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Unit 'A' Branch Lear Det First Aust Army *Date and Time.—From* 1 Nov *To* 30 Nov

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	3 Nov		Lear Det First Aust Army Div Troops No 2 - Duties for Officer and 2 Privates and 1 Motor Cycle	Appendix 'A'
"	23 Nov		Allocation of Duties - Transfer of Lieut to 3rd Quartermaster General - Lear Det First Aust Army	Appendix 'B'
"	21 Nov		Location of State School by Lear Det First Aust Army	Appendix 'C'
"	26 Nov		Issues of Stationery	Appendix 'D'

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Appx A

REAR ECH FIRST AUST ARMY ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO 2

DEMANDS FOR ENGINEER WORKS SERVICES AND ENGINEER STORES.

Rear Ech First Aust Army
7 Nov 44

1. First Aust Army Administrative Instruction No 12 of 22 Aug 44 NOT to all addressees is cancelled.

2. The following will be adopted when submitting demands for either Engineer Works Services or Engineer Loan Stores:

Engineer Works Services

(a) AAF P26 will be prepared in quadruplicate by the unit, Branch or Service demanding the work. Details of the work required, including sketch plans and full dimensions will be endorsed on AAF P26 by the unit etc.

(b) AAF P26 will be forwarded through normal channels to Rear Echelon First Aust Army for approval by 'Q' Branch.

(c) In the case of Branches and Services of Rear Echelon First Aust Army, AAF P26 will be forwarded to Camp Commandant for co-ordination prior to submission to 'Q' Branch.

(d) When it is intended that materials only are required and the Unit, Branch or Service will provide labour, this will be noted on the AAF P26 and AAF S18 will be attached to each copy of AAF P26.

Engineer Loan Stores

(a) AAF S18 will be prepared in quadruplicate by the unit, Branch or Service requiring the stores. Reason for demanding the stores will be noted on AAF S18.

(b) AAF S18 will be forwarded to Rear Echelon First Aust Army for approval of 'G' or 'Q' as appropriate.

(c) Units or Camp Commandant (in the case of Branch or Service of Rear Echelon First Aust Army) will be advised by the Engineer Unit concerned of the location, date and time at which the stores will be available for collection.

(d) Where the stores are to be supplied by 1 Aust Corps, the endorsed AAF S18 will be returned to the unit, for submission to SORE (Stores) 1 Aust Corps for signature, after which the stores will be collected by the unit at 1 Aust Corps CE Dump - WONGABEL at the time to be stated by CE 1 Aust Corps

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List 'C' (Branches and Formations, plus units of Rear Ech First Aust Army Tps only)
Less serials 1-18 incl, 22, 42, 43, 48-52 incl.
For Information:
1 Aust Corps (2)
8 Aust CRE (Works)

Bill Majors Lt-Col.,
AA & QMG Rear Ech First Aust Army.

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ALLOCATION OF DUTIES - BRANCH OF ADJUTANT & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

AA & QMG (Lt-Col R.P. McLELLAN)
General Supervision and Co-ordination
All questions of Policy

DAAG (Maj A.G. ROWELL)
Co-ordination and Office Administration
Routine Orders
Administrative Standing Orders
Medical with ADMS
Hygiene
Dental
Provost
Order of Battle
Pay (Supervision)
Women's Services
Discipline - Courts Martial with Legal Offr
Traffic Control with DAPM
Prisoners of War and Internees
Dress
Messes

DAAG (1) (Maj S. WRIGHT)
Unit Organisation (WEs, Raising Disbanding, etc)
Strengths & Statistics
Reinforcements
Records Procedure
Disposal of Effects of Deceased Personnel
Working Parties
Casualties
Accidents
Natives
Chaplains

DAAG (Mil Sec) (Maj W. SEALE)

OFFICERS -
Promotions
Transfers
Re-Postings
Secondments
Disposals including Transfers to the R of O and retirements
Adverse Reports
Seniority
Reallotment for duty or reorganisation or disbandment of units
Regimental Lists
Manning Charts
Confidential Reports
Relinquishment of Ranks
Maintenance of Lists of Officers suitable for Command and Staff Appointments
Maintenance of Officers Record of Service Cards

HONOURS AND AWARDS
All Ranks

SC(A) (Capt A. SHELDRICK)
Transfers
Leave
Education
Burials
Graves Registration
Discharges and Releases
Staffing Trg Units
Audits
War Diary
Amenities
Ceremonial

DAQMG (Maj S.H.S. HILL)
Co-ordination 'Q' Branch
Accommodation
Quartering
Hirings
Works
Engineer Stores
Water Supply
Claims Relating to the Above
Kit Stores

STAFF LEARNER (Capt E. BLACKSHAW)
Movement
Transport
Table Tops
Labour
Water Craft
Claims etc relating to the above
incl Travelling Allowances

AAQMG (Maj W.H. CROSS)
Supply and Transport
Ordnance
Electrical and Mechanical Engineers
Postal
Salvage
Printing and Stationery
Catering
Canteen
Veterinary
Claims and write-offs relating
to the above services

SC(Q) (Capt D.H. McDERMOTT)
Office Organisation
Statistics of -
(a) Movement
(b) Accommodation
(c) Maintenance
War Diary

ENGR WORKS
SORE 1

ADOS
(Lt-Col J. MURISON)

ADMS
(Lt-Col BRUTHARTON)

ADME
(Maj CUNNINGHAM)

ADSE
(Lt-Col N.P. MULCAHY)

CAMP
(Capt N. GLENNIE)

AWAS
(Maj L.J. SPENCER)

Distribution List 'A'

Robert P. Whitelaw
Lt-Col
23 Nov 44. AA & QMG

Office

SUBJECT: VACATION OF STATE SCHOOL BY REAR ECH FIRST AUST ARMY

Rear Ech First Aust Army
21 Nov 44
Q10892

Distribution:
List 'A' (Branches etc of First Aust Army only)
Less serial 45
Plus DAAG (Mil Sec)
Catering
Post
ORS
Audit
Unit Stores Account Sec

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1. Rear Ech First Aust Army will vacate the State School area, prior to the commencement of the 1945 School year, with the exception of the following buildings:

(a) Building No 11 - now occupied by AMS etc
(b) Building No 12 - now occupied by Post etc
(c) ORs Mess and Kitchen
(d) AWAS Mess

2. The new areas in which the HQ will be located are:

(a) Area adjacent to 3 AWAS Barrack
(b) 'F' Mess area

3. US Hospital buildings now occupied in the School area will be vacated by Branches etc in accordance with the schedule attached as Appendix 'A'. On vacation these buildings will be re-erected in the new areas.

4. Instructions regarding further re-allocation and movement will be issued later.

5. Details of office allocation will be obtained from 'Q' by Branches etc, prior to movement.

Robt P McLean
Lt-Col.,
AA & QMG Rear Ech First Aust Army.

Appendix 'A' attached to Rear Ech
First Aust Army Q10892 of 21 Nov

RE-ALLOCATION OF OFFICE ACCOMMODATION - PHASE 1.

Serial	Branch or Service	Move to	Date	Remarks
1	Q - Clerks only	Q building and huts	24 Nov	Temporary
2	Arty	G building	23 Nov	Internal Move and Temporary
3	Engineers	Camp Office and huts	24 Nov	Temporary
4	Sigs (CSO)	Sig Office	23 Nov	Temporary
5	AWAS	Building No 12	24 Nov	Permanent
6	Chaplains	Building No 12	23 Nov	Internal Move and Permanent
7	Legal	Building No 11	23 Nov	Permanent
8	Pro	Building No 11	23 Nov	Permanent and Internal Move
9	Education	Building No 11	23 Nov	Permanent
10	S&T	G Building	23 Nov	Temporary
11	Sal	Building No 11	23 Nov	Permanent and Internal Move
12	Ord	Remainder of Theatrette	28 Nov	Temporary
13	EME	Building No 9	24 Nov	Temporary (9 - Svy Building)
14	Camp	Building No 8	23 Nov	Permanent (8 - old 'F' Mess)
15	DAAG (Mil Sec)	A Building	24 Nov	Temporary
16	Audit	Building No 12	24 Nov	Permanent
17	Unit Stores Accounts Sec	Building No 12	24 Nov	Permanent
18	Survey	G Building	24 Nov	Temporary
19	Catering	Building No 11	23 Nov	Internal move and Permanent
20	Post	Building No 11	23 Nov	Internal move and permanent
21	ORS	Building No 11	24 Nov	Permanent

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SUBJECT: ISSUES OF STATIONERY

Rear Ech First Aust Army
1:: Nov 44
Q10906

Distribution:
List 'C' less Serials 23, 45, 7, 11, 12, 45-52
plus HQ 1 Aust Corps

It is advised that there will be no issues of stationery made from Stationery Depot, ATHERTON on 28-29 Nov 44.

Lt-Col.,
AA & QMG Rear Ech First Aust Army

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Q Branch
Unit ..... FIRST AUST ARMY ..... Date and Time.—From ... 31 Oct 44 ... To ... 30 Nov 44 ...

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	31 Oct 44		Q2268 Extra Messing Christmas Day	Appendix "A"
"	1 Nov 44		Q Matters Current	" B
"	1 Nov 44		Daily Return of Movements - Return No 172	" C
"	1 Nov 44		Daily Shipping Position - " " 172	" D
"	2 Nov 44		Daily Return of Movements - " " 173	" E
"	2 Nov 44		Daily Shipping Position - " " 173	" F
"	2 Nov 44		Proposed Shipping Allotments	" G
"	2 Nov 44		AQMG's CONFERENCE Notes 1/2 Nov 44	" H
"	3 Nov 44		" " " " " 3 " "	" I
"	3 Nov 44		Daily Shipping Position - Return No 174	" J
"	3 Nov 44		Q Matters Current	" K
"	4 Nov 44		Daily Shipping Position - Return No 175	" L
"	4 Nov 44		Daily Return of Movements " " 175	" M
"	5 Nov 44		" " " " " 176	" N

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Q BRANCH

Unit ..... FIRST AUST ARMY ..... *Date and Time.—From* .. 31 OCT 44 .... *To* .. 30 NOV 44 ....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	5 Nov 44		GORGON Madang for TOWNSVILLE	Appendix O
"	5 Nov 44		Daily Shipping Position - Return No 176	" P
"	6 Nov 44		ORMISTON TOWNSVILLE to LAE	" Q
"	6 Nov 44		Daily Return of Movements - Return No 177	" R
"	6 Nov 44		Air Courier Service - Lae - JACQUINOT BAY	" S
"	6 Nov 44		Daily Shipping Position - Return No 177	" T
"	6 Nov 44		Q 2337 - Cargo Return	" U
"	6 Nov 44		AQMG's Conference Notes 4/6 Nov 44	" V
"	6 Nov 44		First Aust Army Admin Instr No 7	" W
"	7 Nov 44		ANN McKIMM - BRISBANE and CAIRNS to JACQUINOT	" X
"	7 Nov 44		AQMG's Conference Notes - 7 Nov 44.	" Y
"	7 Nov 44		SWARTENHONDT - LAE to MADANG	" Z
"	7 Nov 44		VAN HEUTZ - CAIRNS to JACQUINOT	" AA
"	7 Nov 44		Daily Return of Movements - Return No 178	" AB

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Unit Q BRANCH FIRST AUST ARMY Date and Time.—From 31 Oct 44 To 30 Nov 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	7 Nov 44		Daily shipping position - Return No 178	Appendix AC
"	7 Nov 44		KATOOMBA - TOWNSVILLE for AITAPE	" AD
"	7 Nov 44		INDIAN VICTORY - SYDNEY - CAIRNS to BOUGAINVILLE	" AE
"	8 "		EMILE BERLINGER - PORTSBY to SYDNEY	" AF
"	8 "		Report on visit JACQUINOT BAY - Maj J A NORTH	" AG
"	8 "		Maintenance Typewriters and Duplicators	" AH
"	8 "		AQMG's Conference Notes	" AI
"	8 "		Daily Shipping position - Return No.179	" AJ
"	8 "		FRANCIS PARKMAN - MADANG to AITAPE	" AK
"	9 "		Daily return of Movements - Return No.180	" AL
"	9 "		Shipping Position - Return No.180	" AM
"	10 "		Q Matters Current	" AN
"	10 "		Daily Shipping Position - Return No. 181	" AO
"	10 "		Return of Movements - Return No. 181	" AP

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Unit ....FIRST AUST ARMY..... Date and Time.—From ..31 Oct 44..... To .....30 Nov 44.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	10 Nov 44		CHARON- SYDNEY to MORESBY	Appendix AQ
"	10 "		AQMG's Conference Notes	" AR
"	10 "		Proposed Shipping Allotments	" AS
"	10 "		S G REED - LAE to TREASURY & BOUGAINVILLE	" AT
"	11 "		Daily Return of Movements - Return No.182	" AU
"	11 "		AQMG's Conference Notes	" AV
"	11 "		Daily Shipping Position - Return No. 182	" AW
"	11 "		Appreciation .. on MADANG	" AX
"	11 "		Q Matters Current	" AY
"	12 "		Daily Return of Movements Return No. 183	" AZ
"	12 "		Daily Shipping Position - Return No. 183	" BA
"	12		Q Matters Current	" BB
"	12		INDIAN VICTORY - SYDNEY - BOUGAINVILLE via CAIRNS	" BC
"	12		THOMAS CORWIN - CAIRNS TO AITAPE	" BD

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	13 Nov 44		GORGON - BRISBANE to HOLLANDIA	Appendix BE
"	13 "		TORRENS - " " BOUGAINVILLE	" BF
"	13 "		Q Matters Current	" BG
"	13 "		AQMG's Conference Notes	" BH
"	13 "		Daily Shipping Position - Return No.184	" BI
"	13 "		ANN McKIEM - BRISBANE to- JACQUINOT.	" BJ
"	13 "		L M GARRISON - BRISBANE to JACQUINOT	" BK
"	13 "		S G REED - SYDNEY to AITAPE	" BL
"	14 "		GORGON - for AITAPE	" BM
"	14 "		AQMG's Conference Notes	" BN
"	14 "		FIRST AUST ARMY Adm Instr No.9	" BO
"	14 "		Daily Return of Movements - Return No.185	" BP
"	14 "		Daily Shipping Position - Return No. 185	" BQ
"	14 "		CAPE VICTORY - BRISBANE to BOUGAINVILLE	" BR

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	15 Nov 44		BONTEKOE - TOWNSVILLE to AITAPE	Appendix BS
"	15 "		J S MORETON - LAE to JACQUINOT	" BT
"	15 "		JOHN ISAACSON - SYDNEY TO AITAPE	" BU
"	15 "		SANTA MONICA - BRISBANE TO BOUGAINVILLE	" BV
"	15 "		L M GARRISON - BRISBANE to JACQUINOT	" BW
"	15 "		EDNA - SYDNEY TO MORESBY	" BX
"	15 "		SANTA MONICA - MADANG TO BOUGAINVILLE	" BY
"	15 "		ATLAS - SYDNEY to LAE	" BZ
"	15 "		Daily Return of Movements - Return No. 186	" CA
"	15 "		AQMG's Conference Notes	" CB
"	15 "		Daily Shipping Position - Return No. 186	" CC
"	15 "		Q Matters Current	" CD
"	15 "		First Aust Army Adm Instr No.8	" CE
"	16 "		AQMG's Conference Notes	" CF

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Unit FIRST AUST ARMY *Date and Time.—From* 31 Oct 44 *To* 30 Nov 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	16 Nov 44		Daily shipping position - Return No.187	Appendix CG
"	16 "		Daily Return of Movements- Return No.187	" CH
"	16 "		ATLAS - SYDNEY to LAE	" CI
"	16 "		Proposed Shipping Allotment	" CJ
"	16 "		DUNTROON - TOWNSVILLE to AITAPE	" CK
"	16 "		GORCON - BRISBANE to HOLLANDIA	" CL
"	17 "		Q Matters Current	" CM
"	17 "		Daily Shipping Position - Return No.188	" CN
"	17 "		GORCON - BRISBANE to HOLLANDIA	" CO
"	17 "		Daily Return of Movements Return No. 188	" CP
"	17 "		JUBAL EARLY - LAE to MADANG & AITAPE	" CQ
"	17 "		Amend 1 to First Aust Army Adm Instr No.9	" CR
"	17 "		AQMG's Conference Notes	" CS
"	18 "		First Aust Army Adm Instr No.10	" CT

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Q Branch
Unit FIRST AUST ARMY Date and Time.—From 31 Oct 44 To 30 Nov 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	18 Nov 44		Daily Shipping Position - Return No.189	Appendix CU
"	18 "		AQMG's Conference Notes	" CV
"	18 "		Daily Return of Movements - Return No.189	" CW
"	18 "		Q Matters Current	" CX
"	19 "		Cape Alexander - MADANG to BOUGAINVILLE	" CY
"	19 "		Daily return of Movements - Return No.190	" CZ
"	19 "		Daily Shipping Position - Return No.190	" DA
"	19 "		JOHN ISAACSON - SYDNEY TO AITAPE	" DB
"	19 "		ANN McKIM - AUST to JACQUINOT	" DC
"	19 "		ORMISTON - TOWNSVILLE TO LAE	" DD
"	20 "		MAIWARA - LAE TO H.SKINS	" DE
"	20 "		Daily return of Movements - Return No.191	" DF
"	20 "		Daily XXXXXX Shipping Position - Return No.191	" DG
"	20 "		Q Matters Current	" DH



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Unit FIRST AUST ARMY *Date and Time.—From* 31 Oct 44 *To* 30 Nov 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	20 Nov 44		Functions of Aust Army Catering Corps	Appendix DI
"	20 "		W B ROGERS - SYDNEY FOR JACQUINOT	" DJ
"	20 "		JAMES OLIVER - LAE TO BOUGAINVILLE	" DK
"	21 "		Daily Shipping Position - Return No.192	" DL
"	21 "		BONTEKOE - TOWNSVILLE TO AITAPE	" DM
"	21 "		Daily return of Movements - Return No.192	" DN
"	21 "		Q Matters Current	" DO
"	21 "		THOMAS CORWIN - CAIRNS TO AITAPE	" DP
"	21 "		AQMG's Conference Notes	" DQ
"	21 "		Extra Messing on Xmas Day	" DR
"	22 "		Daily Shipping Position - Return No.193	" DS
"	22 "		P ARCHER - SYDNEY TO BOUGAINVILLE	" DT
"	22 "		Daily return of movements - Return No.193	" DU
"	22 "		CHARON - MORESBY TO SYDNEY	" DV

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Unit FIRST AUST ARMY ..... *Date and Time.—From* 31 Oct 44 *To* 30 Nov 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	22 Nov 44		EVANGELINE - DARWIN TO JACQUINOT	Appendix DW
"	22 "		Q Matters Current	" DX
"	22 "		VAN HEFLIN - CAIRNS TO JACQUINOT	" DY
"	22 "		AQMG's Conference Notes	" DZ
"	23 "		Proposed shipping allotments	" EA
"	23 "		Daily shipping position - return No.194	" EB
"	23 "		Daily return of Movements Return No.194	" EC
"	23 "		AQMG's Conference Notes	" ED
"	23 "		INDIAN VICTORY - CAIRNS TO BOUGAINVILLE	" EE
"	24 "		Cleanliness of office areas	" EF
"	24 "		River DERWENT - SYDNEY TO AITAPE	" EG
"	24 "		MEXICO and SHAWNEE - BRISBANE to BOUGAINVILLE	" EH
"	24 "		Daily Shipping Position - Return No.193	" EI
"	24 "		Daily return of Movements - Return No.195	" EJ

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Unit FIRST AUST ARMY Date and Time.—From 31 Oct 44 To 30 Nov 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	25 Nov 44		AQMG's Conference Notes	Appendix EK
"	25 "		Daily return of movements - Return No.196	" EL
"	25 "		GEORGE M HINES - BRISBANE TO HOLLANDIA	" EM
"	25 "		TAROONA - SYDNEY TO LAE	" EN
"	26 "		Daily Shipping Position - Return No.197	" EO
"	26 "		JUBAL EARLY - MADANG to AITAPE	" EP
"	26 "		Daily return of Movements - Return No.197	" EQ
"	26 "		Conservation of Tentage	" ER
"	26 "		ATLAS - SYDNEY TO LAE	" ES
"	26 "		INDIAN VICTORY - CAIRNS TO BOUGAINVILLE	" ET
"	26 "		JOHN ADAMS - DARWIN TO FINSCHHAFEN	" EU
"	27 "		CAPE VICTORY - BRISBANE TO BOUGAINVILLE	" EV
"	27 "		Daily Shipping Position - Return No.198	" EW
"	27 "		LACHLOCH - CAIRNS TO AITAPE	" EX

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Unit FIRST AUST ARMY ..... Date and Time.—From 31 Oct 44 ..... To 30 Nov 44 .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	27 Nov 44		NATHANIEL WACON - SYDNEY TO JACQUINOT	Appendix EY
"	27 "		EDNA - MORESBY TO SYDNEY	" EZ
"	27 "		Daily return of Movements - Return No.198	" FA
"	27 "		AQMG's Conference Notes	" FB
"	28 "		" " "	" FC
"	28 "		SIMON BENSON - LAE TO AITAPE	" FD
"	28 "		Daily return of Movements - Return No.199	" FE
"	28 "		VAN HENTY & SEA SNIPE - BRISBANE TO BOUGAINVILLE	" FF
"	28 "		TAROONA - AUST TO LAE	" FG
"	28 "		Daily Shipping Position - Return No.199	" FH
"	28 "		GORGON - BRISBANE TO HOLLANDIA	" FI
"	29 "		CHARON - SYDNEY to LAE	" FJ
"	29 "		J P CHATEAU - BRISBANE TO HOLLANDIA	" FK
"	30 "		Daily return of Movements - Return No.200	" FL

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Unit FIRST AUST ARMY *Date and Time—From* 31 Oct 44 *To* 30 Nov 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	29 Nov 44		Daily Shipping Position - Return No.200	Appendix FM
"	30 "		Q Matters Current	" FN
"	30 "		Proposed Shipping Allotments	" FO
"	30 "		EVANGELINE - CAIRNS to AITAPE	" FP
"	30 "		Daily Shipping Position, Return No.201	" FQ
"	30 "		Daily return of Movements, Return No. 201	" FR
"	30 "		Air Transport &Maintenance, First Aust Army Area	" FS
"	30 "		J S MORTON - MADANG TO JACQUINOT	" FT

D.H.Q. (S.D.)—C.4788.

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HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
31 Oct 44
Q 2258

EXTRA MESSING ON CHRISTMAS DAY

1. Advice has been received from LHQ that Ministerial approval has been given for the expenditure, from public funds, of an amount not exceeding 1/- per member, additional to the normal ration scale, for extra messing on Christmas Day 1944, for personnel actually in the Field and in Camps, Forts, Garrisons, Hospitals, and also - for troops in transit if rationed by the Department.

2. In order to utilise this grant the amount of 1/- will be treated as a special addition to the normal 1½d per day for supplementary rations, and will, therefore, be dealt with in accordance with GRO 764/43 i.e. purchases will be made by Units from Canteens wherever possible and will be paid for in the normal way.

3. Where Units are not in receipt of Supplementary Allowance, Regimental Funds will be used and will be reimbursed up to the amount of 1/- per member, where this has been expended.

In this regard, the following procedure will be observed:-

(a) All purchases to be made by Units from A.A.C.S. will be by cash withdrawn from Unit Regimental Trust Funds. Where insufficient funds are available in the Regimental Fund, the Trust Account may be overdrawn to the extent of the estimated allowance of 1/- per man of Unit strength.

(b) On or before 7 Jan 45, CO's and OC's Unit will lodge the following certificate with the Depot or Formation Paymaster servicing the Unit:

"I certify that (i).....members of the AIF were rationed with.....(Unit) on 25 Dec 44 and that £.....was spent on Extra Christmas Rations.

(ii) That the abovementioned members were not entitled to supplementary ration allowance in respect of that day.

Please credit the allowance due to this Unit to the following Unit Trust Account.

Trust Account No.....Unit.....
Fund.....

.....
CO or OC Unit."

4. Subject to shipping and availability of supplies, the Canteens Service is making arrangements for provision of suitable items to meet anticipated demands, but it should be appreciated that the general situation in Australia in regard to foodstuffs is such that the range of items available is of necessity very limited. Units will submit demands on Canteen Services as early as possible thereby enabling the best possible service to be given. Every effort will be made to meet all reasonable requirements.

5. It is understood that the Comforts Fund intends to issue hampers to troops serving in New Guinea and Northern Territory Areas. In order that duplication of commodities may be avoided in those Areas, the proposed food content in the hampers is set out hereunder:-

1 Tin Dried Vine Fruit
1 Tin Preserved Fruit
1 Tin Christmas Cake
1 Tin Christmas Pudding
1 Cake Chocolate
3 pkts Chewing Gum.

6. If it is desired to augment the Christmas Ration still further, Commanding Officers of Units might give consideration to expending portion of the amount standing to the credit of the Regimental Funds on extra commodities.

7. Should operational reasons render it necessary the extra Christmas messing may be provided on a day other than 25 Dec and an appropriate note made in the certificate referred to in para 3 (b) above.

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Distribution List "B"
(Branches and units down to infantry battalions or independent units)

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HQ First AustArmy (AIP)
Q Branch
2 Nov 44.

Q MATTERS CURRENT - 2 NOV 44.

Serial	Subject	For Action By
1	Milsec is arranging posting of a Labour Officer suitable for general Q duties of an outside nature, to be appointed at 3 Aust Base Sub Area.	Infm
2	CREGO has allotted a flying boat to make three trips per week to JACQUINOT BAY and TALASEA. NORCOM have been asked to advise position.	Infm
3	The censorship report states that a member of a Forestry Platoon at LAE complained that only two issues of bread were received in one week. Have this investigated by LAE Base Sub Area and report.	AQMG
4	There are 9000 parachutes held at LAE. (a) Are they new? (b) Are they being maintained by qualified personnel? (c) If Ord are not sure of a definite consignment of parachutes ex Aust for TOROKINA, have 500 sent from LAE.	AQMG
5	Col (Mov) is considering the practicability of implementing GHQ desire for movement of Aust troops to main bases by specific dates.	Infm
6	It can be expected that supplementary supply of main bases, in particular JACQUINOT BAY and AITAPE, will be required by small ships. The ESB personnel at JACQUINOT BAY and AITAPE will require American ord stores, spare parts etc, carried under arrangements First Aust Army. Col (Mov) is therefore planning to provide occasional trips to the above points by small ships.	Infm
7	A high standard of soldierly deportment will be maintained in Q Branch. Particular attention will be given to saluting.	Col (Mov) and AQMG
8	Discuss with DADAC the standard of service being given to units by MO Caterers. Arrange preparation of notes for the guidance of COs indicating the assistance he should look for from his Catering Adviser. What is the position in First Aust Army units regarding cooks?	AQMG
9	What is the present position regarding furniture for the Visitors' Mess.	AQMG
10	Obtain weekly from AEMS a report showing intake and output of vehs at Maps in Base Sub Areas.	AQMG

DISTRIBUTION.
Copy No 1 DA & CRO
" " 2 Col (Q) (pass to AAG)
" " 3 Col Q(Mov)
Copies 5 & 6 War Diary.

A/Col Q First Aust Army
Lt-Col

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
1 Nov 44.

DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS RETURN No 172.
(From 1000 hrs 31 Oct to 1000 hrs 1 Nov)

1. BY SEA

Serial	UNIT	Strength Offrs	Strength ORs	From	To	Remarks
1	3 Aust Jungle Trunk Line Unit	-	2	BUNA	LAE	Sld AB1163 31 Oct
2.	12 Aust Small Ships Coy	-	1	BUNA	LAE	" "
3.	First Aust Army	1	-	FINSCH	LAE	Disembarked AS 45 28/10

2. BY AIR

1	N G Details	-	7	MILNE BAY	LAE	
2.	HQ First Aust Army	9	5	LAE	AITAPE	
3.	9 Aust Lt W/T Sec	-	5	BRISBANE	HADZAB	
4.	Duty personnel	5	2	HADZAB	MAIN LAND	
5.	Leave personnel	3	16	HADZAB	MAIN LAND	

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DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION

2 AUST CORPS
NG ADV 2 ECH
DFO NEW GUINEA
NG FORCE SEC AACS
BGS
DA & QMG
G (OPS)
G (SD)
A
AMS
Q (2)
Q (MOV & TN)
BRA
CE (2)
MED
DENTAL
S & T
ORD
E & ME
POSTAL (3)
SALVAGE
ALIEN
FILE (5)
WAR DIARY (2)

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
1 Nov 44.

DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN No 172
(As at 1200 hrs 1 Nov 44)

TO BE LOADED FOR	AUSTRALIA	L/F	[illegible]	IN PORT
AITAPE	THOS COLLIN ETA ex CAIRNS 7 Nov MEXICO ex CAIRNS ETA 4 Nov DENTROON ex CAIRNS ETA 9 Nov KATOOMBA ex T'VILLE ETA 10 Nov GORGON ex T'VILLE ETA 14 Nov RIVER DERWENT to load SYDNEY and CAIRNS	JUBAL EARLY ETA 14 Nov	F PARKLIN ETA 4 Nov J EARLY ex L/E ETA 14 Nov AENEAS ETA 4 Nov	J EARLY ETD 5 Nov for L/E GORGON ETD 1 Nov for T'VILLE via MADANG NANCY HANKS F PARKLIN ETD 3 Nov for MADANG
MADANG	DUNGARA loading at SYDNEY	JUBAL EARLY ETA 12 Nov		STAATENDIJK ETA ex C GLOUCESTER 1 Nov F PARKLIN ETA 4 Nov
FINSCHHAFEN				
LAE	S.N. RAMEL to load SYDNEY			J S HOPETON ETD 5 Nov for JACQUINOT BAY S J REED for T'VILLE and TREASURY ETD 6 Nov J OLIVER ETD 9 Nov CAPE ALEXANDER ETD 2 Nov for JACQUINOT TAPOONA ETD 2 Nov T'VILLE
TALASEA HOSKINS				
JACQUINOT BAY		CAPE ALEXANDER ETA 4 Nov J S HOPETON ETA 7 Nov	SIMMEE ETA 9 Nov SCHEEPVAART (trip 3) ex TALASEA	

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TO BE LOADED FOR	AUSTRALIA	TO BE LOADED AT LAE	MADANG	IN PORT
BOUGAINVILLE		L GARRISON ETA 4 Nov J LYKES ETD 6 Nov ETA 9 NOV MORHAC SEA ETD 12 Nov ETA 15 Nov S J REID ETD 6 Nov ETA 8 Nov and TREASURY	SANTA MONICA ETD 5 Nov CAPE VICTORY ETD 10 Nov	S HOPKINS
MORESBY	CHARON ETA ex SYD. 6 Nov EDNA			BAN HONG LIONG to be loaded in ballast for CAIRNS EMILE BERLINGER on berth approx 3 Nov to load for SYDNEY
MILNE BAY	ELLWOOD MEADE ex T'VILLE			PORT AMSTERDAM
HOLLANDIA			LUDDINGTON LOT yet on berth	
NEW BRITAIN	L H GARRISON & VAN HEUTZ to load BRIS.			

NOTE ETA - Expected time of arrival destination
ETD - Expected time of departure from loading port

Brig
DA & QMG HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION
2 AUST CORPS
8 M C GP
Q(Mov&Tn) CE(2) RANLO GHQ(BRG OFFR LAE) FILE(5) WAR DIARY (2) for infn ADV LHQ(FORMOV)
NG FORCE SEC A&QS
BGS
SGT
POSTAL (3) M C HOLLANDIA M C AITAPE DA&QMG G(SD) A Q(2)
2/1 M C Gp M C MORESBY M C FINSCH M C MADANG
3 AUST DOCKS GP

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
2 Nov 44.

DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS RETURN No 173.
(From 1000 hrs 1 Nov to 1000 Hrs 2 Nov)

1. BY SEA

Serial	Unit	Strength Offrs	Strength ORs	From	To	Remarks
1.	N G Details ex leave	29	102	T'VILLE	LAE	Disembarked 1 Nov ex TAROONA
2.	N G Details	3	-	"	"	
3.	SUA	-	11	"	"	
4.	HQ RAA 3 Aust Div	3	23			
5.	5 Mob Met Flt		3			
6.	4 Fd Regt & Sig Sec and 214 LAD	40	596			
7.	Rear HQ 3 Aust Div	15	103			Sailed
8.	V Aust F S Sec	-	6			L H GARRISON
9.	202 Aust LAD	1	14	LAE	B'VILLE	1 Nov 44.
10.	HQ RAE 3 Aust Div	3	24			
11.	AIB	2	8			
12.	Det 5 Aust Army Tps	-	17			
13.	HQ 2 Aust Corps Adv Party	9	90			
14.	5 Fld Coy	1	42			
15.	103 F.A.D.	-	1			
16.	4 Aust Inf Bn	40	741			
17.	1 Aust Fd Sqn RAE	3	187			
18.	HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde	17	61			
19.	19 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	2	48			
20.	A Sec F.S.W.	-	3	CAIRNS	AITAPE	Disembarked MEXICO 1/11
21.	2/79 LAD	1	11			
22.	Det 6 Aust Div Postal	-	5			
23.	Det 2/2 Fd Coy RAE	1	13			
24.	HQ 6 Aust Div	14	67			
25.	6 Aust Div Sigs	-	6			
26.	HQ RAE 6 Aust Div	1	1			

2. BY AIR

1.	N G Details	1	16	LAE	MADANG	
2.	HQ 3 Aust Div	3	3	"	B'VILLE	
3.	19 Aust Inf Bn	1	3	MADZAB	T'VILLE	
4.	Duty Personnel	2	5	"	MAIN-LAND	
5.	Leave Personnel	1	4	"	MAIN-LAND	

for DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) Brig.

DISTRIBUTION

2 AUST CORPS	A	S & T
NG ADV 2 ECH	AMS	ORD
DFO NEW GUINEA	Q (2)	E & ME
NG FORCE SEC AACS	Q (MOV & TN)	POSTAL (3)
BGS	BRA	SALVAGE
DA & QMG	CE (2)	AMEN
G (OPS)	MED	FIE (5)
G (SD)	DENTAL	WAR DIARY (2).

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
2 Nov 44

DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO.173
As at 1200 hrs 2 Nov 44

TO BE LOADED FOR	TO BE LOADED AT			IN PORT
	AUSTRALIA	LAE	MADANG	
AITAPE	THOS CORWIN ETA ex CAIRNS 7 Nov DUNTROON ETA ex CAIRNS 9 Nov KATOOMBA ETA ex T'VILLE 10 Nov GORGON ETA ex T'VILLE 14 Nov RIVER DERWENT to load SYDNEY and CAIRNS	JUBAL EARLY ETA 14 Nov	F PARKMAN ETA 10 Nov J EARLY ETA ex LAE 13 Nov ANHUI ETA 6 Nov	J EARLY ETD 5 Nov for LAE NANCY HANKS
MADANG	DUNGAREE loading at SYDNEY	JUBAL EARLY ETA 12 Nov		GORGON ETD 4 Nov for AUST F PARKMAN ETD 6 Nov for AITAPE
FINSCH				
LAE	SAN RAPHAEL to load SYDNEY			J LYNES ETD 6 Nov for B'VILLE J S MORETON ETD 5 Nov for JACQUINOT BAY S J REED for B'VILLE and TREASURY ETD 6 Nov J OLIVER ETD 9 Nov CAPE ALEXANDER ETD 2 Nov for JACQUINOT BAY TAROONA ETD 2 Nov for T'VILLE
TALASEA HOSKINS				SWARTENHONDT ETD 5 Nov for JACQUINOT BAY
JACQUINOT BAY	ANN McKINN ETA ex BRISBANE and CAIRNS 20 Nov	CAPE ALEXANDER ETA 4 Nov J S MORETON ETA 7 Nov FRANCIS PEATE ETA 4 Nov	SHANNEE ETA 8 Nov SWARTENHONDT (trip 3) ex T/LASEA	

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TO BE LOADED FOR	TO BE LOADED AT			IN PORT
	AUSTRALIA	LAE	MADANG	
BOUGAINVILLE	INDIAN VICTORY ETA ex SYDNEY and CAIRNS 26 Nov	L GARRISON ETA 4 Nov J LYKES ETD 6 Nov ETA 9 Nov MORELAC SEA ETD 12 Nov ETA 15 Nov S J PIERD ETD 6 Nov ETA 10 Nov and TREASURY	SANTA MONICA ETA 13 Nov CAPE VICTORY ETA 18 Nov	S HOPKINS
MORESBY	CHARON ETA ex SYDNEY 6 Nov EDNA			CHARON on berth approx 9 Nov to load for SYDNEY ETA SYDNEY 13 Nov DAN HONG LIONG to be loaded in ballast for CAIRNS ETD 3 Nov EMILE BERLINGER on berth approx 3 Nov to load for SYDNEY ETA SYDNEY 9 Nov
ILNE BAY	ELWOOD MEADE ex T'VILLE			PORT AMSTERDAM
HOLLANDIA			LUDDINGTON not yet on berth	
NEW BRITAIN	L M GARRISON and VAN HEUTZ to load BRISBANE			

NOTE ETA Expected time of arrival at destination
ETD Expected time of departure from loading port

for Major General
DA & QMG First Aust Army (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION

2 AUST CORPS	DGS	2/1 MOV & TN GP	H C PINSCHEMIEN	D/NLO	For infn Adv LHQ (For MOV)
6 MT GP	S & T	H C HOLLANDIA	DA & QMG (SD)	CHF ENG OFFR (LAE)	
Q (MOV & TN)	POSTAL (3)	H C MORESBY	H C MADANG	FIMO (5)	
NG FORCE SEC LIOS	3 AUST DOCKS GP	H C MILNE	A C (3)	WAR DIARY (2)	

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
2 Nov 44

ADV LHQ (3)

PROPOSED SHIPPING ALLOTMENTS AS AT 1 NOV 44

1. This schedule is compiled with respect to personnel, vehicles and general cargo.

2. Details of personnel and vehicles by units are shown where possible otherwise estimated number of AUST troops to be embarked is given.

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GOC FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

SER I/L	VESSEL	UNIT	ALLOTMENT PERS	ALLOTMENT VEHS	ALLOTMENT STORES	FROM PORT	ETD	TO PORT	ETA	REMARKS
1	GORGON	bal 6 Inf Tps Ord Fd Pk	5							
		2/4 Fd Sqn	314	2	61	MADANG	4/11	AUST	10/11	
		bal Sigs 5 Div and 40 Cipher Soc	73							
		Leave draft	240							
		44 Cipher Soc	13							
		105 Adv Depot Med Stores	8							
2	ANHUI	4 Inf Tps Wksp and Wksp Soc	173	39		MADANG	4/11	AITAPE	6/11	
3	LUDDINGTON	8 Fd Coy	112	11	10	MADANG		HOLLANDIA		Expected on berth early date
4	J S MORETON	Native labour European	2		1950	LAE	5/11	JACQUINOT	7/11	
		Natives	95							
		det 4 Cipher Soc	10							
		HQ and 1 Pl 2/2 Forestry Coy	71	16						
		28 Malarial Control Unit	27	7						
		One Sec 8 Fd Bakery Pl	10							
		det 7 Aust Base Postal Unit	10	1						
	%	18 AOD	217	40						
		17 AAD	138	6						
		2/245 Sup Dep Pl	33	2						
		9 Aust Fd Coy	251	39						
		det 3 Mech Eqpt Wksp	2	8						
		55 Sup Dep Pl	33	2						
		472 HAA Tp	130	5						
		bal 33 Docks Op Coy	42	2						
		bal Pl 1 Port Maint Coy	15	5						
		16 Malarial Control Unit	8	9						
		NG Adv 2 Ech	2	1						
		det 55 Port Craft Coy	16							
		det B Coy 594 ES & B Regt	3							
5	JUDAL EARLY	Base Troops	280	81		LAE	6/11	AITAPE	13/11	via MADANG
		For discharge MADANG on route AITAPE			5000					
6	JOHN LYKES	244 Aust LAD	16	7	316	LAE	6/11	BOUGAINVILLE	9/11	
		126 Bde Wksp (Type A)	120	15						
		bal 133 Gen Tpt Coy	149	20						
		bal 2 Line Maint Sec		1						
		bal 4 D/R Soc		4						
		126 Bde Ord Fd Pk	22	11						
		2 Corps Salvage Unit	31	3						
		2 Pls 6 Farm Coy	28	6						
		63 Dental Unit	41	2						
		19 War Graves Unit	9	1						
		det 2 Fd Svy Coy	41	3						
		det FELO	1	1						
		58 Corps Fd Pk and 317 L/AD (Type A) less rear party for vehs approx	190	30						
		HQ (less det) Adm Soc HQ No. 2 Coy B Corps Sigs less rear party for vehs approx	55	20						
		2 Tech Maint Sec	23	3						
		5 Op Soc	41	4						
		6 Op Soc	48	7						
		10 D/R Soc	27	25						
		5 Wireless Soc (Lt) less det	27	8						
		4 Cipher Soc (less det)	54	2						
		7 B D Pl	24	4						
		38 Works Coy	370	5						

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SERIAL	VESSEL	UNIT	ALLOTMENT PERS	ALLOTMENT VEHS	ALLOTMENT STORES	FROM PORT	ETD	TO PORT	ETA	REMARKS
7	SIMON G REED	for TREASURY ISLAND bal 23 Inf Ddo Gp (incl 25 pers ex Details Depot	119	51		LAE	6/11	DOUGAINVILLE	10/11	Vessel routed to TREASURY after partial discharge D'VILLE
		for DOUGAINVILLE for subsequent move to GREEN ISLAND bal 23 Inf Ddo Gp	1	2						
		for DOUGAINVILLE 341 LAD and 1 Mech Eqpt Wksp AEME	50	11						
		bal 58 Corps Fd Pk Coy (less store pl) and 317 LAD	16	17						
		bal Adv Party HQ 2 Aust Corps approx	6	27						
		bal HQ (less det) Adm Soc HQ 2 Coy HQ 3 Coy B Corps Sigs and 244 LAD approx	5	13						
		2 Mountain Dty	21	9						
		2 Aust Fd Regt 2 Fd Regt Sig Soc and 213 LAD	361	130						
		Native labour (natives)	250							
8	SWARTENHONDT SHAWNEE	Native labour European Natives	10 870		230	MADANG	SHAWNEE 6/11 SWARTENHONDT 10/11	JACQUINOT	SHAWNEE 8/11 SWARTENHONDT 12/11	Subject to Shut Out of vehs in view of fact SHAWNEE may not take vehs
		bal HQ 5 Base Sub Area less Rear Party	63	12						
		91 Op Soc	34	7						
		48 DORE	17	6						
		det NGF Soc AACS	49	4						
		165 Gen Tpt Coy (less one Pl & Wksp Soc)	201	102						
		Sigs 2 Aust Div	60	4	12					
9	FRANCOIS PARKMAN	bal 126 Gen Tpt Coy (less det)	55	54		MADANG	6/11	AITAPE	10/11	
		bal 2/160 Sup Dep Pl	2	2						
		3 Mech Eqpt Pl plus one Sec tipping truck Pl 2/1 Rly Constn Coy	65	33						
		One Pl 2/2 Forestry Coy	27	52						
		2/11 AGH (less Adv and Rear Parties)	226	25						
		1 Hospital Laundry Unit (Type A)	44							
		One Sqn 2/4 Armd Regt Gp det 2/4 Armd Regt Sig Tp One Sqn Sub Pk 2/4 Armd Regt and Fd Pk (ME) One Sqn Wksp Sec 2/4 Armd Regt Wksp (Type D)	207	57						
10	CAPE VICTORY SANTA MONICA	HQ and Plant Holding Pl 2/1 Rly Constn Coy	56	32		MADANG	CAPE VICTORY 14/11 SANTA MONICA 9/11	DOUGAINVILLE	CAPE VICTORY 18/11 SANTA MONICA 13/11	
		2/1 Malarial Control Unit (Type A)	17	8						
		det 129 Gen Tpt Coy	11	79						
		295 L/D	16	6						
		61 Aust Inf Bn	765	13						
		224 Sup Dep Pl	30	4						
		HQ 7 Aust Inf Ddo	77	13						
		241 LAD	17	7						
		7 Aust Inf Ddo Sig Soc	53	[illegible]						
		One Coy 11 Fd Amb (approx)	50	5						
		5 Fd Coy less one Pl	170	42						
		25 Aust Inf Bn	723	13						
		84 Mob Cinema	3	2						
		86 Mob Cinema	3	2						
		9 Aust Inf Bn	755	14						
11	OLDROM	Leave Draft Gen Cargo approx	130		3000	MORESBY	9/11	SYDNEY	13/11	
12	EMILE BERLINGER	Load capacity Ord Vehs (approx)		300		MORESBY	3/11	SYDNEY	12/11	

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SER L/L	VESSEL	UNIT	ALLOTMENT PERS	ALLOTMENT VEHS	ALLOTMENT STORES	FROM PORT	ETD	TO
13	MORMAC SEA	bal 2 Fd Regt, Sig Soc and L/D	230			L/E	12/11	BOUG
		bal Sigs 3 Aust Div	130	26				
		bal 38 Cipher Sec	10					
		bal 53 Fd Pk Coy incl 230 L/D	63	80				
		HQ Cond AASC 3 Div	26	6				
		bal 3 Div Salvage Unit	26	3				
		bal 152 Gen Tpt Coy	65	29				
		HQ 1 Aust Sup Dep Coy	9	5				
		bal 3 Div Pro Coy	21	6				
		bal "D" Coy and 16 Pl 2/1 Gd Regt	37	2				
		6 Engr Sig Sec	15	16				
		bal 3 Div Postal Unit	9	4				
		bal 2/8 Cav Commando Sqn	153	[illegible]				
		Following additional Units NOT under Cond 3 Aust Div						
		HQ 1 Aust Water Tpt Gp and Sig Soc	32	9				
		bal 5 CRE Works	4					
		bal 10 Fd Coy	12					
		bal 129 Gen Tpt Coy less det	87					
		bal 106 CCS	4					
		bal 8 Fd Amb	226					
		1 Sec 6 Aust Fd Baking Pl	16					
		det NG Details Depot	26					
		bal NG Details ex Details Depot approx	82					
		3 Aust Adv 2 Ech	15					
		HQ 2 Aust Corps and ancillary units less Adv Part and Cond Gp	400					
14	CAPE ALEXANDER	bal 7 Bde and Base Trps approx	700	160		MADANG	16/11	BOU
15	S G REED	portion 6 Inf Bde Tps for Phase C	1200	173	988	[illegible]		JAC
16	F PARKMAN	Field Tps for Phase C	651	176	894	MADANG		JAC
		bal 6 Inf Bde Tps and Adv Party 13 Inf Bde for Phase C	460			LAE		JAC

DISTRIBUTION

DGS	Q (2)
DA & QMG	POSTAL (3)
G(OPS)	ROLAE
G(SD)	FILE (3)
A	WAR DIARY (2)

War Diary
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HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
Q Branch

AQMG's CONFERENCE NOTES - 1/2 NOV 44.

Shipping Requirements.

1. Pending issue of detailed procedure instructions by Q (Mov & Tn), Services will submit to Q by 0900 hrs 2 Nov an estimate of tonnages (or vehs) required to be moved within NEW GUINEA and to AUST for the ensuing month. — Services, Q (Maint), Q (Mov & Tn)

Spare Part for "FRANCIS PEAT"

2. AEME have received a Sig from MILBASE SYDNEY that replacement part required for "FRANCIS PEAT" can only be obtained by production of the original part. DDME has arranged to despatch the original part to SYDNEY through Ord channels. — Infm

Refrigerator "A" Mess NGF.

3. The refrigerator which was on loan from Canteens to A mess NGF has been returned. — Infm

Demands for Native Labour.

4. Demands will be submitted by units, depots, etc, to Base Sub Areas. They will not be submitted by services to Q Branch. — Services, Q (Maint)

5. Only when Base Sub Areas are unable to meet the demands and services consider it is essential that they should be met, will the matter be referred to Q Branch.

Distillate for MADANG.

6. On her return from JACQUINOT BAY "DULCIE" will load approx 700 x 44 gal drums of distillate for MADANG. ETD LAE 9 Nov. — Q (Mov), S&T, Q (Maint)

7. Maint RAAF at GOODENOUGH, WOODLARK and KIRIWINA.

Adv LHQ has been advised that, if we take over responsibility for maintaining RAAF as above we would require one additional 200 ton ship. Maint would be from LAE. — Infm

8. Mov 4 Aust Inf Tps Wksp.

Further to notes of 30 Oct para 13. Owing to change in shipping plans, this unit is now ETD MADANG approx 8 Nov per ANHUI. — Infm

9. Sups - AITAPE.

LO returned from AITAPE states that 3 Base Sub Area has been informed by US Forces that large stocks of Sups and POL will be available for transfer to AUST Forces. 3 Base Sub Area state that they have not sufficient personnel to check the stocks. — Q (Maint), S & T

10. A Signal has been sent to 3 Base asking what assistance is required. On receipt of an answer, S & T will be approached to provide necessary personnel.

11. Canteen Sups. Infn Camp

Canteens report that they are unable to deliver all the items yet, as much of the bulk stock being discharged in port has not yet been opened.

12. All lines are expected to be available next week and arrangements have been made for Camp to make a special drawing on Tuesday 7 Nov at 0900 hrs.

13. Native Labour - AITAPE.

Maj. VERTIGAN - Comd NOREG ANGAU has just returned from AITAPE:- Q (Wks)

Native Labour allocations are made by 43 US Div. Present allocations:-

US Forces	1131
AUST Forces	578
ANGAU, Compound, Hosp, etc.	106
Sick	38
	1853

Capt BELL, native labour Offr NOREG is going to AITAPE within few days to investigate labour position and ensure that all native labour is profitably employed.

14. Jeeps - 2 Aust Corps.

Issue Signal to 2 Aust Corps to transfer 3 Jeeps to HQ First Aust Army.
Investigate possibility of obtaining 11 Jeeps for HQ First Aust Army ex Wksps or from units holding excesses. Report position to AQMG for direction. Q Maint

15. Relief of Units.

In Sep 44 NGF compiled a list of units in NG due for relief. This list was to be reviewed monthly by branches and kept up to date until such time as LHQ required the information. Q (Misc)

16. Review the lists with Q Services now and submit amendments to G (SD) as soon as possible.

17. Ensure review each succeeding month.

18. Ord Veh Pk, LAE.

There is a suitable site for this Pk adjoining 2/7 Aust Adv Wksp. LAE Base will arrange for Engr recce in conjunction with Ord Veh Pk and will obtain estimate of work and materials required. Also estimated date of completion. LBSA Ord

19. Ord state that Veh Pk can arrange for Mech Eqpt for the work to be borrowed from US Forces.

20. Reported Mail Delays - LAE Area.

No satisfactory evidence has been produced of delays. However ADAPS is instituting a check in the area. Infn

21. Native Rations - MADANG.

300 tons of native rations ex AUST are ETA MADANG 5/6 Nov per Naval Sup ship "BUNGAREE". Infm

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A/AQMG First Aust Army.

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HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
Q Branch

AQMG's CONFERENCE NOTES - 3 NOV 44

Vehs in Wksps

1. AEME will submit to Q each Friday a statement of veh intake and output in 3rd and 4th Ech Wksps in each Base Sub Area. — AEME, Q(Misc)

Fuel for "Francis Peat"

2. Uses Diesel fuel
Bunker capacity - 18,000 gals
Monthly consumption - 10,000 gals. — S&T, Q(Maint)

3. S&T will ensure that above quantity will be available in LAE and will advise Q.

4. S&T will investigate provision of a bulk tank wagon and suitable pump to expedite re-fuelling. At present re-fuelling is done from 44-gal drums and takes approx 1 day, three times per month.

Traffic - WAU Rd

5. LAE Base state that there is much unnecessary traffic to WAU resulting in extra rd maint commitment. — Infm LBSA

6. LAE Base will issue a Routine Order limiting traffic on this rd and requiring prior approval to be obtained from HQ LAE Base before the rd is used. Adv copy of this order will be passed to HQ First Aust Army for promulgation within the HQ.

Rice for BUNA

7. Q(Mov & Tn) have arranged for small ships to move these stocks. Will move approx 40 tons per week. — S&T Q(Mov)

Catering

8. Mob Catering Wing - CI and 3 WO Instrs, working in LAE area. 6 more instrs are to come from AUST as cooking schools close down on TABLELANDS. — Infm DADAC

9. The instrs in LAE are stated to have put approx 700 through course of trg in 12 weeks.

10. 2 W/Os at present in HQ area, and DADAC states have effected marked improvement in ORs' meals, and in kitchen neatness and cleanliness.

11. WO caterer att this HQ conducts regular inspections all messes. Advises on best methods of using rations. Preparing menus and recipes.

12. G(Trg) are ascertaining from formations, trg requirements for cooking and catering schools in First Aust Army area. This will show deficiencies of cooks and will be basis for trg plan.

13. DADAC will prepare and submit to Q notes for guidance of unit comds, indicating assistance that can be given by catering advisers.

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
3 Nov 44

DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO.174
(As at 1200 hrs 3 Nov 44)

TO BE LOADED FOR	TO BE LOADED AT			IN PORT	REMARKS
	AUSTRALIA	LAE	MADANG		
AITAPE	JOHN ISAACSON SYDNEY and CAIRNS on berth 10 Nov S J REED on berth SYDNEY for AITAPE 25 Nov ETA AITAPE 15 Dec THOS CORWIN ETA ex CAIRNS 7 Nov DUNTROON ETA ex CAIRNS 9 Nov KATOOMBA ETA ex T'VILLE 10 Nov GORGON ETA ex T'VILLE 14 Nov RIVER DERWENT to load SYDNEY and CAIRNS	JUBAL EARLY ETA 14 Nov	F PARKMAN ETA 10 Nov JUBAL EARLY ETA ex LAE 13 Nov ANHUI ETA 6 Nov	J EARLY ETD 5 Nov for LAE NANCY HANKS ETD 7 Nov MEXICO	
MADANG	BUNGAREE loading at SYDNEY	JUBAL EARLY ETA 12 Nov		GORGON ETD 4 Nov for AHST F PARKMAN 6 Nov for AITAPE ANHUI ETD 9 Nov	
FINSCH					
LAE	ATLAS to load SYDNEY			J LYKES ETD 6 Nov for D'VILLE J S MORETON ETD 6 Nov for JACQUINOT BAY S J REED for D'VILLE and TREASURY ETD 6 Nov J OLIVER ETD 10 Nov	
TALASEA HOSKINS				SCARTHMONT ETD 4 Nov for JACQUINOT BAY	

NOTE ; ET.:Expected Time of Arriv[illegible] Dest[illegible]ion ETD:Expected Time of Departure from loading port

TO BE LOADED FOR	TO BE LOADED AT			IN PORT	REMARKS
	AUSTRALIA	LAE	MADANG		
JACQUINOT BAY	ANN McKINN ETA ex BRISBANE and CAIRNS 20 Nov L M GARRISON on berth BRISBANE 18 Nov ETA 3 Dec VAN HEUTZ on berth BRISBANE 16 Nov ETA 1 Dec	CAPE ALEXANDER ETA 4 Nov J S MORETON ETA 7 Nov FRANCIS PEATE ETA 4 Nov	SHANNEE ETA 8 Nov SCHARTENHORDT (trip 3) ex TALASEA ETA 7 Nov		
BOUGAINVILLE	INDIAN VICTORY ETA ex SYDNEY and CAIRNS 26 Nov	L GARRISON ETA 4 Nov J LYKES ETD 6 Nov ETA 9 Nov MORMAC SEA ETD 12 Nov ETA 15 Nov S J REED ETD 6 Nov ETA 10 Nov and TREASURY	SANTA MONICA ETA 13 Nov CAPE VICTORY ETA 18 Nov	S HOPKINS ETD 4 Nov for New BRITAIN	
MORESBY	CHARON ETA ex SYDNEY 6 Nov EDNA ex SYDNEY			CHARON on berth approx 6 Nov to load for SYDNEY ETA SYDNEY 13 Nov MAN HONG MIONG to be loaded in ballast for CAIRNS ETD 3 Nov EMILE BERLINGER on berth approx 3 Nov to load for SYDNEY ETA SYDNEY 9 Nov	
MILNE BAY	ELWOOD MEADE ex T'VILLE			PORT AMSTERDAM	
HOLLANDIA			LUDDINGTON ETD 2 Nov ETA 4 Nov		
NEW BRITAIN	L M GARRISON and VAN HEUTZ to load BRISBANE				

DISTRIBUTION

2/1 Nov & Tn Gp	M C MADANG	DGS	MACS
8 Angt M C Gp	M C AITAPE	DA & QMG	ADV LHQ (for NOV) for [illegible]
3 Angt Docks Gp	M C GLOUCESTER	G (SD)	2 Aust Corps (for NOV) for [illegible]
M C MORESBY	M C HOLLANDIA	A	RAILC for [illegible]
M C FINSCHHAFEN	M C HOSKINS	C (2)	ROLAE for [illegible]

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for DA & QMG First Aust Army (AIF)

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HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
Q Branch

Q MATTERS CURRENT - 3 NOV 44

Serial	Subject	Action by
1.	Adv LHQ have been informed in reply to their enquiry that, if Army take over responsibility for maintenance of RAAF at GOODENOUGH, WOODLARK and KIRRIWINA, 1 additional 200 ton ship would be necessary. Maintenance would be from LAE. Decision regarding responsibility for this supply has not yet been advised by Adv LHQ. Follow up.	AQMG
2.	3 Base Sub Area have been requested to advise additional assistance required (if any) to take over large quantity American service supplies at AITAPE. It is understood that a very large quantity of POL is being handed over. Ascertain quantities of POL available and take any necessary action to stop shipments ex AUST.	AQMG
3.	In Sep 44 MGF compiled a list of units in NG due for relief. This list is to be reviewed monthly. Discuss with Services any current amendments required, and be ensure that this is done monthly in future. To enable priority to be properly determined, the proportion of personnel in units with leave credits exceeding 12 months to be ascertained.	AQMG
4.	The short supply of rice at BUNA has not yet been relieved owing to difficulty in arranging shipment from LAE. Q(Mov) are arranging shipment at earliest. date consistent with requirements elsewhere.	Infm
5.	4 BSA have reported that vehicles have arrived ex MADANG and LAE in an unserviceable condition. Ascertain - (a) Units concerned and reasons for taking such vehs. (b) Then trace through the chain of responsibility with a view to rectifying any weaknesses in the system. (c) In the meantime DDME will submit draft of ~~the~~ instructions designed to prevent future examples of this nature.	AQMG
6.	Follow up the matter of provision of Air Maintenance personnel for BOUGAINVILLE.	AQMG
7.	ST advise firm arrangements for taking over refrigeration from US Forces at BOUGAINVILLE as follows :- 2500 cu ft by 15 Nov. 14500 cu ft by 1 Dec. in addition cooler facilities to be available on 7 Nov. ST have requested LANDOPS to commence shipment of Reefer cargo to BOUGAINVILLE at earliest. Keep in touch.	AQMG

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY
4 Nov 44

ALLIED SHIPPING POSITION REPORT NO.175
(As at 2400 hrs 4 Nov 44)

TO BE LOADED FOR	IN THE LOADING AT			IN PORT	DEPARTED
	AUSTRALIA	L/S	LOADING		
AITAPE	JOHN ISAACSON SYDNEY and CAIRNS on berth 10 Nov S J REED on berth SYDNEY for AITAPE 25 Nov ETA AITAPE 15 Dec THOS CORWIN ETA ex CAIRNS 7 Nov KATOOMBA ETA ex T'VILLE 10 Nov GORGON ETA ex T'VILLE 14 Nov RIVER DERWENT to load SYDNEY and CAIRNS	JULIA [illegible] ETD 11 Nov	F PARKMAN ETA 11 Nov JULIA HARVEY ETA ex L/E 13 Nov KINUI ETA 9 Nov	JULIA EMMA STD 6 Nov for LAE NANCY LYKES ETD 7 Nov MEXICO	[illegible] departed CAIRNS 5 Nov for AITAPE
MADANG	MONGAREE loading at SYDNEY	JULIA EMMA ETA 12 Nov		CAPE VICTORY ETD 14 Nov for T'VILLE GORGON ETD 4 Nov for AUST F PARKMAN ETD 9 Nov for AITAPE	
FINSCH					
LAE	ATLAS to load SYDNEY			J LYKES ETD 6 Nov for T'VILLE J S MORETON ETD 6 Nov for JACQUINOT BAY S J REED for T'VILLE and TREASURY ETD 6 Nov J OLIVER ETD 15 Nov for T'VILLE	

NOTE : ETA - Expected time of arrival at destination ETD - Expected time of departure from loading port

TO BE LOADED FOR	TO BE LOADED AT			IN PORT	REMARKS
	AUSTRALIA	LAE	LOADING		
TALASEA HOSKINS					[illegible] departed HOSKINS 3 Nov for [illegible]
JACQUINOT BAY	ANN McKINN ETA ex BRISBANE and CAIRNS 20 Nov L H GARRISON on berth BRISBANE 16 Nov ETA 3 Dec VAN HEUTZ on berth BRISBANE 16 Nov ETA 1 Dec	CAPE ALEXANDER ETA 4 Nov J S HOUSTON ETA 7 Nov FRANCIS PEATE ETA 4 Nov	SAMTEE ETA 5 Nov		
BOUGAINVILLE	INDIAN VICTORY ETA ex SYDNEY and CAIRNS 26 Nov	L GARRISON ETA 4 Nov J LYKES ETD 6 Nov ETA 9 Nov MORIAC SEA ETD 12 Nov ETA 15 Nov S J REED ETD 6 Nov ETA 10 Nov and TREASURY J OLIVER ETA 16 Nov	SANTA MONICA ETA 13 Nov CAPE VICTORY ETA 18 Nov		S HOPKINS departed for LAE/RAU 3 Nov
MORESBY	CHARON ETA ex SYDNEY 10 Nov ENNA at SYDNEY			CHARON on berth approx 10 Nov to load for SYDNEY ETA SYDNEY 13 Nov EMILE BERLINGER frr SYDNEY ETA SYDNEY 9 Nov	AN HONG LIONG departed PT MORESBY 3 Nov for AUST
KIKI BAY	ELWOOD NEEDS ex TOWNSVILLE			PORT AMSTERDAM	
HOLLANDIA			LUDDINGTON ETD 2 Nov ETA 4 Nov		
NEW BRITAIN	L H GARRISON and WILLEMS to load BRISBANE				

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AUST DOCKS GP
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H C FINSCHHAFEN
H C MADANG
H C AITAPE
H C GLOUCESTER
H C HOLLANDIA
H C HOSKINS
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A CS
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2 AUST CORPS(for HQV)for [illegible]
[illegible] for [illegible]

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
4 Nov 44

DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS RETURN NO.175
(From 1000 hrs 3 Nov to 1000 hrs 4 Nov)

Serial	Unit	Strength Offrs	Strength ORs	From	To	Remarks
	1. BY SEA					
1	6 Bty 2/3 Fd Regt	14	171	CAIRNS	AITAPE	3 Nov to DUNKERCON
2	2/3 Fd Regt Sig Sec	1	37	"	"	do.
3	2/41 LAD	1	30	"	"	do.
4	2/22 Aust Fd Coy RAE	2	52	"	"	do.
5	F Sec 2/4 Aust Dental Unit	1	4	"	"	do.
6	2/6 Svy Bty RAA	1	6	"	"	do.
7	HQ RAE 6 Aust Div	4	22	"	"	do.
8	1 Aust Engr Sec	1	20	"	"	do.
9	2/4 Aust Material Control Unit	2		"	"	do.
10	41 Aust Hosp Laundry		8	"	"	do.
11	HQ Comd AASC 6 Aust Div	3	29	"	"	do.
12	HQ 2/3 AGT Coy	3	23	"	"	do.
13	2/1 Aust Tpt Pl	2	57	"	"	do.
14	2/4 Aust Tpt Pl	2	57	"	"	do.
15	2/6 Aust Tpt Pl	1	39	"	"	do.
16	2/3 Aust Wksp Pl	1	20	"	"	do.
17	2/20 Aust Sup Dep Pl	1	29	"	"	do.
18	2/21 Aust Sup Dep Pl	2	25	"	"	do.
19	2/35 Aust Sup Dep Pl	2	28	"	"	do.
20	135 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	1	11	"	"	do.
21	135 Aust Bde Wksps	2	120	"	"	do.
22	2/2 Aust Tpt Pl	1	12	"	"	do.
23	HQ RAA 6 Aust Div	3	25	"	"	do.
24	2/6 Aust Svy Bty	3	65	"	"	do.
25	3 Aust Mob Met Flt	1	9	"	"	do.
26	2/22 Aust Fd Pk Coy	2	89	"	"	do.
27	2/80 Aust LAD	1	15	"	"	do.
28	2/14 Aust Fd Coy	4	154	"	"	do.
29	HQ 6 Aust Div	17	114	"	"	do.
30	2/1 Aust Gd Regt	1	10	"	"	do.
31	6 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	1	6	"	"	do.
32	HQ 2/5 Aust Sup Dep Coy	2	12	"	"	do.
33	2/155 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	3	23	"	"	do.
34	2/155 Aust Wksps Pl	1	25	"	"	do.
35	det 6 Aust Div Pro Coy		12	"	"	do.
36	det 6 Aust Div Pro Coy att 19 Bde		16	"	"	do.
37	4 Inf Tps Wksps	4	146	LADANG	AITAPE	Sld ANEUI 4
38	2/4 Armd Regt Gp C Sqn	1	29	"	"	Nov.
39	2/1 Rly Const Coy		7	"	"	do.
40	2/11 AGH		5	"	"	do.
41	126 AGT Coy		3	"	"	do.
42	2/2 Forestry Coy		3	"	"	do.
	2. BY AIR					
1	NG Details	6	37	LADANG	LAE	
2	NG Details		17	DREGER	LAE	
3	2/4 Aust Armd Regt Ord Fd Pk		7	T'VILLE	NADZAB	
4	det 25 Aust FSS	1	9	LORESBY	NADZAB	

2. BY AIR (CONT)

Serial	Unit	Strength Offrs	Strength Ors	From	To	Remarks
5	ANGAU		4	NADZAB	T'VILLE	
6	AIB Natives		12	NADZAB	BRISBANE	
7	Duty pers	7	15	NADZAB	M'LAND	
8	Leave pers	1	26	"	"	
9	Duty pers		14	HORSBY	M'LAND	
10	Leave pers	2	110	"	"	
11	Duty pers		4	DRIGGER	M'LAND	
12	Leave pers		19	"	"	

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DA & QMG	CE (2)	ALIEN
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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (ATF)
5 Nov 44

DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS RETURN NO.176
(From 1000 hrs 4 Nov to 1000 hrs 5 Nov)

1. BY SEA

	Unit	Strength Offrs	Strength ORs	From	To	Remarks
1.	2/4 Fd Sqn	5	188	MADANG	T'VILLE	Sld GORGON 4 Nov
2.	5 Aust Div Sigs and 40 Aust Cipher Sec	6	68	"	"	do.
3.	44 Aust Cipher Sec	2	12	"	"	do.
4.	105 Adv Med Stores	1	7	"	"	do.
5.	3 Inf Tps Ord Fd Pk		5	"	"	do.
6.	RAN	2	41	"	"	do.
7.	38 Aust Wireless Task Sec		1	TOROKINA	LUNDA	Sld USAT SEA SNIPE 4 Nov
8.	Tropical Scientific Sec	2	1	HOSKINS	LAE	Sld SWARTENHONDT 3 Nov
9.	2/31 Aust Docks Op Coy	2	21	"	"	do.
10.	8 Aust M C Gp	1	1	"	"	do.
11.	36 Aust Inf Bn (Details)	1	8	"	"	do.

2. BY AIR

1.	ANGAU (Natives)		50	MADANG	LAE
2.	35 Aust Inf Bn	5		LAE	MADANG
3.	NG Details		22	"	"
4.	2/4 Aust Armd Regt		5	"	"
5.	Duty personnel	4	6	NADZAB	M'LAND
6.	Leave personnel		5	"	"
7.	Duty personnel	1		MORESBY	M'LAND
8.	Leave personnel		15	"	"
9.	Duty personnel		2	DREGER	M'LAND
0.	Leave personnel		6	"	"

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2 AUST CORPS	A	S & T
NG ADV 2 ECH	AMS	ORD
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NG FORCE SEC AACS	Q (MOV & TN)	POSTAL (2)
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Subject : "GORGON" - LOADING FOR TOWNSVILLE VIA MILNE BAY

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY(AIF)
5 Nov 44.

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5 AUST DIV	Q(MOV &TN)	E & ME
D F C NEW GUINEA	CE (2)	POSTAL (2)
DA & QMG	CSO	SALVAGE
G (OPS)	MED	RANLO
G (SD)	ORD	

1. Vessel GORGON loaded the following personnel and cargo at MADANG for TOWNSVILLE.

2. (a) PERSONNEL

UNIT	STRENGTH Offrs	ORs
2/4 Fd Sqn	5	188
5 Aust Div Sigs & 40 Aust Cipher Sec	6	68
44 Aust Cipher Sec	2	12
105 Adv Med Stores	1	7
6 Aust Inf Tps Ord Fd Pk	-	5
R.A.N.	2	41
TOTAL	16	321

(b) CARGO

UNIT	STORES	VEHS	TON
Salvage Control Officer Brisbane	197 x 44 gall drums engine oil	-	52
4 Aust Crd Fd Pk	-	3 x 3 ton GS 1 x 2½ ton GMC	114
M.F.O.	7 c/s stores	-	2
105 Adv Depot Med Stores	Unit Stores	-	4
Maj-Gen PLANTE	3 tables and timber		2
Signals 5 Aust Div	Unit Stores	-	6
2/4 Aust Fd Sqn	Qty Unit Stores	8 Jeeps 2 x 15 cwt GS 5 x 3 ton truck 3 Air Compressors 1 Trlr	290
	TOTAL	23	471

3. Vessel sailed 4 Nov 44.

for DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF). Brig.

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5 Nov 44.

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TO BE LOADED FOR	TO BE LOADED AT AUSTRALIA	LAE	MADANG	IN PORT	REMARKS
AITAPE	JOHN ISAACSON SYDNEY and CAIRNS on berth 10 Nov S J REED on berth SYDNEY for AITAPE 25 Nov ETA AITAPE 15 Dec THOS COCHRAN ETA ex CAIRNS 7 Nov KATOOMBA ETA ex T'VILLE 10 Nov GORGON ETA ex T'VILLE 14 Nov RIVER DERWENT to load SYDNEY and CAIRNS	JURAL EARLY ETA 19 Nov	F PARKMAN ETA 11 Nov JURAL EARLY ETA ex LAE 19 Nov ANHUI ETA 6 Nov	JURAL EARLY ETD 6 Nov for LAE NANCY HANKS ETD 8 Nov MEXICO	DUNTROON departed CAIRNS 3 Nov for AITAPE
MADANG		JURAL EARLY ETA 13 Nov		CAPE VICTORY ETD 14 Nov for T'VILLE TUNGAREE F PARKMAN ETD 9 Nov for AITAPE	GORGON sailed 4 Nov for T'VILLE via MILNE BAY
FINSCH					
LAE	ATLAS to load SYDNEY			J LEIGS ETD 6 Nov for T'VILLE J S HOPETON ETD 7 Nov for JACQUINOT BAY S J REED for T'VILLE and TREASURY ETD 6 Nov J OLIVER ETD 9 Nov for T'VILLE STAATENDIJK ETD 6 Nov for MADANG	

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POET ETA - Estimated time of arrival at destination ... - Proposed time of departure from loading port

TO BE LOADED FOR	EXPECTED AT AUSTRALIA	EXPECTED AT LAE	EXPECTED AT MADANG	EXPECTED IN PORT	REMARKS
TALASEA HOSKINS					
JACQUINOT BAY	ANN McKIM ETA ex BRISBANE and CAIRNS 20 Nov L M GARRISON on berth BRISBANE 18 Nov ETA 3 Dec VAN HEUTZ on berth BRISBANE 16 Nov ETA 1 Dec	J S HOUSTON ETA 7 Nov	SHELDEE ETA 8 Nov SWARTENHONDT EX LAE ETA 11 NOV	F PRATT	CAPE ALEXANDER dep 19 Nov for MADANG
BOUGAINVILLE	INDIAN VICTORY ETA ex SYDNEY and CAIRNS 26 Nov	J LYKES ETD 6 Nov ETA 9 Nov NORMAC SEA ETD 12 Nov ETA 15 Nov S J REED ETD 6 Nov ETA 10 Nov and TREASURY J OLIVER ETA 18 Nov	SANTA MONICA ETA 13 Nov CAPE VICTORY ETA 18 Nov CAPE ALEXANDER ETA 29 Nov		S HOPKINS departed for EMIRAU 3 Nov L GARRISON Dept for NEW BRITAIN
MORESBY	CHARON ETA ex SYDNEY 6 Nov EDNA at SYDNEY			EMILE BOLLINGER for SYDNEY ETA SYDNEY 9 Nov	VAN HONG LIONG departed PT MORESBY 3 Nov for AUST. CHARON AT SYDNEY 10 NOV TO LOAD FOR [illegible]
MILNE BAY HOLLANDIA	ELWOOD MEADE ex T'VILLE			PORT [illegible] LEWINGTON	SOUTH VOYAGER dep HOLLANDIA for MADANG 3Nov
NEW BRITAIN	L M GARRISON and VAN HEUTZ to load BRISBANE				

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2/1 AUST HOV & TN GP
8 AUST M C GP
3 AUST DOCKS GP
M C MORESBY
M C FINSCHHAFEN
M C MADANG
M C AITAPE
M C GLOUCESTER
M C HOLLANDIA
M C HOSKINS
DGS
DA & QMG
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DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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Subject : "ORMISTON" - TOWNSVILLE TO LAE.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY(AIT)
6 Nov 44.

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LAE BASE SUB AREA
DISTRICT ACCOUNTS OFFICE N.G.
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1. Advice has been received that vessel "ORMISTON" will load following pers and cargo at TOWNSVILLE for LAE.

2.

UNIT	STRENGTH All ranks	CARGO	TONS(m)
4 Aust Ships Staff (Permanent Ships Staff)	7		
DFO Personnel	6	Stores	3
A A N S	2		
X LIST, Leave and School Returnees	461		
TOTALS	476		3

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY(AIF)

6 Nov 44

DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS RETURN NO 177

(From 1000 hrs 5 Nov to 1000 hrs 6 Nov)

I. BY SEA

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH OFFRS	STRENGTH ORs	FROM	TO	REMARKS
I	Serials 8.9.10.11 On return HQ 176 of 5/II	6	31	HOPKINS	LAE	Disembarked ex SWAN-EMMONDE 5/II
2	8 Aust Inf Bn		8	BOUGAIN-VILLE	EMIRAU	Embarked S HOPKINS 2/II
3	244 Aust Sup Dep Pl	1	-	"	"	
4	ANGAU	-	1 Native	SIO WASU	FINSCH	Disembarked AD1021
5	109 Aust Pde W/Shp	-	13	TOROKINA	TREASURY	Sld LC124 4 Nov
6	23 Aust Fd Coy	-	3	"	"	"
7	AACS	-	5	SYDNEY	HOLLANDIA	Disembarked DUFF COLUMBIA EXPRESS 5/II
8	38 Aust W/less Trck Sec	-	1	TOROKINA	MUNDA	Sld SEA SNIPE 4/II

2. AIR

1	N G Details	9	26	MADANG	LAE
2	ANGAU(natives)	-	12	"	LAE
3	107 Aust Veh Recp Park	-	4	MILNE BAY	LAE
4	3 Aust Motor Tpt Gp	-	5	LAE	MADANG
5	N G Details	1	28	LAE	MADANG
6	N G Details	-	12	LAE	DREGER
7	6 Aust Fd Amb	-	10	NADZAB	T'VILLE
8	14/32 Aust Inf Bn	1	23	NADZAB	T'VILLE
9	158 AGT COY	-	8	NADZAB	T'VILLE
10	10 Aust AOD	-	11	MORESBY	NADZAB
11	8 Aust LAD	-	7	MORESBY	NADZAB

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2. AIR (CONT)

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH OFFRS	STRENGTH ORs	FROM	TO	REMARKS
12	Duty Personnel	4	8	NADZAB	AUST	
13	Leave Personnel	2	46	"	"	
14	Duty Personnel	-	4	DREGER	Aust	
15	Leave Personnel	-	25	"	"	

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Subject: AIR COURIER SERVICE - LAE - JACQUINOT BAY

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For information- LHQ, Adv LHQ, Fwd Ech LHQ. No9 Comm Unit RAAF, HQ NORTHERN COMD RAAF, No7 T M O RAAF.

1. Commencing tuesday 7 nov, a weekly flying boat courier service between LAE and JACQUINOT BAY will be inaugurated by NORTHERN COMMAND, RAAF.

2. Service will be effected by CATALINA aircraft of 8 Comm Unit, RAAF.

3. Timings will be as follows :-

Depart LAE	-	0630 hrs.
Arrive JACQUINOT	-	0930 hrs.
Depart "	-	1030 hrs.
Arrive LAE	-	1330 hrs.
Depart LAE for MADANG	-	1430 hrs.

4. No 7 TMO RAAF LAE are arranging loading and unloading at LAE airstrip.

5. Aircraft is available for transport of couriers, first class mail and urgent personnel and stores, and for medical evacuations from JACQUINOT BAY.

6. Booking authorities will be MC LAE and MC JACQUINOT BAY.

7. Bookings LAE - JACQUINOT BAY will be made with MC LAE NOT later than 1100 hrs each monday.

8. Bookings JACQUINOT BAY - LAE will be made with MC JACQUINOT BAY at a time to be arranged locally with formation and base sub area concerned.

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DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO.177
(As at 1200 hrs 6 Nov 44)

TO BE LOADED FOR	TO BE LOADED AT			IN PORT	REMARKS
	AUSTRALIA	L/E	MADANG		
AITAPE	JOHN ISAACSON SYDNEY rtd CAIRNS on berth 10 Nov S J REED on berth SYDNEY for AITAPE 25 Nov ETA AITAPE 15 Dec THOS CORWIN ETA ex CAIRNS 7 Nov KATOOMBA ETA ex T'VILLE 10 Nov GORGON ETA ex T'VILLE 14 Nov RIVER DERWENT to load SYDNEY and CAIRNS	JUBAL EARLY ETA 20 Nov	F PARKMAN ETA 11 Nov JUBAL EARLY ETA ex L/E 19 Nov	JUBAL EARLY ETD 6 Nov for L/E NANCY HANKS ETD 8 Nov MAHUI	DUNTROON departed CAIRNS 3 Nov for AITAPE MEXICO departed 5 Nov for CAIRNS
MADANG		JUBAL EARLY ETA 18 Nov		CAPE VICTORY ETD 4 Nov for T'VILLE DUNGAREE F PARKMAN ETD 9 Nov for AITAPE SANTA MONICA ETD 13 Nov for AUST	GORGON sailed 4 Nov for T'VILLE via MILNE BAY
FINSCHHAFEN					
LAE	ATLAS to load SYDNEY			J LYKES ETD 6 Nov for T'VILLE J S MORETON ETD 10 Nov for JACQUINOT BAY S J REED for D'VILLE and TREASURY ETD 8 Nov J OLIVER ETD 9 Nov for D'VILLE SWARTENHOUDT ETD 6 Nov for MADANG	

TO BE LOADED	TO BE LOADED AT AUSTRALIA	TO BE LOADED AT LAE	TO BE LOADED AT MADANG	IN PORT	REMARKS
SEA HOSKINS					
JACQUINOT BAY	ANN McKINN ETA ex BRISBANE and CAIRNS 20 Nov L M GARRISON on berth BRISBANE 16 Nov ETA 3 Dec VAN HEUTZ on berth BRISBANE 16 Nov ETA 1 Dec	J S HORSTON ETA 7 Nov	SHETHER ETA 8 Nov SWARTENHOEDT ex LAE ETA 11 Nov	F PEATE	CAPE ALEXANDER departs 10 Nov for MADANG
BOUGAINVILLE	INDIAN VICTORY ETA ex SYDNEY and CAIRNS 26 Nov	J LYKES ETD 6 Nov ETA 9 Nov MOIMAO SEA ETD 12 Nov ETA 15 Nov S J REED ETD 6 Nov ETA 10 Nov and TREASURY J OLIVER ETA 13 Nov	SANTA MONICA ETA 13 Nov CAPE VICTORY ETA 18 Nov CAPE ALEXANDER ETA 9 Nov	L GARRISON ETD ~~ent~~ oct	S HOPKINS departed for FINSCHHAFEN 3 Nov L GARRISON will depart for NEW BRITAIN
MORESBY	CHARON ex SYDNEY EDNA at SYDNEY			EMILE BERLINGER for SYDNEY ETD 12 Nov	
MILNE BAY	ELWOOD MEADE ex T'VILLE			PORT AMSTERDAM	
HOLLANDIA				LUDDINGTON	
NEW BRITAIN	L M GARRISON and VAN HEUTZ to load BRISBANE				

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SUBJECT - CARGO RETURNS

Mov & Tn Gen
HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
6 Nov 44

2/1 AUST MOV & TN GP (8)
8 AUST M C GP (10)

Q2337

1. Each detachment of 8 Aust M C Gp and 2/1 Mov & Tn Gp will maintain a Cargo Register, which will show by Services the cargo space for which has been applied, and which awaits shipment.

2. A return, in the form set out in the appendix hereto, will be made to First Aust Army. This will be made up to 1800 hrs on the Monday of each week, and will be despatched on the Tuesday of that week.

3. When application for space is received, it will be given a serial number. Such serial numbers will be shown in the Cargo Register, the weekly return of cargo, and in Movement Orders pursuant to which the particular consignment is shipped.

Hawkins Lt/Col
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WEEKLY RETURN OF CARGO AWAITING SHIPMENT AND CARGO SHIPPED

WEEK ENDING 1800 hrs .....

APPLICATIONS LODGED						CARGO SHIPPED						
CONSIGNOR	TO	DESCRIPTION	TONS MEAS	TONS D/W	SER IAL	CONSIGNOR	TO	DESCRIPTION	TONS MEAS	TONS D/W	SER IAL	VESSEL
ADST	MILNE BAY	Rations	1000		1	ADST		Rations	50		1	

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AQMG's CONFERENCE NOTES - 4/6 NOV 44

Piper Cub - ANNENBERG

1. The need for a Piper Cub to land at ANNENBERG with medical sups, etc, for ANGAU, has arisen again. — Q(Mov) LBSA

2. Q (Mov & Tn) are investigating the possibility of obtaining an aircraft from RAAF and will inform LAE Base of the result.

Sheep

3. 493 live sheep arrived per "J S MORETON" in excellent condition. — Infm

Fuel for "FRANCIS PRAT"

4. Ref notes 3 Nov paras 2 & 3. S&T advise that two months stocks are available at LAE and that action has been taken to ensure that additional quantities come forward. — S&T Q(Maint) Q(Mov)

WE for Farm Pls

5. At a conference in AQMG's Office on 4 Nov, attended by reps C(SD), A and S&T, it was decided that the WE, on which Farm Pls in this area are to be re-organised, was unsuitable. — Q(Maint) S&T

6. S&T will submit as early as possible a proposed WE for a Farm Pl. The Pl to be self contained and not to form part of a Farm Coy.

Fuel Requirements for RAAF

7. NORCOM RAAF will submit to us their detailed requirements in POL, etc, if RAAF sqns are established at JACQUINOT BAY. This infm should be in our hands in approx 1 week's time. — Q(Maint) S&T

Mail - HOSKINS

8. A successful "drop" was made at HOSKINS on 4 Nov. — Infm

Flying Boat - JACQUINOT BAY

9. The F/Boat which is to make regular runs LAE to JACQUINOT BAY departs LAE 0700 hrs 7 Nov on its first trip. It will carry mails to JACQUINOT. — Infm Q(Mov)

10. Q(Mov & Tn) will ascertain whether the F/Boat will run LAE-JACQUINOT-HOSKINS-JACQUINOT-LAE, as requested by us some time ago. This will provide good clearances of mails between these pts.

Ord Depot - BOUGAINVILLE

11. Ord report that a hy storm struck the Ord Depot at TOROKINA and destroyed most of the depot records. No other losses have been reported. — Infm

Sups, etc, for MADANG

12. "SWARTENHONDT" is ETD LAE for MADANG 6 Nov. — Infm

12 (cont) Infm

She will carry :-

Distillate	2500 x 44 gal drums
Sugar	20 tons
Canteens Stores	50 tons.

This will bring distillate holdings to approx 65 days.

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FIRST AUST ARMY ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No.7

MECHANICAL TRANSPORT - UNIT ENTITLEMENT AND AUTHORITY FOR RELEASE AND ISSUE OF VEHICLES FROM ORDNANCE VEHICLE PARKS IN FIRST AUST ARMY AREA

Note: This order contains the principles of CRO 0.324/44, modified to meet the conditions pertaining in First Aust Army area.

1. NGF Administrative Instruction No 157 of 8 Jul 44 is cancelled.

2. In order to reduce demands on rubber, oil and manpower, War Establishments have been revised from time to time with the object of ensuring that the unit entitlement of Mechanical Transport is reduced to the minimum compatible with full unit efficiency. The CO of every unit will enforce the utmost economy in the use of transport.

3. The release and issue of vehicles to the extent of authorised unit holdings is a responsibility of the Ordnance Service. Such releases will be subject to current priorities for the equipping or re-equipping of formations.

4. Unit Entitlement (Mechanical Transport)

(a) The MT entitlement of units is that authorised by:-

(i) War Establishments (Transport Tables); or
(ii) provisional War Establishments authorised by LHQ; or
(iii) temporary or provisional scales of issue authorised by FIRST AUST ARMY; or
(iv) special LHQ authority pending amendment to WE.

(b) A unit will not hold vehicles in excess of that authorised in accordance sub-para (a) of this paragraph, without the written approval of the formation or Base Sub Area Commander concerned.

(c) In cases where the formation or Base Sub Area Commander authorises the holding of vehicles by units within the formation, etc, in excess of the authorised scale in accordance with sub-para(a) of this paragraph, such vehicles will be supplied from the resources of the formation or Base Sub Area and the authority will not be used to enable the total vehicles of any type held by the formation or Base Sub Area to exceed the total holdings of that type authorised for all units within the formation or Base Sub Area.

(d) In the event of a formation or Base Sub Area holding vehicles in excess of its total authorised entitlement, ADOS will advise the formation or Base Sub Area Commander of such fact, with full particulars.

(d) (cont)

Upon being so advised, the Commander will arrange for the excess vehicles to be returned to the nearest Ordnance Vehicle Park before the date of the succeeding census.

(e) Where the formation or Base Sub Area Commander considers that the efficiency of the formation will be impaired unless the formation is authorised to hold vehicles in excess of the total authorised by existing scales, he will submit to HQ First Aust Army a request for approval to hold temporarily vehicles in excess of the entitlement of his formation, or for an increase in the relevant War Establishment, whichever is applicable.

(f) After any submission to HQ First Aust Army, in pursuance to sub-para (e) of this paragraph, has been dealt with and the decision communicated to the formation commander, all vehicles of any type held in excess of the number decided will be returned to the nearest Ordnance Vehicle Park.

5. Issue of Mechanical Vehicles

(a) Issues of mechanical vehicles will be made to units by Ordnance Vehicle Parks upon receipt of indents (AAF G997) approved by ADOS/DADOS formation and by the releasing authority vide First Aust Army Order Q259 of 28 Oct 44.

(b) In all cases where indents are lodged for the supply of vehicles, the indent will be endorsed by ADOS/DADOS, etc, formation, as follows:-

"I certify that the fulfilment of this indent will not increase the holding of the formation beyond the entitlement authorised by LHQ."

(c) ADOS/DADOS, etc, after approval of the unit's indents for vehicles, will submit them to the releasing authority vide First Aust Army Order Q259 of 28 Oct 44, who will pass the issue order authorising the actual issue. No vehicle, either for initial issue or replacement, will be issued without presentation by the unit of the issue order.

(d) Issues of vehicles will be divided into "special" and "normal" issues.

(e) Special issues comprise:-

(i) Initial equipment of units as authorised by a War Establishment or a provisional War Establishment (transport table); or

(ii) initial equipment in accordance with staff tables authorised by LHQ; or

(iii) special issues vide para 4 (c) and 4 (e) above,

(iv) special LHQ authorities issued pending amendment to WE; and

(v) the complete or partial re-equipping of units.

(f) An indent lodged with an ADOS/DADOS by a unit, in terms of sub-para (e) of this paragraph, will be clearly endorsed by the unit with the authority for issue. The ADOS/DADOS will insert "special" in the appropriate place on the indent.

(g) (i) "Normal" issues comprise the replacement of vehicles evacuated from a formation and requiring repairs beyond the facilities within the formation (vide GRO 0.288/43) or which have been evacuated from a formation as unserviceable as a result of damage by accident or otherwise (vide GRO 0.519/42). In such cases the indent (AAF-C007) will be accompanied by a "certificate of replacement" suitably endorsed.

(ii) The indent will show the following additional information :-

(a) Workshop holding vehicle for repairs
(b) Replacement certificate number
(c) Number and date of AAF C1033
(d) Army number of unserviceable vehicle.

(iii) The indent will be endorsed "Normal" by the approving ADOS/DADOS.

6. Priorities of Issues of Mechanical Vehicles.

(a) In cases of "special issues" as enumerated in paras 5 (e)(i),(ii) and (v) of this order, the place, priority and the extent of equipping or re-equipping the formations, will be as directed by First Aust Army to the HQ of the formation concerned. This direction also will be given to the appropriate releasing authority. The formation commander will then give similar instructions for equipping the units within the formation and arrange for indents to be submitted through the releasing authority (vide para 5 (c) of this order) to the Ordnance Vehicle Park designated.

(b) New vehicles will only be issued when no other vehicle of either the correct or alternative type is available for issue, or upon the specific direction of DDOS First Aust Army.

7. Alternative Types of Vehicles that may be Issued or Held in lieu of Approved Types

(a) In some cases it may not be practicable to equip a unit strictly with those types specified in their authority of entitlement. Vehicles of other types may be issued, or held in lieu, but such alternative holdings will, in no way, amend the authority against which the vehicles are held. When compiling the census schedules of vehicles held by the formation as a whole, ADOS/DADOS, etc, will show by means of notes where one type of vehicle is held in lieu of another.

(b) Appendix "A" hereto provides the schedule of alternative types that may be held in lieu.

8. Problems or queries that may arise in formations regarding the application of this order will be brought to the notice of DDOS First Aust Army by ADOS/DADOS, etc, in order that the solution or explanation may be notified to all concerned.

ACKNOWLEDGE

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Aust Area Comd MADANG	22	do
Aust Area Comd MORESBY	23 - 24	do
Aust Area Comd MILNE BAY	25	do
Aust Area Comd BUNA	26	do
GCC	27	Hand
BGS	28	"
DA & QMG	29	"
G (Ops)	30	"
G (Int)	31	"
G (SD)	32	"
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Appendix A.

TO FIRST AUST ARMY ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 7

SERIAL NUMBERS OF TYPES WHICH MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR EACH OTHER

Group	Type	Substitute	Remarks
1.	6000	Nil	
2.	6002 6004 6004A	6002, 6000, 6004, 6004A.	
3.	6010	(a) 6029, 6030, 6030A, 6030B, 6030C, 6030D, 6030E, 6030F, 6030G, 6030H, 6030J, 6030K, 6030L, 6030M, 6032, 6032A, 6032B, 6035, 6035A, 6037, 6037A, 6037B. (b) 6040, 6040A, 6041, 6041A, 6042, 6042A, 6044, 6044A, 6044B, 6045, 6045A, 6045B, 6047, 6047A, 6048, 6048A, 6049, 6049A, 6049B. (c) 6000.	(i) The vehicles listed under (a) will be employed in preference to those listed under (b). (ii) As a general rule the substitution of Vans or Trucks and Motor Cycles for Trucks ¼-ton, 4x4 will be in the proportion of 3 Vans or Trucks and 1 M/C for every 4 Trucks ¼-ton 4x4. This will not be possible in every case, but the General Staff has requested that this objective be adhered to as closely as possible.
4.	6015	Nil	
5.	6020 6020A 6020B	All interchangeable or 6022, 6022B, 6022A, 6022C and 6010. All vehicles in Group 7(a).	
6.	6022, 6022B, 6022A, 6022C	All interchangeable	
7.	(a) 6029, 6030, 6030A, 6030B, 6030C, 6030D, 6030E, 6030F, 6030G, 6030H, 6030J, 6030K, 6030L, 6030M, 6032, 6032A, 6032B, 6035, 6035A, 6037, 6037A, 6037B,, (b) 6040, 6040A, 6041, 6041A, 6042, 6042A, 6044, 6044A, 6044B, 6045, 6045A, 6045B, 6047, 6047B, 6048, 6048A, 6049, 6049A, 6049B,	(i) All interchangeable subject to remarks in next column. (ii) 4x2 may be used in lieu of 4x4 if the latter not available.	(i) Vehicles listed under (b) will not be employed as substitutes for vehicles listed under (a) unless (a) are unavailable. (ii) Substitution of one type of loading in Battery Staff Vehicles will follow the recommendation of Sig user units, within the limits of availability of the stocks of the Vehicle Park.
8.	6052, 6052A, 6052B, 6052C, 6052D.	Interchangeable subject to remarks.	4x2 may be substituted for 4x4 if 4x4 not available.

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Group	Type	Substitute	Remarks
9.	6060, 6060A, 6060B, 6062, 6062A, 6062B, 6063.	Interchangeable and 6065E, 6065F, 6065G, 6067A, 6091.	
10.	(a) 6065, 6065A, 6065B, 6065C, 6065D, 6066, 6067, 6069, 6090.	Interchangeable. 6071 may also be issued in lieu in a proportion of approximately one 6071 to four other types.	
	(b) 6065E, 6065F, 6065G, 6067A, 6071A, 6091.	Interchangeable.	
	(c) 6070	All vehicles in Group (a)	
	(d) 6072	6071	
11.	6073, 6074, 6075, 6076.	Interchangeable to some degree according to circumstances. 6065, 6065A, 6065B, 6065C, 6065D, 6066, 6067, 6069, 6065E, 6065F, 6065G, 6067A, 6071A, 6090 may also be used in lieu.	Do not appear on WEs but are specified to be held in lieu of Trucks 3-ton GS by LHQ instruction in certain cases.
12.	(a) 6082, 6082A, (b) 6084.	Interchangeable. 6310.	
13.	6093	Nil	
14.	(a) 6100, 6100A. (b) 6103, 6103A, 6103B, 6104, 6104A.	Interchangeable. Interchangeable. Vehicles listed under 7(a) may be used in lieu if none of these types available.	
15.	(a) 6106, 6107A. (b) 6110, 6110A.	Interchangeable.	
16.	6115, 6115A, 6116, 6116A, 6117.	Interchangeable. " "	
17.	6118, 6119.	Interchangeable except that only 6119 may be used if 6010 is provided as prime mover.	
18.	(a) 6125	6125B, 6127 for fitting with steel or wooden bins.	
	(b) 6127	6127B	
19.	(a) 6131, 6132, 6133, 6134, 6134A, 6135.	Interchangeable.	
	(b) 6287, 6288	6133, 6134, 6134A, 6135.	6288 may be issued only to Formations specified by DDOS First Aust Army.
20.	6136, 6136A.	Interchangeable	
21.	6137, 6137A	Shells interchangeable	
22.	6169, 6170, 6171	Interchangeable	
23.	6188, 6191.	6183, 6183A.	
24.	6194.	6185A, 6187	
28.	6189.	6189A.	
29.	6200, 6210.		The products of different manufacturers are interchangeable. Thus 6200 HD7 type may be issued in lieu of D6.

Group	Type	Substitute	Remarks
30.	6220, 6230, 6235, 6240,		As for 6200 and 6210. According to circumstances. Tractors wheeled with 3-ton Crane may be substituted for 2-ton Cranes or 5-ton Cranes.
31.	6252, 6252A, 6253, 6253A.	Interchangeable.	
32.	(a) 6260 (b) 6265A. (c) 6266A (d) 6269 6273, 6274, 6275, 6276, 6277.	6261 6265 6266 6271, 6274, 6275 6276, 6277.	

All other types :- 4x4 vehicles may be substituted for 4x4 when the latter not available.

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Subject : "ANN McKIM - BRISBANE AND CAIRNS TO JACQUINOT.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
7 Nov 44.

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Q (2)	SALVATION ARMY	

1. Advice has been received that vessel USAT " ANN McKIM " has been made available to load the following pers, cargo and vehs for JACQUINOT.

2. EX BRISBANE

(i) Cargo

Serial	Consignee	Cargo	Tons (m)
1	DDST	POL	1361
		Rations and supplies	1128
2.	DDOS	Ammunition	3
		Ord Stores	556
3.	DE in C	Explosives	13
		Gen Stores, winch and 2 cranes	824
4.	MEDICAL	Med and Vet Stores	57
5.	CANTEENS	Stores and equipment	325
		Beer and Spirits	130
6.	ACF	Stores	100
7.	YMCA	Stores	10
8.	SALVATION ARMY	Stores	10
		TOTAL	4517

(ii) UNIT VEHICLES, LANDING CRAFT AND ESCORTS

Serial	Det or Unit	Escorts	Vehs	Landing Craft
1.	53 Aust Port Craft Coy (less one Port Landing Craft Pl)	6	-	3 x ALC 15
2.	283 Aust LAD	1	6	-
	TOTAL	7	6	3

3. EX CAIRNS

Serial	Det or Unit	Escorts	Vehs	Landing Craft
1.	2/3 Aust Hly Const Coy and 287 Aust LAD	7	156	-
2.	21 Malaria Control Unit	1	8	-
3.	107 Ord Veh Pk Sec	1	2	-
4.	Det 1 Aust Water Amb Convoy	2	-	2 x ALC 5 (Nos 1074-1078
		2	-	2 x 40' Work Boats (Nos 1570-1571)
	TOTAL	13	166	4

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HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
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AQMG'S CONFERENCE NOTES - 7 NOV '44

TENTAGE

1. Information through Ord channels indicates that DOS pools of tentage and accommodation stores are being established in BRISBANE and SYDNEY to be available to meet urgent requirements in operational areas. — Infm Q(Maint)

2. 2200 tents are to be shipped ex AUST to LAE to meet our requirements here. ETA not yet known.

JUNGLE GREEN FOR 13 AUST INF BDE GP

3. Jungle green clothing for this Bde Gp is available in Ord Depot LAE and is being issued to Adv HQ 13 Aust Inf Bde. The Adv HQ will take the clothing with them to JACQUINOT BAY. — Infm

INSECT REPELLENT

4. Med have requested that 100,000 2-oz bottles of repellent be obtained from US sources here and made available for issue to AUST tps. — S&T Q(Maint)

5. S & T will investigate the possibility of obtaining this item.

NATIVES FOR BOUGAINVILLE

6. Native labourers for BOUGAINVILLE are being despatched ex LAE as follows: — Infm

   250 per S G REED
   250 per JAS OLIVER

VEHICLES AT BUNA

7. There are approx 47 vehicles at BUNA which have been awaiting evacuation for some considerable time.

8. AEME will send a representative to inspect these vehicles and ensure that they are fit to move. — AEME Q(MOV)

9. Q(Mov & Tn) will give consideration to routing the "FRANCIS PEAT" to BUNA at an early date to move these vehicles.

VEHICLES AT DUMPU

10. Reference notes of 16 Oct 44 para 8. The movement of vehicles DUMPU to LAE is dependent on availability of transport aircraft. — LBSA Q(MOV)

11. LAE Base and Q(Mov & Tn) are following up.

ADM ORDERS AND INSTRUCTIONS

12. Send memos to formations and Base Sub Areas requesting that copies of Adm Orders or instrs issued by them are forwarded to HQ First Aust Army for infm. — Q(Maint)

13.

POSTS - SOLOMONS

13. LO just returned from SOLOMONS reports that all units most satisfied with mail arrangements. Infm

REFRIGERATED CARGOES

14. LHQ has advised that refrigerated cargoes will be shipped ex AUST as follows: Q(Main) Q(Mov) S&T

To PORT MORESBY (supplies also MILNE BAY)
To LAE (supplies also BUNA and MADANG)
To FINSCHHAFEN (for shipment to NEW BRITAIN and AITAPE under arrangements USASCS)
To TOROKINA

15. LHQ has been infomed:

(a) that we have no reefer ships available to move fresh supplies MORESBY to MILNE BAY - therefore we request that arrangements be made for:

(i) USASCS to accept responsibility for transhipment, or
(ii) direct shipment AUST to MILNE BAY be arranged.

(b) that to handle re-sup of MADANG ex LAE we require the 300 ft refrigerated vessel requested in our Q2244 of 29 Oct.

(c) that in view present inability, USASCS to handle re-sup fresh rations FINSCHHAFEN to MADANG, we desire definite assurance that Americans can provide reefer ships ex FINSCH to JACQUINOT and AITAPE.

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DISTRIBUTION

DA & QMG
AQ
Q (Maint)
Q (Misc)
Q (Wks)
Staff Capt AQ
Mov & Tn
S&T
Ord
AEME
Postal
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Subject : " SWARTENHONDT " - LAE TO MADANG.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
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NG FORCE SEC AAOS
DA & QMG
G (OPS)
A
Q (2)

S & T
POSTAL (2)
RANLO

1. Vessel " SWARTENHONDT " loaded following pers and cargo at LAE for MADANG.

2.

Unit or Service	Strength Offrs	Strength ORs	Cargo	Tons(m)
Canteens	-	1	461 c/s Canteen Stores	50
Postal	-	-	432 bags Aust Mail	20
ADST	-	-	2500 x 44 gal Drs Distillate	696
			635 Drs Sugar	20
Aust Details	-	150		
HQ First Aust Army	1	-		
HQ Lae Base Sub Area	-	1		
TOTAL	1	152		780

3. Vessel sailed 7 Nov 44.

for [illegible] Capt Brig.
DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY(AIF)

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Subject : " VAN HEUTZ " - CAIRNS TO JACQUINOT.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
7 Nov 44.

Q 2365

HQ 1 AUST WATER TPT GP	CE (2)	POSTAL (2)
DA & QMG	MED	RAHLC
G (OPS)	PRO	
A	S & T	
Q (2)	ORD	
Q (MOV & TN)	E & ME	

1. Advice has been received that vessel USAT " VAN HEUTZ " will load the following pers, vehs and stores at CAIRNS for JACQUINOT.

2. (a)

Serial	Unit	Strength All ranks	Vehs	Stores Tons(m)
1	2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy & 287 LAD	263	-	32
2	3 Mech Eqpt Wksbp	63	-	10
3	21 Aust Malaria Control Unit	18	-	-
4	107 Ord Veh Pk Sec	29	-	7
5	Det 53 Aust Port Craft Coy less 1 Port L/C Pl	67	-	-
6	17 Aust Fd Coy	242	21	32
7	68 BIPOD	29	-	19
8	283 Aust LAD	15		Alh Unit Eqpt
9	2 Aust Fd Amb	169	-	-
10	128 Aust Bde Wksp	83	-	-
11	Dets 2 Secs Second Aust Army Pro Coy	18	-	-
12	11 Aust Div Pro Coy	30	-	-
13	Adv Party 1 Aust Inf Tps Wksp	174	Vehs to capacity of ship	-
	TOTALS	1200	21 plus serial 13	-

(b).

Service	Cargo	Tons(m)
ORD	Ammn	5
POSTAL	Available mail	-

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
7 Nov 44

DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS RETURN NO.178
(From 1000 hrs 6 Nov to 1000 hrs 7 Nov)

1. BY SEA

Serial	Unit	Strength Offrs	Strength ORs	From	To	Remarks
1	Aust Details		150	LAE	MADANG	Sld SWARTENHONDT
2	AACS		1	"	"	7 Nov
3	HQ First Aust Army	1		"	"	do.
4	HQ LAE Base Sub Area		1	"	"	do.
5	3/14 Aust Fd Amb	10	141	T'VILLE	AITAPE	Sld KATOOMBA
6	2/3 Aust Fd Regt	24	333	"	"	6 Nov
7	4 Aust Pigeon Sec	1	15	"	"	do.
8	HQ 6 Aust Div		3	"	"	do.
9	2/14 Aust Fd Coy		2	"	"	do.
10	2/2 Aust Fd Coy	5	15	"	"	do.
11	2/11 Aust Inf Bn	37	637	"	"	do.
12	6 Aust Div Sigs	4	85			
13	104 Aust CCS	22 (incl AANS)	115 8	"	"	do.
14	2/1 Aust Gd Regt	1	43			
15	Aust Red Cross	1	1	"	"	do.

2. BY AIR

1	NG Details	6	40	MADANG	LAE	
2	107 Aust Ord Fd Pk		4	"	"	
3	Med evacuations to 2/7 AGH		7	"	"	
4	ANGAU Natives		29	MORESBY	LAE	
5	NG Details		37	LAE	MADANG	
6	ANGAU Natives		20	NADZAB	AITAPE	
7	ANGAU		4	NADZAB	M'LAND	
8	2/127 Aust Bde Wksps		11	NADZAB	T'VILLE	
9	19 Aust Inf Bn	1	25	"	"	
10	25 Aust FS Sec		10	MORESBY	NADZAB	
11	8 Aust LAD		7	"	"	

for A.L. Mafe-Wright Brig.
DA & QMG First Aust Army (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION

2 AUST CORPS
NG ADV 2 ECH
DFO NEW GUINEA
NG FORCE SEC AACS
BGS
DA & QMG
G(OPS)
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Q (2)
Q (MOV & TN)
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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
7 Nov 44

DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO.178
(As at 1200 hrs 7 Nov 44)

TO BE LOADED FOR	TO BE LOADED AT			IN PORT	REMARKS
	AUSTRALIA	LAE	MADANG		
AITAPE	JOHN ISAACSON SYDNEY and CAIRNS on berth 10 Nov S J REED on berth SYDNEY for AITAPE 25 Nov ETA AITAPE 15 Dec THOS CORWIN ETA ex CAIRNS 7 Nov KATOOMBA ETA ex T'VILLE 11 Nov GORGON ETA ex T'VILLE 20 Nov RIVER DERWENT to load SYDNEY and CAIRNS	JUBAL EARLY ETA 13 Nov via MADANG	F PARKHAN ETA 11 Nov	NANCY HANKS ETD 10 Nov ANHUI	DUNTROON departed CAIRNS 3 Nov for AITAPE MEXICO departed 5 Nov for CAIRNS JUBAL EARLY ETD 6 Nov for LAE
MADANG		JUBAL EARLY ETA 11 Nov SWARTENHONDT ETA 8 Nov thence JACQUINOT BAY		CAPE VICTORY ETD 14 Nov for B'VILLE BUNGAREE F PARKHAN ETD 9 Nov for AITAPE SANTA MONICA ETD 13 Nov for B'VILLE	GORGON sailed 4 Nov for T'VILLE via MILNE BAY
FINSCHHAFEN					
LAE	ATLAS to load SYDNEY ORMISTON to load T'VILLE			J S MORETON ETD 9 Nov for JACQUINOT BAY S J REED for B'VILLE and TREASURY ETD 8 Nov J OLIVER ETD 14 Nov for B'VILLE	J EARLY ex AITAPE 8 Nov thence AITAPE via MADANG MORIAC SEA ETA 9 Nov for B'VILLE
TALASEA MOSKINS					

TO BE LOADED FOR	TO BE LOADED AT			IN PORT	REMARKS
	AUSTRALIA	LAE	MADANG		
JACQUINOT BAY	ANN McKEEN ETA ex BRISBANE and CAIRNS 20 Nov L H GARRISON on berth BRISBANE 18 Nov ETA 3 Dec VAN HEUTZ on berth BRISBANE 16 Nov ETA 1 Dec	J S MORETON ETA 13 Nov	SHANNEE ETA 8 Nov SWARTENHONDT ex LAE ETA 13 Nov	F PEATE CAPE ALEXANDER	CAPE ALEXANDER departs 10 Nov for MADANG
BOUGAINVILLE	INDIAN VICTORY ETA ex SYDNEY and CAIRNS 26 Nov	J LYKES ETA 11 Nov NORMAC SEA ETD 12 Nov ETA 15 Nov S J REED ETD 8 Nov ETA 12 Nov and TREASURY J OLIVER ETA 18 Nov	SANTA MONICA ETA 17 Nov CAPE VICTORY ETA 18 Nov CAPE ALEXANDER ETA 19 Nov	L GARRISON ETD not set	S HOPKINS departed for EMIRAU 3 Nov L GARRISON will depart for NEW BRITAIN
MORESBY	CHARON ex SYDNEY ETA 13 Nov EDNA at SYDNEY			EMILE BERLINGER for SYDNEY ETD 9 Nov	CHARON ex SYDNEY 7 Nov via MILNE BAY
MILNE BAY	ELWOOD MEADE ex T'VILLE			PORT AMSTERDAM	
HOLLANDIA				LUDDINGTON	
NEW BRITAIN	L H GARRISON and VAN HEUTZ to load BRISBANE				

NOTE : ETA - Expected Time of Arrival at destination.
ETD - Expected Time of Departure from loading port.

for A.A.G. Hutton Capt
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DISTRIBUTION

2/1 AUST MOV & TN GP	BGS
8 AUST M C GP	DA & QMG
3 AUST DOCKS GP	G(SD)
M C MORESBY	A
M C FINSCHHAFEN	Q (4)
M C MADANG	AACS
M C AITAPE	ADV LHQ (for MOV for infm)
M C GLOUCESTER	2 AUST CORPS (for MOV for infm)
M C HOLLANDIA	[illegible] for infm
M C HOSKINS	[illegible] for infm

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Subject : " KATOOMBA " - TOWNSVILLE FOR AITAPE.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
7 Nov 44.

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3 AUST BASE SUB AREA	A	PRO
6 AUST DIV	Q (2)	AMENITIES
8 M C GP	BRA	S & T
DISTRICTS ACCOUNTS OFFICE N.G.	CE (2)	RANLO
DA & QMG	CSO	POSTAL (2)
G (OPS)	MED	

1. Vessel "KATOOMBA" loaded the following personnel and cargo at TOWNSVILLE for AITAPE.

2. (a) PERSONNEL

Serial	Unit		Strength Offrs	ORs
1	3/14 Aust Fd Amb		10	141
2	2/3 Aust Fd Regt		24	333
3	4 Aust Pigeon Sec		1	15
4	HQ 6 Aust Div		-	3
5	2/14 Aust Fd Coy		-	2
6	2/2 Aust Fd Regt		5	15
7	2/11 Aust Inf Bn		37	637
8	6 Aust Div Sigs		4	85
9	104 Aust CCS	(inc 8 AANS)	22	115
10	2/1 Aust Gd Regt		1	43
11	Aust Red Cross		1	1
		TOTAL	105	1390

2. (b) LOADING

Serial	Unit	Unit Equip	Vehs	Tons
1	HQ 6 Aust Div	400 pkges Tents	20 Jeeps	
			19 Trlrs 2 wheel	190
2	6 Aust Div Sigs	22 pkges stores	-	1
3.	4 Aust Pigeon Sec	52 pkges stores	-	4
4	2/1 Aust Gd Regt	145 pkges stores	-	21
5	104 Aust CCS	2628 pkges stores	-	269
6	2/11 Aust Inf Bn	1309 " "	-	171
7	2/3 Aust Fd Regt	2150 " "	-	142
8	3/14 Aust Fd Amb	695 " "	-	69
	TOTALS		39	867

2. (c) CARGO

1	Aust Army Post Off.	213 Bags mail	-	21
2.	M.F.O	2 Pkges effects		-
3.	A.S.D.	180 Pkges Reserve Rations		9
		1639 Rations (Pkges)		51
4.	104 Aust CCS			152
5.	HQ 6 Aust Div	Tentage	18 x ¼ton trucks	120
6.	2/11 Aust Inf Bn	Stores		63
7.	3/14 Aust Fd Amb	Stores		25
8.	2/3 Aust Fd Regt	Stores		36
9.	2/13 Aust Inf Bn	Stores		52
	TOTAL		18	539

3. Vessel sailed 6 Nov.

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Subject : " INDIAN VICTORY " - SYDNEY AND CAIRNS TO BOUGAINVILLE.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
7 Nov 44.
Q.2363

HQ 1 AUST WATER TPT GP | Q(MOV & TN) | PRO | RAMLO
DA & QMG | CE (2) | AUST RED CROSS
G (OPS) | CSO | S & T
A | SVY | ORD
Q (2) | MED | POSTAL (2)

1. Advice has been received that vessel USAT "INDIAN VICTORY" has been made available to load the undermentioned cargo and personnel for BOUGAINVILLE.

2. EX SYDNEY

(i) CARGO (BOTTOM STOW)

Serial	Consignor	Cargo	Tons(m)
1	DDST	POL	600
		Rations and supplies	1266
2	DDOS	Ord Stores	545
3	CE in C	Gen Stores, Armco huts and Refrigerators	676
4	Aust Red Cross	Stores	50
		TOTAL	3137

(ii) LANDING CRAFT AND ESCORT

Serial	Unit	Escort	L/Craft
1	42 Aust Landing Craft Coy(less 1 Pl) and 2 Aust Landing Craft Wkshp	6	3 ALC 20's
	Total	6	3

3. EX CAIRNS

(i) UNIT EQUIP AND STORES

Serial	Unit	Cargo	Tons (m)
1	84 Wing RAAF and Ancillary Units	Stores and equip	2335 inc 420 tons Tent Floor Boards
		TOTAL	2335

(ii) UNIT VEHS AND ESCORTS

Serial	Det or Unit	Escorts	Vehs
1.	3 Aust Svy Sty	1	10
2.	Det 1 Aust Water Amb Convoy	1	1
3.	84 Wing RAAF & Ancillary Units	6	121
4.	46 AL Sec (TAC.R)	1	3
5.	33 Sqn AL Sec	1	1
6.	2 Secn 1 Aust Army Pro Coy	1	6
7.	6 Comd AL Sec	2	15
	TOTAL	13	157

(iii) LANDING CRAFT AND ESCORTS

Serial	Det or Unit	Escorts	L/craft
1.	Det 1 Aust Water Amb Convoy	4	2 x 40' Workboats Nos 1566,1569) 2 x ALC 5 (Nos 1052 1076)

2. EX CAIRNS

(iii) LANDING CRAFT AND ESCORTS (contd)

Serial	Det or Unit	Escorts	L/Craft
2.	HQ 1 Aust Water Tpt Gp	1	1 x 40' Workboat (No 1582)
3.	13 Aust Small Ships Coy	3	3 x 40' Workboats (Nos 1579, 1580 1581)
	TOTAL	8	8

for Brig.
DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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Subject : "EMILE BERLINGER" MORESBY TO SYDNEY

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
8 Nov 44

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HQ FORCE SEC AACS	CE (2)
DA & QMG	S & T
G(OPS)	ORD
G(SD)	SALVAGE
A	RANLO
Q(2)	FILE (4)
Q(MOV&TN)	WAR DIARY (2) ✓

1. Advice has been received that vessel "EMILE BERLINGER" will load following cargo and vehicles at MORESBY for SYDNEY.

2.

	Consignor	Cargo	Tons (L)
	Aust New Guinea Production Control Board	2017 Bales Rubber 6621 Bags Copra 55 Pkges Sundries	114 1084 16
	ADS & T	1000 empty 44 gal drums	300
	AACS	2650 Pkges Stores	91
	ABC Fd Unit	6 Accumulators	
	RAE	17 empty Cylinders	1
	HFO	72 pkges Personal effects	6
	10 AACD	Load vehicles to capacity.	

for Lieut Colonel Brig.
DA & QMG First Aust Army (AIF)

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REPORT ON VISIT TO JACQUINOT BAY ON 2-7 NOV 44
BY MAJ J.A. NORTH

Ref Maps: DRINA 1 in. to 1 mile B 56/5 NEW BRITAIN SERIES
KEY PLAN 5 Aust Base Sub Area
JACQUINOT BAY 1 in to 1 mile B 56/5 NEW BRITAIN SERIES.

This report is made in two parts. Part I is a gen report in chronological order of the ldg, and Part II covers particular matters which arose during the above period.

PART I - GEN

1. The writer embarked on HMAS SWAN at 1700I 2 Nov and arrived JACQUINOT BAY approximately 0530K 4 Nov. Weather on 3 Nov was not good, and morning of D Day dawned with rain and mist. This bad weather delayed the arrival of the ldg craft convoy, and H Hour had to be postponed. Three LCVPs and one picquet boat were sighted at 0600K and came alongside CAPE ALEXANDER at 0630. Remaining LCVPs and LCMs arrived between 0630K and 0700K. The Liberty ship anchored approximately half-a-mile off MAL MAL MISSION.

2. AIB patrol had reported that there were no Japs in the area, and before tps disembarked the Tobruk lighter was placed alongside the ship to improve the disembarkation procedure. Tps were disembarked into LCVPs from the lighter, commencing [illegible] K, and these tps were landed at ldg pt map ref 022828. This pt was not suitable, but the beach as a whole offered very poor ldg pts without a detailed recce.

3. The first veh (bulldozer) was unloaded at approx 0920K and landed at 0945K. This was followed by another bulldozer and a tractor. Disembarkation of tps continued, and some vehs were landed. The bn less rear party was ashore by the evening of D Day. The total tonnage of unit equipment discharged on D Day was 216 tons (m) and 40 vehs equalling 300 tons (m) - a total of 516 tons (m).

4. The BASE AREA recce party landed at approx 1400K D Day and carried out a preliminary recce. The discharge of BASE AREA stores did not commence until D plus 1. This was done to ensure that all necessary bn eqpt was landed as quickly as possible. Owing to the unsuitability of the Bn Beachhead congestion was caused, with a consequent reduction in the discharge rate of the ship.

5. It rained continuously on D plus 1, thus seriously affecting the bn beachhead, and it is considered that a discharge of 450 tons (m) of cargo and vehs (20 vehs) was a very good effort. Some unit eqpt and POL for use by BASE AREA was discharged at the BASE ldg pt - jetty (064827). The clearance from this pt was good as there was a suitable exit and a good hard standing close to the beach.

6. D plus 2 was fine, and the balance of bn eqpt was landed very early. Landing of BASE AREA stores and POL proceeded for the rest of the day, total discharge being 500 tons (m). The only vehs remaining at the end of this day belonged to the Docks Units. The balance of cargo still to be landed on D plus 3 consisted of 1500 tons (m), mainly POL. Four barge-loads of BASE AREA unit eqpt are inc in this figure.

7. FRANCIS PEAT.--The FRANCIS PEAT could not keep up with the convoy, and did not arrive until the night D/D plus 1. Accom-

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carried by an LCVP, it proceeded to POMIO on D plus 1, but a coral reef over which the ldg craft could not pass prevented the disembarkation of native tps. It returned to the MAL MAL AREA that night. On D plus 2 the tps were disembarked at POMIO by using native canoes.

8. DULCIE.--The DULCIE also failed to keep up with the convoy, and did not arrive until D-plus 1. Cargo was discharged very quickly, and it departed for LAE on the morning of D plus 2.

Generally speaking, the ops proceeded fairly smoothly. The difficulties which arose are discussed in detail in Part II.

PART II

9. Beaches.--The coastline from CAPE CUNNINGHAM NORTH to OBSERVATION POINT offers no really suitable beaches. It is fringed with coral, and mangrove and scrub abound on the water's edge. With the aid of bulldozers ldg pts could be constructed very easily and quickly. Three main ldg pts were selected on D Day:--

(1) South end of WUNUNG PLANTATION (022828) - Bn Beachhead;

(2) MAL MAL MISSION - 5 Aust Div Beachhead;

(3) Jetty (064827) - BASE SUB AREA Beachhead.

10. Bn Beachhead.--A fairly steep ridge approximately 30 to 40 yds from the beach confined this beachhead. Bulldozers were landed very early, together with ABC mesh, but owing to the softness of the ground the tractors were soon in difficulty, and one became bogged. Unit stores commenced to arrive whilst the bulldozers were still operating and before sufficient ABC mesh was laid. It is felt that if the beach area and exit rd had been completed before any unit eqpt arrived subsequent congestion would have been materially relieved. This applies particularly in view of the fact that there was no opposition, and it is considered necessary preparation should have been carried out even though the bulk of the unit eqpt may not have been landed until the following day. This beachhead became unusable on D plus 1, when low tide caused a large water gap which could not be quickly bridged. Another ldg pt approx 100 yds to the EAST was selected, and the constr of a coral rd was commenced on D plus 1. With this rd the beachhead became fairly suitable, but difficulties were still arising as a result of the mud. The rapid discharge of unit eqpt and stores and the consequent congestion necessitated the Bn Dump being est close to the beachhead, and means that the stores will have to be double-handled to put them in their dump area. It is considered that this could have been obviated. A max of four LCMs only could beach at each of the two bn ldg pts.

11. 5 Aust Div Beachhead.--Is quite suitable. It is limited to approx three or four craft, but with some work it is considered that it will be suitable for the receipt of divisional stores. An old coral jetty juts out approx 10 yds into the sea, and can be improved.

12. BASE AREA Beachhead.--An old jetty with an approach road for an exit was in existence at this pt, and the exit led into

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a fairly clear area approx 200 yds by 100 yds, with fairly solid ground. On D plus 1 the jetty was pulled down, and the Tobruk lighter placed in position. This subsequently enabled the FRANCIS PRAT to be used for discharge of BASE AREA stores. This ldg pt is considered to be quite good. It was the only one available (see para 9).

13. Bulldozers and ABC Mesh.--The pts brought out in para 10 indicate the necessity for bulldozers and ample supp of ABC mesh. The provision of an additional bulldozer for use by Bn would have improved the situation, and it is felt also that the lack of bulldozers for use by BASE AREA retarded unnecessarily much work which must be done.

14. The BASE AREA recce party landed on D Day, and the Comd's plans involved the est of ldg pts in each dep area, thus enabling stores to be discharged into their correct areas without subsequent handling. Owing to the nature of the area the recce was completed very quickly, and it is considered that the completion of constr of the ldg pts before the arrival of the MORETON, which carried the BASE AREA bulldozers, would have expedited the discharge of that ship. Where infm on the terrain and beaches is available, as in this case, it is suggested that bulldozers receive priority over other vehs and be carried, if possible, on the first suitable ship to arrive.

15. Priority of Stores Landed.--The marking of unit stores was good compared with previous experiences. This did NOT, however, prevent some stores being landed in the wrong order of priority. In particular, certain necessary accn stores were NOT landed on D Day, whilst the Bn QM had to handle boxes of unnecessary unit eqpt. The situation was NOT serious, but it emphasises the necessity for close liaison and co-op with Mov & Tn to ensure correct loading of stores and eqpt.

16. Loading and Discharge of Ldg Craft.--

(a) Loading at ship's side - From 30 min to 1 hr.

(b) Discharge at beachhead - From 1 hr to 4 hrs (Caused by smallness of beachhead and congestion).

17. Gravity Roller.--Gravity roller erected in the Bn Beachhead as soon as the exits were suitable indicated most clearly the distinct advantage of this eqpt. Discharge was considerably expedited, and bn personnel were relieved of much work. The roller was also used to good effect at the BASE AREA Beachhead. There was no delay in its erection, and stores landed were quickly cleared.

18. Coverage.--A very good percentage of coverage was landed, but in view of the weather on D plus 1 it was NOT sufficient. This could have been obviated by rigidly adhering to the priorities for discharge.

19. BASE AREA.--The plantation in which this area is located is overgrown, in some parts rather heavily, but the nature of the undergrowth is such that native lab and bulldozers should clear it very quickly. There is a top surface of soft soil approx 2ft to 3ft deep on a coral bottom. Heavy rain and traffic will create mud, but the constr of rds should offer no great difficulties. The old plantation track runs parallel to the beach for the full length of the area, and the constr of a lateral rd should be completed very quickly. The BASE AREA Comd considers that the whole of the rd constr programme presents no great difficulties. This area in a couple of months' time should be very good.

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20. Water.--Seven streams run through the area, and ample water is available. (See Key Plan att Appx B).

21. Amendment to Key Plan.--A major amendment to this plan was the change of site for the hosp (see Plan Appx B). Some minor amendments probably will be necessary, but these will not affect the original layout of the BASE.

22. Tobruk Lighter.--The advantages gained by using the Tobruk lighter for the disembarkation of the tps were such that the inclusion of this eqpt in subsequent ops is worthy of serious consideration.

23. Ldg Craft.--The ldg craft coy proceeded to its destination loaded with its own unit eqpt. Before craft could be used in the op it had to discharge its eqpt on to the beach. It is suggested that, if possible, in future ops this unit eqpt might well be loaded in a ship in the main convoy, and that essential items such as bulldozers, ARC mesh, amn urgently required, rations, and accn stores should be tactically loaded in the barges. The OC of the barge coy agrees with such an arrangement, and does NOT think that the barge coy would be embarrassed by its eqpt travelling on another ship.

24. Lab.--(a) Whilst the number of troops to be carried is limited by the shipping available, provision of 100 natives for lab purposes would have materially helped the work, particularly in the BASE AREA. This particular op was a very good example of the advantage of having lab available in the early stages.

(b) Local natives are NOT suitable for lab, and it will be some time before any can be recruited from more distant areas; i.e., further SOUTH and from the Hills. Even then the numbers will be small - i.e., estimated approx 200.

25. Med.--No provision is made on the WE of the HQ BASE AREA for an MO. Personnel reporting sick in the BASE AREA had to be evac to the Bn Area, where the det fd amb had been est; i.e., a distance of approx 2 miles. This resulted in the loss of one ldg craft for some time. Med has been asked to despatch an MO from 2/8 Aust Gen Hosp as soon as possible.

26. Flying Boat Moorings.--The bay is very suitable, and the stretch of water used, together with the mooring area, is marked on the DRINA Map (Appx A att).

27. Anchorages and Wharf Sites.--

(a) Proposed Wharf Site.--Is very good. The sea-bed drops away very suddenly approx 20 - 30 ft from the water's edge, and the depth of water is more than sufficient to take a fully-laden Liberty. There is limited room between the shore and island and reefs running parallel to the shore, and it may be necessary to have a tug available to control berthing of ships, particularly in rough weather. In fine weather it is thought there will be sufficient swinging room.

(b) Anchorage.--The bay is well sheltered, but some difficulty will be experienced in finding sufficiently shallow water close to ldg pts. It is approx 50 fathoms where the CAPE ALEXANDER anchored. After allowing swinging room it was thought that the MORETON would NOT be able to anchor near her. This query will be answered on the return of DAD Tn. It may be possible to anchor about 1 mile off PALM PT to the NE. Investigation was NOT complete when the writer left the area.

28. Sqn.--The Docks Op Coy and the Barge Coy are to be commended on the diligence and care exercised in carrying out their tasks. They were willing and cheerful under some extremely disagreeable conditions.

It is felt also that the Comd BASE AREA organised the est of the AREA very methodically and carefully, thus reducing the possibilities of confusion and congestion. It is repeated that the earlier arrival of bulldozers would have been of great assistance in the BASE AREA.

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MAINTENANCE TYPEWRITERS AND DUPLICATORS

1. Attention is directed to the necessity for adequate maintenance of typewriters and duplicators.

2. The necessity for repair to most machines lodged with Stationery Depots could have been avoided if correct maintenance had been carried out.

3. The attached Instructions for typewriter operators will be brought to the notice of all concerned and all action possible taken to ensure that correct maintenance of machines is made a normal part of office routine.

4. Sufficient copies of this Instruction are forwarded to enable distribution down to units.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL TYPEWRITER OPERATORS

1. Daily Conservation Duties:

   (a) Dust exterior and cover plates, wiping dust off the side of the machine away from the central mechanism.
   (b) Brush and clean carriage rails.
   (c) Clean type-bar slots. Use long handle brush and brush downward away from slots.
   (d) Clean type, preferably at the end of the day when ink is damp. If fluid is used, do not operate the typewriter until dry (five minutes).
   (e) Dust underneath your typewriter. It will protect the inner mechanism from dust which may be forced in by air currents. Even if the typewriter is fastened to the desk, put a cloth on a ruler and clean out the dust.
   (f) Cover machine each night before leaving office.

2. Weekly Conservation Dutics:

   (a) Wipe parts thoroughly before applying any oil.
   (b) Oil only the carriage rails. Use head of pin, inserted in cork of oil bottle as dropper. Put one drop of oil on each side of rails and move carriage from end to end several times.
   (c) Whenever the platen becomes shiny or dirty, clean with wood alcohol, denatured alcohol, lacquer thinner or best of all, carbon tetrachloride. (These fluids are inflammable so do not use near open flame). Use fluid sparingly since you do not want it to drip off the platen on to the feed roll mechanism or paper deflector plate. Also throw off paper release lever before using so that dirt deposit which is loosened on the platen will not be redeposited on the feed rolls.

3. General Care Hints:

   (a) Always move carriage to extreme right or left when making erasures to prevent particles from falling into mechanism. Erasers contain abrasive which causes wear and also clogs working parts, makes touch heavy, which causes pounding of the keys.
   [illegible] paper release lever when machine is not [illegible] always at night. This prevents flat spots from developing on feed rolls and platen. When stencils are used extensively, always leave machine, when not in use, with paper release lever off cylinder.
   (c) Always cover typewriter at night.
   (d) A long piece of ordinary typewriter paper, wound around the cylinder and left there, will greatly prolong the life of the cylinder and will not interfere with normal typewriter work.
   (e) Never put oil in the segment or type-bar slots. It will accumulate dirt and result in sticking type-bars.
   (f) Never leave typewriter with shift key locked down, as any accidental pressure on carriage may cause damage.
   (g) Where possible it is best for the one typist to use the same machine continually.

4. Abuses and Misuses to be avoided:

(a) Banging carriage in returning causes shock to mechanism of entire machine.
(b) Pounding shift key or back spacer and damage caused thereby.
(c) Feed paper to first writing line with platen twirler, not line space lever, &c.
(d) Never stand books, parcels or any other object on your typewriter or lean on the machine.
(e) When carrying the typewriter always lift machine with hands under each side, never lift machine by the carriage.

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AQMG's CONFERENCE NOTES - 8 NOV 44

MAIL TO HOSKINS

1. 114 lbs first-class mail was dropped successfully at HOSKINS on 4 Nov. — Inf.

AUST CAMPS, &c, IN U.S. BASE E AREA

2. LAE Base report that U.S. Base E have agreed to permit certain AUST installations and camps to be erected in the vicinity of MILFORD HAVEN. Certain docks units, port directorate, etc., will probably move to the new area. — Inf.

RATIONS - FORESTRY UNIT

3. A censorship report states that a Sgt in a Forestry Unit complained that only two issues of bread were received in one week. — Inf.

4. This matter has been investigated by CE Branch, who report that the complaint is without foundation.

VISITS OF UEI

5. Ensure that Base Sub Areas are informed of proposed itineraries of UEI. — Q (Maint)

ADM INSTR No. 7

6. This instr has been issued and sets out the policy and procedure for release and issue of vehs from Ord Veh Pks. — Inf.

MARINE ENGINES - CAPE GLOUCESTER

7. It is reported that there is a considerable number of serviceable engines in U/S ALLIGATORS abandoned at GLOUCESTER. It is understood that the Americans are willing to let us have these engines "for the taking". — AEME Sal

8. Arrangements are in hand for reps of DDME and Sal to inspect these engines and report on whether they are worth taking over.

9. Our reps will not leave here until 40 U.S. Div has approved of the proposed visit.

INSECT REPELLENT

10. Ref Notes of 7 Nov, paras 4 and 5: S & T have arranged to obtain 450,000 2-oz bottles from the Americans at LAE. — Inf. Q (Maint)

11. Med will indicate desired disposal of this stock.

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(As at 1200 Hrs 8 Nov 44)

EX PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
AITAPE						
			J ISAACSON	AUST		On berth 10 Nov SYDNEY
Nancy Hanks			S J REED	AUST	15/12	On berth 25 Nov SYDNEY
			T CORWIN	AUST	13/11	Departed CAIRNS 7 Nov
			KATOOMBA	AUST	11/11	ex T'VILLE
			GORGON	AUST	20/11	ex T'VILLE
			RIVER DERWENT	AUST		to load ex SYDNEY
			F PARKMAN	MADANG	8/11	
			DUNTROON	AUST	11/11	Thence AUST via ORO
MADANG						
			J EARLY	LAE	11/11	ex AITAPE 8 Nov thence AITAPE
			SWARTENHONDT	LAE	8/11	thence JACQUINOT
CAPE VICTORY	10/11	B'VILLE				
SANTA MONICA	14/11	B'VILLE				
						GORGON dep 4 Nov for T'VILLE via ILAIE BAY
FINSCHHAFEN						
LAE			ATLAS	AUST		to load ex SYDNEY
			ORMISTON	B'VILLE		to load ex T'VILLE
			LORMAC SEA	B'VILLE	9/11	ETD for B'VILLE 12 Nov
J S MORETON	9/11	JACQUINOT				
S J REED	8/11	B'VILLE and TRINCOMALEE				
J OLIVER	14/11	B'VILLE				
TALASEA HOSKINS						
JACQUINOT BAY						
			ANN McKINN	AUST	20/11	ex SYDNEY and CAIRNS
			L H GARRISON	AUST	3/12	on berth BRISBANE 18 Nov
			VAN HEUTZ	AUST	1/12	on berth BRISBANE 16 Nov
			J S MORETON	LAE	11/11	ETD LAE 9 Nov
			SHAWNEE	MADANG	12/11	
			SWARTENHONDT	MADANG	13/11	ETD MADANG 12 Nov
F PRATT						
CAPE ALEX	10/11	MADANG				

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
BOUGAINVILLE						
			INDIAN VICTORY	AUST	26/11	ex SYDNEY and CAIRNS
			TORRENS	AUST	28/11	ex BRISBANE
			J LYKES	LAE	11/11	
			NORMAC SEA	LAE	15/11	
			S J REED	LAE	12/11	
			J OLIVER	LAE	18/11	
			SANTA MONICA	MADANG	17/11	
			CAPE VICTORY	MADANG	18/11	
			CAPE ALEX	MADANG	19/11	
L GARRISON	9/11	BRISBANE				ETD not set for BRISBANE
S HOPKINS						dep for EMIRAU 3 Nov
MORESBY						
			CHARON	AUST	13/11	ex SYDNEY
			EDNA	AUST		ex SYDNEY
EMILE BERLINGER	9/11	SYDNEY				
MILNE BAY						
PORT ALSTER-DAM						
			ELWOOD MEADE	AUST		ETD not set
HOLLANDIA						
LUDDINGTON ANHUI						
NEW BRITAIN						
			L M GARRISON	AUST		to load ex BRISBANE
			VAN HEUTZ			

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Subject : " FRANCIS PARKMAN " - MADANG TO AITAPE

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
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3 AUST BASE SUB AREA
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1. Advice has been received that the " FRANCIS PARKMAN " departed MADANG for AITAPE 7 Nov with the following personnel, vehs and cargo.

Serial	Unit	Strength Offrs	Strength ORs	Stores	Vehs	Tons
1.	C Sqn Gp 2/4 Aust Armd Regt	11	170		8 x 3ton trucks 5 Trailers 1 Wrecker 1 Carrier 20 Tanks Matilda	326 638 16
2.	2/11 A.G.H.	18	144	Eqpt Stores	1 Jeep 6 x 3ton trucks 3 Wiles Cookers 3 Trlrs 2 x 15cwt	650 343
3.	1 Aust Hospital Laundry Unit	1	42	Stores		12
4.	126 Aust Gen Tpt	1	39		44 x 3ton Trucks	1257
5.	2/160 Supply Depot Pl	-	5	1 x 200 gall tank	1 x 3ton truck 1 x 15cwt "	49
6.	3 Mech Eqpt Pl plus 3 Sec Tipping Trucks Coy and 2/1 Bly Coms Coy	1	51	Qty Stores	9 x 3ton truck 8 Tractors	21 240 158
7.	2/2 Forestry Coy	-	15		2 x 3ton trucks 1.D4 Tractor	91
8.	7 Aust Line Maint Sec	-	1		1 x 3ton trucks	28
9.	106 Ord Veh Pk				2 x 15cwt trucks 1 x 3ton truck 1 DUKW	67 61
10.	19 Air Liaison Party					
11.	HQ 3 Coy 19 L of C Sigs	-	1		1 x 3ton truck	28
12.	10 A.L.P.	-	1			
13.	4 Aust Inf Tps wksp	1	14	Stores		24
					16 x 3ton trucks 1 x 15cwt " 1 Tractor	546
14.	7 Docks Op Coy	-	6	Stores		1
15.	32 L of C Salvage				1 x 3ton truck	28
16.	3 Farm Coy				1 x 3ton truck 1 x 15cwt "	48
	TOTALS	33	491		143	4532

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DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS RETURN No 180
(From 1000 hrs 8 Nov to 1000 hrs 9 Nov)

1. BY SEA

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH Offrs	STRENGTH ORs	FROM	TO	REMARKS
1	1 Aust Base Depot	1	14			
2	RAN		6	MORESBY	SYDNEY	Sld EMILE BERLINGER 8/11
3	USA Army	4	1			
4	Serials 11-36 on Return No 174 of 3/11	79	1131	LAE	JACQUINOT	Disembarked ex CAPE ALEXANDER
5	5 Aust Div	2	2	"	"	Disembarked ex Naval vessel 8/11
6	N.G Inf Bn	5	22	"	"	
	(natives)		139	"	"	
7	5 Aust Base Sub Area		1			Disembarked
	(natives)		32	"	"	M PEATE 8/11
8	Director Public Relations	2	4	"	"	" "
9	Med Evacuees	-	3	BOUGAIN-VILLE	AUST	Sld GARRISON 7/11
10	Escort	-	2	"	"	" "
11	3 Aust Div	1	-	"	"	" "
12	Serials 1-4 on Return No 178	1	152	LAE	MADANG	Disembarked ex SWARTEN-HONDT 8/11
13	Civilians	2	-	BUNA	LAE	Sailed AS60 9/11
14	7 Aust Inf Bn	1	7	LAE	TREASURY	Sailed S S NEED 8/11
15	109 Aust Bde Wksps	1	34	"	"	" "
16	23 Aust Fd Coy	-	7	"	"	" "
17	N.G. DETAILS	1	26	"	"	" "
18	131 AGT Coy	-	36	"	"	" "
19	109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	-	3	"	"	" "
20	14 Ind Pro Coy	-	7	"	"	" "
21	341 Aust LAD	-	12	LAE	BOUGAIN-VILLE	" "
22	317 Aust LAD	-	3	"	"	" "
23	2 Aust Fd Regt	32	297	"	"	" "
24	ANGAU	-	5	"	"	" "
25	ANGAU (Natives)		251	"	"	" "
26	1 Aust Mech Equip Wksp	1	51	"	"	" "
27	58 Aust Corps Fd Pk	1	15	"	"	" "
28	2 Aust MTN Bty	1	21	"	"	" "
29	213 Aust LAD	1	29	"	"	" "
30	6 Aust Inf Bn		2	"	"	" "
31	6 Aust Fd Amb	1	2	"	"	" "

2. BY AIR

1.	HQ First Aust Army	5	-	JACQUINOT	LAE
2.	HQ First Aust Army	4	4	LAE	AITAPE
3.	2/4 Aust Armd Regt	3	1	NADZAB	T'VILLE
4.	Duty Personnel	4	8	NADZAB	AUST
5.	Leave personnel	1	7	NADZAB	AUST

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AITAPE						
J EARLY	9/11	LAE	S J REED	AUST	15/12	On berth 25 Nov SYDNEY
NANCY HANKS			T CORWIN	AUST	13/11	Departed CAIRNS 7 Nov
F PARKMAN	11/11	LAE				
DUNTROON	11/11	AUST via ORO BAY	KATOOMBA	AUST	11/11	ex T'VILLE
			GORGON	AUST	20/11	ex T'VILLE
			RIVER DERWENT	AUST		to load ex SYDNEY
MADANG						
			J EARLY	LAE	11/11	ex AITAPE 8 Nov thence AITAPE
CAPE VICTORY	10/11	B'VILLE	F PARKMAN	AITAPE	13/11	Thence LAE
SANTA MONICA	14/11	B'VILLE				GORGON dep
SWARTENHONDT	12/11	LAE				4 Nov for
BUNGAREE						T'VILLE via MILNE BAY
PINSCHAFFEN						
LAE			ATLAS	AUST		to load ex SYDNEY
			ORMISTON	B'VILLE		to load ex T'VILLE for LAE.
NORMAC SEA	12/11	B'VILLE				
J S MORETON	10/11	JACQUINOT				
J OLIVER	14/11	B'VILLE	J EARLY	AITAPE	10/11	to load for MADANG and AITAPE.
			F PARKMAN	MADANG	14/11	thence JACQUINOT
			SWARTEN - HONDT	LAE	13/11	
			VAN DER BOSCH	AUST	10/11	ex SYDNEY
TALASEA HOSKINS						
JACQUINOT BAY						
			ANN McKIMM	AUST	20/11	ex SYDNEY & CAIRNS
			LM GARRISON	AUST	3/12	on berth BRISBANE 18 Nov
			VAN HEUTZ	AUST	1/12	on berth 16 Nov BRISBANE
			J S MORETON	LAE	12/11	ETD LAE 9 Nov
			SHAWNEE	MADANG	12/11	
			SWARTENHONDT	MADANG	13/11	ETD MADANG 12 Nov
			J ISAACSON	AUST	26/11	ex SYDNEY & CAIRNS
			C LUMIS)	AUST		on berth)
			EVANGELINE)	AUST		DARWIN 7/11)
F PEATE CAPE ALEXANDER	10/11	MADANG				

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	BY ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
BOUGAINVILLE						
			INDIAN VICTORY	AUST	26/11	ex SYDNEY And CAIRNS
			TORRENS	AUST	28/11	ex BRISBANE
			J LYKES	LAE	11/11	L M GARRISON
			MORMAC SEA	LAE	15/11	sailed for
			S J REED	LAE	10/11	AUST 7/11
			J OLIVER	LAE	18/11	
			SANTA MONICA	MADANG	17/11	to do second trip ex AUST
			CAPE VICTORY	MADANG	18/11	
			CAPE ALEX	MADANG	19/11	
			ARCHER	SYDNEY	16/11	thence for JACQUINOT S HOPKINS dep for EMIRAU 3 Nov
MORESBY						
			CHARGN	AUST	13/11	ex SYDNEY
			EDNA	AUST		ex SYDNEY EMILE BERLINGER dep for SYDNEY 8/11
MILNE BAY						
PORT AMSTERDAM						
			EAWOOD MEAD	AUST		ETD not set
HOLLANDIA						
LUDDINGTON ANHUI						
NEW BRITAIN						
			L M GARRISON	AUST		to load ex BRISBANE
			VAN HEUTZ			

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HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
Q Branch
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Q MATTERS CURRENT - 10 NOV 44.

Serial	Subject	Action By
1	A party to inspect American LCMs at various points and to ascertain availability of equipment and spare parts is to leave 11 Nov.	Infm
2 AITAPE	Owing to the high water table and the lack of suitable wood fuel, it is necessary to use distillate or diesel fuel for the destruction of faeces and kitchen refuse. The supply of used oil is not sufficient for this purpose. In view of the heavy requirements, ensure that provision action is taken.	AQMG
3	All information concerning the supply of Xmas fare has been received verbally through Canteens sources. Obtain confirmation from Adv LHQ of the arrangements made.	AQMG
4	In view of the fact that 13 Aust Inf Bde is to move to JACQUINOT BAY direct from DARWIN, ensure that sufficient supplies of ammunition will be at JACQUINOT BAY on arrival of the Bde.	AQMG
5	Prepare for submission to LHQ through Staff Duties a proposal for the allotment of one platoon of DUKWS ex 1 Aust Base Sub Area.	AQMG
6	Inform FORLAND that First Aust Army can accept the commitment for provision of supplies of all items common to Army and RAAF from LAE for GOODENOUGH, KIRIWINA, and WOODLARK Islands. It is noted that First Aust Army will not be required to provide transportation.	AQMG
7	XIV US Corps has advised that only 7,500 cubic feet of refrigeration can be made available by them permanently at TOROKINA. Inform LHQ accordingly and request addition to our previous demand of 28,000 cubic feet for BOUGAINVILLE. Also ask whether the proposals previously submitted by First Aust Army have been approved, and ask for particulars of dispatch of the refrigeration involved.	AQMG

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(As at 1200 hrs 10 Nov 44)

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
AITAPE						
NANCY HANKS			S.J.REED	AUST	15/12	On berth 25 Nov SYDNEY
F PARKMAN	16/11	LAE				
DUNTROON	11/11	AUST via ORO BAY	T CORWIN	AUST	13/11	Departed CAIRNS 7 Nov
			KATOOMBA	AUST	11/11	ex T'VILLE
			RIVER DERWENT	AUST		to load ex SYDNEY
MADANG						
			J EARLY	LAE		thence AITAPE
			CAPE ALEXANDER	JACQUINOT		to load for BOUGAINVILLE
			F PARKMAN	AITAPE	16/11	thence LAE
CAPE VICTORY	10/11	B'VILLE				GORGON dep
SANTA MONICA	14/11	B'VILLE				4 Nov for
SWARTENHONDT	12/11	LAE				T'VILLE via
BUNGAREE						MILNE BAY
MADSCHAFFEN						
			W H POINT	SYDNEY		Sld ex SYDNEY 7/11
LAE						
			ATLAS	AUST		to load ex SYDNEY
Anc CBS			ORMISTON(22)	T'VILLE		
NORMANBY	11/11	B'VILLE	J EARLY	AITAPE	10/11	to load for MADANG and AITAPE
J S MORETON	10/11	JACQUINOT				
J OLIVER	14/11	B'VILLE	F PARKMAN	MADANG	20/11	thence to JACQUINOT
			SWARTENHONDT	LAE	13/11	
			VAN DER BOSCH	AUST	12/11	ex SYDNEY
MILNE BAY						
			ANN McKIMM	AUST	20/11	ex SYDNEY and CAIRNS
			L M GARRISON	AUST	3/12	on berth BRISBANE 16 Nov
			VAN HEUTZ	AUST	1/12	on berth BRISBANE 16 Nov
			J.S.MORETON	LAE	12/11	[illegible]
			SHAWNEE	MADANG	12/11	
			SWARTENHONDT	MADANG	13/11	ETD MADANG 14 Nov
			J ISAACSON	AUST	26/11	ex SYDNEY and CAIRNS
			C LUMIS)	AUST		On berth)
			EVANGELINE)	AUST		DARWIN 7/11)
F PEATE						
CAPE ALEXANDER	10/11	MADANG				

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
BOUGAINVILLE						
J LYKES			INDIAN VICTORY	AUST	26/11	ex SYDNEY and CAIRNS
			TORRENS	AUST	25/11	ex BRISBANE
			MORMAC SEA	LAE	15/11	
			S J REED	LAE	10/11	
			J OLIVER	LAE	18/11	
			SANTA MONICA	MADANG	17/11	to do second trip ex AUST
			CAPE VICTORY	MADANG	18/11	
			CAPE ALEXANDER	MADANG	19/11	
			ARCHER	SYDNEY	16/11	thence for JACQUINOT.
						3 [illegible].
MORESBY						
			CHARON	AUST	13/11	ex SYDNEY
			EDNA	AUST		ex SYDNEY
MILNE BAY						
PORT AMSTERDAM			ELWOOD MEADE	AUST		ETD not set
HOLLANDIA						
LUDDINGTON			AMBUL	AITAPE		Sld ex AITAPE 6/11
			GORGON (14)	BRISBANE & CAIRNS		
NEW BRITAIN						
			L M GARRISON	AUST		to load ex BRISBANE
			VAN HEUTZ			

NOTE : ETA - Expected Time of Arrival at Destination
ETD - Expected Time of Departure from Loading Port

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DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION
2/1 AUST MOV & TN GP
6 AUST M C GP
3 AUST DOCKS GP
M C MORESBY
M C FINSCHAFFEN
M C MADANG
M C AITAPE
M C HOLLANDIA
M C GLOUCESTER
M C HOSKINS
M C JACQUINOT BAY
M G FORCE SEC AAGS
G (SD)
A
Q (2)
Q (MOV & TN)
CE (2)
CSO
MED
ORD
S & T
POSTAL (2)
FOR INFN:
2 AUST CORPS
ADV LHQ (FOR MOV)
FWD ECH LHQ (FOR MOV)
RANLO
GHQ REG OFFR LAE
WAR DIARY (2)
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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
10 Nov 44.

DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS RETURN No 161
(From 1000 hrs 9 Nov to 1000 hrs 10 Nov)

1. BY SEA

SERIAL		Strength Offrs/ORs		FROM	TO	REMARKS
1	Serials 14-30 on Return No 179 of 8/11	38	1982	LAE	BOUGAINVILLE	disembkd JOHN LYKES 9/10

2. AIR - GENERAL - (Courier a/c etc)

1.	5 Aust AAD	-	3	MORESBY	LAE	
2.	HQ 23 Inf Bde	-	5	LAE	BOUGAINVILLE	
3.	HQ 6 Aust Div	9	7	LAE	AITAPE	
4.	AIF	-	4	NADZAB	BOUGAINVILLE	
5.	2/14 Aust Fd Regt	-	16	NADZAB	TOWNSVILLE	
6.	HQ First Aust Army	4	2	MADANG	LAE	Col Q and party
7.	HQ First Aust Army	4	-	LAE	MORESBY	GOC and party
8.	3 Aust Div Pre Coy	1	3	NADZAB	AITAPE	
9.	1 Aust Port Maint Coy	-	4	"	"	

AIR - COMB and SPECIAL A/C

	No of A/C	FROM	TO	DETAILS
9 Comm Unit RAAF	1 C47	LAE	MORESBY	GOC First Aust Army & party due return 10 Nov
9 Comm Unit RAAF	1 BEAUFORT	MADANG	LAE	Col Q & party

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DISTRIBUTION
2 AUST CORPS
HQ ADV 2 ECH
D.F.O. NEW GUINEA
N G FORCE SEC AACS
G (OPS)
G (SD)
A
AMS
Q (2)
Q (MOV & TN)
CE (2)
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MED
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ORD
E & ME
POSTAL (2)
SALVAGE
AMEN
FILE (7)
WAR DIARY

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Subject : "SHARON" - SYDNEY TO MORESBY VIA MILNE BAY.

HQ FIRST Aust ARMY (AIR)
10 Nov 44.

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HQ FORCE SEC AACS	Q(M)	YMCA
DA & QMG	Q (MOV & TN)	S & P
G (OPS)	G2 (2)	ORD
G (SD)	MED	POSTAL (3)
A	AUST RED CROSS	RAMLO

Advice has been received that vessel "SHARON" loaded following pers and cargo for MILNE BAY and MORESBY . Vessel sailed ex SYDNEY 7/11.

2. FOR MILNE BAY

(a) PERSONNEL

Serial	Unit	Strength Offrs	ORs
1	RAN	13	109
2	1 Aust Landing Ships (Det)		1
3	Civilians	4	
	TOTAL	17	110

(b) CARGO

Serial	Unit	Cargo	Tons(m)
1	RAN	1 x 55 ft steel lighter (in 3 sections)	
2	Postal	23 Bags Mail	

3. FOR MORESBY

(a) PERSONNEL

Serial	Unit	Strength Offrs	ORs	
1	USA Army	1	-	
2	Civilians	5	-	
3.	Freight Conducting Officer	1	-	(VOYAGE ONLY)
	TOTAL	7	-	

(b) CARGO

Serial	Unit or Service	Cargo	Tons (m)
1	S & T	Qty Gen Rations	2245 (Ins Freezer 65 Cooler 215)
2.	RAN	Engr Stores	112

3. FOR MORESBY (contd)

(b) CARGO (contd)

Serial	Unit or Service	Cargo	Tons(m)
3	ORD	QTY ORD Stores incl 1 Lathe Cased	40
4.	CANTEEN	Gen Stores	89 (incl Freezer 6 Cooler 6)
5.	MEDICAL	Medical Stores	8
6.	STATIONERY	Qty Stationery	5
7.	M.F.O.	Pkges MFO	1
8.	POSTAL	65 Bags Mail	2
9.	RAN	Qty gen stores (incl 2 Buoys)	119 (incl Freezer 12 Cooler 20)
10.	RAAF	Stores	163
11.	US Army	Stores	161 (incl Freezer 21 Cooler 140)
12.	ANGAU	Qty Stores	203
13.	ANC	Qty Stores	7
14.	AUST RED CROSS	Qty Stores	9
15.	Y.M.C.A.	QTY Stores	2
		TOTAL	3166

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HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
Q Branch

AQMG's CONFERENCE NOTES - 9/10 NOV 44

Distillate - AITAPE

1. S&T states that present provision action for distillate will be adequate to cover EB & SR requirements and also anticipated hy demands for this fuel for disposal of refuse by burning. — Infm

MARMON-HARRINGTON Tractors - 3 Base Sub Area

2. 3 Aust Base Sub Area request provision 6 tractors MH to assist in beaching of landing craft. — Q(Maint) Ord

3. Ascertain availability - vehs with winch gear are preferable.

Sigs School - YALU

4. LAE Base Sub Area has been given a target date of 30 Nov for completion school accn plus such rd work as is necessary to permit ingress to and egress from the school.
CE states that this target is within the capacity of LAE Base engrs. — Infm Q(Wks)

5. The balance of rd work to be undertaken as eqpt becomes available.

Sup Dropping Parachutes

6. Parachutes despatched or awaiting shipment will provide the following holdings :- — Infm

at TOROKINA - 1050
at ATTAPE - 1000

G4-ing of Vehs

7. AEME will issue a technical instr to standardise G4 procedure. — AEME

Tip Trucks

8. 126 tip trucks have been allotted ex AUST for First Aust Army area. — Infm
Allocation :-

2 Aust Corps	22
5 Aust Div	17
6 Aust Div	9
3 Aust Base Sub Area	13
4 Aust Base Sub Area	17
5 Aust Base Sub Area	5
LAE Base Sub Area	14
Area Comd MORESBY	8
Area Comd MADANG	21
	126

This meets our requirements for tip trucks.

Sup of RAAF - GOODENOUGH, WOODLARK, KIRIWINA

6. First Aust Army has accepted responsibility for sup of RAAF at above islands, with common user items. Infm
RAAF will take delivery at LAE, and the Army will have no responsibility for tn.

7. NORCOM RAAF have been asked to send a rep to First Aust Army to make detailed arrangements.

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A/AQMG First Aust Army

DISTRIBUTION

Col Q
AQ
Q (Maint)
Q (Misc)
Q (Wks)
Staff Capt AQ
Mov & Tn
S&T
Ord
AEME
Postal
Sal
Labor
Camp
LAE Base Sub Area
War Diary (2)
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ADV LHQ (3)

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
109 Nov 44

PROPOSED SHIPPING ALLOTMENTS AS AT 8 NOV

1. This schedule is compiled with respect to personnel, vehicles and general cargo

2. Details of personnel and vehicles by units are shown where possible, otherwise estimated number of Aust troops to be embarked is given.

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GOC FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

SERIAL	VESSEL	UNIT	ALLOTMENT PERS	ALLOTMENT VEHS	ALLOTMENT STORES	FROM PORT	ETD	TO PORT	ETA	REMARKS
1	J S HOUSTON	Native labour European Natives	2 95			1950	LAE	10/11	JACQUINOT	11/11	
		det 4 Cipher Sec	10								
		HQ and 1 Pl 2/2 Forestry Coy	71	16							
		28 Malarial Control Unit	27	7							
		One Sec 8 Fd Bakery Pl	18								
		det 7 Aust Base Postal Unit	10	1							
		16 AOD	217	40							
		17 AAD	138	6							
		2/245 Sup Dep Pl	33	2							
		9 Aust Fd Coy	251	39							
		det 3 Mech Eqpt Wksps	2	8							
		55 Sup Dep Pl	33	2							
		472 LAA Sp	150	5							
		bal 33 Docks Op Coy	42	2							
		bal Pl 1 Port Maint Coy	15	5							
		16 Malarial Control Unit	8	9							
		HQ Adv 2 Mob	2	1							
		det 55 Port Craft Coy	16								
		det 2 Coy 554 ES & T Regt	3								
		Total	1193	215							

2	CAPE VICTORY	HQ Plant Holding Coy 2/1 Fld Construn Coy	46	32	46	MADANG	10/11	BOUGAINVILLE	14/11	
		2/1 Fd Hygiene Control Unit	17	3						
		2/9 Lab	15	6						
		61 Aust Inf Bn	764	19	287					
		244 Sup Dep Pl	31	4	13					
		HQ 7 Inf Bde Sp	127	13	63					
		241 LAD	17	5						
		7 Bde Sig Sec	54	4	23					
		One Coy 11 Fd Amb	67	4	53					
		5 Fd Coy (less 1 Pl)	180	51	54					
		Total	1318	146	539					
3	MORMAC SEA	bal HQ 2 Aust Corps incl Comd Gp approx	480	52		LAE	12/11	BOUGAINVILLE	15/11	
		bal Rear HQ 3 Div and Div Tps excl 53 Fd Pk Coy	350	113						
		2/6 Cav Commando Sqn	155	2						
		bal 4 Fd Regt	45							
		bal 8 Fd Amb	203							
		63 Aust Dental Unit	41	2						
		Tasforce Concert Party	24	5						
		3 Aust Adv 2 Bch	16							
		126 Bde Wksps	92							
		HQ and Sig Sec 1 Water Tpt Gp	45							
		6 Fd Bakery Pl (for subsequent move to GREEN IS)	16							
		Rear det NG Details Depot	26							
		Fill to capacity NG Details approx	100							
		Total	1595	174						
4	SWARTENHONDT	Adv Party 5 Base Sub Area	16	13	60	MADANG	12/11	JACQUINOT	16/11	
		" " 91 Aust Op Sec	5	7	5					
		" " 43 DCMS	5	5	125					
		" " HQ Sec AACS	3	3	105					
		" " Sigs 2 Div	4	4	23					
		" " 165 AGT Coy (less 1 Pl & Wksp Sec)	20	20						
		Native Labour Europeans	9							
		Natives	600		90					
		Adv Party Sec Amb Tpt	2	1						
		Total	669	57	408					

SER IAL	VESSEL	U.I.	LOADING: PERS	LOADING: TONS	LOADING: CARGO M³	PORT	ARR	DISCHARGE PORT	DEP	REMARKS
5	JAMES OLIVER	bal HQ 2 Aust Corps	1	1		LAE	14/11	BOUGAINVILLE	17/11	
		2/4 FAD	15	7						
		bal 126 Fde Wksps	20	19						
		126 Fde Ord Mi Pk	29	10						
		bal 55 Coy EM Pk	37	47						
		bal HQ 81g Sec 1 Water Tpt Gp	4	5						
		53 Fd Pk Coy	63	73						
		bal 7 CD . Pl	2	1						
		Native Lab.ur Europeans	5							
		Natives	250							
		A Coy 1 NGIB Europeans	25	1						
		Natives	138							
		Total	249	164						
6	SANTA MONICA	25 Aust Inf Bn	714	21	110	MADANG	14/11	BOUGAINVILLE	18/11	
		84 Mob Cinema	2	2						
		86 Mob Cinema	2	1						
		9 Aust Inf Bn	755	13	170					
		If space is available vehicles for 129 AGT Coy								
		Totals	1473	37	280					
7	JULAL EARLY	HQ 22 Sup Dep Coy	12	4	270	LAE	15/11	AITAPE	22/11	Vessel routed via MADANG
		det 126 Gen Tpt Coy	98	38						
		52 MLFOD Pl	27	2						
		5 Fd Bakery Pl	36	1						
		One Pl 1 Port Maint Coy	22	7						
		One Pl 2 MAG	33	18						
		det 1 Fd Censorship Coy	3							
		det 9 L of C Stationary Dep	8							
		7 Canvas Unit	9	3						
		37 Depot Cash Office	4	1						
		det 1 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit	15	5						
		85 Mobile Cinema	3	2						
		RAAF	9							
		det 23 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit (type B)	2	1		LAE	15/11	MADANG	16/11	
		General cargo incl POL			5980	"	"	"	"	
		Any slmt outs ex FRANCIS PARKMAN plus any available cargo				MADANG	21/11	AITAPE	22/11	
		Totals	271	91	6250					

8	SHANKEEN	HQ 5 Base Sub Area brl 91 Aust Op Sec 48 DCRE Wksps NG Force Sec AACS Sigs 2 Aust Div Native Labour Europeans Natives Load if possible maximum vehicles 165 AGT Coy Totals	45 26 11 43 55 4 305 489			MADANG	15/11	JACQUINOT	16/11	
9	CAPE ALEXANDER	bal 7 Bde and Base Tps approx	643	220		MADANG	16/11	BOUGAINVILLE	20/11	
10	C CHARON	Leave Draft approx General cargo approx Total	130 130		3000 3000	MORESBY	18/11	SYDNEY	24/11	
11	JAMES S MORRISON	Portion 6 Inf Bde Gps for Phase C approx Total	1200 1200	170 170	900 900	LAE	21/11	JACQUINOT	22/11	Replaces S G MEED
12	FRANCIS PALMAN	Fd Tps for Phase C bal 6 Inf Bde tps and adv party 13 Inf Bde for Phase C approx	651 400	176	894	MADANG LAE		JACQUINOT JACQUINOT		
			1051	176	894					

DISTRIBUTION

CGS
DA & QMG
G(OPS)
G(SD)
A
Q (2)
POSTAL (2)
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AT

Subject : "S S MEEP" - LAE TO TREASURY AND BOUGAINVILLE.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
16 Nov 44.

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2 AUST CORPS	Q (MOV & TN)	AMENITIES	RAMLO
DA & QMG	BRA	YMCA	
G (OPS)	CE (2)	S & T	
G (SD)	CSO	ORD	
A	MND	E & ME	
Q (4)	PRO	POSTAL (3)	

1. Advice has been received that vessel "S S MEEP" landed following pers, cargo and vehs at LAE for TREASURY and BOUGAINVILLE.

2. FOR TREASURY

(a) PERSONNEL

Serial	Unit	Strength Offrs	Strength ORs
1	7 Aust Inf Bn	1	7
2.	109 Aust Bde Wksps	1	34
3.	23 Aust Fd Coy		7
4.	H.G. Details	1	26
5.	131 AGT Coy		36
6.	109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk		3
7.	14 Ind Prev Coy		7
	Totals	3	120

(b) CARGO

Serial	Unit	Cargo	Vehs	Tons (m)
1.	109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk		1 x 3 ton stores 1 x Jeep 1 x Jeep Trlr	9
2.	131 AGT Coy		2 x Jeeps 1 x 15 cwt 15 x 3 ton Trucks 1 x 3 ton H/down 1 x 3 ton Garage 1 x 3 ton Stores 1 x 3 ton Water	611
3.	17 Aust Fd Amb		1 x 3 ton Amb	36
4.	109 Aust Bde Wksps		1 x 3 ton Stores 1 x 3 ton recovery 3 x Jeeps 1 x Water Trlr 2 x Jeep Trlrs 1 x ? ton Garage	171
5.	7 Aust Inf Bn		1 x 3 ton Water	24
6.	23 Aust Fd Coy		5 x 3 ton Tippers 1 x 3 ton W/Winch 1 x D5 Dozer 1 x Lighting Plant Trlr	226

2. (b) CARGO(contd)

Serial	Unit	Cargo	Vehs	Tons (m)
7	244 ASD RE		1 x 15 cwt Truck	23
	14 Aust Inf Bde Coy		1 x Jeep 2 x M/cycle	10
		Totals	49 vehs and 2 M/cycles	1152

3. FOR PORTSAINTVILLE

(a) PERSONNEL

Serial	Unit	Strength Offrs	ORs
1.	341 Aust LAD		12
2.	317 Aust LAD		3
3.	2 Aust Fd Regt	32	297
4.	AFCAT		5
5.	AFCAT (natives)		251
6.	1 Aust Mech Engr Wksps	1	51
7.	58 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy	1	15
8.	2 Aust HTN Bty	1	21
9.	213 Aust LAD	1	29
10.	8 Aust Inf Bn		2
11.	8 Aust Fd Amb	1	2
	Totals	37	688 (including 251 natives)

(b) CARGO

Serial	Unit	Cargo	Vehs	Tons(m)
1	2 Aust Fd Regt	723 Pkges Arty Stores 3ty Stores 4096 Boxes Ammo	1 x 3 ton W/T 2 x 15cwt trucks 1 x 3 ton truck 2 x water Trlrs 26x Jeep Trlrs 18x 3 ton Trucks 30x Jeeps 16x 25 Pdrs(25x1)Guns 6x 25 pdrs(SHORT) Guns	140 15 165

3. (b) CARGO (contd)

Serial	Unit	Cargo	Vehs	Tons(m
1.	2 Aust Fd Regt		3 x Jeeps 3 x Jeep Trlrs 1 x 15 Cwt Truck 1 x M/cycle	1213
2.	213 Aust LAD	19 Pkges Equip	5 x Jeeps 2 x 15 cwt trucks 1 x 3 ton MACH Truck 1 x Recovery (6x6) 3 x Jeep Trlrs	3 141
3.	ANGAU	485 Pkges Rations		18
4.	2 Aust MTN Bty		3 x 15 cwt Trucks 4 x Jeeps 2 x Water Trlrs	111
5.	DADST	4723 Pkges Emergency & Op Rations		153
6.	53 Aust Fd Pk	48 Crates Iron 4 C/s Tools		23
7.	Amenities Offr 2 Aust Corps	51 Pkges Stores		11
8.	16 AAOD	3175 Pkges Stores		232
9.	58 Corps Fd Pk		1 x Jeep 4 x 3 ton trucks 2 x 3 ton MACH 6 x 3 ton Tipping 2 x 20 ton Transporters 2 x Trlr Compressor 2 x Auto Patrols 2 x Mech Shovels 6 x Tractors W/Dozers 1 x Grader Drawn 1 x Plough 1 x Ripper	738
10	1 Aust Mech Engt Wkshps		1 x Jeep 2 x 15 cwt Trucks 1 x 3 ton Truck 2 x Trlrs Milders 1 x Trlr Compressor 2 x Water Trlrs	127
		71 Crates Mech Eqpt and 28 crates Kitchen Goods		101
11.	341 Aust LAD		1 x 3 ton B/down 1 x 3 ton Binned 1 x 3 ton Garage 1 x Jeep 1 x 3 ton Truck 1 x 15 cwt Truck	
		6 C/s Equip		189
12.	ABPO	366 Bags Mail		30
13.	131 AGT		2 x 3 ton Trucks	56
14.	2 Aust Fd Regt		12 x 3 ton Trucks	360
15.	2 Aust MTN Coy	182 Pkges Equip 600 Boxes Ammo 40 C/s Grenades	4 x Guns 75 MM 6 x Jeeps 6 x Jeep Trlrs	35 66
16.	3 Aust Corps Sigs			

3 (b) 04865 (contd)

Serial	Unit	Cargo	Vehs	Tons(m)
17	Y.M.C.A.		1 x Jeep 1 x Jeep Trlr	10
18	F.E.L.O.		1 x Jeep Trlr	3
		TOTALS	213 Vehs incl 28 Guns	3930

4. Vessel sailed 6 Nov 44.

P.J. Cunningham, Capt Brig.
for DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
11 NOV 44.

DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS RETURN No 182
(From 1000 hrs 10 [illegible] to 1000 hrs 11 Nov)

BY SEA

Serial	UNIT	STRENGTH Offrs	ORs	FROM	TO	REMARKS
1	Serials 2/13Return No 179	33	491	MADANG	AITAPE	Disembkd by PARKHAM
2	Det 4Aust Cipher Sec	1	9	LAE	JACQUINOT	Sld S MORTON 10 Nov
3	22Mal Cont Unit	-	11	"	"	
4	Det 7Base Postal	-	10	"	"	
5	17 AAD	5	127	"	"	
6	2/245 ASD Pl	2	26	"	"	
7	Det 3 ME W/shops	1	1	"	"	
8	472 Wvy AA	2	124	"	"	
9	Bal 33Docks	2	36	"	"	
10	55 Port Craft	1	9	"	"	
11	B Coy 2/3 S&B Regt	-	2	"	"	
12	A A C S	-	2	"	"	
13	2/8 A G H	1	-	"	"	
14	MIL HIS Fd Team	1	1	"	"	
15	29 Line Sec	2	51	"	"	
16	R A N 2/2	1	1	"	"	
17	1 Pl/Forestry Coy	3	68	"	"	
18	8 Fd Baking Pl	-	18	"	"	
19	18 A O D	18	201	"	"	
20	16 Mal Cont Unit	2	18	"	"	
21	9 Fd Coy	6	191	"	"	
22	55 Supply Depot Pl	2	26	"	"	
23	Det 1 Port Maint.	-	17	"	"	
24	N G Adv 2Ech	-	8	"	"	
25	Port Craft	-	3 (natives)	"	"	
26	N O R E G ANGAU	-	1	"	"	
27	G H Q Reg Office	1	2	"	"	
28	A I B.Natives	-	6	"	"	
29	10 L of C Prov Coy	-	5	"	"	
30	6 Inf Bde Sig Sec	-	2	"	"	

By SEA (cont)

Serial	UNIT	STRENGTH Offrs	STRENGTH ORs	FROM	TO	REMARKS
31	R P C		20 (Natives)	MORESBY	LAE	Sld 10 Nov

AIR GENERAL	STRENGTH Offrs	STRENGTH Ors	FROM	TO	REMARKS
H Q Detchln	5	29	MADANG	LAE	
" "		32	LAE	MADANG	
G Aust A A Ops Rm		6	TOWNSVILLE	HADZAB	
HQ First Aust Army	1	7	MORESBY	HADZAB	

AIR - GSO and SPECIAL A/C.

	No of A/C	FROM	TO	DETAILS
9 Svce Unit RAAF	1 C47	LAE	MORESBY	Miscellaneous
" " "	1 C47	MORESBY	LAE	personnel & stores
" " "	1 C47	MORESBY	LAE	GOC and party plus medical evacuations
" " "	1 C47 (two missions)	LAE	MADANG	Miscellaneous personnel & stores.
" " "	1 BEAUFORT	LAE	MADANG	Mail and personnel.
		MADANG	LAE	
21 Service Cp	1 C47 (drop)	HADZAB	KOKODA	native rations
"	1 C47	"	AITAPE/HOLLANDIA	Rations ETC.
"	2 C47	"	DUMPU	" "

R.H. Downing Lieut Colonel Brig.
D.A. & Q.M.G. First Aust Army (AIF

DISTRIBUTION

2 Aust Corps	CE(2)
HQ AIR & ADM	CSO
D F O [illegible] GUINEA	MED
[illegible] HQ A A C S	DENTAL
G(Ops)	S&T
G(Sy)	ORD
A	E & ME
A/Q	POSTAL (2)
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Q Branch.

A/MG's CONFERENCE NOTES - 11 NOV 44.

Vehs - DULFU.

1. As it is probable that NGIB will be withdrawn from DULFU, Q (Mov & Tn) will press again for aircraft to be made available to evacuate vehs. — Q (Mov) L.B.S.A.

Sheep.

2. Further shipments of live sheep are expected from AUST as suitable ships become available. They normally come forward in lots of 500. — Infn

Colour Patches.

3. Ord will ascertain the general position re supply of colour patches ex AUST. — Ord

Mail - HOSKINS.

4. RAAF advise that the Flying Boat will not go on from JACQUINOT to HOSKINS.
Posts will send a representative to GLOUCESTER. to endeavour to arrange for Americans to put a Piper Cub into HOSKINS for delivery and evacuation of mail — Posts

OR's Club - LAE.

5. LAE Base report that the buildings will be available for hand over to Canteens on 13 Nov. — Infn

Ord Veh Pk - LAE

6. Engineers have completed their recce of the proposed new site and confirm its suitability. LAE Base expect work to be commenced shortly. — Infn

Distribution to Arty.

7. Memos and Sigs distributed by Q to Arty will be distributed to:-
RAA
NOT
BRA. — Q staff

Fresh Rations - AITAPE.

8. 20 tons freezer cargo expected aboard "KATOOMBA" ETA AITAPE 11 Nov.
US Forces have promised to make available up to 100 tons freezer space to enable 3 Aust Base to accept cargo. — Infn

Maj.
A/A.MG First Aust Army.

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY
11 Nov 44

DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 122
(As at 1200 hrs 11 Nov 44)

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
AITAPE						
NANCY HANKS			BONTEKOT	AUST	3Dec	on berth CAIRNS 21 Nov
F PARKMAN	16/11	MADANG				
DUNTROON	11/11	AUST via ORO BAY	T CORWIN	AUST	13/11	Departed CAIRNS 7 Nov
			KATOOMBA	AUST	11/11	ex T'VILLE to load ex SYDNEY
			RIVER DERWENT			
			S J REED	AUST	15/12	On berth SYDNEY 25/11
MADANG			J EARLY	LAE	15/11	thence AITAPE
			CAPE ALEXANDER	JACQUINOT		to load for BOUGAINVILLE
SHAWNEE	14/11	JACQUINOT	F PARKMAN	AITAPE	18/11	thence LAE
CAPE VICTORY	10/11	BO'VILLE				
SANTA MONICA	14/11	BO'VILLE				GORGON dep 4 Nov for T'VILLE via MILNE BAY
BUNGAREE						
FINSCHHAFEN			W H POINT	SYDNEY		Sld ex Sydney 7/11
LAE			ATLAS	AUST		to load ex Sydney
			CAPE ORANGE	ex USASOS T'VILLE	12/11	
J OLIVER	14/11	BO'VILLE	ORMISTON (22)			
J EARLY	14/11	MADANG				
			F PARKMAN	MADANG	20/11	thence to JACQUINOT
			VAN DER BOSCH	AUST	12/11	ex SYDNEY
JACQUINOT BAY						
			ANN McKIM	AUST	20/11	ex SYDNEY and CAIRNS
F PRATT			L M GARRISON	AUST	3/12	on berth BRISBANE 18 Nov
CAPE ALEXANDER	10/11	MADANG	VAN HEUTZ	AUST	1/12	on berth BRISBANE 16 Nov
			J S MORTON	LAE	12/11	
			SHAWNEE	MADANG	17/11	
			SWARTENHONDT	MADANG	13/11	ETD MADANG 12 Nov
			J ISAACSON	AUST	26/11	ex SYDNEY and CAIRNS
			C LUIS	AUST		On berth DARWIN 7/11
			EVANGELINE			

PORT ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
TALASEA/HOSKINS					
BOUGAINVILLE					
J LYKES		INDIAN VICTORY	AUST	26/11	ex SYDNEY and CAIRNS
		TORRENS	AUST	28/11	ex BRISBANE
		MORMAC SEA	LAE	15/11	
		S J REED	LAE	10/11	
		J OLIVER	LAE	18/11	
		SANTA MONICA	MADANG	17/11	to do second trip ex AUST
		CAPE VICTORY	MADANG	18/11	
		CAPE ALEXANDER	MADANG	19/11	
		ARCHER	SYDNEY	30/11	thence for JACQUINOT
		CAPE ORANGE	LAE	29/11	
PORESBY		CHARON	AUST	13/11	ex SYDNEY
		EDNA	AUST		ex SYDNEY
MILNE BAY					
PORT AMSTERDAM		ELWOOD MEADE	AUST		ETD not cot
LAE					
LUDDINGTON		GORGON (14)	BRISBANE & CAIRNS		
FLORIDAN					
DAVIDSHANKS					
CHRISTON					
NEW BRITAIN		L M GARRISON	AUST		to load ex BRISBANE
		VAN HEUTZ			

NOTE - EPA - Expected Time of Arrival at Destination
EPD - Expected time of departure from Loading Port.

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HC Hollandia
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HC Jacquinot Bay
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HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
// Nov 44

APPRECIATION ON MADANG

OBJECT

1. (a) To decide the minimum number of Adm units and vehs required if Fd Tps are withdrawn from MADANG.

   (b) To decide minimum coverage necessary

2. Force to be Maintained.

   (a) Present intention - as at 31 Dec 44

Fd Tps	3900	
Base Tps	780	
	4680	
Plus RAAF	2800	
RAN		890 bread only
US Forces	22	
1	7500	
Natives	5500	

   (b) If Fd Tps withdrawn

RAAF	2800	
US Forces	22	
RAN		890 bread only
Base Tps	500	
	5350	Say 5400

   (c) Native personnel - 5000

   9925 native refugees located along coast and at present being rationed should be self supporting by 31 Dec.

   (d) RAN will sup itself but will require 890 bread rations This presents no difficulty.

Wan Bleasy.

3. Maint Commitment

		Res 30 days for 3400		Maint 30 days for 3400		
	ST					
1	Rations (European)	255	388	255	388	incl 2 fresh issues per week
2	Native Rations	275	420	275	420	for 5000 natives
3	Hosp Sups	2	3	2	3	200 beds in RAAF hosp.
4	Expense Stores	21	32	21	32	
5	Anti-Malarial Stores	2	3	2	3	
6	POL incl Range fuel, lubricants etc	635	872	635	872	500 gals per day RAAF 20000 gals per week 6000 gals rangefuel Range fuel for 500 AAIF personnel
7	Distillate incl & lubricants	41	57	41	57	280 gals per day for mech eqpt 34 pieces at 8 gals per day.
8	ORD Ord Stores (Gen Clothing & MT Spares)	-	-	5	12	50% of fuel maint for 550
9	Amn	3	3	-	-	30 days quick rate
10	Engrs Engr Stores	50	63	10	13	1/16 CRE dump
11	MED Med Stores	1	3	.5	1.5	
12	Canteens Mise Stores	53	89	53	89	incl RAAF & RAN
13	Beer	60	63	60	63	incl RAAF & RAN
14	Postal Surface mail	-	-	16	53	incl RAAF & RAN
15	Philanthropic. Amenities & ACF Stores	16	23	16	23	incl RAAF & RAN
	Total	1414	2019	1391	2029	

Shipping will be required for 2029 tons (M) per month.
Res are already held generally and it will only require special items to be sent forwarded to balance stocks.

4. Special Commitments

(a) Tpt. Requirements in lorry loads as at 31 Dec 44

RAAF	4 x 3 ton lorry loads daily Turn round approx 2 hrs	4
RAN	6 x 3 ton lorry loads POL daily Turn round 12 miles, approx 2 hrs	6
	1 x 3 ton lorry load bread daily Turn round 10 miles, approx 1 hr	1
ANGAU	Rations - 5 x 3 ton lorry loads daily Turn round 10 miles, approx 1½ hrs	5
	Native lab. 32 x 3 ton lorry loads twice daily at 25 natives per lorry Turn round 10 miles, approx 1 hr i.e. 2 hrs per day	64
BASE TPS	1 x 3 ton lorry load rations daily. Distributed to units say 2 - 3 hrs	1
	Lorry Loads per day	80

Average time occupied per day say 2 hrs.

NOTE: If RAAF tpt can be transferred from LAE and GOODENOUGH, then RAAF would be self sufficient.

In addition there will be other gen duties tasks in Base Area and, in particular, with a 600 ton ship arriving 4 times a month supplying 1400 tons DW per month, there will be an average of 16 lorry loads per day or 120 lorry loads each time a ship arrives. The maximum turn round does NOT exceed 10 miles therefore, in an 8 hr day, vehs could be turned round approx 3 times to clear docks in addition to carrying on the above tasks.

A res dump of 8000 tons DW of RAAF bombs is to be built up. Until it is complete, tpt will be needed to tpt bombs from docks to dumps as each shipment arrives.

Deduction. It is considered that one tpt pl plus AASC Wksp would be sufficient to meet commitments and allow for a percentage of vehs to be continually under repair.

(b) Engrs

(i) Present commitment is extension of airfd and constr of 12000 sq ft of hardstanding with present resources, this will take 52 working days. Wet weather will add 100% on to this time.

(ii) Maint -

Airfd, 20 miles of rd, bridges, drainage etc.
Requires one pl and tipping sec of Mech Eqpt Coy.

Fd engrs required as follows -

RAF Dump	3
Maint Water Sup	8
Maint Power Station	3
" refrigeration	2
Running Sawmill	3
Rds, drainage etc	12
Miscellaneous tasks, accn & docks maint	6
Total working number -	42

i.e. one pl fd coy = 65

DCE First Aust Army concurs with this requirement.

(iii) Stores

Most of the materials required for maint are available in the area. After discussion with DCE it is recommended that 1/16 of CRE dump only be held. Monthly maint should be approx 10 tons DW.

(e) Ord

(i) Gen

Discussed with Ord. It is agreed that main commitment will be for general stores and clothing. At present some items are supplied to RAAF but the quantity is so small that any issues would NOT affect holdings. With only 500 personnel in the area, it is suggested that units be authorised to hold either 15 or 30 days RES. Ord personnel other than storemen would NOT then be required. The OO on Area Comd could hold res for miscellaneous minor units.

It is recommended that this procedure be adopted.

(ii) Amn

Amn expenditure would be so small that only two men for maint and issue purposes would be required.

(d) Med

Discussed with AAG. He agrees that RAAF should be asked to accept hospitalisation of AMF Tps. No difficulty in arranging this is expected. Only unit required then would be one AAMCU (Type B).

(e) Other "A" Units

AAG concurs with remaining A units shown on suggested OOB

(f) AEME

Tpt Pl Wksp Sec would carry out 1st and 2nd Echelon repairs for AASC.Tpt, leaving approx 60-70 vehs the responsibility of AEME. ADME considers that one WO and 9 ORs could cope with this responsibility.

It is recommended that approval be obtained for these personnel to be carried supernumerary on the LAE Wksps WE and then attached to MADANG Area Comd.

5. Mov & Tn

(a) Monthly maint - 2050 tons (M)

Turn round incl 2 days for repair, rest, etc, per trip. - 10 days

One 700-800 ton ship making three trips would be necessary. It is understood that SS "MURIAMA" has a capacity of 800 tons (M). This ship has already been tentatively allotted for MADANG.

If This ship is NOT available then one x600 ton ship and one x200 tons ship would be required.

(b) Refrigerated Cargo

On three issues per week 45 tons DW per month would be required. It is NOT known whether the "MURIAMA" has refrigerated space. If NOT - one x15 ton DW ship making three trips per month would be required. S

(c) Refrigeration facilities.

MADANG Base Sub Area already has one x5000 cub ft and one x1200 cu ft refrigerators. Sup Dep Pl has one x300 cu ft. This capacity should be sufficient for commitment.

6. Coverage

ST	Sq Ft
Sup Dep Pl Res	6500
DID	7350
Fd Hky	2500
BIPOD	5000
Crd	
Gen Stores	3000
Amm	1200
Canteens	
Bulk Store & Issuing Pt	5000
Engr	
Dump - Stores & Adm	12,600
Sigs	
Adm Buildings	4000
Area HQ	
Area Adm	7200
Misc	
Dental	1200
MPO Store	450
MC Office Airstrip	450
PO & Fd Censorship	2400
Amenities, incl Red Cross, ACF	5000
Red Cross Hut Airstrip	800
	64,650
Existing Coverage excl Scale A accn & Messes	384,120
Reduction	319,470

7. BASE TPS PERSONNEL

Serial	UNIT	As at 31 Dec 44		If fd tps are withdrawn		Remarks
		Personnel	Vehs	Personnel	Vehs	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1	HQ Area Comd Type A	30	7	20	4	Type B
2	Det AMGAU	120	8	120	8	
3	Det EC Gp	8	1	8	1	
	ENGRS					
4	One Mech Eqpt Pl & one Tipping Sec	66	34	66	30	
5	One Pl Fd Coy	-	-	66	9	Bde Fd Coy available as at 31 Dec 44.
6	One Pl Port Ldg Craft Coy	79	2	-	-	
7	Det 1 Aust Water Amb Convoy	12	-	-	-	
	SIGS					
8	As Shown in OOB	56	12	56	12	May be reduced
	INT					
9	As Shown in OOB	6	1	6	1	
	ST					
10	One Tpt Pl & one Wksp Sec	74	42	74	42	
11	One Sup Dep Pl	33	4	33	4	
12	Fd Baking Pl	37	1	18	1	One Sec.
13	Farm Coy ½	14	3	7	2	
14	RIPCD Pl	29	2	29	2	
	ORD					
15	FOD Estimate	50	-	5	-	
16	FAD	7	-	2	-	
	AMES					
17	Det LAD Type A			10	4	
	MED					
18	CCS	128	14	-	-	
19	AANCU (Type B)	19	8	19	4	
20	Hosp Laundry (Type B)	6	2	-	-	
	DENTAL					
21	A B & C Secs Dental Unit	15	-	5	-	
	PAY					
22	Dep Cash Office Type B	7	1	3	1	
	PRO					
23	One Sec L of C Pro Coy	-	-	16	3	Bde Indep Pro Pl as at 31 Dec 44
	POSTAL					
24	Det Base Postal Unit	10	1	5	1	
	GRAVES					
25	Det Graves Regn Unit	3	-	3	-	
	CANTEENS					
26	Det AA Canteens Service	21	2	10	2	
	AMENITIES					
27	One Mobile Cinema	3	2	3	2	
	SAL					
28	Det L of C Sal Sec	10	1	10	1	May be reduced later
		843	148	594	134	
	Decrease			249	14	

NOTE: One pl fd coy and one sec pro added as it was intended, this work should be carried out by the Bde Gp units.

8. Summary

Monthly maint		1400 tons DW 2050 tons (M)
Refrigerated cargo per month		45 " "
Shipping required		1 x 800 ton ship
	or	1 x 600 " " and 1 x 200 ton ship
	plus	1 x 15 " refrigerated barge or ship

Coverage

Required	64,650
Existing	384,120
Decrease	319,470

Maj,
AQMG (Plans) First Aust Army.

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~~of white troops, provision of natives for~~

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HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
Q Branch
11 Nov 44.

Q MATTERS CURRENT - 11 NOV 44.

Serial	Subject	For Action By
1	Minutes will be sent to other Branches and Services only when necessary to supply permanent records. Normally, matters dealt with by "Q" affecting other Branches and Services will be finalised verbally and a precis of the matter filed when necessary.	Col (Mov) AQMG
2	All 5000 cubic feet refrigerators for transfer within New Guinea have either been dispatched or movement has been arranged. The disposal of reefers ex Australia is being reconsidered in view of the amount of refrigeration being made available by US forces at BOUGAINVILLE.	AQMG
3	A Routine Order concerning the use of sump oil for sealing of roads and destruction of refuse has been passed to "A" Branch for promulgation.	Infm
4	In regard to the appreciation now being made concerning the replacement by natives of white troops, provision of natives for tasks involving the handling of food or the driving and maintenance of vehicles will NOT be made.	Col (M) AQMG
5	Demands have been made by RAAF on LAE Base Sub Area for the supply of engineer stores, handtools, and certain other items. LAE Base Sub Area will submit to First Aust Army an outline of these demands for a ruling as to policy. On receipt of this, discuss the matter with the Services concerned and submit draft of reply.	AQMG
6	At the request of DDME, AQMG(E) will conduct tests to determine the best means of preserving vehicles standing for long periods in vehicle parks. Give authority for release of the equipment required by AQMG(E).	AQMG
	AQMG(E) will take all necessary action for conducting these tests.	AQMG(E)
7	At the request of medical, arrangements have been made for the supply of 450,000 2oz bottles of insect repellent from US supply, for use of Aust troops. "A" Branch are to advise quantities required at the several locations.	AAG AQMG
8	First Aust Army LO reports that no tents are held in Ord Depot TOROKINA. Look into this.	AQMG

Serial	Subject	For Action By
9	5 Aust Div reports shortage of Jeep trailers. Holdings in New Guinea generally are short. Only five Jeep trailers are held available for issue and these are at MORESBY. The requirement in Jeep trailers is covered in the submission made to LHQ in Q44 of 30 Sep, and the notes taken by Lt-Col Minogue for information of the MGO on 4 Oct. The matter has also been represented to DOS by DDOS.	Infm
10	3 Aust Base Sub Area reported verbally irregularity in delivery of Guinea Gold. Investigate.	AQMG
11	In view of the inability of Norcom to extend courier service JACQUINOT BAY to TALASEA, the postal service will endeavour to arrange delivery ex GLOUCESTER to TALASEA by Piper Cub to be provided by US Army.	Infm
12	To enable a check to be maintained on the supply of fresh rations to troops of First Aust Army, submit weekly a statement showing number of days issue at various points per week.	AQMG(P)
13	Ref vehicles held in Ord Vehicle Park, MADANG:- (a) Ascertain types of vehicles required in New Guinea by priorities. (b) Ascertain numbers of vehicles, vide sub-para (a) which are repairable in New Guinea in terms of DME Instn. (c) Then arrange movement to LAE of vehicles coming within both the above categories not required at Madang.	AQMG(P)
14	3 Aust Base Sub Area reports that six tractors are required on the beach at AITAPE for the mooring of LCTs during loading and unloading. It was thought that Marmon Harringtons could be used as a substitute. There are no tractors or Marmon Harringtons available, but 3-ton MT W/winch can be made available after repair. Ask 3 Aust Base Sub Area if these vehicles could be used for the above purpose.	AQMG

Lt-Col
A/Col Q First Aust Army.

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF
12 NOV 44

DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS RETURN NO 163
(From 1000 hrs 11Nov to 1000 hrs 12Nov)

-I MT SEA

SER IAL	UNIT	STRENGTH Offrs	ORs	FROM	TO	REMARKS
I	5 Aust Div	2	3	LAE	JACQUINOT	Disembkd Naval Vessel 9/I
2	HQ 5Aust Base Sub Area	I	I6	MADANG	JACQUINOT	Sld S/hondt IO/II
3	9I OF Sec		5	"	"	"
4	48 DCMS		5	"	"	"
5	AACS		5	"	"	"
6	I65 A C T Coy		22	"	"	"
7	I2Aust Small Ships Coy		I	"	"	"
8	357 Aust Supply Depot Pl		2	"	"	"
9	2 Aust Div Sigs		5	"	"	"
IO	ANGAU	I	8	"	"	"
II	ANGAU (natives)		60I	"	"	"
I2	I9 Aust Pigeon Loft		2	"	"	"
I3	HQ 2 Aust Div Sec	I	3	"	"	"
I4	6I Aust Inf Bn	37	735	MADANG	BOIVILLE	Sld CAPE VICTORY II/II
I5	224 Aust Sup Dep Pl	2	30		"	
I6	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde	II	63	"	"	
I7	20 Fd L Coy 2/I Aust Cd Regt	I	40	"	"	"
I8	287 Aust LAD	I	I8	"	"	"
I9	7 Aust Bde Sig Sec	I	50	"	"	"
20	A Coy II Aust Fd Amb	3	63	"	"	"
2I	5 Aust Fd Coy	5	I30	"	"	"
22	HQ & Plant Holding Pl 2/IAust Rly Constr Coy	2	48	"	"	"
23	2/I AUST M C U	2	I3	"	"	"
24	295 Aust L A D	2	I5	"	"	"
25	HQ 2 Aust Corps	80	335	LAE	BOIVILLE	Sld MORMAC SHA II/II
26	I ASD Pl	I	8	"	"	
27	3 Aust Div Salvage		24	"	"	"

2 BY AIR (cont)

USL No.	UNIT	STRENGTH Offrs	STRENGTH ORs	FROM	TO	REMARKS
28	Sec 16 L of C Prov Coy		12	LAE	BO/VILLE	Sld HQ NGAM SEA II/II
29	3 Aust Div Postal	I	8	"	"	"
30	38 Aust Cipher Sec	I	4	"	"	"
31	Det 2/8 A ist Comm Sqn	7	141	"	"	"
32	63 Aust Dental Unit	7	34	"	"	"
33	8 Aust Fd Amb	5	169	"	"	"
34	6 Aust Fd Sky Pl		14	"	"	"
35	Sig Sec 1 Aust Water Tst Gp		18	"	"	"
36	Det HQ Details Depot	I	90	"	"	"
37	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde	I		"	"	"
38	3 Aust Fit AASC	6	28	"	"	"
39	152 A G T Coy	3	55	"	"	"
40	3 Aust Div Prov Coy		16	"	"	"
41	B Coy 2/2 Aust Gd Regt	3	42	"	"	"
42	3 Aust Div Sigs	5	120	"	"	"
43	6 Aust Eng Sig Sec		15	"	"	"
44	4 Aust Fd Regt		54	"	"	"
45	Taskforce Concert Pty	I	23	"	"	"
46	3 Aust Adv 2 Ech	I	13	"	"	"
47	HQ I Aust Water Spt	3	29	"	"	"
48	126 Aust Bde W/shops	2	24	"	"	"
49	Aust Details	3	86	"	"	"
50	HQ First Aust Army	I		"	"	"

AIR GENERAL

1.	ANGAU	2	2	MADANG	LAE
2.	Sigs 2 Aust Div		4	MADANG	LAE
3.	HQ First Aust Army		7	MORESBY	LAE
4.	ANGAU	2	2	LAE	MT HAGEN
5.	INGIB		4	NADZAB	T'VILLE
6.	N.G. Details		9	NADZAB	T'VILLE

AIR COMN AND SPECIAL A/C

	No of A/C	FROM	TO	DETAILS
9 Comn Unit RAAF	1 Beaufort	LAE	MADANG via FINSCHAFFEN	DDME and party to FINSCH
		MADANG	LAE	mails etc for MADANG
21 Service GP USAAF	1 C47 (drop)	NADZAB	ANNENBURG	Maintenance PIB

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
I2 NOV 44

DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO I83.
(as at I200 hrs I2 Nov 44)

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
AITAPE						
H NANCY HANKS			MEXICO BONEKOT	CAIRNS AUST	I7/II 3Dec	on berth CAIRNS 21/II
F PARKMAN	I6/II	MADANG	T CORWIN	AUST	I3/II	Departed CAIRNS 7 Nov
DUNEROON	I3/II	AUST via ORO BAY	KATOOMBA RIVER DERWENT	AUST	II/II	ex T'VILLE toload ex SYDNEY
			S J REED	AUST	I5/I2	On berth SYDNEY 25/II
MADANG			J EARLY	LAE	I5/II	thence AITAPE
SHAWNEE	I4/II	JAC-QUINOT	CAPE ALEXANDER	JACQUINOT		to load for BO'VILLE
SANTA MONICA	I4/11	BO'VILLE	F PARKMAN	AITAPE	I8/II	thence LAE
BUNGAREE						
FINSCHHAFEN BONTEKOE	12/11	BRISBANE	W H POINT	SYDNEY		Sld ex SYDNEY 7/11
LAE			ATLAS	AUST		to load ex SYDNEY
J OLIVER	14/11	BO'VILLE	CAPE ORANGE ORMISTON(22)	ex USASOS T'VILLE	12/11	
J EARLY	14/11	MADANG	F PARKMAN	MADANG	20/11	thence to JACQUINOT
			VAN DER BOSCH	AUST	12/11	ex SYDNEY
JACQUINOT BAY			ANN McKIM	AUST	20/11	ex SYDNEY and CAIRNS
F PEATE		FINSCH thence LAE	LI M GARRISON	AUST	3/12	on berth BRISBANE 12/11
CAPE ALEXANDER	12/11	MADANG	VAN HEUTZ	AUST	1/12	on berth BRISBANE 16/11
			J S MORTON	LAE	12/11	
			SHAWNEE	MADANG	17/11	
			SWARTENHONDT	MADANG	13/11	
			J ISAACSON	AUST	26/11	ex SYDNEY and CAIRNS
			(C LEWIS) (E/ANGELINE)	AUST		on berth DARWIN 7/11
MORESBY			CHARON	AUST	13/11	ex SYDNEY
			EDNA	AUST		ex SYDNEY
MILNE BAY PORT MORESBY			ELWOOD MEADE	AUST		ETD not set

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
TALASEA KIRIWINA						
BOUGAINVILLE J LYKES			INDIAN VICTORY	AUST	26/11	ex SYDNEY and CAIRNS 11 Nov
			TORRENS	AUST	28/11	ex BRISBANE
S G REED			J OLIVER	LAE	13/11	
			SANTA MONICA	MADANG	17/11	to do second trip ex Aust
			CAPE VICTORY	MADANG	18/11	
			CAPE ALEXANDER	MADANG	19/11	
			ARCHER	SYDNEY	30/11	thence for JACQUINOT
			CAPE ORANGE	LAE	19/11	
			MORMAC SEA	LAE	15/11	
[illegible] LIDDINGTON FLORIDA DAVID SHARKS [illegible]	13/11	LAE	GORGON (14)	BRISBANE & CAIRNS		ORILSTON to LAE for AUST
[illegible]			L M GARRISON	AUST		to load ex BRISBANE
			VAN PEUTZ	AUST		

ETA -Expected Time of Arrival at Destination.
ETD- Expected Time of Departure from Loading Port.

for Griffiths Capt BRIG.
D.A & Q.M.G FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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M C Madang	
M C Aitape	FOR INFORMATION
M C Hollandia	2 Aust Corp
M C Gloucester	Adv L.H.Q.(For Mov)
M C Hoskins	Fwd Ech L.H.Q. (For Mov)
M C Jacquinot Bay	RANLO
M G Force Sec AACS	G.H.Q.Reg Offr Lae
G (SD)	War Diary (2)
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HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
Q Branch

Q MATTERS CURRENT - 12 NOV 44

Serial	Subject	Action By
1.	If all fd tps were to be withdrawn frcm MADANG it is estimated that the following reductions could be effected :- (a) Personnel: Base tps 249 Natives 1000 (b) Vehicles : 14 (c) Extra units required (not on projected OOB of MADANG Area Comd, tasks being performed by fd tps in the area): One pl Fd Coy det LAD Type A One sec Pro Coy. These troops have been allowed for in the estimated net reduction vide sub para (a). (d) Shipping: Equivalent one 800 ton cargo ship. Equivalent one 15 ton reefer craft. (e) Engr Stores: Large quantity salvageable timber and iron. (f) Gen Stores: Considerable reduction of reserves of all natures of stores.	Infm
2.	With a view to economy in the use of oil fuel for incineration of refuse at AITAPE, investigate feasibility of installing central bulk incinerators at that point.	AQMG
3.	A submission has been made to LHQ showing the requirements of First Aust Army of Xmas fare. Proposed method of distribution has been outlined and request has been made for delivery of specific quantities to specified points direct from AUST by specified dates.	Infm
4.	In consequence of the reduction in refrigeration space to be made available by US Forces to 4 Base Sub Area, a reallocation of reefers ex AUST has been made and a request is being submitted to LHQ for implementation. This reallocation will result in reefer capacity reaching the following proportion of the target figure :- TOROKINA 62% JAC BAY 64% AITAPE 65%	AQMG

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SUBJECT : " INDIAN VICTORY "

SYDNEY for BOUGAINVILLE via CAIRNS

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
12 NOV 44

Q2316

2 AUST CORPS	Q (MOV & TN)
DA & QMG	C E (2)
G (OPS)	MED
G (SD)	AUST RED CROSS
A	S & T
Q (4)	ORD
	POSTAL (2)
	RANLO

1. Advice has been received that vessel INDIAN VICTORY loaded following cargo at SYDNEY for BOUGAINVILLE.
Vessel departed SYDNEY for CAIRNS 11NOV 44.

2. For discharge BOUGAINVILLE

RATIONS		1288 tons
P O L		702 tons
ORD		527 tons
ENGRS		728 tons
MED	1 c/s Serum in ships freezer	
AUST ARMY MAIL		115 tons
AUST RED CROSS		37 tons
TOTAL		3397 tons

3397.

3. Vessel to load additional cargo at CAIRNS for BOUGAINVILLE

for DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
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FILE (6)

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Subject: "THOMAS CORWIN" - CAIRNS to AITAPE

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
12 Nov 44.

Q2315

6 AUST DIV
3 AUST BASE SUB AREA
W.O FORCE SIG AIGS — DRA — E & ME
D A & QMG — CE (2) — POSTAL (2)
G (OPS) — CSO — RAMLO
G (SD) — SVY
A — DENTAL
Q (4) — S & T
Q(MOV & TN) — ORD

1. Advice has been received that vessel "THOMAS CORWIN" loaded following pers,vehs and cargo at CAIRNS for AITAPE.

2. (a) PERSONNEL

Serial	Unit	Strength Offrs	ORs
1.	2/8 Aust Inf. Bn	42	760
2.	Sig Sec 6 Aust Div	11	146
3.	2/41 Aust Cipher Sec	2	12
4.	2/6 Aust Cav Commando Regt	4	125
5.	"E" Sec 2/4 Aust Dental Unit	1	4
6.	10 Pl 2/4 Aust Fd Coy	2	66
7.	HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde	2	1
8.	HQ 6 Aust Div		1
9.	6 Aust Div Postal		1
10.	HQ RAA		1
11.	2/6 Aust Svy Coy		2
12.	2/22 Aust Fd Pk Coy	1	12
13.	2/80 Aust LAD	2	
14.	AACS		1
15.	2/4 Aust Dental Unit		1
16.	3 Aust Mob Met Flight		1
17.	2/155 Wksps Pl		3
	TOTALS	67	1160

(b) VEHICLES

Serial	Unit	Vehs
1.	2/4 Aust Dental Unit	1 x Jeep) 1 x Trlr) loaded
2.	2/8 Aust Inf Bn	4 Tk. A Guns
3.	2/14 Aust Fd Coy	3 x Jeep Trlrs
4.	2/6 Aust Svy Bty	4 x Jeeps) 4 x Jeep Trlrs)loaded
5.	HQ 2/5 Aust Sup Dep	2 x Jeeps) 2 x Jeep Trlrs)loaded
6.	AACS	1 x Jeep) 1 x Jeep Trlr) loaded
7.	HQ RAA 6 Aust Div	3 x Jeeps) 3 x Jeep Trlrs)loaded
8.	3 Aust Mob Met Flight	2 x Jeeps) 2 x Trlrs) loaded

2. (b) VEHICLES (Contd)

Serial	Unit	Vehs
9.	HQ 2/3 AGT Coy	4 x Jeeps) 4 x Jeep Trlrs) loaded
10.	2/20 ASD Pl	2 x Jeeps) 2 x Jeep Trlrs) loaded
11.	135 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	7 x GMC(6 wheeled vehs) loaded
12.	135 Aust Bde Wkshps	2 x GMC(6 wheeled vehs) loaded 1 x Water Trlr (150 gall)
13.	Rear HQ 6 Aust Div	1 x 3 ton truck) 1 x GMC(6 wheeled veh)) 2 x Jeeps) 2 x Jeep Trlrs)
14.	2/22 Aust Fd Pk Coy	3 x Jeeps 3 x Jeep Trlrs 11 x Tipping Trucks 1 x Trlr Air Compressor
15.	2/22 Aust Fd Pk Coy	1 x Trlr Bomb Disposal 5 x Semi Trlrs loaded
16.	2/80 Aust LAD	2 x Jeeps) 2 x Jeep Trlrs) loaded 1 x B/down Diamond T)
17.	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	1 x Jeep) 1 x Jeep Trlr) loaded
18.	25 Aust Inf Bn	2 x Jeeps) 2 x Jeep Trlrs)loaded
19.	2/6 Aust Inf Bn	2 x Jeeps) 2 x Jeep Trlrs)loaded
20.	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	1 x Jeep) 1 x Jeep Trlr)loaded
21.	6 Aust Div Postal Unit	3 x Jeeps) 3 x Jeep Trlrs) loaded
22.	2/155 Aust Wkshp Pl	6 x Jeeps) 3 x Trlrs(2 wheeled)) loaded
23.	2/4 Aust Tpt Pl(TS)	1 x GMC (6 wheeled)(loaded) 4 x Jeeps
24.	2/6 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)	2 x Water Trlrs (150 gall) 4 x Jeeps 6 x Trucks (6x6) (loaded)
25.	2/3 Aust Wksp Pl	1 x Jeep
	Total	135 Vehs and 4 Tk A Guns

(c) Total cargo loaded 2952 (M) tons and 18 tons DF - includes 900 packages Tentage (6 Aust Div) and qty of Unit Equip. Also 1539 cases stores for Aust Supply Officer.

(3) Vessel sailed 7 Nov 44.

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Subject : " GORDON " (14) BRISBANE AND CAIRNS TO HOLLANDIA.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
13 Nov 44.
Q.2422

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G (OPS)
G (SD)
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Q (4)
Q(MOV & TN)
CE (2)
CSO
SVY
PRO
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E & ME
POSTAL (2)
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1. Advice has been received that vessel "GORDON" (voy 14) will lead following pers, vehs and cargo for HOLLANDIA.

2. (a) EX BRISBANE

(i) General Cargo, Stores and Vehs.

Serial	Consignor	Description	Tons(m)
1.	Camp Comdt Adv LHQ	Gen Stores incl 2 x 5 KVA Generators	120
2.	DE in G	1 x 25 KVA Generators and 6 Refrigerators	14
3.	7 AROD	Ord Stores	20
4.	DSO in G	4 x Generator Trlrs	54
		Total	208

(ii) Units and Dets

Serial	Unit or Det	Approx Strength All Ranks	Stores Tons(m)	Vehs
5.	Det Adv LHQ	150	-	5 x Jeeps
6.	One Sec 2/3 Aust L of C Pro Coy	16	-	2 x Jeeps 4 x M/cycle
7.	207 Aust LAD	10	-	1 x Jeep
8.	HQ 23 L of C Sigs	52	93	1 x Jeep
9.	24 DR Section	21	2	10 x Jeeps
10.	5 Op Sec	28	7	1 x Jeep
11.	0 Line Sec	60	162	1 x Jeep
12.	16 Maint Sec	25	19	1 x Jeep
13.	4 Tech Maint Sec	22	6	1 x Jeep
14.	37 Wireless Sec (Hy)	13	36	1 x Jeep
	TOTALS	397	327	27 vehs & 4 M/cycles

NOTE Freezer/cooler cargo will be loaded to capacity, on basis 60% US and 40% AMF for discharge at destination and/or another port as necessary

2. (b) EX CAIRNS

Units and Data.

Serial	Unit or Det	Approx Strength All Ranks	Stores Tons(m)	Vehs
15.	2/1 Aust Topo Svy Coy	142	103	15 incl 2 x 25 KVA Generators & 2 x Tractor Survey
16.	10 Aust Wireless Sec (HY)	38	38	6 x Jeeps 6 x Jeep Trlrs
17.	Det 2/2 Aust(unit obliterated on advice)	7		
	TOTALS	187	141	31

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for DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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Subject : " TORRENS " - BRISBANE TO BOUGAINVILLE.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
13 Nov 44.

Q 2318

2 AUST CORPS
4 AUST BASE SUB AREA Q (4)
[illegible] Q (MOV & TN)
3 (OIC) POSTAL (2)
3 (SI) RANLO
A

1. Advice has been received that vessel " TORRENS " will embark following pers at BRISBANE for BOUGAINVILLE at an early date.

PERSONNEL

Serial	Unit	Strength All Ranks	Stores Tons (m)
1.	Dets 29 Aust Inf Bde .	1,600	Light Equip not exceeding 250 (m) Tons

[signature] Brig.
for DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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HQ First Aust Army (AIF
Q Branch.

Q MATTERS CURRENT - 13 NOV 44

Serial	Subject	Action By
1.	RAAF are to assume responsibility for construction and maintenance of air strips in FAA area. Obtain from RAE proposals for re-allocation of engineer units in consequence of the foregoing.	AQMG
2.	DDST advises that eqpt for the implementation of a Bulk Petrol Supply project is now on its way to Lae. Lae Base Sub-Area expresses opinion that original scheme is not now warranted. Examine the position and report whether you consider fresh technical appreciation should be made with a view to revision of the original plan.	AQMG (P
3.	It has been reported by AEME that considerable workshops tasks have been performed for AEGPCB and not debited to the Board. The policy is that all services performed by the Army for AEGPCB shall be charged to the Board. Ensure that this is being done.	AQMG
4.	Bring the following matters to the attention of Camp and have action taken by appropriate services:-	
	(a) Reliable OR members of No 1 ORs' Mess report inefficient cooking, particularly of fresh commodities.	
	(b) An inspection of No 3 ORs' Mess reveals unusual number of flies.	
	(c) A good deal of litter was seen in the men's lines. A daily "emu" parade of 10 minutes at Reveille would maintain the lines in good condition.	
	(d) It is reported that no sox are available from Q Store.	AAG & AQMG
5.	CSO has made a submission for the erection of two new huts each 60 x 20 at a new site. Submission appears to have merit. If G concur arrange construction.	AQMG

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A/Col Q First Aust Army

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3. Col (Mov)
4. AQMG - Pass to AQMG (P)
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HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
13 Nov 44

AQMG's CONFERENCE NOTES 13 NOV 44

Colour Patches

1. Ord report gen shortage of colour patches in ACD. There are no stocks of First Aust Army colour patches. Demands have been placed on AUST, but these items are low on the production list. — Infm

Blankets - Mite-Proofing

2. Ord state that tests are still being carried out in conjunction with AD Hyg. Results will not be available for some weeks. — Infm

ORs' Club - LAE

3. 70 natives have been provided -
   - 25 trained house boys
   - 45 garden boys and gen duties.

   Club is expected to open in 7/10 days. — Infm

Stationery for 3 Base Sub Area

4. Arrange, if possible, for their requirements to be despatched per JURAL EARLY ETD 14 Nov. — Q (Maint)

Airfd Constr & Maint

5. RAAF will be responsible for this work in First Aust Army area. — Infm

Domestic Refrig for HQ 3 Aust Base Sub Area

6. CE has been instructed to despatch a domestic refrig to 3 Aust Base when one becomes available ex Engr Dump LAE. — Q (Wks)

Central Garbage Incinerators

7. Q (Wks) is discussing with Engrs the practicability of building area incinerators at AITAPE instead of unit incinerators. This should result in saving of fuel. — Q (Wks)

Maj.
A/AQMG First Aust Army.

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Q (Maint)
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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

13 NOV 44

DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 124
(as at 1200 hrs 13 Nov 44)

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
AITAPE			J ISAACSON	AUST		ex SYDNEY
H HANKS			MEXICO	CAIRNS	17/11	
F PARKHAM	17/11	MADANG	RIVER DERWENT			
DUNBOON	13/11	AUST via GEO BAY	S J REED	AUST	15/12	on berth SYDNEY 25/11
T CORWIN						
KATOOMBA			J EARLY	MADANG	16/11	
MADANG			J EARLY	LAE	15/11	thence AITAPE
SHANNEN	14/11	JACQUINOT	CAPE ALEXANDER	JACQUINOT	15/11	to load for B'VILLE
SANTA MONICA	14/11	B'VILLE				
DUNGAREE						
FINSCHHAFEN						
BONTEKOE	12/11	BRISBANE	W H POINT	SYDNEY		Sld ex SYDNEY 7/11
LAE						
J OLIVER	14/11	B'VILLE	ATLAS	AUST		To load ex SYDNEY
			CAPE ORANGE	ex USASOS		
J EARLY	14/11	MADANG	ORISTON(22)	T'VILLE		
			F PARKHAM	AITAPE	18/11	Thence to JACQUINOT
			VAN DER BOSCH	AUST	12/11	ex SYDNEY
JACQUINOT BAY						
F PEATE			ANN McKIM	AUST	25/11	ex SYDNEY 11/11 and CAIRNS
			L M GARRISON	AUST	3/12	on berth BRISBANE 18/11
			VAN HEUTZ	AUST	1/12	on berth BRISBANE 16/11
			J S MORETON	LAE	12/11	
			SHANNEN	MADANG	17/11	
			SWARTENBONDT	MADANG	18/11	
			BONTEKOE	AUST	3/12	ex T'VILLE
			C LUNDS EVANGELINE	AUST		on berth DARWIN 17/11
			W B ROGERS	AUST		ex SYDNEY on on berth 18/11
			JANE ADAMS	AUST		ex Darwin 22 berth 13/11

IN PORT	ETD	POE	EN ROUTE	PROC	ETA	REMARKS
NEW BRITAIN			L I: GARRISCN	AUST		to load ex BRISBANE
			VAN HEUTZ	AUST		
MORESBY			CHARON	AUST	12/11	ex SYDNEY
			MINA	AUST	23/11	ex SYDNEY 11/11
LAE/NADZAB						
PORT MORESBY			ELWOOD MEADE	AUST		ETD not set
TALASEA HOSKINS						
BOUGAINVILLE S G REED			INDIAN VICTORY	AUST	26/11	ex SYDNEY and CAIRNS 11/11
			TORRENS	AUST	28/11	ex BRISBANE
			J OLIVER	LAE	13/11	
			SANTA MONICA	MADANG	17/11	to do second trip ex AUST
			CAPE VICTORY	MADANG	18/11	
			CAPE ALEXANDER	MADANG	19/11	
			ARCHER	SYDNEY	30/11	thence for JACQUINOT
			CAPE ORANGE	LAE	19/11	
			NORMAC SEA	LAE	15/11	
HOLLANDIA						
WADDINGTON			GORGON (14)	BRISBANE & CAIRNS		
FLORIDAN						
DAVID SHANKS						
CRESTON	13/11	LAE				CRESTON to LAE FOR AUST

NOTE ETA - Expected Time of Arrival at Destination
ETD - Expected Time of Departure from Loading Port

for [illegible] Brig.
DA & QMG First Aust Army (AIF)

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C HOLLANDIA
C GLOUCESTER
C HOSKINS
C TOROKINA
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FOR INFORMATION

2 AUST CORPS
ADV LHQ (For MOV)
FWD ECH LHQ (For MOV)
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GHQ REG OFFR LAE
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Subject : " ANN McKIMM " - BRISBANE AND CAIRNS FOR JACQUINOT

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
13 Nov 44.

Q2423

5 AUST DIV	Q (4)	S & T
5 AUST BASE SUB AREA	Q (MOV & TN)	ORD
R G PORCE SEC AACS	CE (2)	E & ME
DA & QMG	MED	POSTAL (2)
G (OPS)	PRO	RAMLO
G (SD)	ACF	
A	YMCA	

1. Further to our Q.2364 of 7 Nov 44.

2. Advice has been received that vessel "ANN McKIMM" loaded following pers, cargo and vehs at BRISBANE for JACQUINOT - vessel departed BRISBANE for CAIRNS 11 Nov 44.

3.(a) PERSONNEL

Serial	Unit	Strength Offrs	Strength ORs
1.	105 Aust CCS	-	1
2.	53 Aust Port Craft Coy	-	4
3.	283 Aust LAD	-	1
4.	SIB	-	2
	Total	-	8

(b) CARGO

Serial	Consignee	Description of Stores	Tons(m)
1.	Ord		641
2.	RAE)		750
	RAE (explosives))		13
3.	DDST	Rations etc	1,162
4.	M & V Stores		56
5.	YMCA		3
6.	Canteens		435
7.	ACF		127
8.	DDST	Motor Spirit	1,277
		Total	4,464

(c) UNIT AND VEHS

Serial	Unit	Vehs	Landing craft
1.	53 Aust Port Craft Coy		2 x ALC 15
2.	283 Aust LAD	1 x 6 ton recovery 2 x 3 ton GS 1 x 3 ton Carago 2 x 15 cwt GS	
	Totals	6	2

4. Vessel to load further cargo at CAIRNS for JACQUINOT.

F.B. Cunningham, B.W.
for Brig.
DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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Subject : " L M GARRISON " - BRISBANE TO JACQUINOT.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (A17)
13 Nov 44.

Q2425

5 AUST DIV	Q (4)	S &T
5 AUST BASE SUB AREA	Q(MOV & TN)	ORD
DA & QMG	BRA	E & ME
G (OPS)	CE (2)	POSTAL (2)
G (SD)	MED	LABOUR
A	YMCA	RAN LO

1. Advice has been received that vessel "L M GARRISON" will load following pers,vehs and cargo at BRISBANE at an early date.

2.(a) PERSONNEL,STORES AND VEHICLES

Serial	Unit or Det	Approx Strength All Ranks	Stores Tons(m)	Vehs
1.	12 Aust Army Tps Coy	260	46	33
2.	39 Aust Works Coy	422	58	2
3.	105 Aust CCS (less AANS)	113	320	14
4.	32 Aust Hosp Unit	6	20	2
5.	101 Aust Bde Wksps	130	-	12
6.	101 Aust Ord Fd Pk	20	75	10
7.	2 Aust Fd Amb	2	3	-
8.	53 Aust Port Craft Coy less 1 Port L/craft Pl	3	-	5
9.	68 Aust BIPOD	1	-	1
10.	3 Aust Mech Eqpt Wksp	1	10	-
	Totals	956	532	81

(b) MAINTENANCE STORES AND VEHS

Serial	Consignor	Description of Cargo	Tons (m)
1.	DDST	POL	1,500
		Vegetables	50
2.	YMCA	Stores	12
		2 x 15 cwt Trucks	40
		Totals	1,602

T J Hamilton, Lt/Col Brig.
for DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AEF)

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Subject : " S G REED " - SYDNEY AND CAIRNS TO AITAPE

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
13 Nov 44.

Q2424

6 AUST DIV	A	ORD
3 AUST BASE SUB AREA	Q (4)	POSTAL (2)
DA & QMG	Q(MOV & TN)	RAMLO
G (OPS)	CE (2)	
G (SD)	S & T	

1. Advice has been received that vessel "S G REED" has been made available to load following Cargo, vehs and landing craft.

2. EX SYDNEY

(a) CARGO

Serial	Consignor	Description	Tons(m)
1.	DDST	POL	1,257
		Rations and supplies	1,319
		Expense and Anti-Malarial Stores	113
2.	DDOS	Ord Stores & Equip	800
		Ammunition	984
3.	DE in C	Refrigerators	27
		Total	4,500

(b) LANDING CRAFT AND ESCORTS

Serial	Unit or Det	Escorts	L/craft
1.	One Port Landing Craft Pl - 53 Port Craft Coy	2 per craft	ALC 20's to capacity

3. EX CAIRNS

(a) UNIT VEHICLES AND ESCORTS

Serial	Unit	Escort	Vehs
1.	Dets 6 Aust Div and Ancillary Tps	12	Vehs to capacity of ship

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HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
14 Nov 44.

Q 2428

Subject : "GORGON" for AITAPE.

3 AUST BASE SUBAREA

DA & QMG
G (OPS)
G (SD)
Q
Q (MOV & TN)
RAA
CE (2)
CSO

MED
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S & T
ORD
E & ME
POSTAL (3)
RANLO

Cancel our Q 2214 of 28 Oct 44.

2. This vessel is NOT now loading for AITAPE.

R Cunningham, Capt
for DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) BRIG

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HQ First Aust Army (AIF)

AQMG's CONFERENCE NOTES - 14 NOV 44

CRs' Club - LAE

1. ADCS advises that the club will be opened at 1400 hrs 18 Nov. Approval has been given for 6 pers from Canteens MORESBY to be flown to LAE to assist in staffing the club here. — Infm

Mail Delays to AUST

2. Although there are regular clearances of mail ex LAE to AUST, delays are occurring in effecting deliveries to the Southern States. — Posts Q (Misc)

3. Posts are checking the posn through Base Post Offices in AUST. In the meantime a Postal rep will accompany an air shipment of mails to AUST in an endeavour to locate the cause of delays.

Fresh Rations for RAAF MORESBY

4. Bring forward this matter for discussion with the MORCOM rep when he visits this HQ in next few days. — Q (Maint)

Tentage - LAE

5. Approx 300 tents in AOD. — Q (Maint)
2500 tents are being coloured and treated in AUST for despatch to LAE. ETA has been asked for by Ord. — Ord

Sups and POL - AITAPE

6. ADST states that S & T 3 Aust Base Sub Area will advise the quantities of sups and POL available to be taken over from US Forces. This infm is expected in approx one week's time. — Q (Maint) S & T

7. Consideration can then be given to reducing shipments ex AUST if necessary.

Inter-Branch Memos

8. Inter-branch memos will be reduced to a minimum. Wherever possible, matters will be settled by telephone or personal visit. Decisions reached will be noted on files of each branch and/or service concerned. — Q Staff Services

Lt-J,
A/AQMG First Aust Army.

Distribution:

Col Q
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Q (Misc)
Q (Wks)
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LAE Base Sub Area
War Diary (2) ✓
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14 Nov 44

FIRST AUST ARMY ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No.9

ENGINEER STORES DUMPS

REF First Aust Army GS Instr G/378/SD of 4 Nov 44
First Aust Army Adm " No 1 of 6 Oct 44
First Aust Army Adm " No 5 of 12 Oct 44
First Aust Army CE Tech Instr No 2 of 21 Oct 44.

ARMY DUMPS.

1. Army dumps have been established as follows:-

	Type	Tonnage (M)
ALTAPE	0.5 CE plus 0.5 CRE	2000
JACQUINOT BAY	0.5 CE	1000
TOROKINA	1 CE	2000
LAE (reserve)	0.5 LHQ plus 1 CRE	9000

2. These dumps will be maintained at this stocking at all times by demand and replenishment in accordance with current engineer stores procedure.

FORMATION DUMPS

3. Base Sub Area Dumps

(a) Will not be established.
(b) Stores required for construction in base sub areas will be drawn from local Army dump .

4. Area Dumps

(a) Have been established as follows:

	Type	Tonnage (M)
MADANG	0.25 CRE	250
MORESBY	0.25 CRE	250

(b) MILNE BAY and [illegible]A will be maintained as required by resupply from LAE reserve Army dump.

6. Field Formations

(a) Where active operations are in progress and field formations resources permit, separate operational dumps may be established if so required.

(b) Desired stocking, based on standard type CRE dump or portion thereof, will be submitted to this HQ and stocks will be maintained at the approved level by initial supply and resupply from the local Army dump on demand from the formation.

(c) Monthly estimates and special demands for approved major projects will be made in accordance with current technical instructions issued by CE First Aust Army. Supply of these stores will normally be through local Army dump.

(d) Field formation dumps will be kept to a minimum size in order to preserve mobility of the field force.

(e) Sub allocation of these dumps may be made to brigades, detachments etc as required.

MANNING OF DUMPS

7. Resources of engineer personnel and units do not permit in many cases the establishment of formation dumps in addition to the Army dump in a particular area.

8. Army dumps will be manned as follows:-

(i)	AITAPE	Stores Pl 2/22 Aust Fd Pk Coy (in sp of 3 Aust Base Sub Area)
(ii)	JACQUINOT BAY	Stores Pl 55 Aust Fd Pk Coy (in sp of 5 Aust Base Sub Area) until arrival of one adv pk pl 13 Aust Wksp & Pk Coy in area approx end of Nov.
(iii)	TOROKINA	58 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy
(iv)	LAE (reserve dump)	13 Aust Wksp & Pk Coy less one adv pk pl.

9. Other area dumps will be manned by personnel, as required, from existing engineer personnel in the area.

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DA&QMG First Aust Army

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2 Aust Corps	1-5
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6 Aust Div	7
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ANGAU	17
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HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
14 Nov 44.

DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 185
From 1000 hrs 13 Nov to 1000 hrs 14 Nov.

1. By Sea -

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH Offrs	STRENGTH Ors	FROM	TO	REMARKS
1.	2/8 AGH	1	1	JACQUINOT	MADANG	Sailed Cape Alex 12/11
2.	14/32 Aust Inf bn		3	"	"	
3.	RAAF	1	2	"	"	
4.	RAN	1		"	"	
5.	2/8 Aust Inf Bn	42	780	AUSTRALIA	AITAPE	Disembarked ex Thos Corbin 13/11
6.	6 Aust Div (Sig Sec)	11	146	"	"	
7.	2/41 Aust Cipher Sec	2	12	"	"	
8.	3/6 Aust Cav Cdo Regt	4	128	"	"	
9.	"E" Sec 2/4 Aust Dental Unit	1	4	"	"	
10.	10 Pl 2/4 Aust Fd Coy	2	66	"	"	"
11.	HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde	2	1	"	"	
12.	HQ 6 Aust Div		1	"	"	
13.	6 Aust Div Postal		1	"	"	
14.	HQ RAA 6 Aust Div		1	"	"	"
15.	2/6 Aust Svy Coy		2	"	"	
16.	2/22 Aust Fd Pk Coy	1	12	"	"	
17.	2/80 Aust L A D	2		"	"	
18.	AACS		1	"	"	
19.	2/4 Aust Dental Unit		1	"	"	
20.	3 Aust Mob Mot Plt		1	"	"	
21.	2/155 Aust Wkps Pl		3	"	"	"
22.	3/14 Aust Fd Amb	10	141	"	"	Disembarked Katoomba 12/11.
23.	2/3 Aust Fd Regt	24	333	"	"	
24.	4 Aust Pigeon Sec	1	15	"	"	
25.	HQ 6 Aust Div		3	"	"	
26.	2/14 Aust Fd Coy		2	"	"	
27.	2/2 Aust Fd Regt	5	15	"	"	
28.	2/11 Aust Inf Bn	37	637	"	"	
29.	6 Aust Div Sigs	4	85	"	"	

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				FROM	TO	
30.	104 Aust CCS	22	115 (incl 8 AANS)	AUSTRALIA	AITAPE	Dis-embarked KATOKIBA 12/11
31.	2/1 Aust Gd Regt	1	43	"	"	
32.	Aust Red Cross	1	1	"	"	
33.	First Aust Army	3	1	MADANG	FINSCH	Dis embarked Naval vessel
34.	2 Aust Div Sigs	4	53	"	JAC QUINOT	Sailed SHAEFER 12/11
35.	HQ 5 Aust Base Sub Area	8	39	"	"	"
36.	91 Q P Sec	1	25	"	"	"
37.	48 Aust DCRE	3	9	"	"	"
38.	AACS	1	33	"	"	"
39.	ANGAU	1 (271 Natives)	3	"	"	"
40.	84 Aust Mob Cin		3	"	BOUGAIN VILLE	Sailed SANTA MONICA 13/11
41.	86 Aust Mob Cin		2	"	"	"
42.	105 Aust Fd Amn Dep		1	"	"	"
43.	9 Aust Inf Bn	36	722	"	"	"
44.	5 Aust Fd Coy	2	43	"	"	"
45.	25 Aust Inf Bn	37	683	"	"	"
46.	8 Aust Fd Coy		18	"	HOLLANDIA	Dis-embarked Naval vessel 13/11

2. AIR GENERAL.

UNIT	STRENGTH Offrs	STRENGTH Ors	FROM	TO	REMARKS
N G Details	5	15	MADANG	LAE	
" "	2	11	MORESBY	"	
" "		13	LAE	MADANG	
" "	1	5	"	FINSCH	
37 Aust Hy A A Bty	1	11	MADZAB	MADANG	
9 Aust Cipher Sec		14	TOWNSVILLE	MADZAB	

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AIR COMM AND SPECIAL A/C.

	No of A/C	FROM	TO	DETAILS
9 Comm Unit RAAF	1 C47	LAE	MORESBY	Miscellaneous pers and stores
"	1 BEAUFORT (2 missions)	LAE	MADANG	Miscellaneous pers and mail.
"	1 BEAUFORT	LAE	FINSCH	Miscellaneous pers.
21 Service Gp. USAAF.	2 C47	NADZAB	DUMPU	Maintenance PIB.
"	1 C47 (drop)	"	AIYURA	ANGAU stores.
"	1 C47	"	MADANG	Miscellaneous pers.

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NG ADV 2 ECH	CSO
DFO NEW GUINEA	MED
NG FORCE SEC AACS	DENTAL
G (OPS)	S & T
G (SD)	ORD
A	E & ME
AMS	POSTAL (2)
Q (2)	SALVAGE
Q (MOV & TN)	AMEN
BRA	FILE (7)
GE (2)	WAR DIARY

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14 NOV 44.

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DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN NO 185.
(as at 1200 hrs 14 Nov 44.)

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	IN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
AITAPE			J ISAACSON	AUST		EX SYD.
			MEXICO	CAIRNS	17/11	
F PARKLIN	17/11	MADANG	RIVER DERWENT			
DUNTROON	14/11	AUST via ORO BAY	S J REED	AUST	15/12	On berth Syd.25/11
T CCH'IN			BONTEKOE	AUST	3/12	Ex T/ville
KATOOMBA	16/11		J EARLY	MADANG	16/11	
MADANG			J S HOUSTON	JACQUINOT	12/11	
BUNGAREE			J EARLY	L/E	15/11	Thence Aitape
			CAPE ALEXANDER	JACQUINOT	14/11	To load for Bougville
			MANARA	TALASEA		
			F PARKLIN	AITAPE	18/11	
FINSCHAFEN						
BONTEKOE		BRISBANE	H POINT	SYDNEY	18/11	Sld ex Syd 7/11
LAE						
J OLIVER	19/11	B'VILLE	ATLAS	AUST		To load ex Syd
CAPE CRANKY	16/11	B'VILLE	ORMISTON(22)	T/VILLE		
J EARLY	16/11	MADANG				
			F PARKLIN	AITAPE	18/11	Thence to Jacquinot
MANARA		TALASEA				
			VAN DER BOSCH	AUST	15/11	
JACQUINOT						
F PEARL		FINSCH				
J S HORTON	17/11	MADANG				
SHARPENKNDT			ANN Mc KIM	AUST	25/11	ex Syd & Cairns
			L M GARRISON	AUST	3/12	On berth Bris 12/11
			VAN HEUTZ	AUST	1/12	On berth Bris 16/11
			SHARPENKNDT	MADANG	17/11	
			C LUMIS) EVANGELINE)	AUST		On berth Darwin 17/11
			W B ROGERS	AUST		Ex Syd on berth 18/11
			JANE ADAMS	AUST		Ex Darwin on berth 12/11

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IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
MORESBY			CHARON	AUST	14/11	Ex Sydney
			EDNA	AUST	23/11	Ex Sydney 11/11
MILNE BAY			ELWOOD BEACH	AUST		ETD NOT SET
TALASEA HOSKINS			KAIVARA	LAE		
BOUGAINVILLE						
CAPE VICTORY			INDIAN VICTORY	AUST	26/11	Ex Syd & Cairns 11/11
			TORRENS	AUST	28/11	Ex Bris
			J CLIVER	LAE	13/11	
			SANTA MONICA	MADANG	17/11	to do second trip ex Aust
			CAPE VICTORY	MADANG	13/11	
			CAPE ALEXANDER	MADANG	19/11	
			ARCHER	SYDNEY	30/11	Thence for Jacquinot
			CAPE ORANGE	LAE	19/11	
			PACIFIC SEA	LAE	15/11	
HOLLANDIA						
LUDDINGTON			GORGON(14)	BRIS & CAIRNS		
FLORIDAN						
DAVID SHANKS						

NOTE
ETA - Expected Time of Arrival at Destination
ETD - Expected Time of Departure from Loading Port.

for Macarthur Brig.
DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION
2/1 AUST MOV & TN GP
8 AUST M C GP
3 AUST MOVS GP
M C MORESBY
MC FINSCHHAFEN
M C MADANG
M C MILNE
M C HOLLANDIA
M C HOSKINS
M C TOROKINA
M C JACQUINOT BAY
NG FORCE SEC MOS
G(SD)
A
Q (4)
Q (MOV & TN)
CE (2)
CSC
MED
ORD
S & T
POSTAL (2)

FOR INFORMATION
2 AUST CORPS
ADV LHQ (FOR MOV)
FWD ECH LHQ (FOR MOV)
RANLC
GHQ REG OFFR LAE
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Subject : " CAPE VICTORY " - BRISBANE TO BOUGAINVILLE.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
15 Nov 44.

Q2441

2 AUST CORPS	A	S & T
4 AUST BASE SUB AREA	Q (4)	ORD
DA & QMG	Q (MOV & TN)	E & ME
G (OPS)	CE (2)	POSTAL (2)
G (SD)	S & T	RANLO

1. Advice has been received that vessel "CAPE VICTORY" will load following pers,vehs and stores at BRISBANE for BOUGAINVILLE.

2. (a) PERSONNEL, VEHS AND STORES

Serial	Unit or Det	Approx Strength All Ranks	Stores Tons(m)	Vehs
1.	Dets 29 Aust Inf Bde	899	180	153 and 8 x 2 Pdr Guns
2.	13 Aust Small Ship Coy	109	Unit Equip and Stores	-
3.	12 Aust Adv Wkshop	201	"	-
	TOTALS	1,200	-	153 and 8 Guns

(b) CARGO

General cargo,incl equip, stores and vehicles detailed above NOT exceeding 2,000 (Tons m) in all, to be loaded .

F.W.Bermingham. Capt Brig.
for DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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WAR DIARY ✓

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SUBJECT : " BONTEKOE" " TOWNSVILLE for AITAPE

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
15 NOV 44

Q. 2446

3 AUST BASE SUB AREA	Q (MOV & TN)	S & T
DA & QMG	RAA	ORD
G (OPS)	CE (2)	E & ME
G (SD)	CSO	POSTAL (3)
A	MED	RANLO
Q	PRO	

1. Advise has been received that abovementioned vessel will embark and load at TOWNSVILLE following personnel, vehs and stores for discharge AITAPE:

SER L/L	UNIT	STRENGTH OFFRS	STRENGTH ORS	STORES TONS (meas)	VEHS
1	2/42 Aust LAD	1	13		
2	2/2 Aust Fd Coy	8	188		
3	2/7 Aust Fd Amb	10	196		
4	Det 6 Aust Div Pro Coy	-	5		
5	12 Pl 2/1 Aust Fd Regt	1	34		
6	2/3 Aust Fd Regt	15	89		
7	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	14	231		
8	2/6 Aust Inf Bn	-	5	48	
9	2/5 Aust Inf Bn	-	5	75	
10	Adv Party One Landing Craft Pl,53 Port Craft Coy	-	13		2
11	Det 1 Aust Fd Sqn	-	2		3
12	Various 6 Aust Div	-	5		30 Jeeps 30 Trlrs
	TOTALS	49	786	123	65

NOTE : Freezer/cooler cargo to capicity on basis 60% US and 40% AIF for discharge AITAPE or LAE.

P.J. Birmingham, Capt
for DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) BRIG.

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Subject : " J S MORETON " - LAE TO JACQUINOT

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY(AIF)
15 Nov 44.

Q2437

DA & MG
G (OPS)
G (SD)
A
Q (4)
Q(MOV & TN)
RAA
CE (2)
OSO
MED
PRO
S & T
ORD
E & ME
POSTAL (2)
RAMLO

1. J S MORETON departed LAE 10 Nov with following personnel, vehs and general cargo.

2.

Unit	Strength Offrs	ORs		Vehs & Trailers		Tons(m) Incl Vehs, eqpt & stores
Det 4 Aust Cipher Sec	1	9		-		1
28 Aust Mal Control Unit		11		4		70
Det 7 Base Postal Unit		10		1		28
17 Aust AAD	5	127		8		374
2/245 ASD Pl	2	26		2		50
Det 3 Aust ME Wkshops	1	1		8		85
472 Hvy AA	2	124				
Bal 33 Aust Docks Op Coy	2	36				
55 Aust Port Craft Coy	1	9				
B Coy ES & B Regt		3				
AACC	-	2		-		300
2/8 AGH	1	-				
Mil Hist Fd Team	1	1				
29 Aust Line Sec	2	51		10		95
RAN	1	1				
1 Pl 2/2 Aust Forestry Coy	3	68		16		429
8 Aust Fd Baking Pl		18		-		25
18 Aust AOD	12	201		7		569
16 Aust Mal Control Unit	2	18		9		100
9 Aust Fd Coy	6	191		24		382
55 Aust Sup Dep Pl	2	26		2		50
Det 1 Aust Port Maint Pl	-	17		6		298
H G ADV 2 ECH	-	2		1		19
55 Aust Port Craft Coy	-	3	(natives)	2	ALC's	
				1	Launch	383
AIB Natives	-	6		=		1
10 Aust L of C Pro Coy	-	5		6		88
6 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	-	2		-		1
GHQ Reg Officer	1	2		1		10
NOREG ANGAU	-	1		-		10
19 Aust Line Sec	-	-		-		10
48 Aust DORE	-	-		-		296
23 Aust Wireless Sec	-	-		-		5
91 Op Sec	-	-		-		1
2 Aust Div Sigs	-	-		-		23
472 Aust Hvy Lt AA	-	-		5		
				2 x 40 mm Guns		450

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Subject : " JOHN ISAACSON " - SYDNEY AND CAIRNS TO AITAPE

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
15 Nov 44.

Q2426

6 AUST DIV
3 AUST BASE SUB AREA
NG SEC AACS
DA & QMG
G (OPS)
G (SD)
A
Q (4)
Q (MOV & TN)
S & T
OKD
POSTAL (2)
RANLO

1. Advice has been received that vessel "JOHN ISAACSON" has been made available to load following Cargo and Vehs etc at SYDNEY and CAIRNS for AITAPE.

2. EX SYDNEY

(a) CARGO

Serial	Consignor	Description	Tons (m)
1.	DDST	POL	1,000
		Rations & Supplies	2,859
		Expense and Anti-Malarial Stores	163
2.	DDOS	Ammunition	128
3.	CANTEENS	Beer and Spirits	100
		Total	4,250

(b) LANDING CRAFT AND ESCORTS

Serial	Det or Unit	Escorts	Landing Craft
1.	One Port Landing Craft Pl- 53 Aust Port Craft Coy	2 per craft	ALC 20's to capacity

3. EX CAIRNS

(a) CARGO

Serial	Consignor	Description	Tons(m)
1.	RAAF	Bombs and Ammunition	450

(b) PERSONNEL, UNIT VEHS ETC

Serial	Unit	Approximate Strength All Ranks	Stores Tons(m)	Vehs
1.	Dets 6 Aust Div and Ancillary Units	10	-	Vehs to capacity
	Totals	10		

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for DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF) Brig,

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2. (contd)

Unit	Strength Offrs	ORs	Vehs and Trailers		Tons (m) Incl Vehs, eqpt and stores
ABST 5 Aust Base Sub Area	-	-	-	(Rations (POL	314 363
A P O	-	-	-	Mail	5
TOTALS	45	971	115 Incl 2 guns & 3 water craft		- 4,864

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for Col (Mov & Tn) First Aust Army (Lt Col AIF)

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
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6 AUST DIV	G (SD)	OKO
3 AUST BASE SUB AREA	A	POSTAL (2)
NG BASE AACS	Q (4)	HANLO
DA & QMG	Q (MOV & TN)	
G (OPS)	S & T	

1. Advice has been received that vessel "JOHN ISAACSON" has been made available to load following Cargo and Vehs etc at SYDNEY and CAIRNS for AITAPE.

2. EX SYDNEY

(a) CARGO

Serial	Consignor	Description	Tons (m)
1.	DDST	POL	1,000
		Rations & Supplies	2,859
		Expense and Anti-Malarial Stores	163
2.	DDOS	Ammunition	128
3.	CANTEENS	Beer and Spirits	100
		Total	4,250

(b) LANDING CRAFT AND ESCORTS

Serial	Det or Unit	Escorts	Landing Craft
1.	One Port Landing Craft Pl- 53 Aust Port Craft Coy	2 per craft	ALC 20's to capacity

3. EX CAIRNS

(a) CARGO

Serial	Consignor	Description	Tons(m)
1.	RAAF	Bombs and Ammunition	450

(b) PERSONNEL, UNIT VEHS ETC

Serial	Unit	Approximate Strength All Ranks	Stores Tons(m)	Vehs
1.	Dets 6 Aust Div and Ancillary Units	10	-	Vehs to capacity
	Totals	10		

R Cunningham, Capt
for DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
Brig,

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Subject : " SANTA MONICA " - BRISBANE & CAIRNS TO BOUGAINVILLE.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY(AIF)
15 Nov 44.

Q 2427

2 AUST CORPS	Q (4)	E & ME
4 AUST BASE SUB AREA	Q (MOV & TN)	POSTAL (2)
DA & QMG	CE (2)	RAALO
G (OPS)	SVY	
G (SD)	PRO	
A	ORD	

1. Advice has been received that vessel "SANTA MONICA" has been made available to load following pers, stores and vehicles for BOUGAINVILLE.

2. EX BRISBANE

(a)

Serial	Unit	Approx Strength All Ranks	Stores Tons(m)	Vehs
1.	Adv Party 13 Aust Small Ships Coy	9	5	
2.	6 Aust Mech Eqpt Spare Parts Sec	11	5	1 M/cycle
3.	Dets 29 Aust Inf Bde	891	800	105 vehs 4 x 2 pdr Guns
	TOTALS	911	810	110 incl 4 guns and 1 M/cycle

(b) EX CAIRNS

Serial	Unit	Approx Strength All Ranks	Stores Tons (m)	Vehs
1.	3 Aust Svy Bty	63	10	
2.	84 Wing RAAF	516	312	5
3.	46 A/L Sec(Tac R)	9	-	-
4.	33 Sqn AL Sec	2	-	-
5.	2 Secs First Aust Army Pro Coy	25	15	-
6.	6 Comd AL Sec	19	-	-
	TOTALS	634	337	5

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F.C. Cunningham, Capt
for. DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF). Brig.

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SUBJECT : "L H GARRISON" - BRISBANE to JACQUINOT

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
15 NOV 44

Q 2443

5 AUST DIV	CSO
5 AUST BASE SUB AREA	S & T
DA & QMG	RANLO
Q (4)	

1. Ref our Q2425 of 13 Nov not to CSO

2. The following additional cargo will be loaded :

POL	655 tons (meas)
Sig Stores	45 tons (meas)

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Subject : KIRNA - SYDNEY to MORESBY

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
15 NOV 44

Q 2441

N G See AMOS
D. A. & Q.M.G.
G (Ops)
G (Stf)
A
Q (G)
Q (Mov & Tn)
C E (2)
MED
AMENITIES
A C F
AUST RED CROSS
S & T
ORD
POSTAL (2)
RADIO

1. Ref our Q2275 of 4 Nov vessel KIRNA departed SYDNEY 11 NOV for MORESBY loading as follows.

2. CARGO

	Tons (mens)
Rations	1965
Ordnance	120
Engineers	130
Canteens	109
Medical	3
Amenities	10
M F O	2
Aust Mail	22
ANGAU	285
R A N	83
R A A F	22
A C F	69
Aust Red Cross	5
TOTALS	2825

R Cunningham, Capt
for DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY Brig. (AIF)

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Subject: " SANTA MONICA " - MADANG TO BOUGAINVILLE

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
15 Nov 44.

Q2438

DA & QMG
G (OPS)
G (SD)
A
Q (4)

(MOV & TN)
OE (2)
AMENITIES
O.D
POSTAL (2)

RAHLO

1. Advice has been received that vessel SANTA MONICA sailed ex MADANG 13 Nov for BOUGAINVILLE loading following pers, vehs and cargo

2.

Serial	Unit	Strength Offrs	ORs	Vehs & Trlrs	Tons (m) Stores
1	84 Aust Mob Cinema		3	3	1
2	86 Aust Mob Cinema		2		
3	105 Aust FAD		2		
4.	9 Aust Inf Bn	36	722	16 & 4 x 2 pdr Guns	224
5.	5 Aust Fd Coy	2	43	49	97
6.	25 Aust Inf Bn	37	683	10 & 4 x 2 pdr Guns	178
7.	13 Aust AAD				15
8.	2/1 Aust Rly Constr Coy			2 Scoops 2 Rakes	
9.	61 Aust Inf Bn				51
	TOTALS	75	1,454	90 incl 6 x 2 Pdr Guns	566

LT - COL
A/ COL (MOV&TN) FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

FILE (7)
WAR DIARY

9/13/1

CONFIDENTIAL BZ

Subject : " ATLAS " - SYDNEY TO LAE.

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY(AIF)
15 Nov 44.

Q2447

LAE AUST BASE SUB AREA
N G SEC AACS
DA & QMG
A
Q (4)
Q (MOV & TN)
OE (2)
ADOS
AMENITIES
RED CROSS
YMCA
ACF
S & T
ORD
POSTAL (2)
RANLO

1. Vessel " ATLAS " has been made available to load following cargo at SYDNEY for LAE.

2. CARGO AND VEHICLES
(a)

Serial	Consignor	Description	Tons(m)	Vehs
1.	DDSOT	Rations	1,200	
2.	"	Native Rations	1,250	
3.	"	Deck Vegetables etc	200	
4.	"	POL	500	
5.	"	Expense Stores	100	
6.	ADOS		423	38x¼ ton 4 x 4 35xTrlrs ¼ ton 2-wheel
7.	ADOS	Stores & Eqpt	2,000	
8.	D E - in - C	Stores	40	
9.	"	Tanks Petrol	60	
10.	DDMS	Medical Stores	60	
11.	AACS	Stores	300	
		Beer and Spirits	400	
12.	External Territories	Supplies	49	
13.	YMCA	Stores	19	2x¼ ton 4 x 4
14.	Red Cross	"	30	
15.	DP & SS	"	20	
16.	ACF	"	91	
17.	Mails	As available		

(b) Also to be loaded :

25 crates Pigeon Lofts for 43 Aust FOD.

3. : This cargo was previously allotted to "SAN RAPHAEL "

P. Bunningham, Capt Brig
for DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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WAR DIARY

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
15 NOV 44

DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 186.
From 1000 hrs 14 Nov to 1000 hrs 15 Nov.

1. BY SEA

SER NO	UNIT	STRENGTH OFFRS	STRENGTH ORS	FROM	TO	REMARKS
1	109 Mob Fighter Control Unit	1	-	BUNA	LAE	Sld AS30 14/11
2	R & N	1	-	"	"	
3	Serials 2-30 on return No 182 of 11 Nov 44	51	970	LAE	JACQUINOT	Disembkd J S MORTON 14/11
4	Amend Serial 13 on Return No 183 of 12/11 to Read HQ 5 Aust Div	1	3	MADANG	JACQUINOT	Sld S/hondt 10/11
5	Serials 2-13 on Return No 183 of 12/11	3	675	MADANG	JACQUINOT	Disembkd ex S/hondt 14/11
6	Serials 14-24 on Return No 183 of 12/11	66	1185	MADANG	BOUGAINVILLE	Disembkd ex CAPE VICTORY 13/11
7	ARGAU	-	2 natives	HOSKINS	FINSCH	Disembkd AS141 12/11
8	18 Aust Fd Amb	-	5	FINSCH	LAE	Disembkd AS 60 15/11

2. AIR - GENERAL.

UNIT	STRENGTH OFFRS	STRENGTH ORS	FROM	TO	DETAILS
ARGAU natives		11	MADANG	LAE	
HQ First Aust Army	5	1	LAE	JACQUINOT BAY	DMAQMG, CE,
" " " "	4	1	JACQUINOT	LAE	& party.
HQ 5 Aust Div	4		LAE	JACQUINOT BAY	GOC 5 Aust
" " "	4		JACQUINOT	LAE	Div & party
2 Aust Pet Sqy Coy	1	7	LAE	JACQUINOT BAY	
6 Aust A & Ops Room		6	LAE	MADANG	
18 Aust Fd Amb		7	MADANG	TOROKINA	
RAA 5 Aust Div		6	"	"	
Sigs 2 Aust Div		5	"	"	

AIR COMM UNIT and SPECIAL A/C.

	No of A/C	FROM	TO	DETAILS.
9 Comm Unit RAAF	1 C47	LAE	MADANG	Miscellaneous
" " "	(2 missions	MADANG	LAE	pers & mail.
	1 BEAUFORT	LAE	TOROKINA	Brigs Fulvor & Irving.
3 Comm Unit RAAF	1 CATALINA	LAE	JACQUINOT	Courier Service

cont'd

21 Service Gp USAAF	1 C47 (Grop)	HADZAB	AMBERBURG	PIB maintenance Rations.
" " "	1 C47	"	DUMPU	
" " "	2 C47 (Crop)	"	AIYURA	

for Acting Chief of Staff

DA & QMG FIRST/AUST ARMY (AD)

DISTRIBUTION

HQ ADV 2 ECH
DEPO NGI GUINEA
HQ FORCE AAC3
C (CAS)
G (SD) (2)
A
AGS
Q (2)
Q (ADV & TT)
RPA
CE (2)
CSO
MED
DENTAL
S & T
ORD
SIG
POSTAL (2)
SALVAGE
ADSH
FILE (7)
WAR DIARY

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HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
Q Branch

AQMG's CONFERENCE NOTES - 25 NOV 44

SO Labour

1. Arrange with G(SD) for a SO Labour to be added to the WE of 5 Aust Base Sub Area. — Q (Wks)

2. Inform AMS of arrangements made so that he can take action to have the appointment filled.

Pre Coy ex LAE to JACQUINOT BAY

3. Reported this unit was instructed to embark without ldg rations. LAE Base have no knowledge of who could have issued this instr. — Infm

Maint of HOSKINS

4. "MAIWARA" will load ex LAE - — Infm
   Amn - 15 days Intense, 60 days Moderate
   Ord Stores-Depot Scaling
   Sups - 30 days European and Native
   POL - 13 days
   Canteens - 30 days

DA & QMG's Weekly Conference

5. Commencing on Saturday 18 Nov, the DA & QMG's weekly conference will be held in the new Adm Conference Room. — Infm

OR's Club - LAE

6. Will cater for both male and female ORs. — Infm

Gas for Refrigerators

7. CE states that necessary stocks are held in all areas. He will take steps to ensure that stocks are built up to 5 months. — Q (Wks)

Fresh Rations for JACQUINOT BAY

8. S&T will arrange to despatch fresh rations for hosp patients by the weekly flying-boat ex LAE. — S&T

Engr Stores,etc,for RAAF in LAE

9. LAE Base will submit a memo to us on this subject — LBSA

Air Dropping Parachutes

10. Arrangements made to despatch additional quantities ex LAE to bring holdings to: — Q(Maint) Ord
    AITAPE - 2100
    BOUGAINVILLE - 2000
    Stocks at LAE will then be - 6061.

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11. Arrange for shipments ex AUST to bring holdings to: — Q(Maint); Ord

AITAPE	-	5000
BOUGAINVILLE	-	5000
LAE	-	2000

Offrs Club - LAE

12. Work has been commenced by a det of Watercraft Wksp. Target date for completion - 21 Dec. — Infm

"GUINEA GOLD"-JACQUINOT BAY

13. NG Press Unit state that GUINEA GOLD has been sent regularly to Base Post Office for despatch with mails to JACQUINOT BAY. Enquiries are being made into report of non-receipt at JACQUINOT. — Q(Misc)

Fresh Rations for ORs' Club - LAE

14. LHQ has been requested to despatch 10 tons (M) per month of fresh rations to Canteens LAE. — Q(Maint)

Maj
A/AQMG First Aust Army

DISTRIBUTION

Col Q
AQ
Q (Maint)
Q (Misc)
Q (Wks)
Staff Capt AQ
Q (Mov & Tn)
S&T
Ord
AEME
Postal
Sal
Labour
Camp
LAE Base Sub Area
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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY(AIF)
15 Nov 44.

DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN No 186
(as at 1200 hrs 15 Nov 44)

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
AITAPE						
F PARKMAN	17/11	MADANG	DUNTROON	T'VILLE		on berth T'VILLE
T CORWIN						23 Nov
KATOOMBA	16/11		J ISAACSON	AUST		ex SYDNEY
			MEXICO	CAIRNS	17/11	
			RIVER DERWENT			
			S J REED	AUST	15/12	On berth SYD. 25/11
			BONTEKOE	AUST	3/12	ex T'VILLE
			J EARLY	MADANG	16/11	
MADANG			J S MORETON	JACQUINOT	18/11	
BUNGAREE			J EARLY	LAE	15/11	Thence AITAPE
CAPE ALEX	16/11	B'VILLE				
			MAIWARA	FINSCH		
			F PARKMAN	AITAPE	18/11	
FINSCHAFFEN						
BONTEKOE		BRISBANE	W H POINT	SYDNEY	18/11	Sld ex SYD 7/11
			MAIWARA	LAE		
LAE						
J OLIVER	19/11	B'VILLE	ATLAS	AUST		To load ex SYD. ETD 28 Nov
				Holladia	24/11	For T/VILLE
CAPE ORANGE	16/11	B'VILLE	ORMISTON			
J EARLY	16/11	MADANG	F PARKMAN	AITAPE	18/11	Thence to JACQUINOT
MAIWARA		TALASEA				
VAN DER BOSCH						
JACQUINOT						
F PEATE		FINSCH				
J S MORETON	17/11	MADANG				
SWARTENHONDT			ANN McKIMM	AUST	25/11	ex SYDNEY CAIRNS
			L M GARRISON	AUST	3/12	On berth BRIS 18/11
			VAN HEUTZ	AUST	1/12	On berth BRIS 16/11
			SHAWNEE	MADANG	17/11	
			C LUMIS)	AUST.		On berth DARWIN 17/11
			EVANGELINE)			
			W B ROGERS	AUST		ex SYD on on berth 18/11
			JANE ADAMS	AUST		ex DARWIN on berth 18/11
MORESBY						
CHARON	22/11	SYDNEY	EDNA	AUST	23/11	ex SYDNEY 11/11

P.T.O.

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
MILNE BAY			ELWOOD MEADE	AUST		ETD not set
TALASEA HOSKINS			MAIMARA	LAE		
BOUGAINVILLE CAPE VICTORY MORMAC SEA			INDIAN VICTORY	AUST	26/11	ex SYD & CAIRNS 11/11
			TORRENS	AUST	28/11	ex BRIS
			J OLIVER	LAE	16/11	
			SANTA MONICA	MADANG	17/11	to do second trip ex AUST
			CAPE VICTORY	MADANG	18/11	
			CAPE ALEXANDER	MADANG	19/11	
			ARCHER	SYDNEY	30/11	Thence for JACQUINOT
			CAPE ORANGE	LAE	19/11	
HOLLANDIA LUDDINGTON			GORGON(14)	BRIS & CAIRNS		
OKLISTON FLORIDAN DAVID SHANKS	23/	LAE				

NOTE
ETA - Expected Time of Arrival at Destination.
ETD - Expected Time of Departure from Loading Port.

for Lt Col Matheson Fulton Brig.
DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION

2/1 AUST MOV & TN GP
6 AUST M G GP
3 AUST DOCKS GP
M G MORESBY
M G FINSCHAFFEN
M G MADANG
M G AITAPE
M G HOLLANDIA
M G HOSKINS
M G TOROKINA
M G JACQUINOT BAY
M G FORCE SEC AACS
G (SD) (2)
A
Q (4)
Q (MOV & TN)
QE (2)
OSO
MED
ORD
S & T
POSTAL (2)

FOR INFORMATION:

2 AUST CORPS
ADV LHQ (FOR MOV)
FWD ECH LHQ (FOR MOV)
RAHLO
GHQ REG OFFR LAE
WAR DIARY (2)
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H. First Aust Army (AIF)
G Branch

MATTERS CURRENT - 15 NOV 44

Serial	Subject	Action By
1	Request has been made by 6 Aust Div for air supply of Commando Sqns based on Sabiang. Norcom have been requested to advise their approval of the task being carried out by 71 Wing RAAF with Beauforts.	Infm
2	Submissions have been made by RAN and RAAF for an increase in the number of native laborers available to them at Madang. It is stated that the health of the troops is suffering in consequence of the alleged shortage. The matter is being investigated and A.D.M.S. (P) will visit Madang to make an appreciation on the spot	A.D.M.S. (P)
3	D.A.G. II has recommended to A.A.G. that Aust small ships for 13 Small Ships Coy should tow two reefer barges to Milne Bay. A decision has not yet been made by L.H.Q.	Infm
4	The effect on the native labor position of recruiting for N.G.I.B. is being investigated. A.A.G. is considering the aspects affecting N.G.I.B. and will then pass the file to Q. for consideration in regard to native labor. It is noted that A.N.G.A.U. is to carry out recruiting in native villages and it is considered that native labor as well as volunteers for N.G.I.B. can be obtained.	Infm
5	Lt-Col Shaw U.S. L.O. advises that U.S.A.S.C. can provide coal at Finschhafen for vessels at the disposal of First Aust Army.	Infm
6	Investigate practicability of forwarding fresh rations to Jacquinot Bay for sick personnel by weekly courier service	A.A.G.
7	Advice has been received that no tents are held in A.O.D. for B.S.A. 7,500 tents are awaiting shipment from Aust to Lae. Shipment is being delayed because of tent coloration. With a view to expediting delivery ascertain from Q if there is any objection to requesting L.H.Q. to forward tents not colored. If necessary an instruction may be issued by this H.Q. that non-colored tents be issued only to B.S.A. A.D.O.S. can arrange for proportion of these tents to be shipped to 4 B.S.A.	A.A.G.
8.	General Staff instruction lays down that only two duty personnel for each section of any branch of this H.Q. shall be excused from the daily regimental parade. It has been reported that six personnel from A. Branch were shown as duty personnel. Ensure that only two duty personnel from each Maintenance and Movement Sections are excused from this parade.	Col Hov G.A.A.G.
9	It is reported by Comd L.B.S.A. that 16 weeks' supply of brains and certain other items of refrigerated supplies are held in A.O.D. This appears excessive. An adequate reserve should be held for hospital requirements and any surplus should be issued to units.	A.A.G.
10	Maj Anderson of this H.Q. has confirmed his previous statement that marine engines are available at Gloucester to be taken over from U.S. Forces. Arrange for E.E. and Selv rep to inspect. 4 U.S. Div have concurred in this inspection.	A.A.G.

A/Col
A/Col , First Aust Army

Lt-Col

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No.8

MOV & TN ORGANISATION IN FIRST AUST ARMY AREA

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
15 Nov 44.

1. **OBJECT** : To set out the function and organisation of movement and transportation in First Aust Army Area. This instruction should be read in conjunction with LHQ Adm Instn No.19 of 1 Aug 44. NGF Adm Instn No.154 of 2 July 44 is cancelled.

2. **GENERAL** : By virtue of authority delegated by LHQ, HQ First Aust Army controls all movement within the area under its command. This movement consists of -

(a) Movement of a purely operational character, which is controlled directly by the General Staff.

(b) Movement of a general administrative nature, which is the responsibility of Q(Mov & Tn Sec)

(c) Movement of a local administrative nature, which is the responsibility of Area Comds, and local Movement Control representatives. Movement of this nature cannot take precedence over general administrative movement.

3. **MOV & TN SEC** : Q(Mov & Tn Sec) First Aust Army comprises a Col (Mov and Tn), whose position on HQ First Aust Army corresponds with DQMG11 on LHQ, 2 Mov Staff Officers and senior officers from each of the Tn Services (Docks and Water Tpt). The latter officers fulfil the function of ADs Tn and DADs Tn in addition to their normal duties as Cs R E and seconds in command of Docks and Water Tpt Gps.

This section exercises staff control of M C Gps and co-ordinates the functioning of the Docks and Water Tpt Gps.

4. **MOV AND TN ORGANISATION** :

(a) General

All personnel in Mov & Tn units in First Aust Army area, other than those placed under operational command of a Formation, are Army Troops, and are under Area Comds for local administration only.

(b) M C GPS

M C Gps (including detachments), under the direction of Mov & Tn Sec, co-ordinate and control all movement of a general administrative nature within their respective areas. They also implement moves of a local nature ordered by Area Comds.

Movement Control prepares sea movement programmes and ensures that ship, unit and cargo priorities are observed, and that Docks Units, labour and transport resources are fully employed to effect expeditious handling of cargoes and clearance of wharves and transit areas.

It is also responsible to Mov & Tn Sec for the functioning of the Military Forwarding Organisation.

(c) Tn Services

(i) Docks

The Docks Service, which is organised into Docks Gps, gives technical advice to Movement Control to assist in formulating loading and unloading programmes.

The whole of the facilities available for transferring traffic between sea and land transport are included in a reserved transportation area, known as "The Docks". This area, which is in charge of the docks services, will be defined by the local Area Comd in consultation with the local representative of Col (Mov & Tn), known as Port MCO, and representatives of the services, including the Docks Services. It will include all installations required for the work of the Docks Services.

(ii) Water Transport

Water Transport (Small Craft), which is organised into Water Tpt Gps, provides a transportation service operating under the general administrative control of Mov & Tn Sec First Aust Army.

As Movement Control is responsible for the sea movement programme and observance of ship, unit and cargo priorities, it will co-ordinate all demands on this tn service, and thus become the channel of communication between the Area Comd concerned and the Water Tpt Service.

(iii). Relationship between Tn Services and CE or CRE at Formation HQ

The general responsibilities of the CE or CRE (Fd) on a Formation HQ are analagous to those of the E - in - C at LHQ, namely, the ensuring that the engineer resources of the Formation are used in accordance with established policy. He does not, however, control the technical operation of Tn Units, which rests with the Senior Tn Officer of the Tn Service concerned, who commands and administers the units of his service, and is responsible (through service channels) to the head of the service at LHQ for technical matters.

The CE or CRE (Fd) at Formation HQ is responsible for construction work, including wharves, slipways, floating docks, port facilities etc, for the Tn Services, and for supplying them with engineer and transportation stores, in accordance with the policy of the HQ concerned.

5. CHAIN OF COMMAND : Chain of Command, based on projected OOB for 31 Dec 44, is attached as appx A.

A Barrett Brig.
DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

CHAIN OF COMMAND - MOV & TN ORG
(projected OO. Is as at 31 Dec 44)

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
9 (Mov & Tn Sec)

- 8 Aust L C Gp — HQ - LAE
  - M O LAE
  - M O HOLLANDIA
  - M O ATTAPE
  - M O MADANG
  - M O FINSCHHAFEN
  - M O NADZAB
  - M O BUNA
  - M O MOMOTE
  - M O JACQUINOT
  - M O MOSKENA
- 3 Aust Water Tpt Gp(RAE) — HQ - LAE
  - 12 Small Ship Coy (based LAE)
  - 55 Port Craft Coy (less detn) - LAE
  - Det 55 Port Craft Coy -MADANG
  - Det 55 Port Craft Coy -MOMOTE
  - 53 Port Craft Coy less one Pl (MILNE BAY)
  - One Pl 53 Port Craft Coy (ATTAPE)
  - HQ 1 Water Amb Convoy plus det LAE
  - Det 1 Water Amb Convoy - ATTAPE
  - Det 1 Water Amb Convoy -NEW BRITAIN
  - Det 1 Water Amb Convoy -MADANG
- 3 Aust Docks Gp(RAE) — HQ - LAE
  - Det 1 Port Maint Coy
  - 6 Pl (LAE)
  - 4 Pl Loca 15 & 16 Boca (MILNE BAY)
  - 5 Pl (ATTAPE)
  - 3 Pl BOUGAINVILLE
  - 32 Docks Op Coy MOMOTE
  - 2/2 Docks Op Coy LAE
  - 2/31 Docks Op Coy LAE
  - 7 Docks Op Coy ATTAPE
  - 33 Docks Op Coy NEW BRITAIN
  - 6 Docks Op Coy BOUGAINVILLE
- 1 Aust Water Tpt Gp(RAE) — HQ - BOUGAINVILLE
  - 13 Small Ship Coy
  - 42 Ldg Craft Coy
  - [illegible] (under Comd 5 Aust Corps)
  - Det 1 Water Amb Convoy
- 2/1 Aust Mov & Tn Gp — HQ - BOUGAINVILLE
  - M O TOROKINA
  - M O EMIRAU
  - M O GREEN IS
  - M O TIROSUNY
  - M O HUMA

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H, First Aust Army (AIF)
, Branch

A/AG's CONFERENCE NOTES - 16 NOV 44

Air Dropping Containers

1. , (Nov & Tn) are arranging for BEAUFORTS at TADJI strip to carry out air dropping for 2/6 Cav Regt fwd of AITAPE for appróx 2 weeks. , (Maint)

2. We have asked 6 Div if they require dropping containers in addition to parachutes.

Tentage

3. Ref notes of 14 Nov para 5. , (Maint)
Ord are of opinion that the colouration of the 2500 tents will have been completed in AUST by now. Ord

4. A priority service signal has been despatched checking this posn and diverting 1500 tents to BOUGAINVILLE.

Mails HOSKINS

5. All inwards and outwards mail cleared on 13 Nov.

Vehs for 13 Aust Inf Bde Gp

6. LAE Base will report the posn re sup of vehs to this Bde by Saturday 18 Nov. LBSA
, (Maint)

Chambers for 5000 cu ft Refrigerators

7. CE has signalled to Adv LH, to expedite despatch of materials to the new Base Sub Areas and has asked ETD. , (Wks)

8. CE staff will prepare drawings to cover constr of temp chambers should the ETD from AUST be unsatisfactory.

Gravity Rollers - Ord Depot JACQUINOT BAY

9. These rollers were shut out from last ship. Ord
Ord are taking steps to ensure that these rollers go fwd by next ship.

Machetes for Native Labourers JACQUINOT

10. It is thought that native labourers ex MADANG may have moved without their machetes, , (Maint)

11. If this is so, 5 Aust Base Sub Area will signal their requirements.
Arrange for Ord to meet this demand as an urgent priority.

Wan Dean

Labour - LAE Base

12. LAE Base report that they anticipate difficulty in meeting labour commitments after departure of 19 Aust Inf Bn early in Dec.

13. Posn is being reviewed, and they will probably request First Aust Army to assist by making pers of Fd Regts available.

Ration Position - AITAPE

14. Detailed AMF ration position at 3 Aust Base Sub Area is not available, but an estimate of the position as at 16 Nov 44 is as follows:- Q (Maint) S & T

Stock on hand :	60 days for 10,000
In transit or loading:	80 days for 10,000

DISTRIBUTION

A/AQMG First Aust Army Maj

Col Q
AA
Q (Maint)
Q (Misc)
Q (Wks)
Staff Capt AA
Mov & Tn
S & T
Ord
AE&E
Postal
Sal
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Camp
LAE Base Sub Area
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File

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
15 Nov 44.

DAILY SHIPPING POSITION RETURN No 167
(as at 1200 hrs 16 Nov 44)

IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
AITAPE						
F PARKMAN	16/11	MADANG	DUNTROON	T'VILLE	----	on berth T'VILLE 23 Nov
T CORWIN						
KATOOMBA	16/11		J ISSACSON	AUST		ex SYDNEY
			MEXICO	CAIRNS	17/11	
			RIVER DERWENT			
			S J REED	AUST	15/12	on berth SYD 25/11
			BONTEKOE	AUST	3/12	ex T'VILLE
			J EARLY	MADANG	16/11	
MADANG						
CAPE ALEX	16/11	B'VILLE	J S MORETON	JACQUINOT	16/11	
			J EARLY	LAE	15/11	Thence AITAPE
			MAIWARA	FINSCH		
			F PARKMAN	AITAPE	18/11	
FINSCHAFFEN						
BONTEKOE		BRISBANE	F PEATE	JACQUINOT		
			W H POINT	SYDNEY	18/11	Sld ex SYD. 7/11
			MAIWARA	LAE		
LAE						
J OLIVER	18/11	B'VILLE	ATLAS	AUST		To load ex SYD. ETD 25 Nov.
J EARLY	17/11	MADANG	ORVISTON	HOLLANDIA	26/11	for T'VILLE
			F PARKMAN	AITAPE	18/11	Thence to JACQUINOT
MAIWARA		TALASEA				
VAN DER BOSCH						
JACQUINOT						
F PEATE		FINSCH				
J S MORETON		MADANG				
SHAWNEE			ANN McKIMM	AUST	25/11	ex SYDNEY & CAIRNS
			L M GARRISON	AUST	3/12	on berth BRIS 12/11
			VAN HEUTZ	AUST	1/12	on berth BRIS 16/11
			EVANGELINE	AUST		on berth DARWIN 17/1
			W B ROGERS	AUST		ex SYD on berth 16/11
			JANE ADAMS	AUST		ex DARWIN on berth 16/11
			SWARTENHONDT	AUST		ex DARWIN
MORESBY						
CHARON	22/11	SYDNEY	EDNA	AUST	23/11	ex SYDNEY 11/11

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IN PORT	ETD	FOR	EN ROUTE	FROM	ETA	REMARKS
MILNE BAY			ELWOOD MEADE	AUST		ETD not se
TALASEA HOSKINS			MAIWARA	LAE		
BOUGAINVILLE NORMAC SEA			INDIAN VICTORY	AUST	26/11	ex SYD & CAIRNS
			TORRENS	AUST	28/11	ex BRIS
			J OLIVER	LAE	22/11	
			SANTA MONICA	MADANG	17/11	to do second trip ex AUST
			CAPE ALEXANDER	MADANG	19/11	
			ARCHER	SYDNEY	30/11	Thence for JACQUINOT
HOLLANDIA LUDDINGTON			GORGON (14)	BRIS & CAIRNS		
ORMISTON FLORIDAN DAVID SHANKS	23/11	LAE				

NOTE:
ETA - Expected Time of Arrival at Destination.
ETD - Expected Time of Departure from Loading Port.

for A.C.H. Napier Brig.
DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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2/1 AUST MOV & TN GP	M C JACQUINOT BAY	S & T
5 AUST M C GP	N G FORCE SEC AAGS	POSTAL (2)
3 AUST DOCKS GP	G (SD) (2)	FOR INFORMATION:
M C MORESBY	A	2 AUST CORPS
M C FINSCHAFFEN	Q (4)	ADV LHQ (FOR MOV)
M C MADANG	Q (MOV & TN)	FWD ECH LHQ (FOR MOV)
M C AITAPE	CE (2)	BANLO
M C HOLLANDIA	CSO	GHQ REC OFFR LAE
M C HOSKINS	MED	WAR DIARY (2)
M C TOROKINA	ORD	FILE (7)

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
16 Nov 44

DAILY RETURN OF MOVEMENTS - RETURN NO 187
(From 1000 hrs 15 Nov to 1000 hrs 16 Nov)

1. BY SEA

SER NO	UNIT	STRENGTH OFFRS	STRENGTH ORS	FROM	TO	REMARKS
1.	Serials 1-4 on Return No 125 of 14 Nov	3	6	JACQUINOT	MADANG	Disembkd ex CAPE ALEXANDER 15/11
2.	Serials 25-50 on Return No 183 of 12 Nov	132	1389	LAE	BOUGAINVILLE	Disembkd ex MORMAC SEA 15/11
3.	Serials 14-20 on Return No 180 of 9 Nov	3	120	LAE	TREASURY	Disembkd ex S G REED
4.	R A N	13.	109	SYDNEY	MILNE BAY	Disembkd ex CHARON 13/11
5.	1 Aust Landing Ships Det	-	1	"	" "	"
6.	Civilians	4	-	"	" "	"
7.	U S Army	1	-	SYDNEY	MORESBY	Disembkd ex CHARON 15/11
8.	Civilians	5	-	"	"	"
9.	Aust Details	=	2	LAE	MADANG	Disembkd ex Naval Vessel 14/11
10.	Serials 34-39 on Return No 185 of 14/11	18	162 271 (natives)	MADANG	JACQUINOT	Disembkd ex SHANNEL 14/11

2. AIR GENERAL :-

UNIT	STRENGTH Offrs	STRENGTH Ors	FROM	TO	DETAILS
2/2 Aust Docks Op Coy		7	LAE	TOROKINA	
5 Aust Svy Coy		8	MADZAB	TOWNSVILLE	

AIR COMN AND SPECIAL A/C.

UNIT	NO of A/C	FROM	TO	DETAILS
9 Comn Unit RAAF	1 BEAUFORT	LAE	MADANG	personnel & mail
" "	1 C47	LAE	TOROKINA	personnel & freight
21 Service Gp USAAF	2 C47's	NADZAB	DUMPU	PIB maintenance

[signature] Capt
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DFO NEW GUINEA	AMS	CSO	E & ME	WAR DIARY
HQ FORCE SEC AACS	Q (2)	MED	POSTAL (2)	
G (OPS)	Q (MOV & TN)	DENTAL	SALVAGE	
G (SD) (2)	ENG	S & T	AMEN	

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SUBJECT : " ATLAS " - SYDNEY TO LAE

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
16 NOV 44

Q 2463

DA & QMG	RED CROSS
A	YMCA
Q (4)	ORD
CE (2)	

1. Ref our Q 2447 of 15 Nov 44.

2. Following additional cargo will be loaded.

PER AL	CONSIGNEE	TONS (M)
1.	Engineers	346
2.	Ordnance	550
3.	Red Cross	100
4.	YMCA	4

P. Cunningham, Capt
Lt-Col.
for COL (Mov & Tn) FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
16 Nov 44

PROPOSED SHIPPING ALLOTMENTS AS AT 15 NOV

1. This schedule is compiled with respect to personnel, vehicles and general cargo.

2. Details of personnel and vehicles by units are shown where possible, otherwise estimated number of Aust Troops to be embarked is given.

Lt-Gen,
GOC FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

SERIAL	VESSEL	UNIT	ALLOTMENT			FROM PORT	ETD	TO PORT	ETA	REMARKS
			Pers	Vchs	Stores					
1	JAMES OLIVER	det 2 Forestry Svy Coy	12	2						
		Natives	10							
		bal HQ 2 Aust Corps	1	1						
		244 LAD	10	7						
		bal 126 Fde Troops	20	19						
		126 Fde Ord Fd Pk	85	10						
		bal HQ and Sig Sec 1 Water Tpt Gp	10	5						
		55 Fd Pk Coy	59	70						
		bal 7 LD Pl	2	1	1045	LAE	18 Nov	BOUGAINVILLE	21 Nov	
		AIB	3							
		25 Sec FS Emp	13	3						
		Native Labour - Europeans	5							
		Natives	251							
		A Coy NGIB - Europeans	25	1						
		Natives	133							
		Northern Regional ANGAU Details	10							
		58 Aust Corps Fd Pk	58	47						
		43 FCD		20						
		TOTAL	716	126						

SERIAL	VESSEL	UNIT	ALLOTMENT			FROM PORT	ETD	TO PORT	ETA	REMARKS
			Pers	Vehs	Stores					
2	JUBAL EARLY	HQ 22 Sup Dep Coy	12							
		det 126 Gen Tpt Coy	104	38						
		52 DIPOD Pl	14							
		5 Fd Bakery Pl	29							
		One Pl 1 Port Maint Coy	5	1						
		One Pl 2 MAC	37	18						
		det 1 Fd Censorship Coy	5							
		7 Graves Unit	6		83	LAE	17 Nov	AITAPE	22 Nov	
		81 Depot Cash Office	4	1						
		det 1 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit	15	5						
		85 Mobile Cinema	2	1						
		ANGAU		2						
		13 Wksps & Park Coy		9						
		RAAF		11						
		2/2 Forestry Coy		1						
		2 Forestry Svy Coy		5						
		Natives		5						
		det 23 Hosp Laundry Unit	2	1						
		Details	3							
		43 FOD		2		LAE	17 Nov	MADANG	18 Nov	
		13 Wksps & Park Coy		5						
		RAAF		14						
		General cargo incl POL			3087					
		Any shut outs incl POL ex FRANCIS PARKMAN plus any available cargo				MADANG	20 Nov	AITAPE	22 Nov	
		TOTAL	247	119						

SER L/L	VESSEL	UNIT	ALLOTMENT Pers	Vehs	Stores	FROM PORT	ETD	TO PORT	ETA	REMARKS
3	CAPE ALEXANDER	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde	9							
		det 10 Pro Coy	18							
		227 Sup Dep Pl	34	4						
		B Tpt Pl 158 AGT Coy	91	25						
		113 Bde Ord Fd Pk	18	17						
		113 Bde Bde Ord Wksps	124	21		LAE	16 Nov	BOUGAINVILLE	19 Nov	
		bal 11 Fd Amb	155	10						
		129 AGT Coy	11	79						
		61 WT Sec	5							
		1 Marine Food Sup Pl	19	11						
		If space available B Sqn 2/4 Armd Regt Gp	231	57						
		TOTAL	815	224						
4	CHARON	As per Serial 10 on return of 9 Nov	130		3000	NEWCASTLE	18 Nov	SYDNEY	24 Nov	
5	J S MORETON	Portion 6 Inf Bde Gp for Phase C approx	1250	205	900	LAE	24 Nov	MILNE BAY	25 Nov	Subject to confirmation of routine as requested
6	FRANCIS PARKMAN	Fd Tps for Phase C approx	760	255	900	SYDNEY	22 Nov	MILNE BAY	25 Nov	
		bal 6 Inf Bde Tps and Adv Party 13 Inf Bde (Phase C)	450			LAE	24 Nov	MILNE BAY	25 Nov	
7	FRANCIS PARKMAN	Fd and Base Tps for Phase D approx	1200	320		SYDNEY		MILNE BAY		Subject to confirmation of routine as requested
	ORMISTON	Leave Draft approx	400			LAE	26 Nov	AUST	1 Dec	

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SUBJECT - " DUNTROON " (Voy 29) T/VILLE TO AITAPE

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
16 NOV 44

Q 2465

6 AUST DIV	Q (4)	PRO
3 AUST BASE SUB AREA	Q (MOV & TN)	S & T
DA & QMG	RAA	ORD
G (CPS)	CE (2)	E & ME
G (SD)	CSO	POSTAL (3)
	DENTAL	RANLO

1. Advice has been received that vessel " DUNTROON " will load following personnel and cargo at TOWNSVILLE for AITAPE.

2.

(A) PERSONNEL

SER No.	UNIT	STRENGTH OFFRS	ORS
1.	2/6 Aust Cav Commando Regt	3	90
2.	2/2 Aust Fd Regt	1	4
3.	2/1 Aust Fd Coy	4	199
4.	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	6	66
5.	Det A F S Sec	-	4
6.	17 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	1	50
7.	Det 2/41 Aust Cipher Sec	-	1
8.	11 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	1	34
9.	Sec 6 Aust Div Pro Coy	-	18
10.	HQT 6 AUST DIV POSTAL UNIT		5
11.	2/46 Aust L A D	1	11
12.	2/5 Aust Inf Bn	38	728
13.	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	8	93
14.	2/22 Aust Sup Dep Pl.	2	32
15.	2/23 Aust Sup Dep Pl	1	19
16.	2/3 Aust Tpt Pl	2	60
17.	" B" Sec 2/4 Aust Dental Unit	1	3
18.	Det 6 Aust Div Reception Camp		9
19.	M T. Escort		5
	TOTALS	69	1451

(B) CARGO.

GENERAL STORES	127 Tons (meas)
AMMUNITION	52 Tons (meas)
EXPLOSIVES & INFLAMABLES	6 Tons (meas)
TOTAL	185 Tons (meas)

(C)

Vehicle loading according to stowage specs available.

J Cunningham, Lt/Col
for Brig.
DA & QMG FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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SUBJECT - " GORGON "- BRISBANE & CAIRNS TO HOLLANDIA

HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)
16 NOV 44

Q 2464

DA & QMG	Q (4)	SVY
G (SD)	Q (MOV & TN)	ORD
A	CE (2)	POSTAL (2)
	CSO	

1. Ref our Q 2422 of 13 Nov.

2. Amend as follows:

		Pers	Vehs
(A)	Add new Serial 9 (a)		
	1 Pl 2/1 Aust Docks Op Coy	89	1 x 3 tn 1 x 15 cwt
(B)	Add to Serial 3		
	-	-	6 x 3 ton 4 x 4 GS 4 x 15 cwt

3. Above additional loading to be at the expense of Serials 12 to 17 incl.

for Cunningham, Capt
Lt-Col.
COL (MOV & TN) HQ FIRST AUST ARMY (AIF)

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