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APPENDIX No. 1(c)

to

2/6 AUST CAV (COMMANDO REGT. WAR DIARY

for

NOVEMBER 1944

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27 Nov 44

6 AUST DIV ADM ORDER No 4

(To be read in conjunction with 19 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr No 2)

GENERAL

1. One Coy 2/4 Aust Inf Bn will relieve HQ and two troops 2/7 Aust Commando Sqn and one troop 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn at BABIANG.

2. Relief will be completed by 1 Dec 44.

MOVEMENT

3. Movement will be under arrangements 19 Aust Inf Bde.

SUPPLIES, AMN ETC

4. (a) Coy 2/4 Aust Inf Bn will move with three days supplies and will take over reserves of Supplies, Amn etc amounting to approx 20 days for one Coy now held by Sup personnel at BABIANG for daily maintenance.

(b) Re-supply will be by air as necessary until road is through to BABIANG, at present estimated to be by 4 Dec 44.

(c) As no supplies of 2" and 3" mortar bombs exist at BABIANG, 19 Aust Inf Bde will arrange for unit carriage of immediate requirements.

(d) 2" and 3" mortar bombs as per 19 Aust Inf Bde Indent No SC4/44 of 26 Nov 44 will be held at DID YACAMUL as from 30 Nov 44.

NATIVES

5. (a) Coy 2/4 Aust Inf Bn will take over native carriers now held by 2/7 Aust Commando Sqn and will be responsible for their maintenance and also for the maintenance as long as possible of native refugees in the area.

(b) When the latter becomes no longer possible ANGAU are to be informed.

MEDICAL

6. (a) 19 Aust Inf Bde will arrange for one MO to accompany Coy to BABIANG and to remain there.

(b) As 2/7 Aust Fd Amb is under command 19 Aust Inf Bde, the latter will make own arrangements for evacuation of casualties.

COMMANDO SQN

(a) On relief HQ and two troops 2/7 Aust Commando Sqn will return to YACAMUL preparatory to moving inland to NIALU and TONG. No move from YACAMUL until advised by this HQ.

(b) Personnel will be maintained from DID at YACAMUL.

(c) One troop 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn will move from BABIANG back to unit location at AITAPE.

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AA & QMG 6 Aust Div

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6 AUST DIV ADMIN ORDER No 3

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HQ 6 Aust Div
13 Nov 44
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GENERAL

1. (a) One troop 2/7 Aust Commando Sqn will move from BADILANG to YACAMUL arriving at YACAMUL by 1500 hrs Tue 28 Nov 44, in preparation to move inland to the NILALU area.

(b) This troop will be replaced at BADILANG by one troop 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn.

MOVEMENT

2. All movement will be under control of 2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt who are to demand on this HQ for transport required.

SUPPLIES ETC

3. (a) Following reserves will be dumped at YACAMUL under AASC arrangements :-

(i) Supplies: 30 days S&F for one Commando Sqn, & 100 Whites
30 days native Rations for 450 natives
(ii) Ammn 3 first line holdings for one Cdo Tp plus 14 days WUR on scale as specified by 2/6 Cav(Cdo)Regt
(iii) Expense Stores: 28 days for one Commando Sqn & 100 whites

(b) All the above are to be dumped at YACAMUL by 1200 hrs Tue 28 Nov.

(c) AASC 6 Aust Div will arrange for necessary Sup Depot Pl personnel to hold above stores and issue.

(d) POL - 500 galls.

ORD

4. 2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt will ensure that necessary reserves of clothing are obtained from Ord and are passed to AASC 6 Aust Div for carriage to YACAMUL with supplies etc.

NATIVE CARRIERS

5. (a) ANGAU LIAISON will arrange for 450 natives to arrive at YACAMUL by 1500 hrs Tue 28 Nov 44.

(b) They will carry 4 days rations.

MOVEMENT TO NILALU

6. One troop 2/7 Aust Commando Sqn will move from YACAMUL to NILALU commencing Wed 29 Nov 44 and using native carriers for carriage of stores, unit equipment, ammunition etc. The movement will be under the direction of 2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt in consultation with ANGAU as to use of carriers. 30 natives will remain at NILALU. Balance of 2/7 Aust Cdo Sqn to move to NILALU under circumstances to be notified.

SUPPLIES Etc

7. (a) All personnel will move carrying 3 days rations on the man.

(b) Following supplies will be carried by Native Carrier :

(i) 4 days Track Rations for White Tps
(ii) 8 days Track Rations for Natives.

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(iii) 6 days reserves for one troop plus 50 natives to be held at MALU and to be used for daily maintenance until re-supply arranged.

(iv) WUR ammunitions as specified by 2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt as follows (See para 3 (a)(ii) above):-

.303 Ctn	rds	7488)	
.303 Bdr	"	6000)	
9 mm	"	30000)	
Grenades		)	
4 sec		270)	Total weight 3305
7 sec		60)	
63 smoke		8)	
77 WP		36)	

2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt will submit indents to this HQ by 1600 hrs 25 Nov 44.

(v) Certain items of unit equipment, cooking gear etc to be made available by 2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt at YACAMUL and weighing in all 364 lbs.

RESUPPLY

8. (a) Resupply to YACAMUL will be normal daily maintenance delivered under ASC arrangements.

(b) Resupply from YACAMUL to MALU will be notified later and will be by either native carrier or by air.

MEDICAL

9. (a) One MO as specified by 2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt will accompany troop to MALU and one MO will remain at BABILNG.

(b) Extra MO with 2/4 Aust Inf Bn will service personnel at YACAMUL.

(c) Evacuation from MALU will be by native carrier to YACAMUL, thence to 104 Aust CCS either by Amb Cars to be provided on arrival by 2/7 Aust Fd Amb or by returning ASC transport.

PW

10. Normal to YACAMUL. DAPM 6 Aust Div to arrange escorts from YACAMUL as required.

WATER

11. (a) ASC to make necessary arrangements at YACAMUL.

(b) 2/6 Aust Cav (commando) Regt to ensure necessary precautions are taken by Troop to and at MALU.

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A & Q G 6 Aust Div

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6 AUST DIV ADM INSTR No 8

MOVEMENT of 2/10 AUST CAV (COMMANDO) SQN to TONG and one Coy 2/4 AUST INF BN to BABIANG

GENERAL

1. This order deals with the adm aspects of the movement referred to above.

NATIVES

2. (a) HQ ANGAU AITAPE will arrange for the movement of 350 natives from AITAPE area to BABIANG. Move to be completed by evening Tues 14 Nov 44.

(b) Provision of native rations for the move and for one day after arrival at BABIANG to be under ANGAU arrangements.

(c) On arrival at BABIANG Comd native train (WO EDWARDS) will report to 19 Aust Inf Bde Liaison Officer who will be found at HQ 2/10 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn.

(d) Thereafter the 350 natives will be at the disposal of 19 Aust Inf Bde.

(e) Present allotment of natives at BABIANG to be retained.

SUPPLIES

3. (a) Rations

(i) Rations, white and native, both for reserves and re-supply on a scale as laid down by HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde, covering both the requirements of 2/10 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn based on MIHET and those of one Coy 2/4 Aust Inf Bn are to be dumped primarily at BABIANG.

(ii) Following craft are to be made available for this purpose:-

Mon 13 Nov - 2 DUKWS at 2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt area at 0530 hrs, maximum load - four tons and up to 10 personnel. Loading MUST be completed by 0600 hrs.

Tue 14 Nov - 2 LCM from an area to be notified later and dependent upon the possibility of LCM beaching at BABIANG (this will be determined after a recce to be carried out by this HQ on 13 Nov and 19 Aust Inf Bde will be notified of result)

(iii) All loading parties etc to be arranged by 19 Aust Inf Bde.

(iv) Any subsequent requirements are to be notified to this HQ.

PERSONNEL

4. (a) Personnel of one Coy 2/4 Aust Inf Bn may be moved to BABIANG at discretion of 19 Aust Inf Bde in any of the small craft referred to in Para 3 (a)(ii) above providing no reduction in maximum tonage of stores carried is thereby caused.

(b) HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde to notify this HQ of additional craft required for tpt of balance of the personnel and date of movement.

MOVEMENT TO TONG

5. (a) Subject to availability of supplies and natives and at the discretion of 19 Aust Inf Bde, it is suggested that on Thur 16 Nov 44 one Troop 2/10 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn moves direct to TONG with 350 natives carrying all equipment, reserves of rations and amn as laid down by 19 Aust Inf Bde, rations for the journey together with 12 days maintenance of all types.

(b) On arrival at TONG 30 natives will remain with the Tp, the balance returning to BABIANG.

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MOVEMENT TO MIHET

6. At the discretion of 19 Aust Inf Bde, the balance of 2/10 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn together with reserves of supplies ammunition etc to be established at MIHET may then be moved using 320 natives to be handled in accordance with ANGAU advice.

RE-SUPPLY

7. (a) Re-supply to BABIANG will be twice weekly on Mondays and Thursdays. In the initial stages until full force concentrated at or out from BABIANG, 19 Aust Inf Bde to notify two days in advance their requirement in small craft for such re-supply. Subsequently regular re-supply will later be arranged.

(b) 19 Aust Inf Bde will be responsible for the delivery of all sups etc to BEACH-HEAD and for the provision of loading parties etc and will arrange off-loading at BABIANG to be effected as quickly as possible.

(c) Re-supply to MIHET and from there to forward posts is to be the responsibility of 19 Aust Inf Bde, and in the early stages the 320 native carriers are to be used.

(d) It is hoped in the near future to arrange re-supply by air dropping to forward posts, but in any case MIHET will continue to be re-supplied by native carriers.

(e) 19 Aust Inf Bde to arrange with ANGAU for the impressment of natives from the TONG area when possible. When this number is defined and available, the original 320 natives or whatever portion can be replaced by natives from TONG to be returned under ANGAU arrangements to AITAPE area.

MEDICAL

8. 19 Aust Inf Bde to be responsible for provision of necessary medical arrangements both at posts and in regard to evacuation of casualties from forward areas which will be by native stretcher bearers.

GENERAL ADM MATTERS

9. All other adm arrangements such as repairs and recovery of eqpt, pro, pay, postal etc to be made direct by 19 Aust Inf Bde with the respective service heads at this HQ.

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AA & QMG 6 Aust Div

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2/6 AUST CAV (COMMANDO) REGT WAR DIARY

for

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Subject: PRISONERS OF WAR AND CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

HQ 6 Aust Div

9 Nov 44

Ref No: GSI 11

16 Aust Inf Bde (4)
17 Aust Inf Bde (4)
19 Aust Inf Bde (4)

Copy to: 2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt
A Aust FS Sec
Det ATIS

Captured documents and PsW provide fruitful sources of information.

2. Operations during the past six months in this area have been somewhat static and on a limited scale. Consequently information concerning the enemy has been restricted and needs supplementing considerably.

3. It is requested therefore that a determined effort be made to secure the maximum number of enemy prisoners and documents which should be forwarded to this Headquarters as soon as possible after capture.

[signature]
for Lt Col
(J. A. BISHOP)
GS 6 Aust Div

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JH.
to 2/7, 2/9, 2/10 Spr
for infm.

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2/10 Sgn for infm + return to RHO.

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Subject: PRISONERS OF WAR AND CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

HQ 6 Aust Div

12 Nov 44

Ref No:G11076

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19 Aust Inf Bde (4)

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Copy to: 2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt
"A" Aust FS Sec
Det ATIS

1. Our GSI 11 despatched 8 Nov 44 is cancelled.

2. Units in contact with the enemy in this area have set a good example in capturing a number of PsW. The importance of information from this source cannot be over-emphasised particularly in view of the fact that recent ops in the past in this area have been somewhat static and limited in scope. All units are therefore requested to maintain the standard so far achieved and to continue to make a determined effort to take PsW.

3. It is realised that the taking of officer prisoners is no easy task and almost impossible unless the officer intends to surrender. It is not intended that lives should be lost in risky undertakings, but in view of the extensive information which can usually be extracted from officer PW the unit able to effect such captures will be performing a very valuable service.

G Logan Mgr
for Lt Col
(J. A. BISHOP)
GS 6 Aust Div

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Subject: PRISONERS OF WAR AND CAPTURED DOCUMENTS.

2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt.
11 November 1944

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1. 6 Aust Div GSI 11 is repeated for your information.

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J.N.REA Lt.

IO 2/6 Aust Cav (commando) Regt.

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Signed [signature] Maj.

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APO 705

No danger areas

Thursday, 23 November 1944

DAILY BULLETIN)
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NO.....311)

1. RANGE SCHEDULE:

a. 105mm How. & Small Arms:
23 Nov 0700-1700I — 103d FA Bn — Lt Col McCORMICK
Location: Akanai Creek Area.
Direction of Fire: Impact Area 105mm How (135368)
Small Arms: All Around.

b. Small Arms:
23 - 25 Nov 0700I - 1600I — 169th Inf — Col MULLEN
Location: (917500) (923509) (923498) (929508)
Direction of Fire: Southeast.

c. Small Arms:
23 - 25 Nov 0700I - 1600I — Div Hq Co — Lt. VINNEDGE
Location: (025472)
Direction of Fire: South.

d. Small Arms & .30 Cal MG:
23 - 25 Nov 0700I - 1600I — 172d Inf — Col BUSH
Location: Driniumor River Area.
Direction of Fire: East

e. 90mm AA
23 Nov 0700I - 1700I — 161st AAA A/W Bn — Maj WILCOX
Location: (056466)
Direction of Fire: Seaward.

f. .50 Cal & Bazooka:
24 - 25 Nov 0700I - 1600I — 43d QM Co — Lt JOHNSON
Location: Nigia River Mouth.
Direction of Fire: South.

g. 40mm AA
23 - 28 Nov 0700I - 2200I — 470th AAA A/W Bn — Capt HUDNALL
Location: (056466)
Direction of Fire: Seaward.

h. All personnel not concerned with the firing will keep clear of danger areas on dates and hours specified.

i. Ambulance Service: To be provided by the responsible officer of the unit firing.

By command of Major General WING:

C. P. ROBBINS,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

C. W. CAPRON,
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

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** ::: MOVIES TONITE ::: **

169th Inf:
Regt'l Hq ----------Gaslight
3rd Bn ----------Three Men in White

172d Inf:
3rd Bn ----------Make Your Own Bed
2nd Bn ----------Double Indemnity

103rd Inf:
1st Bn.--------Falcon Out West

152nd FA:-------Its A Great Life

169th FA:-------Pistol Packin Mama

43d Hqs---------Canterville Ghost

POP CONCERT: Thanksgiving Concert by the Military Band [illegible]

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No danger areas

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APO 705

Monday, 20 November 1944

DAILY BULLETIN)
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NO.....308)

1. RANGE SCHEDULE:

a. Small Arms & .30 Cal. MG:

20-22 Nov	0700I-1600I	Hq 43d Div Arty	Capt RENICK
Location:	(095440)		
Direction of Fire:	Seaward and South.		

b. .30 Cal. & .45 Cal. MG:

20-22 Nov	0700I-1600I	169th FA Bn	Lt Col DeBLOIS
Location:	(985498)		
Direction of Fire:	Seaward.		

c. 105mm How. & Small Arms:

21-23 Nov	0700I-1700I	103d FA Bn	Lt Col McCORMICK
Location:	Akanai Creek Area.		
Direction of Fire:	Impact Area 105mm How: (135368)		
	Small Arms: All Around		

d. .30 & .50 Cal. MG:

20-21 Nov	0700I-1600I	152d FA Bn	Lt Col BRADT
Location:	Tumleo Island Native Plantation		
Direction of Fire:	All Around.		

e. Small Arms:

20-22 Nov	0700I-1600I	169th Inf	Col MULLEN
Location:	(917500) (923509) (923498) (929508)		
Direction of Fire:	Southeast.		

f. All Infantry Weapons:

20-22 Nov	0700I-1600I	169th Inf	Col MULLEN
Location:	Santa Anna Mission Area.		
Direction of Fire:	South.		

g. Small Arms:

20-25 Nov	0700I-1600I	Division Hq Co	Lt. VINNEDGE
Location:	(025472)		
Direction of Fire:	South.		

h. All Infantry Weapons:

20-22 Nov	0700I-1600I	43d Cav Ron Tr	Capt HALL
Location:	Tepier Plantation.		
Direction of Fire:	All Around.		

i. All Infantry Weapons:

20-22 Nov	0700I-1600I	103d Inf	Col CLELAND
Location:	(959491) (952481) (963478) (967486)		
Direction of Fire:	South.		

j. All Infantry Weapons:

20-22 Nov	0700I-1600I	103d Inf	Col CLELAND
Location:	(968472) (972480) (979471) (979479)		
Direction of Fire:	South.		

k. 37mm Gun:

20-Nov	0700I-1600I	169th Inf	Col MULLEN
Location:	(898548)		
Direction of Fire:	Seaward, Northeast.		

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l. All personnel not concerned with the firing will keep clear of danger areas on dates and hours specified.

m. Ambulance Service: To be provided by the responsible officer of the unit firing.

II. "Effective Monday, 20 November 1944, Atabrine dosage will be increased to three tablets on each of three non-consecutive days for all troops under this command.

By command of Major General WING:

C. P. ROBBINS
Colonel, G.S.C.
Chief of Staff

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Adjutant General.

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Movies Tonite

169th Inf
1st Bn - Three Men in White
2nd Bn - It's A Great Life
172nd Inf
Regtl Hq- Mark Twain
1st Bn - Canterville Ghost
103d Inf
Regtl Hq- Tin Pan Alley
533d Engr - Falcon Out West

GI SHOW

"GI - But Oh My" featuring the "Stars of Aitape"
30th Evac Hosp - 1800

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APO 705

Wednesday, 15 Nov 44

DAILY BULLETIN:

NO.....303

1. RANGE SCHEDULE

a. 30 & 50 Cal MG

15 Nov 44 0700I-1600I Hq Div Arty Capt REMICK
Location: Tumleo Island Native Plantation.
Direction of fire: All around.

b. 105mm How

15-16 Nov 44 - 0700I-1600I 169th FA Bn Lt Col DEBLOIS
Location: Akanai Creek
Direction of fire: Impact area Driniumor River and seaward (observed).

c. 30 & 50 Cal MG

15-16 Nov 44- 0700I-1600I 192nd FA Bn Lt Col NICHOLS
Location: Tumleo Island
Direction of fire: All around

d. Small Arms

15-16 Nov 44 - 0700I-1600I 169th Inf Col MULLEN
Location: (885561) (883550) (900550) (892563)
Direction of fire: South

e. Small Arms

15-16 Nov 44 - 0700I-1600I 169th Inf Col MULLEN
Location: (892549) (878543) (881535) (894548)
Direction of fire: Southwest

f. 37mm

15-18 Nov 44 - 0700I-1600I 169th Inf Col MULLEN
Location: (898548)
Direction of fire: Seaward, northeast

g. Small Arms

15-18 Nov 44 - 0700I-1600I 169th Inf Col MULLEN
Location: (941503) (928483) (948475) (957490)
Direction of fire: South

h. Small Arms

15-18 Nov 44 - 0700I-1600I 169th Inf Col MULLEN
Location: (917500) (923509) (923498) (929508)
Direction of fire: Southeast

i. Small Arms & 30 Cal MG

15-18 Nov 44 - 0700I-1600I 172nd Inf Col BUSH
Location: Driniumor River Area
Direction of fire: East.

j. Sub Cal

15-1 Nov 44 - 0700I-1600I 172nd Inf Col BUSH
Location: Mouth of Nigia River
Direction of fire: Seaward

k. All Infantry Weapons

15-18 Nov 44 - 0700I-1600I 103rd Inf Col CLELAND
Location: Santa Anna Mission
Direction of fire: South

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m. Ambulance Service:

2. To be provided by the responsible officer of the unit firing.

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CHRISTMAS GIFTS: A catalogue of suggested Christmas gifts, with prices, is available for reference at the Task Force Special Service Office. Anyone interested is invited to consult the catalogue at the Special Service Office.

By Command of Major General WING:

C. P. ROBBINS,
Colonel GSC,
Chief of Staff.

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Adjutant General.

U N O F F I C I A L

MOVIES TONITE:

169th Inf. 1st Bn. "Madame Curie"
169th Inf. 2nd Bn. "Pistol Packin' Mama"
172nd Inf. Rg. Hq. "Tin Pan Alley"
172nd Inf. 2nd Bn. "Make Your Own Bed"
103rd Inf. Rg. Hq. "Edge of Darkness"
103rd Inf. 2nd Bn. "Open Road"
533rd Eng. "Gaslight"

USO SHOW:

"Over 21" - 3 act comedy with 3 actresses and 4 actors:
Tonite: 118th Med Bn Theater -1830
Thursday: 103rd Inf Hq Theater -1830
Friday: 169th Inf Hq Theater -1830

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DAILY BULLETIN: Wednesday, 8 November 1944.

NO.....296:

1. RANGE SCHEDULE

a. Small Arms

8-11 Nov 0630I - 1600I	161st Gun Bn	MAJ WILCOX
Location: (955480) (961490) (963489) (968476)		
Direction of Fire: South		

b. 105mm How:

8-9 Nov 0900I - 1100I	103d FA Bn	CAPT FOSTER
Location: (173943)		
Direction of Fire: Seaward.		

c. Small Arms

8-11 Nov 0700I - 1600I	197th AAA Bn	MAJ WILCOX
Location: (957492)		
Direction of Fire: South.		

d. 40mm and .50 cal. MG:

8-9 Nov 0700I - 1600I	470th AAA A/W Bn	CAPT HUDNALL
Location: (100438)		
Direction of Fire: Seaward.		

e. Small Arms

8 Nov 0700I - 1600I	152d FA Bn	LT COL BRADT
Location: (058463)		
Direction of Fire: Seaward.		

f. Small Arms & .30 cal MG:

8-15 Nov 0700I - 1630I	172d Inf	COL BUSH
Location: (Driniumor River Area)		
Direction of Fire: East.		

g. All Infantry Weapons

9 Nov 0700I - 1600I	169th Inf	COL MULLEN
Location: Area B-3 (953475) (958474) (959489) (965487)		
Area B-4 (969489) (978478) (982477) (984466)		
Direction of Fire: South		

h. Small Arms and 105mm How

8,9,10,13 Nov 0700I - 1600I	181st FA Bn	LT COL DELANEY
Location: Akanai Creek Area.		
Impact area for 105mm How: (135568)		
Small Arms: (All Around)		

i. All Infantry Weapons:

8-11 Nov 0700I - 1600I	169th Inf	COL MULLEN
Location: Area B-1 (923508) (912506) (918500) (923508)		
Direction of Fire: South.		

j. Carbine and MG

8-11 Nov 0700I - 1600I	Hq 43d Div Arty	CAPT REMICK
Location: (097439)		
Direction of Fire: Seaward.		

k. 105mm How

8-9 Nov 0700I - 1600I	152d FA Bn	LT COL BRADT
Location: (058467)		
Direction of Fire: Seaward.		

l. .50 Cal. MG

8 Nov 0700I - 1600I	3873d QM Co	CAPT GILLEN
Location: (082448)		
Direction of Fire: Seaward.		

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m. 105mm How and Small Arms

8-9 Nov	0700I - 1600I	169th FA Bn	LT COL DeBLOIS

Location: Governmant Garden Area
Impact Area: 105mm How - High burst, Southeast in Santa Anna Missio
Small Arms: - All around

n. Small Arms

8-11 Nov	0700I - 1600I	43d Div Hq	LT VINNEDGE

Location: (025472)
Direction of Fire: South.

o. All Infantry Weapons

8 Nov	1100I - 1300I	172d Inf	COL BUSH

Location: Hook's House Area.
Direction of Fire: Southwest.

p. Small Arms

8 Nov	0700I - 1600I	169th Inf	COL MULLEN

Location: (880546) (885540) (888548) (889546)
Direction of Fire: Southwest.

q. 37mm Gun

8-11 Nov	0700I - 1600I	169th Inf	COL MULLEN

Location: (898549)
Direction of Fire: Seaward.

r. Carbine

8-11 Nov	0700I - 1600I	169th FA Bn	CAPT STEPHENS

Location: (985498)
Direction of Fire: Seaward.

s. Small Arms

8 Nov	1300I - 1600I	43d Recn Trp	CAPT HALL
11 Nov	0800I - 1130I		

Location: Santa Anna Mission
Direction of Fire: Southwest

t. 90mm

8-11 Nov	0700I - 1600I	161st AAA Bn	MAJ WILCOX

Location: (056466)
Direction of Fire: Seaward, Northeast.

u. Small Arms & 105mm How

9,10,13,14 Nov	0700I - 1600I	152d FA Bn	LT COL BRADT

Location: Akanai Creek Area
Direction of Fire: Impact Area: 105mm (135368)
Small Arms: All Around

v. All personnel not concerned with the firing will keep out of danger area on dates and hours specified.

w. Ambulance Service: To be provided by the responsible officer of the unit firing.

2. OFF LIMITS

Effective 1200, 8 Nov 44, members of Army Nurse Corps will be on duty at the 30th Evacuation Hospital. Area assigned for nurses quarters is "Off Limits" to all personnel. Units occupying adjacent areas will shield all showers, latrines and urinals at once, and personnel of such units will be fully clothed when outside of quarters and toilet installations.

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3. SERVICE RECORD REMARKS

Authority to wear oversea service bars will be noted under "Remarks Administrative" in Service Records (WD AGO Form No.24) of enlisted personnel and on Officers and Warrant Officers Qualification Cards (WD AGO Form 66-1) for officers and warrant officers.

a. The following is a model remark for this entry:

(1) Initial entry

Authorized oversea service bars as indicated below: (WD
4 Bars; 24 mos. F.S. Compl. 1 Oct/44 (example) Cir 268,

(2) Subsequent entry every six months

5th Bar; 30 mos. F.S. Compl. 1 Apr/44 (example)

b. Eligibility to wear the oversea service bars will be determined in accordance with provisions of Par 3, WD Circular 268, 1944.

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MOVIES TONIGHT

169th Inf:
1st Bn - - - Tin Pan Alley
2nd Bn - - - Edge of Darkness

172d Inf:
1st Bn - - - Gas Light

103d Inf - - - Three Men in White

103d FA - - - His Butler's Siste

SWING SESSION

Queen Street Patrol - - - 43d Division Hqs Theatre - - - 1800

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HEADQUARTERS U. S. FORCES
APO 705

Wednesday, 6 December 1944

DAILY BULLETIN:

NO.....324

1. RANGE SCHEDULE.

a. Small Arms:

6-9 Dec 0700-1600 103d Inf Col CLELAND
Location: Santa Anna Mission
Direction of Fire: South

b. Small Arms:

6-9 Dec 0700-1600 Div Hq. Co Lt VINNEDGE
Location: (025472)
Direction of Fire: South.

c. All Infantry Weapons:

6-9 Dec 0700-1600 172d Inf Col BUSH
Location: Nigia River Area
Direction of Fire: South and Seaward.

d. Small Arms:

6-9 Dec 0700-1600 103d Inf Col CLELAND
Location: (959489) (965485) (953475) (963477)
Direction of Fire: South.

e. Infantry Weapons:

6-9-Dec 0700-1600 103d Inf Col CLELAND
Location: (975480) (968472) (979471) (979479)
Direction of Fire: South.

f. .50 Cal. M.G.

7-8 Dec 0700-1600 Hq 43d Div Arty Capt REMICK
Location: (870558)
Direction of Fire: West.

g. Small Arms:

6-9 Dec 0700-1600 172d Inf Col BUSH
Location: Chinapelli Area
Direction of Fire: Seaward.

h. .50 Cal M.G.

6 Dec 0700-1600 169th FA Bn Lt Col DEBLOIS
Location: (057464)
Direction of Fire: Seaward.

i. 105 MM.

7 Dec 0700-1600 169th FA Bn Lt Col DEBLOIS
Location: Firing from (881553)
Impact Area (810557)
Direction of Fire: West.

j. 105 MM.

8 Dec 0700-1600 169th FA Bn Lt Col DEBLOIS
Location: (870559)
Direction of Fire: Seaward.

k. Small Arms.

6-8 Dec 0700-1600 169th Inf Col MULLEN
Location: (938499) (957490) (949475) (928482)
Direction of Fire: Southwest.

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l. All personnel not concerned with the firing will keep clear of danger areas on dates and hours specified.

m. Ambulance Service: To be provided by the responsible officer of the unit firing.

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Movies Tonite

533rd Engr Bn - Dough Girls
875th Engr Bn - Ghost Catcher
169th Inf.
1st Bn - Minstrel Man
2nd Bn - Holy Matrimony
172d Inf.
Regt'l Hq - It Happened Tomorrow
1st Bn - Mark Twain
103d Inf.
Regt'l Hq - Make Your Own Bed
2nd Bn - Maisie Goes to Reno

Swing Session
Queen Street Partrol - 197th AAA - 1800

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Tuesday, 28 November 1944

DAILY BULLETIN

NO.....316

1. RANGE SCHEDULE.

a. Small Arms:

28 Nov - 2 Dec 0700I-1600I Div Hq Co Lt VINNEDGE
Location: (025472)
Direction of fire: South.

b. 40mm AA

28 - 30 Nov 0700I-2200I 470th AAA AW Bn Capt HUDNALL
Location: (056466)
Direction of Fire: Seaward.

c. Small Arms:

28 Nov - 2 Dec 0700I-1600I 169th Inf Col MULLEN
Location: (917500) (923509) (923498) (929508)
Direction of Fire: Southeast.

d. Small Arms:

28 Nov 0700I-1600I 169th Inf Col MULLEN
Location: (938499) (957490) (928482) (949477)
Direction of Fire: South.

e. Small Arms:

28 Nov - 2 Dec 0700I-1600I 103d Inf Col CLELAND
Location: (959489) (965485) (953475) (963477)
Direction of Fire: South.

f. Infantry Weapons:

28 Nov - 2 Dec 0700I-1600I 103d Inf Col CLELAND
Location: (975480) (968472) (979471) (979479)
Direction of Fire: South.

g. All Infantry Weapons:

28 Nov - 2 Dec 0700I-1600I 172d Inf Col BUSH
Location: Nigia River Area
Direction of Fire: South.

h. All Infantry Weapons.

28 Nov - 2 Dec 0700I-1600I 172d Inf Col BUSH } advise PALAUAU
Location: Chinapelli Area.
Direction of Fire: South.

i. 37mm Gun:

28 Nov 0700I-1600I 169th Inf Col MULLEN
Location: (898548)
Direction of Fire: Seaward, Northeast.

j. Small Arms.

28 - 29 Nov 0700I-1600I 181st FA Bn Lt Col DELANEY
Location: (988498)
Direction of Fire: Seaward.

k. All Personnel not concerned with the firing will keep clear of danger areas on dates and hours specified.

l. Ambulance Service: To be provided by the responsible officer of the unit firing.

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Movies Tonite

169th FA Bn.	- Minstrel Man
118th Engr Bn.	- Jezebel
169th Inf:	
Regtl Hq.	- Falcon Out West
3d Bn.	- Canterville Ghost
172d Inf:	
2d Bn.	- Summer Storm
3d Bn.	- Gaslight
103d Inf:	
1st Bn.	- Tin Pan Alley

Pop Concert

Military Concert - 8th Sqd. Theatre - 1800

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APO 708

Tuesday, 28 November 1944

DAILY BULLETIN

NO.....316

1. RANGE SCHEDULE.

a. Small Arms:

28 Nov - 2 Dec 0700I-1600I — Div Hq Co — Lt VINNEDGE
Location: (025472)
Direction of fire: South.

b. 40mm AA

28 - 30 Nov 0700I-2200I — 470th AAA AW Bn — Capt HUDNALL
Location: (056466)
Direction of Fire: Seaward.

c. Small Arms:

28 Nov - 2 Dec 0700I-1600I — 169th Inf — Col MULLEN
Location: (917500) (923509) (923498) (929508)
Direction of Fire: Southeast.

d. Small Arms:

28 Nov 0700I-1600I — 169th Inf — Col MULLEN
Location: (938499) (957490) (928482) (949477)
Direction of Fire: South.

e. Small Arms:

28 Nov - 2 Dec 0700I-1600I — 103d Inf — Col CLELAND
Location: (959489) (965485) (953475) (963477)
Direction of Fire: South.

f. Infantry Weapons:

28 Nov - 2 Dec 0700I-1600I — 103d Inf — Col CLELAND
Location: (975480) (968472) (979471) (979479)
Direction of Fire: South.

g. All Infantry Weapons:

28 Nov - 2 Dec 0700I-1600I — 172d Inf — Col BUSH
Location: Nigia River Area
Direction of Fire: South.

h. All Infantry Weapons.

28 Nov - 2 Dec 0700I-1600I — 172d Inf — Col BUSH
Location: Chinapelli Area.
Direction of Fire: South.

i. 37mm Gun:

28 Nov 0700I-1600I — 169th Inf — Col MULLEN
location: (898548)
Direction of Fire: Seaward, Northeast.

j. Small Arms.

28 Nov-29 Nov 0700I-1600I — 181st FA Bn — Lt Col DELANEY
Location: (988498)
Direction of Fire: Seaward.

k. All Personnel not concerned with the firing will keep clear of danger areas on dates and hours specified.

l. Ambulance Service: To be provided by the responsible officer of the unit firing.

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172d Inf:	
2d Bn.	- Summer Storm
3d Bn.	- Gaslight
103d Inf:	
1st Bn.	- Tin Pan Alley

Pop Concert

Military Concert - 8th Sqd. Theatre - 1800

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HEADQUARTERS U. S. FORCES
APO 705

DAILY BULLETIN: Nov. [illegible] 27, 44

NO.....317

1. RANGE SCHEDULE.

a. Small Arms:

29 Nov - 2 Dec	0700I-1600I	Div. Hq. Co	Lt VINNEDGE
Location: (025472)			
Direction of Fire: South.			

b. 40mm AA

29-30 Nov	0700I-2200I	470th AAA AW Bn	Capt HUDNALL
Location: (056466)			
Direction of Fire: Seaward.			

c. Small Arms:

29 Nov - 2 Dec	0700I-1600I	169th Inf	Col MULLEN
Location: (917500)(923509)(923498)(929508)			
Direction of Fire: Southeast.			

d. Small Arms:

29 Nov - 2 Dec	0700I-1600I	103d Inf	Col CLELAND
Location: (959489)(965485)(953475)(963477)			
Direction of Fire: South.			

e. Infantry Weapons:

29 Nov - 2 Dec	0700I-1600I	103d Inf	Col CLELAND
Location: (975480)(968472)(979471)(979479)			
Direction of Fire: South.			

f. All Infantry Weapons:

29 Nov - 2 Dec	0700I-1600I	172nd Inf	Col BUSH
Location: Nigia River Area			
Direction of Fire: South			

g. All Infantry Weapons.

29 Nov - 2 Dec	0700I-1600I	172nd Inf	Col BUSH
Location: Chinapelli Area.			
Direction of Fire: South.			

2/9 Inf notified 29 Nov.

h. Small Arms:

29 Nov	0700I-1600I	181st FA Bn	Lt Col DELANEY
Location: (988498)			
Direction of Fire: Seaward.			

i. .50 Cal MG

1-2 Dec	0700I-1200I	103d FA Bn	Lt Col McCormick
Location: Negia River Area			
Direction of Fire: Seaward			

j. 81mm Mortar:

29 Nov	0700I-1600I	172nd Inf	Col BUSH
Location: Hook's House Area.			
Direction of Fire: South.			

k. All personnel not concerned with the firing will keep clear of danger areas on dates and hours specified.

l. Ambulance Service: To be provided by the responsible officer of the unit firing.

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2. MALARIA DISCIPLINE:

Attention of unit commanders is invited to Cir. 34, Hq. USAFFE, 19 April 1944, par. 2d, as amended by par. 3g:

> "d. All military personnel will be thoroughly trained in carrying out anti-malaria measures. All personnel will be given regular and frequent instruction by medical officers in malaria discipline, individual protective and general measures for malaria control. Dates, number of hours and subjects covered in such instruction will be reported in monthly sanitary reports."

The above directive will be complied with. Unit surgeons will make specific reference to above paragraph in their monthly sanitary report, and give dates, number of hours, and subjects covered in malaria instructions.

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MOVIES TONITE

533d Eng - Mark Twain
169th Inf
1st Bn - Its a Great Life
2nd Bn - Ghost Catchers
172d Inf
Regt Hq. - Falcon Out West
1st Bn - Tin Pan Alley
103d Inf
Regt Hq. - Double Indemnity
875th Eng - Moonlight & Cact

SWING SESSION

"Queen St. Patrol" - 43d Div. Hq. 1730

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APPENDIX No. 1(f)

to

2/6 AUST CAV (COMMANDO) REGT WAR DIARY

for

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6 AUST DIV OP INSTR 3

Ref Maps: 1 in to 1 mile AITAPE - WEWAK series.

To Brig J.E.G. MARTIN, Comd 19 Aust Inf Bde

1. There is no infm other than that incl in revsits.

2. 2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt remains under comd 43 US Div with sqn fwd of DRINIUMOR RIVER based on BABIANG. Patrol bases are not permitted to be moved from the area now occupied.

3. The ultimate aim is to move your Bde Gp at least as far as BABIANG as soon as rd comns permit, and sufficient tps to hold the MLR and DRINIUMOR RIVER posns arrive in this area.

4. In view of the loss of tpt and rations in attempting to sup BABIANG no inf will be based fwd of the DRINIUMOR nor will elements of 2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt be moved to TONG until rd comns along the coast are satisfactory.

5. You are responsible for:-

   (a) preventing enemy mov West of DRINIUMOR RIVER;

   (b) establishing a standing patrol at AFUA;

   (c) patrolling to the East as far as the DANDRIWAD RIVER, to contact 2/10 Aust Cdo Sqn, and southwards at your discretion.

6. You will take steps to implement this instr as soon as maint facilities permit, the move to be progressive as comns improve.

ACK.

J.G. Stevens
Maj-Gen

Comd 6 Aust Div

Issued through DRLS.

Signed at 0800 I

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17 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR No 2

Ref map: AITAPE EAST 1 in to 1 mile

Lt-col BINKS, CO 2/11 Aust Inf Bn
Maj RAY, OC 2/10 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn

INFM

1. Enemy -
As per 6 Aust Div Int Review No 2 of 22 Nov 44 and revsits to date.

2. Own Tps
(a) 2/7 Aust Inf Bn with under comd C Tp 2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn are holding def localities on the MLR of not less than one sec at the following pts:

915525
924507
950497
959492
971482
974474
000467
015474
032477

(b) Arty - two btys 2/2 Aust Fd Regt are in sp of 17 Aust Inf Bde.

BDE RES

3. 2/11 Aust Inf Bn less one coy will be Bde res and will be prepared to counter attack when ordered by this HQ any sector or sectors of the MLR on two hrs from the receipt of orders.

4. Probable role for Bde res will be to counter attack to regain the SE portion of the MLR and to destroy any enemy forces in that area.

5. An outline plan for counter attack will be submitted to this HQ for approval NOT later than 30 Nov 44.

MOB RES

6. 2/10 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn less two tps plus one tp 2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn will be Bde mob res.

7. The necessary vehs to tpt your comd will be made available by this HQ.

8. The mob res will be prepared to launch a counter attack within one hr from the receipt of orders, on any portion of the MLR.

9. CO 2/10 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn will make a detailed recce of the MLR and in particular routes to the MLR.

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10. From the date of relief at BABIANG and KAINTI of one tp 2/10 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn and remainder 2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn, these tps will also pass under comd 17 Aust Inf Bde and will constitute part of the mob res. CO 2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt will please nominate the offr who will then comd this mob res.

Signed at: 1600 hrs 27 Nov 44

Issued by: LO

M J Moten
Brig
(M J Moten)
Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde

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2/5 Aust Inf Bn
2/6 Aust Inf Bn
2/7 Aust Inf Bn
2/3 Aust MG Bn
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6 AUST DIV OPERATION ORDER 1

Ref maps: AITAPE - WEWAK Series one inch to one mile

INFORMATION

1. Enemy

No change from 6 Aust Div Intelligence Review 2 issued 27 November 44.

2. Likely enemy action

It is considered that the enemy will defend the DANMAP RIVER area to prevent our coastwise movement eastwards, and by harassing patrols, endeavour to control the MAPRIK - TONG sector for use as a garden and foraging area.

3. Own troops

It is anticipated that 6 Aust Div less 16 Aust Inf Bde
2/1 Aust Fd Regt
2/1 Aust Tk A Regt
2/1 Aust Fd Amb
and a number of small administrative units will be concentrated in the AITAPE area by 17 December 44.

4. Air

(a) No enemy air action is likely.
(b) 71 Wing RAAF and A Flight 4 AC Sqn RAAF are supporting 6 Aust Div from TADJI strip.

5. Other instructions

This order cancels 6 Aust Div Operation Instructions 1, 2 and 3.

INTENTION

6. 6 Aust Div will:

(a) protect the airfield and Radar installations in the AITAPE - TADJI area

(b) prevent the movement westwards of enemy forces and destroy them at every opportunity

(c) give the maximum assistance to ANGAU and AIB patrols in the AITAPE - WEWAK area.

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2 regts 2/3 Aust MG Bn come u/c 19 Aust Inf Bde on arrival the area.

METHOD

7. Tasks 19 Aust Inf Bde

The brigade less 2/11 Aust Inf Bn less one company and with under command:

from 2100 hours 27 November 44	53 Aust Fd Bty 2/21 Aust Sup Dep Pl 2/7 Aust Fd Amb

and in support:

from 2100 hours 27 November 44	RAE 6 Aust Div

will

(a) relieve 2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt at BABIANG by 2 December 44

(b) maintain contact with the enemy on DANMAP RIVER and retain control of the area west of DANMAP RIVER between DANIMUL RIVER and the coast. No patrolling east of DANMAP RIVER until ordered by 6 Aust Div, but patrolling south at Brigade Commander's discretion

(c) establish a standing patrol at AFUA

(d) prevent any enemy movement west of the DRINIUMOR RIVER

(e) provide protection for the supply base at YAKAMUL.

8. 2/11 Aust Inf Bn less one company, remainder of 2/3 Aust Fd Regt, and 2/2 Aust Fd Coy, will be placed under command at a time and date to be notified.

9. Tasks of 17 Aust Inf Bde

The Brigade with under command:

from 0800 hours 27 November 44	one troop 2/10 Aust Cdo Sqn
from 0800 hours 28 November 44	HQ 2/10 Aust Cdo Sqn and one additional troop
from 0800 hours 29 November 44	one troop 2/9 Aust Cdo Sqn thus completing one composite squadron under command
from date of relief at BABIANG and KAMTI	remaining troop 2/10 Aust Cdo Sqn and remainder 2/9 Aust Cdo Sqn, thus completing two squadrons under command
from date of arrival in area	2/3 Aust MG Bn less two companies
from time of warning of attack	2/11 Aust Inf Bn less one company
and in support from 2100 hours 27 November 44	RAA 6 Aust Div less 53 Aust Fd Bty

will:

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(a) construct and man the Main Line of Resistance for the local defence of AITAPE and TADJI strip

(b) when sufficient troops are available

(i) relieve 2/9 Aust Cdo Sqn at KAMTI with one infantry platoon

(ii) relieve one troop 2/9 Aust Cdo Sqn at PALAURU with a standing patrol of infantry or patrols based elsewhere as ordered by Brigade Commander

(iii) reinforce the ANGAU patrol at YAPUNDA with an infantry platoon

(iv) be prepared, when ordered, to relieve 2/7 Aust Cdo Sqn at TONG and be responsible for all patrolling up to and including a north south line through MUSU V410071.

10. 2/11 Aust Inf Bn less one company will revert to 19 Aust Inf Bde when ordered, after arrival 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

11. 2/11 Aust Inf Bn less one company will not be moved from present location unless the area is attacked, and will not prepare defences. It will be administered by 19 Aust Inf Bde and necessary reconnaissance parties only will be available to Commander 17 Aust Inf Bde.

12. Sub units of 2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt may be used in forward localities.

13. All elements of 2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt will revert to Divisional command at a date to be notified, after arrival of sufficient units of 17 Aust Inf Bde.

14. Posts in area will be completed, fields of fire cleared, and tactical wiring erected. Booby traps will be sited and a plan prepared, but no traps will be set.

15. On completion of concentration of 17 Aust Inf Bde a Divisional Defence Scheme for the area, incorporating the plan of Commander 17 Aust Inf Bde, will be issued.

16. Task of 2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt

The Regiment will:

(a) move one troop 2/7 Aust Cdo Sqn unit to TONG area by 2 December 44

(b) move remainder 2/7 Aust Cdo Sqn to TONG area on a date to be ordered

(c) maintain a patrol base with ANGAU in the TONG area and gain control of the immediate vicinity

(d) when the squadron is complete, patrol southwards to the MIMBIOK V200070 - MUSU V410071 area and endeavour to establish a forward base at MUSU

(e) when all bases are established harass all enemy and prevent movement westwards.

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17. Divisional Reserve

(a) Troops 16 Aust Inf Bde
2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt less one squadron, after reverting from command 17 Aust Inf Bde
C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt.

(b) Location

Bivouac areas within the Main Line of Resistance.

(c) Role

(i) 16 Aust Inf Bde will:

assist with the defence of 3 Aust Base Sub Area NW of the RAIHU RIVER and patrol areas to be defined later south of the TORRICELLI MOUNTAINS using not more than one battalion for these tasks.

(ii) 2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt will be prepared to support any operations of 19 Aust Inf Bde.

(iii) C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt will be prepared to support counter attacks within the AITAPE defended area.

(d) Divisional troops not specifically under command of Brigades will be located behind the Main Line of Resistance, and will be allotted responsibilities in the Divisional Defence Scheme.

18. Artillery

CRA 6 Aust Div will:

(a) complete the survey of the AITAPE - DRINIUMOR area

(b) plan defensive fire as desired by Commander 17 Aust Inf Bde for the defence of the AITAPE - TADJI area.

19. Engineers

CRE 6 Aust Div will:

(a) complete Scale A Accommodation as soon as supply of material permits

(b) complete building of shelters for dumps etc

(c) complete the construction of temporary bridges as far east as BABIANG

(d) replace existing or new temporary bridges where necessary with permanent structures

(e) grade and surface, where necessary, the coast road as far east as BABIANG.

ADMINISTRATION

20. Administrative orders and instructions have been issued separately.

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INTERCOMMUNICATION

21. HQ 6 Aust Div remains at present location.

22. Wireless

Communications as Appendix "A" attached.

23. Line

Communication as Appendix "B" attached.

24. DRLS

No change.

25. Pigeons

(a) one detachment 4 Aust Pigeon Sec will be established at BABIANG by 1200 hours 1 Dec 44

(b) one detachment 4 Aust Pigeon Sec will move to TONG at a date to be notified.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Signed at 2000 hours

Distributed through DR.

(J.A. BISHOP) Lt Col
GS 6 Aust Div

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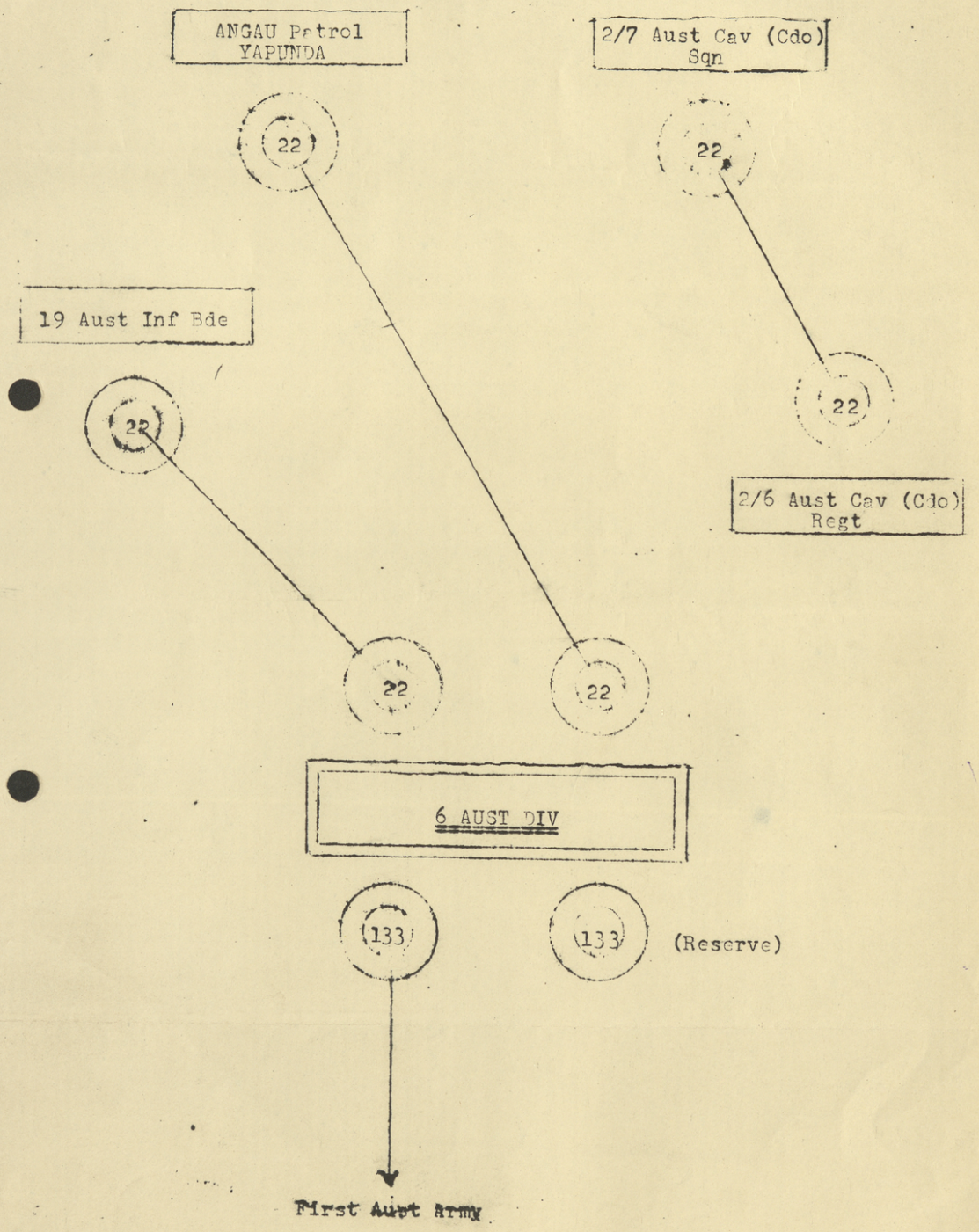

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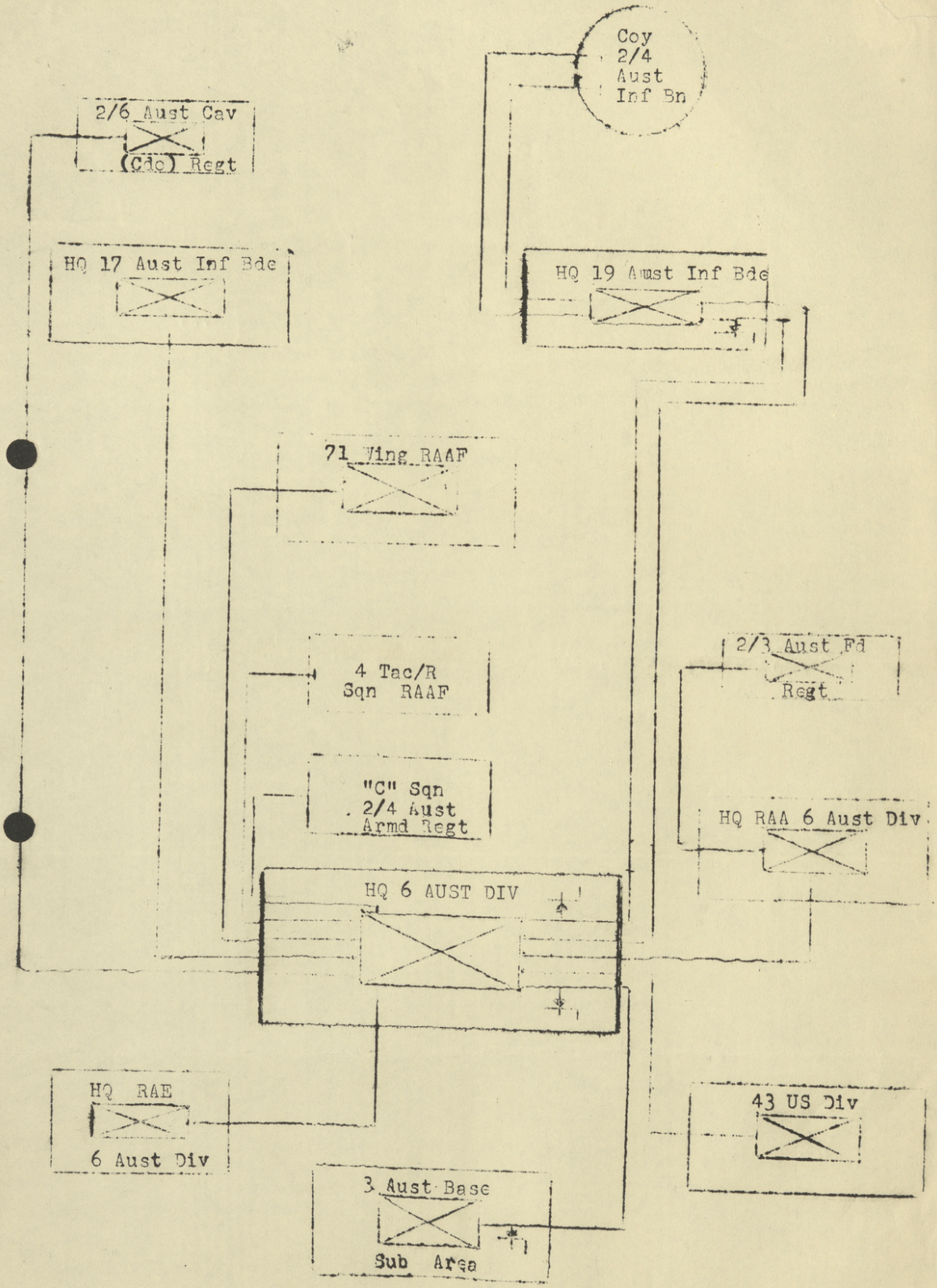
Line communications to be established by 2100Ihrs 27 Nov 44



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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 6 AUST DIV Time of Origin 2815301

TO: 16 AUST INF BDE 17 AUST INF BDE 19 AUST INF BDE
2/6 AUST CAV (CDO) REGT RAA 6 AUST DIV RAE 6 AUST DIV
SIGS 6 AUST DIV 2/3 AUST MG BN C SQN 2/4 AUST ARMD REGT
ANGAU AIB 71 WING RAAF FIRST AUST ARMY COMD G AQ
AASC 6 AUST DIV MED ORD AEME PRO

O 1165 SECRET (.) amend para 7 6 aust div 001 of 27 nov as follows

(.) two coys 2/3 aust MG bn will come under comd 19 aust inf bde on arrival this area.

If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands this message must be sent IN CIPHER.

Originator's Instructions THI
Degree of Priority
DRLS TOR

Signature E Loyau Maj

1(F)

2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt.

4 Nov 1944.

OC
2/10 Sqn.

Every importance has been placed on the Recce to TONG by 6 Aust Div.

The CO has secured in place of the 208 sets, a No.22 Set. This set is complete with charger, batteries etc. It will be despatched from this HQ to you at the first available opportunity.

You will be responsible to supply personnel for the manning and operating of this set and its despatch to Capt.COLE. One Sig maintenance personnel will be supplied to your Sqn by this HQ.

Capt.COLE will be responsible to secure a dropping ground at TONG and prepare it for dropping, and advise this HQ of its exact location at the earliest possible date.

Experiments in AIR DROPPING from BEAUFORD bombers will be carried on by RAAF tomorrow, 5 Nov 1944. Would the necessary DZ ground be made available for this ?

One complete crew of a BEAUFORD bomber, 5 personnel, from RAAF will move to your HQ for one week. It is the request of the CO that these personnel be made as comfortable as possible and be allowed to take an active part in your patrolling. It is advisable that NO unecessary risks be taken by these personnel.

Would a reply to this despatch be forwarded on the returning "ducks"?

.....Lt.
IO, 2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt.

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24 Nov 44. 1(J)

HQ 2/6 AUST CAV (CDO) REGT OPERATION ORDER No. NG2.

Ref Maps - SUAN WEST - NANU WEST - 1" to 1 mile.

1. INFORMATION.

(a) Topography

Ref Capt R. R. COLE at NILAU and previous patrol reports.

Estimated times of routes :-

YAKAMUL to NIALU - 8 hrs
NIALU to TONG - 5 hrs.

Tracks in fair condition.

(b) Own

COLE FORCE strength 1 Offr, 2 Sigs, 12 Native Police plus Native Carrier Train situated NIALU V319207.

A system of native agents reporting to COLE on enemy strength, dispositions and movement.

(c) Enemy

Unknown strength vicinity TONG. Latest reports state

69 JAPS SAHIK 21 Nov

Tac/R - 23 Nov. JAPS digging what is believed to be defensive posn at YASUA MISSION - Strength unknown. Have burnt all huts except one at the MISSION.

Unknown number of JAPS reported RINGIN 22 Nov.

As far as can be ascertained the identification of the enemy in TONG area is Marines of SNLP and are aggressive.

2. INTENTION.

2/7 AUST CDO SQN will take up a defensive perimeter in TONG village with a view to agressive patrolling to the SE.

3. METHOD

PHASE I - Preliminary Moves.

(a) 25 Nov 44 - Movement of 2/10 AUST CDO SQN, less 1 tp, to AITAPE to be completed by 2200 hrs.

(b) 28 Nov 44 - One tp 2/7 AUST CDO SQN will move to YAKAMUL (V273390) from BABIANG.

(c) 29 Nov 44 - Tp 2/7 AUST CDO SQN will move from YAKAMUL via NIALU (V319207) to TONG (V287133), rate of advance and time of arrival to be governed by extent of opposition encountered.

(d) Tasks of Tp on arrival TONG

(i) Dig in and consolidate troop defensive posn on site of TONG village or as near thereto as is tactically practicable.

(ii) Extend perimeter to accommodate balance of 2/7 AUST CDO SQN on arrival.

PHASE II - Relief by Coy 2/4 AUST INF BN of Sqn 2/6 AUST CAV (CDO) REGT at BABIANG and mvt of 2/7 AUST CDO SQN, less 1 Tp, to YAKAMUL pending mvt to TONG.

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(a) 1 Dec 44 -

(i) Coy 2/4 AUST INF BN is going to take over all responsibilities based on BABIANG ~~fm~~ from 2/7 AUST CDO SQN COMD.

(ii) Tp, 2/10 AUST CDO SQN will return to AITAPE (Adm arrangements to be advised later).

(iii) 2/7 AUST CDO SQN, less 1 Tp, will move to YAKAMUL (area to be indicated by QM) and await provision of transportation facilities to TONG.

(b) Specific Sqn tasks on arrival TONG - To be advised.

4. ADM

(a) Adm arrangements will be issued verbally to 2/7 AUST CDO SQN COMD to cover both phases.

(b) Medical arrangements and evacuations - Normal except that Sqn MO and 2 Orderlies will move with advance Tp to TONG.

5. INTERCOMN

(a) 22 Set at NIALU (V319207) will be picked up by adv tp 2/7 AUST CDO SQN and will be taken to TONG village.

(b) Rear Link.

(i) Rear Link from adv tp at TONG will be maintained by 22 set direct to this HQ until arrival of main body 2/7 AUST CDO SQN.

(ii) Rear Link from HQ 2/7 AUST CDO SQN at YAKAMUL will also be by 22 Set direct to this HQ.

(iii) A 24 hr wireless watch will be maintained at all posts.

(iv) Internal comms - By 208 Sets and Sets 536B.

(v) Unless instructed to the contrary trencode cipher will be used on rear link.

6. ACK.

Signed at [illegible] hrs. [illegible] Lieut.,
A/Adjt., 2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt.
(N.V.WOODHOUSE)

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2/6 AUST CAV (COMMANDO) REGT

22 November 1944

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CO's OBSERVATIONS

2/10 AUST COMMANDO SQN 18 - 21 November 1944

TERRAIN: SUAIN area.

From coast SOUTH to range open kunai and lightly timbered flats, bounded by sac-sac swamps approaching the foothills.
The range is high jungle country, going fair.
Throughout the area there is a maze of tracks and numerous small creeks which only run after rain.

MAPS: Present maps in existence are fairly accurate, but do NOT enable pin-pointing of positions and the passing of exact locations.

OWN TROOPS:

Patrolling: Patrolling is excellent and obtaining fair results, more time could be spent in collecting information for intelligence purposes.

Arms and equipment: Excellent. After return of the patrol during which heavy rain had fallen, the CO inspected arms within five minutes of the return of the patrol to its base and found all weapons clean and in first class order and condition.

Jungle boots: Excellent except for one fault. The heels are inclined to come off.
Trousers are standing up to the wear. The fault in both trousers and shirts is the stitching and buttons. The wear on shirts due to sweat and jungle going is heavy.
Socks seem to be of poor quality. It is NOT unusual for personnel to cut socks from the feet after returning from patrol, due to shrinkage.

CAMP CONDITIONS: HYGIENE & MEDICAL:
As reported by ADMS.

MORALE: Excellent.

DISCIPLINE: Excellent.

ENEMY: Enemy appears to be thoroughly disorganised with NO sense of security; main ambition seems to be the scrounging of food. In some cases, they are living in threes and fours in small lean-to's near sac-sac swamps.

Arms: Parties contacted in and around the hills carried arms which showed rust and the lack of oil, while patrol contacts with parties crossing the river from the EAST report weapons in fair condition.
A number of personnel carry NO arms.

Health: Generally underfed, weak and in poor health, but isolated cases are contrary to this.

Morale: Little or none. Very poorly clothed and equipped.

Atrocities: On one occasion a human body hanging from a tree draped with a ground sheet was seen, and on closer inspection it was revealed that the flesh had been cut from the arms, legs and buttocks. A further search of the huts in close proximity

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ENEMY: (Continued)

Atrocities:
revealed haversack containing human flesh. haversacks.
On searching other dead in different localities have been found containing human flesh.
Billies of meat on the fire were found which without was human flesh.

RESULT OF AIR STRIKE:
ALL bombs fell in the target area and the kunai grass once ignited burned rapidly.
Up to half an hour after the strike, numerous explosions were heard and seen in vicinity of re-entrant.
It is now definitely ascertained that the enemy had defensive positions in the kunai and were driven from these by the result of the bombing.
The number killed would be difficult to ascertain without patrols going into the area. Three were definitely killed in an attempt to cross the river.
Troops were on the bombline throughout the strike and made remarks as to the accuracy and confidence they have in the RAAF after witnessing such a strike.
Even if the results of this strike had been NIL the confidence in the RAAF gained by our troops has been worthwhile.

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Subject: "A" AUST FS DET AT BABIANG

1/10/4

"A" Aust FS Sec
HQ 6 Aust Div
16 Nov 44

GIII(i)
6 Aust Div.

Copy to:
2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt.

A report dated 12 Nov 44 from "A" FS Detachment with 2/10 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn is herewith quoted for information:

2. "The det reported at the above Sqn HQ at 1200 hrs 10 Nov 44 having taken approx 36 hours to do the journey by duck.- OC & IO were contacted and liaison has been established with ANGAU and ATIS personnel.

3. Numerous documents have been examined on the spot by ATIS personnel and one PW has been interrogated. The PW is being sent back to Div today. FSpersonnel have affixed tag with particulars to PW.

4. Two Indian soldiers have been rescued by our patrols and are being sent on to Div. One has been in Jap hands for nearly 3 years.

5. All captured documents and/or PW are sent back to this Sqn HQ from SUAIN PLANTATION area, and dealt with by ATIS. Forward patrols operate from SUAIN. This FS detachment will accompany a relieving troop who is setting out at first light tomorrow, 13 Nov 44 to take up position at the SUAIN area. Operating in this manner FS personnel will be right on the spot and able to come in contact with the enemy during periods spent with patrols.

As this Det will be forward for one week, and as NO communications are permissable, NO further reports can be sent for some time."

F. Quin WOII

Subject: "A" AUST FS DET AT BABIANG

"A" Aust FS Sec
HQ 6 Aust Div
21 Nov 44.

GIII(1)
6 Aust Div.

Copy to:
2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt.

A report dated 18 Nov 44 from "A" FS Detachment with 2/10 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn is herewith quoted for information:

2. This FS Det accompanied "C" Troop 2/10 Sqn on patrols from advance base, from 13 Nov to date.

3. Contact was made with the enemy on almost every occasion, and each day 6 to 8 Japs were killed and several wounded. It was impossible to search all the dead as a number had been killed in enemy held territory, however numerous Jap dead were searched bybFS personnel at the termination of the engagement. All troops co-operated fully and handed in anything which could be of intelligence value, these together with items taken by FS were forwarded to Adv Sqn HQ for perusal by Atis. Documents comprised 1 Map, several diaries & miscellaneous papers.

4. ONE Jap officer (2nd Lt) surrended to this Sqn on 13 Nov 44. His expressed intention was to join the American Army, as he was disgusted with Japanese policy. This prisoner was duly tagged by FS and after interrogation by ATIS despatched to rear.

5. Our patrols made recces across the DANMAP River until this practice was prohibited by higher command. The actual task of this Sqn was to clear all enemy west of the DANMAP river and as this task has been completed only Routine patrols are now in operation.

6. A great deal of experience was acquired by this det concerning FS work in actual warfare and the following points are recommended for future operations:-

1. It is essential that FS personnel operate at least in pairs to be able to carry out a thorough search of the dead & also to carry back documents obtained.

2. Rubber gloves & masks should always be carried.

3. As FS work in the field is of a most arduous nature, long marches over very difficult country in extreme heat and rain, it is strongly suggested that regular relief must be provided.

W. Winspear Lt
(W.F.WINSPEAR)
OC "A" Aust FS Sec

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ENEMY CASUALTIES 3 to 21 NOV 44

SUAIN EAST

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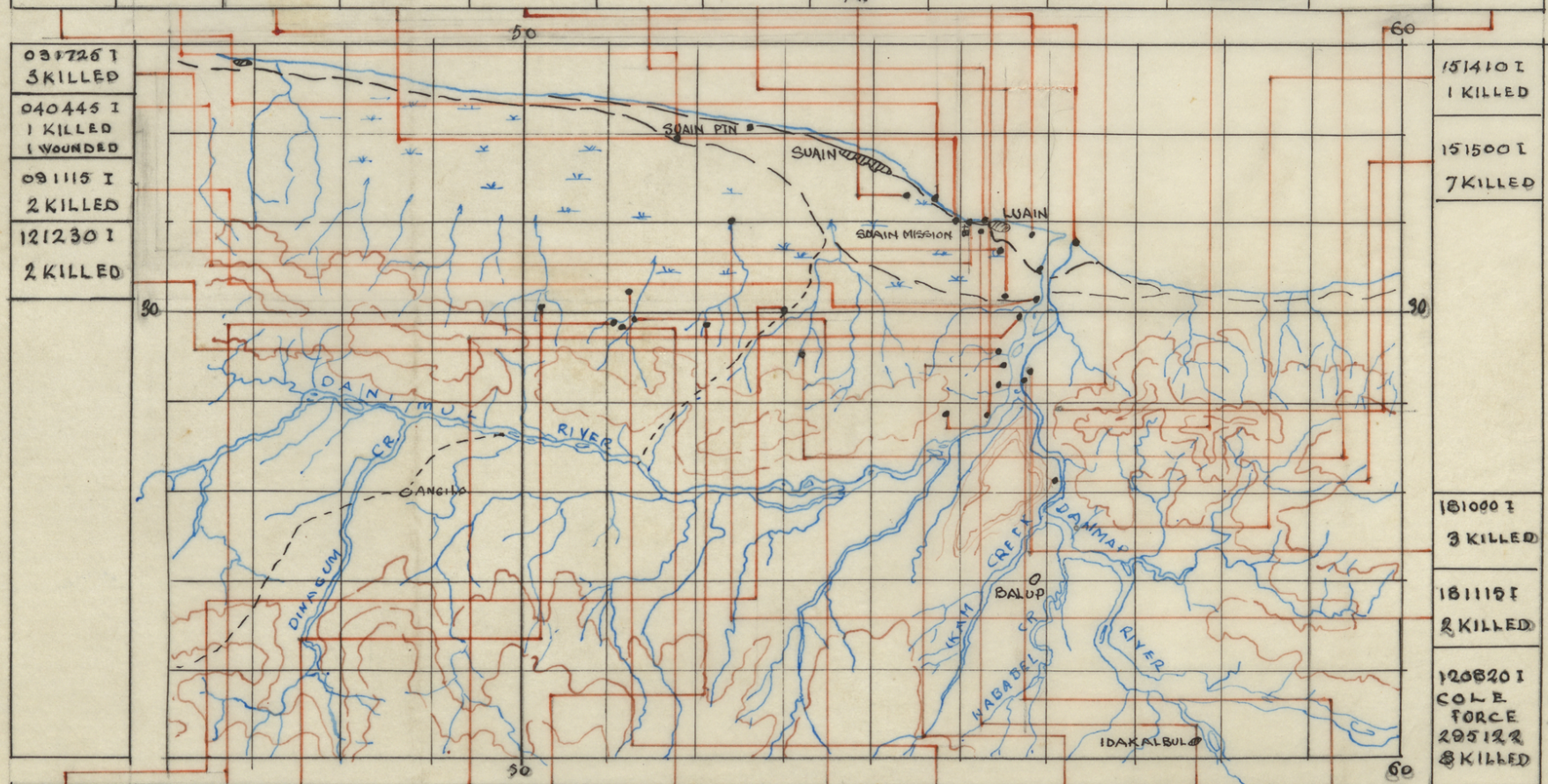

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22 NOV 44

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2/6 AUST CAV (COMMANDO) REGT
11 November 1944

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COLE FORCE REPORT

Ref Maps: SUAIN WEST - SUAIN EAST- NANU WEST . 1:63360
NANU EAST

INFORMATION: OWN:

1. Tuesday,7 November 1944 - COLE FORCE will move to NIALU
ref map: SUAIN WEST
map ref: 319207
Wednesday,8 November 44 - will move out on way to TONG
ref map : NANU WEST
map ref : 288134

2. DZ at TONG:
Capt.COLE who has been to TONG and knows the area has had numerous supply droppings made there.
The actual dropping site is at YASUAR MISSION which provides an ideal dropping area with a cleared area 150 yds in length and 75 yds in width at widest point.
Pilots previously engaged in this area would know the site quite well as they have made "drops" and strafed the area.

3. POSSIBLE CUB LANDING SITES:
A suitable CUB landing strip could be prepared at this site.

4. DROPPINGS:
COLE force will be at TONG on the evening 8 November and request a "drop" on morning 9 November or 10 November 44.
NO droppings should be made unless the signal strips are laid out as there is a possibility of the JAPS driving the party out .

5. TOPOGRA PHICAL ;

THe map (NANU EAST) shows the old village of SAHIK which is SOUTH of NINU RIVER and has no huts.

The new village of SAHIK is on top of a long ridge approximately three quarters of a mile NORTH of BELU on NORTH side of NINU RIVER,ref 376109.There are many huts in the new village.

INFORMATION: ENEMY.

1. SAHIK:
Number of enemy is unknown,but a sentry counted 43 moving about.

SELNAU: ref map:NANU EAST map ref:448088.
The enemy are in four houses but strength is unknown.

Signed: D.W.Bow Lt.

IO 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn.

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2/6 AUST CAV (COMMANDO) REGT
25 Nov 1944

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Report submitted by Capt. R.R.COLE of ANGAU
to
2/10 Aust Commando Squadron

Ref Maps: SUAIN EAST- SUAIN WEST- NANU EAST- NANU WEST - 1:63360.

1. TRACK- BABIANG to NIALU

i. BABIANG (V404355) - YAKAMUL (V263390)

Time taken - 4½ hrs.

Flat easy walking but patrol was held up by swollen creeks and coconut trees which had fallen across the track.

When the road is completed, this could be a 3 hour walk.

ii. YAKAMUL (V263390) - NIALU (V318207)

Time taken - 8/ hrs.

The first 1½ hrs is easy flat walking during which NO creeks are encountered.

The next 2 hrs are through a boulder strewn river bed and are NOT easy walking, while the next hour is easy walking along the creek bed to base camp where there are only three houses built apart from three lean to's which should NOT be considered. 100 troops could probably be staged here.

The next hour is over boulder strewn narrow creek bed and going is difficult. The remaining four hours are fair walking up the creek bed with a sharp short hill into NIALU.

One disadvantage of using this route as an L of C is that there is NO defined track along the creek bed.
The DANDRIWAD route has a good, well graded track.

2. RATIONS:

i. EUROPEAN:
With the three air drops here and the rations brought in by myself, rations will be satisfactory for another week.

ii. NATIVE:
The details of native rations received by air drops are :-

1st drop:	2 bags rice 1 tin of biscuits 1 drum wheatmeal	85% recovery
2nd drop:	1 bag rice 1½ cases meat 2 cases tomato juice	85% recovery
3rd drop:	2 tins biscuits 2 drums wheatmeal 2 bags rice 1 case meat	100% recovery.

all in all, sufficient for three days only.
The shortage of meat is glaring but I presume it was overlooked. Would you please stress this matter ?
With the rations brought in, we have sufficient for one week, to approximately 28 November.

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3. NATIVE INFORMATION:

SELNAUA (W447187) : Police report that Japs are making a base there and have cleared the area to give a big field of fire.
Fox holes and trenches have been dug, specially near a large tree standing near the house kiap.
The Japs occupy the house kiap and another house close by and take cover there on approach of aircraft.
This is a suitable spot for an air strike.

MUSUMBILIM (V340049): Japs occupy village but their strength is unknown.
~~This is a suitable spot for an air strike.~~

SAHIK (V365100) : Four police and three sentries staged a dawn attack on Japs occupying the two houses. The attack was apparently a success but before they could investigate, three Jap guards turned and fired on them.
As they withdrew, they found another Jap line moving from YAMBES (V350088) to SAHIK. This line carried what I interpret to be a "knee mortar".
One police boy is stationed at SAMARK (V341108) and another at YONGUAK (V392125), both awaiting developements.

TONG (V133287) : After the affray 12 Nov 44, the Japs moved about in the vicinity of KUMBUN (V258122) - WUM area and, on 19nNov 44 staged a dawn attack on our old post at YASUAR MISSION (V291135) using mortars (or rifle grenades) and small arms fire.
Finding it unoccupied, they burned all the buildings and withdrew to YAUNUMBUN (V280134) where latest reports still place them.

WUM area : Occupied by many roving bands.
There is a report that they have killed four kanakas and two mary's.
They have spread talk amongst the local No.2 WUM kanak as that our sentries have arrived to kill them. This is making it difficult to work in that area.

4. REMARKS:

Two of five Japs withdrawing from the TONG fight were killed by sentries and another was wounded.
One more Jap was killed at SAMARK by the Tul-Tul.
A later report from the police boys states that there are 69 Japs in SAHIK, occupying 6 houses.

In view of the Japs' movements around the TONG area at present, it is inavisable to commence work on the MIALU - TONG road. Local kanakas have left their villages and now live in the bush where they are difficult to contact.
The line is at present engaged in erecting houses at MIALU and, as the air clears, will move forward.

5. WIRELESS:

Difficulty was experienced in making contact this morning but during the afternoon sigs personnel managed to make contact.
We asked for a strike on SAHIK. I hope the RAAF now have the correct position.
Sigs are listing requirements and difficulties they have to be delivered with this report.
The line will proceed with this report to carry back the generator and anything else you have, such as oddments of rations etc.

Signed: R.R.COLE (Capt.)
21 Nov 44

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2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt
31 Oct 1944

Ref Maps: SUAIN EAST- SUAIN WEST -NANU 1:63360

COLE FORCE ACTIVITIES

Report supplied by IO, 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn.

Part 1

COLE FORCE ACTIVITIES (.) MIHET (.)

OWN: Owing to failure of sigs communications this report was sent by native runner. Two HINDUS were picked up at BALUP (559270) about a week ago and brought to ARUK (428193) where they were looked after by the natives.
TUE 31 Oct 1944 1 HINDU (Captain) died and was buried in the village. The other HINDU will move down to BABIANG when strong enough to move.
Tpr.DUNWOODIE has gone across to NIALU (318207) where L O'LACHLAN (ANGAU) is situated,to make a track report on the HARECH TRACK.
4 men,6 maries and 2 picanninies,refugees,will come down to BABIANG with HINDU.

Enemy: Native sentries report .:
JAPS are at BALUP (55827C) strength unknown.
Large number s of JAPS are reported to have been wotking SAC SAC for some weeks at WALUM (578190). The exact position of the JAPS is as follows: immediately WEST of WALUM the river is bordered by SAC SAC on both sides of the river.
The JAPS are said to be wotking the SAC SAC and when a plane appears they hide in the SAC SAC. Any bombing and straf ing of this SAC SAC would probably cause heavy casualties. Natives have been warned to keep clear of this area. JAPS have been seen moving AMAM (506111).
JAPS are reported to be at HAMBINI,WANDANGE,SELINI and moving along road via SELINAUA towards SAHIK (strength unknown . A native count of 13 JAPS,approximately half of them armed, have moved from SAHIK to YASUM.
It appears that these JAPS are moving towards MIHET with the alternatives of returning to SAHIK or branching off the YASUM-MIHET road to SONGAIEN. We have them under observation and intend to annihilate them.

D.W.BOW Lt.

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11 November 1944

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COLE FORCE REPORT

Ref Maps: SUAIN WEST - SUAIN EAST- NANU WEST . 1:63360
NANU EAST

INFORMATION: OWN:

1. Tuesday,7 November 1944 - COLE FORCE will move to NIALU
ref map: SUAIN WEST
map ref: 319207
Wednesday,8 November 44 - will move out on way to TONG
ref map : NANU WEST
map ref : 288134

2. DZ at TONG:
Capt.COLE who has been to TONG and knows the area has had numerous supply droppings made there.
The actual dropping site is at YASUAR MISSION which provides an ideal dropping area with a cleared area 150 yds in length and 75 yds in width at widest point.
Pilots previously engaged in this area would know the site quite well as they have made "drops" and strafed the area.

3. POSSIBLE CUB LANDING SITES:
A suitable CUB landing strip could be prepared at this site.

4. DROPPINGS:
COLE force will be at TONG on the evening 8 November and request a "drop" on morning 9 November or 10 November 44.
NO droppings should be made unless the signal strips are laid out as there is a possibility of the JAPS driving the party out .

5. TOPOGRAPHICAL ;
The map (NANU EAST) shows the old village of SAHIK which is SOUTH of NINU RIVER and has no huts.

The new village of SAHIK is on top of a long ridge approximately three quarters of a mile NORTH of BELU on NORTH side of NINU RIVER,ref 376109.There are many huts in the new village.

INFORMATION: ENEMY.

1. SAHIK:
Number of enemy is unknown,but a sentry counted 43 moving about.

SELNAU: ref map:NANU EAST map ref:448088.
The enemy are in four houses but strength is unknown.

Signed: D.W.Bow Lt.

IO 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn.

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2/6 AUST CAV (COMMANDO) REGT
9 NOVEMBER 1944

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.1

1. Regiment arrived at AITAPE, NEW GUINEA, 20 October 1944 concluding voyage from the mainland in TSS "KATOOMBA". Embarkation commenced on the morning 21 October 1944 and was completed that day.

2. By direction of Commanding General, US Forces, Regiment relieved 172 US Inf Bn of outposts as follows :

(i) 2/9 AUST COMMANDO SQUADRON : relieved " K" Coy, 172 US Inf Bn on 27 October 1944, taking over OPs at :-

(a) OP 42 : PALAURU - Ref Map: SENO EAST 1:63360
Map Ref: 068358
Manned by "A" Troop.

(b) OP 43 : KAMTI - Ref Map: AITAPE EAST 1:63360
Map Ref: 888420
Manned by Sqn HQ and "C" Troop.

(c) OP 44 : AITERAP - Ref Map: AITAPE EAST 1:63360
Map Ref: 795464
Manned by "B" Troop.

(ii) 2/10 AUST COMMANDO SQUADRON: relieved "I" Coy 172 US Inf Bn, taking over post at:-

BABIANG - Ref Map: SUAIN EAST 1:63360
Map Ref: 404355
Owing to weather conditions, relief of this post was not carried out until 28 October 1944.

3. The following patrols have been maintained since taking over the outposts; in addition, there have been several patrols detailed by unit commands.:

2/9 AUST COMMANDO SQUADRON:

OP 42: PALAURU

(a) PALAURU - MALO CREEK :daily patrol
(b) PALAURU - AFUA :twice weekly
(c) PALAURU - NIGIA RIVER :daily.

OP 43: KAMTI

(a) KAMTI - PAIWI :daily
(b) KAMTI - YINUTE MISSION : twice weekly
(c) KAMTI - NUNSI : once weekly, rema in one day.
(d) KAMTI - NIGIA RIVER : every two days
(e) KAMTI - RAIHU RIVER : daily

OP 44: AITERAP

(a) AITERAP - YALINGI RIVER : daily
(b) AITERAP - LAVAITI-LUPAI-North along YALINGI River to junc of SAUTI track. twice weekly
(c) AITERAP - RAIHU RIVER

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3. Patrol routes (continued).

2/10 AUST COMMANDO SQUADRON:

BABIANG:

Patrol No.1 : - Along coast to ref:400357,thence along inland track to creek junction ref: 394317.

Patrol No.2 - EAST along coast to unnamed village at ref: 477327.

Patrol No.3 - From unnamed village to SUAIN VILLAGE.

4. RHQ, 2/7 Squadron,rear 2/9 Squadron and rear 2/10 Squadron remained in camp areas as follows :

RH Q - Ref Map: AITAPE EAST 1:63360
Map Ref: 954506

2/7 Sqn - Ref Map: AITAPE EAST 1:63360
Map Ref : 961507 (961507)

Rear 2/9 and 2/10 Sqns:
Ref Map: AITAPE EAST 1:63360
Map Ref: 960506

5. L of C to OUTPOSTS :

2/9 AUST COMMANDO SQUADRON: Native carrier train leaves camp area each MONDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY and stores are carried from jeep heads to AITERAP and KAMTI and PALA URU. Stores for AITERAP are carried by natives from KAMTI.

2/10 AUST COMMANDO SQUADRON: Stores are transported in "ducks" which leave camp area each MONDAY & THURSDAY

6. COLE Force (ANGA U) came under command 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn 29 October 1944.
0306OO 1 party of 2 officers and 7 ORs departed from BABIANG with the intention of establishing a WT station at MIHLT, (Ref Map: BUT WEST 1:63360; map ref 364217) and establishing a post at TONG (Ref Map: NANU WEST 1:63360 - map ref:287134).
As at 9 November 44,there was NO report of this party arriving at TONG.

7. 2/9 Aust Commando Sqn have carried out routine patrols since taking over outposts. NIL reports for all patrols have been submitted.
30 October 44,cargo escort supplied by 2/7 Aust Commando Sqn reported one unarmed JAP who successfully escaped and tracks of two others in vicinity CHINAPELLI track junction ref 038390 (ref map: SNEO EAST).
Owing to the prevalence of DENGUE FEVER at the AITERAP outpost,it is intended to move the post to WOM 2 area (ref Map:AITAPE WEST 1:63360 - map ref: 763470) as soon as practicable.

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8. 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn carried out normal patrols until 2 November 44 when a fighting patrol (A Tp) was sent out to clear coasta l areas as far EAST as DANMAP RIVER and to establish position at ref 559308 for patrolling.

Contact with the enemy was made 030610 I at SUAIN PLANT-ATION where three JAPS were surprised cooking meals and killed. All were in poor condition and barefooted.

100 yds SOUTH of position of first contact two well equipped JA PS were contacted,one being killed while the other escaped armed.

030930 I two JAPS armed with one rifle were surrounded and surrendered. Another JAP was killed at creek ref 548313.

031130 I two JAPS killed at ref 564306.

031600 I five JAPS were seen in hut at ref 550310 and patrol with Bren attacked at 031700 I,killing one while the remaining four,all armed,escaped.

031715 I 4 JAPS sighted at ref 565316;two were killed and two escaped.

040445 I two enemy sighted 550310;one killed and one escaped unarmed.

040715 I 4 JAPS sighted ref 550310 and were fired on; one possibly hit.

04100 I movement was seen at hut ref 555316. Investigating party of two men ran into fire from automatic weapon and suffered one casualty (wounded in chest). Results of Bren fire directed on hut unknown.

041030 I one section sighted 3 JAPS at enemy automatic gun position; fire was directed on position and ensuing groans indicated casualties had been caused. Later,a recce of this position revealed that occupants had vacated and there were signs of one man being dragged out.

CA SUALTIES.

	Killed	Wounded (or probably wounded)		PW
ENEMY:	11	2	-	2
OWN:	-	1	-	-

Patrol Comd reports possible OP on high feature ref 571291 but this has NOT yet been confirmed.Tac R 7 Nov and 9 Nov failed to locate but state that high trees could be used as an OP.

Food position WEST of DANMAP RIVER is bad in regard to native foods as plantations have been stripped.

JAP rations appear to be very light and it was observed that in some cases enemy were using AMERICAN rations.

Signed at : 1015151 .....Lt.

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(Operation No T 35)

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission ~~SORTIE~~ No. 2 A/C No.—TYPE A46-213 A46-198 DATE 30 Nov 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
NANU EAST 1 inch	F/O SKUTHORP	1110	Good - 20 miles	Fine - 7/10 Cu at 5000'.
	Top Cover ~~OBSERVER~~ F/O LILLIE	TIME DOWN 1340		
		TOTAL 2.30		

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
MUSIMBE (3405)	1210	300'	Village at position shown on map - 1 large burnt out hut in centre of open area surrounded by approx 6 other large burnt huts - all set on untimbered top of flat spur - 2 groups of 4 ~~shelters approx 8'x4'x4' covering holes approx 2' deep~~ seen on SE and NW slopes of feature.
			3 repeired huts 1 new hut 1 partially constructed hut with sak-sak leaves nearby and 3 small shleters seen in sak-sak patch at 353051 - all structures appeared amateurish with sak-sak leaves not prepared in usual native ~~xxx~~ manner.
			2 large gardens approx 200 yds square with 1 small shelter in each seen at 351048 and 353047 - other scattered huts and gardens seen in general area - several natives seen in area - appeared unconcerned - some waved - tracks connecting surrounding villages clearly defined.
~~new~~ SAHIK (3711)		~~200'~~	~~1 hole dug in western slope of hill at approx 374112 - fence running down down~~ EW slope of hill nearby - NMS.
WARINGAM VILLAGES (4607)			Villages set on hilly feature are not seperately defined - 2 groups appear burnt out - 3 trenches visible at northern end of one village at approx 466073 show signs of burning and were apparently there before the fire.
			Preliminary message report and bundle of "GUINEA GOLDS" dropped on 2/7 Cav Cdo Sqn at BARRANG 405356 at 1320 and 1320 hrs respectively.

Time and Signature Stanley Pilot Lieut
ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

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ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE	
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	OBSERVER

	TIME UP
	TIME DOWN
	TOTAL
	VISIBILITY

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission ~~XXXX~~ SORTIE No. 1 A/C No.—TYPE A46-183 A46-198 DATE 30 Nov44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS SUAIN EAST BUT ~~WEST~~ 1 inch

PILOT F/O POLKINGHORNE

Top Cover ~~XXXXXX~~ OBSERVER F/O MURRELL

TIME UP 0730

TIME DOWN 1000

TOTAL 2.30

VISIBILITY: Good - 15 miles

WEATHER: Fine - 5/10 Cu on hills at 2500'.

Place or Ref.	Time /I	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
ALBU CREEK (5725)	0745	50'	1 Jap seen standing near shelter at 575256. Bomb craters visible at 583247.
ARUK VILLAGE (unmapped) (4918)	0800	100'	Village at 495183 consists of 8 huts still standing in good condition and 5 recently burnt huts (presumably as result of Beaufort bombing on 29 Nov) - 3 small shelters in low scrub approx 200 yds to east - large log across creek at 495185 - 4 new sak-sak huts 3 new smaller huts and 3 new shelters seen amongst trees near west bank unnamed creek at 493186 (spot height 1800').
BUMBUSIM (4919)	0810	100'	Village consists of approx 4-5 huts in fair condition - NMS - 1 hut approx 20'x12' good condition seen under trees at 504200 with 3 felled sak-sak palms nearby. 4 small huts good condition seen amongst trees and coconut palms on top of hill at 495206 - ground in vicinity of huts appears well trodden - small framework timber table with lumps of yellow substance on ground nearby - 2 huts fair condition amongst trees at 517184 approx 10 small shelters seen amongst 2 sak-sak patches in area 300 yds square at approx 498172 - freshly cut sak-sak palms in area. 1 large tree seen felled across river with chips nearby at 479179 - 3-4 logs across river at 484179 - several logs across river at 484185 . Unmapped village of approx 17 large huts good condition seen in clearing with tracks visible in open space in centre of village at 430191.

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ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

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	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN		
		TOTAL		

Place or Ref.	Time /I	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			4 canvas shelters and at least 4 small sak-sak shelters seen in small sak-sak patch ~~xxx~~ at foot of hill at 561185 - at least 6 more sak-sak shelters seen in sak-sak patch at 562185 (spot height 800').
			Felled sak-sak palms and heaps of white substance nearby seen on north bank of river at 561190.
			1 hut 15'x10' partly constructed with very green roof and with piles of sak-sak leaves and 1 small shelter seen amongst trees at 566206 - bare light-skinned legs and fresh ashes visible under hut - burnt patch approx 15'x10' visible about 15 yds away.
			2 huts good condition amongst trees at ~~575215~~. 576207 - considerable amount of yellow substance on ground surrounding 1 hut. 1 grey hut fair condition amongst trees at 575215.
			1 low shelter approx 6'x4' seen on south bank orf river at 569184 - 2 huts good condition amongst trees on small hill at 573183.
WAIUM (5719)	0910		~~xxxxxx~~ Huts and shelters still visible - numerous tracks visible in area on north bank of river.
			4-6 huts good condition amongst trees on small hill at 537190.
			2 light skinned men in light coloured shorts and shirts seen disappearing into small hut on small hill at 601181.
			1 hut and 1 small shelter at 616180 - 1 unidentified man glimpsed nearby.

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 1 A/C No.—TYPE A46-185 A46-198 DATE 30 Nov 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SUAIN EAST BUT WEST 1 inch	F/O POLKINGHORNE	0730	Good - 15 miles	Fine - 5/10 Cu on hills at 2500'.
	OBSERVER Top Cover F/O MURRELL	TIME DOWN 1000		
		TOTAL 2.30		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
MIMAI CREEK (6521)			1 large hut 60'x20' under construction with framework almost complete and fresh cut poles nearby seen at 656218 - 1 hut 40'x20' under construction at 660223 - 2 natives seen working on top of framework disappeared - approx 6 small shelters in low scrub with tracks in vicinity seen at 662222.
ABAU (6528)	0945		Beach from ABAU to mouth of DANMAP RIVER (Sq 5620) disclosed no footprints - NMS.
DANMAP RIVER (5630)			East bank down to 29 grid line - no change - NMS.
			Preliminary message report dropped on 2/7Cav Cdo Sqn at BABIANG 405356 at 0950 hrs.

Stanley A. Lee

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ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS NANU EAST NANU WEST 1 inch

PILOT F/O LILLIE

Top Cover ~~OBSERVER~~ F/O EASTON

TIME UP 0840

TIME DOWN 1120

TOTAL 2.40

VISIBILITY: Good - 20 miles

WEATHER: Fine - 9/10 Cu over hills at 2000'.

Place or Ref.	Time / I	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
TONG (2813)	0910	50'	No change - NMS - YASUAR MISSION (2913) no change - NMS.
			1 hut approx 30'x15' good condition with semi-circular canvas verandah seen amongst sak-sak palms at approx 300130 - 1 small lean-to hut seen approx 300 yds to SE - 1 fresh cut sak-sak palm near creek at 304134 with approx 4 squares of white substance nearby.
			2 natives seen waving lap-laps in village of about 12 huts at approx 305140 - 1 native waving white lap-lap seen near 2 huts set amongst cut ssk-sak at approx 324127 .
			General area south and east of TONG for about 2-3 miles contains numerous unmapped creeks and several unmapped villages with connecting tracks well defined.
~~new SAHIK~~ (375111)	0950	100'	burnt Approx 6/huts and 2-3 partially collapsed huts seen in south end of village - NMS - track thence to YASUM (3613) is visible in parts but does not show signs of great use.
YASUM (3613)			Village of approx 12 huts appears deserted - NMS.
~~SEINAUA~~ (4408)			Complete recce of this area failed to discover any village with large tree and prepared defensive positions - approximately at map spot 447087 there is a "U" shaped ridge with relics of an old village in a clearing already starting to become overgrown - there are no villages for a radius of at least 1 mile.

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ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

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	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN		
		TOTAL		

Place or Ref.	Time /I	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
HIMALI RIVER (Sq 4613)			2 new huts approx 15'x10' seen under trees alongside creek in Sq 4613 - approx 400 yds to SW considerable ~~xxxxxx~~ amount of felled sak-sak palms seen on west bank of river - (maps most unreliable in this area).

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 2 A/C No.—TYPE A46-194 A46-198 DATE 29 Nov 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SUAIN EAST 1 inch	F/O FORSTER	1235	Fair- 5 miles at times obscured by mist and light rain.	Good on coast - mist & scattered light rain over hills.
	Top Cover OBSERVER F/O HUMPHREYS	TIME DOWN 1455		
		TOTAL 2.20		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
DANMAP RIVER (5630)	1300	50'	Slight tracks visible near low sak-sak shelter at 562302 - other indefinite tracks visible throughout area - otherwise no change - NMS.
			1 old and 2 new sak-sak shelters under trees at 567272 - grass in vicinity of huts appears well trodden.
ALBU CREEK (5725)	1345	50'	Strafed 1 Jap underneath shelter at 575256 - plume of smoke seen to rise from shelter but fire was extinguished by rain - Jap disappeared - no other results observed - no other movement seen in Sq 5725 or in creek bed as far as 24 grid line.
ARIUA CREEK (6125)	1355		Piles of sak-sak leaves throughout area - NMS.
IKAM CREEK (5526)			No change - NMS.
			Preliminary message report and bundle of "GUINEA GOLDS" dropped on 2/7 Cav Cdo Sqn at BABIANG 405256 at 1435 hrs.

Stanley A. Kerr

Time and Signature Lieut
ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

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ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS SHAIM EAST MANU EAST 1 inch

PILOT F/O POLKINGHORNE

OBSERVER F/O MURRELL

TIME UP 0745

TIME DOWN 0945

TOTAL 2.00

VISIBILITY Good - 20 miles except for low cloud on tops of hills.

WEATHER Fine - 3/10 Cu on hills at 2500'.

Place or Ref.	Time /I	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
SKAM CREEK (5525)	0815	100'	Jungle on east side of creek from junc of DANMAP RIVER at 559277 southwards to foothills at 25 grid line is very thick and no huts as reported by native as in this area could possibly be seen from the air.
			1 hut in fair condition with cut sak-sak nearby seen at 556274.
ALBU CREEK (5725)	0820	100'	1 Jap in faded green shirt and trousers and 1 in khaki shorts seen in creek bed at 575256 - both unconcerned - wire previously reported as crossing creek at this point appears like brownish insulated signal wire - similar wire visible for approx 30' on west bank of creek at 576254.
			Track seen leading westwards from creek at 583248 with small shelter nearby.
			1 small shelter at 578428 - 3 small huts and small undetermined number of shelters at 576250 with ashes of fire seen on bare area near 1 hut - 1 Jap seen crouching under sak-sak palm about 100 yds to the east.
			3 huts and small undetermined of shelters near unmapped creek at 575253.
			1 Jap sitting on log-crossing under trees nearby.
			Scattered throughout area of Sq 5725 was a considerable number of felled sak-sak palms with centre cut out some appearing very fresh.
			No sign of IDAKAIBUL on west of ALBU / CK but old village on east of

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ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Mission

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN		
		TOTAL		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			ALBU CREEK at 582262 is possibly TDAKAIBUL.
DANMAP RIVER (5725)			1 hut well concealed by trees seen near north bank of river at 578258.
new SAHIK (3711)	0900	100'	New village of SAHIK reported by native as situated at 375111 consists of 52 huts set on tall hill and shaped like a "T" when looking south - 1 large white dead tree at south end of village - most huts in good condition and 25% being approx 50'x20' - 1 small garden with new surrounding fence at north end of village - several small lines of white stones seen near some huts - 1 metal drum approx 3' high and 15" diameter with top cut out seen near hut at south end.
			Ground in village area is bare with what appeared like rubbish lying about in places - some huts in north end appeared to have floors - others were on the ground - some huts had no sides (village spot height 2300').
	0920		4 "blue-checker" pigeons seen flying northwards at approx 375115.
			Track from village NE along ridge appears well defined and well used leading to 3 other unmapped villages containing 15, 48 and 14 huts respectively at approx 378115, 383116, and 386117 - all in fair condition.
			Another well used track runs along ridge from new SAHIK in NW direction.
			Approx 500 yds south of village on hillside sloping down to NANU RIVER

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(Operation No T 30)

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 1 A/C No.—TYPE A46-183 A46-198 DATE 27 Nov 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN		
		TOTAL		

Place or Ref.	Time /I	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			are 4 small new sak-sak huts amongst trees - approx 700 yds to east of village down slope of hill are 2 groups of 3 new small huts in the trees - these groups being approx 200 yds apart - approx 500' to NW of village are 4 new huts approx 20'x10'.

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AIR LIAISON "A"

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 2 A/C No.—TYPE A46-213 A46-198 DATE 25 Nov 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SUAIN EAST NANU EAST NANU WEST 1 inch Top Cover	F/O SKUTHORP OBSERVER F/O LILLIE	0825 TIME DOWN 1125 TOTAL 3.00	Good - 15 miles	Fine over coast - 8/10 cloud over hills at 3000'.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
DANMAP RIVER (5630)	0850	100'	4 heaps of white sago seen at 565300 - foot-tracks visible wandering in and out of swamp area without leading anywhere definite - grass near old shelter at 563299 appears flattened - foot-prints visible in river bed at 562298.
ALBU CREEK (5725)		100'	1 Jap seen bathing naked in creek at 575256 - apparently unconcerned and watched a/c circle 3 times - pots still visible in vicinity of shelter on bank. 1 native with bundle on back seen on sandbank in creek at 580253 - disappeared into trees on east bank leaving a canvas roll approx 4' long and 1' diameter on sandbank. NMS in DANMAP RIVER bed from ALBU CREEK to WALUM Sq 5719.
WALUM (5719)	0925	100'	Closer inspection discloses 2 small sak-sak huts and 6 smaller lean-to shelters approx 300 yds north of WALUM (Altimeter height 800') - 2 sak-sak shelters and 4 smaller canvas and sak-sak shelters seen under trees at 553188 - pole framework and sak-sak leaves seen nearby. 1 hut and 4 sak-sak shelters seen in clearing at 562185. 1 small hut seen at 592186 with pile of yellow/and square of white substance on ground nearby.

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn ~~Mission~~ SORTIE No. 2 A/C No.—TYPE A46-213 A46-198 DATE 25 Nov 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN		
		TOTAL		

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
ATOB RIVER (6115)			1 Jap seen on sandbank at 619159 - disappeared in direction of hut on west bank - strafed hut and vicinity with unobserved results.
MISA CREEK (5213)	1030	100'	1 large, 1 small hut seen in clearing at approx 538132 - 6 natives sitting nearby unconcerned.
		50'	2 huts and fenced enclosure previously reported as seen in clearing at 516134 (Operation No T25) appear closer to creek at 521135 - new shack under construction seen in same clearing and hut also seen in fenced enclosure (Altimeter height 1200').
		300'	2 huts in good condition seen under trees at 521125 - 1 hut was partially camouflaged with green sak-sak fronds (Altimeter height 800').
HIMALI RIVER (4613)			Several huts in good condition seen under trees on bank of upper part of HIMALI RIVER in Sqs 4613, 4714.
TONG (2813)	1045	100'	No change - NMS.
YASUAR MISSION (2813)			No change except holes previously reported now appear to contain water.
			Preliminary message report dropped on 2/10 Cav Cdo Regt at RABIANG 405256 at 1055 hrs.

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT Tac/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 1 A/C No. - TYPE A46-183 A46-197 DATE 23 Nov 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SUAIN EAST NANU EAST NANU WEST 1 inch	F/O SKUTHORP OBSERVER F/O EASTON	0825 TIME DOWN 1055 TOTAL 2.30	Good - 20 miles	6/10 Cu at 3000'.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
WALUM (5719)	0855	300'	Canvas now not visible on canvas and sak-sak shelters previously reported 300 yds north of WALUM (Operation No T 21).
			Signs of bombing visible vicinity junc ALAGIL CREEK and ALINDIL CREEK at 586190 - several heaps of sak-sak leaves seen at small clearing at 586188.
MISA CREEK (5212)			No canvas shelters visible in area - 2 logs seen across creek at 522128 523130 with track visible for short distance on both sides of creek - 2 freshly felled sak-sak palms with white cut near top seen at 522128.
			2 huts about 40'x20' in good condition with 1 native nearby seen in clearing on top of ridge at approx 516134 - patch of ground approx 30 yds x 20 yds enclosed by 4' fence seen in same clearing.
			2 huts about 20'x10' in good condition seen on slope of hill in Sq 5313 - each hut had a pole running lengthwise along top of sak-sak roof and 2 poles running down each roof slope from peak to eaves.
			Fence under construction seen in clearing on side of hill at approx 515103 - 2 stacks of poles and pile of sak-sak leaves seen nearby - NMS.
			Several small smoking fires seen in clearing in Sq 4911 - NMS.

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn SORTIE No. 1 A/C No. - TYPE A46-183 A46-197 DATE 23 Nov 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Mission

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN		
		TOTAL		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
SELNAUA (4408)			Village set on ridge - approx 6 huts in good condition - canoe-shaped object approx 12' long by 2' beam seen near hut.
SANIK (3610)			Southern group of huts appears dilapidated and deserted - northern group consists of approx 4 huts in good condition - 8 coconuts seen outside hut - NMS.
YANUAR MISSION (2913)			Mission huts all burnt except 1 in vicinity of which are 4 apparently fresh-dug holes approx 7'x3'x3' deep - 2 of these holes had water in the bottom - 1 hole had criss-crossed logs over it and a pile of sak-sak leaves and 2 small shelters were seen nearby - NMS.
TONG (2813)			Collection of earthenware pots and dishes seen in open at NE end of village - NMS.
			Preliminary message report dropped on 2/10 Cav Cdo Sqn at BABIANG 405356 at 1010 hrs.

Time and Signature Stanley C. Kell Lieut
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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 1 A/C No. - TYPE A46-183 A46-198 DATE 21 Nov 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS SUAIN EAST 1 inch

PILOT F/O FORSTER

OBSERVER F/O SKUTHORP

Top Cover

TIME UP 0730

TIME DOWN 1025

TOTAL 2.55

VISIBILITY: Good - 15 miles

WEATHER: Fine - 2/10 cloud at 4000'

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
DANMAP RIVER (5630)	0800	100'	East bank of river and flat ground to foothills on east show burnt patches and bomb craters resulting from bombing strike on 19 Nov - no other noticeable changes in area.
			NMS in bed of DANMAP RIVER from mouth to junc ALBU CREEK Sq 5725 - ALBU CREEK thence to junc AMUGIL CREEK Sq 5722 is set between high heavily timbered hills and observation is difficult - track leading south from 578225 can be seen at commencement but disappears under trees and cannot be seen until vicinity WALUM Sq 5719.
WALUM (5719)	0830		No change in battered condition of village but 3-4 shelters roughly built of canvas and sak-sak seen approx 300 yds north of village - considerable number of sak-sak leaves and a longitudinally-cut petrol drum were seen nearby.
DANMAP RIVER	0900		Bed and banks of river from WALUM to CHEM (Sq 4020) appear generally usable as a foot track - NMS.
NIEL (4119)			2 natives waving white lap-laps seen in centre of village.
			All villages in area bounded on North by grid-line 22 on East by grid-line 45 on South by grid-line 18 and on West by grid-line 40 appear in good condition with the ground in and around the villages quite bare and clean - NMS.
			Foot track from CHEM north-eastwards over mountains to ANGILP Sq 4828 can be seen at start and finish and in occasional spots in between where visible through trees - does not show any great signs of use.
			Preliminary message report dropped on 2/10 Cav Cdo Sqn at BABIANG 405356 at 0955 hrs.

Time and Signature [signature] Lieut ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 1 A/C No. - TYPE A46-197 DATE 20 Nov 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Lead-in for bombing by 7 Sqn RAAF (Beauforts) requested by 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS NANU EAST 1 inch

PILOT F/O LILLIE

OBSERVER

TIME UP 0600

TIME DOWN 0800

TOTAL 2.00

VISIBILITY: Poor - target area obscured in large part by low cloud.

WEATHER: Fine over coast - front approaching from sea - 8/10 cloud at 1000' over hills.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
TARGET	0630I		Indicated target to Beaufforts by dropping 1x30 lb phosphorous bomb on east bank of creek at approx
MISA CREEK (5212)			525132.
Area containing 4 canvas shelters and felled sak-sak palms.			5 Beaufforts dropped total of 9000 lbs bombs with bursts observed in area as indicated.
			Subsequent observation disclosed trees cleared by bomb bursts in area of approx 150 yds in diameter in NE portion of target area - 2 canvas shelters at 523129 still visible without apparent damage - other 2 shelters at 525131 not visible but had possibly been removed before bombing - strafed both areas with unobserved results - foot track very clearly defined was visible through trees on east bank of creek in this area.
			Heaps of yellow substande at 522130 appear to have been increased in size - strafed and dropped 2x30 lb phosphorous bombs in this area.
			Throughout this area on both sides of creek a considerable number of felled sak-sak palms were visible.

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(Operation No T 17)

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 1 A/C No. - TYPE A46-198 A46-213 DATE 19 Nov 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS SUAIN EAST NARUE EAST 1 inch

PILOT F/O LILLIE TOP COVER OBSERVER F/O SKUTHORP

TIME UP 0800 TIME DOWN 1045 TOTAL 2.45

VISIBILITY: Fair - obscured in parts by low cloud and rain in hills

WEATHER: Fine on coast 10/10 cloud and scattered rain at 1500' over hills.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
DANMAP RIVER (5725)	0840	200'	2 men of Jap appearance dressed in faded green trousers and tunic type shirt seen sitting on eastern bank of ALBU CREEK at junc 575256 in same place as sighting of men referred to in our report of operation No T16 several blackened pots and small heap of white substance on ground near men - small shelter seen under trees about 10 yds from bank - men stood up and watched a/c as it passed but appeared unconcerned - on a/c passing second time the men were moving back under the trees - about 1½ hours later one man was seen standing on the bank but had gone when a/c came round again.
AMAM (5011)	0900		Several old groups of huts and single huts seen in this area - all huts appear old and deserted - the huts in the largest groups (probably AMAM) are completely collapsed or burnt - all huts are situated on top of hill feature running approx N.S. - hill feature falls away sharply to west and a flowing creek rising approx in Sq 5015 runs past the feature and into HIMALI RIVER in Sq 5019 - to the west of AMAM on the slopes down to this creek a number of fairly recently fallen trees were seen on ground for a distance of approx 200 yds - no tracks visible.
MISA CREEK (5212)			Smoke seen coming from small fire in small clearing in sak-sak at 522130 - approx 5 sak-sak palms with centre freshly cut out seen amongst considerable number of older fallen sak-sak palms in this area - well used tracks lead from clearing NW into jungle and several heaps of yellow substance approx 6'x4'x3' were seen nearby. - fire was out when ac came around again. 2 groups of 2 canvas shelters approx 10'x5' seen on east bank of creek at 525131 and 525129 - NMS

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ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN		
		TOTAL		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
AMAGA (5616) & nearby villages			Further recce of this area indicates that villages are deserted - huts appear old and disused and tracks and gardens appear overgrown except for one garden approc 75 yds diameter seen in about centre of area.
SUAMAGARI			No change.
WOMSIS (5717)			
WALUM (5719)			Village itself bombed and appears deserted but 2-300 yds north of village 2 roughly built new sak-sak huts were seen in a clump of sak-sak - several blackened pots and 2-3 freshly cut out sak-sak palms were seen nearby.
DANMAP RIVER (5925)	1000		2 sets of footprints seen on sandbank in river bed between 590256 and 594255.
COASTLINE (5730)	1015		Many footprints seen leading from east along beach and into trees on edge of beach at 572303.
			Preliminary message report dropped on 2/10 Cav Cdo Sqn 405356 at 1035 hrs.

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn/ Mission No. SORTIE No. 3 A/C No. - TYPE A46-183 A46-213 DATE 15 Nov'44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R WOR 6 Aust Div.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SHAEN East 1M	F/O. Skatharp	1255	FAIR	FINE - 6/10 cloud on hills at 1500-3000'
	OBSERVER Top Cover. F/O. Millie	TIME DOWN 1515		
		TOTAL 2.20		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
GROUP OF VILLAGES (SQs 5515) 5516) 5616)	1350	100'	These villages set in hilly features are not seperately defined as shown on map but are scattered groups of huts spread over a large sres - one village (Probably AMGAGA) consists of about 4 huts of which one hut approx 40' x 20' and another approx 30' x 15' appear fairly new - one man dark-skinned but not identified seen running in crouching position into smaller hut - what appeared like a pair of trousers seen hanging over line between huts.
			Ground in villages appears bare and tracks between villages appear used.
			2 small villages in SW corner of group are burnt to the ground.
			Approx 4 single huts in good condition seen on hill South side ALINDIL Creek in SQ 5615 - no tracks visible through trees - NMS.
SUAMAGARI) WOMISIS) (5717)			Both villages overgrown and deserted
			One new hut approx 40' x 20' with cut saksak palms lying nearby seen in re-entrant at 581206.
SUMBUSILM (SQ 5019)	1400	100'	Village consists of approx 12 huts in fair condition - approx 6 natives walking in village waved as aircraft passed.

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn. Mission No. SORTIE No. 3. A/C No. - TYPE DATE 14 Nov'44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R For 6 Aust Div.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN		
		TOTAL		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
ATOB RIVER (6115)			Huts still visible under trees between 618153 and 620161 - with bomb-blackened cleared patch in trees nearby.
ARIUA CK. (6125)			4 old huts seen on East bank of creek at 618255 - tracks in vicinity appear overgrown - no sign of small square objects reported in creek bed.
IKAM CK (5527).			Foot prints seen in mud at creek junction 559278.
SQ 5629.			No sign of square object reported under trees at 559287 - area shows signs of bombing.
			At least three of small trays previously reported by this Sqn as seen in this area have disappeared - one red piece of cloth seen spread out on lean-to shelter in this area.
			Beach between mouth DANMAP River and MATAPAU (SQ 6230) is marked by considerable number of imprints on sand - number of foot prints seen leading from small dry creek bed down beach to sea at 578303.
			No sign of tents reported at 603300.
			Preliminary message report dropped on C/10 Cav Cdo Sqn at BABIANG 405356 at 1455 Hrs.

Time and Signature Stanley Acker Lieut.
A.L.O. 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R).
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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn. ~~MISSION~~ Mission No. SORTIE No. 2 A/C No. - TYPE A20-507 DATE 14 Nov'44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Massage Dropping For 6 Aust Div.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SUAIN West SUAIN East 1"	P/O. Taylor Top Cover. OBSERVER ———	0920 TIME DOWN 1030 TOTAL 1.10	GOOD	FINE

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
NIALU 319208	0940	100'	Ground signal of double-barred "H" still shown on SE end of village. Dropped message on party of 2 white men and approx 8 natives seen near sign - message advised that supplies and ammunition would be dropped at same place at approx 151000/I - message was received by party and in accordance with my written directions a ground sign [redacted] was displayed indicating message understood and supply dropping would be suitable. Preliminary message report dropped on 2/10 Cav Cdo Sqn at BABIANG 405356 at 1015 Hrs.

Time and Signature Stanley A. Ker Lieut.

A.L.O. 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R).

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn. ~~SORTIE No.~~ Mission No. 2 A/C No. - TYPE A46-213 A46-211 DATE 13 Nov'44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R FOR 2/6 Cav Commando REGT.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
Suain East Suain West Nanu West 1"	F/O. Taylor ~~OBSERVER~~ Top Cover F/O. Tait	1300 TIME DOWN 1440 TOTAL 1.40	GOOD - unlimited.	Clear inland low scattered cum. on hills.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
TONG (2813)	1330	100'	Approx 15 huts in good condition situated on cleared ridge NMS - track NE to YASUAR Mission runs along cleared ridge - 5 natives in red lap-laps seen on track walking from Mission towards TONG. Mission consists of approx 4 huts - 2 large and 2 small all in good condition - one native in brown lap-lap holding rifle in hand and waving white flag was seen outside main hut - native continued to wave each time aircraft passed.
YAUNIMBUN (2713)			Small village in good condition - 2 natives in dark lap-laps near huts - seen to wave.
			Smoke seen rising through trees in several places in area West of TONG - on investigation no signs of source of smoke were seen because of trees.
UNMAPPED VILLAGE(264156)			Village of approx 6 huts in good condition seen at 264156 in centre of village was erected a tripod about 30' high made of tree trunks about 4" diameter - NMS.
SAKANGEL (2816) MUASUSM (2917)			Huts in good condition - NMS.
NIALU (3120)			Village is spread out over distance of about 150yds with most huts at NW end - approx 10 natives some in red lap-laps were seen waving white cloths at the SE end of the village - two white men in khaki shirts and trousers were with the natives and waved their arms - approx 3 lap-laps were seen lying on the ground together apparently laid out to dry - on the aircraft passing again the natives had laid the white cloths on the ground to form double-barred "H" - the village is situated

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ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R For 2/6 Cav Commando Regt.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN		
		TOTAL		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			quite suitably for dropping Supplies by single engine aircraft.
			Prelimimary message report dropped on 2/10 Cav Cdo Sqn at BABIANG 405356 at 1415 Hrs.

Time and Signature Stanley A. Ker Lieut.
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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn SORTIE No. 2 A/C No. - TYPE A46-211 A46-183 DATE 20 Nov 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SUAIN EAST BUT WEST 1 inch	F/O EASTON Top Cover OBSERVER F/O POLKINGHORNE	0815 TIME DOWN 1030 TOTAL 2.15	Poor - 5 miles	Strato - Cu at 1000' Scattered squalls on sea.

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
ANGILP (4828)	0845	100'	Village consists of approx 12 huts - half in fair condition half collapsed - area appears overgrown - NMS.
			4 huts approx 10'x6' in good condition seen in slight clearing at 546271 - no tracks visible in area.
DANMAP RIVER (5925)			Double log crossing seen over creek at 594255 with ropes passing overhead about 4' above it.
			1 hut approx 15'x10' in good condition with several felled sak-sak palms in vicinity and 2 small trays of white substance seen at approx 605264.
ARIUA CREEK (6125)			1 hut approx 15'x10' and slother approx 10'x6' both in good conditionseen at 619251 -semi-circular well used track connects the 2 huts.
COASTLINE (5730)	0945		Footprints seen in wet sand coming from trees on edge of beach and leading along beach eastwards until they disappear in trees where beach disappears in Sq 6130 - many more tracks reappear in Sq 6429 and beach is just a mass of footprints - these tracks continue along coast as far as mouth of ANUMB RIVER Sq 7329.
			3 small forked sticks approx 3' high were seen sticking out of sand at intervals of approx 300 yds along beach in Sq 6728 - 1 shovel was seen sticking out of sand between the first and second sticks - many footprints were observed and the area around each object appeared as if it had been dug - NMS.

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LOCATION WADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 2 A/C No. - TYPE A46-211 A46-183 DATE 20 Nov 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN		
		TOTAL		

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
ANUMB RIVER (7329)	0945		1 Jap wearing faded knee length trousers and tunic-type jacket seen crouching under tree at 730293 - on a/c coming around again he had disappeared - strafed trees in vicinity with unobserved results.
			Several tins 1 article of clothing and 1 canvas covered container approx 2'x2'x2' with peaked top seen at base of tree at edge of river at 733289 - on a/c passing again 2 Japs were seen running into the trees nearby - strafed the area into which they had disappeared with unobserved results - 1 other man with a wide brimmed coolie hat was seen standing under trees approx 50' to the south but he had disappeared when a/c came round again.
	1000		1 green tent and 3 tarpaulins and remains of fire nearby seen under trees on west bank of river at 733290.
			Numerous well used tracks were visible on both sides of river and general area of river mouth.
			2 dilapidated rusty trucks seen in clearing at 735294 ~~xit~~ the front of 1 truck in apparently good condition with the rear almost completely covered with loose sak-sak leaves seen just off a track at 738295 - strafed truck observing hits but no damage observed.
			1 new looking bridge made of 2 runners with cross poles seen over unmapped creek at 731292.
			Black ashes of fire seen in clearing at approx 722284.

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LOCATION T.DUI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 2 A/C No. - TYPE A46-211 A46-183 DATE 20 Nov 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN		
		TOTAL		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			1 hut approx 15'x10' with small verendah in very good condition seen under leafy tree in small clearing at approx 744286 - very well kept and recently raked garden approx 50 yds square seen alongside hut - strafed hut several times producing fine plume of smoke which quickly disappeared.
			Preliminary meassage report dropped on 2/10 Csv Cdo Sqn at BABIANG 405356 at 1015 hrs.

Stanley A. Ket
Time and Signature Lieut

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(Operation No T 22)

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn ~~SORTIE No.~~ Mission No 2 A/C No. - TYPE A46-194 A46-211 DATE 21 Nov44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SUAIN EAST BUT WEST 1 inch	F/O TAYLOR	1315	Good - 10 miles	Fine on coast 10/10 cloud on hills at 1500'.
	Top Cover ~~OBSERVER~~ F/O TAIT	TIME DOWN 1530		
		TOTAL 2.15		

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
DANMAP RIVER (5630)	1345	300'	NMS in river bed from river mouth to SOLITA Sq 6324.
	1400		Dense white column of smoke seen rising rapidly above trees at 533302 - on closer inspection of area 2 large blazing fires were seen about 20 yds apart under trees.
ABAU (6528)	1410	50'	Beach from ABAU as far as ANUMB RIVER Sq 7329 was washed clean of footprints and littered with washed up bits of wood - no sign of forked pieces of wood or shovel reported in Operation No T 20 as seen on beach.
ANUMB RIVER (7329)	1425		No sign of green tent or 3 tarpaulins reported in Operation No T 20 as seen at 733290.
			1 small freshly dug garden approx 15 yds square seen in clearing at 741286.
			1 spread out heap of yellowish white substance seen near well used foot track at approx 763295.
	1430		1 man not black-skinned standing naked apparently washing clothes in swamp water - seen through gap in trees at 741294 - man appeared to wave and on a/c passing more times appeared unconcerned.
			Strafed and knocked over what appeared like a dummy A/A gun with dummy figures beside it on beach at 736295.
			Preliminary message report dropped on 2/10 Cav Cdo Sqn at BABIANG 405356 at 1510 hrs

Time and Signature Stanley A. Ket Lieut
ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

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ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE .....

REF. MAPS ..... PILOT .....

OBSERVER .....

TIME UP .....

TIME DOWN .....

TOTAL .....

VISIBILITY

WEATHER

16 Coy

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 1 A/C No. - TYPE A46-213 A46-187 DATE 22 Nov 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Photo/R for 6 Aust Div and Photo/R for 71 Wing RAAF

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SUAIN EAST BUT EAST MAPRIK EAST 1 inch	F/O MURRELL Top Cover ~~OBSERVER~~ F/O POLKINGHORNE	0905 TIME DOWN 1035 TOTAL 1.30	Good - 30 miles	3/10 Cu in places over hills at 3-4000'.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
DANMAP RIVER (5630)	0920	5300'	Vertical line overlaps photographs taken of area DANMAP RIVER mouth - (see Photographic Report later).
DAGUA DROME (9624)	0935	5000'	Persistent bright reflection followed a/c for approx 2 miles - seen coming from west end of strip at approx 960248.
RANIMBOA (1612)	0945	5500'	Stereo-pair photographs taken of the village which was target for strike by bombers from FEAF CRTC and 71 Wing RAAF earlier this morning.
			The village consists of 7 huts is situated at the SE end of a ridge as shown on 1" map at 165127 - this village did not appear damaged - a devastated area approx 200 yds diameter was visible approx 200 yds to the NE of this village.
YAMINI? YAMBINI (9915)		5000'	This village and those in general area all appear in good condition with connecting track visible in places.
MEIWANGO (9907)		5000'	Village appears in good condition with track clearly visible running northwards along ridge top.
DANMAP RIVER (5725)	1015	30'	1 Jap dressed in bluish-grey overalls seen sitting on sandbank at junc of ALBU CREEK - with 2 trays in front of him - appeared unconcerned on a/c passing 3 times but had gone on fourth occasion.

Time and Signature Stanley A. Kerr Lieut
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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn SORTIE No. 2 A/C No. - TYPE A46-194 A46-198 DATE 22 Nov 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div - area MISA CREEK Sq 5215 Mission

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
WANU EAST 1 inch	S/Ldr SWCOCK	1005	Good - 15 miles	Fine - 2/10 cloud on hills at 4000'.
Top Cover	OBSERVER F/O FORSTER	TIME DOWN 1220		
		TOTAL 2.15		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			Mission unsuccessful

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 2 A/C No. - TYPE A46-211 A46-183 DATE 23 Nov 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SUAIN EAST BUT WEST MAPRIK EAST 1 inch	F/O TAIT Top Cover OBSERVER F/O TAYLOR	1310 TIME DOWN 1525 TOTAL 2.15	Good - 15 miles except into sun.	8/10 broken Cu on hills at 8000'.

Place or Ref.	Time / I	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
DANMAP RIVER (5730)	1330	50'	Old huts seen blazing in old villages of SUAIN and LUAIN - no change in area on east bank of river - NMS.
			On coastline from DANMAP RIVER eastwards to ANUMB RIVER Sq 7329 - the sea was well up on beach - no footprints visible - NMS.
ANUMB RIVER	1340		Coastal track well marked with footprints for approx 1½ miles east from river mouth - and many tracks lead south into jungle in this area - 3 small squares of brown, yellow and white substance seen together in line near track at 752296 - three greenish tent flys seen in small clearing amongst high trees at 750290.
			Hut previously seen (Operation No T20) near small garden at 744286 is now burnt down.
			What looked like a pair of white pants seen on sandbank in creek at approx 744255 but were gone when a/c came around again.
MEIWANGO (9907)			Village consists of 4 groups of approx 6 huts each set on top of high ridge - huts in good condition and ground appears well trodden - several fenced clearings seen on hill slopes on either side - track running northwards along ridge is well used and visible for approx 500 yds before disappearing under trees.
			Preliminary message report dropped on 2/10 Cav Cdo Regt at BABIANG 405356 at 1510 hrs.

Time and Signature [signature] Lieut
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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn. Mission No 1. A/C No. - TYPE A46-194 A46-198 DATE 7 Nov'44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R For 2/6 Cav Commando Regt.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP / TIME DOWN / TOTAL	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
Suain East But West 1"	S/Ldr. Snook Top Cover ~~OBSERVER~~ F/O. Forster	0530 0815 2.45	Good - but poor proceeding East because of sun.	Good - 2/10 Cloud over land at 1500'

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
Suain (5332)	0600	100'	Considerable number old dilapidated huts in area SUAIN PTN to LUAIN - tracks in this area appear well used - N.M.S.
			Double-wheel track to MATAPAU appears well used where visible - many foot tracks lead South into jungle.
MATAPAU (6230)	0602		5 huts in good condition right in against hills and overhung by trees - well used foot tracks running from huts back into hills - track not very well used runs about 150yds West from huts into small clearing on edge of which was seen one open-tray heavy truck apparently in good condition with cigar-shaped object about 12' x 3' lying in tray - N.M.S.
			Double-wheeled coastal track to ABAU appears well used where visible - N.M.S.
ABAU (6528)	0625		Approx 6 huts some in fair condition N.M.S.
			Double-wheel coastal track to SOWAN appears well used - many foot tracks lead South into jungle.
			Three 40 gal petrol drums seen approx one mile East of ABAU about 15ft from track under tree near beach - strafed drums with unobserved results.
			Camouflage-painted tent about 12' x 14' seen under tree on beach at 701284 - N.M.S.
SOWAN VILLAGES (7529)			Numerous villages with huts badly battered.
			Tracks from SOWAN VILLAGES to BUT DROME are double-wheeled and in good condition - change to good well used road about 1½ miles West of BUT DROME - wooden bridge over NINAHAU River at 795291.
			Track running South into timbered hills from 842278 is a good well used road - N.M.S.
BUT DROME (8727)			No sign of reported concentration of transport in this area - no sign of reported Submarine off coast - several old deserted trucks seen in area.

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REF. MAPS.....	PILOT.....	TIME UP.....	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
.....	OBSERVER.....	TIME DOWN.....		
		TOTAL.....		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
MALIN (6425)	0700		Approx 8 huts all in battered condition - track from village running Westwards towards track marked on map appears quite well used - small rows of shrubs artificially arranged still exist in village - N.M.S.
Area South of BUT DROME to LINHOK CK.	0705		Number of small groups of huts in fair condition seen on ridges in this area - strafed two groups with unobserved results. Villages in SELAGANIM - LOANIM Area all situated on ridge tops and in good condition - strafed one hut approx 60' x 20' with very obvious white cross painted on roof at approx 817268.
ALBIS (7923)	0715		Village of approx 3 huts right in against hill and well concealed by timber - only visible from South - huts in good condition - strafed huts with unobserved results - N.M.S.
HILL FEATURE Sqs. 5628 5728 5629 5729	0730		Hill Features very heavily timbered - no signs of any clearings - no signs of reported O.P. at 568291. DANMAP N.M.S in DANMAP River bed. Dropped prelimenary message report on 2/10 Cav Sqn at BABIANG 405356 at 0745hrs.

Stanley A. Ker

Time and Signature..... Lieut.

A.L.O 45 Aust A.L. Sec(Tac/R).

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ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE ..... Tac/R For 2/6 Cav Commando Regt.

REF. MAPS ..... PILOT ..... OBSERVER ..... TIME UP ..... TIME DOWN ..... TOTAL ..... VISIBILITY ..... WEATHER .....

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
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Area South of BUT DROME to LINHOK CK.	0705		Number of small groups of huts in fair condition seen on ridges in this area - strafed two groups with unobserved results. Villages in SELASANIM - LOANIM Area all situated on ridges tops and in good condition - strafed one hut approx 60' x 20' with very obvious white cross painted on roof at approx 317268.
ALBIS (7023)	0715		Village of approx 3 huts right in against hill and well concealed by timber - only visible from South - huts in good condition - strafed huts with unobserved results - N.M.S.
HILL FEAT-URE Sqs. 5628 5728 5629 5729	0730		Hill features very heavily timbered - no signs of any clearings - no signs of reported O.P. at 568221.
			DANMAI N.M.S in [illegible] River bed.
			Dropped preliminary message report on 2/10 Cav Sen at BABIANG 405355 at 0745hrs.

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ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R For 2/6 Cav Commando Regt.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
Suain East But West 1"	F/O. Murrell	1230	GOOD - 15 miles.	Good except for light scattered showers in hills.
	Top Cover ~~OBSERVER~~ F/O. Polkinghorne	TIME DOWN 1545		
		TOTAL 3.15		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
ATOB Riv. (6116)	1300	100'	2-3 Japs seen on South bank of ATOB River at 619160 - disappeared into jungle on approach of a/c - on coming around again there were two bundles of what appeared to be clothing left on the bank - Also seen in same area :- single log crossing over river which is however very shallow with a gravel bed ; Approx 6 small semi open shelters about 10' x 6' x 5' high seen under trees about 5 yds from bank on either side of river; one sunken structure about 20' x 15' with roof almost on ground and earth and leaves on top; two small shelters about 6' x 6' x 4' high. Shaped area with unobserved results.
ASAPAS (6217)			Approx 11 huts in fair condition on top of hill - village area is grassed and only faint tracks visible - track from ATOB River to this village continues Northwards through village but does not show much sign of use - N.M.S.
UNMAPPED VILLAGE (6317)			Village consisting of 2 huts in fair condition and 6 in poor condition seen at 632173 - ground in village is bare and appears well trodden - N.M.S.
			Native garden of irregular shape and about 50 yds across seen at 627172 - did not appear well kept but fence surrounding it was in good order.
ATOB Riv. (5816)			2 huts in fair condition seen on South bank at 586161 - N.M.S.
MALIN (6425)			4 huts in fair condition seen at 583190 - no obvious signs of occupation - N.M.S.
			No change - N.M.S.
IDAKAIBUL (5725)			Approx 17 huts about half of which are battered and half in fair condition - no obvious signs of occupation - foot track running through village is visible but shows no obvious signs of use - N.M.S.

Time and Signature Jack

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn. Mission No. 1. A/C No. - TYPE A46-213 A46-197 DATE 7 Nov'44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R For 2/6 Cav Commando Regt - in SAHIK AREA (S03610)

REF. MAPS NANU EAST 1"

PILOT F/O. Tait
Top Cover. F/O. Taylor

TIME UP 0725
TIME DOWN 0905
TOTAL 1.40

VISIBILITY: Poor over tgt. low cloud in hills obscured visibility.

WEATHER: along coast GOOD - 9/10 cloud inland & over hills.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
SAHIK (3610)			Task not carried out - low cloud over hills made observation impossible.
			Message to that effect dropped on 2/10 Cav Sqn at BABIANG at 405356 at 0835Hrs.

Stanley A. Kerr Lieut

Time and Signature A.L.O. 45 AUST A.L. SEC(TAC/R).

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ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R For 2/6 Cav Commando Regt.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN		
		TOTAL		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
BALUP (5527)			Approx 15 dilapidated huts - no signs of occupation - N.M.S.
HILL FEATURE Sqs. 5628) 5728) 5729) 5629)			No change but occasional tall trees stand out above others and maybe used as O.P's.
DANMAP Riv.			Bed of river is sandy and as stated on map appears suitable for track throughout most of its course - N.M.S between mouth of river and junction of ATOB River at 583190.
BUT DROME AREA (8627)			Wooden bridge over MANIB Creek at 856276 is very strongly made and in good condition. Pile of unidentified objects stacked about 3' high under tree near road approx 50 yds East of bridge. Roads in this area are good and appear well used - N.M.S. N.M.S along coastal track from BUT DROME to ABAU (Sq 6528). Log foot-crossing seen over creek at 691277 but tracks not visible on either side because of trees.
			Preliminary message report NOT dropped on 2/10 Cav Sqn.

Time and Signature Stanley C. Hart Lieut.
A.L.O 45 Aust A.L. Sec (Tac/R).

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ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE	Tac/R For 2/6 Cav Commando Regt.				
REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER	
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN			
		TOTAL			

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Place or Refs	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
BALUP (5527)			Approx 15 dilapidated huts - no sign of occupation - N.M.S.
HILL FEATURE Sqs. 5528) 5728) 5729) 5629)			No change but occasional tall trees stand out above others and maybe used as O.P's.
DAMAP Riv.			Bed of river is sandy and as stated on map appears suitable for track throughout most of its course - N.M.S between mouth of river and junction of ATOE River at 583190.
BUT DROME AREA (8627)			Wooden bridge over MANIB Creek at 856276 is very strongly made and in good condition. Pile of unidentified objects stacked about 3' high under tree near road approx 50 yds East of bridge. Roads in this area are good and appear well used - N.M.S. N.M.S along coastal track from BUT DROME to ABAU (Sq 6528). Log foot-crossing seen over creek at 891277 but tracks not visible on either side because of trees.
			Preliminary message report NOT dropped on 2/10 Cav Sqn.

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn. Mission No. SORTIE No. 1 A/C No. - TYPE A46-197 DATE 9 Nov'44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Lead in strike for bombing by 8 Sqn RAAF (Beauforts).

REF. MAPS Susain East
But West 1"

PILOT F/O. Polkinghorne

OBSERVER

TIME UP 0700

TIME DOWN 0800

TOTAL 1.00

VISIBILITY: Good - except for ground mist in some valleys.

WEATHER: 10/10 medium at 8000' scattered ground mist & cloud low over hills to Sth.

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	0725		Indicated target by dropping 2 x 30lb phosphorus bombs - one in vicinity of sunken structure previously referred to and one in area of huts previously referred to.
TARGET:			6 Beauforts each dropped 2 x 500lb and 2 x 250lb bombs in area as indicated - bursts observed in area.
Camp area ATOB Riv SQ 6116 referred to in our A46 Recce Report on Mission 2 of 7 Nov'44.			On going down again - trees for approx 150 yds diameter were seen to be bared of foliage and many wrecked on East bank of river in vicinity of area where the 8-3 Japs referred to in previous report were seen - huts and sunken structure previously referred to were 100 - 150 yds South and North respectively of where bombs dropped - no actual damage to the huts, sunken structure or small shelters was observed.
			Strafed and also dropped 2 x 30lb phosphorus bombs on huts with unobserved results.
DANMAP RIVER.			N.M.S in river bed between 620203 and river mouth.
			Dropped Hydrometer Package as requested by 2/6 Cav Commando Regt & also packages of "GUINEA - GOLD" on 2/10 Cav Sqn at BABIANG 405356 at 0745 hrs.

Stanley A. Kerr

Time and Signature Lieut.
A.L.O. 45 AUST A.L. SEC (TAC/R).

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn. Mission No. 2 A/C No. - TYPE A46-213 A46-183 DATE 9 Nov '44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R For 2/6 Cav Commando Regt.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
Suain East But West 1"	F/O. Lillie	1330	GOOD - 15 miles.	FINE - clear over coast - 8/10 cloud over hills at 6000'
	Top Cover F/O. Skuthorpe	TIME DOWN 1515		
		TOTAL 1.45		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
HILL FEATURE (SQs 5528) 5628) 5629)	1400	1500'	Hills are heavily timbered - no signs of reported O.P. - but tall trees would provide good observation - N.M.S.
			Area at foot of hills from 565300 to Rocky Pt at 593303 contains considerable number of scattered old foxholes and lean-to shelters - all appeared in poor condition and showed no signs of use but could be made use of - 2 small black tray-like objects about 3' x 3' eached heaped with some white substance seen at approx 566299.
ROCKY PT.	1405	100'	several old foxholes and lean-to shelters in area - ground generally appears bare as though formerly used as bivouac area - no sign of reported Artillery piece - NMS. Coastal track from mouth of DANMAP River to ABAU (SQ 6528) appears well used - foot prints in soft sand on beach and at times on track were visible - occasional foot prints seen leading down beach to sea - no evidence of use by vehicles but old wooden bridge consisting of two sets of several lengths of timber thrown as runners across creek seen at 636296 - NMS.
	1415	400'	Puffs of blue smoke on three seperate occasions seen coming from trees from waters edge at 643293 - No signs of any flash nor any weapon - no sign of any air-burst - NMS.
			Coastal track ABAU Rocky Cliff at 693284 appears well used - definite two-wheel track runs from coastal track out to Rocky Cliff - NMS.
			Preliminary message dropped on 2/10 Cav Sqn at BABAING 405356 at 1450 hrs.

Time and Signature Stanley A. Key

A.L.O. 45 Aust A.L. Sec (Tac/R)

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn. Mission No. 3 A/C No. - TYPE A46-149 A46-198 DATE 9 Nov'44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R For 2/6 Cav Commando Regt.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
But West But East 1"	S/Ldr. Daly Top Cover F/O. Easton	1440 TIME DOWN 1545 TOTAL 1.05	GOOD - 15 miles	Fair - 7/10 cloud on hills to South.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
DAGUA DROME (SQ 9624).	1510		Drome still bomb-cratered and unserviceable. Inland road from DAGUA DROME to BUT DROME appeared well used - numerous foot tracks lead off this road South into jungle - NMS.
BUT DROME AREA (SQ8626)			One new sak-sak hut about 50' x 15' built on stilts under trees and next to very tall coconut palm seen on top of ridge at 864260 - ground underneath and around this hut was cleared and appeared quite black - strafed hut with unobserved results.
			One sak sak hut in fair condition built under trees lower down on same ridge seen at 870261 strafed hut with unobserved results.

Time and Signature Stanley A. Kerr[illegible]

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn. Mission No. 1 A/C No. - TYPE A46-198 A46-213 DATE 12 Nov'44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R For 2/6 Cav Commando Regt.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
Suain East But West 1"	F/O. Lillie Top Cover ~~OBSERVER~~ F/Lt. Cullen	0900 TIME DOWN 1100 TOTAL 2.00	GOOD - 15 miles.	9/10 cloud at 2000' inland.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
DANIMUL Riv (5028)	0920	500'	Light-coloured patch approx 100yds length and 75yds ~~breadth~~ breadth consisting of trees about 20ft tall as distinct from taller surrounding timber seen on South bank of river at 504285 - in this ~~patch~~ patch one sak sak hut in good condition about 20' x 10' was seen near the South bank of the river - several heaps of earth almost on the waters edge was seen about 50yds to the West of the hut - these sightings could be made only from the North side of the river.
			About 200yds in a Southerly direction from the patch there were several small gaps in the tall timber where trees had been cut down and fallen trees were visible on the ground - NMS.
			NMS from patch East along DANIMUL River to junction ~~of~~ of the Danmap River at 557290.
			Number of foot prints seen in dry creek bed at 558295.
HILL FEATURES			No sign of reported O.P.
SQs 5528 5628 5629			Old foxholes and lean-to shelters in Sq 5629 still appear unused - two black trays reported in our Recce Report on Operation T5 of 9 Nov'44 were not visible - approx 10 other trays grey in colour and about 2' square with a white substance heaped up about 1' high were seen amongst palm trees in this area - the white substance in some cases consisted of lumps of about 3" diameter - approx 100 old fallen palm trees with the inside cut out were seen in this area.
			Coastal track from mouth DANMAP River to CAPE DJERUAN (SQ 6330) appears well used and foot prints are visible in soft sand on shore.

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission No. 1 A/C No. - TYPE DATE 12 Nov'44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R For 2/6 Cav Commando Regt.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN		
		TOTAL		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
ROCKY PT.	1015		No sign of reported Artillery piece.
			One man of European appearance dressed in green shirt and trousers but without hat seen standing with hands in pockets in dry creek bed at 588302 - a small wig-wam-like canvas shelter about 4' high and 3' wide at the bottom was seen in the creek bed near by - behind this shelter and thrown over an old log in the creek bed some green clothes were seen.
			The man appeared unconcerned at the approach of the aircraft but as it passed he turned and walked back into the trees about 10yds up the creek bed - on the aircraft passing over the point again there was no sign of the man but the shelter and clothes were still there.
			Track from Cape DJERUAN to ABAU (SQ 6528) is under trees and difficult to see - where visible in places the track appeared well defined - NMS.
			One fallen palm tree with freshly-lopped green leaves and white chips lying nearby was seen about 50yds from West bank of DUMBUN Creek at 654280 - NMS.
			DANMAP River from mouth to 636247 generally appears useable as track - no signs of foot prints NMS.
MALIN (SQ6425)			Village and surrounding area largely damaged by bombs - no signs of use NMS.
			Preliminary message report dropped on 2/10 CDO Sqn 405356 at 1030 hrs.

Time and Signature Stanley A. Kerr Lieut.
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ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R For 2/6 Cav Commando Regt.

REF MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN		
		TOTAL		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT-INTERROGATION
ROCKY PT.	1015		No sign of reported Artillery piece.
			One man of European appearance dressed in green shirt and trousers but without hat seen standing with hands in pockets in dry creek bed at 598302 - a small wig-wam-like canvas shelter about 4' high and 3' wide at the bottom was seen in the creek bed near by - behind this shelter and thrown over an old log in the creek bed some green clothes were seen.
			The man appeared unconcerned at the approach of the aircraft but as it passed he turned and walked back into the trees about 10yds up the creek bed - on the aircraft passing over the point again there was no sign of the man but the shelter and clothes were still there.
			Track from Cape LEFRUAN to ABAU (SC 5588) is under trees and difficult to see - where visible in places the track appeared well defined - NMS.
			One fallen palm tree with freshly-lopped green leaves and white chips lying nearby was seen about 50yds from Rest bank of DUMBON Creek at 654260 - NMS.
			DAUMAR River from mouth to 633247 generally appears usable as track - no signs of foot prints NMS.
MALIN (SD5425)			Village and surrounding area largely damaged by bombs - no signs of use NMS.
			Preliminary message report dropped on 2/10 CDO Sqn 405356 at 1030 Hrs.

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn in conjunction with DOR5 (F/Lt. Hunt). SORTIE No. Mission No. 2 A/C No. - TYPE A28-18 (Boston). DATE 12 Nov '44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Photographic Recce for 6 Aust Div & experimental test with Boston A/C.

REF. MAPS But West 1" Ambunti 4mile to 1 inch.

PILOT F/Lt. Hunt

OBSERVER S/Ldr. Snook F/O. Forster

TIME UP 1015

TIME DOWN 1300

TOTAL 2.45

VISIBILITY: Poor over coast area - good South of Torricelli Mtns.

WEATHER: Misty rain and 9/10 cloud over hills base 2000'

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
BUT DROME (8527)	1030	500'	Roads in this area still well used - NMS. Oblique photographs taken of Bridge over MANIB Creek at 855276 and other points in area (See photographic report to be issued later).
LAKE CHAMBERI (W)A73.	1145		Nil barge sightings - nil building sightings except in village of YARANGAI (W)A7345. 3 native canoes approx 15ft long with one native in each seen at (W)A7545 - one similar canoe seen at (W)A7354. Area North of lake is swampy - water visible only occasionally. Pilot considers no channel navigable by barge running from Northern most tip of lake to SEPIK River.

Stanley A. Ker

Time and Signature ..... Lieut.

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Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn. Mission No. SORTIE No. 3. A/C No. - TYPE A46-194 A46-149 DATE 13 Nov'44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R FOR 2/6 Cav Commando Regt.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
But West 1"	S/Ldr. Snook	1445	GOOD - 30 miles.	Fine - 9/10 cloud on hill tops at 1500'
	Top Cover OBSERVER S/Ldr. Daly	TIME DOWN 1615		
		TOTAL 1.30		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
BUT DROME AREA.	1545	50'	6 huts in fair condition seen on ridge at 859261 - ground around huts appeared well used. 6 more huts in fair condition seen on same ridge at 869257.
			Approx 12 huts in good condition spread over distance of about 400 yds on ridge top from 877253 to 881252 - tracks from this group of huts seen to lead down feature to South but could not be seen for trees - NMS.
			Large hut approx 60' x 20' with white wooden cross on top of West end of roof seen at 890249 thatching on Southern slope of roof at West end of hut has disappeared - NMS.

Time and Signature Stanley A Ker Lieut.
A.L.O. 45 AUST AL SEC (TAC/R).
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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn. SORTIE No. Mission No. 1 A/C No. - TYPE A28-18 (Boston) DATE 13 Nov'44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE in conjunction with DOR5(F/Lt Hunt). Photographic Recce for 6 Aust Div & experimental test with Boston A/C.

REF. MAPS AMBUNTI 4m = 1" BUT WEST 1"

PILOT F/Lt. Hunt

OBSERVER F/O. Forster F/O. Skuthorp

TIME UP 1030 TIME DOWN 1515 TOTAL 2.45

VISIBILITY GOOD - 15 miles.

WEATHER GOOD over coast & inland - low cloud on mtns.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
LAKE CHAMBRI (W)A73.	1055	200'	Nil barge sightings. Lake is set in low swampy ground - the banks of the lake have very few trees and the reeds on the edge of the lake rise to a height of approx 5 ft - pilot does not consider there are any places in the lake suitable for barge hide outs. No buildings other than native huts seen anywhere in area - nothing seen to indicate inhabitants being other than natives. No huts seen on North bank of lake or vicinity - several villages and many groups of huts on lower ~~mmk~~ Eastern bank, Southern bank, Western bank and on SAMAGUNDA Islands in centre of lake - huts generally are in good condition - SAMAGUNDA Islands are more numerous than shown on map. Many of these smaller islands appear like barges from a distence - literally hundreds of canoes were seen in the vicinity of the villages around the edge of the lake and on the islands. Pilot still considers channel from Northern most tip of lake to SEPIK River is not navigable by barge but channel from NE tip of lake to SEPIK River might be navigable by barge with great difficulty without rising propeller.
YARANGAI (W)A74			Village spread over large area and on both sides of Western arm of billabong - hundreds of canoes seen near huts and also hundreds of canoes under construction - one canoe approx 15 ft long with one native in it seen at (W)A7443. The banks of the billabong on the South-West and West sides are overhung with trees and contain small inlets - the edge of the billabong is thick with reeds and it would be generally suitable cover for barges and small craft. Native villages in general area on Northern bank of SEPIK River and further Northwards are all in good condition.

Time and Signature

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn in conjunction with DORS (F/Lt. Hunt). SORTIE No. No. 1. A/C No. - TYPE DATE 13 Nov '44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Photographic Recce for 6 Aust Div & expermental test with Boston A/C.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN		
		TOTAL		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
BUT DROME AREA (SQ 8527).			No change in area - numerous vehicles on sides of tracks all appear rusty and U/S - NMS.
			Oblique photographs taken of (1) of bridge over NANIS Ck at 855276. (11) area containing huts under trees at 842272 and other points in general area. (See later Photographic Recce report) -NMS.
BUT MISSION AREA.			One drum-shaped object approx 6' diameter tightly covered with yellow-brown canvas seen just ~~of~~ off track at 894255 - rectangular trench partially covered by sheet of corrigated iron seen near by - NMS. - oblique photographs taken of these objects

Time and Signature Stanley A. Ket Lieut.

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn. SORTIE No. x MISSION No. 1 A/C No. - TYPE DATE 14 Nov'44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Co-ordinated strike with F.E.A.F. C.R.T.C. & 71 Wing R.A.A.F. on reported Enemy Barges, Huts & Troops on Lake CHAMBRI (SQ 73).

REF. MAPS AMBUNTI 4m = 1" Block (W) A.

PILOT S/Ldrs Daly, Snook F/Lt. Cullen, F/Os Easton, OBSERVER Forster, Murrell, Skuthorp.

TIME UP 0740 TIME DOWN 0940 TOTAL 2.00

VISIBILITY GOOD - 10-12 miles.

WEATHER FINE - 5/10 cum. at 1000 - 1500 ft.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
LAKE CHAMBRI (SQ 73).	0800 - 0830		No change from previous reports of general description of area - in area YARANGAI (SQ 74) what appeared to be canoe slipways were seen leading into huts - nil barge sightings - strafing attacks by individual aircraft were made on huts and canoes situated on edge of Lake CHAMBRI and adjacent lakes, on islands in lake CHAMBRI, in area YARANGAI and adjacent billabong (SQ 74) and on SEPIK River - one hut set on fire at KANDDIGAI 7322. One aircraft strafed 4 Japs in canoe approx 30 ft in length and 3 ft beam seen on North side of SEPIK River at 9437 - Japs were dressed in green shirts and trousers - several bundles and objects that looked like steel-helmets covered with camouflage mesh were seen in the canoe.

Time and Signature Stanley O. Ker Lieut.
A.L.O. 45 Aust AL Sec(Tac/R).
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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn. ~~Mission No.~~ SORTIE NO. 1 A/C No. - TYPE A20-507 DATE 15 Nov'44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Supply Dropping for 6 Aust Div.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SUAIN East 1"	F/O. Polkinghorn	0900	GOOD - 30 miles.	FINE - High cum. out to sea and inland to Sth.
	OBSERVER F/O. Murrell	TIME DOWN 1000		
		TOTAL 1.00		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
BABIANG	0915		2 containers ~~universal~~ cylindrical each containing supplies and weighing 258 lbs also 8 seperate small
	0930		parcels of mail dropped on 2/10 Cav Cdo Sqn at dropping site on West bank of river mouth at 405356.

Stanley A. Ker

Time and Signature Lieut. A.L.O 45 Aust A.L. Sec(Tac/R).

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ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE .....

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OBSERVER ..... TIME DOWN .....

TOTAL .....

Place of Rel.	Time	Height	REPORT ON INTERROGATION

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn. Mission No. SORTIE No: 3 A/C No. - TYPE A20-507 DATE 14 Nov'44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Recce Search for 2 escaped natives for 6 Aust Div.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
AITAPE East SUAIN West SUAIN East 1"	PILOT F/O. Lillie OBSERVER F/O. Tait	1115 TIME DOWN 1230 TOTAL 1.15	GOOD	GOOD

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			No sign of any native canoe on sea for approx 10 miles from coast between ALI Island (SQ 0256) and SUAIN (SQ 5331).
			Approx 6 canoes seen on edge of reef on North side of SELKO Island (SQ 0454) with approx 30 natives swimming nearby - one canoe with 3 natives in it seen on reef on West side of same Island.
			One large canoe with approx 5 natives in it seen on reef on West side of ANGEL Island (SQ 0452).
ROCKY PT. (SQ 5930)			Two sets of boot prints pointing East seen in firm sand at approx 578302.
			Small wigwam-like canvas shelter (Referred to in Recce report on Operation No. T7 of 12 Nov'44) no longer seen at 580302 but stick framework still there.
			Small trays heaped with white substance (also referred to in s/n Recce report) still visible in SQ 5629.

Time and Signature Lieut.,
A.L.O. 45 Aust A.L. Sec(Tac/R).

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 1 A/C No. - TYPE A46-211 A46-197 DATE 18 Nov 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 2/6 Aust Cav Cdo ~~Regt~~ Sqn

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SUAIN EAST 1 inch	F/O MURRELL	1320	Good - 15 miles	6/10 Cu Nim at 1500'
	Top Cover F/O EASTON OBSERVER	TIME DOWN 1540		
		TOTAL 2.20		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
Sq 5629	1345	100'	No sign of reported mountain gun throughout whole area. 1 tripod like stand made of upended tree top about 6' high seen in small clearing at 564294 - faint track passes through grass nearby and leads into trees at foothills - approx 12 sak-sak palms with centre cut out seen lying on ground throughout area.
			2 small shelters about 12'x4'x4' high in good condition seen at 561301 and 562297 - no obvious signs of use - NMS.
			1 small shelter in fair condition seen at ~~561301~~ 604298 - bomb craters visible in area - approx 6 sak-sak palms seen lying on ground at 603299.
DANMAP RIVER (5529)	1415		3-4 men in green trousers and shirts and felt hats seen walking south on track at 556296.
DANIMUL RIVER (4828)	1430		4 shelters approx 8'x6' and 2 small shelters approx 4'x2' in fair condition seen on south bank of river in slight clearing at 485287 - 1 similar shelter approx 10'x6' seen at 478290 - no tracks visible in this area - no obvious signs of use. NMS DANIMUL RIVER thence to its junc DANMAP RIVER at 557290.
IKAM CREEK (5527)			1 shelter approx 10'x6' with freshly cut sak-sak palms in vicinity seen at 555275.
DANMAP RIVER (5725)	1445	30'	1 light-skinned man dressed in khaki shorts with no shirt or hat seen sitting on ground under shelter beneath trees on east bank junc ALBU CREEK at 575256 - man appeared unconcerned by a/c

Time and Signature [signature]

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission 1 SORTIE No. A/C No. - TYPE A46-211 A46-197 DATE 18 Nov 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 2/6 Cav Cdo Sqn

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN		
		TOTAL		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			circling area and was seen again half hour later lying down in same position - a single wire was seen crossing creek about 4-5' above water at this point - from here several sets of footprints were seen on sandbanks in river bed for approx 700 yds to the east.
			1 small shelter with white cloth approx 4'x3' lying nearby seen on north bank of river at 594255.
AWR ARIUA CREEK 1500 (6125)			2 logs seen across creek at 618250 - double twisted wite runs NE-SW across creek about 12' above water at this point.
			2-3 seperate logs seen crossing creek between this point and 619259 - 1 mound approx 20'x10'x5' high overgrown with grass seen on west side of creek at 619260.
			2 shelters approx 12'x6' in fair condition seen on east bank of creek at 620259 - 1 similar shelter in better condition seen right under trees at 618258 - considerable number of felled sak-sak palms several being freshly cut open and also 1 wooden cage-like frame about 18" cubed seen in vicinity.
			Preliminary message report and bundles of "GUINEA GOLDS" dropped on 2/10 Cav Cdo Sqn at BABIANG 405356 at 1515 hrs.

Stanley G. Ket Lieut

Time and Signature
ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

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(Operation No T 18)

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn SORTIE No. 2 A/C No. - TYPE A46-194 A46-183 DATE 19 Nov 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SUAIN EAST BUT WEST 1 inch	S/L SNOOK Top Cover OBSERVER F/O FORSTER	1450 TIME DOWN 1705 TOTAL	Good on coast - 20 miles.	Fine over coast - 7/10 Cu & scattered rain on hills at 1200'.

Place or Ref.	Time /I	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
IDAKAIBUL (5725)	1525	500'	No change in general condition of huts - track through village still clearly visible and leads south approx 100 yds before disappearing into trees.
ARIUA CREEK (6125)		50'	"Double twisted wire" mentioned in our report on operation T16 as seen across creek at 618250 appears to be 1" rope to assist log crossing over creek - 2 strands of rope can be seen about 2' apart.
SOLITA (6324)	1550	500'	Village consists of approx 12 huts majority in good condition - some huts knocked down and bomb craters visible in area - ground in village appears overgrown but tracks can be distinctly seen in village and leading to DANMAP RIVER.
DUNBUM CREEK (6528)			No sign of reported tents in area 655280 - several old sak-sak palm fronds seen on ground in vicinity.
SALAMINARA CK (7128)			Strafed group of about 10 huts 3 of which were in fair condition and the rest in poor condition seen on west bank of creek at 713285 - result 1 hut observed to be smouldering.
			Smoke seen rising throughtrees at 694273 - no fire visible through trees but ground where visible beneath trees appeared bare - straffed area with unobserved results.
NINAHAU RIVER (7929)			Road appears well worn on east bank of river - no sign of reported tarpaulins or stores in this area

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn MISSION SORTIE No. 2 A/C No. - TYPE A46-194 A46-183 DATE 19 Nov 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN		
		TOTAL		

Place or Ref.	Time /I	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
Sq 8028	1620		Plume of smoke seen rising from trees at 805288 - no fire visible through trees - strafed area unobserved results - on a/c coming around again smoke was seen rising through trees at 4 different places in this square and 1 further plume of smoke at 799294.
DAMMAP RIVER (5630)	1630		Numerous burnt out patches approx 10' diameter seen in kunai at approx 563303 - fire still burning on approx 200 yd frontage seen in foothills at 564295.
			(These sightings were presumably results of strike in this area by Beaufort Sqn at approx 1430 hrs today).
			Preliminary message report dropped on 2/10 Cav Cdo Sqn at BABIANG 405356 at 1645 hrs.

Time and Signature Stanley A. Ket Lieut

AIO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

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(Operation No T 27)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

Mission

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn SORTIE No. 1 A/C No. - TYPE A46-185 A46-194 DATE 25 Nov 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
AMBUNTI Strat BUT EAST 1 inch	F/O FORSTER	0730	Good - 10 miles	Fine - 2/10 cloud over mountains at 2500'.
Top Cover	OBSERVER S/Ldr SNOOK	TIME DOWN 1030		
		TOTAL 3.00		

Place or Ref.	Time / I	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
LAKE CHAMBRI (W) A73	0800	100'	Approx 50 canoes varying from 12' to 40' in length and containing between 1 and 3 natives seen in various places on edge of LAKE CHAMBRI and on SEPIK RIVER in area north of lake - no other movement seen in whole area bounded by 5 grid line on north, by 0 grid line on east, by 2 grid line on south and by 6 grid line on west.
			"Canoe slipways" referred to in our report on Operation No T10 are not constructed but appear to be merely the shaping of the ground resulting from canoes being repeatedly pulled up and down - 1 large hut approx 60'x30'x30' still under construction seen at 7028 - unusual featurewas small additional roof about 12' long apparently ~~xxxxx~~ covering ventilating hole in main roof.
			Otherwise no apparent change throughout whole area.
KARIMBOA (1612)	0930	100'	Village consists of 2 small groups of huts approx 200 yds apart connected by well defined track - tracks in village are quite visible but show no great signs of use - village has appearance of starting to become overgrown - 1 hut in south end of village was burnt to the ground and still smouldering (apparently result of bombing by Beauforts of 71 Wing RAAF earlier this morning) - strafed huts with unobserved results.
MAGAMEN VILLAGES (9822)	0945	200'	Track between the two villages is very well used - each village contains approx 5 huts in good condition - NMS - strafed southern village with unobserved results.
			Road running southwards from 942848 to 942833 is well used.

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ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 1 A/C No.—TYPE A46-197 DATE 26 Nov 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Lead in for bombing by 100 Sqn and 8 Sqn RAAF (Beauforts) requested by 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SWAIN EAST 1 inch	F/O SKUTHORP	0810	Good - 10 miles	Fine - 6/10 Cu at 3000' over target area.
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN 1000		
		TOTAL 1/50		

Place or Ref.	Time /I	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			Targets 1 and 2 - (100 Sqn)
			(1) 2 sak-sak shelters and 4 small canvas and sak-sak shelters at 565188.
			(2) 1 hut and 4 sak-sak shelters at 562185.
DANMAP RIVER (5618)	0830	50'	Indicated target 1 by dropping 1x50 lb phosphorous bomb which burst slightly west of target area - advised 100 Sqn to aim 100 yds east of smoke bomb.
			Indicated target 2 by dropping 1x50 lb phosphorous bomb which burst in target area - advised 100 Sqn thereof.
			5 Beauforts dropped 6000 lbs bombs on target 1 with bursts observed in trees approx 50 yds to NE of area - 2 Beauforts dropped 4000 lbs bombs on target 2 with bursts observed in target area.
			On subsequent inspection of areas - nil damage observed to target 1 - 1 further framework seen in area - strafed shelters with unobserved results.
			2 shelters destroyed in SE part of target 2 - area seen to contain more objects than previously reported sighted - strafed 2 huts and 4 shelters still remaining with unobserved results.
WALUM (5719)	0905		**Target 3 (8 Sqn)**
			2 small sak-sak huts and 6 smaller lean-to shelters at 579193.

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ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN		
		TOTAL		

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			Indicated target by dropping 1x50 lb phosphorus bomb which burst on NW edge of area - dropped 1x50 lb phosphorus bomb on SW edge of area and advised Beaufort to aim between 2 smoke bombs.
			5 Beaufort dropped 6000 lbs bombs with bursts observed in trees approx 50 yds NE of target area.
			On subsequent inspection of area - nil damage observed to target - strafed huts and shelters with unobserved results.
ATOB RIVER (6115)	0930		Strafed 1 large hut approx 50'x20' and 2 smaller huts on west bank of river at 620158 - and also 2 small shelters one on each side of river at 619155.
			1 small hut in good condition and 1 hut framework seen in small clearing at 615152.

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 2 A/C No.—TYPE A46-197 A46-211 DATE 27 Nov 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SUAIN EAST BUT WEST 1 inch	F/O TAYLOR	0825	Good on coast - poor on hills because of cloud.	Clear on coast - 7/10 Cu and squalls in hills at 2000'.
Top Cover	OBSERVER F/O TAIT	TIME DOWN 1025		
		TOTAL 2.00		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
ALBU CREEK (5725)	0920	100'	2 Japs in light coloured shirts and trousers seen working on cut sak-sak in clearing containing 3 small huts at 575258 - considerable amount of cut sak-sak palms seen throughout area.
			1 small hut fair condition in clearing at 586244.
ARTUA CREEK (6125)	0940	200'	Approx 6 heaps of yellowish substance seen spread over distance of 200 yds on east bank of creek in Sq 6125.
SOWAM VILLAGES (7529)	0955	100'	Strafed 1 tent approx 12'x14' and 1 tent approx 8'x6' and adjacent area under trees on edge of small clearing near track at 755295 - cannon holes observed in tent - sandy tracks in vicinity of old SOWAM VILLAGES and along beach front show many footprints - track at approx 736284 has been filled in with gravel in spots where washed away by sea.
			Many heaps of yellow and brown substance and cut sak-sak seen in area Sq 7728.
			Footprints visible in sand at approx 680284 and in several places on beach westwards as far as 670303.
			Preliminary message report dropped on 2/7 Cav Cdo Sqn at BABIANG 405356, at 1010 hrs.

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SUMMARY OF SUAIN - LUAIN OPERATIONS.

Arriving in an operational area, the Sqn immediately settled down intent on making a good name for itself. Sqn spirits were high, all eagerly awaited their first action against the JAP.

Prior to moving fwd, the Sqn was based at AITAPE, resting and making preparation for the move.

maj WRAY with Tprs HOBSON and WILLIS moved to BABIANG on the 22 Oct preparatory to taking over from I Coy 172 US Inf Regt. Five days later Adv Sqn HQ, C Tp, No 1 Sec of A Tp and Tp ldrs B and C Tp moved down to BABIANG

AS the camp left by the 172 Regt was in an unhygenic state the OC decided to build a new camp 400 yards EAST of the posn, 200 yards WEST of the DANDRIWAD RIVER mouth.

The Camp Site was built on either side of an ANGAU OUTPOST (Comd capt SEARSON) and extended for about 300yards along an open streach of ground immediately above the beach. A running steam in the immediate rear of the Camp provided an excellent WP as well as washing facilities further down stream.

Local native labour was used to erect the Adm buildings and the ease and speed with which these were erected inspired the whole Sqn to build similar huts for themselves. However it was found that what was simple to the natives was arduous to us, interest was lost, several huts were incpmpleted, many more were finished with the aid of natives- aid that was gained by the exchange of a couple of cigarettes for an afternoons work.

The two routine patrols, No 1 patrol across country to RIVER JUNCTION 394317. thence along DANRRIWAD RIVER to CAMP AREA at 404355, and No2 patrol from CAMP AREA along coast to unnamed VILLAGE 468328 and return as laid down by 43 US INF DIV (at this time the Sqn was U/C 43 US Inf Div) were efficienty carried out by patrols of Sec Str each morning, the patrols leaving at 0600 hrs and returning at approx 1200 hrs daily.

Owing to the shortage of pers, these routine patrols coupled with the guard (all pers did 2 hrs guard each night) proved very trying so the arrival of the remainder of the Sqn was eagerly awaited.

As the routine patrols yielded nothing in regard to enemy Mov and disposns it was decided that No 2 patrol would be extended.

lt ROBINSON with 7 Sec C Tp on 1 Nov patrolled down the coast to SUAIN VILIAGE where approx 12 dead JAPS were found. They had been dead about 7 days, as no visible cause of death was to be found, it was assumed they had died of starvation.

With the liklihood of further JAPS in the area, the OC ordered more offensive patrolling. This offensive patrolling was profitable, the Sqn had its first kill on Nov 3, as well as gaining infm on enemy strengths in the area.

After many wearying months of training on the mainland, what was leannt in theory was at last being put into practice. Looking back, those exercises and the discomfort had not been in vain.

The first kill substantiated, the Sqn proceeded to roll back the NIP to the EASTERN bank of the DANMAP RIVER, the tally of successes continued to mount steadily, until by the time the Sqn was withdrawn to AITAPE for a spell on Nov 24, 72 of the enemy had been killed and 8 captured. Our own cas for the period were 1 killed and 1 wounded.

Supplies: Owing to the numerous breakdowns of the DUKWs, rarely did a convoy reach BABIANG in its entirity, the supplying of the Sqn by this method was discontinued.

In lieu of this source of supplies, aid drops carried out by Beauforts, DCs and C47s were used. The DZ, situated some 400 yards from the camp area, was admirably suited, resulting in almost 100% recovery from all drops. Mail, as well as rations, were supplied in this manner.

Tac/R: Tac/R, carried out by Boomerangs and Wirraways, over the DANMAP RIVER area, proved valuable in supplimenting existing infm and locating further enemy mov and disposns.

On 23 and 24 Nov, 2/10 Sqn was relieved by 2/9 Sqn on the " walk in, walk out" basis. Two flights, each of approx 100 all ranks, marched from BABIANG to 2/4 Aust Inf Bn lines on the DRINUIMOR RIVER- 8 hrs march- and from there were transported by trucks to unit lines in the AITAPE AREA.

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2/10 AUST CDO SQN

Nov 1

0415 Stand To.
0600 No 1 and 2 Patrols out, retd 1200 hrs, NMS.
1130 Three DUKWs arrive from RHQ, bringing Lt Col HENNESSEY MC and lt REA (Regtl IO) whoare to stay at BABIANG overnight, lt CARR and 8 ORs for A Tp. Rations and supplies also arrived on the DUKWs.
1215 DUKWs left for AITAPE, Tpr SCOTT ME (Sqn HQ) evacuated to AITAPE being unable to cope with the strenuous nature of patrolling. Tpr SCOTT has since been tsfd to Hygiene Sec, RHQ.

Nov 2

0600 Nol and 2 patrols out, sub sec str, retd 1200 hrs, NMS.
1200 DUKWs arrive from RHQ bringing lt LILES and 23 ORs for A TP, and 2 ORs for SHQ. Sqn rations and native rations (for ANGAU) also arrived.
1300 A Tp, Comd capt SHORT, moved out of BABIANG to do a three day patrol, object being to contact and destroy and enemy WEST of the DANMAP RIVER. The str of the patrol was 6 Offrs and 30 ORs. Owing to the late arrival of lt CARR and the ORs for A Tp, they were unable to join the patrol. Mr EWINGs Sec from C Tp took the place of Mr LILESs SEC. capt SEARSON [redacted] of ANGAU also went with the patrol acting in the capacity of guides. For details of patrol, see Patrol Report Appx.
1730 Sqn issued with beer, scale of issue being one bottle per man.
During the day, capt WOODHOUSE and 7 ORs from the Sqn prepared to move out on a projected 6 weeks patrol with capt COLE RR of ANGAU. Object of the patrol was to contact native police and native sentries in the KOMBIO district.

Nov 3

0600 capt COLEs party, to be known henceforth as COLEFORCE, moved out of BABIANG together with 5 native police and approx 70 native carriers. The party reached MIHET 364217, 8 hrs from BABIANG that night. Owing to the fact that the Sqn had done no marching recently, the hill which rises from the DANDRIWAD RIVER at 368368, took 2½ hrs to climb. All pers agreed, on the completion of the days march, that it was the hardest they had done. For details of patrol, see COLEFORCE patrol report Appx
No 1 and 2 Routine patrols were not carried out owing to the depletion of Sqn str caused by the moving out of A Tp.
0630 All pers engaged in cleaning up of Camp area.
1000 MOs inspection of Camp Area, pleased with cleanliness shown in tents and lines.
1300 Three DUKWs arrived from RHQ bringing lts PERKINS & LAND, together with remainder of B Tp.

Nov 4

0600 No 1 and 2 routine patrols out, retd 1200 hrs, NMS.
1300 capt DeGARIS and party left to bring back L cpl BAXTER, wounded in a contact with the enemy (See A Tp patrol report)
1345 Three DUKWs arrived from RHQ bringing stores, remainder of B Tp, Sigs and Sqn HQ.
1630 Two DUKWs with small protective party leave to pick up A Tp and the wounded man.
Owing to the inadequacy of supplies by DUKWs, one DUKW with supply of petrol had been lost in to-days convoy, it was ruled that in future supplies would be made by "Air Drops". Air drop scheduled for 1500 hrs was postponed.

Nov 4 (Cont)

1715 Two DUKWs arrive at BABIANG with capt DeGARIS and party, wounded man (whose condition was satisfactory) see MOs report Appx)and A Tp patrol. It being too late to return to AITAPE, the DUKw crews were billetted for the night in Sqn HQ lines
Tac/R reports, carried out over SUAIN VILLAGE during the day, revealed that there were no enemy in the area
With the arrival of the morning DUKW convoy, came the remainder of the Sqn, the Sqn was at last complete.
Total all ranks at BABIANG — numbered 182.

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2/10 AUST CDO SQN

Nov 5

0200 Message ordering all troops WEST of GRID 44 by 0500 hrs- temporary BOMB LINE.
0600 No 1 and 2 Routine Patrol out, retd 1600 hrs, NMS.
0620 Three DUKWs leave for RHQ with wounded man and 2 PWs
0840 Air Drop of supplies to Sqn by one Beaufort. Amn Drpp 100% recovery, ration Drp 90% recovery
0850 Message from RHQ stating that CO would be arriving by DUKW on 6 Nov.
0900 Strike EAST of GRID 44 completed - temporary BOMB LINE removed.

Nov 6

0600 No 1 and 2 Routine Patrols out, retd 1315 hrs, NMS.
0820 DUKWs arrive from RHQ with CO, two ATIS pers (capt ROBINSON and Sgt MUKASA), four RAAF pers (F/O CHRISTENSEN, COOKE, F/Sgts CLUVAS and BUCKNER), Padre ROOKE, RC Padre, 2 Offrs from 2/4 Aust Inf Bn (capt SMITH and lt BROWN) and lt HALMARRICK, OFFICIAL War Photographer.
0920 DUKWs retd to RHQ with CO and Tpr LONG who is to be discharged.
1030 COLEFORCE reports JAP force in SAHIK 376112 and request a strike against the posn. It is to be noted that the original village of SAHIK at 366100 had been burnt out and a new SAHIK built at 376112. This infm was not in the hands of RAAF authorities at the time, consequently the strike did not meet with success. Infm concerning the alteration has since been given to the RAAF.

Nov 7

0630 Adv Sqn HQ, B and C Tps moved out on a fighting patrol, duration of 3 days. Adv Sqn HQ consisted og maj WRAY, lt MacKINNON, capt SMITH (2/4 Inf Bn), capt ROBINSON (Interrogator) and lt HALMARRICK (War Photographer), 7 ORs from INTSEC and 5 Sigs.
B Tp HQ and 4 Sec patrolled down coast to SUAIN VILLAGE whilst main body of patrol moved inland.
For details of patrol see Patrol Report.
0610 Air Drop of supplies, Drop 100% recovery.
0830 Strike of four aircraft against SAHIK, 376112.
0830 Strike of four aircraft against WALUM, 576196
0830 Tac/R reports on SUAIN, LUAIN, MALIN 648254, revealed no enemy movement.

Nov 8

1200 capt SEARSON of ANGAU to be relieved by lt GOW.
1435 Air strike requested on JAP ARTY at 593303. Tac/R on Nov 9 failed to locate the ARTY.
1530 Air Drop cancelled owing to inclement weather.

Nov 9

0715 Air Drop of supplies - 100% recovery.
1445 Tac/R report no sign of JAP ARTY at 592303
DUKW convoy left AITAPE for BABIANG. One arrived, remaining two bogged on DRINUIMOR RIVER.

Nov 10

0525 Owing to difficultyencountered in accurately pinpointing posn with aid of existing maps, mosaic or stereo pair air Photos reqd on area 560290, 550290, 550310.
0630 A Tp left BABIANG to relieve C Tp at SUAIN PLANTATION.
0710 Adv HQ reported in from three day patrol.
Remainder of patrol, B and C Tps patrolling area to WEST of DANMAP RIVER.
Henceforth two fwd troops will be stationed on SUAIN PLANTATION remaining troops will rest at BABIANG before relieving one of the fwd troops.
1345 Original BOMB LINE, running due SOUTH from SUAIN superseded. New BOMB LINE is from MATAPAU 623304, SOUTH to ARIUAI RIVER 610250 thence to WALUM 580190, then due SOUTH to SEPIK RIVER

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1500 C Tp, relieved by A Tp, retd to BABIANG.
1500 maj WRAY, and capt SMITH (2/4 Bn) left for RHQ
1500 capt CRAWFORD (Engineers) and 2 FSS cpls arrived by DUKW.

Nov 11

1800 OC retd on convoy of 3 DUKWs. Also party of 19 Bde Sigs who were attached for rations for one night.
A Tp settling in on SUAIN PLANTATION after relieving C Tp.

Nov 12

0600 3 Dukws left BABIANG for RHQ with RAAF pers, Capt Robinson, escaped Indian, PW and lt Halmarrick
1000 Tac/R report no sign of Jap arty reported at 593304. No sign of an OP in the surrounding hills
1000 Message sent to fwd tps from OC Sqn suggesting that ANGLIP track be recce as far as DANIMUL RIVER, also that, if possible, enemy disposns on EAST bank of DANMAP RIVER be pin pointed and if possible a dawn attack be made. Also OC fwd tps to submit to SHQ projected patrols for the following day
1310 Messaged received from RHQ stating that Capt Purbrick, lt Maxwell, lt McCully and 25 ORs had arrived - they are to be forwarded to BABIANG on first available transport.
1430 Message from RHQ advising that GOC 6 Aust Div and party would be leaving RHQ for BABIANG at 0615, 13 Nov

Nov 13

0440 C Tp left BABIANG to relieve B Tp at Suain Ptn. Took over at 1000hrs. B Tp arrived at BABIANG at 1230 hrs.
0650 Advice received from RHQ to the effect that GOC and party had left for BABIANG
0927 JAP 2nd lt and CHINESE Coolie batman surrendered to 3 Sec A Tp, officer was well educated and spoke English fluently.
1100 PWs arrived at BABIANG by jeep from SUAIN PTN
1105 Advice received from 19 Aust Inf Bde asking Capt Crawford (Engrs) to complete recce of forward area and return as soon as possible.
1650 Despatch from COLE FORCE at YASUAR MISSION dated 11 Nov stating that 38 JAPS were approaching YASUAR MISSION
Tac/R during afternoon revealed that COLE FORCE was at NIALU 319207
Dukws bringing GOC and party to BABIANG capsized in vicinity DRINUMOR RIVER, remaining two bogged. GOC returned to AITAPE
1700 Message sent to RHQ asking for air drop to COLE FORCE be affected at NIALU 319207 on 14 Nov

Nov 14

0745 Message received from RHQ stating that there were further changes in plans and that 2/10 Sqn would remain at BABIANG until further notice.
1100 Dukws arrive with supplies from R.H.Q.
1200 Dukws return to RHQ with PWs
1300 COLE FORCE returned to BABIANG owing to lack of rations (see COLE FORCE patrol report) COLE FORCE reports that the bombing of WALUM 578190, according to native sentries, was successful although the extent of the damage was unknown
1600 Wirraway to drop mail and supplies at 0915 hrs 15 Nov
1800 OC and IO returned from inspection of fwd tps
During the day Capt NORWOOD LO 19 Aust Inf Bde and an RAN offr (NLO) arrived by jeep to look into possibility of supplying by sea

Nov 15

1000 Air dropping of supplies 100% recovery
1500 Three Dukws arrive from RHQ with Capt PURBRICK, lt McCULLY, lt MAXWELL and 25 ORs. Str of Sqn at BABIANG now 20 offrs 215 ORs. During the day A Tp patrolled to the BALUP

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558270 area. Heavy opposition was met and in the ensuing action Tpr Le Brun of 1 Sec was killed

Nov 16

0430 B tp comd lt Mackinnon left BABIANG to relieve A Tp at SUAIN PTN, A tp relieved at 1030 hrs and returned to BABIANG at 1410 hrs.

0730)
0900) Air drop at BABIANG - recovery 92%
1100)

During afternoon, cigarettes and papers were dropped as a gift to Sqn from 100 Sqn RAAF. Capt PURBRICK takes over duties of A & Q within Sqn

Nov 17

1045 Message from RHQ with advice that in approx ten days time 2/7 Sqn will relieve 2/10 Sqn at BABIAN C

1720 B tp patrol report 12 fires burning all day in re-entrant 565294. Dawn air strike requested.

1935 Message from RHQ stating that air strike will be made on re-entrant 565294. Strike will be preceded by by Tac/R
Bomb line for 18 Nov will be DANMAP RIVER, no troops to be EAST OF the river on this date.

Nov 18

0730 ETA Tac/R over DANMAP RIVER

1000 RPC report approx 20 JAPS in WUM village 317217

1215 C tp patrol at SNIPERS POST 356293 report increased enemy activity on EAST bank of DANMAP RIVER, SNIPERS POST fired on by JAP LMG from other side of river at 1020 hrs and again at 1500 hrs by approx 3 LMG. Our cas under this fire were Nil

1330 Advice received from RHQ to the effect that the CO and ADMS 6 Aust Div left at 0800 hrs for BABIANG. As yet the party has not arrived.

1430 Message concerning intended air dropping on 19 Nov received. NIALU Drop ETA 190815I, BABIANG drop ETA 190815I

1750 Owing to increased JAP activity on EAST bank of DANMAP RIVER a message was sent to RHQ requesting that incendiary bombs be dropped in the long Kunai grass EAST of the river , as this provided excellent cover for the enemy

19 Nov

0600 COLE FORCE, consisting of Capt COLE, Tpr GREGG and BACHMAN with six native carriers left BABIANG moving into TONG area to report on enemy movement there.

0630 3 JAPS, a s/maj and 2 sjts surrendered to B tp in LUAIN Village

0705 Advice from RHQ concerning air drop at BABIANG ETA 190815
Strike on EAST bank of DANMAP RIVER temporarily cancelled.

0800 CO, Col Fisher DDMS 6 Aust Div, lt Halmarrick(war photographer) Capt Ivor Hele (War artist) , Public Relations cpl)lt Perry arrived from RHQ by jeep Following his inspection of the camp area, the DDMS stated that he was pleased with the cleanliness and hygiene of the camp

0845 Message from RHQ advising that request for strike of incendiary bombs on EAST bank of DANMAP River has be approved. ETA of aircraft over objective 191400I.
All own troops ordered WEST of DANMAP RIVER

1430 Strike ~~xf~~ on EAST bank of DANMAP RIVER successful. Fires started in Kunai, several small ammn dumps hit Three JAPs attempting to escape from the fire and de smoke by crossing the river were killed by 5 sec B tp

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Nov 20
0500 CO and OC left BABIANG for fwd tps to do daily patrol with B Tp. Patrol tp str, patrolled directly SOUTH from SUAIN PTN to foothills. The four JAPS encountered were killed. Patrol returned 1145 hrs
0500 A tp left BABIANG to relieve C tp at SUAIN PTN. C tp returned to BABIANG 1200 hrs
0835 Three airdrops at BABIANG by C47 - drops 100% recovery
1000 Advice received from RHQ stating that Maj GOODE (OC 2/7 Sqn) 2/7 Sqn IO lt SHIELD had left for BABIANG where they would remain until 2/7 Sqn had relieved 2/10 Sqn

Nov 21.
0500 CO and party left BABIANG by jeep for AITAPE. PWs taken back also.
0745) Air dropping by C47 - 100% recovery
0830)
0840 Maj GOODE and party arrived BABIANG from RHQ
0845 Atebrin dose to be restricted to 1 tablet per man per day in lieu of 2 tablets per day by order of Col FISHER DDMS 6 AUST DIV
1010 Message from RHQ concerning Xmas cards. Sqn decided on a Sqn card instead of the regtl card. Design for card drawn by capt Hele
1415 Message received from RHQ advising that two air drops would be made over BABIANG 22 Nov

Nov 22
0715) Air dropping at BABIANG - 100% recovery
0800)
1310 Air dropping at NIALU for COLE FORCE cancelled owing to inclement weather.
1910 Message received from RHQ stating that 2/10 Sqn would be relieved by 2/7 Sqn on the walk in walk out basis beginning 23 Nov.

23 Nov
0500 102 all ranks, rear SHQ and C tp 2/10 Sqn left BABIANG for AITAPE. Party marched to DRINUMOR RIVER thence by trucks to camp area at AITAPE where they arrived at 1620 hrs. First flight of 2/7 Sqn relieved 2/10 Sqn, consisting of 13 offr and 192 ORs, arrived BABIANG late in the evening and early on the morning of 24 Nov
0725 Message from RHQ requesting that a further party of 2/10 Sqn move back to AITAPE on 24 Nov
0930 Message sent to RHQ advising that approx 80 all ranks would leave for Aitape on 24 Nov
1150 Advice from RHQ to the effect that approx 50 pers from 2/10 Sqn will remain in BABIANGE AREA until further orders (NO.1 and No 2 Sec A tp left at BABIANG)

Nov 24
0500 Adv Hq, B Tp and 3 Sec A tp left BABIANG for AITAPE Marched to 2/4 Bn lines on DRINUMOR RIVER, thence by truck to AITAPE. Arrived in unit lines 1545 hrs To date Sqn has 3 weeks supply of beer due to them. It was ordered that two bottles per night would be ration until such times as supply was exhausted. Two bottles issued at 1700 hrs.

Pers in camp allowed day of rest - Washing and personal hygiene carried out. After four weeks at BABIANG the excellent surf at AITAPE was greatly appreciated and indulged in to the fullest extent. Beer issue

Sunday - day of rest. Church pde at 0800 hrs.

Nov 27
Adm Pde 0535 hrs
0715 Tp pdes- rigorous supervision of taking of atebrin following recent outbreak of malaria in the area.
Sqn pers engaged on camp duties.

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Nov 27 (Contd.) 1100 C troop moved out to man def posn on M.L.R. under command of 17 Aust Inf Bde. Troop Hq at Z955494, 7 Sec Z962488, 8 Sec Z917525, 9 Sec Z923506.

Nov 28 0535 Adm parade.
0715 Troop parade.
Trooper Howlett evacuated to hospital with ear trouble- camp duries.

Nov 29 Sqn pers on camp duties. Arrival of Sqn re-inforcement 220rs.
1600 1 and 2 Secs A troop arrived from BABIANG. L/cpl SHANKS(A Tp) and Tpr JACKSON(B Tp), victims of bomb explosion in unit lines at WONDECLA Sep 12 returned to Sqn.

Nov 30 Sqn engaged in camp duties. Re-inforcements allotted to various troops. Two bottles beer issued to each man during the evening.

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SUAIN-LUAIN OPERATIONS

NOVEMBER 1944

PATROL REPORTS

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PATROL REPORT

REF MAP Suain 1 inch = 1 mile
PATROL FOUNDED BY 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn
TYPE OF PATROL Recce
TIME OUT 0600 hrs Daily
ROUTE OUT Along coast to 400357 thence along inland track to creek junct 394317.
ROUTE IN Follow along DANDIWAD RIVER to sea. Thence WEST for 300 yds to 404355, camp area.
OBJECT Are there any Japs in this area.

DATE Daily
PATROL COMD Sec Offr
PATROL STR 1 Sec
TIME IN 1200 hrs

PART I.

As yet no trace of Japs in this area.

PART 2.

Patrol moved out od camp area 404355 WEST alongcoast to 400357 then turns inland along native track. Across a small creek at 400356. Through jungle to edge of clearing at 396345. Clearing measures 200 by 800 yds, is covered by KUNAI grass and extends to DANDRIWAD RIVER. Track continues through jungle finally meeting DANDRIWAD RIVER. Track follows along river bank to creek jn junction at 394317. At this point patrol leaves track and follows DANDRIWAD RIVER to its mouth at BABIANG 406355. Thence WEST along coast for 300 yds to camp area 404355.

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No. 2 ROUTINE DAILY PATROL.

SKETCH ATTACHED: APPX A

REF MAP. SUAIN EAST 1inch.

DATE. DAILY

PATROL FOUND BY. 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn.

PATROL COMD. SEC OFFR

TYPE OF PATROL. RECCE.

PATROL STRENGTH. 1 SEC.

TIME OUT. 0600HRS DAILY

TIME IN. 1200HRS.

ROUTE OUT. EAST along COAST to UNNAMED VILLAGE, 477327.

ROUTE IN. WEST along COAST from UNNAMED VILLAGE to CAMP AREA 404355.

OBJECT. Are there any JAPS in this area.

PART 1.

As yet no trace of JAPS on this area.

PART 2.

Patrol moves out from CAMP AREA 404355 at 0600 hrs. Moving EAST alon COAST across DANDRIWAD RIVER. Small burnt out VILLAGE at 412353 JAP FD GUN on LEFT and track on RIGHT at 417347, MARUBIAN VILLAGE at 415350, across CREEK at 423344. Large clearing at 425343. Track leading off to RIGHT at 431339 acroos CREEK at 434337. Old set of LANDINGMGEAR, probably frommedium BOMBER at 438335, across CREEK at 443334. Wreck of JAP FD GUN (approx 70 mm.) on LEFT at 463329. Wrecked JAP FD GUN (approx 70mm.) on LEFT at 466328. Thence to UNNAMED VILLAGE at 468327.
Return route is to back to CAMY AREA via same native track.

Approx distance covered by patrol , 9 miles.

SIGNED. [signature]
I.O. 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn.

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No. 2 ROUTINE DAILY PATROL.

SKETCH ATTACHED.

LANDING GROUND RECCE REPORT.

BY 2/IO Aust Commando Sqn. DATE 29 OCT 44.
COMPOSITION OF RECCE PARTY. 3 Offrs.
REF MAP Suain 1 inch -- 1 mile

(I) LOCATION
(a) Ref 408254
(b) Proximity of nearest village. In deserted village of BABIANG

(2) Height above sea level Approx 8 feet.
(3) DESCRIPTION AND SIZE.
(a) Ground and immediate surrounding. Loose sandy ground border on NORTH by sea and SOUTH by low secondry growth.
(b) Dispersal areas. Dispersal bays could easily be constructed in secondary growth.
(c) ----------
(d) Length and direction. Approx 250 yds running EAST and WEST.
(e) Number of 200 yd strips. One
(f) Direction of prevailing winds. NORTH WEST.

(4) SOIL AND DRAINAGE
(a) Firmness. Loose and sandy
(b) Area stoney (over 2½ inch diameter) NIL
(c) Area covered by vegetation. Approx 20 coconut trees scattered over area.
Work involved in clearing. 2 days
(d) Slope ~~length~~ Level lengthwise and crosswise

(5) OBSTRUCTION TO AIR APPROACHES
(a) Detail and obstruction NIL

(6) COMMUNICATION
(a) Accessibility by road NIL
(b) Track Track running East And WEST along coast.

(7) FACILITY
(a) Water Good water in DANDRIWAD RIVER on WESTERN ~~track~~ end of strip.
(b) Local or nearest labour available 2/IO Aust Commando Sqn personel and attached ANGAU natives

(8) CONSTRUCTION DATE
(a) Estimate time ~~EK~~ to prepare main strip (with labour available) 2 days to clear strip, more time necessary for laying wire mesh.
(c) Estimate time to prepare second strip As for first strip.

(9) LOCAL VELOCITY
(a) Wind velocity Strong SOUTH WEST wind during MONSOON period.
(b) Rainfall and time of year.

Yearly	IOO	inches
NOV to APR	IO	"
MAR to OCT	7	" per Month

REMARKS

With very little clearing and the laying of mesh should make a very good CUB strip.

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AIR DROPPING GROUND RECCE REPORT.

BY 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn DATE 29 OCT 44
REF MAP Buain 1 Inch -- 1 mile

(1) LOCATION

(a) Reference BABIANG VILLAGE 408354
(b) Proximity to nearest unit 500 yds to 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn

(2) Description and size of clearing

(a) Ground and immediate surroundings Loose sandy ground The sea on NORTH, secondary growth on SOUTH, Area approx 200 yds long by 100 yds wide
(b) Possible area for extension Length could be extended indefinately, width could be extended approx 100 yds.
(c) Estimate of work required NIL area ready for dropping
(d) Estimate of recovery Representative 100% with parachutes.
(e) Area suitable for accomidation of stores Stores could be accomadated anywhere on edge of DZ
(g) Area suitable for bivouac On banks of DANDRIWAD RIVER Good water

(3) COMMUNICATIONS

(a) Proximity of nearest L of C track 500 yds EAST of L of C to 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn

(4) AIR

(a) Obstacles to air approach NIL, only low scattered coconut trees
(b) Suitability of area over ground for circling aircraft Good
(c) Prevailing winds NORTH WEST
(d) Any local conditions NIL
(e) Indicate suggested air approch WEST TO EAST or EAT TO WEST

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PATROL REPORT

REF MAP Suain 1 inch -- 1 mile
PATROL FOUND BY 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn
TYPE OF PATROL Fighting
TIME OUT 310400 I.
ROUTE OUT EAST along native track and OLD GERMAN ROAD to SUAIN VILLAGE
ROUTE IN SUAIN VILLAGE along, OLD GERMAN ROAD and native track to 404355.
OBJECT To clear SUAIN VILLAGE of enemy

DATE 31 OCT 44
PATROL COMD Lt Robinson G
PATROL STR 1 Offr 20 Or
TIME IN 311730 I.

PART 1

Only dead enemy found in SUAIN VILLAGE

PART 2

Patrol left camp at 0400 and moved along native track past UNNAMED VILLAGE to junction with OLD GERMAN ROAD at 474327. Thence along OLD GERMAN ROAD past several Jap dumps and unoccupied positions (along track on grid 4832) to SUAIN PTN. Between the defn positions and SUAIN PTN a thick swamp, 2 foot 6, deep, extends along the track between the track and the beach. SUAIN PTN is of approx 100 acres running down to the beach and about 800 yds across. A small creek runs through the PTN together with a track, apparently used when the PTN was in operation. The PTN has, to a small extent been bombed. Crossing the PTN on a bearing of 92 degs the track runs through 600 yds of dense jungle which opens into a native coconut PTN about 250 yds across immediately beyond this PTN is SUAIN VILLAGE, reached at 1100 hrs.

SUAIN VILLAGE. Is situated on a flat coastal strip 30 yds from the beach. Estimated 50 huts, laid out in an orderly manner along two "streets". Some of the huts have been burnt out, the result of incendiary fire. The village has been slightly bombed. Signs of habitation were not evident, but the only habitatants were 10 or 12 dead Japs who had died in bed, apparently from starvation as no wounds were visible; Intensive search revealed nothing in the way of documents, food or weapons.
From SUAIN VILLAGE, LUAIN VILLAGE AND SUAIN MISSION are clearly visible
Patrol left SUAIN VILLAGE at 1200 hrs, returned via the same route, and arrived at 404355 at 1730 hrs -- marching time from SUAIN VILLAGE to camp area at 404355, 3½ hrs.
Distance covered by the patrol was approx 18 miles.

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2/10 Aust Commando Sqn
For
PATROL COMD.

PATROL REPORT

2-4

Ref Map: SUAIN EAST 1 Inch
Patrol Found By: A Tp 2/10 Aust Cdo Sqn
Date: ~~14~~ Nov 44
Patrol Comd: ~~[illegible]~~ Capt SHORT LT
Type of Patrol: Fighting
Patrol Str: 6 Offrs 30 ORs
Time Out: ,021300I
Time In: 041700I

Route Out: EAST along native track to OLD GERMAN ROAD, thence EAST to SUAIN VILLAGE to 559308
Route In: 559308 WEST to SUAIN VILLAGE thence WEST to camp.

OBJECT:

1. To clear coastal area as far EAST as DANMAP RIVER.
2. Establish posn at 559308, patrol to ROCKY POINT and to IDAKAIBUL AND TO ANGILP.

PART 1

1. JAPS in area WEST of DANMAP RIVER moving about in parties of 4 or 5. Some parties are unarmed, but most parties have two or three rifles and amn.
2. Def posn was established at 559308. Owing to str of enemy, it was decided that it was inadvisable to patrol to ROCKY POINT? IDAKAIBUL AND ANGILP.

PART 2

021300I Left camp area.
021600I Recce amn dump 475326. Fresh tracks of 2 JAPS around dump.
021730I Occupied posn at 481327.
030445I Moved along foreshore
030610I Sighted smoke in hut at SUAIN PLANTATION 518320. 3 JAPS cooking meals surprised and killed. All were in poor condition and barefooted. 1 rifle and five rounds left in hut.
030612I 2 Japs 100 yards SOUTH, well equipped and wearing boots, in good condition. 1 JAP killed, other escaped.
030830I Continued advance to SUAIN VILLAGE which was cleared.
030915I 2 JAPS seen walking in West direction along beach and turned in to track 548313.
030930I 2 JAPS armed with 1 rifle and 25 rds surrounded and captured. 1 JAP killed at CREEK 548313 (NOT shown on map) PW gave infm 3 JAPS asleep in SUAIN VILLAGE. 2 JAPS seen but escaped EAST.
031130I 2 JAPS sighted at 564306. Killed by LMG fire.
031200I Occupied def posn at 558309.
031400I Smoke sighted 570290.
031500I Rifle shots and grenades heard DANMAP RIVER area between mouth and 500 yards SOUTH. Assume JAPS hunting and fishing.
031600I 5 JAPS sighted in hut at 550310. Patrols sent out with LMG at 031700I. 1 JAP killed, 4 escaped, all armed.
031645I 2 JAPS sighted 565316
031715I 4 JAPS sighted 565316. 2 killed by LMG fire, 2 escaped.
031800I 50% stand To until 040500I.
040215I Green VEREY LIGHT sighted area 570290.
040445I 2 enemy sighted 550310. 1 killed, 1 escaped unarmed.
040700I Native line with PWs and escort of 4 left for BABIANG. 1 Sec accompanied them as far as 518320.
040715I 1 sec sighted 4 enemy 550310, fired on them and possibly hit 1. Remainder escaped into jungle. One JAP rifle recovered.
040700I 4 fires seen along coast East of DANMAP RIVER. Enemy sentry seen to change at 575303 (Appeared to have automatic weapon and observer with field glasses)
040800I 1 JAP seen 553310, unarmed. Apparently saw our posn and escaped although fired on.
041000I Mov seen 555310. Investigated by 2 men who threw grenade into hut, result unknown. Enemy automatic weapon opened fire wounding L cpl BAXTER.
041015I LMG group moved fwd to cover area where automatic seen. Bren opened fire on area, result unknown.
041030I 1 sec returning, sighted 3 JAPS at enemy automatic posn, opened fire on area, hits scored as indicated by groans.
041100I Patrol of 3 to recce enemy automatic posn. 3 rifle grenades put down before patrol moved in. Patrol retd, nil infm.
041200I Buried rations 4 yards seaward side of hut 558309 and withdrew WEST along coast.

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Patrol by: A Tp 2/10 Aust Cdo Sqn Patrol Comd: Capt SHORT LT
Date: 2-4 Nov 44

041215I Enemy automatic posn recced signs of dragging out of one man. 1 JAP seen to move into our old posn.
041430I Moved along coast track.
041600I Posn 485326. 2 "Ducks" picked up ~~xxx~~ and remainder of patrol.
041700I Arrived camp 404355.

Prepared by INTSEC A Tp.

Remarks by Patrol Comd.

Enemy mov on EAST side of DANMAP RIVER may be FDLs to what appears to be an OP on high feature 571291. This was NOT confirmed.

General condition of Japs is poor, although some are fair.

Food posn WEST of DANMAPRIVER along coast is negligible. Coconut plantations practically stripped of fruit. Rations carried by some of the enemy were very light, consisting of Sago meal and curry powder. AMERICAN rations being used in some ~~xxxx~~ cases. On one occasion JAP party was cooking coconut.

Medical equipment taken from bodies handed in th Sqn HQ.

Wireless:

"Handy Talkies" were used under ideal conditions and proved extremely useful as it enabled prompt action to be taken.

Surprise:

Surprise was achieved in nearly all cases.

Casualties:

	Killed	Probables	PW
ENEMY	11	2	2
OWN	-	1(wounded)	-

.....SHORT LT..... capt
Patrol Comd.

TRACK REPORT.

DANDRIWAD L of C BABIANG-MIHET-~~XXXXXXXXXX~~.

Ref Map: SUAIN 1 Inch
Patrol Comd: capt COLE RR

Date: 3 Nov 44
Patrol Str : 2 Offrs 8 ORs
5 NP 70Carriers

Time Taken: 0600-1440 hrs - 11 hrs

OBJECT: DANDRIWAD TRACK as possible L of C

PART 1

Track provides fair L of C for troops on foot. Impossible for Jeeps. Carrier train would be source of supplies etc. DZs could be made with aid of local labour.
No bivouac area for large body of troops after leaving DANDRIWAD RIVER at 368268.

PART 2.

STAGE 1. BABIANG 404355to CREEK and TRACK JUNC 368268.
Track to CREEK JUNC 394317 is track used by routine daily patrol No 1.
Going is good. Time Taken - 1½ hrs.
From CREEK JUNC 394317 to CREEK and TRACK JUNC 368268. Track follows along creek bed. Going during dry weather is fair. Boulders offer ~~fair~~ slight obstruction.
Time Taken - 2½ hrs. During wet weather track along creek bed is difficult. Creek comes up in a matter of hours after rain in the hills and provides serious obstacle. Under these conditions time taken would be approx 4 hrs.

STAGE 2. CREEK and TRACK JUNC 368268 to CREEK and TRACK JUNC 363246.
Immediately after leaving creek bed track ascends steep mountain, the climb being from 1500' to 2000' from creek. Approx gradient would be 1 in 3-4. Judging by the condition of the party of eight from the Sqn, this climb would be serious obstacle to loaded troops in similar condition.
~~Afair~~ After this steep climb, track follows undulating country for approx 1 mile, then descends steep slope, gradient 1 in 3-4 to CREEK and TRACK JUNC 363246.
Time taken 3 hrs.

STAGE 3. CREEK and TRACK JUNC 363246 to MIHET 364216.
Leaving Creek track follows up slope- not as steep as former slope (Gradient approx 1 in 6-7). Rise approx 600'. From this point, going is good over undulating country.

GENERAL
Leaving DANDRIWAD RIVER, track through hills is in excellent condition right up to MIHET.

Sgd.....Tpr
INTSEC.

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PATROL REPORT

REF MAP — SUAIN E. 1 inch -- 1 mile
SUAIN W. " "
MANU E " "
MANU W " "

DATE 3 to 14 NOV 44.
PATROL COMD. Capt COLE RR
PATROL STR 2 Offrs 7 ORs & Native Police

PATROL FOUND BY — 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn
TYPE OF PATROL — Recce
TIME OUT — 030600 I.
ROUTE OUT — Via DANDRIWAD RIVER
TIME IN — 141300 I.
ROUTE IN — Via DANDRIWAD RIVER

OBJECT

(1) To maintain contact with native sentries.
(2) Make recce of YASUAR MISSION AREA FOR
  (a) Base
  (b) Dropping site
  (c) Suitability for PIPER CUB landing strip.
(3) Give the representatives of each troop attached to the patrol an idea of the local conditions and the country under which a force would operate.

PART 1

(1) Throughout the patrol contact was maintained with native sentries in the following areas:--KOMBIO, No1 URAT, No2 URAT, WOM and YAMBES.
Infm from the sources was considered adequate in indentifying enemy dispositions and strength.

(2) YASUAR MISSION would be suitable as a Sqn base. Further housing would be necessary with assistance of local labour. Abundent supplies of running water on three sides of YASUAR MISSION, within 10 minutes. Wells could be sunk in the immediate camp area.

(3) YASUAR MISSION very suitable as a dropping site.

(4) Owing to gradient of slope at YASUAR MISSION, it would be unsuitable as a PIPER CUB landing ground.
MEKMAR 345053 (MANU EAST) 8 hrs from YASUAR MISSION, is suitable as a Sqn base, a dropping ground and a PIPER CUB Landing ground.

(5) It is considered that the object has been achieved, the experience of personel attached to the patrol would be advantageous if subsequently required.

PART 2

030600 I. Left BABIANG for MIHET via DANDRIWAD RIVER.
031130 I. Arrived track and creek junction 364254 (SUAIN EAST)
031440 I. Arrived MIHET
031830 I/ A native arrives with SIHK who had escaped from BUT.
031850 I. Native sentry reports 40 Japs in SAHIK.
040600 I. Sigs failed to get through to Sqn
040800 I Tpr Danwoodie left MIHET to recce HARACH L of C as far as ANGAC outpost 287265 (SUAIN WEST)
040900 I Patrol of 3 Ors to LAMBUAIN 420188 (SUAIN EAST)
041400 I. Sigs mover to feature 363224 (SUAIN EAST) failed to get through to Sqn. Returned 1730 hrs. During the day a site was selected for a camp (½ hr from MIHET) three huts built.
050600 I Patrol (2 Offrs 6 Ors) left MIHET with intention of doing a recce of Jap dispositions at SAHIK.
051400 I Arrived YASUM 366335 (MANU EAST) Natives report 43 Japs seen in SAHIK, more in huts. Two sentries sent to outskirts of SAHIK.
051400 I SAHIK unsuitable for attack, patrol decided to return to MIHET.
060645 I Runner sent to BABIANG ASKING FOR STRIKE on SAHIK. At the same time shots from SAHIK. Two sentries returned, reporting the killing of two Japs.
060715 I Patrol left YASUM for MIHET.
061345 I Arrived from BABIANG

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PART 2 CONTINUED

061245 I Arrived MIHET. Lt O'LOUGHLEN & Tpr DUNWOODIE R O. followed patrol to YASUM, meeting patrol at 384172 (SUAIN EAST)

061250 I. Runner from BABIANG arrives with message stating that patrol was to move to TONG and recce area.

070730 I. An INDIAN and 21 SUAIN refugees sent to BABIANG with runner with report on patrol activities to date, also requesting supply dropping at YASUAR MISSION on 9th or 10th November.

070730 I. Patrol left MIHET for NIALU 319207 (SUAIN WEST). Runner from BABIANG caught up with patrol to advise that a 22 wireless set (6 boy load) and would be leaving BABIANG on morning 8th November. Instns were left at MIHET for party with set to follow patrol to NIAULU.

071140 I. Patrol arrived at NIAULU and was joined by WO II McRAE of ANGAU.

071400 I. Native sentry arrives stating that JAPS of unknown strength at SELWAUA 446087 (NANU EAST) and BOMBIETA area.

080630 I. Patrol left NIAULU for YASUAR MISSION (TONG AREA).

081140 I. Patrol arrived YASUAR MISSION.

081600 I.

081800 I. Sigs. tried but failed to get through to Sqn.

090700 I. Natives report JAPS of unknown strngth at YAMBES 346089 (NANU EAST)

090800 I. Patrol of 2 Offrs and 3 Ors on patrol to MUYEM 298111 (NANU WEST) MIS. Patrol retd 091140 I.

090730 I. Three native police sent to YAMBES to report on JAP disposn. and to suitably instruc t native sentries in YAMBES area.
Three native police, similiar duties, to WOM area.
Three native police, similiar duties, to No. 1 and 2 ORAT.

091330 I. Native sentries report strike on SAHIK, details unknown.

091600 I. Natives report dysentry at MUYAM 306139 (NANU WEST).

100700 I. Patrol of 4 Ors. to [redacted] MUYEM? MIS. retd 0920 hrs.

100730 1 Capt COLE and WOODHOUSE to MUYSAM, natives treated for dysentry. Natives in IMITIL 304147 (SUAIN WEST) also treated for dysentry as a precautionary measure. A supply of sulphaguanadine left with native medical orderly at MYSAM with instns for treatment.

101050 1 Native police report fwd party of 10 JAPS at SETNAM 306106 (NANU W)

101300 1 Two JAPS scouts reported to have moved from SETNAM to MUYEM.

101730 1 Natives report that JAPS in MUYEM saw our patrol footmarks and withdrew to SETNAM. JAP str in SETNAM - 38.

110800 1 Natives report JAP fwd scouts str ten, moved back to MUYEM.

110900 1 Supplies moved to SEKANGEL 288164 (SUAIN W)

111010 1 Shots heard at KUMBUN 298125 NANU W). Native fired on JAPS, fire retd no cas on either side .

111830 1 Natives report JAPS in KUMBUN, two seen, more in huts. Owing to non arrival of wireless expected on 9 Nov and shortage of rations as requested by drop, decided to withdraw on morning 12 Nov.

120415 1 Stand To, weapons-pit manned.

120630 1 Natives report 20 JAPS in SAHIK, 7 armed with rifles. Four native police sent out to investigate.

120825 1 Eight JAPS moved out of Jungle and advanced up slope to YASUAR MISSIO All eight were killed. This party of JAPS were all big men, it is suspected that they were a detachment of SNLP. Owing to the proximity of a larger force, sniping from the jungle, it was thought inadvisable tosearch enemy dead. One native police and four sentries left to carry out search if opportunity offered.

120855 1 Patrol withdrew to SEKANGEL on way to NIALU. At SEKANGEL native policereported back with 1 pistol and 7 rifles - confirmed 8 JAPS killed.

120950 1 Whilst patrol was at SEKANGEL , Beaufort bomber circled low over YASUAR MISSION.

121420 1 Patrol arrived at NIALU.

130700 1 Left NIALU for MIHET leaving O'LOUGHLEN and WO11 McRAE at NIALU to maintain contact with natives.

131135 1 Patrol reached MIHET.

131330 1 Two Boomerangs observed flying low over TONG area.

140630 1 Left MIHET for BABIANG.

141100 1 Met Tpr MANLY with 2 set on DANDRIWAD RIVER. Tpr MANLY retd with patr to BABIANG.

141300 1 Patrol arrived at BABIANG.

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Remarks by Patrol Comd:

1. Lines of Comn: (a) BABIANG-YAKAMUL-NIALU-TONG
(b) BABIANG-MIHET-YASUM-KUMBUN-TONG

(a) BABIANG - YAKAMUL: Beach walking, approx 4 hrs
YAKAMUL - NIALU: River bed walking approx 8 hrs. One small hill approaching NIALU.
NIALU - TONG: Main Track requiring corduroying if to be used. Three stiff hills.

Suggested stages for the L of C are: 1. Base Camp at 278265 (SUAIN W) angau outpost, appros 8 hrs, where 7 houses have been constructed, suitable for staging 200 troops.

2. NIALU, approx 4 hrs from ANGAU OUTPOST, where housing could be readily constructed.

(b) 1. BABIANG - MIHET
Approx 8 hrs, first 4 hrs, river flat and river bed walking. Balance over two stiff hills to MIHET where 3 houses have been built, sufficient to accomodate 100 troops.

2. MIHET - YASUM
Approx 6 hrs along river bed, with a stiff hill approaching YASUM.

3. YASUM - TONG:
Approx 5 hrs, nature of track unknown, but it is not without hills.

2. Camp Sites: (a) YASUAR MISSION. If decided to be used as a base, the buildings would require repair and additional accomodation constructed. Local labour can be called upon to assist in construction. Satisfactory supply of running water is available. YASUAR MISSION is situated in a good def posn on the crest of a hil an excellent panoramic view of surrounding country is to be had. L of C camps would be suitable for staging only.

Alternative base camp is DREKIKAR, which has the added advantage of a cub strip. Recently constructed buildings were burnt down by JAPS but could be reconstructed without much difficulty.

3. Corrections and additions to Maps: Attached is an overlay of the area of the patrol showing the alterations recorded. Appx. "B".

4. Air Strikes: The strike at WALUM 578190 (SUAIN EAST) was effective according to native reports but the JAPS have not evacuated the area. The extent of the effectiveness is not known. Apparently there is a big concentration of enemy working SAC SAC under the supervision of an officer who has made his influence known sufficiently for the natives to notice. The area is studded with big river boulders and the JAPS hide amongst them and the SAC SAC upon the approach of aircraft, returning to their work after its departure. More strikes on this area may force the enemy to evacuate to areas with less food, particularly if attention is given to bombing the SAC SAC.

The strike on SAHIK was made on the required site but no cas resulted. Apparently the time taken for the aircraft to identify the village was sufficient to permit the JAPS to evacuate The absence of wireless comn prevented the patrol from calling for strikes on other enemy positions.

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5. Dispositions of the Enemy. At the time of the patrol' withdrawl from the area, enemy was reported at:

(a) WALUM - Large numbers.
(b) SELNADA - Strength unknown.
(c) SAHIK - 20
(d) WUSIMBILIM - Strength unknown.
(e) MUYEM - Approx. 30.

6. Native Infm. All areas covered by the four ref maps are under observation by native sentries. From experience it has been found that all enemy movements in these areas are quickly reported.

7. Signal Comn. The 208 wireless set supplied to the patrol was inadequate, being unable to make contact from our first camp at MIHET, which is only 9 air miles from BABIANG. Upon subsequent advice being received that a 22 set was being sent forward satisfied the patrol that upon moving to TONG area they would have effective and adequate comn with BASE.

The non appearance of the 22,set was very disconcerting and eventually caused the patrol to withdraw.

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COLEFORCE PATROL (Condition).

It is recommended that all further patrols irrespective of size be equipped with satisfactory signal equipment.

(8). Dysentry at MUSAM VILLAGE: It is unfortunate that treatment could not be given more supervision owing to the withdrawl of the patrol, but the position is considered to be well in hand.

(9). Carriers: Upon movement of the patrol inland it was the intention to have it supplied by native carrier line. However when instns were received to proceed to TONG and recce for a drop sight, carriers were used to move the patrol forward and at the same time the ration position was thought to be overcome by asking for a drop at TONG.

Native ration scale was supplemented by the buying of native grown foods. This enabled the patrol to remain in for the extra period in the hope of receiving a dropping.

If troop movements are required inland it is considered that local native may be available for 4 - 5 day periods, but the value of air drops should not be underestimated.

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PATROL COMMANDER.

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TRACK REPORT.

REF MAP SUAIN WEST 1 inch
UNIT 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn.
TRACK RECCED. HARECH L of C
FROM YAKAMUL
TIME TAKEN 16 hrs. approx.
OBJECT HARECH track. YAKAMUL to TONG as L of C.

DATE. 4th November, 1944.
PATROL COMD. Tpr. DUNWOODIE R.O.
PATROL STRENGTH. 1 OR 1 NP 2 carriers
TO TONG

PART 1.

(1) Track is good L of C for troops. Impossible for Jeep.
(2) L of C is preferable to DANDRIWAD Lof C.
(3) Biv areas at easy stages along L OF C.
BIV. AREAS.
(a) YAKAMUL
(b) ANGAU OUTPOST 278284. 7 Native huts . 4 hrs from YAKAMUL.
(c) KOMBIO NATIVE VILLAGE and MISSION STATION. 4 hrs from ANGAU OUTPOST 278284.
(d) TONG MISSION STATION approx. 5 hrs from KOMBIO.

PART 2.

STAGE 1. YAKAMUL to ANGAU OUTPOST 278284
Track leaves YAKAMUL through jungle to CREEK JUNCTION 264355, Track in good state of repair. Track then follows creek bed to OUTPOST. Going along creek bed is fair.
Time YAKAMUL to ANGAU OUTPOST 278284 - 4 hrs.

STAGE 2. ANGAU OUTPOST to KOMBIO
Track follows creek bed to creek 312222. Short sharp climb then down to KOMBIO. Going throughout this stage is fair.
Time ANGAU OUTPOST to KOMBIO - 4 hrs.

STAGE 3. KOMBIO to TONG.
This stage of L of C has not been recced to date. Native reports that it is a wide track. Approx time 5 hrs.

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REF MAP

PATROL REPORT.

PATROL REPORT.

REF MAP. SUAIN 1 inch
PATROL FOUND BY 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn.
TYPE OF PATROL FIGHTING
TIME OUT 070630I
DATE 7th November, 1944
PATROL COMD. Capt. WELSH
PATROL STRENGTH C Troop
TIME IN 101600I
ROUTE OUT Along GERMAN ROAD TO UNNAMED VILLAGE 467327 then to mountain top 460305. Patrol was then to follow EAST along mountain ridges to DANMAP RIVER. At 486296 patrol headed NORTH to GERMAN ROAD AND thence to LUAIN VILLAGE area.
ROUTE IN WEST along GERMAN ROAD to BABIANG.
OBJECT (1) To clear any enemy from mountain ridges.
(2) To destroy any enemy WEST of DANMAP area.

PART 1.

(1) Owing to extremely difficult going and impossibilty, with the inadequate number of native carriers, of maintaining an L of C it was considered advisable to head NORTH and concentrate on costal area.

(2) 090630 8 Sec encountered 8 JAPS at 559306. Two JAPS kille remainder fled. Own cas nil.

091235 Troop fired on by LMG at 558303. When outflanked Japs withdrew, leaving 2 killed. Troop then withdrew to LUAIN VILLAGE.

PART 2.

7 NOV 44.

At 0630 hrs Ctroop left BABIANG to proceed to mountain ridge NORTH of DANIMUL RIVER, and on to DANMAP RIVER, via UNNAMED VILLAGE 467327 and mountain top 460305.
100 yards along jungle track from unnamed village 467327 troop had to wade through water waist deep. Track to bottom of mountain is muddy in several places, Track follows razor back ridges, raising steeply and making going very difficult. Troop moved along ridges, track cutting out at approx 473303. Patrol then followed spur to creek and camped right on spur overlooking creek.

8 NOV 44

At 0615 hrs patrol followed a spur to bottom of mountain and then by track to unnamed village 467327 arriving there at 1015 hrs. Troop followed GERMAN ROAD to SUAIN PTN 524322, where night was spent.

9 NOV 44

At 0530 hrs patrol started for LUAIN VILLAGE via SUAIN VILIAGE. NMS over this stretch. At LUAIN VILLAGE 1 unarmed JAP ran from a hut Shots were fired but he escaped. Patrol reported indication of stronger JAP force in this area.
1100 hrs patrol to the SOUTH-WEST returned NMS.
At 1200 hrs the entire patrol followed EAST track from LUAIN VILLAGE down past where Sec had encountered Jap.
1235 hrs leading scout fired on JAP LMG which returned fire and continued to fire short at any exposed heads, after leading scout had gone to ground. Patrol deployed, automatic def posn with leading sec pushing on on left flank. Enemy fled on seeing this outflanking movement and a party was sen leaving in SE direction. Sec fired several bursts killing 2 JAPS (incl 1 Capt.) but efforts to stop JAPS carrying LMG failed though some may have been wounded. Scouts pushed forward through village and reported JAPS had not stopped and no further contact made.
25 rifles, 5 swords, 1 grenade discharger and many documents were found in village. Patrol threw rifles and ammunition into swamp. Seven rifles were found cocked and loaded in rifle rack.
Condition of arms were generally fair but some rifles had not been cleaned for at least three weeks, others had rusty barrels.
Patrol continued along good track at first thought to be old GERMAN ROAD but was later found to be unmapped road which gradually turned NORTH and led back to WESTERN end of LUAIN beach. A recently occupied posn was found about two hundred yards from previous point of contact.
When troop arrived at LUAIN VILLAGE 1 JAP was observed waving white article from vicinity of mouth of DANMAP RIVER. JAP subsequently surrendered to patrol. He carried no arms and was ina weak condition.
Patrol returned to SUAIN PTN, camped night . At 1100 hrs following day lo NOV 44 patrolwas relieved by A troop 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn. Troop moved back to BABIANG along GERMAN ROAD via unnamed village 467327 arriving BABIANG 1600 hrs.

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PATROL REPORT (Continued).

REMARKS BY PATROL COMMANDER.

(1) Total JAP casualties 4 killed, 1 PW. Own cas nil.
(2) All JAPS killed were in good condition particularly the Capt who could almost be ~~called~~ described as fat.
(3) Magazine found confirms that LMG was "BREN TYPE".

SIGNED. Capt. WELSH M.B.

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PATROL REPORT.

REF MAP. Suain 1 inch = 1 mile
PATROL FOUNDED BY 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn
TYPE OF PATROL Fighting
DATE 7 NOV 44 to 9 NOV 44.
PATROL COMD 1t Land
PATROL STR 2 Offrs 17 ORS.

ROUTE OUT

Along OLD GERMAN ROAD to UNNAMED VILLAGE 460320 then to mountain top 460300. Patrol was then to follow EAST along moutain ridges to DANMAP RIVER. At 486296 patrol headed NORTH to OLD GERMAN ROAD and thence along OLD GERMAN ROAD to SUAIN PTN 526322.

ROUTE IN.

526322 WEST along OLD GERMAN ROAD TO BABIANG.

OBJECT.

RECCE and FIGHTING PATROL to clear high ground as far as DANMAP RIVER.

PART 1.

Owing to extremely difficult going and impossibility, with inadiquate number of native carriers, of maintaining an L of C, it was considered adviseable to head NORTH and concentrate oh coastal area.

PART 2.

070650 1. Left camp area.
071000 1. Arrived at UNNAMED VILLAGE.
071300 1. Arrived at 460300. Fairly rugged country. Night spent with 50% stand t
080500 1. Left 460300.
080700 1. Met C troop at 486296.
081100 1. With C troop arrived at 467327. Stayed night.
090645 1. Moved off from 467327 to join troop.
090930 1. Arrived at SUAIN PTN 526322 and joined B troop.

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Patrol Comd.

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PATROL REPORT.

REF MAP Suain 1 inch= 1 mile
DATE 7 Nov 44 to 13 Nov 44.
PATROL FOUND BY 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn
PATROL COMD 1t Bavin
TYPE OF PATROL Fighting
PATROL STR 2 Offrs 24 ORS
TIME OUT 070650 1.
TIME IN 131225 1.
ROUTE OUT EAST along OLD GERMAN ROAD to SUAIN PTN 526322 thence along beach track to LUAIN 554310. Patrolled from there along OLD GERMAN ROAD to DANMAP RIVER back to LUAIN 554310 and along coast to 525322.

ROUTE IN. 525322 WEST to BABIANG.

OBJECT.
(1) To clear coastal as far EAST as DANMAP RIVER.
(2) Obtain any information regarding enemy activity EAST of DANMAP RIVER.

PART 1.

This patrol made no enemy contact although shelled out of position in LUAIN 554310 on night 7-8 Nov 44 by 75 mm gun, from vicinity of ROCKY POINT 593 304.

PART 2.

070650 1. Left camp area.
071250 1. Near SUAIN VILLAGE heard 2 rifle shots about 300 yds inland (JAPS apparently shooting game) Searched area and no sign of enemy.
071435 1. Marched through SUAIN VILLAGE 540317.
071500 1. 6 Pnrs left patrol to recce LUAIN 554310 - Cover from nearby LMG.
071600 1. Pnrs report village empty although there was evidence of recent occupation .
071645 1. Patrol moved into posn 554310 and camped for night.
080126 1. 7 75 mm shells in vicinity of camp. Est posn of gun ROCKY POINT 593304.
080230 1. Patrol retired to SUAIN PTN 540317
080000 1. 2 Japs seen to enter LUAIN and after a few minutes left by same route
081300 1. 5 sec entered LUAIN
081500 1. 5 sec returned and reported 5 Japs in LUAIN but they left before patrol entered village
081530 1. Moved from SUAIN to SUAIN PTN 525322 where patrol was joined by C troop. Dug in for night.
090400 1. Stand to. Patrol spent all 9 Nov 44 at 525322
100459 1. B troop patrolledfrom 525322,532310,520304,513312.N.M.S. Many old Jap dwellings were seen in this area,
101315 1. Returned to 525323.
110415 1. Left 525322 patrolled via OLD LANDING GROUND to OLD GERMAN ROAD AT 534312. Proceeded EAST along road
110505 1. 536306 end of Jap phone wire.Appeared to be old reporting post. Followed wire along OLD GERMAN ROAD.
111315 1. Followed track due NORTH into LUAIN 554310. From here small patrols sent out to 560308,558302,552303. Noenemy seen.
111439 1. Moved from LUAIN to 525322.
121630 1. 6 sec returned with native carriers to UNNAMED VILLAGE 467327
130920 1. Left 525333 to return to BABIANG
131225 1. Arrived at BABIANG camp

PATROL COMD S REPORT.

Handy Talkies were used throught patrol. Although found most useful in open, they were useless in the jungle.
The 208 set which accompanied the patrol wasfound practically useless. Communications was a source of trouble throught the patrol.

SIGNED 1t H.E.Bavin
PATROL COMD.

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PATROL REPORT.

REF MAP.	SUAIN EAST 1 inch	DATE	12 November, 1944.
TYPE OF PATROL	RECCE	PATROL COMD.	Capt. SHORT
PATROL FOUND BY	A Troop 2/10 Aust. Commando Sqn.	STRENGTH.	4 Offrs. 42 ORS.
TIME OUT	120700I	TIME IN.	121699I

ROUTE OUT — Along Coast Road to LUAIN VILLAGE 558305 then down track to 555292.

ROUTE IN — Along river track to 557302 thence along old German Road to 538306, along native pad to 541316 thence along coastal track to base.

OBJECT. — A protective patrol to engineer/recce party.

PART 1.

(1) Engineer recce completed.
(2) 2 JAPS killed 554295.

PART 2.

120700 I — Moved out from base camp521322
121230 I — At 554295 sighted 2 unarmed JAPS picking berries. Cas JAPS 2 killed.
1216000I — Arrived back at base.

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CAPT. SHORT LT.
PATROL COMMANDER.

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PATROL REPORT.

REF MAP SUAIN EAST 1 inch DATE 13th November, 1944.

PATROL FOUND BY A Troop 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn. PATROL COMD. Lieut CARR J.

TYPE OF PATROL FIGHTING STRENGTH 1offr. 17 Ors.

TIME OUT 130700 I TIME IN 131300 I

ROUTE OUT Down COAST ROAD to LUAIN VILLAGE 555310 thence up WEST bank of DANMAP RIVER to junction of DANMAP AND DANIMUL RIVERS.

ROUTE IN Down WEST bank of DANMAP RIVER to LUAIN VILLAGE thence along coast track to base.

OBJECT To clear enemy from WEST bank of DANMAP asfar as junction of DANMAP AND DANIMUL RIVERS.

PART 1.

(1) WEST bank of DANMAP RIVER cleared as faras junction of DANMAP and DANIMUL RIVERS.

(2) 1 JAP Offr and 1 CHINESE Coolie surrendered to patrol. 1 JAP wounded.

PART 2.

130700 I Moved out from base 521322.
130800 I 1 JAP Offr accompained by 1 CHINESE Coolie surrendered to patrol at 545314. PWs escorted back to base by 1 NCO and 2 Ors.
131030 I 2 JAPS with packs up sighted crossing DANMAP from SOUTH side to NORTHat 558288. Fired on. 1 Jap wounded.
131045 I Start back to base.
131300 I Arrived base.

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LT CARR.J
PATROL COMMANDER.

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PATROL REPORT.

REF MAP. Suain 1 inch = 1 mile
PATROL FOUND'D BY 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn
TYPE OF PATROL Recce
TIME OUT 140730 l.
ROUTE OUT From 521322 by native pad and compass bearing to 521300. Thence by pad to ANGILP track 526297 along track to DANIMUL RIVER to river junction and then by track and coast road to base.

DATE 14 NOV 44
PATROL COMD L/Cpl CDLUM.N.
PATROL STR 1 N.C.O. 3 O.Rs
TIME IN 141600 l.

OBJECT. To recce track from 521322 to ANGILP track.

PART 1.

It was found practicable to march on a compass bearing of 183 degs to ANGILP track.

PART 2.

140700 l. Left base on compass bearing of 183 degs to abandoned Jap hut passing through ½ mile of swamp.
140830 l. By pad to abandoned Jap Coy HQ 526297. Pad was well defined.
140915 l. Along ANGILP track heavily laden would have difficulty as the track is very steep and follows bed of creek, SEE SKETCH APPX a.
141030 l. Along NORTH bank of DANIMUL RIVER. There is no track here and movements can only be made along the river bed.
141430 l. Returned from river junction on to base. No enemy seen.

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PATROL COMD.

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PATROL REPORT.

REF MAP. Suain 1 inch = 1 mile
PATROL FOUND BY 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn
TYPE OF PATROL Recce
TIME OUT 140600 1.
ROUTE OUT From SUAIN PTN through SUAIN & LUAIN VILLAGES to SNIPERS POST.
ROUTE IN From SNIPERS POST to SUAIN PTN via LUAIN & SUAIN VILLAGES.
OBJECT To recce area around fork of DANMAP and DANIMUL RIVERS 556 290 with a view to finding possible future crossing places.

DATE 140600 1.
PATROL COMD Capt WELSH.
PATROL STR Troop HQ & 8 Sec
TIME IN 1414141.

PART 1.

(1) The area of the fork is suitable for crossing at all places.

(2) Recce patrol crossed river at 553288 and established, that the EAST bank was NOT defended in that area.

PART 2.

140600 1. C troop less 7 & 9 secs leave on a recce patrol of the fork of the DANMAP and DANIMUL RIVERS.

140800 1. From river bank at 555293 (now known as SNIPERS POST) troop observed 2 armed Japs moving SOUTH onEAST bank. The 2 Japs were killed.

140930 1. Troop attacked small Jap camp. 3 were killed and 2 wounded, who escaped to the SOUTH and could NOT be traced. Arms, Amm and Documents were captured. Pers searched enemy dead for documents.

141145 1. Patrol moved up river through old Jap camping areas. 1 hut had 5 Jap telephones. None were conected to any line. 2 were salvaged for inspection by Sqn sig pers.
Small party crossed DANIMUL RIVER. A well worn track was recced for several hundred yards, but no sign of recent movement by enemy.

141300 1. Patrol returned to SUAIN PTN. RAINING VERY HEAVILY.

PATROL COMDS REPORT.

(I) Enemy killed in second contact were in good condition, had stocks of food including rice.

(2) The composition of this patrol (troop less 2 Secs) Proved too heavy and unwieldy, is NOT considered suitable for this type of patrol.

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PATROL REPORT.

REF MAP.	Suain 1 inch = 1 mile	DATE	15 NOV 44
PATROL FOUND BY	2/10 Aust Commando Sqn	PATROL COMD	Capt Short
TYPE OF PATROL	Fighting	STRENGTH	3 Offrs 29 ORS.
TIME OUT	150545 I.	TIME IN	152200 I.
ROUTE OUT			

From 521322 to LUAIN VILLAGE thence along river track to 555289 crossed DANIMUL RIVER and moved along creek running SOUTH WEST TO 546276 thence over high feature to junction DANMAP RIVER and IKAM creek 559277 thence along IKAM creek for aprox 600 yards on WEST bank turning to river junction 559277 on EAST bank. From river junc to 562273.

ROUTE IN.

From 562273 to river junction 559277 thence along river and into river bed to 562282 thence along high feature to 555288 thence across DANIM RIVER to WEST bank. Moved NORTH EAST to 555288 thence along river track to LUAIN then along coastal track to base.

OBJECT.

To asertain if any enemy at BALUP and vicinity.

PART 1.

Owing to heavy nature of going, inadiquate infm on map and lack of tracks, the patrol failed to reach BALUP.

PART 2

150545I	Patrol moved out from base
151130I	Recce party of 4 ORs and 1 police boy moved down IKAM CREEK for appro 600 yards. No contact made with the enemy
151320I	Moved along track on WEST bank of DANMAP RIVER. 4 unarmed JAPS sighte on EAST bank of river at 563275. 1 JAP killed.
151420I	Patrol rejoined tropp at 559276.
151430 1.	1 Jap sighted at 561279. Wounded but escaped NORTH along track.
151500 1.	At 561 283 sighted unkown number of enemy in huts. All armed with carbines. Engaged Jap force for 45 minutes. Cas Jap, 6 killed including Jap previously wounded. Own cas Tpr Le Brun N.S. killed.
151540 1.	The enemy withdrew to the EAST bank of DANMAP RIVER from where they gave intermittent fire for approx 5 minutes onto the area occupied by ourselves. They then moved SOUTH.
151545 1.	Owing to the nayure of the country and heavy going we were unable to evacuate the casualty. Tpr LE Brun was carried for approx 200 yds to a small re-entrant and buried at 561281. A large tree close to grave was blazed and named, and date marked thereon.
152200 1.	Arrivd back at base,

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For
PATROL COMD.

PATROL COMDs REPORT.

Tactics employed by enemy.

Two enemy were concealed behind buttress root of tree facing there own troop s. As we moved through, they opened fire on us from the rear. The main body that we could see, occupied small huts. In the rear again, a sniper was active but could not be picked up. By the angle of the shots it appeared that he was up a tree.

WEAPONS.

They were well armed with carbines which appeared to be fairl new.

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PATROL REPORT CONT.

WIRELESS SETS AND TELEPHONE.

A wireless set, which appeared in good order and a telephone, which was not connected, were destroyed.

BIVOUAC AREA.

It appears that this point, where the action took place, was used as a bivouac area and probably supplied an outpost at RIVER JUNC DANMAP and DANIMUL RIVERS

CONDITION OF ENEMY.

Appeared to be well fed and in good condition.

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CAPT. SHORT L.T.
Patrol Comd

PATROL REPORT.

SERIAL No. 2

REF MAP.	SUAIN EAST 1inch-1 mile.	DATE	16th NOVEMBER 1944.
PATROL FOUND.BY	2/10 AUST. COMMANDO SQN.	PATROL COMD.	Lieut. ROBINSON,A.
TYPE OF PATROL.	RECCE.	PTROL STRENGTH.	10FFR. 120RS.
TIME OUT.	160800I	TIME IN.	161300I

ROUTE OUT. From sniper's post 555293 to 546291 via 552294.

ROUTE IN. From 546291 to snipers post 555293 via 546248 and DANIMUL RIVER.

OBJECT. To find suitable position for an O.P. where monement EAST of the DANMAP RIVER could be observed.

PART 1.

Owing to very thick jungle no positions were suitable for an O.P.

PART 2.

0800 Patrol followed track running at 235½ deg. from sniper's post 555293. Many tracks branched off on both sides of main track. Many wooden steps built in track on some small steep grades. At creek 552294 water supply is very poor. Many old deserted JAP. huts on both sides of creek. Patrol followed faint track from huts up a spur to 546291. Jungle is very thick and a very little view of surrounding country. From this point three tracks run at 113½ deg, 165½ deg, and 255½ deg.

Patrol decided to follow track at 165½ deg. Track finished after 150 yards. Slope from here to DANIMUL RIVER at 546284 is 1 in 1. Patrol then followed track along DANIMUL RIVER to sniper's post.

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SIGNED.

LT ROBINSON A
PATROL COMD.

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PATROL REPORT.

REF MAP. Suain 1 inch = 1 mile
PATROL FOUND BY 2/10 Au st Commando Sqn
TYPE OF PATROL .... Fighting and Recce
TIME OUT 170610 1.
ROUTE OUT From 525322 along beach track to 553310. Following WESTERN bank of DANMAP RIVER to and along WESTERN bank of DANIMUL RIVER to 544283. Returned to 548286. Crossed over DANIMUL RIVER.Moved down river to 555288.Crossed to LEFT bank of DANIMUL RIVER and returned to SNIPERS POST 556292.

DATE 17 NOV 44.
PATROL COMD 1t MacKinnon
PATROL STR 5 Offrs 57 ORS
TIME IN .. 171525 1.

ROUTE IN. From 556292 along track to 553310.Made recce to 562308 and then returned along beach track to bivouac area 525322.

OBJECT. To asertain if any enemy were on the WEST bank of DANIMUL RIVER from fork 556299 SOUTH WEST to 554283.

PART 1.

Through the patrol -N.M.S.

PART 2.

170610 1. B troop plus 5 ORS from C troop left bivouac area 525322 and proceeded along beach track to 553310.
170735 1. Arrived at SNIPERS POST 556292 where C troop personel remained and manned O.P. B troop continued on.
170820 1. Arrived at old Jap dewellings 552290.Shbwed no signs of recent habitation . Patrol then followed along WESTERN bank of DANIMUL RIV
170930 1. Arrived at 544283.
171000 1. Retraced track to 548286. Crossed the RIVER to 549285. Moved down river to 555288. Crossed to EEFT bank of DANIMUL RIVER AND returned to SNIPERS POST.
171225 1. 555297 patrol had lunch.C troop personel manning SNIPERS POST REPORT N.M.S. and rejoining B Troop.
171310 1. Moved on to LUAIN,
171340 1. Arrived atx LUAIN 553310 thence made recce to 562308 N.M.S.
171405 1. Patrol left LUAIN and returned along beach track to bivouac area 525322.
171525 1. Arrived back at 525322.N.M.S. during day.

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PATROL REPORT.

SERIAL No. 3.

REF MAP. SUAIN EAST 1 inch-1 mile. DATE. 180830I.

PATROL FOUND BY. 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn. Patrol Comd. Lieut. MARTIN-G.J.

TYPE OF PATROL. RECCE. PATROL STRENGTH. 1 Offr. 11 Ors.

TIME OUT. 180830I. TIME IN. 181115I.

ROUTE. SUAIN PTN., SOUTH through KUNAI patches to square 5230, NORTH TO 525315, EAST to 535315, NORTH to SUAIN VILLAGE, WEST to SUAIN PTN.

OBJECT. To determine whether huts previously seen in area, SOUTH of SUAIN PTN., were or had been earlier occupied by the enemy.

PART 1.

(1). Cleared the KUNAI patches SOUTH of SUAIN PTN., also OLD LANDING GROUND and jungle ~~mixstrips~~ between KUNAI patches

(2). At 525310 and area to SOUTH, discovered signs of 10 or 12 JAPS armed with rifles and grenades and tracks indicating presence of probably more in thearea. Camps appeared to have been occupied for some weeks and enemy not aggressive.

PART 2.

0830. Left SUAIN PTN.
0930 Cleared squares 5131 and 5231.
0945 Traces of enemy occupation in huts 52530. Two JAPS armed, killed.
0950 Recce indicated approx. 8 Japs in this area.
1000 Another party of 6 Japs armed with rifles and grenades discovered in hut at 526310. Leading scout fired in self defence and enemy fled. Two were wounded.
1030 Much used pads, boots, dixies, etc. indicated presence of about 10 or 12 Japs and probably more close by in a SOUTH-WEST direction.
1045 Returned to SUAIN VILLAGE thence to SUAIN PTN.
1115 ARRIVED at SUAIN PTN.

REMARKS OF PATROL COMMANDER.

Enemy in poor condition, fairly well armed with rifles, ammunitic and hand grenades. Camp has been used for some weeks and party i probably a collection of stragglers from previous actions. One JAP had been previously wounded in stomach and had not received medical attention.

CASUALTIES.	KILLED.	WOUNDED.
ENEMY	2	2
OWN	NIL	NIL

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2/10 Aust Commando Sqn

SIGNED. LT MARTIN GJ .PATROL COMMANDER.

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PATROL REPORT.

REF MAP. LUAIN EAST 1 inch. DATE. 19th November, 19

PATROL FOUND BY. B Troop, 2/10 Aust. Commando Sqn. PATROL COMMD. LIEUT. MACKINNON

TYPE OF PATROL. RECCE and FIGHTING. STRENGTH. 5 Offrs. 52 Ors.

TIME OUT. 190500I. TIME IN. 191605I.

ROUTE OUT. 6 SEC. From 525322 to 552310 along Beach Track to 553310. Along track to SNIPER'S POST 556293.

ROUTE IN. 6 SEC. From 556293 along track to 553310 then along Beach track to 525322.

ROUTE OUT. B TROOP less 6 SEC. FROM 525322 in direction 510290 to 513303 to 513299 to 512298 to 521299. Then NORTH to 522310 then to SNIPER'S POST.

ROUTE IN. B TROOP less 6 SEC. From SNIPER'S POST 556293 to 553310 then along Beach Track to 525322.

OBJECT. To patrol SOUTH from bivouac ares 525322 to foot hills. Thence EAST to SNIPER'S POST. To clear the area and recce alternate route to SNIPER'S POST.

6 SEC. Patrol to and man SNIPER'S POST.

PART 1.

(a). This area was as far as could be ascertained was well cleared (7 JAPS being killed in the area). No suitable alternate route located.

(b). Observed Air Strike from SNIPER'S POST and killed 3 JABS at 557296.

6 SEC.

190500I	Left bivouac area 525322 and proceeded EAST along Beach Route to 552310.
190625I	552310 3 JAPS surrendered wearing rank badges:- 1 S.M. and 2Sgt
190645I	PWs under 3 guards left for return to 525322.
190805I	6 Sec. occupied O.P. posn 556293.
191010I	2 JAPS sighted moving SOUTH on LUAIN- SNIPER'S POST track. JAPS fired on. Own Cas.- NIL.
191015I	Small patrol sent NORTH along track . N.M.S. Retd to Sec. perimeter. PWs escort returned to O.P.

B TROOP less 6 SEC.

190500I	Patrol left bivouac area 525322 and proceeded in direction of 510290.	
190645I	513303	1 JAP killed
190700I	513299	2 JAPS killed.
190705I	512298	2 JAPS killed.
190845I	521299	2 JAPS killed.
191140I	Patrol arrived at SNIPER'S POST.	
191200I	Troops had lunch.	
191425I	From SNIPERS POST observed Air Strike on EAST bank of DANMAP RIVER. Anti pers. bombs dropped due EAST of O.P. Incendiaries fell on EAST side of DANMAP RIVER from the mouth to a point opposite our O.P. Effect of strike appeared good. Large explosions heard from burning kunai.	
191445I	Lieut Perkins and four men moved on to island 557296 and killed 3 JAPS. Own casualties for the day - NIL.	

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PATROL REPORT (CONTD.)

PATROL BY B Troop 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn. PATROL COMD. Lieut MACKINNON.

DATE. 19th November, 1944.

Patrol then returned to LUAIN 55330 then along Beach ~~xx~~ track to bivouac area.

1916051 Patrol arrived at 525322.

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SIGNED. LT MACKINNON
PATROL COMMANDER.

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PATROL REPORT

REF MAP Suain 1 inch = 1 mile
PATROL FOUND BY 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn
TYPE OF PATROL Fighting
TIME OUT 200600 1.
ROUTE OUT

DATE 20 NOV 44.
PATROL COMD 1t MacKinnon
PATROL STR. 8 Offrs 50 Ors
TIME IN 201200 1.

From bivouac area 525322 patrolled 513298. Then to 511299 to 521298 to 508300. Then to 504299 to 503304.

ROUTE IN

From 503304 EAST to 513303. Then on track to 525322.

OBJECT

To clear any still remaining in swamp and foothills SOUTH of SUAIN

PART 1.

511298 1 JAP killed.
508300 3 " "
Enemy cleared from these areas.

PART 2.

200600 1. Patrol left bivouac area 525322 and patrolled to 513298 and then to 511299.
200800 1. 511298 1 Jap killed
200910 1. 508300 3 Japs killed Patrol continued on to 504299 then to 503304 Then EAST to 513303.
201200 1. Arrived back at bivouac area 525322.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Numerous old Jap dwellings in this area. Only few shows signs of recent occupation. Many old Jap rifles seen but only a few in workin condition, which were rendered useless. About 220 rounds of .256 in fair condition seen. No signs of MORTAR except for 1 tank attack gren No sign of LMG or MMG or ammo for same. Positive evidence of cannabilism. Some papers and documents found and fwd to SHQ.

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PATROL REPORT.

REF MAP suain 1 inch = 1 mile
PATROL FOUND BY 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn

DATE 22 NOV 44
PATROL COMDS lt Perkins & Se
" Bavin 6 "
" Land 4 "

TYPE OF PATROL Fighting
TIME O T 5 Sec 220530 1.
Remainder 220540 1.

PATRL STR 4 Offrs 47 Ors

TIME IN 5 Sec 221230 1.
Remainder 221610 1.

ROUTE OUT. 5 Sec,
From bivouac area 525322 patrolled to 512298 then to 519293 and then to 521299. Along track EAST along foothills to 539293 NORTH on compass bearing to Sago swamp to 539300. NORTH WEST ON compass bearing to 535306 to 532311. Through OLD LANDING GROUND TO bivouac area 525322.

4 & 6 Secs.
From bivouac area 525322 patrolled to OP 555294 via LUAIN, where 4 sec manned OP. 6 sec patrol continued and moved WEST On NORTH fringe of hills to 540297 then NORTH to 539300 Then EAST to 554298 and returned to OP. to 4 sec.

ROUTE IN From OP by track NORTH to LUAIN 553310 and returned to bivouac area 525322 along beach track.

OBJECT. To clear any enemy still remaining in the foothills and sac-sac swamps from SOUTH of bivouac area to DANMAP RIVER.

PART 1.

1 Jap killed near OP at 555297. 1 Jap seen at 554298. These foothills and sac-sac swamps now practically clear of enemy.

PART 2.

5 SEC.

220530 1. Patrol left bivouac area 525322 and patrolled to 512298 then to 519293 and then to 521299.
220700 1. Proceeded along track to 533294. Then EAST to track along foothill to 539300. NORTH WEST on a compass bearing to 535306 to 532311 through OLD LANDING GROUND.
221230 1. Patrol arrived at bivouac area 525322.

4 & 6 Secs

220540 1. Both Secs left bivouac area 525322 and patrolled to OP 555294 via LUAIN 553310
220655 1. 555297 1 Jap killed.
220705 1. Arrived at OP 556293. 4 Sec manned OP. 6 Sec patrol moved WEST on NORTH fringe of hills to 540297 then NORTH to 539300. Then EAST to 554298.
221010 1. 554298 1 Jap seen but escaped.
221140 1. Contacted 4 Sec at OP. 4 Sec report N.M.S. Both Secs returned to bivouac area via LUAIN 553310.
221619 1. Patrol arrived back at bivouac area 525322.

GENERAL

No track was crossed between 530300 and 532311. Also fired another hut in vicinity of one fired previous day by A troop.
Ref estimated as 530300.

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MEDICAL REPORT ON SUAIN-LUAIN OPERATION.

2/10 Aust Commando Sqn.

PERIOD. 1 NOV 44-----to----25 NOV 44.

A. CONSOLIDATION OF SICK.

1. Total sick parade----94.
2. " new sick------57.
3. " no duties-----29.
4. " evacuated------ 7.------4---Dental
1---Neuroses
1---Acute appendici
5. " battle casualties--2.--1 Dead.

B. DISSECTION OF NEW SICK.

1. Diarrhoea---------- 7.
2. Dengue----------19.
3. U.R.T.I.---------- 3.
4. Otitis---------- 7.
5. Skin---------- 8.
6. Dental---------- 4.
7. Foot Disabilities--- 2.
8. Tinea---------- 1.
9. General Miscellaneous3.

C. DISCUSSION ON PARADES.

DENGUE.

The Culicine-Aedes type was a prolific biter both at first and last lights, the men mainly contacted the disease while bivouaced at Suain Ptn, and some personnal acquired the disease at Sqn HQ. Stringent anti-mosquito measures kept the incidence down and fortunately the disease was of a mild nature, most of the cases showed very typical rashes with the saddle backed tempratures.

DIARRHOEA

All these cases can be blamed onto poor water discipine and the flies feeding on hundreds of Japanese bodies and rotting coconut husks. Emphasis must be placed on the absolute need for perfect control of water and camp cleanliness, Offrs and NCOs fanatics on these points.

U.R.T.I.

Merely 3 cases speakes for itself.

OTITIS

There seems to be little doubt that this condition is going to again prove to be the bugbear of the tropics. Some men developed Otitis media from there Otitis Externa.

SKIN

Again troop and sec offrs must realise there responsibilities in preventing skin infections. Some men will persist in negelecting there skins and hence must be forced to bathe, powder and launder there clothes by strict disciplinary measures.

DENTAL

..... No comments

TINEA

..... The one case illistrates that fear of repricals has had affect. Men now report as prophylactic cases rather than face the risk of disciplinary actions that will developed tinea, would bring forth.

Other conditions

..... Merely those routine cases always found during an interval of operation.

GENERAL DISCUSSION.

MEDICAL AND HYGIENE The average standard of hygiene was more than maintained. Some men require gentle and others not so gentl encouragement in the application of hygiene rules and anti-mosquito measures. The standard of cooking was excellent and the rations extremely good. Some of the men were wearied with bully beef and biscuits so sucessful attempts were made to provide a varied diet for troops in the for forward areas.

The camp was well laid out and with considerably work was hygienically clean. All rubbish was incenerated and buried. Latrines were fly proof and in the Suain bivouac defaecation took place below the water level on the beach.

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MEDICAL REPORT CONTINUED.

ANTI-HOOK-WORM and sand fly measured were rigidly enforced and bathing platforms were built into the stream to prevent walking with bare feet along the creek bank.
All dead coconuts and debris were burnt and buried with the help of ANGAU natives.
The men built water proof shelters along native lines and all told a very comfortable camp resulted.

R.A.P. STAFF WORK.

The AAMC staff proved to be keen and capable. The troop Cpls all did a very sound job both from the medical and military view poin The B troop Sgt although his medical work was satisfactorly, seems to be physically unfitted for streneuous marches and hill climbing. Medical pers must be able to keep up with the troops hence some arrangement to the view to his replacement must be arrived at.
The ANGAU natives built an excellent camp hospital to disign, and routine parades and treatments were no hardships. Supplies and necessities were always availableand a smoothly functioning unit resulted.

LESSONS LEARNT

(1) Too much medical exuipment is a distinct handicap
(2) Light sec kits for one or two day patrols can contain more than adequat supplies with very little weight to carry.
(3) First aid outfits large were of extreme value as packed with Mycol. and Syringe, Morphia hypadins and quinine added.

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RMO 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn

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Comn with RHQ kept by No 22 Set which proved very successful, a 24 hr watch was maintained for this period.

Comn to Adv Bde were supplied by line but were not satisfactory owing to the construction of roads by the engineers and the constant felling of trees on the cable.

Comn from Sqn at BABIANG to forward troops at SUAIN PLN, was by line. From the forward troops a line was run to SNIPERS POST 555293, via LUAIN for the use of patrols in the area. Forward comn proved very satisfactory, delays were few.

The "L" Type phone was used for all line comn, 208 sets were used between Sqn and patrols and proved successful when used on coast but little success was met when operating inland.

COLEFORCE: The 208 set with the first COLEFORCE patrol proved entirely inadequate in that contact with Sqn was at no time made during the 12 days the patrol was out. However the second COLEFORCE patrol proved more successful from the point of view of signals in that contact at all times was maintained with Sqn, in this case the more powerful 22 set was used.

At Sqn a 10 line Universal switchboard was manned operating to Bde, Fwd troops at SUAIN Pln, Int Office, SQM, B and C Troops when at BABIANG.

"HARLEY F"
.F.....
Signal Sgt.

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HYGIENE REPORT ON SUAIN-LUAIN OPERATION.

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PERIOD. 1 NOV. 44------TO------25 NOV. 44.

Early NOV. was spent in eradicating Fly and Mosquito breeding grounds and areas- namely rotten and decayed coconuts, adjustment and improvement of Latrine and also Incinerator.

A further improvement in keeping down Fly breeding was by the plentiful use of Dieseliene in Rega Spray. All likely foul areas were sprayed twice per day with the addition of a sprinkling of Chlorosene.

A small number of Diarrhoea and Dysentry cases were encountered in the SUAIN area which was the F.D.L. Such cases were the result of decaying Japanese bodies which were impossible to bury or incinerate, due to enemy activity. The flies in this area were in large swarms despite strict hygiene measures.

The Dengue mosquito was present but in surprisingly small numbers at BABIANG. However At SUAIN Pln. owing to stagnant creeks and a great number of rotting coconut shells the mosquito bred more prolificly. Under these circumstances spraying, as an anti-mosquito precaution was impracticable.

Dengue fever patients were few, attacks being light.

Towards latter end ofmonth, the camp was inspected by A.D.M.S. Colonel FISHER and pronounced very satisfactory.

HARRISON G Sgt
HYGIENE SARGEANT.

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Members of C Troop, 2/10 Aust Cdo Sqn at AITAPE with spoils from the SUAIN-LUAIN operations.



Standing L to R:
tprs McFEETERS, WEARNE, WINSOR, WORKMAN, TREVENA, WOODS, MADDERN, OATES, TABER, FLETT, LANGDON, lt MARTIN, tprs McDONALD, SOMERSET, PAIM, STANLEY, McCRORY.

Sitting L to R :
tprs SCOTT RW, GOLLEDGE, FORBES, Sgt ROBINSON, tprs HAMMOND G, MARKS, NOAKES, cpl LOWE, L cpl FISHER, tprs BLACKWOOD, MARTIN and PURSHE

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PW INTERROGATIONS

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PRISONER OF WAR INTERROGATION REPORT.

PERSONAL DETAILS.

NAME. MIWA Sumiyoshi RANK. Sup Pvt. SERIAL NUMBER. 80
UNIT. 11th Co, 237th Inf Regt, 41st Div.

UNIT ORGANISATION AND STRENGTH.

1. After the DRUINUMOR battle the 237 th Inf was so badly depleted so upon returning to HATA YAMA it was reorganised to two battalions in the regiment and each battalions having three companies each. At this time the strength of the regiment was approximately 300. In the reorganisation personnel of other units such as the 8th Indep Engrs and medical units were transferred into the 237th to replenish the losses.

2. There was very few weapons and equipment withdranw from the DRINUMOR battle as all the men were too weak to withdraw any of the heavier weapons. PW states that tere is only three rifles per every five men at the present time, and most of these are inoperative because of the bolts becoming froze with rust. PW had seen one u/i type of gun on the coast near SOWAM and one mountaingun on road near HAYA MAMA, they were both in operative condition but he did not see anyone manning the guns.

3.

DISPOSITIONS.

The 237th Regt with its strength of approximately 300, occupied the entire area from the DANMAP RIVER and as far EAST as the ANUMB RIVER. The chief interest of the men and officers was to forage food and did not give any thought towards defence. There were sentries left on the coast as observers but they too were not at their posts regularly as they were out to forage food for themselves. PW could not understand why they had sent small units down to the coast as coast defence as they di not construct any def posn or did they have any weapons of large calibre. PW states that an enemy landing could be carried out anywhere at the present time, even WEWAK as there are very little coastal defences along the coast and all of the troops had gone inland.

Lt.Gen. ADACHI and the 18th Army HQ is at the present time situated in the hills to the rear of BUT.

Lt. Gen. MANO and the 41st Div HQ was located at MALIN the last the PW had heard about it.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Telephone comn was used between the Div. and Regtl HQ as well as the comn done between the Regt and the Bn. The comn down to the coys was done by means of a runner. The only case where PW had heard of wireless being used was in the comn between the Div HQ and the Army HQ.

INTENTIONS.

PW does not believe that the JAP forces intends to make any attack upon the Allied posns as they are now left with very little weapons to carry out any attack of any kind, and also with the lack of food and run down physical condition of the men, it would be humanly impossible to carry out an attack. Withthe strong belief that help will be sent to them they have reitred into the hills where they can live off the land until the day that help is sent to them. Everybody is of the firm belief that aid will be sent some time in the latter part of this year.

OFFICERS.

Being in the stage of starvation the offrs are the same as the men and there are no distinctions between them, it is just everyone for himself . The food situation has become so acute that they are killing and eating one another. This the PW stated was true with the offrs also as his coy comd had ordered to have human flesh brought in for him. This killingmof comerades was not true in the beginning as they were able to eat those who were already dead but as time went by it was necessary to kill their own men in order to get the meat. PW states that he himself has eaten human flesh but being in a hungered condition thought it very good , although it tasted a bit salty. PW went further to say that this was not the first time that this was done by the JAPS as the 20th Div upon withdrawing from the LAE-SALAMAU area had done the same thing when their men passed out in climbing the high mountains. For this very reason the PW stated he had decided to move into the US lines before he was killed and eaten like many others. Nobody cared for the sick ones, but rather waited for them to die as they would be able to have meat.

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Interrogation of Jap PW.

NAME: MORITA Isutimu

UNIT: 1 Coy, 8 Indep. Engineers Regt.

ENEMY INFORMATION:

(1) 1 coy was ordered to withdraw to ANUMB RIVER. There was to be no organised march, but for the soldiers to go back on their own. These soldiers who were ill were to follow up when conditions permitted.

(2) Element of 1 coy located at shore of DANMAP (about 20 men).

(3) PW and the other 2 PWs decided to surrender because they saw no hope of winning the campaign or to get reinforcements.

(4) PW states that the 41st Div HQ and 8th Indep Engineers Regt HQ were located at MALIN.

ASSESSMENT:

(1) Like the other PWs this PW does not have much knowledge of 237 Inf.

(2) Information herein contained can be considered reliable.

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Interrogation of JAP PW.

NAME: MIYAKAWA Fuimaki

UNIT: 8th Indep Engrs Regt.

ENEMY INFORMATION:

(1) PW states elements of 237 Inf Regt started to move up into the hills, but he does not know the exact position.

(2) The 237 Inf Regt garrisoned at EAST side of DANUAP(562297). Strength unknown.

(3) MG emplacements at No.3 River crossing point, but does not know the number.

(4) PW states that to his knowledge there is no mortars, but he knows there are LMG and HMG.

(5) The main task of the JAPS is to find food. The forces have no strength or equipment to resist.

ASSESSMENT:

(1) PW being a member of 8th Indep Engrs Regt doesn't know much about 237th Inf Regt. Information given can be considered reliable.

(2) PW speaks and writes some English and is of average intelligence.

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PERSONAL DETAILS.

NAME. MATSUSAKI, Yoshinosuke RANK. Sup Pvt. SERIAL NUMBER. 71

UNIT. 41 Div, 237 Regt, 3d Bn, 11th Co.

UNIT ORGANISATION AND STRENGTH.

Reorganisation of the entire division had taken place sometime after the DRINUMOR operation in which the infantry units absorbed most of the supporting and complementing units but the PW knows very little particulars. 237 went into combat with approx 1,000 men and was halved by casualties and diseases. Current strength is approx 300 of which fully one third are ineffective. [redacted] At the time of operations PW was attached to regimental HQS. At the present there are only three companies in 3d Bn, as like the other battalions, without any supporting units. Only weapons on hand are rifles and a few MGS. Guns were destroyed during the operations or discarded later.

DISPOSITION.

41 Div HQ is presently located at MALIN. 237 Regiment was near HATAYAMA at the time PW left organisation but it was scheduled to leave on or about 3 Oct to an unknown destination. 1st Bn and 3d Co is located near MAHUJIPPU with one company and two other companies were near the DANMAP RIVER. 3d Bn and 11th Co. is located approx 800 metres up from the mouth of the ANUMB RIVER. 10th company is located approx 200 meters west of the ANUMB RIVER.
238 and 239 are presently located near the TORAYAMA just west of DANMAP and DANIMUL RIVERS junction on a token guard as most of the men are in constant search for food. The same was true of the 237th. PW has neither seen nor heard of any prepared defensive positions along the DANMAP RIVER or neighbouring coastline.

INTENTIONS.

There is no manifested intentions in the unit except to continue search for forage and food for the sake of living. The officers have repeatedly told the men that there is a plan afoot to evacuate the men sometime in March of 1945. It was referred to as rescue expedition. Not many were inclined to believe it. Means of evacuation were by submarine and other Navy ships which would come to WEWAK. The division, nor the other elements of the 18th Army, will not be able to make any difference in the offensive movements in the present condition.

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PRISONER OF WAR INTERROGATION REPORT.

11 November, 1944.

RANK : Superior Private.
NAME : WAKAYAMA AITOSHI
AGE : 25
UNIT : 8 Independent Engineer Regt;
3 Coy, 2 Platoon.

CAPTURED by : 2/10 Aust Commando Squadron.
CAPTURED at : SUAIN VILLAGE
Ref Map : SUAIN EAST 1:63360
Map Ref : 538217

DATE CAPTURED : 9 November 1944
INTERROGATOR : Capt. ROBINSON (ATIS) : Information dictated to members 2/10 Sqn Intelligence Staff.

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1. PW was sick or became separated from his unit one month ago (October 44) in the SUAIN area. He lived in SUAIN VILLAGE and foraged for food.

2. UNIT:
8 Independent Engineer Regt (MO 5548).
Strength : Approximately 100.

3. DISPOSITIONS : Stated that one company (approximately 50) were on guard duty WEST of the DANMAP RIVER and approximately half a mile SOUTH OF LUAIN.
The company belonged to NARA (237 Regt).
Remainder of 41 Div in area from DANMAP RIVER to BUT.
PW stated that he heard orders were issued for defensive positions to be dug on EAST side of the DANMAP RIVER.
A sentry group of 1 NCO and 7 men with rifles were on duty in LUAIN, but were withdrawn to Coy HQ due to Australian patrols beginning November 1944.
20 Div : Responsible for the defence of BUT area.

4. ARTILLERY: A type 41 75mm mountain gun belonging to Regimental HQ, 237 Regt, which fired on LUAIN night 6-7 November 44 was withdrawn by gun crew to foot of MARU MT. EAST of DANMAP RIVER, and artillery OP is maintained on this side. Thought gun was short of ammunition. SITES

5 SUPPLIES. States NO provisions available but limited quantity of ammunition.

6 MORALE. Stated morale low and cannibalism rife. General opinion amongst 41 Div troops that they could NOT hold position against general attack.

7 GENERAL. PW could NOT estimate number of troops in 41 Div.

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Preliminary Interrogation of JAP PW.

NAME: FURUHATA Yoshikazu

RANK: 2 Lt. (Reserve Officer).

UNIT: Intendance Dept., 41 Div HQ.

CAPTURED BY: 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn., (2/6 Aust Cav. Commando Regt.)

PLACE: SUAIN VILLAGE, NEW GUINEA.

AGE: 27

CALLED TO COLOURS: Jan 1942 at WAKAYAMA.

ARRIVED WEWAK: 20 Nov 1943.

PART 1.

1. PREAMBLE: The above officer PW accompanied by a chinese coolie surrendered to Australian troops at SUAIN VILLAGE, NEW GUINEA, 13 Nov 44. He was armed with a pistol and sword and had in his possession a United States surrender leaflet. He stated he was weary of war and had been waiting for months to surrender.

2. DISPOSITIONS:

41 Div HQ: Under Lt.Gen MANO Goro left MALIN for WOMISIS area about 20 Oct 44. Stated heard the march by jungle trail would take about two weeks.

238 Regt: Approximate strength 700 to 1,000 including remnants various small units.
Location: Marched towards the WOMISIS area about middle October 44.

239 Regt: Approximate strength 700 to 1,000 including remnants various small units- Oct 44.
Location: Marched with 41 Div HQ to WOMISIS area 20 Oct 44.

237 Regt: Regtl Hq in area map ref: BUT WEST 1:63360 ref:738247.

No.2 Bn: Commanded by Capt. MIYANISHI, approximately 300 strong; in area NORTH of junction DANMAP RIVER and IKAM CREEK: ref map SUAIN EAST 1:63360 Square 5628.
All carried rifle with approximately 50 rounds of SAA ammunition.
Stated MGs NOT serviceable due to lack of oil.

No.3 Bn: Commanded by Maj. KASAI: approximately 200-300 strong; in area on the DUNIB RIVER near the ANUMB RIVER -ref map: BUT WEST:1:63360 square 7524.

COAST GUARD UNITS: One approximately 100 strong guarding coast line in area of mouth of SALAMINARA CREEK.
One unit approximately 100 strong guarding coast in area 1½ kilometers EAST of DANMAP RIVER.
Scattered groups of 200-300 JAPS are also engaged in salt production from sea water in the area between the DANMAP RIVER and the ANUMB RIVER.

ARTILLERY: One 75mm Regtl Gun, formerly belonging to 238 Regt but handed over to 237 Regt, was located in the area just EAST of the DANMAP RIVER near the foot of MARU MT.
PW thought there were plenty of shells for this gun. Stated small supply dump in area approximately 4 kilometers WEST of BUT aerodrome. PW stated these stores included retions and medical supplies had been brought from WEWAK and NOT landed by submarine at BU[illegible]

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3. OTHER UNITS: 20 Division.
Approximate strength 7,000 located between the ANUMB RIVER and BUT. PW heard that some supplies were available and that the morale was better in this division

51 Division.
PW could not give any figure of the Div strength, but thought this Div to be fairly strong, due to the number of miscellaneous troops incorporated in this division.
Heard that some supplies were available and that potatoes and vegetables were plentiful.

4. SUPPLIES: Stated supplies were nearly non-existent in the Divisional area and no rice was available. Believed that 41 Div had moved SOUTH over the mountains due to reports that food was available in the native villages.
Troops had been eating sago and boiled grass for several months and PW heard that cannibalism was practised among the men.

5. MORALE: PW stated morale was very low and that surrender leaflet might induce many men to surrender if they were near enough to the Allied lines.
Troops were told they would be relieved by the JAP fleet in March 1945 and this was the only thing keeping them going.

PART 2.
Further Interrogation of JAP PW
2 Lt. FURUHATA Yoshikazu.
15 Nov 1944.

COMMUNICATIONS: Intercommunication in 41 Div at MALIN was maintained with 18 Army HQ formerly in BOIKEN area. No W/T sets or electrical power being xxxxxxxxx available
Stated communication was maintained by line only.
PW had NOT heard W/T interception in this area.

TRANSPORT: Stated 8 to 10 trucks were operating in the BUT area.

SUPPLY SYSTEM: Thought there were 4 or 6 MLCs working from WEWAK to BUT carrying supplies. Heard these MLCs came from MUSCH Island. Supplies mainly of barley, canned goods, sauce and medical supplies were then trucked to BALAM area 4 kilometres WEST of BUT drome (see report No. 1). Suppli to 41 Div were then manhandled.

ROADS: Stated the road from the DANMAP RIVER to WEST of BUT drome was impassible for vehicles, although it was possible for trucks to travel from BUT to WEWAK.

NATIVES: Thought that relations with the natives were on a friendly basis as they were frequently given tobacco and salt.
The natives had also been promised supplies when the JAP relief ships arrived in March 1945.

WEAPONS: PW stated that 237 Regt had NO mortars and had only 75 gun already mentioned.
Thought that 20 Div had a few guns but did not know definitely.
51 Div being responsible for derence of WEWAK were presumed to have artillery.

237 Regt;
Organisation: Stated that No. 1 Bn was incorporated into No 2 and No. Bns and that the beach guards belonged to either of these battalions.

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15 November, 44.

OTHER UNITS: PW could not recall other units in the BUT area apart from elements from 41 Div and 20 Div.

18 ARMY STRENGTH: PW estimated strength of 18 Army at approximately 18,000 to 20,000.

LOCATIONS HQs:

20 Div	:	NOT known
51 Div	:	In WEWAK area.
18 ARMY	:	Formerly located at BOIKEN but during October 44 retired to mountains.

INTENTIONS:

41 Div	:	Retired SOUTH over mountains to await relief ships from JAPAN.
20 Div	:	Guarding coastal area between ANUMB RIVER and BUT.
51 Div	:	51 Div and 18 Army troops responsible for guarding coastal area EAST of BUT and defence of WEWAK.

DUMPS: Reference small supply dump at BALAM, 4 kilometers WEST of BUT drome.
Stated the dump consisted of 5 or 6 native huts and a few tents situated in the jungle, 200 metres from the beach.

GENERAL: About 10 Oct 44, Lt.Gen.ADACHI arrived at MALIN with an escort of 30 officers and men, and, after consultation with 41 Div command, returned to BOIKEN.

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SUAIN-LUAIN OPERATIONS

NOVEMBER 44

EXTRACT FROM CAPTURED DIARY

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EXTRACT FROM JAP DIARY.

BELONGING TO NISHINO SHIGERU OF ISHNU FORCE HQ.

54 L OF C SECTOR HQ. (MO 6030).

KILLED BY C TROOP 14 NOV 44.

5 NOV 44.

Recently the enemy airplane seem to appear different than in the past. I suspect that there is great activity there (presumably WEWAK). I wonder if it's the JAPANESE FORCES nearing NEW GUINEA.

6 NOV 44.

There is news that JAP FORCES are planning an all out offensive in the South Seas in the near future to evacuate us.

11 NOV 44.

I heard news that two or three days ago the Pl Ldr and 20 Ors. of the Garrison Unit was killed or captured by the enemy at the No.2 River crossing Pt.

7 Sec C Troop killed Pl Ldr and 1 Or.

12 NOV 44.

Two soldiers from the Indep Engrs who left this morning to gather food have not returned. Around 1100 hrs I heard about 20-30 rifle shots. Probably they were killed. This place is getting dangerous.

"A" Troop killed both 1100 hrs 12 NOV 44.

13 NOV 44.

Today, around 1200 hrs, I heard rifle shots about 4-500m. These two engrs have not returned. We will move to the hills in the near future. Preparations for our departure was completed to-day.

8 Sec "C" Troop killed 4 of them approx. 0930 hrs 14 NOV 44.

SIGNED. D.W. BOW Lt.

Io.; 2/10 Sqn.

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