

PROCLAMATION⁽¹⁾

AS TO THE DETERMINATION OF MILITARY OCCUPATION
OF THE TERRITORY OF NEW GUINEA CONSEQUENT
UPON THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE NEW GUINEA
ACT 1920.

WHEREAS on the seventeenth day of September 1914 the Territory of New Guinea (then being a possession of the German Empire) was conquered by and surrendered to the Naval and Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia and has since that date been continuously in Military Occupation and whereas in and by Section 4 of an Act of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia entitled the "New Guinea Act 1920" the said Territory of New Guinea is declared to be a Territory under the Authority of the Commonwealth and whereas a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia published in the "Commonwealth of Australia Gazette" of the 7th April 1921 it is proclaimed that the "New Guinea Act 1920" shall commence on the 9th May 1921 now therefore I, Evan Alexander Wisdom, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., A.D.C., duly appointed in pursuance of Section 7 of the "New Guinea Act 1920" the Administrator of the said Territory do hereby proclaim that the Military Occupation of the said Territory is determined as from the commencement of the "New Guinea Act 1920".

Given under my hand at Rabaul in the Territory of New Guinea
this seventh day of May One thousand nine hundred and
twenty-one.

(L.S.)

EVAN A. WISDOM,
Administrator.

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