet~~ to hand from LHQ.

(c) Disposal of Effluent

Received a letter from the E-in-C stating that plans will be airmailed by the 7 Jun 45.

3. MEN'S CLUB DARWIN:

No change re personnel requirements. CRE preparing plans with regard to work on the club.

4. REFRIGERATION FSD DARWIN:

Still certain work to be finished. One engine is out of commission temporarily and a stand-by engine is being used. There have been temporary breakdowns on the stand-by engine but plant is still in operation.

5. WATER SUPPLY HOWARD SPRINGS:

Stage 1 - Further test carried out on 2 Jun 45 but yet another break occurred.
Stage 2 - No change.

6. BROADCASTING STATION:

Second studio at LEANYER 66% complete. ETC 15 Jun 45.

7. LARRAKEYAH BARRACKS:

Staff Corps Mess

Painting and renovation	80% complete
Sewage	90% complete
Total completion	85%.

Owing to lack of painters and release of men to industry ETC is now postponed until 30 Jun 45.

8. MOVE OF 10 AUST BASE WKSP FROM KATHERINE TO 18 ML:

Roads and Drainage - same position.
Buildings - AWO estimate for buildings received. On arrival of all AWO estimates position will be reviewed.

9. WORKSHOP POSITION:

10 AUST BASE WKSP	Major repairs	8
	vehs under repair	61
NT AREA WKSP	Major repairs	32
	vehs under repair	97
ALICE SPRINGS AREA WKSP	Major repairs	8
	vehs under repair	10
SUMMARY:	Major repairs	48
	vehs under repair	168

Transit Park vehs held -
vehs available for issue 32 vehs) (9 Aust Veh Pk)
57 carriers)
34 vehs (9 Aust AOD ALICE SPRINGS)

CLASSIFICATION OF UNIT "B" VEHICLES - NT FORCE AS AT 20 MAY 45
(Excluding M/C & Trailers)

WE	Unclassified	CLASS 1	II	III	IV	Va	Vb	VI	Total
2798	99	577	995	141	593	100	8	17	2530

REVIEW OF NT AS AT 20 MAY 45
(Excluding M/C & Trailers)

Entitlement		
WE	2665	
LHQ	133	
Total	2798	2798
On issue		
Entitlement	2317	
Approved excess	213	
Total	2530	2530
Deficiency		268

10. DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS STORES:
Complete list of buildings for disposal has been supplied and we are awaiting decision of the Commonwealth Disposal Commission.

11. VISITORS:

(a) Departures

Hon C L A Abbott	6 Jun 45	

(b) Arrivals in NT during week-ending 6 Jun 45

Maj Melville (AWAS)	31 May 45	Arr ALICE SPRINGS SO Sigs (2) LHQ
Hon C L A Abbott	3 Jun 45	Civil Administrator
Dep Comm Keep	3 Jun 45	Red Cross

(c) Arrivals in NT Prior to 30 May 45

Maj Grainger	1 May 45	Research LHQ
Capt Poisley	1 May 45	V & RS LHQ
Mr Hoyer)	20 May 45	"Overlanders"
Mr Trerise)		Film executives.

Col Gamble) Lt Perrignon)	29 May 45	Directorate of Civil Affairs.

(d) Due

Chap McCarthy	6 Jun 45	Chap General (RC)
Mr Richardson)		Dept of Supply and shipping -
Mr Range)	15 Jun 45	Magnetic Surveys.

12. MOVEMENT OF OFFICERS:

Lt-Col Johnston (DDST) ret from Comp leave 30 May 45.
Col Burgess (AQMG) dep on leave 1 Jun 45.
Capt Farren (S/C Adm) dep on leave 3 Jun 45.
Capt Cohen (S/C "Q") transferred to First Aust Army 4 Jun 45.
Capt Thompson (EME Rubber) transferred to First Aust Army 4 Jun 45.
Maj Petty (Salvage) posted Disposals duty MT Isa 6 Jun 45.
Chap Whereat (CE) dep 4 Jun 45 to attend LHQ conference.

13. CHANGE IN APPOINTMENT

Lt-Col Johnston from DDST NT Force to DDST Vic L of C Area.
Lt-Col Nelson appointed DDST NT Force.
Capt Booth (Accts Offr S & T Service) posted to 3 Aust ESD
Capt Burrell appointed Accts Offr vice Capt Booth
Lt-Col Nyman (GSO 1 NT Force) posted GSO 1 5 Aust Div 1 Jun 45.

14. REVIEW OF OOB:

(a) Units notified for removal from OOB since last conference -

25 Aust Sqn A L Sec
359 Aust Hvy Tp (Static)(AIF)
53 Aust DCRE (Wks) (AIF)

(b) Units notified for addition to OOB since last conference - NIL

(c) Posted Strength NT Force as at 30 May 45 - 14,224.

(d) Estimated ultimate posted strength NT Force as at 30 Jun 45 - 13,295.

15. RESUMPTION OF CIVIL ADMINISTRATION:

A conference was held on 4 Jun 45 between GOC, the Administrator, A/Brig i/c Adm, Col Gamble and Lt Perrignon re Stage 1 of the Resumption of Civil Administration. Civil Administration is not yet in a position to take over. One of the main reasons being the inability of the Department of Health to assume its responsibilities.
GOC stated that unless adequate arrangements were made, and normal channels opened, he was not prepared to accept responsibility until civil Administration could take over complete control.

16. USE OF TRUNK LINE TELEPHONE CHANNELS TO ALICE SPRINGS:

Heads of Services were requested to make more use of the signal service and to check their departments so as to break all telephone calls down to 6 minutes.

Conference closed [redacted].

Col
A/Brig i/c Adm NT Force

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ADM STAFF CONFERENCE

No 78

13 JUN 45

HQ NT FORCE

PRESENT:

A/BRIG I/C ADM	
AAG (rep)	DDST
AAG (rep)	ADOS (Rep)
AAG (Move & Tn)	CRE
Gli (SD)	CEME (rep)
CRE	DDMS

1. FRESH MEAT:

24 3/4 days in the chillers; 6 3/4 days on the hoof.

2. CENTRAL KILLING SCHEME:

(a) DANBULLOO Abattoirs

Work on the doors continuing. 70% complete, ETC 30 Jun 45.

(b) By Products Plant

Position still the same.

(c) Disposal of Effluent

Plans have been received from the E-in-C and submitted to ANC with requisition and funds for carrying on the work on an improved plan.

3. MEN'S CLUB DARWIN:

Canteens have works plan which will be submitted to HQ NT Force for approval.

4. REFRIGERATION FSD DARWIN:

Still in same position. Parts for the engine, which may not be readily procurable, are awaited from Melbourne.

5. WATER SUPPLY HOWARD SPRINGS:

Stage 1 - Further test carried out on 9 Jun 45 but another break occurred. This makes a total of 45 rubber rings blown. Repairs being executed.

Stage 2 - No change.

6. BROADCASTING STATION:

Second studio at LEANYER 80% complete; ETC 15 Jun 45.

7. LARRAKEYAH BARRACKS:

Staff Corps Mess

Painting and renovation	85% complete
Sewage	95% complete
Total completion	85%; ETC 30 Jun 45.

8. MOVE OF 10 AUST BASE WKSP FROM MATARANKA TO 18 ML:

Roads and Drainage - Same position.
Buildings - same position.
Construction, by the unit, of CEME buildings are proceeding also drainage of water and water supply are under construction. Remaining buildings not yet started.

9. WORKSHOP POSITION:

10 AUST BASE WKSP	Major repairs	9
	vehs under repair	52
NT AREA WKSP	Major repairs	26
	vehs under repair	92
ALICE SPRINGS AREA WKSP	Major repairs	5
	vehs under repair	7
SUMMARY:	Major repairs	40
	vehs under repair	151

Transit Park vehs held -
vehs available for issue — 24 vehs, 57 carriers (9 Aust Veh Pk)
32 vehs (9 Aust AOD ALICE SPRINGS)

10. DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS STORES:

Position still the same.

11. VISITORS:

(a) Departures

Capt Peisley	6 Jun 45
Maj Granger	6 Jun 45
Mr Heyer, Mr Trerise	6 Jun 45
Dep Comr Keep	7 Jun 45
Chap Gen McCarthy	10 Jun 45
Col Gamble, Lt Perrignon	11 Jun 45
Maj Melville (AMAS)	11 Jun 45

(b) Arrivals in NT during week-ending 13 Jun 45

Chap Gen McCarthy	6 Jun 45	RC Chaplain
Mr F Thomson	10 Jun 45	Shell Coy Adelaide
Mr Morris	12 Jun 45	Tech Offr Disposals Commission

(c) Arrivals in NT Prior to [illegible]

[illegible]lly	29 May 45	MGO Branch - trials 40 mm ammn.

(d) Due

Lt-Col Mainwaring	13 Jun 45	SORA - Coast & Radar
Mr Richardson, Mr. Range	15 Jun 45	Dept of Supply & shipping - Magnetic Survey.
Maj Mullins	18 Jun 45	Roads - LHQ

12. MOVEMENT OF OFFICERS

Lt-Col Southwell (SO Sigs 1) ret from LHQ 4 Jun 45.
Lt-Col Inglis R J (ADOS) dep on reposting 1 Aust Corps 7 Jun 45.
Lt De Marco dep on leave prior transfer to Adv LHQ 5 Jun 45.

13. CHANGE IN APPOINTMENT

Maj Campbell (8 AOD) appointed A/ADOS vice Lt-Col Inglis 7 Jun 45.
Lt-Col Gwyther appointed CEME 9 Jun 45.

14. REVIEW OF OOB:

(a) Units notified for removal from OOB since last conference -

NIL

(b) Units notified for addition to OOB since last conference -

NIL

(c) Posted Strength NT Force as at 13 Jun 45 - 13,902.

(d) Estimated ultimate posted strength NT Force as at 30 Jun 45 - 12,366.

15. RESUMPTION OF CIVIL ADMINISTRATION:

A conference on Resumption of Civil Administration will be held in Melbourne.

16. USE OF TRUNK LINE TELEPHONE CHANNELS TO ALICE SPRINGS:

The RAAF and AWC were contacted re breaking all telephone calls down to 6 minutes and they both agreed to co-operate.

Conference closed 1105 hrs.

Col
A/Brig i/c Adm NT Force

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ADM STAFF CONFERENCE

No 79

20 JUN 45

HQ NT FORCE

PRESENT:

A/BRIG I/C ADM	DDST
AQMG (rep)	ADOS (rep)
AQMG (Move & Tn)	CEME
AAG (rep)	CRE
G11 (SD)	DDMS

1. FRESH MEAT:

23½ days in the chillers; 8½ days on the hoof.

2. CENTRAL KILLING SCHEME:

(a) MANBULLOO Abattoirs

All doors are now made and hung with temporary fastenings; ETC 30 Jun 45.

(b) By Products Plant

The tenders have now been received in Melbourne.

(c) Disposal of Effluent

No reply yet received from AWC.

3. MEN'S CLUB DARWIN:

Plans are being modified and when finished it is suggested that a conference be held with regard to how the work can be done.

4. REFRIGERATION FSD DARWIN:

Still same position. Advice of parts sent by Air freight has been received.

5. WATER SUPPLY HOWARD SPRINGS:

Stage 1 - Further test carried out at 185 lb pressure for 6 hours. Another ring gave way.
Stage 2 - No change.

6. BROADCASTING STATION:

Second studio at LEANYER 94% complete; ETC 20 Jun 45.

7. LARRAKEYAH BARRACKS:

Staff Corps Mess

Painting and renovation	90% complete.
Sewage	97% complete.
Total completion	93%; ETC 30 Jun 45.

8. MOVE OF 10 AUST BASE WKSP FROM BATARANKA TO 18 ML:

Roads and Drainage - Inspected, as regards an estimate, by AWC on 19 Jun 45.
Buildings - same position.
CEME Buildings - Building programme is proceeding satisfactorily.

9. WORKSHOP POSITION:

10 AUST BASE WKSP	Major repairs	10
	vehs under repair	49
NT AREA WKSP	Major repairs	30
	vehs under repair	97
ALICE SPRINGS AREA WKSP	Major repairs	4
	vehs under repair	6

9. WORKSHOP POSITION (CONTD)

SUMMARY: Major repairs 44
vehs under repair 152

Transit Park vehs held -
vehs available for issue 13 vehs, 57 carriers (9 Aust Veh Pk)
28 vehs (9 Aust AOD ALICE SPRINGS)

10. DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS STORES:

Position still the same. A disposal conference will be held in the near future.

11. VISITORS:

(a) Departures

Lt Kelly	13 Jun 45
Maj Mullins & party	18 Jun 45
Mr Thompson	20 Jun 45

(b) Arrivals in NT during week-ending 20 Jun 45

Maj Mullins & party	15 Jun 45	Roads - LHQ
Lt-Col Mainwaring	15 Jun 45	Coast & Radar - MGRA
Mr Cotter, Mr Russell	12 Jun 45	PWDs Dept
Mr Richardson, Mr Range	17 Jun 45	Navy - Magnetic Survey

(c) Arrivals in NT prior to 13 Jun 45

Mr Morris	12 Jun 45	Tech Offr - Disposals Commission.

(d) Due

Capt Bryant	25 Jun 45	Improvements to hosp, camp and farm equipt.
Col Brown	20 Jun 45	Insp - Ordnance Depot
Mr Richardson, Mr Davis	26 Jun 45	C'Wealth Disposals Commissr

12. MOVEMENT OF OFFICERS

Capt Foley (GSO III (Trg)) dep 15 Jun (Aust) Grade III Wing GSO III Staff School.
Capt Booth (Accts Offr S & T Service) dep 3 (Aust) BSD 17 Jun 45.
Lt-Col McKay (ADVS) ret from LHQ 18 Jun 45.
Lt Spiller (OO(WS)) dep 2 Aust AOD 13 Jun 45.
Maj Clapham (SO Sigs II (Lines) dep 19 Jun 45.
Capt Vincent (Adm Offr S & T) dep RSL (Reposting) 20 Jun 45.

13. CHANGES IN APPOINTMENT:

Capt Solomon appointed Adm Offr S & T vice Capt Vincent 20 Jun 45.
Padre Whereat relinquishes appointment and posted to RSL 13 Jun 45.
Lt Valmadre (RSL (LWOP)) appointed OO (WS) vice Lt Spiller 16 Jun 45.

14. REVIEW OF OOB:

(a) Units notified for removal from OOB since last conference -

12 Aust Fd Amb

(b) Units notified for addition to OOB since last conference -

NIL

(c) Posted Strength NT Force as at 20 Jun 45 - 13,309

(d) Estimated ultimate posted strength NT Force as at 30 Jun 45 - 11,687

15. RESUMPTION OF CIVIL ADMINISTRATION:

Nothing further to report.

16. REPRESENTATIVES TO ADM STAFF CONFERENCE:

CSO requested that a representative from his staff be allowed to attend the weekly Adm Staff Conference. Request was granted. A/Brig i/c Adm suggested that a representative from the Canteen Staff also be invited to attend.

Conference closed 1055 hrs.

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A/Brig i/c Adm NT Force

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ADM STAFF CONFERENCE

NO 80

27 JUN 45

HQ NT FORCE

PRESENT:

A/BRIG I/C ADM	CRE
AQMG	DDST
AQMG (Mov & Tn)	CEME
AAG (rep)	DDMS
G11 (SD)	DADOS (rep)
ADOS (rep)	PMO (rep)

1. FRESH MEAT:

25 days in the chillers; 1 3/4 days on the hoof.

2. CENTRAL KILLING SCHEME:

(a) MANBULLOO Abattoirs

Some doors now have permanent fastenings; ETC 30 Jun 45.

(b) By Products Plant

No further advice.

(c) Disposal of Effluent

Lay out commenced by AWC, who are about to commence excavation.

3. MEN'S CLUB DARWIN:

Drawing completed and the painting schedule is being drawn out. Lt-Commander Wiley has been instructed to make available technicians, particularly electricians, cabinet makers, and painters, as far as possible, depending on personnel available. Discussions were held on the possibility of Club No 15 being closed down and personnel transferred to Darwin.

4. REFRIGERATION FSD DARWIN:

This work has now been essentially completed and is in operation.

5. WATER SUPPLY HOWARD SPRINGS:

Stage 1 - Two more failures have occurred and repairs are being effected.
Stage 2 - No change.

6. BROADCASTING STATION:

Second studio 100% complete.

7. LARRAKEYAH BARRACKS:

Staff Corps Mess

Painting and renovation	94% complete
Sewage	100% complete
Total Completion	97%; ETC 30 JUN 45.

69 AWAS Barracks to be notified that they can occupy on the 1 Jul 45.

8. MOVE OF 10 AUST BASE WKSP FROM M.T.R.NKA TO 18 ML:

Roads and Drainage - AWC inspected the site of our roads, regarding the estimate which we expect soon.
CEME Buildings - Position still the same.

9. WORKSHOP POSITION:

10 Aust Base Wksp	Major repairs	7
	vehs under repair	46

9. WORKSHOP POSITION (condt):

NT AREA WKSP	Major repairs	33
	vchs under repair	93
ALICE SPRINGS AREA WKSP	Major repairs	7
	vchs under repair	10
SUMMARY:	Major repairs	47
	vchs under repair	149

10. DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS STORES:

Four buildings in the ALICE SPRINGS Camp and one building in the LARRIMAH Camp have been declared surplus.

The Deputy Chairman and the General Manager of the Disposals Commission are here at present for conference regarding disposals.

11. VISITORS:

(a) Departures

Col Brown	20 Jun 45	

(b) Arrivals in NT during week-ending 26 Jun 45

Mr Richardson) Mr Davis) Mr McCarthy)	26 Jun 45	Commonwealth Disposals Commission
Col Speckman	26 Jun 45	
Lt Southan (WS)	26 Jun 45	

(c) Arrivals in NT prior to 20 Jun 45

Mr Morris	12 Jun 45	Tech Offr - Disposals Commission
Mr Cotter) Mr Russell)	12 Jun 45	PMG's Department
Mr Richardson) Mr Rango)	17 Jun 45	Navy - Magnetic Survey.
Lt-Col Mainwaring	15 Jun 45	Coast & Radar - MGRA.

(d) Due

Capt Bryant	27 Jun 45	Improvement hosp. camp and farm equipment.
Dr Cumpston	20 Jul 45	Department of Health
Col Wright	27 Jun 45	Director of Postal Services LHQ.

12. MOVEMENT OF OFFICERS:

Maj Eason (APM) dep on 7 days emergency leave 23 Jun 45.
Col Burgess (AQMG) returned ex leave 20 Jun 45.

13. CHANGES IN APPOINTMENT:

NIL.

14. REVIEW OF OOB:

(a) Units notified for removal from OOB since last conference.

10/48 Aust Inf Bn
23 Aust Maint Pl

(b) Units notified for addition to OOB since last conference -

NIL

14. REVIEW OF OOB (contd):

(c) Posted Strength NT Force as at 20 Jun 45 - ~~11,589~~ 13,155

(d) Estimated ultimate posted strength NT Force as at 30 Jun 45 - 11,589.

A discussion was held re the suggested move of 12/40 Aust Inf Bn to DARWIN.

15. RESUMPTION OF CIVIL ADMINISTRATION:

Representatives from the PMG's Department are in DARWIN and as long as they fit in with the Signal Corps they can re-establish themselves as far as possible.

16. BROCK'S CREEK FSD:

It was proposed, pending move by RAAF, that Brock's Creek be closed down, leaving only a skeleton staff to guard equipment and buildings.

Conference closed 1110 hrs.

Col.
A/A & Q Adm NT Force.

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