

To S3 from A1,

BACKGROUND.

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INTENTION.

You will go at once with maximum possible arms, into the Ulu Limbang, in order to block this move from our end, to prevent it reaching the Trusan, and to **KILL THE MAXIMUM** number of Japs.

It is NOT your business to rescue POW's, look for lost aircraft, other whites or anything else.

METHOD.

The following are to be taken as ORDERS.

1. Route. No need to tell you about this. Use the quickest you can in relation to the above place names.
2. Porters. Present a difficulty on this hard overland trip. If necessary you will have to conscript from Pa Kalalan etc. Up to you. You have my full support for any conscripting action you may need to take.
3. Stores. Travel light and fast. You can live off country once in Limbang. Concentrate on arms and ammo. You may take all of these you can carry. Medical to a basic minimum. Comforts, uncomfortable;
4. Soldiers. Take whoever you want and can get, as local troops will be doing the same local defence job by going over there. I am moving a considerable force up from Pa Tengoa to guard the middle Trusan in case any get through. Once on Limbang you will have no trouble. Use blow-pipes maximum too.
5. Speed. Speed is clearly vital. That and surprise (which goes with it) are key to this. Otherwise danger Japs may peel off towards Temburong before you get there. (We also want to get some of the kill before Semut 2 does it - friendly jealousy).
6. Liaison. Temburong area is controlled you do not go off there. I am not rpt not having any more of you careering about on your own as a private Brigadier. You will make the **FIRST PRIORITY** contact with me. You will give fullest information. Thus I can move other forces to meet Japs if they move away from you - thus and only thus. No more 'private adventures' will be tolerated. Team work is imperative on this sort of job. You will therefore pay more attention to rear link with me than anything else. I am doing all I can to give you W/T and Sig - and at great sacrifice to my own plans. (I will also keep Semut 2 informed of your moves.)
7. Sigs. If I can supply one, he will work me direct, no one else. If he cannot get through he will RETURN to BLAUWIT at once.
8. Limits. You will not go south of the Limbang. You will not cross into the Tutoh except - and this only if **ESSENTIAL**, and afterwards justifiable as such (NOT on some native rumour or Celebes chase) in the very headwaters ABOVE the R LAYUN, 3.55 N, 111.58 E. You will NOT go below Kuala Madalam on the Limbang. You will NOT chase after odd Japs or reports. Your job is to find and stop main force.

9. Interception.

Down river is now A.I.F. direct responsibility. You must intercept and harry any large force, and at the same time keep me completely informed its movements. Beware of dodge Japs nearly got away with in lower Trusan (they did get through the A.I.F. lower Limbang area with it). They made an entirely NEW track by-passing all villages. ~~Thx~~ They showed amazing stamina, in going for 41 days in this way, despite many dead of starvation and exhaustion, exposure.

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10. Natives and Japs.

Any native helping the Japs will be sent back here as prisoner, and court martialled without excuse. (NO executions by you).

You will see that ALL rpt ALL food on all routes is hidden in the jungle, that where necessary routes are obscured, canoes completely removed from river escape lines, etc. I will support you in all definite action of this nature. No half measures tolerable.

11. Contact.

You are under my direct orders and will NOT, as on a previous occasion, TAKE ORDERS from anyone else. You are expert on the area. If you meet a superior who insists on taking charge, you will withdraw altogether, informing me. Actually the Limbang is our recognised area, and you are in your rights to take any action there. I will support you. If it is a matter of liaison and co-operation, that is good. In such case you will NOT, however, come under anyone else or report to anyone but me. You will NOT contact A.I.F. or render any written communication.

(This may always turn out to be a goose-chase or too-late chase but these measures have to be taken by us, as top priority, anyway).

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8078

Ukong.
2200 hrs.
10th. July.

To Al,

I herewith make my written report on action I took today in executing Lakop. This action is beyond the bounds of your orders but necessary under the circumstances. In accordance with Semyt 1 & orders I am sending an immediate report on the matter.

I captured Lakop this morning after he had evaded capture for a fortnight. I brought him here to Ukong and decided to execute him immediately as he would have had to have been held over night as prisoner and as most of my men are out on patrol I could not afford any men to guard him over night and there was every possibility of him escaping. He was a definite threat to the security of my area and I felt I could not take the chance of him escaping as my success in getting Japs in my area depends on surprise. The Japanese are still in the belief that Ukong is in Jap hands which suits me beautifully as it brings them right to me and I could not afford to have one person on the river who would tell them the real state of affairs, as if a large party of Japs heard there was only one member of the A.I.F. at Ukong they easily overwhelm me in a surprise attack.

I therefore feel that my action was justified as this was the only man on the river who would tell the Japs of the situation and I could not take the risk of him escaping and joining up with them.

H6.

Ukong.
2-00 hrs.
10th July.

To Lt.

I have written report on action on 10th July in
executing Lakos. This action is beyond the bounds of your orders
but necessary under the circumstances. In accordance with your
orders I am sending an immediate report on the matter.
I captured Lakos this morning after he had evaded capture for
several days. I brought him back to Ukong and decided to execute him
immediately as he would have had to have been held over night as
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H.S.

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H.Q. B.I.F.

29/9/45.

Tom,

PADAS and LIMBANG.

In case you have not received my signalled SITREPs on what has been going on between this H.Q. and LABUAN concerning these areas, I am attaching summaries of the various signals which have been passed.

..... *Paul* F/Lt

H.Q. B.I.F.

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W.S. 102.11.
10/1/45.

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WADSWORTH and J. J. WADSWORTH

In case you have not received an alphabetical list of names on what has been
going on between this W.S. and J. J. WADSWORTH concerning these cases, I am
attaching a number of the various letters which have been passed.

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1/1/45

W.S. 102.11.

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(THIS MAY always turn out to be a goosechase, or too late chase, but these measures have to be taken by us, as top priority, anyway.)

ORDERS....34 S3 from AI.....2/7/45.

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SALEH BIN AHMAD AL-KAMIZ

34, MAIN ROAD
LIMBANG. (SARAWAK.)

١٣ _____ لمبيغ سراواق

18/8/45

١٩ _____ الموافق

Rt. Bilang 4°21'N - 114°56'E

Patrol party returned from S. Sepapit - map ref 4°21'N 114°58'E
no sign of any gaps having returned there after the raid
by the Ibans on the 12/8/45.

Patrol of Madalam Rt. Chukei 4°21'N - 114°54'E

Report. having heard after dark, (across river on western bank
near Rt. Chukei) a gap voice calling out to his friends, who
did not answer.

19-8-45

Patrol from Rumah Kadu - 4°21'N - 114°57'E went out
searching this morning. - estimate of gap party will be
made on inspection of track & foot prints.

The river is dropping fast after the big flood, which lasted
8 days. We can expect gaps trying to cross the Madalam R.
from now on and attempting to get through to the Seburong.

Present gap habit By-passing all villages regardless of size, &
live on jungle foods - eg. water lily - banana shoots. This concerns
only the small parties. The main party has yet to come. They
are long overdue. It's quite likely that they have turned back to Ulu Bakiat.
Small gap party roughly 5 in strength - foot prints only, seen,
reported in Rt. Brandah area - map ref 4°25'N - 114°59'E
on Madamit R. - no food in the fields have been touched.
They belong to the party of 7 which was attacked at S. Sepapit
the day before I arrived (12/8/45)

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SALAH BIN AHMAD AL-KAMIN

34 MAIN ROAD
(BARAWAN) LIMBANG3
DRL
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20/8/45

1 gap belonging to the party of 5 that got away was found floating down the river.

Previous letter has been dispatched via Madalam and Ulu Lutoh.

Reason for taking this course is to get information from Ulu Lutoh of the Jap party that is ~~to be~~ coming this way.

Requests

Can you arrange with May Ditmas the sale of padi & rice belonging to the Ebans. The Ukong Chinese have started bartering with these people and are applying their own (Chinese) cut-throat rate of exchange and not abiding by the government's previous rate.

Can you spare 3 rifles and ammo plus 2 shot-guns for the bearers of this letter (Hong Madu-men)

Medicine Sulphaguanidine, Aspirin, Sulphamazine, Quinine, Atobrin tabs.

Money. Most of the money you gave me has been paid out to porters.

Cloth - one role of Sarong material to be issued out to deserving cases.

Rec'd 3/9

Seridan 25 August 1945

R 519.

Tuan Besar jng Leib.

Sgt Polang sudah sampai di Seridan
dengan selamat saja.

Telibanja Polang di kubuan Polang
ada suruh 2 orang jaitre kepala kpg
kubuan namanya Lawah Raja serta
manul Raja datang ke Seridan dan
terus jalan ke subgeri Layun, ada
kelompok sama orang poonbu jaitre kepala
kpg aja, sesudahnya ilue ke dua
orang ini kembali ke Seridan dan
ketemu sama saya / Polang.

Chabarnya orang 2 nippon masih
tinggal di ketiga tempat jaitre
saenger Bernang, Betjak dan terawan
semuanya jabang dari Tutob.

Chabarnya jng betak ada beberapa
Tuan 3 serta serdadu 3. Kayu ada
menjerang pada orang nippon ditimpit
ilue.

T-D

II

Terjalanan dari Liridan dengan Perahu
ke Sungai Bernang ada 5 hari dan
jalan kaki / huta / etc 9 hari. Bahari
sampai Long Bernang; kelahi paksi
perahu terbelah sebab diban besar.
Bolong harap (fikir) tentu orang
mipos susah hari sebelah ini sebab
nya tidak makan dan tidak ada
banyak gunung tinggi.

Bolong sekarang mulai hari
ini ada beku patrol sungai Tutul
saban hari. Hal makanya ada
~~sakit~~ susah sebab kasilap
kpg ketjil dan tentu kalam kurang
makanya Bolong maesti jalan sungai
Medilit jaitu perjalana 3 hari
dari Liridan sampai Tema Kulim
Teharang Bolong ada kurin kepala
kpg Bueyo hendak pergi ke Blawet
dat mahsoudnya minta senopa
buat jaga kampung.

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dan bucat orang? Terida Polang
nanti kasih tinggal 1 senapan
byle? Polang, mane djala teres,
bucat djaga kampung, dsini moesti
perlu belapan. Lufurannya dekat
dari orang nippon - - Trai perghulu
Terida jilne Mananja, Loepoe Polang
jilne duclue sudore Lenter Bendera
pada Tacan Besar.

Polang sekarang ada tinggal di
Terida, Terida ada kuffat jng
terang pelibatan dari oedawan.

Sprpai dsini saja -
dan Meraengge Chebar serta
permitil dari Tacan Besar -

~~ada yang Terida~~
~~pagi ke dsini~~

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Set Mwang

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Boeys August 23, 1945.

sgt Bolang sudah sampai di Boeys
dan Besah musti turun ke Geridas -
Bolang kasih tinggal di kubas
1 serdadu mananya Baring Toy, sebabnya
kita? Jalan jalan ada ada pernet sakit
dan kerunya di kasih tinggal dengan
goern Tomris.

I. Rang: nippon sekarang masih
tinggal di Saengei? Saengei kecil namanya
Sungei Long Terawal, Long Besar, Long Belinuae
Lapi mananya Saengei besar Long Tutob -
Perjalanan dari Geridas sampai
Long Terawal jalan ada 6 hari 6 malam
Perjalanan perahu terlalu susah -
banyak diaman besar?

Bolang tahse betrol? yang orang?
nippon tidak akan naik bhn Klabit
sebabnya tidak ada kpg serta banyak
gampang besar? serta perjalanannya
terlalu amat susah. P.T.O

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Disini semua bangsa & Klabit, Poona
kaya sudah banyak baenah orang
nippon.

Bolang sebarang dengan Chabar
yang taas spondan tiffah ada lagi
di saenge Medihit tetapi sudah terus
saenge Limbang serta mare ke Longbrung
Disini kpg kecil & bar tentue
kalan tidal ada ~~ke~~ malana, Bolang
mushi dalam teras saenge Medihit
da tidal kembali lagi dalam
kuboa, lawaranya banyak gaenung
besar & da mushi & malan tidur dalam
haeta.

Bolang minta keterangan lebih
panjang / pasti taag Besar seperti:
I Bolak Bolang pergi menjerang
bersama & taag & dan MAJOK.C.
dengan orang nip. di Longbrung?

II Bila Bolang tidal haeta, makang
di Gerida bolak taag Besar
hasil kurin makaran & saepu
P.T.O

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kami bisa^{III} tahu lama disini
tuel Toea Besar ada lebih tahu
di bkg disini.

III. Sebabnya Bolang menanggung
chabar dari Toea Besar, sebabnya
Bolang merasa takut dan malu
kalau melonggar perintah dari
Toea Besar / peraturan /

IV. Bila Bolang meninggal ke dua
kepala bolehkah Bolang hasil
1 senapan saban kep? /
Sebabnya tentu disini ada
perlu senapas, lantaran orang
nippon tidak banyak.

V. Kalau Toea Besar mau kirim
suatu kapal lebih baik di jalan
Longbelau ke saenger Medikit -
sebabnya Bolang mau pakai
jalan jalan.

Wamat da Tabl
set Bolang

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BRUNET

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Muphon

AREH

TAMA KULIN

TAMA KALANG

MT API

MT KAJANG

LONG ISRAH

TEPIN R

1 day

BONG APON

Purnu
Tudy Post

LAYUN R

SERIDAN

BOCYO

KUBDAH R

KUBRAN

PATIK

6 days

ANSALAM

SERIDAN - Kubra
5 days 4 night

LONGLEBANG

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Kubaan on August 10, 1945

Dear Sir

Keterangan jng lentre breal Orang nippon
I. Kemaren pada datang ke Kubaan
yaitu 2 orang Serida membawak
kabar seperti tersebut dibawah ini:

II Orang nippon sekarang ada \pm 300 org
sekarang tinggal gabung sungai
Long Belinao - sungai Tutoh.
Lihat gambar.

III Sebanya sekarang sudah ada Chabu
jng lentre dan Bolang serta serdadu 3
shave berangkat besok tgl 19 ke Serida
dan terob ke tempat orang nippon.
Di Serida orang kalbit, Poman
sudah menenggase pada saja (Bolang).

IV Kabar dari orang Poman jaitu
sudah banyak orang nippon kena
tangkap hidup. Banyaknya 10 Toean
dari MAJOR C dan 100 org iban, 100
Poman memakai Rifles dan mengedjar
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IV

orang? nippon dari Long Bernang ke
Long Belindo. — Kabarnya ke dua
orang tersebut ~~ada~~ semasa orang
tersebut sudah djaga di tjabat
svenger Long Magol — Tertoh.

V Gemaca Terlepas dari kuban Bolang
bawak ke Terida. Dan Bolang kirim
2 orang kuban serta 1 orang pitih pergi
ke Blawet boeat ambil senapan ~~se~~
sabo? saban ppg boeat djaga.

VI Bolang sudah swach ke mbali
Belubuk ke Long Lama dan musti
meld sama MAJOR.C dan kalau
ada Chabar nippon boleh lekas
kirim kabar pada saya [Bolang].

^{Pasir} Gaeve Tomisi sudah djalan ke Padali
dan kembali ketengah Bolang di
kuban dan mare djaga ke Terida
boeat Propagandist dban.

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III

VII Bolang minta peluru dari Pustan
Gun. Benjawan 400 - minyak sekapas
1 pluk dan baterai 6.

Harap toean, kakib senapan baerat
orang, Kuban dan Tatib, sebabnya
dud turvet Perintah dan berjalas
sama dengan Gaya (Bolang)

Djika Jagan Besar masih tambah
penapan, balak kasil akan ketiga
orang ini dan maesti supel lekas
lekas, bawah ke Teridan; seternya
pulang bilit pakai orang Leras,
bunt pergi menyera.

Terma Kabar / Barang maesti
djalas Bares - kuban, Maexo. Terida

Harap Toean Besar. Sening dengan
ketubangan = Bolang dan djika ada
tersangkait salah, saya minta
maafkan

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W. G. Sgt Bolang

400 Austin ammo.

Rifle out

4 batteries

Write him a letter.

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Position jobs signalled SF 21/8/45. Sketch map prepared for Muster 1B

114° 46' E 4° 03' N.



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