

QANTAS STAFF IS CUT

Dismissal of a large number of the staff of 59 at the Qantas servicing and repair depot for aircraft engines at Moorooka has been effected this week.

Notice for many of the men will terminate on Wednesday.

Reduction of establishment to a skeleton staff basis follows a slump in the volume of repairs and maintenance work, caused mainly by transfer of the Dutch military and civilian air headquarters to Batavia.

Much of the repair work done at the Moorooka depot since it was set up in 1943 was on engines and machine units for Dutch 19th Squadron aircraft and Douglas planes operated by K.L.M. airline.

The Qantas repair centre was the only organisation of its kind in Queensland. It was essentially a war time measure.