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WAR DIARY

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2/10 AUST CDO ~~REGT~~ SQN

LOCATION : AITAPE EAST : VOKAU
SUAIN EAST : SUAIN PTN VS25318
FORK : VS56291
LUAIN : VS51308

DATE : JAN 45

On 8 JAN SQN left its base camp at VOKAU and proceeded by MT to SUAIN PTN : VS25318 where it came under comd 2/3 AUST MG BN. 18 JAN SQN less skeleton staff left SUAIN PTN and less C TP moved to FORK VS56291, C TP moving to 2/3 AUST MG BN area at LUAIN VS51308. SQN less A TP carried out clearing patrols in area bounded by DANSAU (ANGAU LP) VS86280 BALUP VS58263 OUTLOOK VS72291. A TP guarded BTY of 2/2 AUST FD REGIMENT on WEST bank of DANMAP RIVER. 24 JAN approx C TP relieved A TP. 26 JAN approx SQN under comd 2/6 AUST CAV (COMMANDO) REGT and on 27 JAN C TP left FORK en route WALUM VS79190 via MALIN VS38240. On night 27/28 JAN DANMAP and DANIMUL RIVERS flooded compelling SQN HQ and B TP to evacuate hurriedly. During the night 2 offrs and 17 o/Rs were swept down the river and four o/Rs lost their lives. A total of fifteen personnel were evacuated to 2/7 A.D.S. for observation and treatment. C TP en route WALUM was isolated for three days but suffered no loss of life. Considerable equipment and all records were lost. SQN less C TP returned LUAIN where partly re-equipped.

During month Capt WELSH took over duties of 2 i/c and on evacuation of Capt WOODHOUSE to 2/7 A.D.S became adm. comd. with LT. CATER as 2 i/c.

Surfing and swimming was freely indulged in at SUAIN and FORK respectively.

On morning of 28 ~~FEB~~ 2/3 BTY 2/2 AUST FD REGT very generously provided breakfast, cigarettes and tobacco for flood refugees.

Squadron strengths : 1 JAN 15 offrs 220 o/Rs
31 JAN 13 " 201 "

JAN.	
1-27	all records lost.
28	0500 Roll call parade. Capt WOODHOUSE M.C. Lt. BOWD and 17 O/Rs missing.
	0600 Crossed DANIMUL RIVER to 2/3 BTY 2/2 AUST FD REGT position. Breakfast supplied and cigarettes and tobacco distributed by 2/3 BTY.
	0730 : Salvage parties working at FORK. VS56291
	1400 : Sqn less A and C TPS moved to LUAIN VS51308 and joined A TP.
	Search parties under Lts. ~~Lilles~~ and CARR unable locate bodies.
	During the day all missing personnel other than WO II DICKSON, SX TPR SIMMS E; ~~TPR~~ W NX TPR WEBSTER N and TPR NOONAN located alive. Body of TPR SIMMS found. Capt WOODHOUSE LT BOWD and 13 o/Rs evacuated to 2/7 MDS.
	C TP isolated at VS25204

JAN

29 Salvage parties to FORK located most of missing arms but little else.

Body of TPR WEBSTER and body of WO II DICKSON found.

C TP contacted patrol from 2/9 AUST CDO SQN.

30 Re-equipment of personnel effected in large measure.

0730 Sjt HARLEY and 4 o/Rs two day patrol to ANGILP (DANSAU) V486280

Cpl BRADSHAW and 3 o/Rs patrol to OUTLOOK V572291 unable to cross DANMAP RIVER.

C TP returned to SOLITA V628232

31. Further equipment distributed

1310 Sjt HARLEY and party returned. NMS.

0700 C TP left for WALUM V579190

1145 C TP arrived WALUM.

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War Diary

(2/10 Aust. Commando Sqn).

LOCATION : REF MAP: SUHIN EAST V551308.

FEB 1945. REF MAP. HANU EAST V598031.

The month of February saw the squadron once more engaged in active operations. The squadron relieved 2/7 AUST CDO SQN at WALUM V579190 and NILU V567092. In doing so the SQN crossed the TORRICELLI RANGE and moved down its southern slopes to the foothills. After a short stay at NILU the squadron pushed further south and established its base at AM1 (2) V598031 where it remained. It was subsequently joined at this location by ADV. RHQ.

The area was a populous one with many native villages dotted along steep sided ridges. They formed in many instances natural defensive positions which were made use of both by the squadron and the enemy. The nature of the terrain rendered an adequate water supply and a good position difficult to obtain but holes dug in steppes usually produced enough for essential requirements and the natives proved only too willing as water carriers. This was supplemented by water caught from the shelter tents.

The role of the squadron was both protective and offensive. It operated as protection on the left flank of the 2/5 AUST INF BN and later the 2/7 AUST INF BN and was to move in a generally south-eastern direction towards MAPRIK A673993 destroying any enemy encountered en route.

The shortage of personnel both officers and men, the large area involved and the difficult terrain called for great endurance from the members of the troops. Towards the latter part of the month all three troops were committed occupying outpost positions and a skeleton force remained at sqn HQ.

After the first few surprise contacts the enemy proved themselves stubborn and determined. While not engaging in offensive action against the squadron they stubbornly defended their positions - this despite the fact that they had no support weapons. Towards the end of the month there was evidence of a consolidation of the enemy's forces against the advance of the squadron.

Early operations were hampered by our own lack of support weapons. This was largely remedied by the addition of 2" mortars to the WE at the rate of 1 per troop and by the attachment to the squadron of a 3" mortar section from the 2/7 AUST. INF. BN.

The squadron at all times received the closest co-operation from 7, 8 and 100 squadrons RAAF operating in this area. Requests for air strikes were promptly acceded to. only one was refused and that because of the planes inability to leave owing to adverse weather conditions.

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The problem of supply was largely met by air dropping but in many cases the droppings showed a haphazard organisation with no proper regard to the priority of requirements. at no time was the squadron able to muster its first line ammunition and frequently had no reserve at all in the squadron. ammunition for the support weapons was also in short supply. Food supplies were maintained at a reasonable level and occasionally such unexpected items as fresh meat, hard boiled eggs and asparagus appeared on the menu. supplies to the forward troops was effected by native lines.

mail both outwards and inwards was necessarily very irregular. a few canteen supplies were dropped and a few ACF issues made.

On general the natives proved very well disposed towards our troops. their assistance in keeping the squadron and troops informed of enemy movement and providing guides and sentries was invaluable. Hostile natives were known to be operating against our troops from the MAPRIK AREA.

Known casualties inflicted by the squadron upon the enemy amounted to 59 killed while a further 23 dead were counted as a result of RAAF action at the request of the squadron. our own battle casualties suffered were 2 offrs 3 o/Rs killed and 8 o/Rs wounded.

The strength of the squadron at 1 FEB was 15 offrs and 212 o/Rs and at 28 FEB was 12 offrs and 199 o/Rs.

The reports of the medical officer, the Signals officer and the Hygiene inspector appear as appendices to the diary. attached also is a map covering the area of the squadrons operations.

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2/10 Aust. Bde. Sqn.

Feb 1945.

Location: ~~Lurain~~ Luain V551308
NANU EAST: AMI (2) V598031

FEB		REMARKS.
1	1 AUST ARMY area changed to K time. Sqn preparing move NILU V567092 via WALUM V579190. Pictures 19 AUST INF BDE area. C TP. 0700 left WALUM for NILU. 1645 arrived NILU	
2.	0600 ADV. S&N and A TP left LURAIN for NILU 0630 Balance S&N less C TP for NILU 1530 ATP arrived ~~NILU~~ WALUM. 1600 - 1900 balance S&N less C TP WALUM. LT. ROPER and 2 O/Rs left on track. C TP: Camp clearing NILU.	
3.	0700: Portion of S&N for NILU. arrived 1800. C TP: 0830 LT. EWING and 15 O/Rs patrol to YAKINAMO. 1 JAP killed. Returned 1645.	
4.	S&N NILU and WALUM. Camp clearing NILU. clearing patrols dawn and dusk.	
5.	0715. LT. MAXWELL and 21 O/Rs to MAGIBUL V597068 to BARAHITIMA V589072. Returned 1605. N.M.S. 0715: LT. PERKINS and 21 O/Rs to BEMBITOK V590048. Reported S&N area and DZ at AMI (2) V598031. N.M.S. Returned 1715.	
6.	0730 LTS CATER and ~~LILES~~ CARR and 22 O/Rs A TP to establish base BEMBITOK 3 O/Rs to WANITENIP. V587043 Distribution PKs and writing paper. ACF.	
7.	0730 CAPT WELSH and party to BEMBITOK LT. LAND and 5 O/Rs to RECCE L of C to WALUM. A TP: patrolling BEMBITOK area.	
9	1200 LT. LILES and 9 O/Rs to BEMBITOK. arrived 1540. 0730 LT. ROBINSON and 6 O/Rs escord BDE liaison officers to BULAMITA V506041 0740 1 Cpl 5 O/Rs escort line to WALUM. 2 O/Rs A TP ration line to BEMBITOK A TP: HQ established at AMI (2) V599031	

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FEB	
8 (contd)	Ambush to MISANGAI V609027 at first light. No contact.
9	1315. LT. ROBINSON and party returned. 1400 Balance A TP departed for AMI 2. arrived 1700. A TP: patrols to [redacted] BEMBITOK and river junc V593049: N.M.S.
10	0430 Lt Liles and section to V594043. 10 JAPS engaged: 5 killed. WX20414 TPR PUNLOTT LM wounded. 0800 ADV. HQ plus B TP minus LT. PERKINS and 19 O/Rs to AMI 2. LT. PERKINS and party to BEMBITOK. arrived 1115. 1200 Balance sqn less skeleton personnel less C TP to AMI 2. arrived 1630. 1330 LT PERKINS and 8 O/Rs patrol to V594040. 1 unarmed jap sun. 1500 LT CATER and 2 O/Rs recce patrol to ALLAGLOOP V597038.
11.	Stand to dawn and dusk: perimeter clearing patrols. 0800: Lt Roper and 10/0/Rs recce patrol to V608998. Six japs sighted. 1310 LT CATER and A TP raid on ALLAGLOOP. Results unknown 1400 C TP marched in ex HILL. 1500 LT. ROBINSON and 2 O/Rs recce patrol to WALAHUTA V588025 BEMBITOK AREA: 0815 LT. PERKINS and 15 O/Rs patrol to WANETENIP - CHAKANUM V582036 - ATIALUPA V580038 - V720033 - V578036 - WALAMAHUTA V584033. 1 Jap killed V584033. Clearing and recce patrols to V595043. NMS.
12.	CAPT. WOODHOUSE ex 2/7 MDS admin coord. 0715 LT CATER and A TP to ALLAGLOOP vacated by enemy. 2 japs found killed. 0730 Capt WELSH and 15 O/Rs recce of WALAHUTA from SOUTH. BEMBITOK AREA. 0745: recce patrol to Creek junc V588031. NMS.

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13. 0700 C TP two day patrol V593014

0845 encountered enemy V59[illegible]24. overcame position. own casualties three wounded. Tprs. UPTON, WORKMAN, WALSH. Tpn WORKMAN remained on duty. Tp withdrew to V590014.

[illegible] Patrol to WALAHUTA killed 3 JAPS at V584020: V574016: V595015

1645 NX128647 Tpn UPTON died of wounds.

NX128647 TPR UPTON
NX171924 TPR WORKMAN E
QX33441 TPR WALSH GE.

0700 B TP. LT. ROPER and 20 o/Rs 2 day patrol to MAMBLALIPA V625[illegible]5. Returned 1615. Strong defensive perm encountered MAMBLALIPA. Enemy casualties 3 killed.

1045. Air strike WALAHUTA.

1330 A TP. 1 SEC entered WALAHUTA. Enemy 2 killed. Remainder of force had evacuated WALAHUTA.
1600 2 SEC relieved 1 SEC WALAHUTA

BEMBITOK AREA.

Patrol to WALAMAHUTA – V588031 – V591129 to NIMAB RIVER and return.
1650 1 Jap killed V596042.

14. TPR UPTON buried at V598034.

C TP: Clearing patrol killed 2 Japs V592013.
1030. Enemy in strong position [illegible]8099[illegible]. own casualties 1 K. WX32735 TPR NORKES. Enemy 8 killed.
1630 Tp less 9 SEC returned AMI 2.
9 SEC remained V590014.
1800 Tpn NORKES buried V598034.

A TP: 0810 3 SEC en WALAHUTA.
1000: 3 offrs 41 o/Rs to MAMBLALIPA.
1340: entered MAMBLALIPA: enemy moved to WAIKIM V636629.
1600 arrived MORANMA V627052. local patrols to KULBAL CK V633050 NMIS.

BEMBITOK AREA.

0700 Portion B Tp this area moved AMI 2.

FEB	
15	Capt WOODHOUSE to RAP. Capt WELSH adm comd. C TP: 1030 9 SEC returned ex VS90014. A TP: 1600 ex WAIKIM: recce report 30/40 Japs in village. B TP: Patrol 1 and 25 O/Rs to V600998 to establish correct location. 1210 fires lit and observed. Returned 1600
16	0700 LT. MAXWELL to coast for discharge. Clearing patrols to MISINGRI: CHAKANUM and AUPIK (1). NMS.
17	0700 Capt WELSH to coast en route TOOWOOMBA as Staff Instructor. Capt WOODHOUSE adm comd. 3 O/Rs to NILU to guard stores. Clearing patrols to AUPIK (1) and CHAKANUM. NMS. Recce patrol WAIKIM reports enemy in strength.
18	LT. REDMOND joined SQN C TP: 0800 LT. EWING and 6 O/Rs to MAURAK V622010. Suitable TP area located. Returned 1600 A TP: 1300 LT CARR and 8 O/Rs recce to KUALIGEM V613017 enemy in strength: returned 1700. WAIKIM AREA. 0800 B TP to WANGAM V633043. 1130 TP pers established WANGAM. 1145: attacked WAIKIM: own cas 1 killed. Tpn BRADSHAW VX417. 1400: withdrew WANGAM. 1600 Recce patrol WAIKIM found village vacated. 6 enemy found killed. Enemy MILAK Y/N BRADSHAW V633043.

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19 0900 Recce patrol KUALIGEM. LT. LILES, LT BOW and 8 O/Rs. Enemy in strong position. Returned 1430.

0800 Recce party report gaps AUPIK (1) and (2) MAURAK AREA.

0800. C TP. 2 offrs 40 O/Rs to MAURAK area.

1225 Tp base established at CHAKUKWA V625018.

WAIKIM AREA: Recce patrol: enemy MILAK V642030

20 1330 LT CATER, LILES and CARR and A TP attacked KUALIGEM. Enemy cas 6 killed: own cas LT CATER LT CA LILES killed: Tpr DEAN WEEKES, ROBINS, ~~CROSS~~ COX Cpl BANNON wounded. Ret 1700.

NX13276 LT CATER R.B.
QX 46939 " LILES N.J.
VX68184 Cpl BANNON W.G
NX174829 Tpr WEEKES C.M.
NX200332 " DEAN F.W.
VX88390 " ROBINS N.H.
VX18064 " COX E.

WAIKIM AREA:

1230. accurate bombstrike MILAK V642030 B TP attacked village. attack repulsed. Enemy cas 2 killed Returned NANGAM 1700.
2 Sjt and 4 O/Rs at V637034 night 20/21 FEB.

MAURAK AREA.

Patrol attacked village V380003. attack repulsed. Enemy cas 1 killed.

1800 hrs: NX LT CATER R.B and QX LT. LILES N.J. buried V598034.

21 WAIKIM AREA.

Patrol 2 offrs 15 O/Rs to V649024. MILAK clear. Enemy 8 found killed result air action 20 FEB. Returned NANGAM 1600. Enemy located village V649022.

MAURAK AREA.

air strike V380003 accurate. Enemy still in occupation. Recce patrol KUALIGEM

22. WAIKIM AREA.

Tp moved to ~~KULKUAL V649003~~.

MILAK.

air strike KULKUAL V649022. Strike accurate but enemy had vacated village

MAURAK AREA.

Patrol to V617977. NMS. Recce patrol KUALIGEM

AUPIK AREA.

A TP to unnamed village V598008

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FEB

23 MILAK AREA.

Recce to V648008. Enemy in strength.

MAURAK AREA

Recce KUALIGEM.

AUPIK AREA.

1530 patrol attacked 5 Japs in hut at V596011. Enemy three killed.

24. MILAK AREA.

Recce patrol to unnamed village V648008. Village now clear. Enemy activity observed village V640002.

additional 5 enemy dead found

Result of air action 20 FEB.

MAURAK AREA.

Recce patrols KUALIGEM.

AUPIK AREA.

Defensive patrols report enemy activity at AUPIK (2) A588996

25 MILAK AREA.

General patrolling. CHAULAK square V6404 and KUMINIBUS VILLAGES squar V6503 clear

MAURAK AREA.

Recce KUALIGEM completed.

AUPIK AREA.

Recce patrols. WAMILIB V588009 clear. Enemy activity AUPIK (2) and village V598003.

Tpr WEEKES moved to BALIF V530015 for transport by air for treatment. at AGH.

26. MILAK AREA.

Patrol to village V648002. Still occupied by enemy in strength.

MAURAK AREA.

air strike on KUALIGEM did not eventuate. Bombed 60 3" mortar bombs. Results unknown

AUPIK AREA.

Ambush NINAB RIVER V[illegible]. NMS. Patrol to AMUK RIVER V565008 thence V575008: traces 100 Japs bivouaced V575008 night 25/26 FEB.

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FEB

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MILAK AREA.

Recce patrol square V6300 and V6400 view to air strike V640002.

MAURAK AREA.

Recce KURLIGEM. movement in one village only observed.

AUPIK AREA.

Air strike village V600002 accurate. Natives report 10 japs killed. Japs vacated night 27/28 FEB.

Patrol to V587024. NMS.

28

MAURAK AREA.

Harassing attack KURLIGEM. some fire returned. Enemy was 3 killed.

AUPIK AREA.

Patrol to square V5801. Jap tracks but NMS.
2/7 GH contact patrol arrived 1430

MILAK AREA.

attack following air strike on villages A643998 and V641001 partially successful. Enemy driven to A643998 where concentrated in strength.
Natives report 50 japs ARMAHAUP (2) V584005.

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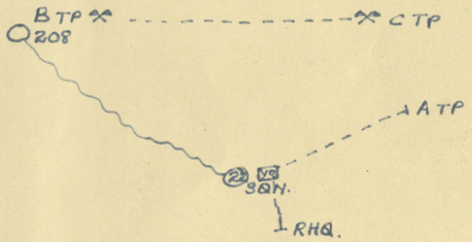
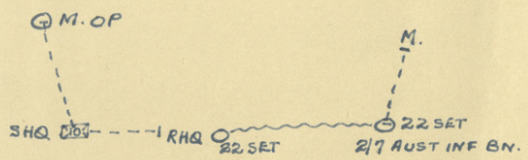
FEB 1945 — APPENDIX: 3(H).

SIGNALS OFFICERS REPORT.

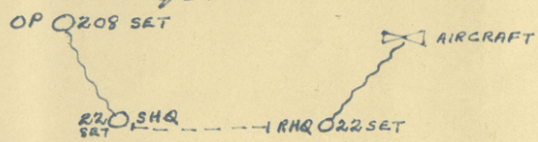
Communications within the squadron were severely hampered due to the shortage of signal stores and equipment. as an example the only wireless sets on hand were one 22 set and two 208 sets (one MK I and one MK II). This enabled wireless communication to be maintained with two troops only. The third forward troop was reached by line - there was barely enough cable to reach it though only a little over one hours march from squadron HQ. This resulted in communications with forward patrols being non existent. at one stage when only one 208 was working communication with forward tps was only maintained by relaying by lamp to lamp and passing by air to squadron. It was far too complex a system to be satisfactory. Thus:



An interesting system though complex worked satisfactorily in observing for mortars. Thus:



another complex system was used in indicating targets for aircraft. Thus:



These systems were only possible because RHQ was located in the same area as squadron and messages could speedily be relayed. The equipment available to the squadron was quite inadequate to met the work required of it. one or more forward troops were frequently frequently left without communication with squadron. An additional 22 set and at least four additional 208 MK II or 108 MK III sets are required. to enable the squadron communications with forward troops and with RHQ to function effectively.

SGD. F. HARLEY

SIG. SJT.

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JAN : FEB 45

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HYGIENE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

JAN

latrines used were of incinerator variety. much trouble was had with the burning owing to problems of firewood. Hard work was required to make the latrines effective.
Incinerators were open 44 gal drums and proved effective. Disposal of burnt tins, garbage etc was by means of deep holes, care being taken to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes.
Full malarial precautions were observed and all water chlorinated.
Sullage water was disposed off through grease traps to pits.

FEB.

Hygiene during the month has called for much ingenuity because of the remote position of the squadron and the inadequacy of supplies dropped by air. There was also no hygiene kit available.
Deep trench latrines were installed with seats made from benes and hessian lids. although fly proof the blowflies were a definite menace and required much use of duseline and freon bombs before they were brought under control.
Containiners for washing up water provided another problem. At first all drums dropped had to be converted into cooking utensils to supplement the meagre squadron holding.
Large pits with constant fires disposed of tins garbage and sullage water.
The position at AMI (2) was considerably ameliorated by the dropping of 44 gallon drums.
Water discipline was adhered to.
By the end of the month the camp was in a hygienic condition.

Sgt. G.E. HARRISON S/T
HYGIENE INSPECTOR.

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MARCH 1945 Location: Ref Map NANU EAST
AMI (2) V598031

The month of March saw the enemy consolidation which was evident towards the end of Feb developing into something more than aggressive defence. Commencing as amove into villages that hed been previously cleared by our troops but not occupied it soon took the form of active patrolling towarsd our troop positions and in the laying of ambushes along likely trackes of future movement by our troops. As the enemy's activities revealed the smallness of the ofrce oppsing it its tactics became definitely offensive and the initiative passed to the enemy. Our troops were pinned down and were unable to make any further movement towards MAPRIK.

The whole scheme of enemy operations showed evidence of careful planning. Enemy action was no longer by isolated bodies of troops but by co-ordinated troops taking part in a pre-arranged plan. The enemy forces encountered were well fed and plentifully supplied with small arms and ammunition. For the first time the squadron met with enemy close support weapons. The 81 mm. (3.9 in) Type 99 (1939) small Mortar and grenade discharger using Type 89 Grenades were used. One sub-machine gun -(a Brevet Bergmann)- was captured. With the mortars and grenade dischargers the enemy fire was inaccurate and in addition bombs and grenades frequently failed to explode. No casualties were inflicted upon our troops by either of these weapons.

B Troop was positioned at MILAK. Lt PERKINS was acting as Tp Ldr and his section leaders were Lts ROPER LAND and REDMOND. The troop strength was approximately but when augmented with attached mortar personnel and personnel from Squadron it totalled approx 90 O/Rs. This Troop bore the brunt of the enemy's attackes. The enemy movement east of B Troop's position continued as far north as MAPOBMA then swung east and south until the position was completely surrounded and the L of C from AMI (2) was cut and remained so. From positions very little removed from our own forward pits the enemy made repeated harassing attacks by day and night and made a number of determined assaults on the position. These assaults usually took place at first light and dusk. Despite this continuous activity by the enemy our troops stood firm untill eventually following a fierce midnight attack by the enemy which was repulsed with heavy enemy loss the enemy withdrew further afield . With the close of the month there was evidence that he was again withdrawing south.

C Troop was stationed at Village V625015 in the MAURAK area. Lt ROBINSON was acting Tp Ldr with Lts EWING MAXWELL and Sjt O'SHEA as section leaders. The troop strength was approximately 45. C Troop did not suffer enemy attacks in the same concentrated form as B Troop. The enemy however was moving freely in close proximity to the troop's perimeter and made a number of harassing attacks which were sufficient to make the position most uncomfortable. The enmy laid frequent ambushes along the L of C and on two successive days native carrier lines were unable to reach C Troop. Finally the enemy launched an all out dawn attack on the position but was repulsed with heavy loss. As in the case of B Troop the

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ENEMY then withdrew south and abandonned the ambush positions. C Troop's position was less sound tactically and with fewer personnel was far more vulnerable than B Troop's.

A Troop remained in the AUPIK area. Lt Carr acted as Tp Ldr assisted by Lt Martin and Sjt CLUGSTON and L/Sjt ROBINSON as section leaders. The strength of the troop was approximately 40. There were no enemy assaults in this area. Enemy movement was mainly to the south of the troop position and what clashes occurred were between our recce parties and enemy positions and between our patrols and armed foraging parties. There was however evidence of enemy recce of and interest in the position.

The disposition of the Squadron was never a particularly happy one. All three Troops remained committed during the greater part of the month. The Squadron frontage was such that there could be little mutual support by the Troops without leaving Squadron and the L of C dangerously exposed. In any event the strength of the Troops was so depleted that any support movement would have meant vacating the Troop position. When enemy pressure was being exerted on B Troop the only support that was available came from Squadron HQ which raised 28 able bodied men and despatched them to the Troop. This entailed leaving Squadron with nothing other than a mere skeleton force which would have been quite inadequate to deal with any determined attack on the position and would have found it impossible to defend RHQ the DZ and the ADS which was within the perimeter. There wasa definite movement by the enemy from the villages approx V613017 towards MISANGAI where the L of C to C Troop was ambushed but fortunately there was no aggressive action taken against AMI (2) itself.

The Squadron fairhfully carried out the task allotted to it to the best of its limited facilities. It held all its Troop positions secure. Its determined defence of its positions caused an ultimate weakening of the enemy which culminated in his withdrawal south which movement was continued after the Squadron was relieved. During the month's operations the Squadron accounted for 91 known enemy killed with undoubtedly many further killed and wounded. The enemy in most cases made every endeavour to remove its dead. Our own casualties were very light considering the number and determination of the enemy attacks on our positions. The figures were 2 O/Rs killed 1 O/R died of wounds and 8 O/Rs wounded.

A pleasing feature of the operations was the establishment of a small strip in the vicinity BALIF whence the more serious cases could be evacuated to the coast. This besided bringing a speedier maximum of medical aid avoided the long and exacting three day carry which otherwise was necessary.

The supply problem was not solved during the month. Ammunition remained in short supply during the whole period. It was impossible to do more than meet the Troops' day to day requirements. Food was fairly plentiful but essential amenities like tobaccowere practically non-existent. In the case of the forward troops personnel were reduced to searching Japanese dead for native tobacco. It seems incredible that authority should be so neglectful of its field forces during a time when the troops are going from one victory to another

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The principal source of supply was again by by air. The supply was maintained with considerable regularity and it was only the worst of weather that kept the planes from delivering their cargoes. During the time when B Troop was surrounded supplies were dropped by Beauforts. Their dropping was far more inaccurate than that of the regular cargo planes and on occasions the troops had to fight to recover supplies Notwithstanding these losses the recovery percentage throughout the month was very high. From AMI (2) supply to the Troops was normally by native line. The number of natives available was entirely inadequate to the area covered by and the task allotted to the Squadron. There was no reserve of carriers available and on one occasion the same line of boys had to visit two troops on the one day involving travel of approximately 14 hours. On another occasion a troop could not have got supplies had it not sent in a number of bush boys who consented to act as carriers. Escorts for the lines were supplied by RHQ personnel and here again the shortage of available men was very acute. There was in all cases too much to be done and too few to do it.

RAAF co-operation was again readily forthcoming A number of bomb strikes previously requested coincided with offensive action by the enemy and the air force personnel showed no hesitation in altering targets to suit the exigencies of the situation. There was some concern expressed when the mortar smoke indicating the target was seen to be within 100 yards of our own indicated troop position but upon verifacation by wireless the planes undertook the task and bombed with great accuracy. For the first time the Squadron was able to call upon the Boomerang Squadron operating in the area for close support. When they were available, which was not very often, these planes carried out very effective srafing in close support of our troops.

Native information proved very accurate and reliable. Natives frequently warned our troops of ambush positions and were only too pleased to provide labour around troop positions. However owing to a very active antipathy to the Angau administration attached to the regiment the natives would not come in and work for that organization. Endeavours by Angau usually resulted in all boys taking to the bush and the forward troops were thus deprived of their valuable aid.

Attached 3 inch Mortar personnel of the 2/7 AUST INF BN rendered great service to the Squadron. This was particularly so in the case of B Troop where the attached section used the mortar without bipod and by hand manipulation of the barrel brought effective support fire to within 50 yards of the forward pits. The effectiveness of this type of fire coupled with grenades was demonstrated during one night attack when not one round of SAA was fired and 11 enemy dead were counted the following morning.

The strength of the Squadron at 1 Mar was 13 Offrs and 203 O/Rs and at 31 Mar was 12 Offrs and 186 O/Rs.

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MAR 45

MAR 1 MILAK AREA
Patrol to village V643001 found village NOT occupied by enemy. During return found 1 additional enemy dead result action 20 Feb
MAURAK AREA
Bomb strike villages V613017 off target. 2 Secs C Troop attacked following 3" Mortar barrage. Attack unsuccessful. Enemy cas 1 killed. Own cas 5 slightly wounded:QX58547 Tpr RINGUET J F VX146462 Tpr NICHOLLS J W WX39853 Tpr SIMMS H F
AUPIK AREA
Air strike and mortar barrage on village V600003 accurate. Results unknown.

2 MILAK AREA
Patrol to village A644997 found village occupied by enemy. Natives reported enemy ambushes at V663005 and V665016.
MAURAK AREA
Air strike and mortaring villages V613017 accurate. Natives reported enemy vacated villages leaving dead.
AUPIK AREA
Patrol reported village V584005 clear. Natives reported enemy in unknown strength vicinity A572995. Village V600003 reoccupied by enemy after air strike.

3 MILAK AREA
Patrol to V644003. Suitable OP for air strike village A644998. Patrol to V661014. Enemy in occupation.
MAURAK AREA
Recce patrol to V613017 revealed enemy still occupying at least 5 huts
AUPIK AREA.
Troop position fixed at V600002. Patrol engaged 7 enemy at A607975. Enemy cas 7 killed. Own cas Nil.

4 MILAK AREA
Air strike village A644998 accurate. Patrol fired on at V660016. Vill ge V662014 occupied by enemy strength approx 100. Enemy patrolling tracks.
MAURAK AREA
Air strike villages V613017 accurate. Results unknown.
AUPIK AREA
Patrol engaged 6 enemy at V603003. Enemy cas 6 killed. Own cas 1 wounded. NX78922 Tpr MAUBON J who subsequently died of wounds.

5 MI K AREA
Patrol to OP for air strike on V662041 driven from V661022 by enemy from V660019. One own native killed. Patrol returned WAMBAK and indicated

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MAURAK AREA
Recce patrol villages V613017. NMS. Natives reported enemy in villages but unable contact

AUPIK AREA
8 Pl 2/7 AUST INF BN arrived area. Local clearing patrols NMS. Air strike A603991 very accurate.

6 MILAK AREA
Enemy observed village V656011 and at V662041. Local clearing patrols NMS. Patrol investigated native report enemy in KULINGAI V646048. No contact
MAURAK AREA
Patrol area NE V613017. 1 enemy seen. Escort to FELO to V615016 for broadcast to enemy nms.
AUPIK AREA
Patrol to vicinity village A603991. Enemy sentries all approaches. Air strike 5 Mar destroyed some huts. Patrol investigated native report enemy foraging A588996. No contact

7 MILAK AREA
Patrol to village V649023 and WAMBAK NMS. Patrol investigated native report enemy in village V651034. 5 enemy seen and fired on. Patrol to KULINGAI NMS. 1 Enemy sentry seen V654041.
MAURAK AREA
Escort FELO to V625013. Broadcast Jap and Pidgin
AUPIK AREA
Local clearing patrols NMS. Party 1 Offr 8 O/Rs arrived with 4.2 inch Mortar. Det 3 inch Mortar moved to B Troop.

8 MILAK AREA
Enemy strength estimated this area. MAPOPAMA 30 CHAULAK V653040 4 Village V651033 2 huts Village V660023 20 Village V662013 50 Village V656011 20 Village V641097 40.
Sentry posts seen V651034 and V653014.
KULINGAI clear. Clearing patrol to village V694023. Evidence enemy patrol passed through WAMBAK V656023. NMS.
MAURAK AREA
Escort FELO to V611016. Broadcasts NMS.
Patrol to V613017. First three villages clear and burned. Suitable OP found V611019.
AUPIK AREA
Contact patrol to C Troop NMS. Well worn L of C V603991 and V613017. Natives report enemy reinforcing V613017. Patrol to village A603988 following accurate air strike. Enemy contacted and fired on A601989.

9 MILAK AREA
Patrol to village V653040. Enemy sentry post. Patrol to KULINGAI observed and fired on ene

enemy movement . Patrol WAIKIM V637039 NMS. Patrol to V651034 fired on enemy in huts. results unknown.

MAURAK AREA
Observed and corrected 4.2 Mortar shhot on V613017. Bombs in target area.

AUPIK AREA
4.2 Mortar shoot on V613017. OP provided by C Troop. 4.2 Mortar ranged on village A610974 1 enemy found killed result action A601989 8 Mar. Air strike A603988 very accurate. Natives report area flattened and vacated by enemy.

10 MILAK AREA
Air strike on villages V662014 and V656011 partial success. Enemy located MAPOBMA and area V658041

MAURAK AREA
Air strike on village V613015 very accurate

Local clearing patrols NMS.

AUPIK AREA
Patrol to village A603991. Contacted enemy A603992. Fired on enemy result unknown.

11 MILAK AREA
Air strike MAPOBMA and V653044 accurate. Large fires started. Mortared village V651034.

MAURAK AREA
Enemy contacted V611015-dug in behind double bambbo fence. Our attack repulsed. Enemy counter attacked. Our troops withdrew. Enemy cas 2 killed. Fresh graves seen inside perimeter. Standing patrol at V617019 till 1800 hrs NMS.

AUPIK AREA
Air strike A611975 on target. Patrol to recce following strike unable owing to time factor. Village A603991 clear. Natives report 25 Japs village A629989.

12 MILAK AREA.
Very accurate air strike MAPOBMA. 3 inch Mortar on V651034 recce patrol followed mortaring. enemy contacted and patrol withdrew. WX1159
Sjt BROWN killed Tpr JACKSON wounded
Enemy cas 3 killed.

MAURAK AREA.
Two air strikes V613016 On target area. Patrol reported KAMAU occupied by the enemy.

AUPIK AREA. Patrol to village A611975. Jap sentries all approaches. Natives report enemy moved to EAST of village following air strike 11 Mar. Also report enemy reinforcements to village A629989.

13 MILAK AREA.
Patrol cleared all tracks around perimeter NMS 1440 hrs small Jap party raided small village outside perimeter. 1 Mary killed 1 Kanaka wounded. Investigating patrol no contact. Air strikes on V651034 and V640010 accurate. 1625 enemy mortared tp position with small mortar. Enemy attacked 1740 hrs. Attack repulsed Own cas NX4595 Tpr HOBSON K G killed. Enemy cas unknown. Enemy using 3 LMGs and rifles.

MAURAK AREA
0700 hrs natives fired on 300 yards from perimeter.
1230 hrs 4 enemy wiyj LMG fired on standing patrol V628013. Enemy cas 1 killed. Enemy approx 20 occupied village 300 yards SOUTH of perimeter.

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AUPIK AREA
8 Pl 2/7 AUST INF BN marched out.
Contact patrol ex 2/7 AUST INF BN
Air strike A611975 accurate. Patrol contacted 10 Japs A607995. Enemy cas 2 killed.

14 MILAK AREA
0630 clearing patrol fired on by enemy 50 yards NORTH of perimeter.
0800 clearing patrol contacted enemy on edge of perimeter. Own cas VX9519 Tpr KIRWIN K C wounded. Enemy cas unknown.
1310 Police Boy seriously wounded on perimeter patrol.
Air strike on village V651034 very accurate. Strafing of ridge V645030 at request.
1345 Capt WOODHOUSE and 28 O/Rs marched marched in ex Sqn HQ. Recce patrols revealed enemy on all tracks leading into perimeter.
1700 WESTflank clear. Cas evacuated.
MAURAK AREA.
0830 enemy patrol firedon 30 yards fromperimeter. Local clearing patrol NMS
1130 own sentries fired on enemy forming up to attack position. Enemy attacked with LMGs and rifles. Air strike on KAMAU. Strafing diverted to enemy lines of approach Attack repulsed. Known enemy cas 1 killed. Own cas nil.
AUPIK AREA
Enemy reported foraging A589989. Patrol unable contact. Natives estimate 50 Japs in area. 25 enemy occupying A629989 . Japs in unknown strength village A611975.

15 MILAK AREA
0750 enemy LMG and rifle fire. 1 native sentry 1 Kanaka wounded.
Enemy dug in 100 yards from NORTH edge of perimeter. Known enemy cas since 11 Mar 11 killed. FELO and local natives evacuated.
Air strike village V643040 very accurate.
Strafing ridge V646033 at request. 300 yds from perimeter.
1520 enemy movement EAST of perimeter. 1 Jap found killed by mortar.
2359 Enemy activity EAST and WEST of perimeter
MAURAK AREA.
Clearing patrols NMS. Natives rreport enemy sentries with LMG on APENES CREEK between troop position and KAMAU.
AUPIK AREA
Patrol to A589989 NMS. Natives report enemy moving SOUTH to AMUK RIVER.

16 MILAK AREA
0030 enemy threw grenades. Our mortars replied.
0930 patrols located vacated enemy positions at V637036 and V641031.
1000 Supplies dropped by BEAUFORTS. Patrol recovered 5/8 of cylinders remainder in enemy hands. Enemy cas 3 killed
1030 Enemy positions accurately strafed by 3 BEAUFORTS and 5 BOOMERANGS.
1200 Patrol endeavour to recover supplies. Forced to withdraw. Enemy cas 6 killed. Evi that strafing effective.

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1330 Enemy strength approx 30 attacked from NE
Attack repulsed.
1720 Enemy positions accurately strafed by 2
BOOMERANGS.
1805 Enemy mortared position. Inaccurate
2100 LMGs with tracer and grenades into the
perimeter . Intermittent grenading until 2359.
Enemy removing all identification marks from dead
that cannot be carried out.
MAURAK AREA
0600 Enemy attacked from SOUTH. Attack repulsed.
Enemy cas unknown.
Local clearing patrols NMS
AUPIK AREA
Patrol vicinity A589989 NMS. 1 enemy found killed

17 Owing to ill health of Lt-Col HENNESSY E C Sqn
under comd Lt-Col WOODS 2/6 AUST INF BN.
MILAK AREA
0001 to 0245 grenades into perimeter.
0820 Enemy positions strafed. Also along enemy L of C
1230 attack followed sporadic grenading. Attack
repulsed. Enemy cas 3 killed.
1430 Amn and rations dropped by BEAUFORTS 100 %
1530 Carrier line arrived. NMS. Enemy forced
vacate L of C by clearing patrol. LMG captured. 4
pro Japanese natives killed and 4 enemy found
killed.
1830 Desultory sniping from SW
1900 LMG fired into perimeter from NE followed
later by more LMG and grenades.
MAURAK AREA
0600 Enemy attacked. LMGs Rifles and Type 89
grenades. Enemy cas 4 killed.
0930 Accurate strafing of enemy occupied huts 300
yards SOUTH and enemy reported to have vacated.
Natives report villages V613017 re-occupied by
enemy.
AUPIK AREA
Local clearing patrols NMS

Capt WOODHOUSE M C returned AMI(2) ex MILAK

18 Adm Comd marched out to Coast.
MILAK AREA.
0200 LMG fire into perimeter
0500 Concentrated fire from NORTH edge perimeter.
Enemy cas 2 killed.
0700 Patrol cleared AMI(2) L of C. 1 enemy found killed
1100 Recce party from 2/6 AUST INF BN with carrier
line.
1500 Clearing patrols contacted enemy 400 yards
NORTH of perimeter. Enemy cas 1 killed 4 found killed
2359 Enemy attacked with LMGs rifles and grenades.
Attack repulsed. Enemy cas unknown.
MAURAK AREA
Enemy movement round perimeter night 17/18 Mar.
0930 and 1230 patrols to contact PRONTO 2/6 AUST
Inf Bn and carrier line. Patrols contacted and
returned to Troop position.
Carrier line ambushed, 2/6 BN cas 2 wounded.
Natives report small body enemy villages V613017
Large body between villages and NINAB RIVER
AUPIK AREA.
Patrol to A588988 returned via A598995 NMS. Natives
report enemy moving SOUTH along AMUK RIVER.
Platoon A COY 2/7 AUST INF BN arrived.

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19 MILAK AREA
0200 Enemy attacked and activity continued until 0530. Determined efforts by enemy made to pierce the perimeter. Effective defence by mortars and grenades. Enemy cas 11 killed½
Enemy believed based at KULINGAI
1400 Patrol circled perimeter NMS.
1700 Enemy mortar fire from V644041.
MAURAK AREA
0200 Enemy movemant and sporadic firing round perimeter.
0900 Patrol to contact party from AMI (2) failed to do so.
1400 Patrol to vicinity V613017 fired on 1 Jap
AUPIK AREA
A TROOP relieved by A COY 2/7 AUST INF BN.
1600 Returned AMI (2).
AMI (2) AREA
Escort party carrier line to C Troop from 2/6 BN. Incl 3 Sqn guides. Met dug in enemy acroos L of C approx V616024. Enemy cas 7 killed. Own cas nil. Party withdrew.

20 MILAK AREA
0800 Whole perimeter clear.
1300 Recce patrol to V 649023 fired on by enemy LMG
MAURAK AREA
Clearing patrols NMS
1500 Native fired on by enemy approx 50 yards NORTH of perimeter.
Enemy observed moving along ridge 800 yards NORTH of position.
AMI (2) AREA
0715 Patrol to approx V616024 to indicate for strafing area V608028. Fired on by enemy. Strafing on target.

21 MILAK AREA
0630 Perimeter patrols NMS. 2 enemy found killed Patrol WAIKIM AND WANGAM clear. Enemy movement seen village V649023 and V653038
MAURAK AREA
0300 2 mortars into perimeter.
1100 Escort party to meet carrier line. Ambushed 200 yards NORTH of perimeter
1115 Fighting patrol occupied enemy ambush position.
1245 enemy attacked position and 1300 patrol withdrew. Own cas nil. Enemy casunknown
AMI (2) AREA
0700 Standing patrol MISANGAI 1615 returned
0900 A Troop escort carrier line to C Troop.
1230 encountered enemy V634019. Patrol and line withdrew AMI (2). Enemy cas 2 killed
1715 Overnight standing patrol MISANGAI

22 MILAK AREA
0800 Clearing patrols L of C AMI (2) and track KAMAU nms.
1000 Air strafe village V651034 and ridge V645045 accurate
1115 4 O/Rs to AMI (2) NMS

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MAURAK AREA
0600 Approx 150 enemy launched determined attack on position in 2 waves. Attack repulsed with heavy enemy loss. Clearing patrols subsequent clearing patrols found only 1 dead but there was indisputable evidence of at least 7 other dead having been removed and much evidence of wounded enemy. 1 Brevet Bergman SMG and 2 rifles captured. During the day at least 70 enemy observed moving SOUTH on distant ridges some stretcher cases and many carrying extra arms.
1115 D COY 2/6 Inf BN clearing L of C and carrying supplies arrived C Troop. NMS.
1445 D COY less 1 PL marched out to AMI (2)
1400 2/6 BN patrol encountered enemy at village V624015. 1530 village bombed 3 in Mortar
AMI (2) AREA
1045 Escort to carrier line following D COY clearing force. NMS
1715 Standing patrol MISANGAI returned NMS, MAURAK

23 ~~MILAK~~ AREA
Some enemy movement SE perimeter overnight
0700 Perimeter clearing patrols NMs
1300 C COY 2/6 AUST INF BN relieved C Troop.
1400 C TRoop less 3 guides marched out for AMI (2
MILAK AREA
0630 Clearing patrols NMS
1245 Pl D COY 2/6 AUST INF BN arrived with carrier line
1430 PAtrol reported enemy still occupying village V651034 ridge V648044 and hill feature V644045. 1 enemy killed approx V688044
AMI (2) AREA
0730 A Troop marched out for Coast
1600 C Troop arrived AMI (2) ex MAURAK

24 MILAK AREA
0900 B Troop relieved by D COY 2/6 AUST INF BN
AMI (2) AREA
0745 CTroop marched out for Coast
1600 B Troop marched in ex MILAK

25 AMI (2) AREA
0800 Balance Sqn less Lts ROBINSON and BOW marched out for Coast
A Troop arrived VOKAU area on Coast

26 A Troop settling in
C Troop arrived base area.
Sqn balance en route to Coast.

27 A and C Troops settling in
Balance Sqn plus Lts ROBINSON and BOW and guides arrived base area.
Trip to Coast made in three stages through staging camps. First day's march of approx 8 hrs to Peak on top of divide between NILU and WALUM. Second day's march of approx 4 hrs to WALUM. Third day's march of approx 7 hrs to FORK. From FORK transport provided to AITAPE AREA.

28-31 VOKAU AREA
Camp construction and settling in

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2/10 Aust Cdo
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PACIFIC OCEAN

Chemiau
Drimboi
ULABARAI
Ulai Mission
Babiang
Marubian
ULAU 2
Approx 1500
Suain Pln
Suain
Old Landing Ground
Luain
Suain Mission
Approx 1100
DANSAU
Approx 1200
Approx 1500
Approx 2300
Approx 1800
BALUP
Idakaibul
POLNAM MT
Approx 3800
EASTERN
Approx 3100
MT DAUM
4110
TORRICELLI
MOUNTAINS
2161
1240
3350
3150
Mihet
Sunguam
HOUSE KIAP
2250
Ulibik
Walmbiami
2400
Mejen
2210
Sukuamanem
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Sumbusilm
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Maksip
Niel
MUNDAL
Lambuain
Albanganem
ARUK
SEPAMIN RIVER
1530
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1675
1780
1700
1670
Abas
1750
Walum
2320
Suamagari
Womisis
1300+
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Anib
Warigedni
Atiapa
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1560
Nauasipimia
1640
ANUK RIVER
MUAM
DANMAP RIVER
MALAKAIBA CREEK
ALAGIL CREEK
ATOB RIVER
ALINDA CREEK
DANDNAM RIVER
DAMEIM CREEK
DANMUL CR.
DANSUM CR.
YKAM CREEK
HABABEL CR.
ALBU CREEK
OLD GERMAN ROAD
Suain Plt
Rocky Pt
Forks
Ford
Bridge
Native Village
Trail follows stream
Trail follows stream bed
To Bindee Pt
To Awaiama
To Yasug
To Yenguok
To Swap
To Aniam
To Nio
To Alotab

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Wandange
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Nagubil 1690
Bitika Villages
Bunahabil 1570
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Supari
Dahabigat
Auang
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Hamaliol
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Atalapa
Chakaumi
Approx 900
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Amul Ilahop
Balangabadabil
Approx 700
Saunambe
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Waroka
Nalaka
Womak
Bonolo
Chaiakaul
Miosi
Bumkeo
Maicha
Chaulak Villages
Kumbibus Villages
Milak Villages
Kuliethe
Neligum Villages
Chekaum Villages
Malakeri Plantation
Agricultural Station
Gantagum
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Yerogumbi
Chemambuto Villages
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PRINCE ALEXANDER RANGE
TORRICELLI RANGE
LAKE EMBIA
NUMALIBU RIVER
AMUK RIVER
NINAB RIVER
VENAMI RIVER
KUBAB CREEK

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WAR DIARY

2/10 AUST COMMANDO SQN

LOCATION: AITAPE EAST,
VOKAU.
BUT WEST
W896256

APRIL 1945

The month of April found the Sqn once more at VOKAU having a well earned rest after two months strenuous, bitter fighting in the MAPRIK area on the TORRICELLI RANGES.

The change from the depressing enviroment of the jungle to the open surroundings, the surf and the sun at VOKAU soon began to work wonders with the troops. Skin ailments, from which almost all the Sqn suffered, began to improve, unhealthy pallor was replaced by a healthy sun tan, the general improvement in health throughout the Sqn was marked.

Obviously in need of a rest, the Sqn was NOT overworked, only essential camp construction duties being carried out.

Two swim parades were conducted daily, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. These were well patronised by all personnel.

Meals throughout the month were excellent, rations improved, fresh meat and vegetables being plentifully supplied.

On Apr 14, Maj Gen STEVENS inspected a Regtl Pde. The General stated that he was pleased to have this unit in his formation. He also stated that the Regt would take part in further action before the completion of this campaign.

On Apr 16, The Sqn adv party, consisting of lt REDMOND and Tpr KING AE, moved by barge to the BUT area, the remainder of the Sqn following them on Apr 20. The new Sqn area was at W896256.

The job allotted to the Sqn was the relieving of B Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn, intention being to patrol actively between Grids 86 and 93. This instn however was cancelled on Apr 22.

On Apr 24 the CO called a Sqn pde and outlined intended Regtl operations. At some future date the Regt will carry out an amphibious operation against the enemy in this area.

On Apr 22, Capt DOYD D was transferred from 2/9 Sqn to this Sqn where he relieved lt BOW DW as OC Sqn. lt BOW had been Adm Comd of the Sqn since Mar 13.

For the remainder of the month the Sqn went into trg in preparation for operations as outlined by the CO.

The strength of the Sqn at Apr 1 was 9 offrs and 168 ORs and at Apr 30 was 9 offrs and 147 ORs.

MOs report, list of recommendations for decorations and list of promotions are att as appendices to the Diary.

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APRIL 1945

Apr 1: Troops resting. Beach behind ADCS allotted to Sqn for swimming. Mail issued on 1800 hrs Pde. Pdes as usual.

Apr 2-7: Troops resting, onlt essential camp construction duties carried out. Swim pdes conducted during morning and afternoon. Pdes as usual.

Apr 8: 0900: General Church Service, Padre BOTTRELL presided. Organised swimming throughout the day.

Apr 9: 0900: Sqn rehersal for Regtl Pde. 50% of Sqn armed with Owen Guns. Pdes as usual.

Apr 10: 1100: Sqn rehersal for Regtl Pde. Pdes as usual.

Apr 11: 1300: Sqn Pde
1400: Regtl Pde. Pde inspected by CO, Lt Col E. HENNESSEY MC. Pipe band supplied by 2/5 Inf Bn.

Apr 12: Africa Star ribbons issued to pers within the Sqn entitled to them- 48 in number. Pdes as usual.

Apr 13: Generals pde cancelled till Apr 14. Pdes as usual.

Apr 14: Reveille 0600
0700 Breakfast
0730 Atebrin Pde
0745 Sqn Pde
0900 Regtl Pde
Parade inspected by Maj Gen STEVENS. After the inspection the General stated that he was pleased to have this unit in his formation. He also stated that the Regt would take part in further action before the completion of this campaign.
Issue of 4 bottles of beer per man during the afternoon.

Apr 15: 0900: General Church Service
Organised swimming throughout the day.

Apr 16: Pdes as usual
2000: Sqn Adv party left by barge for BUT area.

Apr 17: 1000: Cholera 3 pde at Sqn RAP.
Sand bags, kit bags etcbeing left at rear Sqn to be at Q Store by 1200 hrs.
Pdes as usual.

Apr 18: Troops prepare to move to BUT area.
Movement cancelled owing to shortage of barges.

Apr 19: 0600 Reveille
0700 Breakfast
All gear to be packed ready to move by 0800 hrs
0800: Mov cancelled owing to shortage of barges.

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Apr 20: 0400 Reveille
0500 Breakfast
0630 Left Sqn area for AITAPE beachhead
0700 embarked on 4 LCIs
0800 Left AITAPE
1600 Arrived at BUT
1700 Sqn Arrived in new area W896256, recently vacated by 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

Apr 21: Sqn U/C 2/3 Aust MG Bn
1330: COs conference. 2/10 Sqn to relieve B Coy 2/3 MG Bn and to actively patrol between Grids 86 and 93.

Apr 22: 0800: OC Sqn and 1 OR out on recce of B Coy 2/3 MG Bn posns.
1600: Intended relieving of B Coy cancelled
Capt BOYD D assumes comd of Sqn, relieving lt BOW DW who had been adm comd of Sqn since Mar 13.

Apr 23: Pdes as usual.
Troops to clean lines in preparation for inspection by ADMS
1100: Arrival of Sqn rear party.

Apr 24: 1100: Skin inspection by MO. During the afternoon the CO called a Sqn pde and outlined the intended Regtl operations. At some future date the Regt less 2/7 Sqn will carry out an amphibious operation against the enemy in this area.

Apr 25: 0630: PT commenced.
0830: SAT commenced
Q Store issue of boots, towels, shirts, trousers and eqpt.

Apr 26-27: Pdes as usual. Pt and small arms trg continued.

Apr 28: Trg as usual, Sqn taken on short route marches.

Apr 29: 0700: Reveille
0845: Church service in Mess Hut.

Apr 30: 0745: All offrs and NCOs to Mess Hut for lecture by Maj CHAPMAN on Amphibious operations.
1000: Offrs and NCOs to BUT beach head to witness amphibious landing by 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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MOs REPORT

Total Sick:	175
New Sick:	109
Dysentry:	3
Diarrhoea:	13
URTI:	19
Fevers:	12
Skin Diseases:	27
Other Diseases:	47
Evacuations:	24

Nothing unusual was noted for this month. The figures were to be expected following on a strenuous campaign.

The Diarrhoeas: These were often traceable to poor water discipline on the march to the coast from the hills.

The incidence of pyrexias showed a marked drop although two cases of MT malaria were found.

Once again URTIs began to appear but were mild and NOT incapacitating.

Skin Diseases: Still pestered the Sqn and a large number of evacuations resulted from chronic skin conditions. Two cases of scrub typhus were evacuated to AGH.

Ear Diseases: Swimming again precipitated an outbreak of Otits, some of which were very persistent.

Signed: capt De Garis
Sqn MO.

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List of promotions in Sqn during April 45

Apr 1.							
	SX 802	A/ sgt MOLE DB	promoted	to	rank	of	Sgt conf-irmed.
Apr 19.							
	VX92556	Tpr CRAWLEY C	"	"	"	"	L cpl
	WX28195	" PALM HJ	"	"	"	"	L cpl
Apr 23.							
	WX10895	" LAMONT K	"	"	"	"	L cpl
	WX25441	" PERCIVAL AH	"	"	"	"	L cpl
	NX580	Cpl STUART GC	"	"	"	"	L/sgt
Apr 24.							
	VX525	L/sgt ROBINSON S	"	"	"	"	~~A/~~Sgt con-firmed
	NX201688	Tpr McLEOD DP	"	"	"	"	Cpl "
	QX21256	" WOODS H	"	"	"	"	Cpl "
	WX10913	L cpl ELPHICK EB	"	"	"	"	Cpl "
	NX141833	Tpr WEARNE EA	"	"	"	"	Cpl "
	NX90171	" WATT RH	"	"	"	"	Cpl "
Apr 25.							
	WX39583	Tpr SIMMS HF	"	"	"	"	1 cpl
Apr 28.							
	NX77732	Cfn LITTLE KP	"	"	"	"	Cpl confir-med

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The month of May found the Squadron once more in active operations against a determined enemy.

On 11 May at 0830 hrs, FARIDA FORCE, of which the Sqn was a fighting element, made an amphibious landing against the enemy on SAND BEACH, ten miles EAST of WEWAK.

Following an announcement made by the CO, Lt Col HENNESSEY, on 24 Apr to the effect that the Regiment would be carrying out an amphibious operation in the near future, the Squadron settled down to a period of intense amphibious operation training, a programme of training which allowed but little time for recreation.

Throughout the training period, many friendships were made between the men of the Sqn and the complement of the cooperating naval units. At all times the latter showed themselves to be generous and amiable, the spirit of comradie which existed between the two forces was most pleasing. These friendly relations were continued and in some measure the Squadron was able to repay the generosity of the Navy by presenting them with many captured Japanese weapons and much equipment souvenired in the subsequent DOVE BAY operation.

The area in which the Squadron operated was NOT a populous one, the few existing native villages having been evacuated some considerable time before the operation.

The terrain covered consisted of an extremely low lying, swamp covered, coastal strip running to a depth of approximately 1000 yards and bounded on the SOUTH by the WEWAK - FOROK road. Immediately SOUTH of the road the foothills of the PRINCE ALEXANDER RANGE rose abruptly to a height of 1000 feet.

The role of the Squadron was, in the early stages of the operation, to a large extent protective, in the latter stages however when the Squadron moved to the MANDI area, an offensive role was adopted.

At all times the enemy proved resourceful, stubborn and determined. His determined defence of prepared positions was marked and caused considerable casualties in the Squadron. His night harrassing tactics, a form of attack NOT new to the Squadron, though persistent, met with but little success.

The Squadron in this operation came, for the first time, under fire from enemy support weapons.

The infamous "G for GEORGE", a 105mm Field piece operating from the high ground 3000 yards SOUTH of MANDI proved, at times, extremely accurate and caused considerable casualties, whilst two heavy enemy mortar positions - one operating from the same area as the 105mm gun and the other from the FOROK VILLAGE area, though inaccurate, caused casualties and at all times was of considerable nuisance value.

Our own immediate support weapons, 2 3" mortars with crew from 2/1 Aust Inf Bn and a troop of 75mm from 2/1 Tk A Regt, proved accurate and extremely useful in both HF tasks and the destruction of enemy prepared posns, whilst 25 pdrs of 2/2 Field Regt operating from BORAM DROME area quickly complied with accurate support when called on.

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The supply problem was met by barge landings and short carrier lines. Organisation was good showing due regard for priority of requirements.

The Squadron was at all times able to muster first line amn with a suitable reserve.

Supply of amn to support weapons also good.

Rations and canteen supplies were maintained at a high level, fresh meat,fruit and vegetables being plentifully supplied.

Known casualtied inflicted by the Squadron on the enemy for the period, were:- 6 Killed, 7 Found dead.

Our own battle casualties suffered were:- 1 Killed, 1 Died of wounds, 5 Wounded in action.

The strength of the Squadron at May 1 was 9 Officers and 146 ORs and at May 31 was 11 Officers and 120 ORs.

Patrol overlays, patrol report, Strength states, Field returns, in and out messages and maps covering the area of operation are attached as appendicies.

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LOCATION: V891257 (Ref Map BUT WEST I Inch)

May 1: 0600: Reveille, "Keep Fit" campaign continued, troops do 400 yard run up the beach in rear of Sqn area.
0745: Sqn commences amphibious operation trg, small arms instn, short route marches, etc.
1500: Clothing and eqpt check.

May 2: 0745: Troops to beachhead for trg in loading onto assault barges, a "mock up" platform and rope ladder was used for this trg.
1100: A Tp to range, all weapons fired.
Q issue during afternoon.
1945: Night trg in loading onto barges and transfer from ship to barge, "Mock up" platform on beachhead was again used.
2230: Sqn returned to camp area from beachhead.

May 3: 0745: Amphibious operations trg on BUT beach head, continued.
1100: C Tp carry out shoot on local range.
1330: B Tp carry out shopt on local range.
Remainder of afternoon free.
Q issue during afternoon.
1930: Sqn to beach head for "Mock up" trg in loading and unloading from barges.

May 4: 0745: "First" Wave move to beach head for trg. Pers moved in their correct "barge lots" to allotted posn on beach, and from there loaded onto ALC 40s which carried them to HMA Corvettes "COLAC" and "DUBBO". From the first, amiable relations were established with the ships' complement, the latter providing tea and scones besides making the ship's Canteen available to the troops.
1100: "First Wave" pers retd to Sqn area.
1400: "Second Wave" moved to beachhead for trg similar to that carried out during the morning During the afternoon, Sqn HQ pers carried out SA shoot on local range.
1830: Sqn moved to beach head for night training. ALC 40s carried troops to HMAShips "SWAN", "COLAC" and "DUBBO". At the completion of trg in embarking and disembarking from barge to corvette, troops loaded onto barges and were transported to beach in rear of Sqn area.

May 5: Morning free, for the most part troops had a well earned sleep.
During the afternoon the Sqn again moved to the beachhead for trg simialar to that carried out during the previous week.

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May 6: 1000: Sqn marched in barge groups to beach head to carry out trial landing.
1030: Barges transported assault troops to waiting corvettes "COLAC" and "DUBBO".
1300: Midday meal served aboard ship.
1400: "FirstWave" of assault troops transferred from ship to barge.
1445: Barges commenced run to beach.
1530: "First wave" stormed the beach in rear of 2/9 Sqn area.
1615: Exercise completed, landing announced as "successful".

May 7: Day free to troops, personal hygiene, resting etc. Amn issued during afternoon.
Scale of issue: 150 rds per rifle, 300 rds 9mm per Owen (incl 6 full mags), 300 rds per Bren (incl 10 full mags)

May 8: 0045: Reveille
0130: Hot meal provided in mess hut.
0200: Sqn marched to beach headto take part in trial landing, the landing beach being the area behind 2/9 Sqn Lines.
0300: Troops loaded onto barges and transferred to corvettes standing by in BUT harbour. Scones and coffee provided by ships' complement.
0615: Ships bosun piped reveille and announced that news of Germany's unconditional surrender to the Allies had just been received.
0715: Assault troops transferred to ALC 40s.
0750: "First Wave" began run in to beach.
0835: Barges of First wave grounded on beach 35 mins after H Hour, 35 mins behind schedule.
0945: Exercise completed
1010: Hot meal in Sqn lines.
Remainder of day free
1800: Atebrin and"Mary" pde.

May 9: Div instn that shirts, boots and gaiters MUST at all times be worn in this area owing to prevalence of scrub typhus.
During morning, troops were lectured by Sqn IO lt BOW DW, on the composition and object of FARIDA FORCE- the name given to the force which is to carry out an amphibious operation against the enemy in the WEWAK area.
During the morning the Sqn was informed that May 11 will be D Day, troops will embark on corvettes at 102100K
Operational rations (1 day) and hard rations issued.
Grenades issued, scale of issue,3 per man.
1200: Church services held on beach in rear of 2/10 Sqn commorating capitulation of Germany.

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May 10: 0800: Normal adm, storespacked ready for loading. Final check of pers and personal eqpt carried out during day. Apart from essential duties, all ranks free to carry out personal maintenance or rest.

1300: Church service held on beach at rear of Sqn lines conducted by Chaplain BOTTRELL.

1630: AASC trucks arrived at camp area, stores reqd for operation loaded.As far as was possible packs and hvy eqpt were loaded onto these trucks for transport to the beach head.

1700: FARIDA FORCE moved out from camp area en route for beach head.

1735: Column arrived at beach head, barge units stood easy awaiting arrival of barges.

1800: LCTs beached, stores and 75mm Tk A guns loaded. ALC 40s beached, assault troops begin loading.

1807: First ALC 40 loaded and pulled off beach and moved to waiting corvettes. Remaining barges loaded and pulled out into harbour at short intervals.

1824: Assault troops commenced transferring to naval units, the sloop "SWAN", corvettes "COLAC" and "DUBBO" on which they will travel to the forming up place. Cordial relations already established, was much in evidence, crew members doing their utmost to make the troops as comfortable as possible.

1830: Naval force under command lt DOVIS RAN, assembled in BUT harbour waiting mov of convoy.
This naval force to be strengthened by the two cruisers HMS "NORTHUMBERLAND" and HMAS "HOBART", and the two destroyers HMAS "WARRAMUNGA" and HMAS "ARUNTA", which will rendevous with the convoy in the early hours of May 11.

2100: Convoy moved out of BUT harbour in line astern with HMAS "SWAN" ahead. Blackout restrictions imposed during hours of darkness.
Troops settled in their cramped quarters making themselves as comfortable as possible.

May 11: 0645: Morning meal of hot stew, tea, bread and jam provided on board.
Convoy assembled 10000 yards offshore and assault troops loaded into ALC 40sin drizzling rain, the sky was leaden, the ceiling low, the threat of heavier rain was apparent.

0705: Troops got their first glimpse of the cruisers HMS "NORTHUMBERLAND" and HMAS "HOBART", their bulky superstructure looming comfortingly through the mist.

0715: Naval and air bombardment on beach and environs commenced. The hvy cruisers and destroyers now barely visible through the rain and mist, opened fire with their 8" guns, the vomiting fire which accompanied each broadside silouetting their bulk against the sky.
Owing to unfavorable weather, CRTC aircraft operating from NADZAB, were unable to carry out strafing of beach area, but BEAUFORTS operating from TADJI, struck at targets in BRANDI PTN area from which point they were ineffectively engaged by 20 and 75mm A/A fire.

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LOCATION: W458016 (Ref Map WEWAK WEST 1 Inch)

May 11: Cont

These planes having unloaded their bombs on opportunity targets, ran in low over the beach area, raking the ground with hvy machine gun fire.

During covering naval and air bombardment, the 5 MLs att to the naval force ran in close and strafed enemy shore defenses from FOROK POINT to CAPE MOEM with their 40mm BOFORS guns and HMGs and then stood off shore on call for any support required.

0800: 4 ALC40s carrying the first wave of assault troops commenced run to beach, two mortar barges, moving in with assault craft, poured 700 3" mortar bombs into the immediate landing area.

0834: "First Wave"of ALC 40s grounded 10 yards from beach. Covered by fire from the twin Vickers mounted on the barges, the assault troops stormed through waist deep water and up the beach.Passing over the dune line, the Vickers gunners lifted their fire and poured a withering hail into the tree tops, and the troops dashed across 50 yards of firm ground into the foetid water of sac sac swamp - water which at times was chest deep. Matted vines and rotting logs below water level made passage extremely difficult, but the troops pressed on to their objective. Apart from sporadic fire from the flanks no effective resistance was encountered in the initial stages of the landing.

Within ten minutes of the landing a perimeter was formed, 2/9 Sqn on the right flank, 2/10 Sqn on the left. Within the Sqn, A Tp was at point, 8 Sec C Tp on their left and B Tp on the left flank of 8 Sec covering the area to the dune line.

0837: Second wave landed, and moved to reserve posn around tactical Sqn HQ which had landed in the first wave and set up on high ground in rear of A Tp at point.

0857: Third wave,consisting of LCTs carrying stores and two 75mm Tk A guns, moved in to land, the .5" brownings on the LCTs pouring fire into either flank.

0920: Line comn to FARIDA FORCE HQ, which had set up on dry ground in rear of dune line, established.

1000: All of 2/10 Sqn in posn, no opposition encountered. Although the high level of water in the swamp made digging difficult, the Sqn proceeded to dig in as best as possible.

1015: LOCSTAT to Force HQ:
"2/10 Sqn in posn. A Tp in contact with 2/9 Sqn on left flank,8 Sec C Tp on left flank of A Tp, B Tp covering from 8 Sec left flank to incl dune line"

1040: OC Sqn, Capt BOYD DG, to COs conference at Force HQ. Instns issued for Sqn to settle in and to continue aggressive patrolling for local protection.

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LOCATION: W458016 (Ref Map WEWAK WEST 1 Inch)

May 11 Cont: 1200: Since no opposition had been encountered during the landing, the OC, following the COs instns, decided to exploit the left flank as far as FOROK CREEK W473017. 7 and 9 Sec C Tp under command Lt ROBINSON (now capt), carried out this patrol. Moving cautiously along the dune line, the patrol contacted an enemy posn at the mouth of FOROK CREEK, withdrew, and directed accurate 75mm and naval fire from HMAS SWAN onto posn.

1450: Following up the bombardment, the patrol moved in to attack the posn and found it recently evacuated by a force of approx 50 enemy. Own cas NIL, enemy cas 1 killed by bombardment. Enemy eqpt destroyed included a 20mm dual purpose gun which was found in a well prepared, hurriedly evacuated, bunker posn. Whilst one Sec moved on up FOROK CREEK, the other sec remained in the posn to search for documents and to destroy and booby trap enemy defences. Having contacted no further enemy, the adv Sec returned, leaving the sig line laid.

1645: Patrol returned and reported coastal strip clear to FOROK CREEK.

1700: OCs conference. Stand To 1730 hrs, stand down 1800 hrs. 25% stand To during hours of darkness. Stand To 0500 hrs, stand down 0530 hrs. Agressive local patrolling to be maintained.

May 12: 0500: Stand To.

0530: Stand down. Apart from own 75mm fire from the beach head, troops had a quiet night.

0800: Accurate Beaufort bomb strike and strafing of BRANDI PTN.

0800: Acting on instns from CO, 2 Pls of B Coy 2/3 MG Bn, moved out to take up defensive posns on FOROK CREEK, 2/9 Sqn complete moved out to take up def posn on DOVE CREEK - WEWAK ROAD crossing W456013.
2/10 Sqn with 1 Pl B Coy 2/3 MG BN and det engrs, now responsible for perimeter round Force HQ.

0800: C Tp and Sqn HQ move into posns evacuated by 2/9 Sqn.

0830: Sqn HQ and C Tp provide party to carry supplies to MGs on FOROK CREEK.

1055: Patrol Sec str (A TP) moved out of perimeter SOUTH to WEWAK ROAD, WEST to contact 2/9 Sqn on DOVE CREEK, NORTH along DOVE CREEK to coast and return

1400: patrol retd, contacted 2/9 Sqn and report NMS.

1315: C Tp patrol str 1 offr and 9 ORs to carry rations to 2/9 Sqn posn and maintain perimeter whilst 2/9 Sqn put in an attack on a known enemy posn.

1700: Patrol returned, escorting one battle casualty sustained by 2/9 Sqn.
Night 12/13 May NIL activity.

May 13:

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May 13: 0800: Party supplied to carry rations to 2/9 Sqn.
0900: B Tp patrol Sec str, SOUTH to WEWAK ROAD, EAST to FOROK CREEK to contact MG posn and return NORTH along FOROK CREEK to coast thence along coast to HQ.
1300: Patrol returned and reported NMS.
1500: Barge arrived with mail, fresh rations including apples, eggs, meat and vegetables.
1730: Barge left with outward mail.

May 14: 0800: Party supplied to carry rations to 2/9 Sqn.
0830: CO and OC 2/10 Sqn with escort to 2/9 Sqn.
1150: Party returned to Force HQ.
1600: Beach head subject to hostile 75mm shelling. Shelling (4 rds) however was inaccurate and no casualties were sustained.

May 15: 0700: Boomerang carried out Tac R over suspected enemy gun posn.
1035: HMAS SWAN opened fire on enemy gun posn with Boomerang spotting. Aircraft reported direct hits on gun revetments and supply dump and stated that the enemy gun would at least be damaged.
0800: Party supplied to carry rations to 2/9 Sqn Skeleton force manned perimeter during day whilst remainder sunbaked and surfed.

May 16: 0800: Party supplied to carry rations to 2/9 Sqn. Local protection patrols report NMS.
1700: Beach head again subject to hostile shelling and again enemy fire proved inaccurate, all shells landing at least 200 yards WEST of perimeter. Nil casualties.

May 17: 0800: Party supplied to carry rations to 2/9 Sqn.
0800: C Tp patrol Sec str out to cover area bounded by Force HQ, WEWAK ROAD and DOVE CREEK. Jap bivouac areas located and searched.
1150: Patrol returned - NMS.
1330: C Tp provided escort to Naval officer on patrol over area cleared during morning - NMS
1630: Patrol returned.
1800: Barge arrived with mail, canteen supplies, fresh rations. Also unloaded from barge was a jeep, which proved invaluable in carrying rations to 2/9 Sqn posn at mouth of MANDI CREEK.
1930: Barge pulled out carrying outgoing mail.

May 18:

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May 18: 0800: Party supplied to carry rations.
0830: Canteen supplies issued to troops.
0915: Message received from Div:
"All troops will be informed that GOC 6 Aust Div has received messages of congratulations on successes of the Div in operations recently from Gen Sir Thomas BLAMEY, Lt Gen STURDEE and Lt Gen Sir E HERRING"
0915: Patrol str 1 offr and 15 ORs found by 3 Sec A Tp on patrol to high ground 2000 yards SOUTH of perimeter.
1530: Patrol returned. No mov seen, but many disused enemy def posns located on razorback ridges. Good OP reported on hillfeature W408000.

May19: Capt ROBINSON AG tsfd to RHQ as Adjt.
Now that the jeep is available to transport rations to C Tp 2/9 Sqn on beach at W440016, carrying parties have been reduced to a minimum, and troops are now able to spend more time sunbaking and surfing, a welcome change from the depressing gloom of the swamp.
Local protection patrols made throughout the day report NMS.
1730: Barge arrived with mail and fresh rations.

May 20: Local protection patrols report NMS.
Owing to the prolonged stay in the swamp, fevers and skin diseases have become more prevalent. At every opportunity a percentage of each troop was allowed to move out onto beach to avail themselves of sun and surf.
Heavy rain during the previous night reduced tracks round the perimeter to inches deep mud. As yet the sun had not been able to penetrate the thick vegetation and dry the area out.

May 21: 0915: Message from Div concerning the prevalence of scrub typhus in the area and the necessity for rigid precautionary measures. Shirts, boots and gaiters will be worn at all times, clothes to be ~~mited~~ anti mited at least once a week.
Local protection patrol carried out during day report NMS.
Skeleton force manned perimeter whilst remainder of Sqn sunbaked and surfed.

May 22: 0600: A Tp patrol (Tp str) with Arty FOO party and stretcher bearing party from C Tp moved out to BRANDI PTN area with intention of contacting patrol from 2/8 Inf Bn in garden area W391033.
0815: A Tp formed perimeter at mouth of BRANDI RIVER W414026.
1115: Sec patrol from A Tp contacted patrol from 2/8 Bn on beach at W404033.
The link up between 19 Bde driving down the coast and FARIDA FORCE had been made.

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2/10 AUST COMMANDO SQN Location: Beach head W546017.

LOCATION: W458016 (Ref Map WEWAK WEST 1 Inch

May 22 Cont: 1200: Patrol recovered 22 Wireless set left behind by MG patrol on previous day intact at W406031.
1400: Patrol returned to troop base W414026, reported NMS.
1600: Troop dug in def posn and settled down for night.
Remainder of Sqn carried out local protection patrols during day - NMS.

May 23: 1030: A Tp patrol, two Section str, contacted Armd Regt patrol under Command Maj CORY, a former Sqn OC in this Regt, at W400035.
1215: Patrol continued SOUTH and linked up with 8 Pl 2/8 Inf Bn in garden area W391033.
1245: Patrol located Jap Q store at W386035 and recovered a quantity of new enemy clothing and eqpt.
1600: L/T comn established between FARIDA FORCE and 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.
1630: A Tp left posn W416026 and returned to Sqn perimeter at beach head, arriving at 1900 hrs.
1830: C Tp informed that they would be moving to BRANDI PTN area 240600K.
2000: Message received from 19 Bde:
"Unless the security of patrols is affected all huts recently occupied by enemy will be burned after documents and eqpt of value have been removed. All weapons, amn and food will be destroyed".

May 24: 0700: C Tp moved out to establish troop base at W408029.
1100: C Tp in posn W408029 and digging in.
1125: C Tp straddled by hostile 75mm shelling from posn on bearing of approx230 degs. Troop moved to W410028 and dug in.
1130: C Tp patrol sec str left to contact 2/8 Bn in garden area W391034
1300: 2/8 Bn patrol contacted, Jap Q Store searched, and a quantity of new clothing and eqpt souvenired.
1500: Patrol returned to troop posn and reported NMS.
0800: Patrol from C Tp, str 1 NCO and 6ORs out to contact 2/9 Sqn at W403023. 2/9 Sqn contacted, patrol returned 1200 hrs, NMS.
1000: CO arrived from C Tp posn from beach head, and with lt EWING OC C Tp and escort of three, moved along beach to contact 19 Bde on CAPE MOEM.
Local protection patrols carried out during day by A and B Tps in beach head area, report NMS.
1000: Message received by Regt from 6 Aust Div:
"WARNING ORDER." 2/6 Cav (Commando) Regt with troops att and under command will move to BRANDI PTN area 26 May 45. One landing craft will be available for tpt of stores".

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LOCATION: W429014 (Ref Map WEWAK WEST 1 Inch)

May 25: 0700: HMAS "DUBBO" opened fire off BRANDI PTN on enemy gun posn in SOARIN area W399005. Enemy returned fire and scored near misses on the "DUBBO". Since the latter had expended its amn, it was forced to withdraw

0800: 7 Sec C Tp patrol via main road to contact 2/8 Bn in JAP Q STORE area W386035.

1000: 2/8 Bn contacted, patrol returned 1400 hrs and reported NMS.

1000: 1 NCO and 1 OR from C Tp moved WEST along beach to contact 19 Bde on CAPE MOEM. 19 Bde contacted, the patrol returned along coast bringing with them Regtl inward mail, whilst passing through BRANDI PTN the party was shelled but sustained no casualties.

1600: 8 Sec C Tp left C Tp posn and returned to take up def posn at Mouth of MANDI CREEK W434022.

During the day, OC 2/10 Sqn with Sqn IO and escort party carried out recce of area between MANDI CREEK and BRANDI RIVER in preparation for mov of Sqn to new area.

Owing to likelihood of hostile shelling in BRANDI PTN, Force HQ will move to alternative posn on track at W430023. 2/10 Sqn will take up def posn astride cross roads and track-creek junction at W426016. Mov will be made during morning 26 May.

Local protection patrols in beach head area report NMS.

May 26: 0800: 2/10 Sqn prepare to move from beach head to new area.
Adv Sqn HQ with A and B Tps will take up def posn at cross roads W426016. C Tp less 8 Sec with Rear Sqn HQ will take up posn at mouth of MANDI CREEK W434022. 8 Sec will remain at beach head W456016 to guard stores.

1100: 2/10 Sqn dug in in new posn.
Local protection patrols and listening posts report NMS.
Remainder of day spent in clearing up area and preparing posn.

1600: OCs conference, Sqn patrol policy expounded.

May 27: 0120: 2 grenades discharged and three rifle shots fired 100 yards along WEWAK ROAD WEST of perimeter. No further mov seen so activity assumed to beharrassing tactics.

0730: two 3" mortars set up in Sqn perimeter manned by crew of 3 NCOs and 12ORs from Mortar Pl 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

0730: 1 NCO and 12 ORs from C Tp arrive to man B Tp perimeter whilst the latter carry out patrol.

0745: B Tp patrol out to investigate high ground SOUTH of this posn as far as OLD MANDI W 428003. in OLD MANDI area W428003.

1155: B Tp ambushed. Own cas 1 killed(body NOT recovered) 2 Wounded. Enemy Cas 1 Killed.

1250: B Tp patrol retd.
- For details of patrol see Patrol Report Appx 2e.

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LOCATION: W429014 (Ref Map WEWAK WEST 1 Inch)

May 27 Cont.: 0800: 3 Sec A Tp patrol out along general axis of WEWAK ROAD to contact 2/9 Sqn at W406020. Tracks investigated: W425016. Track has been recently used.
W421017. Track has NOT been recently used.
W417016. Track recently used, leads to dump at W417014.
W414020. Disused enemy RAP located.
1030: Patrol contacted 2/9 Sqn at W407021.
1215: Patrol returned and reported NMS.
1315: Air strike on OLD MANDI W428003 requested NOT later than 271730K. Unfortunately this strike could NOT be effected.
1515: 25 Pdr and 75mm barrage laid down on enemy posn at OLD MANDI.
1605: Barrage completed.
1630: Mortars in perimeter registered perimeter for DF task- 30 bombs expended.
1730: Area subject to hostile shelling from hy gun on bearing of 175 degs. No casualties sustained all shells falling 4-500 yards NORTH of posn.
1730: OCs conference. Stand To 1815, Stand Down 1900. Normal guard during hours of darkness. Stand To 0530, Stand Down 0600. Intentions laid down for 28 May.

May 28: 0645: Enemy 105mm fd piece opened fire and scored a direct hit, all four shells landing in perimeter 30 yards WEST of Road and Creek Junction W428016. Casualties sustained - 1 killed, 1 DOW, 2 Seriously wounded, 2 Walking Wounded. Unfortunately all casualties were members of 2/1 Bn Mortar Pl. Cas evac to ADS at Force HQ.
0715: OC to Force HQ W430023 for conference with CO.
0930: A Tp remaining in posn astride track on EAST bank of Creek W429016. Sqn HQ vacated posn shelled during morning and took up def posn on track atW427008. B Tp withdrew and formed perimeter at GARDEN W428007. C Tp adv party moved from posn on beach at W434022 and took up posn on track at W427008.
0930: 1 officer and 11 ORs/manned A Tp posn whilst latter carried out patrol.
0930: A Tp patrol, Tp str with arty and mortar FOO Party left perimeter to investigate high ground in area W423013. Chopping heard from vicinity CREEK JUNC W424009. Track running SOUTH from WEWAK ROAD at W426016 found to be passable to tanks.
1530: Patrol returned no movement seen.
0320: 8 Sec, at old beach head W456017, fired on 5 enemy probing posn recently evacuated by FARIDA FORCE. Enemy fled leaving several grenades with slabs of pitric acid explosive tied to them. No further Movement seen.
1530: C Tp less 8 Sec now in def posn on track at W427008.
1630: 8 Sec arrived from beach head and took up posn with C Tp.
1730: OC called Troop ldrs conference. Sqn settled down for quiet night with normal sentries posted.

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LOCATION: W429014 (Ref Map WEWAK WEST 1 Inch)

May 29: 0730: Standing patrol str 2 NCO and 6 ORs to garden area SOUTH of posn W425005. In order to combat enemy harrassing tactics, this standing patrol will be maintained 24 hours a day till further notice.

0815: A Tp patrol str 1 Officer and 10 ORs out to 660 feature W436005.

0930: Patrol fired on by rifles on spur W428008. Own cas NIL, enemy cas unknown.

1040: Patrol returned to base.

0900: C Tp patrol, troopstrength with Arty and mortar FOO party to high ground W423013.

1015: Base established on KNOLL W423013.

1140: Recce patrol reports two enemy sentries W425014. Troop moved down to investigate.

1250: Troop contacted enemy in "U" shaped perimeter at W425013 and were fired on by 2 LMGs and rifles, fire returned. Own cas NIL, enemy cas 1 killed.

1310: Patrol returned to base on KNOLL W423013, and directed accurate Arty and mortar fire onto enemy posn.

1500: Patrol returned to perimeter.

1330: Sec patrol found by A Tp with mortar FOO out to KNOLL W430007.

1640: Patrol returned to base and reported NMS.

0930: Troop ldr B Tp estimates the body of Tpr MAURERA who was killed 27 May to be at track - creek junction W425012.

2315: Booby traps set by standing patrol at W425005 discharged. Clearing patrol found evidence of small party of enemy probing perimeter. Nil cas.

May 30: 0900: A Tp patrol str 3 officers and 22 ORs with arty and mortar FOO party out to investigate enemy posn at W425013.

1015: Patrol established perimeter on KNOLL W423013 and advanced 3 Sec to enemy posn.

1115: 3 Sec contacted enemy ambush posn at W425013 and were fired on by 1 LMG and several rifles. Section withdrew to KNOLL and directed arty and mortar fire onto enemy posn.

1315: Patrol returned.

0900: 9 Sec C Tp patrol with mortar FOO party to 660 feature W436004.

0948: patrol contacted enemy ambush posn at W436007 and were fired on by rifles and a possible LMG. Own cas NIL, enemy cas 1 killed. Patrol withdrew 200 yards and directed accurate mortar fire onto posn.

1030: Patrol returned.

1240: Patrol 1 NCO and 5ORs found by C Tp patrolled area bounded by MANDI CREEK - TRACK W426016 to W430023.

1500: Patrol returned and reported NMS.

1600: Area between CROSS ROADS W426016 and TRACK W430023 subject to hostile 105mm shelling.

1620: tree burst 50 yards WEST of Sqn HQ at W427017.

1625: Two shells burst close to B Tp area at W428018.

1645: Shelling ceased, no casualties sustained.

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LOCATION: W429014 (Ref Map WEWAK WEST 1 Inch)

May 30 Cont: 1705: Booby trap accidentally discharged in Sqn HQ area. One accidentally wounded (slight)
2345: Two enemy observed by standing patrol W425015. Enemy withdrew, no further movement seen

May 31: 0730: B Tp patrol, str Tp HQ and 4 Sec with one Sec A Tp under command with mortar FOO party out to 660 feature W436004 to engage any targets and exploit if possible.
0815: Patrol established base on well worn track (appears to be L of C) 100 yards SOUTH of 660 feature. Chopping and whistle blast heard 300 WEST of posn on L of C track.
1120: Patrol returned to HQ and reported NMS.
1315: Patrol str 1 NCO and 6 ORs out to 200 feature W443012 thence NORTH along EAST MANDI CREEK to coast. Return via coast to Force HQ W430023 thence along track to Sqn area.
1545: Patrol returned and reported NMS.
Tiger patrols SOUTH of garden area W425015 provided by A Tp throughout the day report NMS.
1700: Area subject to hostile shell and mortar fire. Four shells landed in Sqn area remainder falling WEST of posn. Cas, 1 seriously wounded by mortar bomb, later died of wounds.
1750: Shelling ceased.
2245: Strong enemy force probing Sqn HQ and C Tp perimeter. 50% stand-to ordered.
2250: Whistle blast 50 yards along track SOUTH of Posn followed by extreme activity on perimeter. Several booby traps discharged, several enemy grenades thrown into perimeter. Grenades thrown at movement, but no casualties sustained on either side.
2255: Demolition charge thrown into perimeter landing close to captured "Woodpecker" HMG. No casualties Activity quietened down, 50% stand to maintained, no further movement seen.
010600: B Tp report no night activity in their area. A Tp report activity on right flank but no contact made.
Standing patrol report enemy activity in area between 2200 hrs and 2359 hrs. Enemy seen to discharge booby traps, fired on by OSMG. Own cas NIL, enemy cas 2 killed.

.....Capt
Adm Comd 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn

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PATROL REPORT

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PATROL REPORT.

Ref. Map. NEWAK WEST 1 INCH. Date 27th May 1945

PATROL FOUND BY: 2/10 Aust Cdo. Sqn PATROL Com. Lt. Perkins

Type of Patrol: Recce. PATROL Strength 4 Offrs 330 Ors.

Time out: 270645 hr Time in 271350 hr.

Route Out. Moved from Sqn. Area 426016 along main track to W429015 thence up to MANDI VILLAGE then in a WESTERLY Direction across CREEK to W427013, thence up spur to W431006 (400 FEATURE) Returned to W427013 thence along track across CREEK to OLD MANDI W424009 (correct location). Thence 150 yards WEST to W422008. Returned to W424009, proceeded to W425013, but withdrew and, broke bush going WEST W421014, thence to road W423017 then back to Sqdn. area.

OBJECT.

To locate ENEMY in area, and, to bring Artillary & Mortar fire to bear upon their positions

PART I.

Enemy were located, and, were subject to mortar fire.

PART II.

270645 hr Left Sqdn area

270720 hr Sig party repaired cut sig. wire, left by previous 2/9 Sqn. patrol W430014

270800 hr Arrived at W427013, where patrol took up a perimeter, whilst, the F.O.O party got into Communication with their H.Q. (22 Wireless)

270945 hr Arrived top of spur (400 FEATURE) W431006 and N.M.S. Many pits and trenches all along spur, but, had not been used for some time.

271030 hr Arrived at OLD MANDI, then proceeded along Track in WESTERLY direction for 150 yds. Scouts were fired on by ENEMY, and, 2 personnel of our patrol were wounded. The ENEMY had at least 2 L.M.Gs and numerous rifles but strength unknown. Fresh weapons pits were located, which, had only been dug within

the past 5 or 6 hours. Had been in occupation, fresh footprints in all pits.

271115k Patrol immediately withdrew to OLD MANDI and took up a perimeter, and, called for Mortar support. 50 Bombs were landed in ENEMIES positions, Enemy became aggressive, and, patrol immediately withdrew.

271155k At W435013, another ENEMY ambush was contacted, killing one of our patrol. Were unable to evacuate Cas. ENEMY Casualty 1 killed This parties arms consisted of an H.M.G and many rifles, but, strength unknown.

271205k First ENEMY ambush party, with determined and heavy fire, were closing in on patrol. and, as second ENEMY ambush party were concentrating on patrol, patrol commander regrouped patrol and, decided to break through in a WESTERLY direction.

271235k Patrol reached ROAD at W4323017.

271250k Patrol reached Squadron perimeter

Lt. J.C. Rosewarne
for Patrol Commander
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CASUALTY REPORT May 45

Killed in Action:

27 May	VX 37924	Tpr	MAURER A	(B Troop)
31 May	VX 13216	"	FLACK C	(Sqn HQ) DOW in ADS.

Wounded in Action:

27 May	VX 113842	Lt	LAND J K	(B Troop)
"	NX 168764	Tpr	MONDON N E	(B Troop)
"	NX 172307	"	WHITTEN K G	(B Troop)
30 May	NX 190800	Cpl	BRYANT D J	(A Troop)
"	VX 65496	Tpr	BATHMAN J	(Sqn HQ)

Own Cas May 45:

1 KIA 1 DOW 5 WIA

Enemy Cas May 45

6 Killed 7 found dead

Own Cas Nov 44 - 31 May 45

11 KIA 24 WIA 1 AK 3 Drowned in action.

Enemy Cas Nov 44- 31 May 45

230 Killed 7 PsW 7 found dead

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HOSPITALIZATIONS

May 2	Tpr	PRIOR RJ	NX 130201	To 2/7 MDS
May 3	"	BIDDLE E V	WX 28369	"
May 13	Cpl	LITTLE K	NX 7732	"
"	"	STUART C	NX 580	"
May 18	Tpr	HOWLETT AS	VX 93441	"
"	"	CONNORS CN	NX 173944	"
"	"	WICKHAM KBA		"
May 19	LCpl	SIMMS HF	WX 38395	"
"	"	PALM HJ	WX28195	"
May 23	"	BAXTER RR	NX 171986	"
"	Tpr	FULTON JT	VX 92961	"
"	LCpl	FARMER CH	NX 31206	2/1 ADS
"	Tpr	KELLY AH	NX 97165	c "
"	"	WORLAND	QX 52938	"
"	Cpl	McLEOD	NX 201688	"
May 26	Tpr	REYNOLDS JH	WX 26118	"
May 27	"	MONDON NEM	NX 168764	"
"	Lt	LAND K	VX 115217	"
May 28	Tpr	WILLS KE	QX 27365	"
"	"	CLENNETT G	TX 4860	"
May 25	Lt	BOW DW	QX 4681	"
May 29	Tpr	PROSSER	NX 168368	"
"	"	WORRAD RJ	NX 161698	"
"	"	WHITTEN KG	NX 172307	"
"	L Cpl	FARMER CL	NX 31206	"
"	"	SIMPSON JA	VX 35454	"
"	Tpr	ROULSTON WO	NX 165066	"
May 30	"	BUCKLER JW	NX 191513	"
"	"	MARKS DJ	VX 145862	"
"	LCpl	LAMONT KNA	WX 10893	"
"	Tpr	BATHMAN J	VX 65496	"

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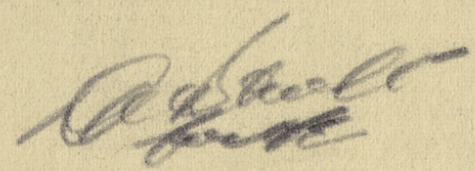
2/10 Aust Commando Squadron 060745 K

RHQ

Sll							Nil
	Nil		Nil		2		
Nil		Nil		Nil		Nil	
	10		142		Nil		
		1		15		4	
	35		2		4		



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Tpr	Charlton	104	CCS
"	Pimlott	"	"

Pte	Anstee	104	CCS Off F

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2/10 Aust Commando Squadron 070745 K

RHQ

	S12										Nil
	Nil				Nil		Nil		Nil		
Nil			Nil			Nil					Nil
	10				142				Nil		
			1				15				4
	35				2				4		

2/10 Aust Commando Squadron 080900 K

RHQ

	S13			
	Nil	Nil	2	Nil
Nil	~~Nil~~	Nil		3
	10	143	Nil	
	1	15		4
	35	2	3	

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Tpr	KELSALL	104	CCS
"	EDGERTON	"	"
Gnr	ABEL	"	" (2/3 MMG off F)
Sjt	KENNEDY	To	RHQ (off Detached)

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Tpr	JACKSON	6 Aust Div	Reception Camp
"	FERGUSSON	" " "	" "
"	MOON	" " "	" "
Lcpl	UNWUON	2/1 MDS	(Attached - on F)

2/10 Aust Commando Squadron 090800 K

RHQ

S14							Nil
	Nil		Nil		1		
Nil		1		Nil			1
	10		143		Nil		
		1		14			4
	35		2		3		

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Sjt CLUGSTON E.W. Off posted strength OR's

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lt	CLUGSTON	E.W.	On posted strength offr's
lt	ROBINSON	G.A.	RHQ
tpr	NELSON	D.T.	RHQ
LsjtHOLDSWORTH		A.	6 Aust Div Reception Camp
tpr	PURSCHE	N.A.	" " " " "

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2/10 Aust Commando Squadron 100830 K

RHQ

	S15							Nil
		Nil			Nil		Nil	
Nil			1			2		3
		12			145		Nil	
				1		14		4
		35			2		2	

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170800K	RHQ	A7	Imm Expenditure ⊙ 9 mm ⊙ 2000 ⊙ 4 Sec ⊙ 24 ⊙ .303 Star ⊙ 100
121445	A.B.C. tp	A8	Advise this HQ immediately casualties of any nature ⊙ Hospitalisations & RTUs to be incl.
121448	B tp	A9	NX161215 cpl Butcher LN wac 2/1 ADS = NOT SENT
130700K	RHQ	A10	Strength State ⊙ AX — AY — AZ — B — 1 ⊙ C 11 & 186 ⊙ D — E ⊙ 1 & B F ⊙ 1 & 3 ⊙ G —
131645K	Rear 2/10	A11	NX580 cpl Stuart Gb ⊙ NX77732 cpl Little KP ⊙ wac 104 CCS ⊙ NX161215 cpl Butcher RTU
140830K	Rear 2/10	A12	Strength State ⊙ AX — AY — 1 AZ — 1 ⊙ B — C 11 & 124 D — E 1 — 2 F 1. 3 G — Attachea Rations 4 Engineers Detachea for Rations 1 offr & 2 crs - cat cpl Stuart Little & Green

Messages Out

TIME OF ORIGIN	TO	NO	CONTEXT
111330K	R.H.Q. Infn Cpl Nichols	A1	Strength. States ⊙ AX ⊙ nil & Nil ⊙ AY ⊙ Nil & 1 ⊙ AZ ⊙ Nil & Nil ⊙ B ⊙ Nil & Nil ⊙ C ⊙ 11 & 135 ⊙ D ⊙ Nil ⊙ E ⊙ 1 & 13 ⊙ F ⊙ 1 & 3 ⊙ G ⊙ nil & Nil.
111335K	Rear 2/10 Sqn	A2	NX161215 cpl Butcher L.N. was to 2/2 ADS 11 May.
111440	A. B tpr	A3	Immo expenditures ⊙ Returns to be in the HQ by 0700 hrs daily ⊙ Strength States to be in 0700 hrs daily.
111520	A B tpr	A4	All water drums to be into this HQ for refilling.
120800K	R.H.Q. 2/10	A5	Strength State AX — AY — AZ — B — C ⊙ 11 & 135 ⊙ D — E ⊙ 1 & 13 F ⊙ 1 & 3 ⊙ G —
120755K	Rear 2/10	A6	Open all telegrams tpr York ⊙ advise increase family

140830K	Rear 7/10	A 13	NX 66474 tpr Green RK marchea out First Aust Army Cipher School ⊙ Lapl Ogden P.E. leave approved
150700K	RHQ	A 14	Strength State ⊙ AX — AY — AZ — B — C 11 + 134 E 1 + 12 F 1 — 3 G — (attached for Rations 4 Engineers Detached for Rations 1 offr 3 ors.
160830K	RHQ	A 15	Strength State ⊙ AX — AY — 1 AZ — B — C 11 + 133 E 1 + 12 F 1 — 3 G — (Out VX93441 tpr Howlett AS - attached for rations — 4 engineers — detached for rations 1 & 2)
160835K	Rear 7/10	A 16	RESTRICTED ~~Stren~~ VX93441 tpr HOWLETT A.S evac 7/1 ADS 15 May 45
160900K	RHQ	A 17	Ann Exp A tp J 30 B tp NIL C tp 22 HQ NIL Sigs NIL. Ann held on personnel in respective troops as yesterdays return

170830K	RHQ	A16	Strength State AX — AY — AZ — B — C 11 + 133 D — E 1 + 2 E 1 + 3 G —
180905K	Rear 7/10	A 19	VX93441 tpr HOWLETT AS ⊙ NX58011 Lapl WICKHAM K.B.A. ⊙ NX173944 tpr CONNERS C.N to 104 CCS ⊙ DX 53960 tpr NELSON DT NX2073 lt GA ROBINSON detached RHQ 17 May
180810K	Rear 7/10	A 20	for action SX2122 cpl Gury E.A to be promoted A 8 sgt as from date sgt Burke E marched out to 7/11 AGH TX 9055 tpr TABER to be appointed TG2 Cook from 1 MAY for mfn tpr TABER G AB 83 to be forwarded to Capt PIPCORN 6 Aust Div Catering Corp
180815K	Rear 7/10	A 21	VX 525 sgt ROBINSON S ⊙ VX 13124 tpr CANNON AW ⊙ TX 9055 tpr TABER AJ

~~NX200828~~		A 21	NX200828 tpr Jones G Sh^a D ⊙ NX86430 tpr O'BRIEN T ⊙ NX200867 tpr BUCKLER F W RTU 6 Aust Div Reception Camp
180900K	RHQ	A 22	Strength States AX — AY — 2 AZ 1 + 1 B 1 + 7 C 11 + 137 D nils E 1 + 12 F 1 + 3 G 1 + 1 (Detached for Rations for Attached for Rations 4 Eng) Lt McCully Sgt Robinson tpr Cannon tpr Buckler F.W. tpr Jones tpr Faber tpr O'Brien tpr Fulton
181400K	RHQ	A 23	All heads of this Sqn are off the ground
190900K		A 24	AX Nil — AY — AZ — 1 B — C 11 + 136 D — E 1 + 12 F 1 + 3 G 1 — 1

190905K	Rear 7/10	A[illegible]5	NX 201275 Tpr PERCIVAL A.H marched out to rear Sqn HQ 18 May for ARL - NX 67694 Tpr Carmichael K to be TC & Signaller from 1 May
200930K	R.H.Q	A26	restricted Strength State - AX — AY — 1 AZ — B — C 11 & 134 D — E 1 & 12 — F 1 & 2 G 1-1
200930K	Rear 7/10	A27	WX 39583 Lcpl Simms H.F. ⊙ WX 28195 Lcpl Palm H.J. ⊙ NX 6908 Pte Lucas RTU 71 ADS 19 May 45.
200530K	Rear 7/10	A28	restricted ⊙ Daughter Judith Marjorie Yor to born 10 May 45 to Mrs Nancy Elizabeth York of 37 Rome St Ballarat ⊙ Change of Next to Kin from Father 64 Grant St Ballarat to wife of 37 Rome St. Ballarat
0800K	R.H.Q	A29	Ann Return
0800K	R.H.Q		Strength State AX — AY — AZ — B — C 11 & 134 D — E 1 & 12 F 1 & 2 G 1 — 1

230800K	RHQ	A31	Strength State same as 21 May
30850	RHQ	A32	Strength State ⊙ AX— AY—1 AZ— B—1 C 11 & 134 D— E 1 & 12 F 1 & 2 G 1 & 1 Out Cpl Baxter In Consill Attached for Rations 4 & 20 Detached 1/3 ADS
30850	Rear 7/10	A33	NX 171986 Lcpl Baxter R R evac 2/7 MDS for infn VX 432 tpr Consiel J F marched in from Rear Sqn HQ ⊙ sgt Carr shown on Sqn Strength.
240800K	RHQ	A34	ref yan A 821 ⊙ nominations for LHQ School of Cooking Course No 3 TX 14364 tpr Hammond G G is nominated
240805K	Rear 7/10	A35	VX 92961 tpr Fulton J T evac to 2/7 MDS ⊙ NX 31206 Cpl Farmer C L evac to 2/7 ADS 22 May ⊙ tpr Hammond G G ⊙ nominated for LHQ School of Cooking No 3 Course

240810K	RHQ	A36	strength state AX nil & nils AY nils & 4 AZ nils & nils B nil & nils C 11 & 130 D nils E 1 & 12 F1 & 2 G 1 & 4 Out tp C Mr Leeds cpl Farmer tpr Worland Dpr Fulton) Attached for Rations 4th Detached for Rations 1 & 2 ors
250910K	RHQ	A37	strength state AX — AY — 9 AZ — B — 1 C 11 & 130 D — E 1 & 12 F1 & 2 G 1 & 4 Out tpr Kelly 7/1 ADS In tpr Worland B. 7/1 ADS
250900K	Rear 7/10	A38	restricted ⊙ Q X 52938 tpr Worland B. RTV ⊙ N X 97165 tpr Kelly A.H. wac ⊙ 7/1 ADS 24 May 45
251015K	Rear 7/10	A39	restricted ⊙ O X 5407 lt L.A. LOWNDES attached to this Sqn for duty as from 25 May
250002K	Rear 7/10	A40	Transfer T X 9155 tpr Dalin to RHQ as from 5 May. Branch in tpr Dalin as attached

			from R.H.Q. ⊙ R.H.Q. are arranging for the soldier to be T.C. & boots (acting) from that date filling vacancy on their W.E.
25205K A-44	6 tpr	A41	TX14364 tpr Hammond G.G. to be ready to move. to L.H.Q. School of Cooking Corinth N.Q. to Shay ⊙ To be carried ⊙ Personal Gear ⊙ Stretcher ⊙ Dropped Mt ⊙ Pens ⊙ Pencils ⊙ notebooks ⊙ movement man will be advised later.
260730K	L.H.Q.	A42	restricted strength state ⊙ AX nil & nil, AY nil & nil AZ nil & nil, B 1 & nil, C 1 & B, D nil, E 1 & 12 F 2 & 3 G 1 & 4 be attached QX 5487 Lt Lowne
281200K	R.H.Q.	A8116	Battle Casualties K/A VX29924 tpr Shanner A.A. 271130K GSW Abdomen W/A XX115217 Ithana 271130K GSW left leg W/A NX168764 tpr Thomson N.E.H. GSW Upper Rt Thigh

281200 K	RHQ	A 43	restricted strength state AX nil & 2 AY 1 & 1 AZ nil & 2 B nil & 2 C 10 & 126 D 1 & nil E 1 & 13 F 2 & 4 G 2 & 5 Out tpr Dunaon Batth Casualty WIA wact to NIADS Lt Lane WIA wact to NIADS KIA tpr Hammer AA ⊙ tpr Hammer T G to 6 Aust Dix SHQ Sch of Cooking ⊙ tpr Palm AJ to RHQ IN tpr Kelly from NIADS – tpr Palm attached from RHQ Attached for Rations 11 ors Detached 2 & 8 ors
281500 K	RHQ	A 44	restricted ⊙ tpr Hammer nest of kin Father Mr A J Hammer 225 Plenty Rd Preston N18 ⊙ Vic
291000 K	RHQ	A 45	restricted ⊙ strength state AX — AY1 — 2AY — B 1 & 9 C 11 & 131 D nil E 1 & 8 F 2 & 5 G 3 & 6 Lt Martinmore. Sgt Lockey cpl Nichols cpl Woodmore sgt Sexton tpr Dunbath Palm Crisp Faulks Fair Out Bow Clennett Wills

attached 11 Dinner

Detached for Rations 2 & 11 ors

RHQ	310730 K	A46	AX nils & nils AY nils & 6 AZ nils & 2 B nils & 1 [illegible] 11 & 125 D nils E 1 & 12 F 2 & 5 G 3 & 11 Out Lcpl Farmer, Prosser, Boulston Simpson Whitten Worrall 71 ADS. Lcpl Unwin RTU cpl De Lisa ex list IN Pte Hack
301130 K	RHQ	A47	restricted ⊙ Bath casualty NX172307 Tpr WHITTEN RG. WIA 271130 K GSW Union Schrap Wound Left half Remaining on Duty
301100 K	ABC	A48	All bath casualties of to be reported to Sgn Orderly Room and Sgn MO.
301730 K	RHQ	A49	restricted ⊙ Accidentally wounded ⊙ VX65496 Tpr BATHMAN S ⊙ accidentally wounded 301715 K. ⊙ BW left upper arm ⊙ condition satisfactory
310730 K	RHQ	A50	AX nils & 1 AY nils & 6 AZ nils & nils B nils & nils C 11 & 120 D nils E 1 & 11 F 2 & 5 G 2 & 4

			Out cpl Bryant Lcpl Lamont tpr Sharks tpr Buckler tpr Bathman J. tpr York A.S. Attached for Rations 2 + 15 Detached for rations 8 crs
010730K	RHQ	A50	AX rich c 1 AY rich c rich AZ rich c rich B rich c rich C 11 • 116 D rich E 1 • 11 F 2 • 5 G 2 • 4 Out tpr REID BROWN Sgt ROGERS tpr Flacks to 7 ADS attached for rations 2 + 15 Detached 7 crs
011030K	RHQ	51	Battle Casualties ⊙ NX200687 tpr Jones J.H.W K/A ⊙ 010045 K ⊙ GSW chest ⊙ W/A ⊙ WX28195 tpr Palmer H.J. ⊙ W/A ⊙ 011045 K GSW left ankle ⊙ condition satisfactory ⊙ NX133687 tpr Babetrubb J ⊙ W/A 011045 K ⊙ GSW chest ⊙ condition serious ⊙ Dieds of Wounds ⊙ NX133687 tpr Babetrubb J.

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RHQ

	S7			Nil
	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Nil		Nil	Nil	1
	9	147	Nil	
		1	15	4
	33	2	4	

I N

Tpr Gillies 104 CCS

Capt Bottrell RHQ (on F)
Tpr Palmer " "

O U T

Pte Horsington to 104 CCS (Off F)

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2/10 Aust Commando Squadron 030800 K

RHQ

S8				Nil
	Nil	Nil	2	
Nil				1
	Nil	Nil		
9			Nil	
	1			
		15		4
36				
	2		4	

L G Boydaapt

O U T

Tpr	Prior	104	CCS
"	Biddle	104	"

I N

Gnr	Reilly	2/1	Tank	Attack	(On F)
"	Abellm		"	"	"
"	Jepson		"	"	"
Cpl	Dewar	2/1	MDS		

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2/10 Aust Commando Squadron 0%0730 K

RHQ

	S9						Nil
		Nil		Nil		2	
Nil			Nil		1		Nil
		10		144		Nil	
			1		15		4
		36		2		4	

O U T

Tpr	Wills	K.E.	Evav to 104 CCs
"	Megson	A.J.	" " " "

I N

lt	Carr	J.W.	RTU	104 CCS

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2/10 Aust Commando Squadron 050800K

RHQ

	S10				Nil
	Nil	Nil		Nil	
Nil			Nil		Nil
	10			Nil	
		1	15		4
	36			4	
		2			

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2/10 Aust Commando Squadron 010800 K

RHQ

S6							Nil
	Nil		Nil		Nil		
Nil		Nil		Nil			Nil
	9		14		Nil		
		1		15			
	33		2		4		

Out

Sgt Robinson Out 104 CCS

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Lt Ohara 2/1 Gen & Attach attachua for rations

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MAY 45

FIELD RETURNS

Appx 1b

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5 / MAY 1945 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn (Unit)

W.E. 111 100b/1 OFFRS. 17 O.R's. 243+ OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 19 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
1	1	-	-	W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.	See Appendix "A" att.	Sgts 1		2	2
	-	-	1	Staff Sergeants					
3	3	-	3	Sergeants					
7	7	-	17	Corporals					
~~81~~	~~81~~	~~3~~	~~133~~	Troopers, Privates, etc.		5 6	X 1	2	2
81	81	3	133	Civilians counting as O.R.		18 ~~16~~	2		
92 *	92	3	154 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		16. 17	1 2	4 4	4 * 4

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.P. Under 19 Years.	C.M.P. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A		170						[redacted]	[redacted]		170
B(1)		171									171
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	4 Aust Malarial Control Unit		
1	6 Aust Div Cooking School		
1	2/6 Aust Cav(Cdo) Regt.		
1	2/6 Aust Cav(Cdo) Regt		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To ..... (Unit) is Particularly Requested. ...../...../194.....

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 5 / MAY / 1945 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, B.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
[redacted] Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Arehitectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Mcd.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
[redacted]rs, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
[redacted]rinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		*	*

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5 MAY 45 ..... *Date of Despatch*

..... Capt
Adm Comd 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn ..... *Signature of Commander*

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APPENDIX "A"
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TRADE GROUPINGS	RANK	W.E.	POSTED STRENGTH	DEFICIENCIES	SURPLUS	RQD RFTS
Armourer Artificer Fitter	Tpr	-	1	-	1	-
TRADE GROUP 2						
Intelligence Duties	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
Do Do	Tpr	7	6	1	-	1
Carpenter	Tpr	1	1	-	-	-
Signallers	Cpl	4	2	2	-	2
Do	Tpr	31	18	13	-	13
TRADE GROUP 3						
Clerk	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
Do	Tpr	1	1	-	-	-
Eqpt Repairer	Tpr	1	-	1	-	1
Driver Mechanics	Tpr	-	2	-	2	-
NON SPECIALISTS						
Hygiene Dutymen	Tpr	2	1	1	-	1
Foreman	Tpr	1	1	-	-	-
Pioneers	Sgt	1	-	1	-	1
Do	Tpr	5	5	-	-	-
Transport	Sgt	1	-	1	-	1
Waterdutymen	Tpr	1	1	-	-	-
Driver MT	Tpr	1	1	-	-	-
Batmen Drivers	Tpr	18	1	17	-	17
Orderlies	Tpr	16	8	8	-	8
Riflemen	Cpl	18	13	5	-	5
Do	Tpr	126	86	40	-	40
Troop Sergeants	Sgts	4	3	1	-	1
SQMS	S/Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
SSM	WO2	1	-	1	-	1
TOTAL:-		243	154	92	3	92

ATTACHED AND ALLOWED BY W.E.

RAMC						
Hygiene Inspector	Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
Medical	Sgt	1	-	1	-	1
Do	Cpl	3	2	1	-	1
Nursing Orderlies	Tpr	3	3	-	-	-
AACC						
Cooks	Sgt	1	-	1	-	1
Do	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
Do	Tpr	6	6	-	-	-
AEME						
Armourer	Cpl	1	-	1	-	1
Do	Tpr	-	1	-	1	-
[illegible]C Wpn maker	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
[illegible]C [illegible]	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
		19	16	4	1	4

Despatched 5 May 45

L.D. Boyd
.....Capt
Adm Comd 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn

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.....Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday / /194 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
[redacted]rsmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
[redacted]er, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		*	*

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13 MAY 45
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

19 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12 M/194 5 2/10 Aust ~~Commando Sqn~~ (Unit)

W.E. 117 10/Ob/1 OFFRS. 17 O.R's. 245 OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 19 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
NR 1	1	-	-	W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
-	-	-	1	Staff Sergeants	See Appendix "A" attached				
NR 4	4	-	2	Sergeants		1	-	2	2 NR
NR 8	8	-	16	Corporals		4	-	3	3 NR
87	87	4	128	Troopers, Privates, etc.		10	1	[illegible]	[illegible]
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
100 *	100	4	147 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		15 *	1	5	5 * NR

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A		162						[redacted]	[redacted]		162
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	4 Aust Malarial Control Unit		
1	6 Aust Div Cooking School		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To ..... (Unit) is Particularly Requested. ...../...../194.....

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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TRADE GROUPINGS	RANK	W.E.	POSTED STRENGTH	DEFICIENCIES	SURPLUS	REQD RFTS
TRADE GROUP 1.						
Armourer Artificer Fitter	Tpr	-	1	-	1	-
TRADE GROUP 2						
Intelligence Duties	Cpl	1	-	1	-	1 NR
Do Do	Tpr	7	6	1	-	1 NR
Carpenter	Tpr	1	1	-	-	-
Signallers	Cpl	4	2	2	-	2 NR
Do	Tpr	31	17	14	-	14 NR
TRADE GROUP 3						
Clerk	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
Do	Tpr	1	1	-	-	-
Equiptment Repairer	Tpr	1	-	1	-	1
Driver Mechanics	Tpr	-	3	-	3	-
NON-SPECIALISTS						
Hygiene dutymen	Tpr	2	1	1	-	1
Storemen	Tpr	1	1	-	-	-
Pioneers	Sgt	1	-	1	-	1 NR
Do	Tpr	5	5	-	-	-
Transport	Sgt	1	-	1	-	1 NR
Waterdutyman	Tpr	1	1	-	-	-
Drivers MT	Tpr	1	1	-	-	-
Batmen Drivers	Tpr	18	1	17	-	17
Orderlies	Tpr	16	7	9	-	9
Riflemen	Cpl	18	13	5	-	5 NR
Troop Sergeants	Sgt	4	2	2	-	2 NR
SQMS	S/sgt	1	1	-	-	-
SSM	WO2	1	-	1	-	1 NR
Riflemen	Tpr	126	82	44	-	44
TOTAL		243	147	100	4	100

ATTACHED AND ALLOWED BY W.E.

AAMC						
Hygiene inspector	Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
Medical	Sgt	1	-	1	-	1 NR
Do	Cpl	3	1	2	0	2 NR
Nursing Orderlies	Tpr	3	3	-	-	-
AACC						
Cooks	Sgt	1	-	1	-	1
Do	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
Do	Tpr	6	6	-	-	-
AEME						
Armourer	Cpl	1	-	1	-	1 NR
	Tpr	-	1	-	1	-
AAOC						
Bootmaker	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
AAPOSC						
Postal	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
TOTALS		19	15	5	1	5

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

22/45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2/5/1945 2/10 Aust Comando Sqn (Unit)

W.E. 111/1002/45 OFFRS. 17 O.R's. 243 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 10 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
			1	W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
			1	Staff Sergeants					
NR	6	-	-	Sergeants	1 - - - -	1		2	
NR	11	-	13	Corporals	1 1 - 1 1	4		3	
107	107	4	111	Troopers, Privates, etc.	2 6 - - -	8		1	
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
107 *	124	4	123 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		13 *		6	*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A		136						[redacted]	[redacted]		136
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt		

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	2/4 Aust Malarial Control		
1	2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt		
1	Ord FMC		
1	ARL		
1	6 Aust Div Sch of Cooking		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To .....(Unit) is Particularly Requested. ...../...../194.....

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

(Serial No.) 18 .../45...

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5 May/1945 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn (Unit)

W.211 1007/1. OFFRS. 17 O.R's. 243 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 19 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
				*					
				*					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
1	1			Majors					
2	2		2	Captains	AAMC	1	-	-	-
2	2		10	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
5	5	-	12			1	-		

DETAIL.		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.	13	13									
E.(1)											13
E.(2)											

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
QX35259	Lieut	CARR J.W.	104 CCS	2/5/45	RTU ex Hospital

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO ..... (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. ...../...../194.....

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5/ MAY 45 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	2 Army Number.	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
XXXXXX							
XXXCapt	VX8364	WOODHOUSE	M.C.	2 i/c	YES		
"	SX11735	SHORT	L.T,	Tp Ldr	NO	att HQ 6AUST DIV for duty	30/12/44
Lieut	NX136139	EWING	I.R,	Sec Ldr	YES		
"	QX35259	CARR	J.W.	Do	YES		
"	NX2333	MAXWELL	E.F.	Do	YES		
"	NX12843	PERKINS	K.C.	Do	YES		
"	NX2073	ROBINSON	G.A.	Do	YES		
"	NX49696	REDMOND	N.T.	Do	YES		
"	VX64564	MARTIN	G.J.	Do	YES		
"	VX115717	LAND	J.K.	Do	YES		
"	VX50394	ROPER	R.A	Sig O	YES		
"	QX4681	BOW	D,W.	I O	YES		
ATTACHED AND ALLOWED BY W.E.							
Capt	VX63930	DeGARIS	G.N.	MO	YES		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	NX12295	D.G. BOYD	2/9 Aust Commando Sqn	29/4/45	Att for duty as O/C

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Date of Despatch

D Boyd Capt.
Adm Comd 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn
Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

20 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19 MAY 45 2/10 AUST COMMANDO SQN (Unit)

W.E. 111 100b/45 / / OFFRS. 17 O.R's. 243 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 19 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
				*					
				*					
2	1	-	-	Lieut.-Colonels					
3	3	-	1	Majors					
1	1		11	Captains	AAMC	1	-	-	-
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
5	5		12			1	-	-	-

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL.		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	A.		13									13
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX68302	Lt	R.W.McCULLY	6 Aust Div Rec	12/5/45	RTU ex ARL & SCHOOL

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX8364	Capt	M.C.WOODHOUSE	6 Aust Div Rec for re-posting	12/5/45	Auth 6Aust Div A12024 10/5/45
NX2073	Lieut	G.A.ROBINSON	2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt	16/5/45	Detached for duty
VX65930	Capt	G.E.DeGARIS (AAMC)	2/7Aust Fd Amb	12/5/45	Detached for duty

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO ..... (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. ...../...../194.....

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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COMMANDO SQN ..... Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19 MAY 5 /...../194..... (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	2 Army Number.	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
Capt	SX11735	SHORT	L.T.	Tp Lr	NO	Att HQ 6 Aust Div for duty 30/12/44	
Lieut	NX136139	EWING	I.R.	Sec Lr	YES		
"	QX35259	CARR	J.W.	"	YES		
"	NX2333	MAXWELL	E.Q.	"	YES		
"	NX12843	PERKINS	K.C.	"	YES		
"	NX2073	ROBINSON	G.A	"	NO	att 2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo)Regt for duty 16/5/45	
	~~NX81X~~ NX49696	REDMOND	N.T.	"	YES		
"	VX64564	MARTIN	G.J.	"	YES		
"	VX115717	LAND	J.K.	"	YES		
"	VX50394	ROPER	R.A.	Sig O	YES		
"	QX4681	BOW	D.W.	IO	YES		
~~NX68302~~ ~~NX68302~~ LIEUT	NX68302	McCULLY	EW	SEC LDR	YES		
ATTACHED AND ALLOWED BY W.E.							
Capt	VX63930	DEGARIS	G.N.	MO	NO	att 2/7 Aust Fd Amb for duty 12/5/45	

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	NX12295	D.G.BOYD	2/9 Aust Commando Sqn	29/4/45	attached for duty as OC

19 May 45

Date of Despatch

[signature] Lt

Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19/Mar/194 5 2/10 Aust Commando Sqn (Unit)

W.E. 11/ 1/Co 45 OFFRS. 17 O.R's. 24 OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 19 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
				W.Os. Class II.					
NR 1	1	-	-	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.	See				
				Staff Sergeants	Appendix				
-	-	-	1	Sergeants	"A"	1	-	2	2 NR
NR 4	4	-	2	Corporals	attached	4	-	3	3 NR
NR 8	8	-	16	Troopers, Privates, etc.		8	-	1	1 NR
86	86	4	129	Civilians counting as O.R.					
99*	99	4	148*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		13*	-	6	6* NR

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

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Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A		161						[redacted]	[redacted]		161
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	4 Aust Malarial Control Unit		
1	2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt		
1	ORD F.M.C.		
1	ARL		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To ..... (Unit) is Particularly Requested. ...../...../194.....

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 19/May/1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
[illegible]pensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
[illegible]echanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		*	*

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

19 May 45 ..... *Date of Despatch*

H.C. Bowman Lt ..... *Signature of Commander*

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TRADE GROUPINGS	RANK	W.E.	POSTED STRENGTH	DEFICIENCIES	SURPLUS	RFTS RQD
TRADE GROUP 1.						
Armourer Artificer Fitter	Tpr	-	1	-	1	-
TRADE GROUP 2.						
Carpenter	Tpr	1	1	-	-	-
Intelligence Duties	Cpl	1	-	1	-	1 NR
Do Do	Tpr	7	6	1	-	1 NR
Signallers	Cpl	4	2	2	-	2 NR
Do	Tpr	31	18	13	-	13
TRADE GROUP 3.						
Clerk	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
Do	Tpr	1	1	-	-	-
Equipment Repairer	Tpr	1	-	1	-	1 NR
Driver Mechannics	Tpr	-	3	-	3	-
NON-SPECIALISTS						
Hygiene dutymen	Tpr	2	1	1	-	1
Storeman	Tpr	1	1	-	-	-
Pioneers	Sgt	1	-	1	-	1 NR
Do	Tpr	5	4	1	-	1 NR
Transport	Sgt	1	-	1	-	1 NR
Waterdutyman	Tpr	1	1	-	-	-
Driver MT	Tpr	1	1	-	-	-
Batmen drivers	Tpr	18	2	16	-	16
Orderlies	Tpr	16	7	9	-	9
Riflemen	Cpl	18	13	5	-	5 NR
Riflemen	Tpr	126	82	44	-	44
Troop Sergeants	Sgt	4	2	2	-	2 NR
SQMS	S/Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
SSM	WO2	1	-	1	-	1 NR
TOTAL:-		243	148	99	4	99

ATTACHED AND ALLOWED BY W.E.

AAMC						
Hygiene Inspector	Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
Medical	Sgt	1	-	1	-	1 NR
Do	Cpl	3	1	2	-	2 NR
Nursing Orderlies	Tpr	3	3	-	-	-
AACC						
Cooks	Sgt	1	-	1	-	1 NR
"	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
"	Tpr	6	5	1	-	1 NR
AEME						
Armourer	Cpl	1	-	1	-	1 NR
AAOC						
Bootmaker	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
AAPosC						
Postal Orderly	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
TOTAL:-		19	13	6	-	6 NR

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

20[illegible]/[illegible] (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19 / May / 1945. 2/10 Aust 5 Commando Sqn (Unit)

W.E. 11/100/45 OFFRS. 37 O.R's. 243 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 19 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
NR 1	1	-	-	W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.	See				
-	-	-	1	Staff Sergeants	Appendix				
NR 4	4	-	2	Sergeants	"A"	1	-	2	2 NR
NR 8	8	-	16	Corporals	attached	4	-	3	3 NR
96	96	4	129	Troopers, Privates, etc.		8	-	1	1 NR
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
99 *	99	4	148 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		13 *	-	6	6 NR *

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A		161						[redacted]	[redacted]		161
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	4 Aust Malarial Control Unit		
1	2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt		
1	CRD F.M.C.		
1	ARL		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. / /194

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 19 / May /1945 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
[redacted]smiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
[redacted]er, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		*	*

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

10 May 45
Date of Despatch

A Robinson Lt
Signature of Commander

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WEWAK EAST

A 54/16 NORTHEAST NEW GUINEA

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Road classification based on photo examination and Terrain Study No.65

PACIFIC OCEAN

NIGHTINGALE BAY

KRAVEL BAY

Kaiep
Parok
Terebu
Sinabili
Bungain
Dagawat
Kandai 730
Waibab
Nomareb (Mareb)
Wawat
Kamasau
Meyar I
Sil
Sumup
Approx 1100
Approx 1400
Approx 1700
Approx 800
460 KARUP HILL
250
941

SAND BEACH
Cliffs 100'
Creek
Bung Bung Creek
Onrea Creek
Letik Creek
Wisil Creek
Yimba Creek
Kovaer Creek
Kumbuka Creek
Aramba Creek
Overall Creek
Richthofen Hook
Observed Ck

Scale 1 / 63360 or 1 inch equals 1 mile

1 1/2 0 1 2 3 Miles
1 1/2 0 1 2 3 4 Kilometers
1000 500 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 Yards

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Grid and True North
5°45 E
102 Mils
Mag North

Approximate mean declination 1943
Annual magnetic increase 3'

RELIABILITY DIAGRAM
A. Reliable - from vertical photographs

LEGEND
- Suitable for 2 way MT
- Suitable for 1 way MT
- Trails
- Trails, probable
- Native village
- Swamps
- Streams, intermittent
- Underwater obstruction
- Forest
- Plantations
- Mangroves
- Form lines, interval approx 100 ft
- Grassland

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1000 METER MODIFIED BRITISH GRID SYSTEM
N. E. I. EQUATORIAL ZONE

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WEWAK EAST
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By Base Map Plant, U.S. Army, GHQ, SWPA, November 1943.
Photomosaic compiled from Trimetrogon aerial photography,
Missions: 900 Dec 1942, 114Y April 1943 and 214Y Aug 1943
By 8th Photo Squadron, 5th Air Force, U. S. Army.
Additional information from Terrain Study No. 65 and Anglo Persian Maps
Form lines determined using elevations from Terrain Study No. 65 and height computations from oblique photographs.
Controlled from position at Wewak by Australasian Petroleum Co., being 3° 32' 52"S in latitude, 143° 37' 37"E in longitude. The Mouth of the Sepik River being 3° 52' 19.8"S in latitude and 144° 32' 40.2"E in longitude from German Chart No. 518 and the junction of the Yuat River and Sepik River as scaled from German Chart No. 518.
Lambert Conical Orthomorphic Projection.
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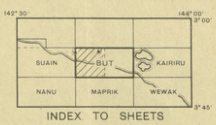
Lambert Conical Orthomorphic Projection.

Grid and True North
Mag. North
5°30′E
98 Mils
Approx mean decl 1944
Annual mag increase 3′



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1 1/2 0 1 2 3 Miles
1 1/2 0 1 2 3 4 Kilometers
1000 500 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 Yards

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(INTERVAL APPROXIMATELY 100 FT.)

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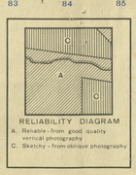
LEGEND
Road, I Track, M. T.
Jeep Road
Trail
Trail Probable
Bridge
Village
Buildings or Huts
Streams, intermittent
Swamp
Shallow or Drying Reef
Sago swamp
Secondary Growth
Forest
Plantations
Native gardens
Heights in feet
Sand
Foot bridge



RELIABILITY DIAGRAM
A. Reliable - from good quality vertical photography
C. Sketchy - from oblique photography

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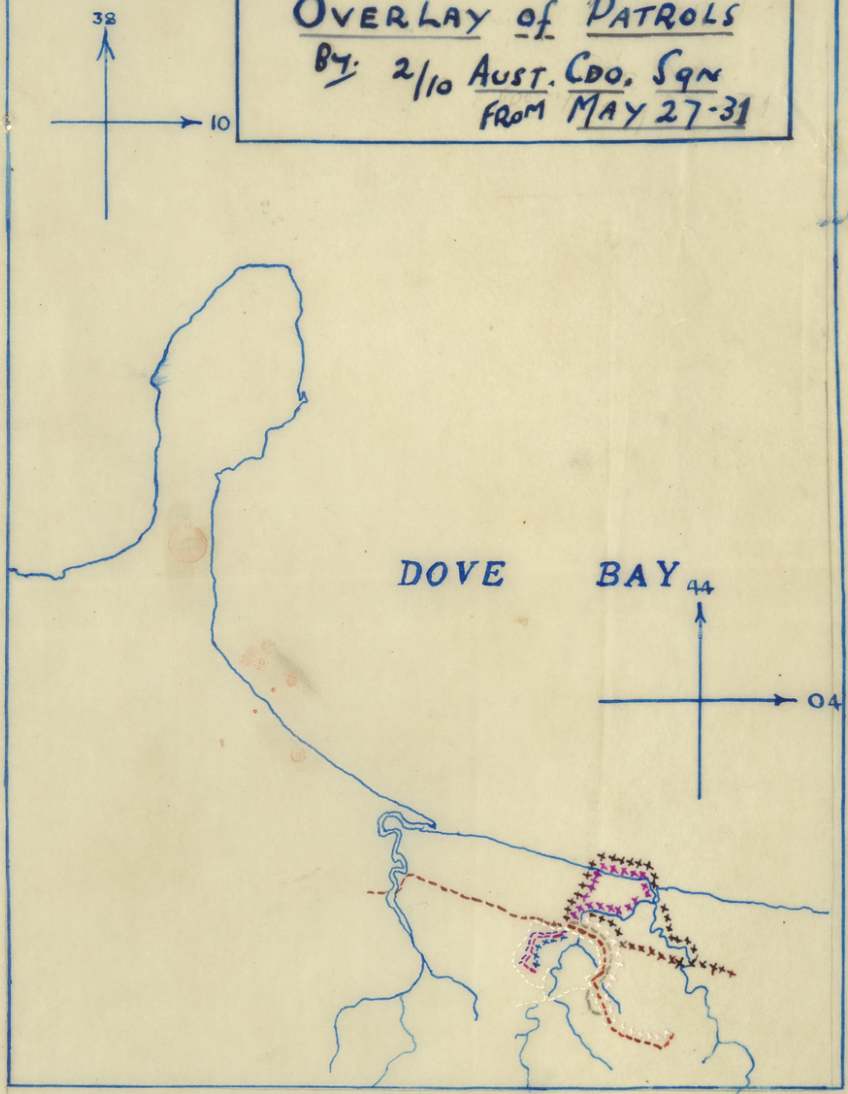
OVERLAY of PATROLS
By 2/10 AUST. CDO. SQN
FROM MAY 27-31



Ref. Maps Wewak W
Wewak E
1 INCH

LEGEND

MAY 27	'B'	TROOP	
" 27	'A'	"	
" 28	'A'	"	
" 29	'C'	"	
" 29	'A'	"	
" 30	'A'	"	
" 30	'C'	"	
" 30	'C'	"	
" 31	'B'	"	
" 31	'C'	"	

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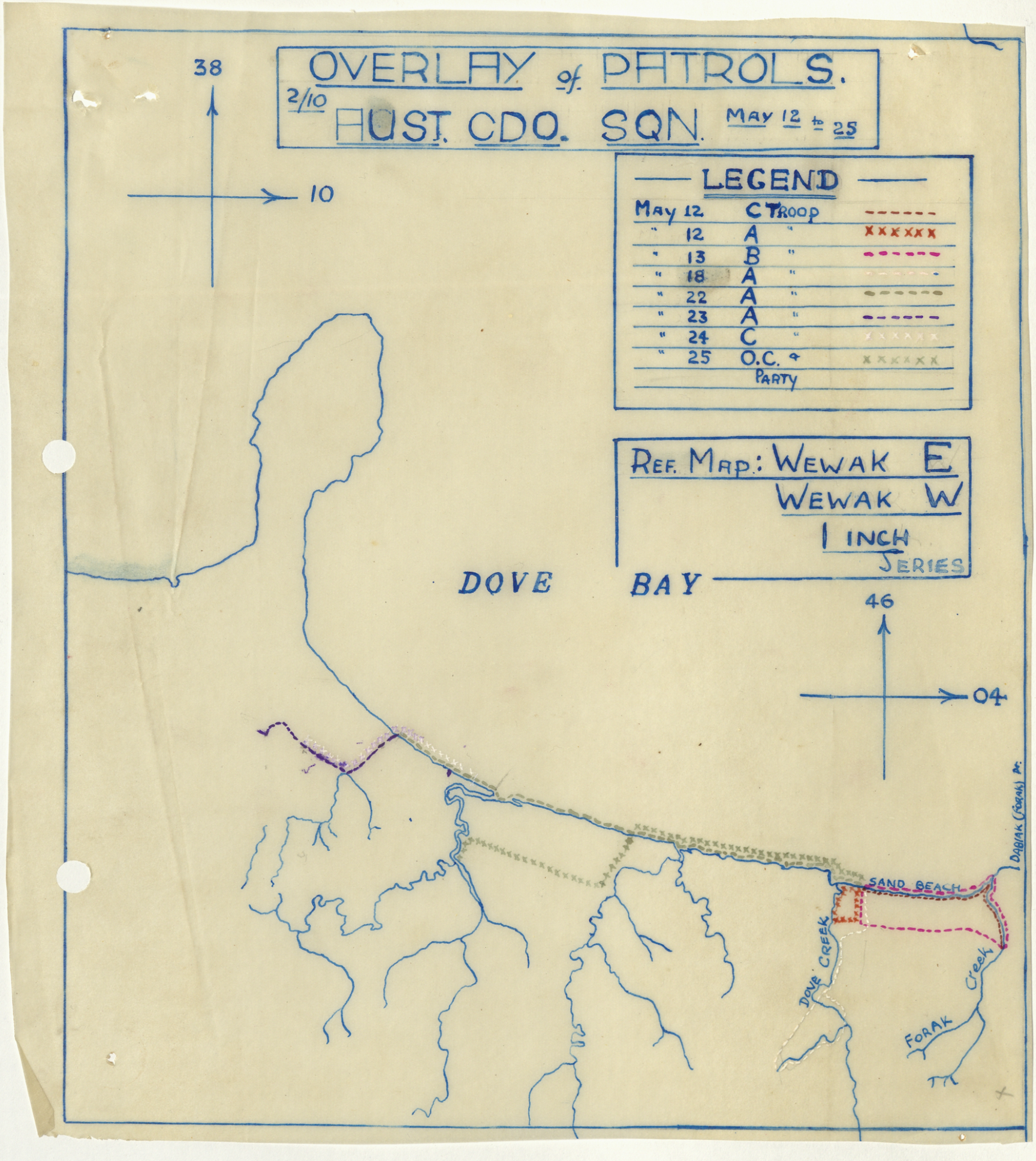
OVERLAY of PATROLS.
2/10 AUST. CDO. SQN. MAY 12 to 25
38
10
LEGEND
MAY 12 C TROOP
" 12 A "
" 13 B "
" 18 A "
" 22 A "
" 23 A "
" 24 C "
" 25 O.C. & PARTY
REF. MAP: WEWAK E
WEWAK W
1 INCH
SERIES
DOVE BAY
46
04
SAND BEACH
DOVE CREEK
FORAK
Creek
DABIAK (FORAK) PT.

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WEWAK WEST
A 54/16 NORTHEAST NEW GUINEA

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NOTE: Dotted blue lines indicate outline of underwater features, appearing on photographs. Depths, composition and completeness of information uncertain

BISMARCK SEA

WEWAK HARBOR

BORAM BAY

DOVE BAY

LOW LYING COASTAL PLAIN

PRINCE ALEXANDER MOUNTAINS

MANY SMALL CLEARINGS AND NATIVE GARDENS

NUMEROUS SMALL HILLS AND PEAKS DRAINAGE INDEFINITE

LEGEND

- Hy A.A. guns
- Med. " "
- Lt. " "
- Type but No. of guns, not known
- Med. do longer exist
- Searchlights (No. of guns & emplacements)
- Naval or field artillery
- Supply or store dumps
- Biv. areas
- Possibly bridges or may no longer exist
- Vehicle dispersal areas

ANCHORAGES

- All seasons
- N.W. season only
- S.E. "
- Anchorages for small and large ships

LEGEND

- Road, 1 Track, M. T.
- Jeep Road
- Trail
- Bridge
- Footbridge
- Buildings or Huts
- Village
- Shallow or Drying Reef
- Approx 30' depth line
- Streams, intermittent
- Swamp
- Mangroves
- Scattered trees
- Secondary Growth
- Plantations
- Forest
- Sand
- Native gardens
- Astronomic position
- Trail Probable

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Mag. North 6° 30' E 98 mils
Approx mean decl 1944
Annual mag increase 3'

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Contour interval 100 feet Datum is approx sea level

Form lines are indicated as broken lines

RELIABILITY DIAGRAM
A. Reliable - from vertical photography
B. Fairly Reliable - from near oblique photography
C. Sketchy - from distant oblique photography

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