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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PICCADILLY	1 June	0800	7 Section patrol (Comd Lt. ASTILL) departed	APPX
091459			for area between the OCARATA and MORI	PATROL REPORTS
			Rivers, and to recce Road MATARAS - KAPUNA	"
			Lt. BUCKRIDGE (Adjt) left NIHERU, and	"
			returned to Rear HQ, so that all who now	
			remain at NIHERU are WO BROWN and a	
			number of native carriers. Lt PERRY and one	
			sub-section are still located at HOUSE MOBAI	
			(075506).	
		1030	3 Div advised that Road and track	APPX A
			construction had proceeded sufficiently to permit	CO 6344
			cancellation of restriction of the Bde advance.	
			This presages a more rapid movement by the	

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PICCADILLY	1 June		Bde than was expected	
		1100	The remainder of Sqn personnel, less one	
			sub-section at HOUSE MOBIAI, arrived at Sqn.	
		1105	Natives reported to staging camp that an	
			enemy party of unknown strength was moving	
			up the KINGORI track towards SAIKURAI	
			An ambush was set but the Nips, ~~an~~ turned	APP X 'A'
			back, and possibly returned to KAPARA. Both	Signals O 480
			WO BROWN at NIHERU, and 47 Bn, our	O 481
			flanking unit, were warned of the movement.	RP 12.
			A later report was received that the strength	
			of the enemy party was eight.	

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PICCADILLY	1 June	1200	11 Fd Pl B arrived to join their coy at	APPX B
			085459. Thus all all of C coy is now	Sitrep 337.
			located at this spot.	
		1600	1 section patrol reported base established	APPX B
			at 045413.	Sitrep 338.
		2100	6 section patrol (u/c Lt. KILLEN) which	
			departed 31 May, ambushed and destroyed an	
			enemy truck on the LUIN RD at 014338.	
			Seven enemy were killed and 3 wounded. Own	
			casualties NIL.	
	21 June	0245	Resulting from enquiries into the manner	APPX A
			of packing the switchboard smashed by free air-	QC 5891
			dropping, 3 Div instructed that all requests for	

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PICCADILLY	2 June		for dropping to Sup. Base be repeated to them for information. By this means, a check will be possible that items are included in the programme, and are correctly packed.	
		0845	6 section advised that enemy were	APPX A.
			concentrated near the MIVO ~~X~~ crossing and	Signals BK 1
			suggested an immediate air strike. The request	0447
			was immediately sent to Div. Div replied that	Air 686
			15 Bde targets were demanding all their	APPX B
			immediately available A/C, but would try to	Airtels 339.
			fulfil our request 3 June.	
		1100	Lt. PERRY and staging camp party	
			arrived PICCADILLY.	

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PICCADILLY	2 June	1430	Part of 6 section patrol returned to base.	APPX B
			Lt. KILLEN keeping nine men to harass the enemy on the BUIN Rd.	Sitrep 340.
			Further details of the concentration were	APPX A
			gained, and it was possible to pin-point a	Signal O 449
			likely dump by the sounds of continuous truck	
			movement in a certain area off the BUIN	
			Road. This additional information was	
			repeated to Div and the air strike strongly	
			recommended.	
		1507	5 Section patrol (s/c Lt. BARRETT) which	APPX A
			had departed 31 May, maintained an ambush on	Signals GB6
			the BUIN Road from 01 1800 L to 02 1130 L, but	APPX B
				Sitrep 340

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PICCADILLY	2 June		NO movement was seen. The road shows signs of a mule-drawn iron-wheeled cart.	
		1740	The area of operations of RAFFLES FORCE to be effective from 031800L was notified by Div. NO change with 1 B boundary and our area, which is still bounded on the EAST by the NIVO is still very confined.	Appx A Signal CO 6536.
	3 June	0800	Sgt HUNGERFORD and a party of five from the 6 section patrol returned, and reported the patrol (strength 10) had ambushed an enemy party moving EAST along the RUIN Road vicinity 085435 at 1500 hrs on 2 June. Lt. KILLEN and Cpl. PINNEY returned at approx	

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PICCADILLY	3 June		031100 L.	
			As the patrol moved into the ambush position at 020730L. six enemy were allowed to pass through, and shortly afterwards a ~~the~~ second party, strength 20, moved through. 15 minutes later, a third group approached. All three parties had approached the ambush from the WEST. It was the comds intention to engage only a party commeasurate with the strengths of the ambush party.	
			As the third party approached (strength also 20) considerable noise and movement was heard from the WEST. The ambush opened fire	

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PICCADILLY	3 June		on this party with the intention of making a quick getaway. Almost immediately, fire from three LMC's and grenade dischargers was returned. The previous party of 20 began an outflanking movement to the NORTH of the road, and, as our party moved out of the ambush, mortar fire began to fall. The enemy were apparently well-trained and disciplined, and the speed at which they went into action, was the best we've seen yet.	
			The patrol hastily withdrew to the RV to recover their packs dumped there. Pte COBB 15 was shot through the head and fell. A quick	

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PICCADILLY	3 June		examination of his wounds seemed to indicate that he had been killed, and as the position was being rapidly outflanked, the patrol scattered and RV'd again on the Cdo Road.	
			The ambush had been most successful, killing 19, including two enemy distinctly dressed in grey uniforms and white caps (presumably officers). Most important was the fact that the naval insignia was seen on the enemy's caps, and the Sqn can claim the first Aust engagements in South Bougainville with naval troops — the cream of the Jap fighting services.	

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PICCADILLY	3 June.		At 1330 hrs KOOMBA, an old native scout, who had been on this patrol, returned to Hqrs. and reported that Pte COBB was NOT killed, but wounded and unconscious. The faithful 'kapuri' had stayed with COBB night 2/3 June. Before leaving him this morning he had covered the body with leaves and undergrowth, and had hidden COBB's Owen gun and the packs of the patrol.	APPX A Signals A 613 A 614 A 615. APPX B Sitreps 342 343 344
			Orders were immediately issued to Lt. CLIFTON to take a patrol to investigate KOOMBA's report. An NAP sgt and native carriers accompanied this party which	APPX Patrol Report.

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PICCADILLY	3 June		departed at 1355 hrs, carrying medical supplies for field treatment.	
		1000	A parade of C Coy 1/8 was held in their area, and the CO and 2 i/c were introduced to the troops. A short address on Policy was given by the CO. After the parade, the CO held a conference of 1/8 officers, discussed the general policy and roughly outlined the orders for the first 1/8 patrols.	
		1100	No. 5 Section (comd. Lt. BARRETT) returned. After recce on the evening of 2 June the patrol had moved to the edge of the garden area 072375.	Appx Patrol Report Appx B Sitrep 343.

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PICCADILLY	3 June		arriving just prior to first light. At the first signs of stirring in the enemy camp at 0625 hrs, fire from all weapons was directed on the huts and outhouses. 18 enemy were killed and NO more than two escaped. The patrol mopped up and captured two swords, a number of rifles, several flags (one of which had an anchor insignia) and a wad of documents. The good recce and well-planned attack was a fine opening to this section's score under its new commander.	
		1110	No 7 section patrol (w/c Lt. ASTILL) returned. The track info gained was a fortunate	APPX Patrol Report

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PICCADILLY	3 June		anticipation of 15 Bde requirements.	Appx B
			A party of enemy had been ambushed on	Sitreps 343
			the KINGORI - LUSEI road, and nine were	355
			killed.	
		1115	Advice received from 3 Div that Lt.	Appx A.
			HARDMAN's medical down-grading was to	Signals AG 1949
			A2. NOT B2. Lt. HARDMAN was advised of	Q 289.
			this.	
		1200	Lt. BUCKRIDGE arrived Sgns HQ from	
			Leav.	
		1400	Signal received from 3 Div requiring	Appx A
			that we notify all daily changes of code signs,	Signal SX 76
			code names and R/T keywords.	

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PICCADILLY	3 June	2130	A further signal reference our request for an air strike on the SISAKATAKORI area stated the strike would take place at 041100L - 041300L.	APPX A Signal Air 685
	4 June	0730	Advice was received by native runner the COBB was still alive, and would be carried in within the hour. An urgent signal was despatched requesting a drop of penicillin and blood. At 0830 hrs, COBB was carried in and Capt HOLMES (MO) made an immediate examination. It was discovered that the shot had passed through the nose and head, with a resultant very severe case of	APPX A Signal MD 16

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PICCADILLY	4 June		concussion. He is to be kept at Sgn for treatment until he is in fit condition to be moved over the difficult evacuation route. This Sgn's previous high respect for the natives' ability and steadfastness was increased by KOOMBA's latest exploit. Perhaps his deed will be instrumental in the saving of one of our valuable scouts' lives. Lt. CLIFTON's patrol returned with the carrier party. They had arrived at the ambush area at 032300L. Pte. COBB was found, and packs recovered. A long difficult carry followed along a slippery track and at	

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PICCADILLY	4 June		040400L, the patrol reached bdo hd at 083415. After a short rest, the journey was completed. The enemy was found to have held an ambush in position 500 yds from where COBB's body lay, and had only vacated it at last light. Lucky indeed that the patrol went in after dark.	APPX B Sitrep 356 APPX A Signal A 615.
		0800	No. 9 fd. PIB, (o/c Lt. DOWLING) departed on a patrol into the area bounded by the BUIN Rd and bdo hd, and between the MIVO and OGARATA Rivers. The strange construction in the form of a circus tent which had been causing much	APPX B Sitrep 356.

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PICCADILLY	4 June		conjecture in the camp lately was at last discovered to be a tank with a catchment system of a parachute suspended on high poles. It holds water! This is a great saving of manpower as the carrying of water up the steep grade is most strenuous.	
		1100	Lt. KEAM (MIL HIST SECTION) arrived, and was a guest at ANGAU. Photographs were taken.	
		1300	ANGAU agents returned and reported that on 3 June they had ambushed an enemy patrol, strength nine, moving NORTH in the UNANTI area, killing three. Some documents	Appx B Sitrep 357

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PICCADILLY	4 June		and an enemy L M G magazine were captured.	
		1315	Sup Base advised that Capt. WATSON W.D. had reached TOROKINA and would be moving forward. His appointment will be B Jr command.	
		1700	9 fd PIB reported their base established at 095351	
		2025	3 Div advised that the air-strike on SISARATAKORI would be carried out from 050800 L to 050830 L	APPX A Signal Air 690
		2315	Signal received from 3 Div querying our information that the area between the OCARATA and the MIVO Rivers, an area 6000 yds wide.	APPX B Sitrep 355

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PICCADILLY	4 June		was free of the enemy. On checking this rather alarming assertion, it was discovered that our I.O., Lt. NICHOLSON, had stated 7 sections had reported this information. What was intended was that the area between the OGARATA and MORI rivers, an area of only 2000 yds width, was clear of enemy. Can we make Div panic!	APPX A Signals GO 6392 Int 972
	5 June	0115	Div requested urgent advice of any infm of the track systems between the HAKI and MIVO rivers NORTH of BUIN RD. Two full message forms of information, covering all the roads, and many tracks and crossings, were submitted.	APPX A Signals GI 1231 Int 973

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PICCADILLY.	5 June	0800	Lt. BUCKRIDGE departed and returned to base.	
			1 Sec. 4 Ipx moved their location in the Ipx area from their isolated position NORTH of Ipx HQ to EAST of 4 Ipx.	
			4 Ipx patrol (comd. Lt. MARTIN D.) strength 3 officers and 44 O/Rs departed as a fighting patrol to the area between the MIVO and OSMAI Rivers from Edo Ra to the coast.	
			10 Fd Bty (w/c Lt. SHEELEY) with one sub-section of no. 2 section attached, departed for the area SOUTH of the BUIN Road between MIVO and OCARATA Rivers to the coast.	

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PICCADILLY	5 June	1100	Lt. KEAM, Mil. Hist. photographed a number of camp scenes.	
		1312	Another enquiry reference topography of the MIVO River mouth area and the suitability of the beach for landing was received from Div. Again we were able to comply and added as priority to Lt. MARTIN's tasks, to gain, if possible, further information of the area.	Appx A Signals {GI 1235 Int 903 Int 920
		1435	3 Div advised that Lt. HARDMAN was to report to NCDD TOROKINA to await disposal consequent upon his medical re-classification (A2)	Appx A Signal AC 1982
		1700	9 Fd P/B now based 075390 : 10 Fd reported bivouacked for night square 0438.	

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PICCADILLY	5 June	1845	15 Bde advised their advanced operations for 6 June. The Bde is re-grouping, and intend patrolling forward of present locality prior to continuing advance. What concerned us was their notification of a patrol of platoon strength to move on the route KAPANA along bdo road to establish a base at the crossing of the MIVO Rivers. The object is to recce the route for suitability as an axis of advance. The unexpected speed with which the Bde has advanced, demands an extension of our present boundaries, and possibly, a change of Hqrs location further EAST in the near future.	APPX A Signal G.S 355.

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PICCADILLY	5 June	1900	Resulting from this, it was decided to discontinue work on the AUSTER strip as the L of C would appear to be shortening rapidly.	
	6 June	0650	A warning order was received from Div to anticipate a change of boundaries within four days. Boundary of 15 Bde and ourselves was to follow the general line of the MIVO, and a corresponding adjustment of 4 I B boundary is to be made.	Appx A Signal G 06406
			The warning was also received that the forward battalions were already preparing to cross the boundary of the OGARATA River, and	

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PICCADILLY	6 June.		to move along bdo road to the M1VO crossing.	
		0800	It was decided to reform C Tp, making up the strength from No. 7 Section (until now with A Tp), scout section and pioneers. Lt. ASTILL D. was to comd.	
			Two signallers departed for F/O STUART's HQ (A1B) and will provide a direct wireless link for passing information.	
		1600	C Coy P1B reported 9 pl base 075390, and 10 pl in square 0438.	
			10 pl P1B had been unable to cross BUIN Road at 061000 L in area 0536 due to enemy activity and very alert sentries.	

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PICCADILLY	7 June	0800	(i) The new C Ip section, No 7 (u/c Lt. ASTILL) departed as a recce patrol to recce Edo Road to the OAMAI Rivers. Duration — four days.	
			(ii) No 5 section (comd Lt. BARRETT) with attached one section of 11 Fd Pl B, departed for the BUIN Road between the OGARATA and the MOBIAI Rivers, duration to be five days.	
			(iii) No 6 section patrol (u/c Lt. KILLEN) with attached one sub-section of No. 2 section (u/c Lt. PERRY), and two sections of 11 Fd Pl B (comd Lt. MITCHELL), departed for the BUIN Road area from the MOBIAI Rivers to the ford at 135336. This patrol was also to be	

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PICCADILLY	7 June		out for five days	
			The last two patrols were fighting patrols with the particular task of harassing suitable enemy parties.	
			(iv) Div Operation Order No 18 was received. The Sqn role and boundaries remain unchanged, but we are to anticipate a move to a base much further EAST once the battalions have secured the line of the HARI River	APPX Operation Order.
			Another instruction is to make preparations for resting a proportion of the Sqn in turn for periods of 14 days, once the L of C MONOITU - TAI-TAI is open.	

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PICCADILLY	7 June	0815	CO and Lt. ROBERTS (ANGAU) departed for STUARTS HQ.	
		0840	15 Bde sent information of their patrol instructions and boundaries for 7 June. It was found they intended to invade our territory in some strength.	Appx A Signal CS 358
		0852	C Coy 1 I B reported 10 pl had made an unsuccessful attempt to cross the BUIN Rd in square 0735 at 061600L.	Appx B Sitrep 363
		0915	A Pl patrol reported hearing an unidentified aircraft. After a number of enquiries it was established that the plane was heard at 062345L flying SOUTH of patrol's base	Appx A Signals 565 Int 911 567 Int 578 927

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PICCADILLY	7 June		at 102264 in a NE direction. An unfortunate	APPX B
			error in MR had given patrols' base at 172264	Sitrep 363.
			placing them EAST of the OAMAI River.	
		1216	Advice received from STUART that	APPX A
			the CO and Lt. ROBERTS had arrived at	Signal TF2.
			1130 hrs.	
		1400	ANGAU agents in the KADANA area	APPX B
			found a party of seven enemy taking sac-sac	Sitrep 365
			from the old village and erecting lean-to's.	
			They opened fire, killed two, and wounded a	
			hastily retreating five.	
		1455	No 5 section patrol reported base had	APPX A
			been established 062393 and that recces were	Signal GB1

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PICCADILLY	7 June		proceeding.	
		1545	9 Fd PIB patrol returned. On the	Appx B
			ANCAU information of 20 enemy seen moving	Sitrep 365.
			NORTH towards SIKURAI, ambushes had	
			been set at 050429 and 048348, but nothing	
			had been seen of the enemy.	
		1726	No 7 section patrol reported they had	Appx A
			established base at 140414 and would wait for	Signal DA 1
			BUIN natives from F/O STUARTs HQ.	Appx B
		1730	Lts. WAINWRIGHT and SMITH, posted	Sitrep 365.
			from Trg. Depot CANUNGRA arrived at Hqrs	
			After interview with CO on 8 June, it was	
			decided to post Lt. WAINWRIGHT to C Sqn. and	

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PICCADILLY	7 June		Lt. SMITH to B Tp.	
		1910	Advice received from Rear HQ that Lt. JONES had marched in from Air Co-op School at 062000L, but had been evacuated to Fd. Amb on 7 June.	APPX A Signals A 168.
	8 June	0133	Request by Div to advise the route taken by A Tp patrol operating EAST of our MIYO River boundary, and enquiring if this was at STUARTs request. NO route could be given and Div was advised, pending check with A Tp, that patrol base was located at 172264.	APPX A Signals GO 6438 0457
		0740.	Cpl TAPSFIELD had charge of a stretcher-party taking Tpr COBB to MDS, TOKO	

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PICCADILLY	8 June	0930	10 Fd PIB attempted to cross the BUIN Rd at 056363. Although the area was recce'd for 800 yds. formidable Sentries in positions with L M G's on the SOUTH side of the Road, made the crossing impossible.	Appx Patrol Report Appx B Sitrep 368.
		1230	CO and Lt. ROBERTS (ANGAU) returned from F/O STUARTS HQ having satisfactorily liaised with him in the matter of passing information and handing over the BUIN natives when the time comes to move into the area. With them was a Chinese refugee released by A / B natives.	
		1307	No 6 section advised Patrol base established at 121347 and that recce was proceeding.	Appx A Signals BK 1.

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PICCADILLY	8 June	1420	On information received from A Sqn we were able to advise Div that their base was 102264, being only 1000 yds outside own boundary. On the COs Return we were further able to state that our crossing the boundary was by mutual arrangement with A/B, who had supplied the guides.	APPX A Signals 0459 0643 GO 6438
			3 Div advised that approval had been given for the appointment of Capt WATSON W.D. as C. III (I) operations on Div HQ.	APPX A Signal AC 2037
		1452	5 section base was established at 067392 and recce patrols were moving to the BOIN Road and garden area attacked on 2 June.	APPX Patrol Report

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PICCADILLY	8 June	1524	Despite the fact that the Road MONOITU—TAI-TAI was NOT available for use by our troops, instructions were received that the requirements of 3 Div Op. Order 16 would come into operation forthwith, and rest periods of 14 days at TOKO would be arranged for the entire unit. This procedure will keep the unit virtually out of action for a period of at least six weeks, at a time when we could be fully employed striking at the small garrisons and gardens EAST of the MIYO River and giving the NIP some "curry" with our ambushes on his L of C.	APPX A Signal GO 6442

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PICCADILLY	8 June	1630	10 pl DIB made another attempt to cross the BUIN Road at 081355. Their recce group was fired on by very alert sentries, and a cleared booby-trapped area again prevented patrol crossing the Road.	APPX Patrol Report
		2200	15 Bde notified that patrols were moving on the morning 9 June through LAPANA along Cdo Road to the MIVO River, where a base was to be established	APPX A Signal GS 364.
			Immediate reaction was a signal from the CO requesting an interview with the GSO I 3 Div, and instructions being issued to our patrols to have one "bash and return. You are	APPX A Signals 0460 0461 0462

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PICCADILLY			now in Bde area."	
	9 June	0930	A Ft patrol reported activity of enemy in the L10-L10 area 099245.	
			Natives with 7 section reported 17 enemy with rifles at KANAURA 223367 and permission was requested to "do" them. They were told "O.K. - have a smack."	APPX A Signals DA 2. Int 944
		1000	Advice received that as from 18 May Capt SCHLOEFFEL was posted to 7 Fd Amb. and Capt HOLMES now posted as Sgn MO. Also that as from 31 May Capt DUNSTAN, (MC and bar,) had been transferred to 3 NCIB.	
		1120	7 section having recce'd the KANAURA	APPX A Rpt Signal DA 4.

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PICCADILLY	9 June		area had found NOT 17 enemy with rifles but something more like 100 well-armed well-fed and alert NIPS!! It was suggested that an air-strike be arranged and the patrol remain in the area to assess the damage.	
		1200	Two officers from 2/11 Fd Regt arrived and will relieve our present arty staff. Lt LEWIS is the L.O. and Lt KNACGS the FOO.	
		1230	Lt. ATKINSON, comdr of 57/60 Bn patrol, which is moving along the Ledo Road to the MIVO River area, visited the Sqn. Liaison was affected and information exchanged. A signal listening watch is to be kept.	

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PICCADILLY	9 June	1245	A Ips patrol reported that they were unable	APPX A
			to recce TOKUAKA 142234, as the natives	Signal 576.
			had NO idea of the bush.	
		1815	5 section patrol (w/c Lt. BARRETT)	APPX B
			returned. NO suitable targets had been found.	Sitrep 371
			There was so much activity in the area, that the	APPX
			only course was to withdraw. On one occasion	Patrol Reports
			the NIPS had bivouacked on the other side of	
			the river from his base.	
		1830	Good news was received from 15 Fd Amb	APPX A
			that Ipr. COBB, after a long difficult carry	Signal MD 103
			had arrived at the MDS at 1500 L and had	
			regained consciousness at 082000 L.	

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PICCADILLY	9 June	1904	6 section patrol (comd Lt KILLEN) with attached two sections of PIB (o/c Lt. MITCHELL) returned. After extremely close recce of the MIVO ford and much movement being observed, an ambush was set at 117340 at 091230L. After waiting a short time, 13 enemy approached from the WEST, and our ambush opened fire. 11 NIPS were killed and two rifles captured. Tpr SHEDLEY was slightly wounded, and is remaining on duty. PIBs score with RAFFLES FORCE has opened with six of the total kills, 6 section being responsible for the remaining five.	APPX B Sitrep 371.
		2335	Approval was requested for the naming	

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PICCADILLY			of the road KINCORI-RUSEI as BARRETTs	APPX A
			Road — the track TOBONEI-SISIKATAKORI	Signal O 483
			to be KILLENs Track — crossing 106402 to be	3 Div Int. Summary
			ASTILLs Crossing and crossing at 055426 to	No. 194
			be known as CLIFTONs crossing.	
	10 June	0730	The CO departed for Div to interview	
			the C.I. Capt BOTT, 2/11 Fd. Regt, also moved	
			back, returning to his Regt. A ~~~~ party escort	
			was provided by 9 pl 11 Bn. A new L of C via	
			KINCORI - KOPINKO - OSO JUNCTION	
			will be opened, and the patrol will then	
			operate in the PANAKEI area.	
		1000	The signal traffic has been particularly	

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PICCADILLY	10 June		Leavy and for the week ending 8 June 19,369 groups have been passed, which is a record for the Sqn. In the month of May, 71,000 groups were passed. This is independent of traffic to our own patrols	
		1230	Natives in HOUSE WATCH at 077437 were fired on by enemy of unknown strength. There were NO casualties, and the natives withdrew. Patrols investigated. 3 Pl patrol found a number of empty shell-cases, fired from a NIP LMG, and tracks where the enemy had returned SOUTH. All patrols were warned.	Appx B Sitrep 372 Appx A Signal Int 106.
		1430	A second party of natives were fired on by	

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PICCADILLY	10. June		an enemy party moving EAST along bdo Road at KATAKU MISSION 095406.	Appx B Sitrep 372.
		1705	A Tk patrol reported their HQ is now established at 144310, and requested further orders. Patrol was informed of the local enemy movement and instructed to find and kill them if possible.	Appx A Signal 583.
		1730	Fresh meat ration appears to have been slightly reduced lately, and to find steak and onions on the menu this evening was indeed pleasant.	
		2020	B Tp reported hearing firing in the same direction as the action earlier in the day, but	Appx B Sitrep 373.

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PICCADILLY	10 June		later interrogation proved that doubt existed.	Appx B. SITREP 373.
	11 JUNE.	0800.	Lt BARRETT departed for rear to commence his rest period and to arrange arty/R on target located by him near RUSEI.	
		1000	A native watch house 187427 sighted an enemy party moving towards sqn. A partial stand-to was ordered and patrols despatched. On investigation it was found that a party of 14 enemy had slept the night 10/11 JUNE at 089413, and today had patrolled along the track to within 500 yds of B tp.	Appx B. SITREP 374.
		1100.	Advice received from ATKINSON FORCE (S7/60 Bn patrol operating near the MAO RIVER	Appx A Signal GC 2.

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PICCADILLY	11 JUNE	Cont.	on bdo road) that their carrier line had been fired on at 102404, one native being killed and three wounded.	
091459		1145.	A tp's patrol's recce having been completed, it was decided to recall them for local security reasons. Their orders were to move as a fighting patrol, locate and destroy the enemy party operating on the bdo road. Unfortunately our signal was not received.	Appx A Signal JXT 1069.
		1543.	An amendment to 3 Div 0018 made our boundary with 15 Bde the general line of the OGORATA river to KONTAI.	

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PICCADILLY.	11 JUNE	1545.	11 pl PIB established a standing	
091459.			patrol on the ridge 095445.	
		1645.	9 pl PIB reported an enemy position	
			had been located at 029428 but the patrol	
			did not attack as information had	
			been received from 57/60 bn that an	
			attack with tanks and arty support	APPX B.
			was proposed for the morning 11 JUNE.	SITREPS 374
			An ambush was set in view of this	375.
			attack at 052422 but no movement	
			was seen. A listening post was	
			established and the patrol returned.	
			2. 13 pl PIB returned with this	
			patrol and bivouacked the night with	

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PICCADILLY.	11 JUNE	CONT.	with C coy P18. They are en route to	
091459.			join ATKINSON FORCE.	
	12 JUNE.	0730.	B ep and portion of sqn HQ	
			moved to TOKO (c/c Lt ASTILL). The route	
			taken was the new L of C via KINNURI	
			KOPINKO TOHO.	
		0900.	1. Div patrol instruction 3 was	
			received requiring information on the	APPX
			MIVO and MOBIAI river crossings, and	Operation Orders.
			alternative crossings of these rivers.	
			2. 2 sec (Lt PERRY coma) was	
			briefed and will depart 13 JUNE.	
		0945.	13 pl P18 departed to contact	APPX B.
			57/60 bn patrol.	SITREP 376.

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PICCADILLY. 091459.	12 JUNE.	1247.	ATKINSON FORCE requested that we arrange a drop of one week's rations at our DZ, and that we transport the supplies to them. They also advised that they were unable to contact their bn by wireless. Seven days rations for 100 men is a big load, and natives were not available from here. A compromise was made by giving them 3 days' rations from our reserves.	
		1600	A party of ATKINSON FORCE and a line of natives arrived at sqn where they stayed the night. Their carrier line was used to transport the 3 days' rations back to	

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PICCADILLY.	12 JUNE	Cont	ATKINSON FORCE. BASE.	
091459			2. A standing patrol ogus was withdrawn.	
		1630.	Maj WINNING returned from conference at 3 Div. No change appears likely in the matter of the rest period, but the sqn's future task has been elucidated.	
		1645.	3 Div inquired for any information on ATKINSON FORCE. His SITREP was passed on by us and the ration arrangements explained.	Appx A Signals { GO 6500 0728.
	13 JUNE	0700	1. Further party of 20 (o/c Lt MAXWELL) departed for sqn rest camp at TOKO.	

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PICCADILLY	13 JUNE	CONT.	2. Lt KEAM. (nil list sec) left with his	
091459.			party. His visit here has been disappointing	
			and very few photographs were taken	
			of the sqn activities.	
		0730.	1. No.2 sec (Lt PERRY comd) with the	
			FO (Lt NICHOLSON) attached, also Lt SMITH and	APPX B.
			Lt KNAGGS FOO departed for recce of the	SITREP 378.
			BUIN road area between the MOBAI and	
			MIVO rivers.	
			2. 10 pl PIB also departed with the	
			task of clearing the L of C from this HQ	
			to KAPARA.	
		1030.	3 days rations from sqn reserve	
			were despatched to ATKINSON FORCE.	

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PICCADILLY.	13 JUNE	1110 ~~1030~~	Information was received that our	
091459.			previous 2i/c Capt WATSON W.D. had been	
			recommended for appointment as GSO 3(2)	
			on HQ 3 Aust Div.	
		1930.	Our information gained by 10 pl PIB	
			of enemy concentrations at 048428 orders were	
			issued for the pl to attack on the	APPX A.
			morning 14 JUNE. However, Div advised	Signals { GO 6522
			that this position was to be attacked	O 628.
			by D Coy 57/60 Bn at 140930 2, and our	
			orders were counter-manded.	Rss
	14 JUNE	1000.	ATKINSON FORCE advised that the railway	
			line had arrived at 131620 2, and the route	
			along Edo road was free of enemy.	Rss

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PICCADILLY.	14 JUNE.	1130.	2 sec reported their position as	Appx A
091459.			136372 and it was expected to make	Signal 611.
			base that night at 112350.	
			Ignorant or over-cautious native	
			guides had led this party along wandering	
			routes, and it was not until the patrol	
			comd put the guides to the rear and	
			led the pat party across the bush by	
			compass that any useful progress was made.	
		1200.	A late report was received from	
			10 pl PIB that a recce had reported an	
			enemy party of unknown strength at	
			046428. The patrol engaged the enemy,	
			killing one and probably three others	

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PICCADILLY 091459	14 JUNE	CONT	2. Escort patrol arrived from ATKINSON FORCE bringing a Jap map captured in their action 11 JUNE.	
		1600.	Capt CLUTTON, adjt P/B arrived at Sqn HQ. He will liaise in tactical and administrative matters affecting the attachment of C Coy P/B to RAFFLES FORCE.	
		2000.	The constant adm, signal and int demands made on us by ATKINSON FORCE, and the seeming redundance of that FORCE and ourselves with similar tasks operating in the same area, moved the CO to request elucidation of the object of this patrol and our responsibility	Appx A. Signal O 629.

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PICCADILLY.	14 JUNE	CONT.	towards its maintenance.	
091459.			3 Div replied that our assistance	
			had been made necessary by unforseen	Appx A.
			circumstances, and requested our co-operation	Signal GO 6536.
			be continued.	
	15 JUNE.	0730.	11 pl PIB (w/c Capt SMITH) departed as	
			a fighting patrol to the area EAST of the	
			MOBIAI river.	
		0800.	Further details were received of	Appx B.
			the 10 pl PIB action in the VEREKO area,	SITREP { 380
			and the enemy cas for the action were	382.
			now a total of 4 killed and 2 probables	
		0815.	One sec of PIB with attached opn	
			personnel departed as a recce patrol	

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PICCADILLY. 091459	15 JUNE.	CONT	(Lt BROWNE Sig O in comd) to the PIARINO area. The object was to gain further information on the track systems, other than bdo road, in this area.	
		1120.	An immediate signal was received from 3 Div requiring the recall of our recce patrol to the PIARINO area, and stating that no patrols will operate EAST of the MVO until further instructed.	Appx A.
			The patrol was recalled and Div was advised that it was our intention to move the patrol to the vicinity of KORODA.	Signals { GO 6535 O 632 O 633.
			3 Div 00 18 places this area within	

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PICCADILLY. 091459	15 JUNE	CONT.	OUR boundary and it was understood from the GSO I that the restriction on the patrolling EAST of the MIVO did NOT refer to the bad road area.	
		1320.	11 pl PIB patrol located 32 enemy preparing a camp and digging in at 061412. The pl attacked, killing 15 and wounding many more.	APPX B. SITREP 383.
		1430.	9 pl PIB patrol located a strong enemy party also preparing a camp at 063433. The recce party was fired on, and, as the main party was being out-flanked, the patrol withdrew after a short exchange of fire. Enemy cas unknown: own nil	APPX B. SITREP 383.

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PICCADILLY. 091445-9.	15 JUNE.	1500.	Native scouts reported a strong enemy force estimated 70 at 066445 moving NE towards this HQ. NO.3 sec (u/c Lt LAWSON-DOOK) was immediately despatched to set an ambush. This patrol returned at 1900 hrs without sighting the enemy who had apparently returned SOUTH.	APPX B. STREP 383.
		1545	Six Chinese refugees arrived at sqn from STUART (AIB) HQ.	
		1600	3 Div had apparently made a mistake in map refs causing misunderstanding of the area of ops of our MARINO patrol, and corrected this by giving authority for this patrol to continue.	APPX A. Signal GO 6540

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PICCADILLY.	15 JUNE.	1610.	11 pl 2/1 R returned to C coy.	APPX B.
091459.		1900.	The exasperated Lt BROWNE returned from the abortive PIARINO patrol.	SITREP 384
		2100.	In view of the threat to sqn HQ by strong marauding enemy patrols, the CO forwarded an appreciation to Div making the deduction that the enemy pressed on the BUIN road front, would attempt an outflanking movement on the vulnerable Edo road. It was therefore requested that the portion of the sqn resting at TOKO ~~bay~~ be recalled forthwith. The rest period to continue when the situation is more suitable.	APPX A. Signal O 636.

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PICCADILLY. 091459	16 JUNE.	0235.	A boundary amendment to 3 Div 0018 was received from Div. The boundary RAFFLES FORCE - AIB is to be the line of the OAMAI RIVER, but, by arrangement with AIB, we may patrol EAST as far as the SILIBAI. The area between the OAMAI and the SILIBAI is defined as common to Ourselves and AIB.	Appx A. Signal GO 6543
		0345.	Instructions were received from 3 Div that recce was to commence for a new ops base in KUKUGAI area	Appx A. Signal GO 6544
		0810.	A signal from Lt BARRETT passed on the information that Spr GUERIN had made a successful arty R flight over the	Appx A. Signal AGB 199.

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PICCADILLY.	16 JUNE.	CONT	enemy concentration located by 5 sec near	APPX 3 Div Summary.
091459			RUSEI.	
		1100.	In reply to signal from ANGAU, TOKO recalling Lt ROBERTS, it was requested that his services be retained to accompany the CO on the KUKUGAI recce. This was necessary for the satisfactory handing over of the MARCUS line of BUIN natives to ANGAU control.	APPX A.
			These natives at present are the responsibility of AIB under the direct control of MARCUS, the PARAMOUNT Luluai of the BUIN area. ANGAU, TOKO, concurred to all our requests. Capt WATSON will report to ANGAU, TOKO.	Signals { RO 20 / O 0640 / RO 22/.

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PICCADILLY.	16 JUNE.	CONT.	and ~~require~~ provide the information required by them.	
091459		1200.	Remainder of the recce patrol to PIARNG who, after being separated from the main body, had returned via STUART'S HQ, arrived at sqn.	
		1300.	3 Div advised that ATKINSON FORCE would be increased in strength, and pointed out that this would improve security to our flank.	Appx A. Signal GO 6555.
			It also stated that there would be no recall of the resting portion of the sqn unless the situation became more serious. A reply was sent expressing our satisfaction with the present situation	Appx A. Signal O 6652.

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PICCADILLY	16 JUNE.	1800.	No. 2 sec patrol returned from the	
091456			MIVO RIVER area. Information on crossings of	
			the MIVO and OAMAI rivers had been gained and	APPX B.
			an ambush set at 122341 had killed all of a	SITREP 386.
			party of 7 enemy at 861020 without loss.	
		2019.	The Air Force bomb-line was amended	APPX A.
			All bombing WEST of the general line of the	Signal AIR 717.
			OAMAI river is now "tactical"	
	17 JUNE.	0400.	Advice was received of the change	
			of boundary with 15 Bde. The line of the	APPX A
			MIVO is to be ~~included~~ 15 Bde, but our	Signal GO 62-61.
			present tasks WEST of this line will be	
			completed.	

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PICCADILLY 091459.	17 JUNE	0645.	A security patrol from 9 pl PIB left this HQ to RV Lt BUCKRIDGE and capt MCMICHAEL at WINCHESTER junc 995446 and escort them to this HQ.	
		0800.	1. FOO with 10 pl PIB escort moved out to bde road in search of arty tasks.	
			2. Capt WATSON (ANGAU) departed for TOKO.	
		0830.	1. 15 bde, in their op instr 10, indicated swift progress would be made with their plan of ops in their new area. ATKINSON FORCE is to be increased and active patrolling projected. This will enable our move further EAST to be accelerated.	Appx A. Signal. GS 442
			2. The wounded AIB PW arrived with	

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PICCADILLY.	17 JUNE	CONT.	two native bearers carrying him, suspended	
091459.			from a single pole, in a small cage,	
			and looking most uncomfortable.	
		1146.	A signal was received from ATKINSON	
			FORCE stating that enemy were in	
			occupation of ASTILL'S Crossing 105503 and he	Appx A.
			intended moving his base WEST of the	SIGNAL. 0487.
			MIVO river. An air drop on his DZ had	
			been arranged, and it was imperative	
			that this be cancelled. As the time over target	
			was notified as 1200 hrs there was hardly	
			time for a signal to be acted upon by	
			Div, and for AIR FORCE to cancel the drop.	
			A Douglas a/c was already dropping	

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PICCADILLY. 091459.	17 JUNE	CONT.	on our DZ and the CO had the happy inspiration to contact it by wireless in the hope that the crew could signal base and stop the drop. Fortunately the Douglas was on the air and the message passed. At this moment two BEAUFORTS were circling ATKINSON'S DZ and the signal was flashed from the base to the Beauforts just as the bomb-bays were opening — thus depriving the Nips of a supply of SWPA rations and ammunition.	
		1500.	A recce patrol investigating Edo road reported an enemy party strength 30 located	

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PICCADILLY 091459.	17 JUNE	1500. (CONT.)	on the high ground at 085416. It was suspected that an ambush was also laid by the enemy on bdo road.	APPX B. SITREP 388.
			Native scouts returned from bdo road and reported a further Nip party in the vicinity of MATARAS 078418. No Opl PIB were instructed to move to this area and belt it with arty.	APPX A. SIGNAL. 064.
		1530.	No 10 pl PIB reported their location at ~~063~~ at 063424.	APPX A. SIGNAL.
		1630.	Advice was received from 3 Div. that Lt CLIFTON was to move forthwith to 2 AUST ARMY JUNIOR LEADERS' SCHOOL after which he would be allotted as Ints Org Unit.	APPX A Signal A203.

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PICCADILLY 091459.	17 JUNE.	1655	10 pl P/B reported locating an enemy position at 086425. The patrol was fired on by enemy with LMGs and rifles at 171545L. They intend engaging with arty.	APPX A. SIGNAL.
		1800.	9 pl P/B returned and reported the enemy concentration at MATARAS was a minimum of 28 strong, preparing a camp. There were indications that this party was reinforced by enemy for the KINGORI area	
		1930.	Capt McMICHAEL and Lt BUCKRIDGE arrived with 9 pl P/B ~~escort~~. Concern had been felt over the late arrival of this party, especially in view of the enemy situation. Their native guide had chosen to lead them by	

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PICCADILLY.	17. JUNE	CONT.	wandering trails which resulted in the GSO III & being too weary and foot-sore to return the following day.	
091495.				
	18 JUNE.	0730	1. The A1B PW was moved, this time by orthodox stretcher, to 3 Div.	
			2. Security patrols from A Sp and P1B departed to examine all tracks in the area for signs of enemy movement. To permit this, the P1B patrol to ASTILL'S crossing was cancelled.	
			3. 9 pl P1B with FOO (Lt KNAGGS) departed to engage the enemy position at 085246. Lt DOWLING commanded the patrol.	

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PICCADILLY. 091459.	18 JUNE.	1000	CO, 2i/c and Capt McMICHAEL held a conference and discussed the new sqn priorities. Priority I, according to the trace, has been completed.	
			Priority II (the recce for suitable out-flanking routes in the MIVO river area) will be implemented forthwith.	APPX A. SIGNALS { GO 6544. O 650.
			Priority III, the recce EAST of the OAMAI river would commence on the return of B tp from TOKO.	
			The point arose of the priority of the CO's recce for the new sqn base, and, on reference to Div, instructions were received that this was to be priority I.	Rm

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PICCADILLY.	18 JUNE.	1240.	10 pl P18 located strong enemy position	APPX B.
091459.			astride bdo road at 064425. The position was	SITREP 390.
			engaged by arty, and 60 rounds were plastered	
			on the target.	
		1545	Having located an enemy position	
			at 077416 the arty engaged with 60 rounds.	APPX B.
			Our patrol (9 pl P18) investigated and	SITREP 391.
			found the enemy had withdrawn	
		1600	The local security patrols returned	
			having found no enemy.	
	19 JUNE.	0400	Signal received from 3 Div requiring	APPX A.
			the CO discuss with Capt McMICHAEL the strength	SIGNAL GO 6593.
			of the recce party proceeding to the KUKUGAI	
			area, and all aspects of the proposed move.	

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PICCADILLY. 091459.	19 JUNE	0830.	1. Lt BUCKRIDGE and Capt McMICHAEL departed. 2. Patrols for KUKUGAI and to complete priority 2 of 3 Div patrol instruction 3 were postponed owing to the non-arrival of native guides.	
		1200.	A 9 pl P/B recce party investigating the arty target at 077416 ambushed an enemy patrol at 081415. The enemy gave a short return of fire and withdrew. Three enemy were killed and one wounded, for no loss to ourselves.	APPX B SITREP 392.
			The recce was continued and the position at 077416 found occupied by 60 enemy. The patrol withdrew, and, at 1330 hrs, the	

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PICCADILLY.	19 JUNE	CONT.	target was re-engaged by arty.	
~~0191~~ 091459.			The enemy in this position have	
			since proved most tenacious. It is probable	
			that they have been re-inforced for they	
			have offered very strong resistance to troops	
			of 24 bn.	
			The patrol returned at 1530 hrs.	
		1600	10 pl PIB reported their present location	
			was 069423. In their area several deserted	APPX B
			well-prepared enemy positions were found.	SITREP 392.
			No task being found, the patrol returned,	
			arriving at sqn at 1810 hrs.	
		1630.	The AUSTER SDS made a late drop of	
			despatches rights over PICCADILLY, and the pilot	

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PICCADILLY. 091459.	19 JUNE	CONT	(ADV FISHER) cheerily dropped us some surrender leaflets and a note suggesting we deliver them personally to the Nips!	APPX.
		1845.	Advice received from 3 Div that approval had been given for the promotion of Lt MARTIN R.D. to the rank of Capt as from 7 JUNE 45.	APPX 1. SIGNAL 16 2274.
	20 JUNE	0730	3 Sec patrol (u/c Lt LAWSON-DOOK) departed for the area EAST of the MIVO river	APPX B SITREP 394.
		1745.	With the object of reducing the period necessary for establishing the new sqn base, 3 Div instructed that our rest period was to be reduced from 14 days to 10.	APPX A SIGNAL GO 6612

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PICCADILLY.	20 JUNE	CONT.	This will both expedite the sqn movement	
091459.			and the completion of the priorities required	
			by Div.	
		1805.	The CO advised ANGAU TOKO that	
			Lt ROBERTS and he were moving on a	APPX A
			recce of the KUKUGAI area the following day,	SIGNAL O 653.
			and it was required that Capt WATSON	
			return as soon as possible.	
			It was advised that Capt WATSON	
			would be delayed for an important	
			conference, and could not return before	
			23 JUNE.	
	21 JUNE	0730.	The CO and his recce party departed	
			to initiate the establishing of the new Sqn base	

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PICCADILLY.	21 JUNE	CONT	in the KUKUGAI area	
091459.		0800	Capt MARTIN and Lt BROWNE departed	
			for a short rest period at TOKO	
		1000	3 sec patrol reported their HQ	APPX A
			established at 136375. Owing to enemy	SIGNALS
			activity they had moved from the	
			bivouac of the previous night at 140367.	
		1030.	By liaison with arty attached to	APPX A
			ATKINSON FORCE and our arty LO, 72 rounds	SIGNALS. 0708 0709.
			were brought down on a concentration of	
			60 Nips at MATARAS (079418)	
		1245.	A signal received from 3 Div	APPX A
			recommended that our base should not	SIGNAL GO 6626
			be established further EAST than KUKUGAI.	

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PICCADILLY 091459.	21 JUNE	CONT.	as our area of ops would be primarily the MIVO SILIBAI rivers area. This narrowing of our range of ops was apparently the result of the enemy's increased resistance and delay of the Bde advance.	
		1345.	3 Div requested any further information on enemy dispositions in the MIVO ford area. They were referred to our patrol report vide 3 Div patrol instruction 3.	APPX A SIGNAL GO 6627.
		1800.	The CO's recce party reported their present position as AKAREI 186486 and requested Tac R pin-point location.	APPX A. SIGNAL O 654.
			A message dropped by the Tac R pilot	APPX.

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PICCADILLY.	21 JUNE	CONT	at 221630L gave the position as 188491.	
091459	22 JUNE	0700	The new courier system started	
			and it is hoped that it will prove	APPX A.
			more dependable than it has done in	SIGNAL Q 11.
			the past.	
		0910	The KUKUGAI patrol reported native	
			information that a large enemy party	APPX A.
			had been seen ~~had been seen~~ moving	SIGNAL of 211800L.
			WEST, possibly to Edo road. This is very	
			likely to be the party who attacked 2nd Bn,	APPX B
			C coy, so strongly at approx 221030L.	SITREP 398.
		1020.	A further inquiry was received from	
			3 Div requesting further information on the	APPX A
			MOBIAI MIVO river crossings.	SIGNAL GO 6636

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PICCADILLY.	22 JUNE	CONT.	No further information was available	APPX A.
091459.			but all that we had gained was	SIGNAL INT 1100.
			summarised and forwarded.	
		1300.	Lt EDWARDS, comd 13 pl PIB attached	
			ATKINSON FORCE, visited the sqn bringing sick	APPX.
			5/60 bn personnel for admission to our	Letter of thanks.
			"hospital."	
			As this force is apparently still very	
			much out of touch with the general	
			situation, Lt EDWARDS was enlightened as	
			to the position at the moment.	
		1415.	No. 3 sec patrol reported topographical	APPX A.
			information, and intimated that their	SIGNAL RD 6
			patrolling of the MVO ford area had been	

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PICCADILLY	22 JUNE	CONT.	restricted due to our shelling	
091459.			Request was made to RAA 3 Div for	APPX A.
			no shelling of this area for 23 JUNE, and	SIGNALS { WL 33
			Lt LAWSON-DOOR was advised.	INT 1018
		1530.	Lts ASTIN, MAXWELL and BARRETT returned	
			from TORO with the majority of the rest	
			party. It is problematical that the rest	
			period has cured more than it has	
			induced illness	
		1630.	1. No 3 Sec advised that their recce	APPX A.
			patrol had been unable to cross the	SIGNALS RD 8.
			BUIN road near the OAMAI river owing to	~~SITREP~~ APPX B.
			frequent enemy troop movement. The Nip	SITREP 400.
			had established house watches with alert	

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PICCADILLY. 091459.	22 JUNE	CONT	sentries at regular intervals along the road. Two of the three native guides deserted the patrol.	
			2. The CO's recce patrol reported their present position was approx 207523 and requested Tac R pin point on the morning of 23 JUNE.	APPX A. SIGNAL O 658.
		1720	FO STUART (AIB) advised that the CO had arrived with Lt ROBERTS at 1400 hrs	APPX A SIGNAL TF 50.
		1835.	No 3 sec reported having found enemy occupying the EAST bank of ASTILL'S crossing.	APPX A.
			Timber had been cut and stacked as if ready for use in the preparation of defensive posns.	SIGNAL. RD 10.

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PICCADILLY. 091459.	23 JUNE	0730	(1) Lt MARTIN W departed for rear with party for rest period. This party escorted four Chinese refugees released by A18.	
			(x) Lcp LEWIS and KNAGGS departed to return to 2/11 for regt. They will NOT be replaced.	
		0800.	(1) Advice received that the CO's recce party had bivouacked the night 22/23 JUN at 207523. They had contacted A18 HQ at 221400L.	Appx B. SITREP 400.
			(x) No. 3 sec patrol advised that four attempts to cross the BUIN road in the vicinity of the OAMAI river had been unsuccessful. The enemy, established in watch houses along the road, proved very alert, and fired on our patrol at 138337.	Appx B. SITREP 400.
		0739.	3 sec reported that two of the natives with the recce party had deserted when the	

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PICCADILLY	23 JUNE	CONT	patrol was fired on, and returned to base. The	APPX A.
091459.			patrol carried on with one scout.	SIGNAL RD 11.
		1124.	3 sec patrol to the MIVO FORD area	APPX A
			returned to patrol base, having also been unable	SIGNAL RD 12.
			to cross the BUIN road, due to enemy activity	APPX B
			in the area	SITREP 401.
		1400.	1. A cryptic message from Lt LAWSON-DOOK (3sec)	
			stated that he thought his patrol to the OAMAI	APPX A.
			river would run into the bombing taking	SIGNAL RD 13.
			place at 1200 hrs, nicely. Fortunately his patrol	
			was clear of the enemy.	
			2. Capt WATSON (ANGAU) and Chap ROBINSON (ANGAU)	
			arrived sqn.	
		1810.	The CO advised having returned from his	APPX A.
			recce for a sqn base near KUKUGAI. The area	SIGNAL JFS 2.
			had been found entirely unsuitable.	

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PICCADILLY. 091459.	23 JUNE.	1900.	In answer to 3 Div signal advising that Lt STACKPOOLE'S transfer to sqn would be delayed owing to his being unfit for tropical service for 2 months, a reply was sent stating that we did NOT require the transfer to stand.	APPX A SIGNALS {AG 2322 A 658.
	24 JUNE	0730	(i) Lt PERRY and 20 A tp personnel moved to TOKO for rest period. (ii) The B tp patrols, consisting of a sub-sec (i/c Lt BARRETT) and another sub-sec (under Lt MAXWELL) departed to recce the area between the OAMAI and SILIBAI rivers in accordance with 3 Div patrol instr 4.	
		0800.	The camp water problem is not entirely solved by the parachute-tank contraption, so our engrs have constructed a flying-fox	

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PICCADILLY. 091459.	24 JUNE	CONT.	drawing water from the foob of a 150 ft cliff. This is operated by the infallible method of muscle-power, but is still preferable to the long carry up the hill.	
		1000.	Lt TEANE, an offr from 57/60 bn, ATKINSON FORCE, who had been admitted to our hospital, was discharged and is now awaiting the opportunity to return to his unit.	
		1430.	Lt BARRETT'S patrol reported that his natives did NOT know the country WEST of the SILIBAI. This message was intercepted at STUART'S HQ, where the CO (~~who~~ there ~~was~~ at the time,) arranged to send him replacements. From sqn HQ, a boss boy was sent to bring the natives into line, as it was apparent	APPX A. SIGNAL 981.

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		1500.	No. 3 sec patrol reported having completed their tasks as far as possible and requested our concurrence to their return on 25 JUNE. Lt DOOK was instructed that, if his recce was completed, he may return.	APPX A. SIGNAL RD 20. APPX A. SIGNAL of 241600L.
		1535.	A lengthy signal from the CO gave a general report on the area, describing in strong terms the ruggedness of the terrain. NO suitable site for a sqn base had been found, the difficulties being, distance and height from water and the fact that any DZ would be plainly visible to the enemy from AKU to BUIN	APPX. CO's letter to 2i/c
			The following day, a fuller report was received.	

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PICCADILLY. 094459	24 JUNE.	1830.	Chaplain ROBINSON conducted an informal service in the camp hospital. The service was well attended, and a native choir's singing was much appreciated.	
		2040.	The MO being required at TORO for a period of 5 days, it was requested that Capt ROBIE of the PIB take over his duties in his absence. PIB advised that Capt ROBIE would NOT be available as he was visiting B coy.	APPX A. SIGNALS { M.D 35. A 162.
	25 JUNE.	1030.	The IO (Lt NICHOLSON) gave a lecture to B Hq on the current situation.	
		1145.	Lt MAXWELL advised that his base was established at 174364.	APPX A. SIGNAL M1.
		1530.	NO. 3 sec returned. The patrol had been unable to complete its recce SOUTH of the BUIN	APPX B. SITREP 405.

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PICCADILLY. 091459.	25 JUNE	CONT.	road, but the area to the NORTH had been well covered and much info gained.	
			It may be possible for 6 MAXWELL to complete the SOUTHERN areas from his base as an additional task.	
		1545.	The PIB escort and 4 sqn members of the CO's recce party returned to sqn, the object being to reduce the size of the party, and thus conserve their present ration holding. The	APPX B. SITREP 405. APPX A.
			base is now established at KUKIPAINO (approx 188491)	SIGNAL A 668.
	26 JUNE	0500.	Carrier line departed for new sqn base.	
		0800 (1)	Lt TEAME 57/60 bn returned to his unit.	
		(2)	3 Rec departed for rest period at TOKO.	
		0900	3 Div OO rg received. On 15 bde reaching its objective of the MIVO river line, our boundary will be the general line of the	

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PICCADILLY. 091489.	26 JUNE	CONT.	OAMAI river incl to 15 bde. Movement to the new sqn base will be begin NOT later than 8 JULY, and the patrol policy, already received verbally, was confirmed. This patrol policy has already been put into operation.	APPX D. Patrol Instrs and Operation Orders
		0940.	Lt BARRETT'S patrol reported having bivouacked the night at 184398, and they would establish base to day.	
		1400.	Maj BREHENY DAAMG 3 Div pointed out that the percentage of non recovery of tea milk and sugar from air drops was unduly high. He "respectfully suggested that the high consumption of tea required by forward troops MAY have some relation with the non recovery of these items." It was reported that close check was kept on	APPX A SIGNALS { O/G 6201 O 636

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PICCADILLY. 091457.	26 JUN	CONT.	dropping and recovery, and we were able to assure 3 Div that our returns of non-recovery were correct.	
		1530	(1) Capt MARTIN and Lt BROWNE returned from TOKO.	
			(2) Lt-col ELLIOT-SMITH CO PIB and Lt CAFFREY (20) arrived C coy PIB.	
		1647.	Lt MAXWELL'S patrol reported that our own shelling and bombing in the vicinity of the OIMAI river had prevented their recce patrol crossing the BUIN road.	APPX A SIGNAL 113. APPX B STREA 407.
	27 JUN	0800	(1) Capt STEPHENS, capt HOLMES, Lt DOOK and party of ORs departed for TOKO.	
			(2) Capt MARTIN will adm comd.	
		0900	Signal from 3 Div consolidating info from PW interrogation indicated	

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PICCADILLY. 091459.	29 JUN	CONT	important movement from the BUIN area to the line of the MIVO river, including not only NAVAL troops and our counter-parts of (a sqn of 6 cav regt), but 5 tankettes and 6 lt AA guns. Lts MAXWELL and BARRETT were instructed to establish OPs on the BUIN road and report on this movement.	APPX A. SIGNALS { GI 1270. INT 1126
		1800	(1) Request received from CO for an air drop of 2000 native rations on 29 JUN at KILIPIANO DZ 185490.	APPX A SIGNALS { O 663 Q 201.
			(2) Spr SCHWENKE returning sick from Lt MAXWELL'S patrol observed footprints of 8 enemy moving WEST along the track from STUART'S old HQ towards SQN. He found the area where the Nips had bivouacked night 26/27 JUN. and, feeling uneasy, broke trail to camp.	APPX B SITREP 410.

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PICCADILLY.	28 JUN.	0630.	Further to the PW info reported yesterday	
091459			In course of discussion at Div Capt STEPHENS	
			reasoned that a PW from this area would	APPX A
			be a valuable acquisition. As our patrols	
			had been instructed not to disclose their	SIGNALS { KS 1 INT 1132 0 664
			presence in the area the matter was	
			referred to the CO to initiate further orders	INT 1136.
			to the patrols. The orders were given to	
			both Lts MAXWELL'S and BARRETT'S patrols	
			and the task added to their numerous	
			priorities.	
		0730	Lt Col ELLIOT-SMITH and Lt CAFFREY departed	
		0840.	CO advised that he was preparing	APPX A.
			Sqn site near KILIPIANO 186485. This position	SIGNALS { S2 INT 1133.
			was considered the best available in view	
			of the time permitted by 3 Div 0019.	Rm

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PICCADILLY. 091459.	28 JUN.	CONT.	It is stated that the LofC would be one long arduous days' march. The base would be a suitable springboard for a further move EAST.	
		0955.	Capt STEPHENS advised that, after discussion with the G.I., the question of whether AIB or ANGAU be in control of our natives, had been adjusted. ANGAU is to continue as previously – the only satisfactory arrangement. The signal also advised that Lts BAIRD and CLIFTON had gone to take up their postings as instructors with training units.	APPX A. SIGNALS { S2 INT 1133.
		1100.	In reply to our request for air drop at the new DZ, Div advised that the drop was subject to approval by Tac R prior to	

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PICCADILLY 091459.	28 JUN	CONT.	drop. At least 48 hours' notice was required so that there would be no drop before 30 JUNE.	APPX A SIGNALS { RM 6219. Q 265.
		1330.	Lt MAXWELL reported his patrol had been unable to cross the BUIN road due to enemy activity. The Nip was becoming extremely vigilant on BUIN road, and in this area was building huts at all creek crossings. Natives with the patrol reported an enemy gun in the area 164314 and this was checked by sound bearings by the patrol.	APPX A SIGNAL M 9. APPX B. SITREP 411
		1430.	Message, brought in by hand, by boss boy LEO from Lt BARRETT'S patrol, stated that base had been established in square 1939. Patrols would proceed from there.	APPX A. SIGNAL GB 4.

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PICCADILLY. 091459.	29 JUN.	1318	An amendment to 3 Div 00119 was received postponing D-day from 3 JUL to 10 JUL. This may decrease the urgency for the sqn move to its new base.	APPX A SIGNAL. GO 6706.
		1905.	Advice received from 3 Div that new DZ/C at 185490 would have its "official opening" on 30 JUNE.	APPX A SIGNAL. QM 6234.
	30 JUN.	0730.	Capt CLUTTON adjt P/B and Chaplain ROBINSON departed.	
		0800.	During night 29/30 JUN, Gnr McCLEAN, a patient at the camp hospital, became very ill. With the MO absent, no diagnosis could be made and it was decided to evacuate him to 15 fd amb. A stretcher party carried him to ROSE 1 junction.	APPX A SIGNAL A 368.

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PICCADILLY	30 JUN.	1012	Instructions received from the CO to	APPX A.
091459.			commence forwarding all possible stores to new base;	SIGNAL O 666.
			but NO personnel were to be moved yet.	
		1117.	Sgt CLARK has been appointed Lt as from	
			25 JUN 45. He is the first sqn member to be	APPX A
			appointed to commissioned rank in the field. The	SIGNALS { A 241
			CO's congratulations were forwarded to him at rear.	O 744.
		1750.	Lt YOUNG, RK recce offr 2/4 regt, arrived	
			sqn. His batman found the strain of	
			walking in the muddy hills too strenuous, and	
			was carried in in a state of collapse.	
		1820.	Lt BARRETT'S patrol reported continuous	APPX A
			enemy troop movement on the BOIN road near	SIGNAL GB 7.
			the PORROR R. crossing 975322. A concentration	APPX B.
			of 50 enemy at 231345 was located, and	STREP 416.
			activity observed at other points.	

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