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DARWIN BUILD-UP PROJECT

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There is a requirement to build up the receiving and handling effort at Darwin as soon as it may be conveniently done.

MEETING THE REQUIREMENT

Introduction

2. The following paragraphs lay down policy guide lines for the Sig Div to meet the above requirements. The following headings are used:-

Provision of Personnel  
Domestic Accommodation  
Technical Accommodation (incl additional Material Facilities).  
Communication Facilities (incl ComSec).

3. Spare.

Provision of Personnel

4. Target.

The target at Darwin is 60, (male or female, but preferably the former) receiving staff. Also 20 handling staff.

5. Complements.

The complements are to be changed as follows (to the above total of 60).

(a) by transferring complement billets at [REDACTED] (HARMAN supernumeraries) in excess of 10 to Darwin.

(b) by transferring complement billets from HARMAN to Darwin.

6. DCNP is to be requested to change the complements in due course.

7. The personnel are to be obtained as follows:-

(a) by transfer from HARMAN (RO(S) or WRANS RO)

(b) by drafting ORO(S) from sea.

(c) by transfer from [REDACTED]

and these are treated in subsequent paragraphs.

8. Transfer from HARMAN.

(a) Communication-wise, HARMAN can be reduced from its current 80 to as low as 20. Other factors discussed below will limit the transfer to some figure short of this.

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- (b) Again communication-wise, either WRANS ROs or RO(S) may be transferred.

9. Drafting ORO(S) from Sea.

As soon as the ORO(S) at present at sea have done their necessary time and achieved there necessary qualifications, they should be drafted to Darwin. If necessary, the regulations should be changed so that they can get their necessary shore qualification at Darwin.

10. [REDACTED]

11. Spare.

Domestic Accommodation.

12. The limiting factor on the drafting of additional personnel to Darwin is domestic accommodation.

13. Short Term Action.

As many additional personnel as can be accommodated in existing mens and women's single quarters' are to be drafted now.

14. Put up a case to DCNP for ACNB to ask NOICNA to assign, as soon as possible, one married quarter to house as many girls as practicable (say 3 for planning purposes).

15. Long Term Action.

As a longer term measure, to house the 30 additional receiving staff and 20 additional processors, investigate whether they should be accommodated

(a) in existing barracks at Larrakeyah.

(b) in new barracks which would have to be built at Coonawarra.

16. Spare.

Technical Accommodation and Additional Material Facilities.

17. This divides into three phases:

(a) maximum utilisation of present facilities.

(b) re-arrangement of and provision of additional facilities in the present receiving room.

(c) re-arrangement of whole No. 2 RD when handling and comms move into No. 3 RE.

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18. Investigate to what extent (a) above will suffice for the numbers who can be domestically accommodated in the short term. Then take action to meet the balance by (b) above.
19. Consider the following aspects in relation to (b) above:-
- (a) Air Conditioning - especially current correspondence and DNWS latest minute.
  - (b) Additional operators positions - tables, aerial feeders, power supplies.
  - (c) additional receivers and terminal equipment - RACALs on order.
  - (d) minimum costs for these interim additions in view of final rearrangement of whole building.
20. Review plans for the rearrangement of the whole building.
21. Spare.
- Communication Facilities (incl ComSec)
22. One covered channel to be available to No. 2 RB permanently.
23. Investigate whether an additional channel will be needed:-
- (a) when receiving is at Darwin and handling at Canberra.
  - (b) When both are at Darwin.

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