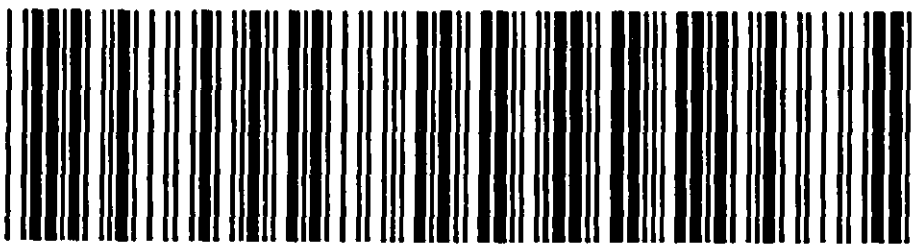
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45 Australian Air Liaison Section (AC) (45 Aust AL Sec (AC))

September 1943



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Unit 45 AUST AL SEC (AC) *Date and Time.—From* 1 SEP '43 *To* 2 SEP '43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRY, PT. MORESBY	1/9/43		Operations for day WAU & BERRY nil sorties. See app "B". Maj. Daniell to TSILI, 8 BOOMERANGS, 3 WIRRAWAYS to TSILI for 9&7 AUST DIVS co-operation. 2 AUST AIR LIAISON SECTION AIF re-designated and a sub unit of 1 AUST AL GROUP; Unit designation now 45 AUST AL SEC (AC). Authority M.G.F. G/3654/SD. All "A" & "Q" correspondence and returns will be rendered via 1 AUST AL GROUP Courier to DOBADURA commenced. All enlargements for Army-Co-operation will be printed at MALLETT.	
BERRY, PT. MORESBY	2/9/43		Operations for day WAU 1 sortie- BERRY nil- TSILI nil. See app "B". Courier to TSILI TSILI commenced. TSILI TSILI now known as MALLETT; NADZAB as APPARITION. Arrangements made with Lt-Col. Hutchinson and Lt-Col. Moore SATF and 35th. Fit. Group. to do Tac/R FINSCHHAFEN to LAE "D" day minus 1 for 9 AUST DIV. Key to S.W.P.A. Code received. Copies to ALO MALLETT. Squadron and AL Section at MALLETT ready to operate for 7 & 9 AUST DIVS.	

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Unit 45 AUST AL SEC (AC) *Date and Time.—From* 3 SEP '43 *To* 6 SEP '43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRY, PT. MORESBY	3/9/43		Operations for day WAU - BERRY - MALLETT nil sorties. See app "B". Operations detached Flight 4 AC Sqn ceased at WAU 0900 hrs; future requirements will be flown from MALLETT. Tac/R SAIDOR to LAE 1800 hrs. Results via SATF at 2000K to 9 AUST DIV AT sea. R/T watch daily with 5 AUST DIV. Communication established 1600K on 4590 Kcs; Call Sign 8P95. All frequencies etc. and sorties working very smoothly; BOOMERANGS very suitable for Arty/R.	
BERRY, PT. MORESBY	4/9/43		Operations for day BERRY nil - MALLETT 9 sorties. See app "B" Capt. Keating returned ex WAU; 9 AUST DIV landed ref 930395 LAE 1:63,360 at 0630. Arty/R and Naval Arty/R and Tac/R all day; Naval Arty/R NOT engaged. R/T satisfactory. Comm established with ground at 1700 hrs. Request for Tac/R & etc. passed at 1900 hrs.	
BERRY, PT. MORESBY	5/9/43		Operations for day BERRY 1 sortie, MALLETT 4 sorties. See app "B". BER 52/182 flown. Paratroops 503 Bn U.S. landed NADZAB am.- unapposed. All pilots report R/T very poor - area MARKHAM Valley - LAE - HOPOI reception difficult. All Arty/R this area is one way procedure; guns can hear a/c R5 S5, a/c cannot hear guns outside 2000yds radius.	
BERRY, PT. MORESBY	6/9/43		Operations for day MALLETT 5 sorties, BERRY 1 sortie . See app "B". BER 53/182 flown. Pte. Lonergan to MALLETT. F/O Laidlaw in BOOMERANG A46-112 presumed shot down at 1015 hrs East of HOPOI. Dawn Tac/R NADZAB for 7 AUST DIV - results stating condition of drome and planes per hour passed to 7 AUST DIV PT. MORESBY at 0830hrs Tac/R as far East as CAPE GERHARD . During Arty/R over LAE area B17s & B24s released bombs in LAE which fell on a/c in area - a few near misses.	

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DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

Major. D.G.Daniell.
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Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task and Area.	Remarks and Result.
9.	8 x P39's 40th Sqn. USAC.	Capt Lampe	USAC & 7 others.	1615.	1815	2hrs.	TAC/R SALDOR to BUEEP R. via FIRSCHAFEN.	SUCCESSFUL.

DISTs- NCF, BLOODHOUND, "POSTERN", WAR DIARY, FILE.

Serviceability:- OP A/C. S. U.S. Communication A/C. S. U.S.

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT 4 [illegible] Sqn. SORTIE No. 2. A/C No. - TYPE 3 x P39's 40th Sqn. DATE 3-7-44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: Rec/s at 50' from SAIDOR to HUON RIVER via FINSCHHAFEN. Inland & Coastal tracks-any enemy movement land or sea.

REF. MAPS [illegible] 1/63360.

PILOT: Capt Lange USAC.

OBSERVER: and 7 others.

TIME UP: 1615

TIME DOWN: 1315.

TOTAL: 2 hours.

VISIBILITY: VERY GOOD.

WEATHER: CLEAR & FINE.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
SAIDOR	1630	2000'	Saidor to Finschhafen NO movement seen
to		to	Buoja River mouth 3632-635, two barges. Finschhafen one ship estimate 75 feet long and 3 barges alongside wharf
FINSCHHAFEN.	to	50'	Camp constructional works area 3614645.
			[illegible] RIVER 3620552 three barges. HUSINO Is. 3662451 one barge. [illegible] VILLAGE 3639478 one barge.
		50'	Along coast 3624461 to 3370425 five barges awash. Unnamed river east bank 3301394 one barge.
			Apparent fence constructed along ridge 3250405 to 3290406.
		100'	[illegible] 3102306 two churches, new galvanised roofs. Native Village burning approx 3100430.
		50'	HUON RIVER track very faint. Coast and inland tracks NO movement seen. NO natives seen.
	1630		NO well worn tracks.
			ENY: Pilot shot down 1 enemy AC about to land at Lae. A/A very poor.

Time and Signature [illegible]

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc 2/10 Confirmation

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DIST: NGF, 1 Aust Corps, [illegible] Mallett, 9 Aust Div, [illegible] 5AF, AHQ Mallett, AHQ 5AF, 4AC Sqn, War Diary, File. 2MF

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DATE... 4 Sep 43 .....

DAILY RECORD OF AIRCRAFT FLOWN.

SORTIE NO.	A/C NO.	PILOT	OBSERVER	UP	DOWN	TOTAL	TASK	REMARKS
1.	A46-106	Ft/Lt. Hutchinson		0607	0823	2hr 16	Naval Recce	Successful
	A46-110	F/O Ambrose		0607	0823	2hr 16	Escort	-
2.	A46-111	F/O Whitehouse		0737	1005	2hr 28	Naval Recce	Successful
	A46-112	F/O Dickson.		0737	1005	2hr 28	Escort	
3.	A46-112	F/O Laidlaw		0905	1085	1hr 10	Tac R	Successful
	A46-107	F/O Carter		0905	1015	1hr 10	Escort	
4.	A46-106	Ft/Lt Hutchinson		0911	1121	2hr 10	Naval Co-op	Successful
	A46-	F/O Dickson		0911	1121	2hr 10	Escort	-
5.	A46-116	Ft/Lt Clarenshaw		0905	1015	1hr 10	Tac R	Successful
	A46-109	F/O Manger		0905	1015	1hr 10	Escort	
6.	A46-112	F/O Laidlaw		1212	1315	1hr 3	Tac R	Successful
	A46-107	F/O Carter		1212	1315	1hr 3	Escort	-
7.	A46-116	Ft/Lt Clarenshaw		1205	1330	1hr 26	Tac R	Successful
	A46-109	F/O Manger		1205	1331	1hr 26	Escort	
8.								-
9	A46-116	Ft/Lt Clarenshaw		1535	1700	1hr 25	Tac R.	Successful.
	A46-109	F/O Manger		1535	1700	1hr 25	Escort	
8.	A46-112	F/O Laidlaw.		1535	1700	1hr 25	Tac R	Successful.
	A46-107	F/O Carter		1535	1700	1hr 25	Escort	

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Distr= HQF. 4A.C.; War Diary, File. "POSTERN"

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LOCATION MALLETT. UNIT 4 AC [illegible]. SORTIE No. 1. A/C No. - TYPE Boomerang A46/106. A46/110. DATE 4 Sep '43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE AIR SPOTTING FOR NAVAL BOMBARDMENT. OPERATIONS [illegible].

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	TOTAL	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
LAE 1/63360.	F/Lt Latchem.	0603	0823.	2. 15.	GOOD	FINE & CLEAR.
MGI R. 1/63360.	OBSERVER F/O. Ambrose.					
[illegible] provincial.						

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
BURER R mouth RS 792432.	0630	200'	1. Communications:- Whisky Able contacted George 6 at approx 0645 after delay of 15 minutes-pilot suspects his own transmitter for delay. Communications when established were good, strength 5 each way.
to	to	to	2. No movement seen BURER R north, S3039 searched inland for a depth of 5000yds, paying special attention to rivers.
River mouth S300390.	0800	500'	3. No natives seen in any villages or HOPOI Mission. 7 of TEGRING where 2 were observed. No footprint on beach 810427.
			4. No fires seen and no cooking smoke from villages, patch found has been burnt 9043.
			5. Pilot kept clear of landing beaches and did not approach within 2000yds.
			6. Whisky Able hand-d over to Whisky Baker 0800.
			7. 3 Bomber & 3 Fighters sighted heading ? at 8941 at 0700.

Time and Signature. [signature]

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[illegible]—NGPTS—8/43/1M.

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT 4 A.C. SORTIE No. 2. A.C. No. & TYPE Boomerang A46/111. A.C. A.C/113. DATE 4 [illegible] 45.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible] Flying Reconnaissance of Various Areas.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
[illegible] 1/63360/ [illegible] Division 1.	F/O. Dickson.	0737.		
	OBSERVER F/O. Whitcross.	TIME DOWN		
		TOTAL		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
[illegible]	0810	600'	1. Communications:- Army later did not receive George 3 but thought George 3 received Army later, then in area and came both ways, strength 5 with fair to there fire control party for [illegible] party.
			2. Strip at [illegible] appears half covered with brackish water. 700420 area 4 circular patches appear recently burnt, no signs of digging. 000390 one barge approx 25ft 20' long beached, camouflaged with scrub, pilot suspects has been there some days. 964398 well camouflaged native hut. 939420 native village recently inhabited, no movement seen. 942457 No movement seen. 919419 thirty men crossed river in batches of around 8, of these 8 were identified as natives, uncertain of rest, fox 2 advised and signal acknowledged. 959461 [illegible] inhabited, no movement seen.
[illegible]	0950	2000'	3. Big fire observed - [illegible] - 2 fires between [illegible] and airfield and fire on E side of airfield.

Time and Signature [illegible]

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc. 1520 MD

[illegible]—NGPPS—8/43/1M. DIST:- HQF,1 Aust Corps,2ATS HALLETT,9 AUST DIV, [illegible],ALO.HALLETT,ALO.5AF,4AC [illegible],War Diary,File.

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LOCATION HALIFT. UNIT 4 AC [illegible]. SORTIE No. 3. A/C No. - TYPE Boomerang A46/112. A46/107. DATE 4 SEP 43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R Army covecant [illegible] R. [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
LAE series prov 1" Ref G441/7.	F/O. Laidlaw.	0905.	G00D.	Clear.
	OBSERVER F/O. Carter.	TIME DOWN 1015.		
		TOTAL 1hr 10min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
• 55 [illegible] R mouth to 30559.	0935	30'	1. No track seen, river very dry, odd trickle water only.
• [illegible] 1040.			2. Numerous tracks leading from Mission in a [illegible] direction, track lost 3030390, track crosses river [illegible] 3061355 and enters kunai patch 3044395, track lost in jungle 3040391, no covecant seen.
			3. An located bivouac at 3050 R mouth.

1035

Time and Signature [illegible]

Time Passed to Div. etc. [illegible]

[illegible]—NGP/PS—8/43/13L.

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. 6. A/C No. - TYPE [illegible] DATE [illegible]

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS [illegible] 1/63360.

LAE series provisional.

PILOT [illegible]

OBSERVER [illegible] F/O. [illegible]

TIME UP 0911

TIME DOWN 1121.

TOTAL [illegible]

VISIBILITY: GOOD

WEATHER: FINE & CLEAR.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
	0933	9000'	Took over from [illegible] before 0933.
			[illegible] called George on both V-HF & V-SCU frequencies until 1115-no contact made.
			Our 2 not contacted.
			No movement seen anywhere in area.
MUSA RIVER.			Special attention paid to BUSU R mouth and run made up and back of river-no movement seen.

Time and Signature [signature]

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

[illegible] DIST= NIL. BLOCKHOUSE, A2.5cm, POSITION 32. [illegible]

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LOCATION MALLETT. UNIT 4 AC 3 Sqn. SORTIE No. 5. A/C No. TYPE [illegible] A46/116. A46/109. DATE 4 SEP 43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE T&C/R. Any movement along Rivers & tracks, MARIAM VALLEY RD. BUSU R. MUSHU R.

REF. MAPS DAS series prov 1". PILOT F/Lt [illegible]. OBSERVER [illegible] F/O. Major.

TIME UP 0905. TIME DOWN 1015. TOTAL 1hr 10min.

VISIBILITY GOOD.

WEATHER CLEAR.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
MARIAM VALLEY from YALU 552548 to COX CAMP 635427.	0905	20'	1. Track 590462 to COX ROAD CAMP 4 jeep wide and well used. 6 cross cuts 635427 in state of repair. Cultivated portion village 590463 8/10 huts well scattered, seen in disrepair.
			2. No movement seen 740437 to BUSU 605545. Village at 720451 - no movement seen. Track N/R well defined along river bank.
BUSU R mouth to 86854.			3. No movement seen - no sign track, no fords, crossings showing on track. Village 75?441 no movement seen.
MUSHU R mouth to 3748508.			4. No movement seen in villages 809462 and 811472 areas. Village [illegible] appears deserted. No tracks visible along banks or river.
[illegible] R mouth to 3800500.	1015.		5. Jungle very high and green along coast between BUSU R and MUSHA R.

Time and Signature 1020 [illegible]

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

DISTS- 3GF, BLOOD HOUND, AC-SAF, POSTRN, ALO. 35FG, 4 AC SQN, PILS, WAR DIARY, 1 AL Op, 32 PAFF MALLETT.

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LOCATION: HALLETT | UNIT: 4 AC Sqn | SORTIE No.: 6 | A/C No. - TYPE: A46-112 A46-107 | DATE: 4 Sep.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: Tac R. Any movement along Hang R. & Tracks Repel Mission Area

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
Lae Section 1" Prov. Ref GP41/7	F/o Carter	1212	Good	Fine & Clear
	OBSERVER: F/o Laidlaw	TIME DOWN: 1315		
		TOTAL: 1hr 3 min.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
		50'	No movement seen in area. Road reported running East from Repel in sortie ( ) incorrect. 093415 marked Repel village on map Bulolo Mission 108402 marked Repel Mission on map.(refer Repel - Bulu Photomap) under construction.
Repel M	1251		Track East from Dubura Mission is only well worn foot pad. Pilot closely inspected all buildings in Mission area from 20-40' - No movement seen.
Repel			

Time and Signature .....

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc .....

561—NGFTS—8/43/1M. Distn:- INF BLOODHOUND, A2.5AF, PORTHOS, A2.2AGP. HALLETT, AHQ, 35FD, 4AC Sqn, FIER, WAR DIARY, 1 AL GP..

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT. [illegible] SORTIE No. 7. A/C No. - TYPE Boomerang A9/116. DATE [illegible]

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/63360. [illegible]	OBSERVER [illegible]	TIME DOWN 1335	GOOD.	[illegible]
		TOTAL [illegible]		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
[illegible]			}
[illegible]	1235	100'	} Nil to report here.
[illegible]			}
[illegible]	1245	500	[illegible]
			Native village 696635; 4 Bde men, 6 natives seen—[illegible] made NO effort to conceal their presence. The A/c made three deliberate runs over their position at a very low altitude—info passed to [illegible]—not acknowledged.
			No movement seen in rest of area.

Time and Signature [illegible]

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc. [illegible]

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LOCATION MALLETT. UNIT 4 AC SQN. SORTIE No. 8. A/C No. - TYPE Boomerang A46/112. A46/107. DATE 4 SEP 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R enemy movements & Message Dropping.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
LAE series prov. 1/63360.	F/O. Laidlaw.	1535.	GOOD.	FINE & CLEAR.
	OBSERVER Pilot. F/O. Carter.	TIME DOWN 1700.		
		TOTAL 1hr 25min.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
BUSEM RIVER TO HOPOI MISSION.			No movement seen area radius 5000yds from mouth of BUSEM R. and along coast to 001390. Messages—all Tank reports dropped 934400. "T" as practice. MT driving along track vicinity 940396—possibly 3 lorries. 3 Higgins barges 000385 to 005388 (LCT). 2 LCI beached on Red beach. 2 MT crossing mouth of BU30 R. 2 MT on river bed under trees on bank ref 929418. 8 to 10 barges along shore from BU30 R to 965394.
HOPOI.			No movement seen.

Time and Signature [signature]

Time Passed to Ble, Div, etc. 1800/4-9-43

WI—NOTES—8/43/1M. DISTs- HQF, BLOODHOUND, A2.5AF, POSTERN, S2.2ATF, ALO.35FG, 4AC SQN, FILE, WAR DIARY, 1A.AL.GP.

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LOCATION [redacted] UNIT 4 A.O.S. SORTIE No. 9. A/C No. TYPE [redacted] DATE 4 Sep 43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [redacted]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
[redacted]	[redacted]	1315.	Good.	[redacted]
	OBSERVER [redacted]	TIME DOWN 1700.		
		TOTAL [redacted]		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
Marshan Village		50'	No covenat seen.
Nr 827130.	1530	100'	
Buso River, nr bridge 826603 to river mouth 795603.	1600.	50'	Village 806535 to 808532 about 4 huts seen, waving and giving the "Thumbs up" sign to aircraft. 4 natives also present. No effort made to hide or conceal their position or identity. No huts, no shirts, [illegible]
			Village 793530 [illegible]
			Village 789649, one native running to a grass hut.
Bunga River.		50'	[illegible]
Buso River.		50'.	[illegible]
Singaura Plantation.		50'	[illegible] one house and other [illegible] large shed seen at 826430 & 831430. The plantation appears to be in a swampy condition, water very noticeable through the palms. The area 4/8 flat. Reports three or four clearings about, 35' to 40' across, with the centre earth apparently dug. This area will be further reported Tac/R 5 Sep 43.

Time and Signature [redacted] 3

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A.C.S... [redacted] MALLETT .....

DATE....5. Sep. '43....

DAILY RECORD OF AIRCRAFT TASKS.

SORTIE NO.	A/C NO.	PILOT	OBSERVER	UP	DOWN	TOTAL	TASK	REMARKS
1	A46/112	F/o Laidlaw		1047	1205	1hr 18	Tac/R	Successful
	A46/111	F/Lt Watchorn		1047	1205	1hr 18	Escort	
2	A46/116	F/Lt Clarenshaw		1049	1234	1hr 45	Tac/R	Successful
	A46/109	F/o Maugher		1049	1234	1hr 45	Escort	
3	A46/116	F/Lt Clarenshaw		1339	1455	1hr 16	Tac/R	Successful
	A46/111	F/Lt Watchorn		1339	1455	1hr 16	Escort	
4	A46/116	F/Lt Clarenshaw		1610	1720	1hr 10	Tac/R	Successfull
	A46/109	F/o Maugher		1610	1720	1hr 10	Escort	

Dist:- [redacted], WAR DIARY, FILE.

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Boomerang A46/112

LOCATION [illegible] UNIT 4 AC Sqn. SORTIE No. 1. A/C No. TYPE [illegible] DATE 5 Sep 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Inf/R road recce from [illegible] along coast to Dut. Gubbins.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
[illegible] series 1st ed 1/63360	P/O. Laidlaw.	1047	Good	Fine & Clear.
	OBSERVER F/Lt. Atchison.	TIME DOWN 1205		
		TOTAL 1hr 10 mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
[illegible]		50'	[illegible]
	1145	50'	Message dropped [illegible]
			[illegible]

Time and Signature 1405 B/Laidlaw

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc. Lowes O/C

[illegible] DISTR- HQ, Bloomfield, 2/5 F, "Outer" 2/25 Fd, 2/2 Cdo, WAR DIARY, FILE, 1 MOST AC CP, 3 ATF. "CUTLOCK"

2—NGFPS—6/43/131.

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LOCATION LAE/TT. UNIT 4 AC SQN. SORTIE No. 2. A/C No. BOOMERANG. A46/116. TYPE " A46/109. DATE 5 SEP 43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R LARKAN VALLEY RD, LAE & YALU, BUSU, BUREP, and BUNGA RIVERS.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
LAE series prov. 1/63360.	F/Lt. Glorenshaw.	TIME UP 1049	Smokey over HEATHS. Good over Rivers.	FINE.
	OBSERVER F/O. Mauger.	TIME DOWN 1234.		
		TOTAL 1hr 45mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
LARKAN	1110	50'	603444--606440 small tracks heading off SW appeared only to go few yards into bush and finish.
VALLEY RD.			Pillbox 618430 (S of road).
HEATHS.		50'	HEATHS, house completely destroyed, area appears heavily bombed since last recce.
		50'	HEATHS & YALU, N.M.S.
	1120		607535 approx 6 natives in village.
BUSU RIVER.			N.M.S. BUSU RIVER. Track from MALAHANG STRIP to approx 1000yds N. LUTHERAN MISSION sawmill very
BUNGA & BUREP R.			distinct. BUNGA RIVER, N.M.S. BUREP RIVER, N.M.S.
SINGAUA PLTN.			Circular clearings reported in sortie No 2, 4/9/43 definitely identified as shell or bomb crate
	1220	50'	612432 heavy army truck on road semi-camouflaged, appears to be lightly loaded with wooden case

1730 O'Mauger F/O

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc. 0918 6/9

DIST:- HQP, [illegible], "POSITIVE", "OUTLOOK", A2.5AF, 1 AUST AL GP, 2ATF, 4AC SQN, ALO.35FG, WAR DIARY, FILE.

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Boomerang A46/116

LOCATION MALLETT. UNIT 4 AC SQN. SORTIE No. 3. A/C No. TYPE " A46/111. DATE 5 SEP '43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R MARKHAM VALLEY RD & YALU, BUSU RIVER.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
LAE series prov. 1/63360.	F/Lt Clerenshaw.	1339	GOOD.	CLEAR.
	OBSERVER F/Lt Watchorn.	TIME DOWN 1455		
		TOTAL 1hr 16min.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
HEATHS.	1345	50'	Track HEATH'S HOUSE 598448 running SW to swamp appears to be camouflaged in parts and well used. Tracks mentioned in sortie 2, 5/9/43 running SW square 6044 appear to finish at well hidden T shaped native hut.
			Heavy army truck had moved to 618430 near pile of boxes previously reported and again camouflaged.
			From 630428—640421 several small dumps of 44-gal drums, in lots of 10 to 12 drums.
			Well used track running N from IN Sawmill appears to have had motor traffic for approx 3000yds
			N of sawmill, tracks appeared fairly fresh.
			2 WHITE men WAVED with white handkerchief at village 686535
BUSU RIVER.	1420	50'	E.N.D. BUSU RIVER.

Time and Signature 17/9 [illegible]

Time Passed to Ble, Div, etc. [illegible] 9/9

[illegible]—NGHPS—S/42/IM.

DIST:- HQF. "BLOODHOUND". "POSTERN" "CHITLOCK". A2. SAP. 1 AIDES AT. GP. CAPT. 4AC SQN ATA 25TH WAR DIARY FILE

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LOCATION MALLETT. UNIT 4 AC SQN. SORTIE No. 4 A/C No. - TYPE " Boomerang. A46/116. A46/109. DATE 4 Sep '43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R. MARKHAM VALLEY RD, YALU, BUSU RIVER.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
LAE series prov. 1/63360.	F/Lt. Clarensham	1610.	GOOD	FINE & CLEAR.
	OBSERVER ~~xxxxxx~~ P/O. Mauger.	TIME DOWN 1720.		
		TOTAL 1hr 10min.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
M.V.ROAD.	1625	50'	Truck at position 618430, camouflaged.
			Numerous 44 gal drums on N side of road from 630429 along to 660720, these drums Only partially camouflaged.
MARKHAM V.	1635	50'	3 collapsable boats at point apprex 390518, 3 troops on sand bank 391517.
BUSU R.		50'	1 native seen at village approx 716458, 6 huts at this village in state of good repair, appears inhabitated, native waved to a/c.
VILLAGE 923401.			
(illegible)	1645	30'	TAC/R reports for 4 Sep '43. No's 1 & 2, 5 Sep '43 dropped at village. Again T was not displayed
	1710	100'	3 parachutes, 2 blue 1 white seen hanging from trees, one with an object suspended either human being or dummy ref 931401.

Time and Signature 2330 [signature]

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc. [signature] C/S

(illegible) —NGFPS—8/43/1ML

DIST:- NGF, "BLOODHOUND", "POSTERN", "OUTLOOK", A2.5AF, 1 AUST AL GP, 2ATF, 4AC SQN, ALO.35FC, WAR DIARY, FILE.

A.C.E... MALLETT .....

DATE.. 6 SEP 43 .....

DAILY RECORD OF OPERATIONAL FLIGHTS.

SORTIE NO.	A/C NO.	PILOT	OBSERVER	T/O	LAND	TOTAL	TASK	REMARKS
1.	A46/106	F/Lt Watchorn		0631	0816	1hr 45	CONTACT R &	Successful
	A46/110	F/O Ambrose		0631	0816	1hr 45	Message Dropping	ESCORT
2.	A46/107	F/O Maugher		0823	1000	1hr 37	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46/111	F/O Whitecross		0823	1000	1hr 37	ESCORT	
3.	A46/112	F/O Laidlaw		1041			TAC/R	UNSUCCESSFUL. A/C failed to return
	A46/107	F/O Carter		1041	1150	1hr 9	ESCORT	
4.	A46/116	F/Lt Clorenshaw		1432	1556	1hr 24	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46/111	F/O Whitecross		1432	1556	1hr 24	ESCORT	
5.	A46/109	F/O Maugher		1432	1622	1hr 50	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46/113	F/O Dickson		1432	1622	1hr 50	ESCORT.	

DIST:- SQDN, WAR DIARY, FILE.

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LOCATION: MALLETT. UNIT: 4 AC 3 M. SORTIE No: 1. A/C No. TYPE: Boomerang A46/106 A46/110. DATE: 6 3-p 43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: MESSAGE DROPPING, CONTACT/R NADZAB AREA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
NADZAB 1/63360.	P/Lt. Matheson	0631		
	OBSERVER P/O. Andrews.	TIME DOWN 0816.		
		TOTAL 1hr 45mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
NADZAB STRIP.	0645	400'	Estimate 1000 plus troops and 100 plus natives in area as per marked map attached At 390555 "G" message dropped here and received ET displayed 425492 (require rations). Wind 2 displayed 3rd end of drop NW end of drop being S.W. Message written on ground 468545 " 25 planes per hour".

DIST:- MOF, "BLOODHOUND", "POST-BAG", "OUTLOOK", A2, 5AF, 2ATF, 4AC 3CM, AL2, 35FG, 1 ADST AL OP, WAR DIARY, FILE.

Time and Signature: M Bowen

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(8)—NGPPS—8/43/1M.

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LOCATION MALLETT. UNIT 4 AC SQN. SORTIE No. 2. A.C No.-TYPE A46/107. A46/111. DATE 6 SEP '43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R MARKHAM RD, YULU, COKS CAMP, MALAHANG, BUSU RIVER mouth and up BUSU to KUNDX BRIDGE.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
LAE 1/25,000 LAE series prev 1/63360.	F/O. Maugher. OBSERVER F/O. Whitecross.	0823 TIME DOWN 1000 TOTAL 1hr 38min.	GOOD.	BROKEN CLOUD.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
	0840	300'	MARKHAM VALLEY RD, YULU to COK's CAMP. No movement seen.
MALAHANG	0850	200'	720416 man using telescope on edge of AIRSTRIP.
		200'	Villages between MALAHANG AIR STRIP & L.M.Sawmill all appear inhabitated, no movement seen. Buildings on edge of MALAHANG STRIP are well camouflaged.
LAE.	0900	200'	A/C fired on by Machine Guns est position 716412. A/C fired on by A/A (thought 75mm) 679401. A/C fired on by A/A (thought75mm) 677415. A/C fired on by A/A (thought 75mm) 683390.
	0910	200'	BUSU RIVER mouth area up to KUNDA BRIDGE, N.M.S.
	0915	40'	Message dropped "POSTERN HQ" on T displayed.
	0920	40'	Message dropped " 26 EDS" (Apo fishing village) = displayed.

DIST;- NGF,"BLOODHOUND","POSTERN","OUTLOOK",A2.5AF,1 AUST AL GP,AL0.35FG,2ATF,4AC SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

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LOCATION: MALLETT. UNIT: 4 AC SQN. SORTIE No.: 3. A. C. No. - TYPE: A46/112. A46/107. DATE: 6 SEP 43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: TAC/R MARKHAM VALLEY RD, MALAHANG, BOGU, HOPOI MISSION.

REF. MAPS: LAE outline prov. 1/63360. 1/25000.

PILOT: F/O Laidlaw.

OBSERVER: F/O. Carter.

TIME UP: 1031.

TIME DOWN: 1135

TOTAL: 1 04

VISIBILITY: GOOD

WEATHER: FIR.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
HOPOI AREA.	1125.		FRONT reported- Jumped by MIGS. SSE HOPOI area, approx 2000yds East, made one pass at enemy Bombers.
			TAC/R A46/112 RTB returned 1400hrs.
			DIST:- NIL, "BLOCKHOUSE", "FORTRESS", "OUTLOOK", 42.5KT, 1 MUST AL GT, 2ATTS 250.35KG, 440 SQR, TAR PAPER, FIR.

Time and Signature: [illegible]

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LOCATION MALLETT UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 4 A C No. - TYPE A46/116 A46/111 DATE 6 Sep '43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R MARGUAM RD, COX'S CAMP, YAKU, BUSU RIVER

REF. MAPS LAE SERIES 1:63360 1:25000

PILOT F/Lt Clarenabeck

~~OBSERVER~~ F/o Whitecross

TIME UP 1432

TIME DOWN 1555

TOTAL 1hr 23min

VISIBILITY Good

WEATHER Fine

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
	1448	100'	Small dump of wooden crates 616430. Native hut (sentinel with tracks leading in, ref sortie 3 5/9/43,) now burnt out.
	1453		Heavy army truck now at 622418, semi camouflaged. Dumps of 44 gal drums still intact (ref 630428)
MALMAISON	1505		On track running SW from airstrip 723417, there appears to be small dump, probably ammunition. 743408, small regular rectangular squares, ~~XXX~~ semi concealed by trees, could be cemetery.
	1515		BUSO R.mouth in KUMBA BAY(S). N.M.S..
	1520		Message dropped APO fishing village = out.
	1525		Message dropped "POSTMEN No", T out, message picked up and acknowledged by "CHARLIE", R/T.

DEST:- HQF, "BLOODHOUND" "POSTMEN", "OUTLOOK", A2.5AF, 1 AUST AL SP, ALO 35FG, 2AEF, 26 ~~XXX~~, 4 AC SQN, ~~XXX~~ BASE, FILES

Time and Signature

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LOCATION: MALAITA | UNIT: 4 AC SQN | SORTIE No: 5 | A. C. No. - TYPE: A46/109 A46/113 | DATE: 6 Sep 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: TAC/R ROPOI MISSION & COAST to CAPE ONTHARDS,

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	TOTAL	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SAN CRISTOBAL 1:63360 1:250000	F/o Merchant	1432	1622	1hr 50min	GOOD	HIGH CLOUD
	OBSERVER F/o Dickson					

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT - INTERROGATION
	1445	100'	Coast AUSU R mouth - ROPOI MISSION N.E.1..
ROPOI	1500	50'	ROPOI & BUKARA MISSIONS carefully examined, appears inhabited but N.MAN..
	1510	100'	ROPOI to CAPE ONTHARDS, one JAP seen on beach 337534,.
	1515	100'	Villages at 293389, and 304398, both appear to have recently constructed huts with side walls.
	1520	100'	Escort aircraft noticed "ZEKE" or "OSCAR" S/P on belly-on island at river mouth 298388, A/C appeared to be in fair condition, apart from bent propeller. 233395 small canoe beached at mouth of creek.
	1525	100'	Pilot returned flying approx 2 miles inland and reports numerous small native villages and foot tracks from HANIBOH HARBOR to approx MJ grid line 27. ROPOI airstrip, pilots considers cleared for approx 250 yards covered in kunai, would be fairly big job to extend it to 1000 yards.

DEBRIEF:- MAP, "BLOODHOUND", "PORTENT", "OUTLOOK", A2.5AF, 26 MAR, ALO 35FB, 1 AUST AL GP, 2 AIF, 4 AC SQN, WAR DIARY FILE.

Time and Signature: O.C. 2 Aust. A.L. Section

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 45 AUST AL SEC (AC). *Date and Time.—From* 7 Sep '43 *To* 10 SEP '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRY. PT.MORESBY.	7/9/43		Operations for day MALLETT 3 sorties-BERRY nil,see app "B". Photo sorties for 7 DIV will prefix TSILI/NAD and 9 AUST DIV TSILI/HOP. GenVaisey,G1-Lt/Col Robertson contacted-requests detached flight 4 AC Sqn move to NADZAB, Strip is not suitable for BOOMERANGS. 35 Fighter Group will supply a/c for straffing on specific targets as requested by 7 & 9 AUST DIV's, providing led in by BOOMERANG a/c. G(111) Air Capt Watt & F/O. Gerber contacted re W/T link for demands etc-decided Fl/ Commander & ALO (Lieut Fetherstonhaugh) visit Div HQ each afternoon.	Ts 1/1 ~~FENER~~ flown.
BERRY. PT.MORESBY.	8/9/43		Operations for day MALLETT 4 sorties-BERRY nil, see app "B" TX11763 Cpl Stanwix.T.R taken on strength ex 1 AUST AL GP. Gp/Capt McLaughlin 9 O.G. called in-re suggestion of P40's being attached for close escort:- 35 F.G. are supplying all they can, but committments to C47 are too heavy,	
BERRY PT.MORESBY	9/9/43		Operations for day MALLETT 8 sorties-BERRY nil, see app "B" Arty/R SALAMAUA failure-a/c could not contact ground wireless set. Dawn Tac/R to FINSCHHAFEN to locate reported JAP CONVOY--NIL Sightings.	TS 1/2 completed.
BERRY PT.MORESBY	10/9/43		Operations for day MALLETT 5 sorties-BERRY Nil, see app "B". Operations MALLETT did not commence until 0930hrs, due to weather. Still no report Of F/O. Laidlaw. Escort a/c. F/O. Carter states "2 ZERO's made various passes at his a/c, and he last seen F/O.Laidlaw out at sea at 50ft.	

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DIST:- NOF,"BLOODHOUND","PORTER","KILOLT",25,26 AT,1 AUST AL GP,DATF,4SC SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION: WAU. UNIT: 4 AC 1 WS. SORTIE No: 1. A/C No: TYPE: Hud/10C. DATE: 7 SEP 43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: TO/R. MARHAM VALLEY RD, MADZAB-KAIAPIT, state of rivers, bridges and strip.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
LAE series 1:63360	P/Lt. Patchett.	1015.	2000. - 15 miles.	FAIR & CLEAR.
	OBSERVER: F/O. Andrade.	TIME DOWN: 1200.		
		TOTAL: 1hr 45mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT = INTERROGATION
MARHAM VALLEY RD [illegible]	1030.	120'	1. MARHAM VALLEY RD fm MADZAB to KAIAPIT track well defined, runs along track plus 2000yds each side then opens gold as to 14. The area on E side of road is covered with low scrub + trees, and is burning.
			2. Crossing at 178804 is not bridged, stream running very fast, at this point 020737 is approx 200yds wide.
			3. General area from Grid 64 to 78 and bounded by [illegible] & LAKE RIVER has been burnt off recently, NOT burning now, and no new growth visible, area undulating very gradually.
			4. 6 Natives in MARIP Village 940790, moved to A/C. Village is in good state repair and shows symptoms of being inhabitated, numerous small smoking fires. No evidence of any defence preparations. The area Grid 91 to 82 and bounded by MATIANG R & Grid 90 has numerous small villages and tracks. At 855900, 2 horses (1 grey 1 bay) long tails & manes
KAIAPIT.			5. MISSION is dilapidated and shows state of disrepair. No fresh tracks in vicinity buildings— MISSION stands on top small hill ref 045910. STRIP 852900 to 855895 is overgrown with lunai, is defined from the air, requires burning off. Pilot considers suitable for light aircraft and suggest this would be very suitable for BOTH A/C-comm purposes. No evidence of strip as shown on map, CHINSTEO, 215555, N.E.I.
MADZAB.			MADZAB. Message dropped 503 Par Bn at 1030K.

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LOCATION [illegible]	UNIT [illegible]	SORTIE No. [illegible]	A C No. / TYPE [illegible]	DATE 7 SEP 43.	
ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]					
REF. MAPS LAE series 1:63360.	PILOT F/S. WATERWORTH.	TIME UP [illegible]	VISIBILITY [illegible]	WEATHER FAIR & CLEAR.	
	OBSERVER [illegible] F/O. [illegible]	TIME DOWN [illegible]			
		TOTAL [illegible]			

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
	1537	[illegible]	[illegible]
	1540		[illegible]
			In the [illegible] area [illegible] 12 aircraft a/c, but on the re sortie, although only about [illegible] a/c.
	1600		[illegible] (It is reported at [illegible] that DOUGLAS [illegible] A/C have landed this strip since 3 SEP 43)

Time and Signature [illegible]

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc. [illegible]

361—NGPVS—8/43/1M.

A.C.B. MALLETT. DATE 7 Sep'43. DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A.L.O. Maj. D.G. Daniell

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task and Area.	Remarks and Result.
1.	A46-106	F/Lt. Watchorn		1015	1200	1.45m.	Tac/R.	SUCCESSFUL.
	A46-110	F/O. Ambrose		1015	1200	1.45m.	Escort.	
2.	A46-106	F/Lt. Watchorn		1443	1628	1.40m.	Tac/R.	SUCCESSFUL.
	A46-110	F/O. Ambrose		1443	1628	1.40m.	Escort.	
3.	A20/480	F/O. Staley	W/O. Beale	1050	1150	1 hr.	Photo/R. TSILI TSILI DROME.	SUCCESSFUL.

DIST:- NGF, "BLOODHOUND", "POSTERN", "OUTLOOK", WAR DIARY, FILE,.

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Serviceability:- OP A/C. S. U.S. Communication A/C. S. U.S.

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SECTION A.

Serial No..... 1

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UNIT..... 4 AC Sqn

DATE..... 7/9/43

CAMERA NO.....

F/L of LENS..... 5" 8"

FILTER..... K2

MAGAZINE NO..... V9, P10

REMARKS AND SIGNATURE OF PHOTO OFFICER.

DIST:- 4 Sqn PHOTO SECT. ~~HQ~~ ~~WAR DIARY~~ ~~FILE.~~

PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE REPORT. [illegible]

SECTION B.

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PILOTS SIGNATURE..... F/o Staley

CAMERA OPERATOR..... F/o Inglis

A/C NUMBER..... A20-480 SORTIE..... Mark 1

A. BRIGHT SUNLIGHT.

B. SUN OBSCURED BY L/C. Yes

C. DULL.

D. VERY DULL.

EXPOSURE NUMBERS.	TIME	HEIGHT	SUBJECT INCL. COURSE & SPEED.	POSITION LAT & LONG REF. CHART	EXPOSURE SPEED APER.	REMARKS.
1 - 4	1120	7000	TSILI-TSILI drome Mx - Sx runway 055°@ 130 mph			
5 - 6	1125	7000'	315°@ 130 mph		1/250 F5.6	Discontinued (cloud)
7 - 8	1130	7000'	315°@ 130 mph			
9 - 12	1140	50'	4 Sq Camp Area		1/300 F5.6	
13 - 20		500'	TSILI-TSILI DROME		1/300 F5.6.	

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PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE REPORT. PRO-FORMA A.36.

SECTION A.

Serial No....1.....

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UNIT....4 AC Sqn.....

DATE....7/9/43.....

CAMERA NO.....

F/L of LENS..5" 8".....

FILTER....K2.....

MAGAZINE NO..V9. F10....

REMARKS AND SIGNATURE OF PHOTO OFFICER.

DIST:- 4 Sqn PHOTO SECT.
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SECTION B.

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PILOTS SIGNATURE....F/o Staley.....

CAMERA OPERATOR....W/o Beales.....

A/C NUMBER....A20-480..... SORTIE....1.

A. BRIGHT SUNLIGHT.

B. SUN OBSCURED BY L/C.

C. DULL.

D. VERY DULL.

EXPOSURE NUMBERS.	TIME	HEIGHT	SUBJECT INCL. COURSE & SPEED.	POSITION LAT & LONG REF. OR NAME	EXPOSURE SPEED APER.	REMARKS.
1 - 4	1120	7000	TSILI-TSILI drome NE - SW Runway 055deg 130 mph			
5 - 6	1125	7000'	315deg 130 mph		1/250 F5.6	Discontinued (cloud)
7 - 8	1130	7000'	315deg 130 mph			
9 - 12	1140	50'	4 Sq Camp Area		1/300 F5.6	
13 - 20		500'	TSILI-TSILI DROME		1/300 F5.6	

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DATE 8 SEP 43.....

DAILY RECORD OF AIRCRAFT TASKS.

SORTIE NO.	A/C NO.	PILOT	OBSERVER	UP	DOWN	TOTAL	TASK	REMARKS
1.	A46/109 A46/107	F/o Hooper F/o Carter		0714 0714	0836 0836	1hr 22 1hr 22	CCEE/R ESCORT	Successful
2.	A46/113 A46/110	F/o Dickson F/o Andrews		0724 0724	0845 0845	1hr 23 1hr 23	CLOSE TAC/R ESCORT	Successful
3.	A46/110 A46/116	F/o Andrews F/Lt Clarendon		1051 1051	1335 1335	2hr 44 2hr 44	ACCE/R ESCORT	UNSUCCESSFUL. Cold Weather U/S.
4.	A46/116. A46/111.	F/Lt Clarendon F/O. Whitecross.		1645 1645	1745 1745	1hr 00 1hr 00	CONT/TAC/R ESCORT.	SUCCESSFUL.

DIST:- SHP, "POSTED", "OUTLOOK", WAR DIARY, FILE, "BLOODHOUND".

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LOCATION MARKET UNIT A AC [illegible] No. 1. (PILOTED). A/C No. - TYPE [illegible] DATE 8 Sep'43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
LAE sheets 1-63,360	F/O Humphrey	0714	Fair 10 miles	Very Cloudy
	OBSERVER F/O Carter	TIME DOWN [illegible]		
		TOTAL [illegible]		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
[illegible] AIR.	0730	50'	L.A.A.
[illegible] AIR.	0755	50'	Approx 100 forward [illegible] as 722423 also [illegible] as 722423 [illegible] as attached.
			Two [illegible] not [illegible] stationary. Also [illegible] probably [illegible] camps, one J'TEP at 722422 stationary. Above camp at [illegible] = [illegible]
MARKHAM AIR STRIP.	0810	50'	No A/A fire from MARKHAM. Gun pits appear disused - no actual gun seen. Pits approx 722423 empty. Pit 722422 empty, where guards : Little Up of Control Tower. L.A.A. on each [illegible]. [illegible]
	0815	25'	Two-[illegible] convoy [illegible] ex Lae built from DIF HQ - convoy as far as 570632.
	0820	25'	Recall [illegible] dropped DIF HQ.

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LOCATION JALLETT. UNIT 4 AC SQN. SORTIE No. 2 ("OUTLOOK"). A C No. - TYPE A46/113 A46/110. DATE 8 SEP '43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE CLOSE TAC/R from 485543 East to HEATHS and area.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
LAE series 1:63360.	~~OBSERVER~~ F/O. Ambrose.	TIME DOWN 0845	HAZY.	OVERCAST
	F/O. Dickson.	TOTAL 1hr 22mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
HEATHS.	0750	50'	N.M.S. Close study of area gave pilot impression that the only recent movement has been on main road.
	0755.	50'	N.M.S. from HEATHS to 485543.
	0800	50'	546449 native outrigger, vacant, appeared in good order beached, native outriggers also at 498516 and 509506. From point 509506 a defined track runs approx 100yds to a flattened circle of kunai approx 8 feet diameter. N.M.S.
	0810	300'	555428 weapon pits on kunai ridge, possibly own troops, 10 men seen, troops sat in pits and did not attempt to take cover.
	0830	50'	485553, N.M.S. generally in area east.
KUNUM.			Careful search made of area; tracks from village 539539 SW to villages Sq 5251 were worn.
	DIST:-		NGF, "BLOODHOUND", "OUTLOOK", 26BDE, A2.5AF, 1 AUST AL GP, 2ATF, ALO.35FG, 4AC SQN, "POSTERN", WAR DIARY, FILE.

Time and Signature .....

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LOCATION BALIKPAPAN. UNIT 4 AC 24F. SORTIE No. 2. (5 AUST DIV). A/C No. - TYPE A16/110 1/6/126 DATE 8 Sep 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE ARTY/R BALIKPAPAN AREA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SAL. 1/25000	F/O Andrew	1051	GOOD	OVERCAST
	OBSERVER F/Lt. Norrington	TIME DOWN 1335		
		TOTAL 2hrs 44m.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
			After calling up the guns F/O Andrew, R/O wireless receiver was not able to receive the guns [illegible].
			F/Lt. Norrington then took over. The target given was [illegible] 693044. Bomber patrol was observed, but poor connection given. A/C was unable to receive the guns except when directly over head of wireless set, our RW procedure was tried but not successfully. Alternative target was that given at 762042. The same wireless trouble was again experienced, although guns received A/C, RT - RT, A/C was only able to receive guns immediately over the gun position.
			Pilot gave two corrections and was then unable to advise the fall of rounds. [illegible] appeared to be many huts on [illegible]. In good order, and cracks showed signs of recent usage. No actual movement was observed in area.
			DIST - NGF, [illegible] "RECEIVED", "[illegible]", "CEASE", [illegible], I MUST A/C, [illegible], 2 [illegible], AAC [illegible], WAR DIARY, FILE.

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. [illegible] A.C. No. - TYPE 46/115. 46/111. DATE [illegible] 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
[illegible] 1-250,000.	[illegible]	1645.		
	OBSERVER [illegible]	TIME DOWN 1745.		
		TOTAL [illegible]		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
	1705.	50'	[illegible]
[illegible]		50'	[illegible]
	[illegible]		"[illegible]", "[illegible]", 2 [illegible], 26 BOS, 200 35Fs, 2 ATF, 42 SAT, 4 AC 338, [illegible] FIRE.

Time and Signature [signature]

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DAILY RECORD OF AIRCRAFT TASKS.

SORTIE NO.	A/C NO.	PILOT	OBSERVER	UP	DOWN	TOTAL	TASK	REMARKS
1.	A46/106	F/Lt. Hatchorn	———	0635	0835	2hrs.	TAC/R.	SUCCESSFUL.
	A46/111	F/O. Whitecross		0635	0835	2hrs.	TAC/R.	
	A46/107	F/O. Carter		0635	0835	2hrs.	ESCORT.	
2.	A46/116	F/Lt. Glorenham		0637	0810	1hr33m.	CONT/TAC/R.	SUCCESSFUL.
	A46/113	F/O. Dickson		0637	0810	1hr33m.	ESCORT.	
3.	A46/110	F/O. Ambrose		0649	0827	1hr38m.	TAC/R.	SUCCESSFUL.
	A46/120	F/O. Miller-Randle		0649	0827	1hr38m.	ESCORT.	
4.	A20/408	F/O. Staley	F/O. Beale	0850	0950	1hr.	Photo/R. HARKHAM VALLEY.	Partly SUCCESSFUL.
5.	A46/110	F/O. Ambrose		0930	1045	1hr15m.	ARTY/R.	SUCCESSFUL - due weather.
	A46/120	F/O. Miller-Randle		0930	1045	1hr15m.	ESCORT.	
6.	A20/430	F/O. Staley	F/O. Beale	1131	1227	56min.	PHOTO/R. HARKHAM VALLEY.	Returned owing to weather.
7.	A20/305	F/O. Goldsworthy	Lieut. Not [illegible]	1400 1540	1430 1600	30m. 20m.	Travel to Harkit & return.	

DISTR- NGF, "BLOODHOUND", "POSTMAN", "OUTLOOK", WAR DIARY, FILE.

8.	A46/111	F/O. Whitecross		1655	1735	35m.	[illegible]	Returned due to weather.
	A46/120	F/O. Miller-Randle	(ESCORT).	1655	1735	35m.	[illegible]	

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LOCATION HALLETT. UNIT 4 AC 208. SORTIE No. 4 (SOLO). A/C No. - TYPE A46/110 DATE 9 Sep 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE ARMY/R. Schmidt ARTA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SAL. 1/25000	P/O Adams	2930	Bad.	Low broken cloud & rain storms.
	OBSERVER F/O Miller-Smith	TIME DOWN 3035		
		TOTAL 1hr 5m.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
	2000	2000'	Rendezvous with patrol [illegible] at 2000 hrs but was not contacted. Base advised and target area was then proceeded to and area as aircraft returned to base without having made contact.
			DIST:- OC, "A" Flight, "B" Flight, "C" Flight, 2 AOSI AL CP 35 Sqn, AHQ 35 Sqn, 4 AC Sqn, WAR DIARY, VIC, A2-5AF.

Time and Signature [illegible]

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LOCATION [illegible] T. UNIT [illegible] A.C. SQN. SORTIE No. 3. ("[illegible]"). A/C No. - TYPE A46/110. A46/120. DATE 9 SEP '43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible] R/T [illegible] ROAD.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
[illegible] series 1:63360.	F/L. [illegible].	0627.	FAIR - GOOD.	[illegible] 1000'
	OBSERVER F/O. [illegible].	TOTAL 1hr 38min.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
[illegible] T.		50'	538430 huts on island etc in the area still intact.
		200'	613410 native village huts still intact, [illegible].
			2 subsidiary camps at village on S side of river.
			606410 approx to camps which appear to have platforms or rafts on top. N.A.I.
LAE.			No 1 Village 643371 very knocked about, N.A.I. trucks do not appear frequent.
			Village 642381 huts still intact, but camp appears deserted. Plot rec 2 lge runs over road
[illegible] T. [illegible].			650410 up to VALLEY [illegible] 551545, all bridges intact. N.A.I.
[illegible] AIRFIELD.			Very difficult country to observe. N.A.I. in villages or on tracks from valley 551549 to 670650.
	DIST:- [illegible]		

Time and Signature [illegible]

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[illegible]—NGPTS—8/43/1M.

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LOCATION HALLETT. UNIT 4 AC 3(RAAF). SORTIE No. 4 (5 DIV). A/C No. - TYPE A46/110 A46/120 DATE 9 Sep'43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE ARTY/R. SALAMAUA AREA.

REF. MAPS SAL. 1/25000

PILOT F/O. ANDREWS

[redacted] F/O. Miller-Smith

[redacted] 3CRT.

TIME UP 0930

TIME DOWN 1035

TOTAL 1hr 5m.

VISIBILITY BAD

WEATHER Low broken cloud & rain storms.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
	1000	1000'	Pilot circled gun position for 3 minutes calling up guns, but was not answered. Rain storms clouded out target area and were approaching gun area, so aircraft returned to base without having made contact.
	DIST:-		[redacted], "BLOODHOUND", "POSTMAN", "OUTLOOK", [redacted] AL GP, 26 BDE, ALO 35 FD, 2AEF, 4AC SQN, MAR DIARY, FILE, A2.5AP,

Time and Signature [signature]

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SECTION A.

Serial No TSILI-HOP. 1/2

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UNIT..4 AC SQN.....

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PILOTS SIGNATURE. F/O Staley.....

CAMERA OPERATOR. W/O Beale.....

A/C NUMBER. A20/480..... SORTIE..4..

A. BRIGHT SUNLIGHT.

B. SUN OBSCURED BY L/C.

C. DULL.

D. VERY DULL. YES.

EXPOSURE NUMBERS.	TIME	HEIGHT	SUBJECT INCL. COURSE & SPEED.	POSITION LAT & LONG REF. OR MAPS	EXPOSURE SPEED APER.	REMARKS.
P1-P24	0930	500'	MALAHANG STRIP BUSU RIVER LAE 1"-1ml. 750400-701750	LAE AREA	F4 1/300	V1toV36 did not come out.
V1-V36	0945	3000'	Odd pinpoints MALAHANG-STRIP 327degrees 120 M.P.H.		F4 1/250	
V37-V49						

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UNIT.....4 AC SQN.....

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MAGAZINE NO.....

REMARKS AND SIGNATURE OF PHOTO OFFICER.

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SECTION B.

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PILOTS SIGNATURE..F/o.Staley.....

CAMERA OPERATOR...W/o.Boales.....

A/C NUMBER.A29-400..... SORTIE....4

A. BRIGHT SUNLIGHT.

B. SUN OBSCURED BY L/C.

C. DULL.

D. VERY DULL. YES

EXPOSURE NUMBERS.	TIME	HEIGHT	SUBJECT INCL. COURSE & SPEED.	POSITION LAT & LONG REF. OR MAPS	EXPOSURE SPEED APER.	REMARKS.
P1 - P24	0930	500'	MALAHANG STRIP BUSU RIVER LAE 1" = 1m 750400 - 701750	LAE AREA.	F4 1/300	V1 to V36 did not come out.
V1 - 36	0945	3000(	Odd pin points MALAHANG STRIP		F4 1/250	
V37 - V40			327 deg 120 mph			

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A46/111.

LOCATION MALLETT. UNIT 4 AC SQN. SORTIE No. 1 ("POSTERN"). A/C No. - TYPE A46/107. DATE 9 SEP '43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R. Reported convoy HOPOI AREA. HOPOI along coast HANISCH BAY.

REF. MAPS	PILOT F/Lt WATCHORN. F/O. WHITECROSS.	TIME UP 0635. TIME DOWN 0835. TOTAL 2hrs 00min.	VISIBILITY Ceiling 400' Mist up to 6 miles	WEATHER D'BLE. Rain clouds.
	OBSERVER F/L. CARTER.			

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
HOPOI	0745	25'	H.M.S. TAC/R from HOPOI MISSION area 080390 along coast to 400439.
			Foot prints about 20yds of beach ref 145407.
			Track HOPOI - BUTRICHIM 285390 well worn.
			Jap barge in bad condition—hole in side—full of water, well up on beach at 324423.
			H.M.S. in any villages from YAMBOO 133410 to 400429.
			STRIP construction ref 903433 to 914436 approx 1000yds of kunai has been cut, also taxi-way
			cleared on E side strip about 30yds wide appears as if Bull-dozer has cleared surface.
	DIST- NGF,		"BLOODHOUND", "POSTERN", "OUTLOOK", 1 ADJT AL GP, 26 BDE, ALO 35FC, 2 ATF, 4 AC SQN, WAR DIARY, FI

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LOCATION LAE/NTT. UNIT 4 AC Sqn. SORTIE No. 1 ("POSTERS"). A/C No. - TYPE ..... DATE 9 Sep'43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R. Reported convoy HOPOI AREA. HOPOI along coast HANSEN BAY.

REF. MAPS	PILOT F/Lt. Watchorn F/O. Whiteross OBSERVER F/O. Carter	TIME UP 0635 TIME DOWN 0835 TOTAL 2hrs 00min.	VISIBILITY Ceiling 400' - Mist up to 6 miles.	WEATHER D-NSE. Rain clouds.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
HOPOI	0745	25'	E.M.S. TAC/R from HOPOI MISSION area 080390 along coast to 400439.
			Foot prints about 20yds of beach ref 145407.
			Track HOPOI - BU-EIGRIM 285390 well worn.
			Jap barge in bad condition - hole in side - full of water, well up on beachet at 374423.
			E.M.S. in any Villages from YAMBOO 133410 to 400429.
			Strip construction ref 903433 to 914436, apprx 1000yds of kunai has been cut, also taxi-way cleared on E side ; strip about 30yds wide, appears as if Bull-dozer has cleared surface.
	DIST:-		HQ, "BLOODHOUND","POST-RN", "OUTLOOK", 1 AUST AL GP, 26 BDE, ALO 35 FD, 2 ATP, 4 AC 3 WG, WAR DIARY, FILE, A2.5 AF.

Time and Signature .....

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A.O.B. MALLETT. DATE 10 Sep'43 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A.L.O. Maj D.G. Daniell

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task and Area.	Remarks and Result.
1.	A46/113	F/O.Dickson		1355	1500	1hr 5m.	TAC/R.	UNSUCCESSFUL owing to weather.
	A46/107	F/O.Carter		1355	1500	1hr 5m.	ESCORT.	
2.	A46/111	F/O.Whitecross		1414	1452	38m.	TAC/R.	UNSUCCESSFUL owing to weather.
	A46/120	F/O.Miller-Randle		1414	1452	38m.	ESCORT.	

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DIST:- NGF,"BLOODHOUND","POSTERN","OUTLOOK",WAR DIARY,FILE.

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A/C 2 Aust. A.L. Section.

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LOCATION HALLETT. UNIT 4 AC SQN. SORTIE No. 1. ("OUTLOOK"). A/C No. - TYPE A46/113 A46/107 DATE 10 Sep'43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R. MARKHAM RT - LAE IS - MARKHAM VALLEY RD - SUGAR LOAF.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
MADZAB 1/63360	F/O. Dickson	1355	BAD	BAD.
	OBSERVER F/O. Carter	TIME DOWN 1500		
		TOTAL 1hr 5m.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
LAE			All area under low cloud and rain. In only break saw troops seen bathing in creek SQ 5552. Unable to drop W.T.S. message to "OTLOOK" owing to weather.

DIST:- HQ, "BLOODHOUND", "OUTLOOK", "POSTBOX", 26 BDE, 2AUST AL GP, A2, 5AF, ALO 35 FC, 2 ATF, 4 AC SQN, "ARMIDALE", FILE.

Time and Signature F/O Dickson Nav

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LOCATION MALLETT. UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. 2. (1 OPERATION) A/C No. - TYPE MG/111 DATE 20 Sep 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R. ENEMY TROOPS CONCENTRATED 173139 - 133138.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
Photog map 030.	F/O. [illegible]	1434		
	OBSERVER F/O. MILLER	TIME DOWN 1452		
		TOTAL 32m.	BAD.	BAD.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
	1430	50'	Aircraft unable to get through owing to weather.
			DIST- 20F, PHOTOS [illegible], 36 Vic, 1 HVT AC GP, 42.5AP, 10 3500, 2 ATF, 4 AC 30F, FAR DIATE, FIL.

Time and Signature [illegible]

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc. [illegible]

NIGHT FLIGHT TSILI TO PORT MORESBY. F/O. STALEY & CAPT JAMES. 7 DIV.

TO : MALLETT.
FROM : OUTLOOK. Z23 14/9.

Wirraway departed here 1800hrs for Moresby carrying Army Liaison Officer. Important captured enemy documents having immdeiate bearing on present campaign to be taken to C. in C. Wards advised of night landing over air support installation W/T. Advise Wirraway arrival.

IMMEDIATE.

TO : OUTLOOK.
FROM : MALLETT. AL75. 14/9.

A/C airborne 2010hrs MORESBY via DOBODURA.

IMMEDIATE.

TO : MADZAB.
FROM : MALLETT. AL76. 14/9.

For G.1.O. Wirraway landed DOBODURA 2222hrs. Refuel and proceeding MORESBY.

IMMEDIATE.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit 45 AUST AL SEC (AC). *Date and Time.—From* 11 SEP '43 *To* 14 SEP '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRY. PT.MORESBY	11/9/43		Operations for day MALLETT 5 Sorties-BERRY 2 sorties see app "B". F/O.Begg Photo/R in Catalina. 9 AUST DIV advised HOPOI STRIP serviceable 600yds X 30yds. F/O.Whitecross displayed excellent judgment todays Arty/R. All airmen remark the excellent avoiding action the enemy must adopt-as the only japs seen to date are 10/15 On 1 MT - MALAHANG STRIP. 7 DIV again requests detach flight to NADZAB.	PBY/183 flown. 1 A/A Co-op. Altitude.
BERRY. PT.MORESBY.	12/9/43		Operations for day MALLETT 7 sorties-BERRY nil see app "B" G.1. 7 AUST DIV advised that ALO could arrange for straffing of targets by 35 F.Group. when requested by DIV: Co-op pilots may only use guns for straffing when specially requested by DIV. Fl/Commander agrees. 7 AUST DIV requested captured enemy documents re "evacuation ex LAE" be flown to MORESBY to C in C. WIRRAWAY-F/O.Staley took off 2020hrs landed DOBODURA 2230hrs, and PT.MORESBY 0130hrs next day. Course via LAE & SALAMAUA due to weather	T/S 2/3 flown.
BERRY. PT.MORESBY	13/9/43.		Operations for day MALLETT 9 sorties-BERRY 2 sorties,see app "B". A.C.G. Air Commodore Hewitt to MALLET; re restricted area of BOOMERANGS. A.O.C. requested Maj Daniell & Sqd/Ldr Bell proceed to HOPOI and contact on his behalf GEN WOOTON: landed at HOPOI Strip 1400 - strip U/S for operating flight. 9 DIV advised A/c may only operate EAST of LAE with fighter escort-no sorties have been refused to date. D.C.G.S. GEN BERRYMAN ex BERRY to MALLETT & NADZAB by WIRRAWAY.	TS 3/4 flown. 2 A/A Co-op.
BERRY. PT.MORESBY	14/9/43		Operations for day MALLETT 6 sorties-BERRY 1 sortie,see app "B". 9 AUST DIV a/c will continue to operate from MALLETT. W/T comm for sorties are satisfactory. G Staff will leave Arty/R and Tac/R at discretion ALO as situation demands. Tac/R to SALAMAUA revealed NIP in complete possession SALAMAUA.	BER 54/184 flown

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11 Sep'43
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DAILY RECORD OF AIRCRAFT TASKS.

SORTIE NO.	A/C NO.	PILOT	OBSERVER	UP	DOWN	TOTAL	TASK	REMARKS
1.	A46/111 A46/120	F/O. Whitecross F/[illegible]		1444 1444	1554 1554	1hr 10m. 1hr 10m.	A.L.S/R. "	SUCCESSFUL.
2.	A46/120 A46/[illegible]	F/O. [illegible] F/O. [illegible]		1446 1446	1555 1555	1hr 9m. 1hr 9m.	Message Drop. "	SUCCESSFUL.
3.	A27/430	F/O. [illegible]	F/O. Smith	1448	1549	1hr.	[illegible]	Unsuccessful due to weather.
4.	A46/113 A46/107	F/[illegible] F/O. [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] [illegible]	[illegible] [illegible]	[illegible] [illegible]	[illegible] [illegible]	SUCCESSFUL.
5.	A27/395	F/O. [illegible]	[illegible] (Lt).	2045	2150	55m.	Transit to [illegible]	

DIST: [illegible]

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O.C. [illegible]

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A46/113

LOCATION HALLETT. UNIT 4 AC SQN. SORTIE No. 4 "OUTLOOK". A/C No. - TYPE A46/107. DATE 11 SEP 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R. MARCIAL PT. LABU, MARCIAL V PD, BUMBU R. / BOANA - LERON - KAIAPIT AREA'S.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
LAE series 1: 63360.	F/O. Dickson.	1443	POOR - FAIR. AVERAGE.	LOW CLOUD.
	OBSERVER F/O. Carter.	TIME DOWN 1701		
		TOTAL 2hrs 18min.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT -- INTERROGATION
MARCIAL PT.	1520	50/100'	No movement seen.
NEW LABU.			5 outrigger canoes on beach, N.M.S. but tracks in vicinity appear well worn.
LABU IS.			N.M.S. gives impression of being deserted.
CREEK.			612432 bridge intact, also bridges intact 609647, 630431. Bridge at 622431 has bush covering over the top.
BUMBU R.			White cross approx 12 x 12 vicinity [illegible] in small kunai clearing. Track down BUMBU difficult to observe, only visible when crossing kunai patch, jungle very heavy in this area. Small bush barricade at 632434. Area 5242 - 5241 show evidence of recent mortar or bomb craters, foot tracks from TARI Village leading NW, well worn also at 613405.
	1550.		TAC/R report dropped on DIV.
BOANA AREA	1550		N.M.S.
LERON AREA	1610		N.M.S. except odd natives.
KAIAPIT	1620		AIR STRIP appears in good condition, kunai has been recently cut and all grass cleared off strip. (Refer TAC/R report Sortie. No 1 of 7 SEP 43).
			The UPPER MARCIAL AREA generally gave pilot impression that natives were carrying on in a very normal manner and were not perturbed when a/c passed over.
	1645.		Dropped report on DIV.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

AH—NGPPS—5/43/1M.

DIST:- NEF."BLOODHOUND","POSTERN","OUTLOOK",A2.5AF,2ATF,1 AUST AL GP,4AC SQN. WAR DIARY. FILE.

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT 4 AC [illegible] SORTIE No. 1 [illegible] A C No. TYPE 46/111. 46/120. DATE 11 [illegible] 43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible], dia Hill, Gilbert [illegible].

REF. MAPS [illegible] prov 1/ [illegible]. PILOT F/O. Whitecross.

OBSERVER F/O. Miller-Hamilton.

TIME UP 1444

TIME DOWN 1554.

TOTAL 1hr 10 min.

VISIBILITY [illegible].

WEATHER [illegible].

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT - INTERROGATION
[illegible] 705447.	1500	100'	Numerous recent tracks leading to a timbered knoll at 71 45. No sign of digging. Small patch sq 7144 has numerous fresh tracks fro the general area [illegible] and 71[illegible]47, some tracks lead out South fro this patch.
			The road from [illegible] to [illegible] amill has been well used the last 24hrs, evidence of a truck being bogged 705392.
[illegible] 71[illegible]16.			1 T facing [illegible] 71041[illegible], with driver under truck, this truck a 3 tonner carrying 7/10 rectangular cases was on road and facing strip, cabin door was open. and the driver was actually seen to wriggle under-neath. 1 T on road facing the strip 71041[illegible], loaded with boxes appro 4'x1'x1'. 1 T ref 71[illegible] stationary, loaded with coconut logs, the driver had endeavoured to camouflage truck. 1 truck at 7141 empty, b-side this truck is a large, yellow, caterpillar bulldozer, practically new. beside the bulldozer and on a large concrete platform are four oil drums. all trucks are 3 tonners and painted black. at 71[illegible]16 a small dump of brass fuses. at 71041[illegible] a single type [illegible], unmanned, and dug in. at least are two a/c, 1 appears to be in good condition, 1 at 7 24[illegible], 1 at 7 54[illegible].
[illegible] 706405			T tracks radiate 706405 to the [illegible]. [illegible] buildings are shabby but intact, 2 main buildings are RED ROOFED on the E side 7[illegible]405.

[illegible] NOTES - S/E/IM.

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LOCATION LAE. UNIT 4 AC 3 Wg. SORTIE No. 2 & 3 "[illegible]". A/C No. - TYPE A20/335. DATE 11 [illegible] 43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE SORTIE 2. [illegible] & 26 SDs.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
LAE 4633 E.	P/O. Ambrose.	1446	POOR	Cloudy 1500'
	OBSERVER F/L. Miller-Tuddle.	TIME DOWN 1555.		
		TOTAL 1 hr 9 min.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
POSTED BY 26 SDs.			[illegible] UNSUCCESSFUL.
SORTIE NO 3.			F/O. Staley. W/O. Veale. Up 1442 Down 1542. 1 hour. NIL R. ALANG AIRSTRIP.
ALANGAMO AIRSTRIP.			NIL R UNSUCCESSFUL due bad weather.
DISTR-			HQF, "B", DUNDO, POSTED, "[illegible]", 6 SAF, 2 PF, 1 ADVT AL HQ, 4AC SIG, WAR DIARY, FILE

Time and Signature [illegible]

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc. [illegible]

G41—NOTES—8/43/1M.

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(CONTINUATION No 1 "POSTERN").

CUMATOWN. 700396. — Unable to observe details, various buildings intact.

ANGARI. 695417. — Numerous tracks leading N and W, kunai patch 6942 numerous fresh tracks making in the general direction of KALAMANG PLANTATION.

BUSHU R. — Track not well defined from BRIDGE KUNDA to KAMKAMUM 686423, only visible when crossing kunai patches. At river bend 682437 is a landing. The river bank here is very steep and the "LANDING" built of bamboo is about 25ft wide and protrudes into the river about 25ft. 6 natives here made for the scrub when sighting the a/c, a well defined MT track leads from this point into the bush, due W.

SHERY'S. 683413. — Unable to observe.

JAP troops seen at approx 723450, some bathing in the river.

JAP troops seen at 730450 approx. 2 corduroy bridges in this vicinity.

Abbridged report signalled to "POSTERN" at 1715Z/11.

DISTs- HQF,"BLOODHOUND","POSTERN ","INTLOCK",AP.5AF,2ATF,4AC SQN,1 AUST AL GP,26BDE,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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2330 A/11

A.O.B. MALLETT. DATE. 12 Sep'43.

DAILY RECORD OF AIRCRAFT TASKS.

SORTIE NO.	A/C NO.	PILOT	OBSERVER	UP	DOWN	TOTAL	TASK	REMARKS
1	A46/113	F/O Carter		1115	1315	2 hrs	T.A.C/R	SUCCESSFUL.
2	A/46/107	F/O Dickson		1115	1315	2 hrs	A/TY/R	"
3	A46/111	F/O Whitecross		1210	1333	1hr 23m	A/TY/R	"
	A46/120	F/O Miller-Randle		1220	1333	1hr 23m	ESCORT	
4	A46/107	F/O Carter		1616	1725	1hr 9m.	T.A.C/R.	SUCCESSFUL
	A46/113	F/O Dickson		1616	1725	1hr 9m.	ESCORT	
5	A20/480	F/Lt [illegible]	Lieut. [illegible]erstonnaugh	1715	1735	20m	T.A.C/R	"
6.	A46/111	F/O Whitecross		1610	1758	1hr48m.	T.A.C/A.T.Y/R	SUCCESSFUL.
	A46/120	F/O Miller-Randle		1610	1758	1hr 48m	ESCORT	
7	A46/109	F/O Mauger		1705	1805	1hr	A/Dropping	Unsuccessful.
8	A20/480	F/O Staley	F/O [illegible]	1130	1250	1hr20m.	Photo/R.	SUCCESSFUL.

DIST:-NOF, "BLOCKHOUSE", "KATOOMBA", "OUTLOOK", AIR DEATH, FILE.

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D.C. 2 Aust. A.L. Section.

DIST:- HGF,"BLOODHOUND","POSTBAG","OUTLOOK",A2.5AF,RAAF,4 AUAT AHQP,4 AC SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION HALLETT. UNIT 4 AC SQN. SORTIE No. 1.A2 ("OUTLOOK"). A. C. No. TYPE A46/113 TAC/R. A46/107 ARTY/R. DATE 12 Sep'43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE 1: TAC/R LABU Is, HEATHS, JACKSONS, BULBU Pnt & NTH BANK MARKHAM Rvr to NARAKAPOR.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	TOTAL	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
LAE series 1/25000	F/O Carter	1115	1315	2hrs.	GOOD	GOOD
	OBSERVER F/O Dickson					

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
HEATHS	1230	50-100'	N.M.S. HEATHS to bridge at JACKSONS. At [illegible] my army trucks loaded with approx 20 Japs 672409 facing North up road, troops cleared off into scrub 3 side of road. 30FOR engaged from LAE direction.
LABU Is.	1240		N.M.S. - 553425 own troops seen in slit trench. N.M.S North bank MARKHAM - LABU Is to NARAKAPOR. N.M.S. on track LABU Is - HEATHS. BULBU Pnt N.M.S. in approx six places logs had been put across river which may have been used as foot bridges.
NARAKAPOR			Pile of haversacks etc in plantation. Approx 20 own troops seen moving North at 490535.
SORTIE 2. ARTY/R. HEATHS - JENSEN.			Communications established without trouble and were satisfactory the whole way through. Two Targets registered X1 & X2. Target X1 HEATHS. Pilot registered onto DUMP AREA and all 4 guns in round of gun fire landed in target area. Target X2 581496 Bridge on MARKHAM VALLEY Rd., 1 round gun fire landed [illegible] plus 2 thru target. Pilot then called for single guns and first 2 rounds were correction. Procedure was good on both sides and the pilot remained on the excellent response to orders from the guns.

Time and Signature .....

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30—NGPTS—8/8/43.

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LOCATION MALLETT. UNIT 4 AC SQN. SORTIE No. 3. ("POSTERN"). A/C No. · TYPE A46/111 A46/120 DATE 12 Sep'43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE ARTY/R. DUMPS LAE, ref 720393.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
LAE SERIES 1:25000.	F/O. Whitecross	1210	Good	Clear.
	OBSERVER F/O. Miller-Randle.	TIME DOWN 1333.		
		TOTAL 1hr 23mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
MALAHANG	1234		AIRCRAFT called ARTY ground station for 1 hour, on pre-arranged 4390Kcs, A/C code "PAT", guns
WRECK			RHQ "VERN". No reply, no carrier wave heard. Aircraft failed to contact DIV set at HQ.
	-	200'	Pilot called for fire, in the hope the ground could receive his signals.
	1303		Pilot reports "stores dump" 721395.
			Aircraft fired on from MALAHANG WRECK ref 720392.
			DIST:- MGF, "BLOODHOUND", "POSTERN", "OUTLOOK", 1 AUST AL GP, 2 ATF, 26 BDE, 4 AC SQN, WAR DIARY, FILE, 35 FG GP.

Time and Signature [signature] Capt.
O.C. 2 Aust. A.L. Section

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc. Courier 1/4

81—NGHPS—8/43/1ML

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LOCATION MALLETT UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No 4 ("OUTLOOK") A/C No TYPE A46/107 A46/113 DATE 12.SEP.43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R BUMBU RVR, MARKHAM PT, LABU IS.

PILOT F/O Carter TIME OUT 1325
OBSERVER F/O Dickson TIME DOWN 1525
TOTALS 1hr 9m.

VISIBILITY FAIR-GOOD WEATHER CLOUDY

PLACE OF REF	TIME	HEIGHT	REPORT - INTERROGATION
BUMBU RVR.			N.M.S. Barracade 572451 with track running into heavy jungle, track covered with logs laid longitudally and parallel extending to 680468. TARI VILLAGE 610418 4 troops (3 in uniform native) did not appear to be allies. 40/50 lakatois on river amongst islands from 620420 to LABU Is, about 20 packed very closely at TARI VILLAGE, remainder spread out, all appear in good condition.
LABU Is.			N.M.S
MARKHAM VALLEY RD.			All bridges intact JACOBSONS to HEATHS. Bridge at JACOBSONS has similar top protective covering as reported earlier at bridge 528430.
MARKHAM PT.			3 troops on spur with LMG slit trenches at 465429, on North side of river 1 troop flashed mirror to aircraft.
HARADENOR			10 troops seen, N.M.S. truck NNW to 485429, this appears jeepable.
WHITAKERS			2 troops (friendly) seen. Truck mentioned in Sortie 1 had moved at 1650 hrs.
JACOBSONS			JACOBSONS has been heavily bombed, buildings fairly knocked about, now similar to HEATHS. All tracks are borded with heavy jungle and troops could easily avoid being seen.

DIST: NGF, "BLOODHOUND", "POSTERN", "OUTLOOK", A2.5AF, 2 ATF, 1 AUST AL GP, 4 AC SQN, WAR DIARY, FILE, 35F GP.

J. Dickson, Capt
Lieut
Observer

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LOCATION:MALLETT UNIT : 4 AC SQN SORTIE NO 5 ("OUTLOOK"). A/C No - TYPE A20/480 DATE : 12 Sep'43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE : TAC/R MARKHAM VALLEY - LERON RVR.

PILOT : F/Lt Watchorn -
OBSERVER : Lieut. Fotherstonhaugh

TIME UP 1715
TIME DOWN 1735
TOTAL 20m

VISIBILITY - WEATHER
HAZY CLOUDY

PLACE OF REF	TIME	HEIGHT	REPORT - INTERROGATION
207642			Approx 8 own troops in village 207642.
041769			4 small huts, no apparent fresh tracks, appear unhabitated but owing to terrain could not get low enough to see inside.
			Fresh looking foothpath leading NW 042681 through burnt kunai on foot-hills. N.M.S. along SAINTSBURY HILLS.

DIST:- NGF,"BLOODHOUND","POSTERN","OUTLOOK",A2.5AF,1 AUST AL GP, 4 AC SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE,35F GP. 2 ATF.

DIST:- NGF,"BLOODHOUND","POSTERN","OUTLOOK",26 BDE,A2.5AF,35F GP,1AUST AL GP,4AC SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION...MALLETT..... UNIT..4.AC.SQN..... SORTIE No-TYPE..6.("POSTERN"). A/C No-TYPE..A46/111 A46/120 DATE.12 Sep'44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE...TAC/R & ARTY/R. SAWMILL - MALAHANG - CHINATOWN.....

REF MAPS.1AE.1/25000..... PILOT..F/O Whitecross..... TIME UP..1610..... VISIBILITY GOOD WEATHER CLEAR

PILOT..F/O Miller-Gaudie.. TIME DOWN.1758.....
TOTAL..1hr.28m.....

PLACE OR REF	TIME	HEIGHT	REPORT - INTERROGATION
1 SAWMILL 706451			N.M.S. Buildings remain in fair condition. Ref report 11/9. track (MT) has not been used past 24 hrs.
2 MISSION 713409			The MISSION is in state of disrepair all windows in CHURCH are broken - and signs of little activity - no fresh MT tracks. School deserted - pilot looked in through window no movement or personnel seen inside.
3 CHINATOWN AREA.			N.M.S. signs of occupation BRIDGE 703392 intact.
4 MALAHANG AIR STRIP.			BOFORS reported 12 Sep N.M.S - Pilot "teased" gun pit for 2 mins and no crew appeared. No fresh MT tracks observed (fresh track could have been seen due to rain previous night 11/12). 3 MT (reported 11/9) still same position - vicinity strip. 1 Bulldozer still same position. 1 MT from North end of strip has moved.
5. PLANTATION.			Numerous bomb craters: general plantation area is boggy and swampy.
6 MALAHANG WRECK.			No MMG or Lt A/A seen. 1 enemy Fd gun = mounted on wooden wheels - pointing to sea: and 3 x .5 (water cooled) A/A, same area ref 719392.
ARTY/R Fd Gun Lt A/A. 72003930			Pilot called for "engagement" - ground set could receive R5 S5 but could not transmit: Pilot opened fire on one way R/T (This was arranged by RAAF ground set at DIV HQ). First shot fell 300yds + L50. Pilot gave first correction up 200yds, but A/A bursts from MT - LUNTMAN, heavy tracer from 719392 forced pilot to discontinue shoot, aircraft rocked by heavy A/A bursts. Pilot advised guns of elevation and that his last shot fell 200 yds + . - Target engaged by ("BILL") "D" Troop 4390 Kcs. Target recorded S1. DIV set "ACK'D" above information: due to heavy timber - observation from the South only.
DUMP.			Small dump 721395. Pilot remained in area for 40 mins. During shoot enemy shells appeared to burst vicinity 723417 - and later appeared vicinity YANGA.
26 BDE M/D.			Strip displayed ref 730473.
DIV M/D.			"T" displayed ref 795445.
OWN TROOPS.			20/25 own troops seen crossing river - and constructing pontoon type bridge ref 71954515. 20 troop patrol seen 725394. Mirror flashed to aircraft in direction of 725423.

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LOCATION...NAILERT..... UNIT...4.A.F..... SORTIE No...7.("POST-WAR")... A/C No...346/109. DATE...12 Sep'43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE...M/DROPPING.....

REF MAPS..... PILOT...F/O [illegible].... TIME UP...1705..... TIME DOWN...1815..... TOTAL.....1 hr..... VISIBILITY WEATHER

PLACE OR REF	TIME	HEIGHT	REPORT - INTERROGATION

1. Dropped photographs 26 BDF - SK 1730 hrs. ex Air Support Photographs ex HQF. to DIV HQ.
   DIV not located photographs ex HQF returned, will be dropped on 13 Sep.
2.

DISTr- HQF, "BLOODHOUND", "POST-WAR", 1 AUST AL GP, 4 AC SQN, WAR DIARY, FILE.

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Photo Section.

PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE REPORT. PRO-FORMA A.36.

SECTION A.

Serial No.TSILI-HQ8QI 2/3

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UNIT....4 A.C.SQN.....

DATE...12.Sep'43.....

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F/L of LENS....8".....

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PILOTS SIGNATURE..F/O Staley.....

CAMERA OPERATOR..W/O Reales.....

A/C NUMBER.A20/480..... SORTIE..1..

A. ~~BRIGHT SUNLIGHT.~~

B. SUN OBSCURED BY L/C.

C. DULL. Heavy cloud bank 12000'

D. ~~VERY DULL.~~

EXPOSURE NUMBERS.	TIME	HEIGHT	SUBJECT INCL. COURSE & SPEED.	POSITION LAT & LONG REF. OR MAP	EXPOSURE SPEED APER.	REMARKS.
V1-V13	1200	6000'	Run from coast near MALAMANG STRIP. 332degrees true to approx 700463.	LAT 1/63360 Area boundries 690455 - 700463 to 734395 to 725393.	1/250 F4	Heavy cloud bank at 12000' slight haze.
V14-V27	1220	6000'	Run 332 from coast 725393.			Time up 1137 Time down 1248 Total 1hr 11mins.

SECTION A.

Serial No. TSILI-HQP 2/3

(To be completed by Photographic Section).

UNIT.....4 AC SQN.....

DATE...12 SeP'43.....

CAMERA NO.....

F/L OF LENS...8".....

FILTER...K2.....

MAGAZINE NO..X.9.....

REMARKS AND SIGNATURE OF PHOTO OFFICER.

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SECTION B.

TO BE COMPLETED BY CREW.

PILOTS SIGNATURE...F/O Staley.....

CAMERA OPERATOR....W/O Beale.....

A/C NUMBER A20/480..... SORTIE..8...

A. BRIGHT SUNLIGHT.

B. SUN OBSCURED BY L/C.

C. DULL. GOOD.

D. VERY DULL.

EXPOSURE NO. FROM - TO	FILM	HEIGHT	SUBJECT INCL. COURSE & SPEED.	POSITION LAT & LONG REF. OR NAME	EXPOSURE SPEED APER.	REMARKS.
V1-V13	1200	6000'	Mosaic MALAHANG STRIP AREA			
V14-V27	1220	"	725394 - 735400 695455 - 705445	LAE 1"-1M.	1/250 F.4	Heavy cloud bank at 12000' slight haze.

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DATE 13 SEP '43.

DAILY RECORD OF AIRCRAFT TASKS.

SORTIE NO.	A/C NO.	PILOT	OBSERVER	UP	DOWN	TOTAL	TASK	REMARKS
1.	A46/107 A46/113	F/o Carter F/o Dickson		0730 0730	0830 0830	1hr 1hr	TAC/R Escort	Successful.
2.	A46/113 A46/107	F/O Dickson F/o Carter		0730 0730	0830 0830 1hr	1hr	Arty/R Escort	Successful
3.	A46/120 A46/111	F/o [illegible] F/o [illegible]		0700 0700	0813 0813	1hr 13 1hr 13	Rec/R Escort	Successful
4.	A46/109	F/o Maugher		0930	0950	1hr 4	Message Drop	Successful
5.	A20-430 A46/109	F/o [illegible] F/o Maugher	[illegible]	0950 0950	1052 1059	1hr 2 1hr 9	Photo Recce Escort	Successful
6.	A46/107	F/o Carter		1231	1352	1hr 21	Ground Attack G.T.39's.	Successful
7.	A46/106 A46/109	F/o Ambrose F/o Maugar		1300 1300	1430 1430	1hr 30 1hr 30	Rec/R Escorts	Successful
8.	A46/106	F/Lt Watchorn		1210	1355	1hr 15	Message & Arty/R	Successful
9.	A20-395	F/Lt Bell	Major Darnell (ALO)	1510	1640	1hr 30	Recce Strip	Successful

Dist:- NUF, "BLOCKHOUSE", "PRISTEN", "WATCHOOK", OR DIARY, FILE.

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LOCATION MALLETT UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. A/C No. - TYPE 30CE2HAB03 A46. DATE 13 SEP 19

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
LAE 1:25000 LAE 1:63360	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN TOTAL		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATIONS
TAC/R		200	Sortie 3. A46/120. F/o Miller Ramble, A46/111, F/o [illegible]terson. Up 0700 Down 0813. 1hr 13min
BUSU R			Lae Gasmill, Malahang Airfield and coast from 7267[illegible]47. Malmaison 727407, a horseshoe shaped defence area, series of trenches, bunkers. Total are count 20 - 25' radius. 719416, 1 AMPH LC bogged, load has been removed since last sighting, 2nd old bags in truck only. 720416 tent city appears to be 14 building a number of bully tents.
Own Troops			Signted approx 732397 moving west.
			Tried to contact army ground set but no reception. 1 Coop and AF troops on rd near MAU YAIU.
			Sortie 4. F/o [illegible]r A46/109. Up [illegible]836, Down 0940. Total 1hr 4min. Message dropping and photos x MOF. Pilot completed mission but considers canister of photos may not be received.
			Sortie 5. A20-[illegible]30, F/o Bayley, W/o Beales, [illegible]ssert. A46/109. Up 0950, Down 1059, Total 1hr 9 min. Photo recce Markham Valley [illegible] from 660427 to 584472. Stories of Gasmill and Malahang Anchorage. 3 sets of Markham RE overlap to 7 DIV.. 2 sets Stores Pairs to 9 DIV. Job "A" satisfactory "B" not satisfactory. Mission TAIL-IC 3/4.

Time and Signature [illegible]

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LOCATION HALL-TT. UNIT 4 AC SQN. SORTIE No. 7. ("OUTLOOK"). A C No. - TYPE A46/106 A46/109 DATE 13 Sep'43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R. SAMOAN - KIAPIT AREA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	TOTAL	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
LAP series 1:63360	F/O Ambrose	1306	1435	1hr 29m.	GOOD	FINE
	~~OBSERVER~~ F/O Hughes					

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
SAMOAN			Pilot went in very low over area and surprised many natives in open. No Japs were identified ~~AMONGST~~ amongst these, on second run all natives had taken cover. Village 952810 has very definite but peculiarly shaped weapon pits, pilot was at a loss to understand the positioning of these, as they do not cover the approach over the river. There are many more villages in this general area ~~AREA~~ than are shown on map. In area approx 30 9599 there has been an amount of timber freshly cut. There are odd new huts all through these villages but not enough to arouse suspicion.

DISTS- HQP, "BLOODHOUND", "POST-RE", "OUTLOOK", A2, 5AF, 2 ATF, 26 BDE, 1 AUST AL GP, 4AC SQN, WAR DIARY, FILE, 35F.GP.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bk., Div., etc.

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LOCATION MALLETT UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. A C No. - TYPE BOOMERANG A46 DATE 13 SEP '43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
LAE 1:25000				
LAE 1:63360.	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN		
		TOTAL		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
		200'	Sortie 6. A46/107. F/o Carter. Up 1234. Down 1352. Total 1hr 24min. Indicate Laiketeis and TARI Village. Pilot led in 8 P39's, for special strafffing mission. Approved by 7 DIV. Request. (see report No 1, 13/9/43. Barges holed and damaged, village burnt. (Pilot of BOOMERANG expended ammunition. 84 x 20mm cannon. 1075 x .303).
MALAHANG.			Sortie 8. A46/106. F/Lt Hatchorn. Up 1218. Down 1333. Total 1hr 15min. Message dropping. Arty/R. Again pilot obliged to conduct one way R/T with troop "D". Shooting accurate. Registration S2 71854200. S3, 70604480. Ref LAE 1:25000.
HOPOI			Sortie 9. F/Lt Bell. Major D.G.Daniell (ALO). A20-395. Up 1510. Down 1640. Total 1hr. 30min. Recce Near strip and land ref 907427. Landed strip at 1530hrs. Strip approx 550 - 600x X.30x. Surface is spongy covered withbout kunai grass. Depth 12". Serviceable ONLY for MOTH type A/C. Approach N°. 0 Staff Div contacted. General Wootten expressed satisfaction with co-op to date.

DIST:- HQF, "BLOODHOUND", "POSTERN, 26 Bde, A2-5AF, 1 Aust AL Gp, 2 ATF, 4 AC SQN, WAR DIARY, FILE.

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LOCATION MALLETT. UNIT 4 AC SQN, SORTIE No. 1 ("OUTLOOK"). A.C No. - TYPE A46/107 A46/113 DATE 13 Sep'43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE ARMOUR. TAC/R. MARKHAM VALLEY ROAD - MARKHAM PT - LABU Is.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
LAE series 1/25000	F/O Carter	0730	GOOD	FINE
	OBSERVER F/O Dickson	TIME DOWN 0830		
		TOTAL 1hr.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
MARKHAM VALLEY RD.			From HEATHS to JACOBSONS all bridges intact, N.M.S although the pilot was circling the area for 30 minutes. Jacobsons carefully examined but no movement seen.
MARKHAM PT.			Own troops still on spur on South side of river.
LABU Is.			N.M.S. also N.M.S. on track South side MARKHAM.
TARI.			40/50 lakatois still along bank as per Sortie 5. Pilot did not straff as this is against present Squadron orders.

DIST:- NGF,"BLOODHOUND","POSTERN","OUTLOOK",A2.5AF,2 ATF,26 BDE,1 AUST AL GP,4 AC SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE,35F GP.

Time and Signature F/O Dickson F/O

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc

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LOCATION: MALLETT | UNIT: 4 AC SQN | SORTIE No: 2 ("OUTLOOK"). | A.C No. - TYPE: A46/112 A46/107 | DATE: 15 SEP

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: ARTY/R

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
LAC 1:250000 1:63360	F/O Dicken	0700	GOOD	FINE
	OBSERVER F/O Carter	TIME DOWN 0940		
		TOTAL 2hr 40min		

Place or Ref. | Time | Height | REPORT - - INTERROGATION

Communications — Aust manned straight away. Communications were good throughout. Target X3. bridge at 602463, registered. After concentrating with all guns and adjusting with troop fire, one round gunfire on added target.

DIST:- HQF, "BLOODHOUND", "FOSTER", "ATTACK", 22.5AF, 2 ATF, 1 AUST AL UP, 4 AC SQN, AIR DIARY, FILE.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

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SECTION A.

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SECTION B.

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PILOTS SIGNATURE.....

CAMERA OPERATOR.....

A/C NUMBER..... SORTIE.....

A. BRIGHT SUNLIGHT.

B. SUN OBSCURED BY L/C.

C. DULL.

D. VERY DULL.

EXPOSURE NUMBERS.	FILM	HEIGHT	SUBJECT INCL. COURSE & SPEED.	POSITION LAT & LONG REF. OR MILE	EXPOSURE SPEED APER.	REMARKS.

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SECTION A.

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UNIT....4 AC 6 RN.....

DATE....14 SEP 43.....

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F/L of LENS..5"....

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SECTION B.

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PILOTS SIGNATURE.F/Lt.Dell.....

CAMERA OPERATOR. ~~[illegible]~~ Major Daniell (ALO)

A/C NUMBER [illegible] SORTIE.....

A. BRIGHT SUNLIGHT.

B. SUN OBSCURED BY I/C.

C. DULL.

D. VERY DULL.

EXPOSURE NUMBERS.	TIME	HEIGHT	SUBJECT INCL. COURSE & SPEED.	POSITION LAT & LONG REF. OR NAME	EXPOSURE SPEED APER.	REMARKS.
[illegible]	1000	[illegible]	[illegible] of [illegible] Kai Shiki, Hopoi [illegible] [illegible] Fiera Vicinity NADZAB	of [illegible]	1/300 F.4	

SECTION A.

Serial No. [illegible]

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UNIT. 4 [illegible]

DATE. 13 Sep '43

CAMERA NO. A

F/L of LENS. 8"

FILTER. K

MAGAZINE NO. 9

REMARKS AND SIGNATURE OF PHOTO OFFICER.

[illegible] Maitland

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SECTION B.

TO BE COMPLETED BY CREW.

PILOTS SIGNATURE. [illegible]

CAMERA OPERATOR. [illegible]

A/C NUMBER. [illegible] SORTIE 2

A. BRIGHT SUNLIGHT.

B. SUN OBSCURED BY L/C.

C. DULL.

D. VERY DULL.

EXPOSURE NUMBERS.	FEET	HEIGHT	SUBJECT INCL. COURSE & SPEED.	POSITION LAT & LONG REF. OR NAME	EXPOSURE SPEED APER.	REMARKS.
1	2000	5000'	[illegible]			
18			[illegible]		1/700 f.4	
19	2000	"	[illegible]		" "	
36			[illegible]			
37	2000	"	[illegible]		" "	
40			[illegible]			
41	2000	"	[illegible]		" "	
43			[illegible]			

[illegible]

[illegible]
S.C. 2 Aust. A.L. Section.

BALLOT.

A.O.B.....

DATE 14 Sep'43

DAILY RECORD OF AIRCRAFT TASKS. 2 AUST. AIR LIAISON SECTION

SORTIE NO.	A/C NO.	PILOT	OBSERVER	UP	DOWN	TOTAL	TASK	REMARKS
1.	A46/116	F/Lt. Mornshaw		0725	1130	1hr 7m.	A/C/R.	SUCCESSFUL.
	A46/109	F/O. Knight		0725	1202	2hr 7m.	RECCE.	
2.	A46/111	F/O. Whitecross		1423	1456	1hr 33m.	A/TK/R.	SUCCESSFUL.
	A46/121	F/Lt. Mornshaw		1423	1456	1hr 33m.	RECCE.	Wireless O/S.
3.	A46/121	F/Lt. Mornshaw		1429	1630	2hr 1m.	A/TK/R.	SUCCESSFUL.
	A46/111	F/O. Whitecross		1429	1630	2hr 1m.	RECCE.	
4.	A46/120	F/O. Miller-Randle		1430	1800	1hr 30m.	A/C/R.	SUCCESSFUL.
	A46/110	F/O. Ancroft		1430	1800	1hr 30m.	A/TK/R.	
5.	A20/480	F/O. Miller-Randle					Ferry 7 DIV HQ.	"
6.	A20/480	F/O. Staley	Capt. James 7 DIV.	0810	0920		Ferry to HQ.	"
								Aircraft at [illegible] refuelled [illegible] to [illegible].

PILOTS- DOT, "BLOOD AND", "SORTIE", "WHITECROSS", "A" DIARY, FILE.

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LOCATION MALLETT UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 4 (5 DIV) A C No. - TYPE A6/116 A6/109 DATE 14 SEP 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC R. South Harbour to South to Salamaua. Enemy Movement.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
4mls 1" = 1m Sal 1:25000	F/Lt Clozenshaw ~~SERGEANT~~ F/O Hooper	0915 TIME DOWN 1102 TOTAL 1hr 47	GOOD	CLEAR

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
SALAMAUA	1020	200'	Salamaua appeared to be completely in the possession of the AIF. Numerous personel seen swimming in harbour. 3 Taylor Cub aircraft were seen on Salamaua Airfield. Approx a Battalion of AIF was seen at 640120. Forward patrol was seen at 632160. Coastal track from B.USI R. to Labu 1 appears well worn and numerous fresh footprints were seen. Pilot stated quote "You would think a herd of cattle had been driven along the track". No enemy seen. 630260 1 barge very close to shore appeared in very good condition. Unable to contact ground station. Information passed to, "POSTMAN", "OUTLOOK", HQF, A2-5AF, "BLOODHOUND" at 1100hrs 14/9 by signal.

DIST:- "BLOODHOUND", "POSTMAN", "OUTLOOK", HQF, A2-5AF, 2 AFF, 26 Sqn, 1 AUST AL OP, 4 AC SQN, WAR DIARY, 35 FG, FILE.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

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LOCATION: MALLETT | UNIT: 4 AC SQN | SORTIE No.: 2 (Postern) 3 | A/C No. - TYPE: A46/111 A46/121 | DATE: 14 SEP 4[illegible]

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: [illegible] Arty/R Gun Position

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
LAE 1:25000 LAE 1:63360	F/O Whitecross F/Lt Glorenshay	1453	GOOD	FAIR
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN: 1556		
		TOTAL: 1hr 3min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
LAE 1:63360	1513	200'	Pilot located area 619389 for arty/r[illegible],required by DEV at 1500hrs. Pilot could not establish communications with ground R/T. Called guns and called HQ. Returned to base at 1556hrs. Wireless U/S. Took off again at 1630hrs.
LAE 1:25000 691391	1650	50' 500'	[illegible] A46/121. F/Lt Glorenshay. A46/116. F/O Whitecross. T/O 1629. Down 1830. Total 2hr 1min. Weather fair to 1730. Cleared up by 1820.
			34. 1. Gun position 691391 located and engaged. Registered 2. 2 rounds - concentration - gun-fire. Pilot described fall of shot - did not go to gun fire for destruction,- as time required needed for further registration.
69383919			S5. Wharves 69383919 - registered to 7 round gun fire - which left for late morning fire. Gun fire hit and straddled the target.
MALAHANG MISS School			S6. Malahang Mission School engaged and registered - ref 706406. School straddled - very near misses - 1st correction drop 50x. Corrected to school building.
Communications			R/c when ever target confident reporting guns, over guns by etc. this necessitated pilots flying back to guns, giving any information etc.. fly to target, observe shot and so on.

Time and Signature: [signature]

Time Passed to Isle, Div, etc.

GP—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—3m

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LOCATION MALLALA UNIT 4 AC Sqn SORTIE No. 2 (SATURN) A C No. - TYPE A6/116 DATE 14 SEP 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Army Co. Op.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1:250000	P/Lt Bowman	1629	GOOD	FAIR to 1730 Clouded to 1820
	OBSERVER F/O Hitchcock	TIME DOWN 1330		
		TOTAL 2hr 1 min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
			"BILL", Army Co-op engaged all targets shooting quite well & accurate.
			Observation was difficult as A/C were at times well within A/A range, and HEAVY as well as LIGHT A/A opened up. This was under control of and the two pilots plotted the A/A positions as
			between 6730 - 698330. This information was passed to the guns and acknowledged.
			Many A/A fire was not accurate. Error about 300yds.
			Both pilots directed guns control of guns and registered as many targets as possible, rather than go for continuous single target gun fire.
			Pilots remained until weather and light prevented further observation.
			Returned to base at 1730hrs.
			Put 2 called in A/C and requested T/O/R at 1514hrs. It is requested such requests be passed through the normal channels, except in an extreme emergency, as pilots are briefed for a specific sortie. Outside and unexpected calls, other than from the DIVISION to which the flight is allotted, only confuses the pilots, distracts him from his main mission.
			A/C operating in these areas are required to give detailed intended movements and areas. If A/C departs from these areas, they become, to fighter sector etc. UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT..

DIST:- HQF, "BLOODHAND", "POSTMEN", "OUTLOOK", A2-5AF, 26 BDE, 2 AFF, 1 MUST AL CP, 4 AC 3 Sqns, 35 FC, WAR DIARY, FILE.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

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LOCATION MALPTT. UNIT 4 AC 3 M. SORTIE No. 4 ("CATLOOT"). A C No. - TYPE A46/120 A46/110 DATE 14 Sep'43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
[illegible] LAE series 1:25000 2163360	[illegible] P/O [illegible].	1030	Good	Fair
		TIME DOWN 1200		
		TOTAL 1hr 30m.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
HEATH8	1045		Joey and 2 men at HEATH8.
			All [illegible] Eskers on [illegible] N.M.3. on road.
			585425 [illegible] gun in [illegible] - thought own troops.
MARKHAM RVR.			All villages from Markham round River mouth appear empty - N.M.3. South LABU 2 (on coast) 4 or 5 [illegible] on beach all intact - [illegible] and villages on coast appear intact but N.M.3.
ARTY/R.			COMMUNICATIONS. Pilot reported that in the portion of the circuit he was flying, there was a "DEAD SPOT", this caused some procedure until he realised what was wrong. TARGET X4. [illegible] could not engage, probably owing proximity own troops. TARGET X5. SAKI VILLAGE, pilot registered this and plastered it fairly well, direct hit on one hut and many others holed. All rounds of gun fire were falling in area.

DISTs- NGF, "BLOODWOOD", "POINTER", "CATLOOT", A2.SAF, 2 ATF, 26 BDE, 1 AUST AL GP, 4 AC 3Q8, WAR DIARY, FILE, 35F.GP.

Time and Signature [illegible]

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc. [illegible]

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LOCATION: [illegible] UNIT: [illegible] SORTIE No. 5 & 6 A/C No. - TYPE: A28-430 DATE: 14 SEP 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: 5. Lon up 7 Div Cmdr. 6. Fly Officer to Mokanby.

REF. MAPS	PILOT: F/O [illegible] Ramsden (5)	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	OBSERVER: W/O Brady (6)	TIME DOWN	GOOD	FAIR
		TOTAL		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
			Sortie 5.
	1130		Landed at HAILEY and picked up Cmdr. HQ 7 DIV. Flew back to HAILEY.
			Sortie 6.
			Flew HAILEY to MOREE, with Brig Officer carried many documents concerning LAE, from the [illegible] G O C, 7 DIV to the C in C.
			A/C airborne 2012hrs for Dobadura, via, Mackay, Saibai, Moreb. Arrived Dobadura 2220hrs.
			A/C still at Dobadura 2130hrs/15.
			Interpreter & NCO carried on for trip.

DIST:- AGP, "G", "AIR", "POST-RN", "OPS", 26 Bde, A2-5AF, 2 ATF, 1 [illegible] AL GP, 4 AC SQN, 35 FG, WAR DIARY, FTI

Time and Signature: [signature]

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.:

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APPENDIX "C".

Extract from Signal Z29 from 7 AUST DIV. 15 SEP '43.

TO ; ALO.Mallett.
FROM : Nadzab. Z29. 15/9.

"Commander 25 BDE expresses gratitude work 4 Sqn".

Extract from Signal P58 from 9 AUST DIV 15 SEP '43.

TO : ALO.Mallett.
FROM : 9 AUST DIV. P58. 15/9.

" CRA very pleased with afternoons work. Arty/R able to register 5 targets LAE area".

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit 45 AUST AL SEC (AC). *Date and Time.--From* 15 SEP '43 *To* 17 SEP '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRY. PT.MORESBY.	15/9/43		Operations for day MALLETT 10 sorties)BERRY nil, see app "B". Signal to Maj Daniell ex AL Group to return Port Moresby, requested remain for 24 hrs. Tac/R & Arty/R both DIVS all day. Arty/R engaged heavy A/A LAE, direct hit twin light A/A. Extract from signal 229 from 7 Div "Commander 25BDE expresses gratitude work 4 AC Sqn". see app "C". Extract from Signal P58 from 9 DIV "CRA very pleased with afternoons work. Arty/R able to register 5 targets area LAE". see app "C".	
BERRY. PT.MORESBY.	16/9/43.		Operations for day MALLETT 5 sorties-BERRY nil, see app "B". Maj Daniell returned by WIRRAWAY ex MALLETT. Message dropped to AIF on LAE AIRFIELD at 1300hrs. Congratulatory signal ex 7 DIV to 4 AC Sqn for co-operation, see app "C".	
BERRY. PT.MORESBY.	17/9/43.		Operations for day MALLETT 4 sorties-BERRY nil, see app "B" Capt Keating to MALLETT. W/Comdr Allshorn C.O. 4 AC SQN since DEC '42, posted to Mainland. This C.O. could not have been more "army minded" and by his organisation & willing co-operation has fulfilled every army demand requested of 4 AC SQN. F/Lt Bell assumes command 4 AC Sqn.	

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EXTRACT FROM SIGNAL Z 29 OF 15 SEPT. FROM 7 DIV. NADAB TO A.L.O. TSILI - TSILL.

"Commander 25 Brigade expresses gratitude work 4 Sqdn."

EXTRACT FROM SIGNAL P 58 OF 15 SEPT. FROM 9 DIV. HOPOI TO A.L.O. TSILI - TSILL.

" C.R.A. very pleased with afternoon's work. Arty/R able to register 5 targets area Lee."

DIST:- HQF,"BLOOD AND",[illegible],"OUTLOOK",WAR DIARY,FILE.

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DATE.....15 Sep'43.....

DAILY RECORD OF AIRCRAFT TASKS.

2 AUST. AIR LIAISON SECTION

SORTIE NO.	A/C NO.	PILOT	OBSERVER	UP	DOWN	TOTAL	TASK	REMARKS
1.	A46/11[illegible] A46/12[illegible]	F/Lt. Clarendon F/O. [illegible]		0715 0715	1057 1052	[illegible]	[illegible] & ARTY/R. ESCORT.	SUCCESSFUL
2.	A46/10[illegible] A46/10[illegible]	F/O. [illegible] F/O. [illegible]		0915 0915	1100 1108	[illegible] 1hr. 53m.	ARTY/R. ESCORT.	"
3.	A20/39[illegible]	F/[illegible]	Capt. [illegible]	[illegible]	0909	[illegible]	Travel.	"
4.	A20/39[illegible]	F/[illegible]	Capt. [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"	"	"
5.	A46/11[illegible] A46/11[illegible]	F/O. [illegible] F/O. [illegible]		1030 1030	[illegible] 1407	[illegible] 3hrs [illegible]	[illegible] [illegible]	"
6.	A20/48[illegible]	F/O. [illegible]	Capt. [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"
7.	A46/11[illegible]	F/Lt. [illegible]		1048	1342	1hr [illegible]	[illegible]	UNSUCCESSFUL.
8.	A46/11[illegible] A46/12[illegible]	F/O. Dickson F/O. [illegible]		1404 1404	1615 1625	2hrs 7m. 1hr [illegible]	ARTY/R. ESCORT.	SUCCESSFUL.
9.	A46/10[illegible] A46/12[illegible] A46/10[illegible]	F/O. Haught F/O. Carter F/O. [illegible]		1510 1510 1510	1741 1741 1741	2hrs 47m. 2hrs 47m. 2hrs 47m.	ARTY/R. ESCORT. ESCORT.	"
10.	A20/48[illegible]	F/O. Staley	Capt. [illegible]	1115	1548	4hrs 33m.	Travel -	Stopped at DARWIN.

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[illegible] NOF, "[illegible]", "[illegible]", "[illegible]", 42 SAP, 26 [illegible], 3 ATK, 1 ACK A. CP, 4 AC SQN, 48 DIVK, PIR, 35 F.G.P.

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. 3.6.6.2.43. A/C No.-TYPE [illegible] DATE 25/6/43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible] Co-op.

REF. MAPS	PILOT [illegible]	TIME UP [illegible]	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN	[illegible]	FINE
		TOTAL		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
SORTIE 3.			F/L. [illegible] - [illegible] Ships On. Ferry Capt. Jarman from [illegible] to [illegible].
" 4.			F/Lt. [illegible] - [illegible] Ferry Capt. Jarman from [illegible] to [illegible].
" 6.			F/O. Ripley - Capt. Jones. [illegible] Ferry Capt. Jones to [illegible].
" 7.			F/Lt. Horrocks [illegible] Ferry Capt. Jones from [illegible] to [illegible]. Ships reported off [illegible]. Air ctlg. enemy enemy A/C fire. 10 Lead in 4 - 190's. Not located - no ammunition expended.
" 10.			F/O. Ripley - Capt. Jones [illegible] Ferry Capt. James from [illegible] to [illegible]. A/C called at [illegible].

Time and Signature [illegible]
O.C. [illegible]

Time Passed to Isle. Div. Co. [illegible]

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. [illegible] A. C. No. - TYPE [illegible] DATE 2 Sep '43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Good
	OBSERVER [illegible]	TIME DOWN [illegible]		
		TOTAL [illegible]		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] approx 30 casualties on [illegible]
			[illegible]
			[illegible]
			[illegible]
			[illegible]
	2230		[illegible]
			Air crew are now [illegible]
			[illegible]

Time and Signature [illegible]

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LOCATION BALCETT. UNIT 4 AC SQN. SORTIE No. B. ("OUTLOOK"). A/C No. - TYPE A46/215 A46/121 DATE 15 Sep 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE ARTY/R JACOBSONS AREA FOR FIELD GUN POSITION.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
LAE series 1:25000	F/O. Dickson	1424	GOOD	FINE
	OBSERVER F/O. Ambrose	TIME DOWN 1615		
		TOTAL 1hr 51m.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
	1500	50-200'	Pilot carefully searched JACOBSONS & COX's camp from 20 feet and considers gun or guns are not in that area. All open kunai patches show no signs of digging. After calling for one round gun fire on MS, which fell in area, pilot corrected onto 625414. Observation was difficult owing to jungle and A/A fire from JACOBSONS & LAE. Pilot eventually registered target X7, which appears to be fairly extensive defensive area with dug in fortifications could be position of guns. At 668413 cover aircraft noticed stationary motor truck, otherwise no movement seen on road.

DIST:- HQF, "BLOODHOUND", "FOX-TROT", "OUTLOOK", A2.5AF, 2 ATF, 26 BDE, 1AUST AL GP, 4AC SQN, 6AR DIARY, FILE, 35F.GP.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT 4 [illegible] SORTIE No. 9. (Second war). A C No. - TYPE A46/120 DATE 15 Sep 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible] as required by "Control".

REF. MAPS Local series 1:25000	PILOT F/O. [illegible] F/O. Carter - F/O. Miller-Randle	TIME UP 1520 TIME DOWN 1741 TOTAL 2 hrs 42 mins.	VISIBILITY [illegible]	WEATHER Fair.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
[illegible]			[illegible] guns engaged. First round fell off target fell in the vicinity of [illegible]. Heavy A/A opened up making observation difficult. A/A very inaccurate. Pilot decided to engage A/A fire. This was registered by A/C four rounds our fire. A/A ceased fire, pilot is certain that the gun is well an [illegible] damaged. Registered as S12. [illegible]. Between A/A fire is becoming more and more inaccurate. Pilot has advantage 5 kms of flames to position was engaged with 3 rds.
			S12. Bldgs reference 6393039509. Two corrections, fourth round ran fire. Very accurate correction good. S12 Buildings. Escort A/C was hit by A/A fire - escort pinpointed and engaged multiple AC (.5) . [illegible] - 500 yds to the 68454137. S12. MG dug in sides of east main slope. 3 corrections to 4 rds. Direct hit from 1 on MG. Finis. A/C number [illegible].
			Registered A/A gun engaged A/C 6 or 7 times. Pin point ref 63693500, A/C T/P and QF/A [illegible] necessary to use A/C over Le area and vicinity. It was used R/T area [illegible].
			1 aircraft fighter frequency.
			1 aircraft register.
			1 aircraft passing ground to air communications. Aircraft alternating.
			Visits- Nor, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], 2 MP, 1 MOST [illegible]

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

S.P. N.G. Press Unit-3042-3m

DIST:- HGP, "BLOODHOUND", "POSTERN", "OUTLOOK", A2.5AF, 2 AF, 1 AUST AL GP, 4 AC [illegible], [illegible], FILE.

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LOCATION: MALLETT. UNIT: 4 SQ R.A.A.F. SORTIE No: 1. ("[illegible]"). A C No. - TYPE: A46/112 A46/120 DATE: 15 Sep'43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: R.A.C/R & ARTY/R [illegible] WR to [illegible] VILLAGE - Approx 3953.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
LAE 1/25000 1/63360	P/Lt. Glorsmachw ~~OBSERVER~~ F/O. Miller-Randle	0710	GOOD	FINE.
		TIME DOWN 1153		
		TOTAL 3hrs 24m.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
BUERU RVR TRACKS.		20'	R...s. Track not discernable due to dense jungle. Roads and [illegible] crossing found.
			At ref 686436, 10 to 12 natives cleared off as aircraft passed overhead.
KAKAKAUN VILLAGE.			No buildings visible. Graveyard seen on cleared [illegible] of village.
FORD.			Bridge ok, numerous [illegible] crossing river.
SAMELLA.			Ref 706662, numerous AP.
BDY DROP/ZONE.			No ground strip. No markers dropped.
MALAHANG STRIP AREA.			MT still in position. Dump and slit trench at 728416.
WAGAN.			AIF digging in gardens on South side of road, ref 712607.
ARTY/R. BUTIBUM. 675415.		20'	S7.. "D" troop 25 SP at troop - over target Rl Sl. 3 R.G.F. straddled target.
698398			S8.. "many heavy gun registered. Pilot [illegible] Target.Troop at 766400. A/C dropped new Mk's
			0800hrs. "Charlie" C/S, modulation bad.
KAKAKAUN 686434			S9.. Registered 3 R.G.F. MPI 696389. ("many A/A firing at A/C).

Time and Signature: C.C. [illegible]

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

628-N.G. Press Port 9/43 3m

DIST:- NGF,"BLOOD HND","POST-WAR","KILLOCK"A2.5AF,26 BD",2AF,1 AGST .L GP,4 C S H,AIR DEPT,FILE.

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LOCATION HALLETT. UNIT 4 AC S/N. SORTIE No. 1. ("POST-WAR"). A/C No. TYPE A46/112 A46/120 DATE 15 Sep'43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE 2nd/R & 3rd/R. FLESH WITH LO CAS ON VIL AREA - ADDTOX 3953.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
LAE 1/25000 1/63360	F/Lt. Lorenzsew	0718	GOOD	FINE
	~~OBSERVER~~ F/O. Miller-Randle	TIME DOWN 1053		
		TOTAL 3hrs 34m.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT - INTERROGATION
[illegible] RIVER TRACK.		20'	N.A.I. Track not discernable due to dense jungle. Tracks seen where crossing kunai. At ref 684403, 10 to 12 natives cleared off as aircraft passed overhead.
[illegible]KEMEN VILLAGE.			No buildings visible. Graveyard seen on cleared patch beside track. Bridge OK, numerous AIF crossing river.
[illegible]ONG			
[illegible]KAKILL.			Ref. 709464, numerous AIF.
[illegible]BD/DROP SITE.			No ground strip. No message dropped.
[illegible]LEARING STRIP AREA.			MT still in position. Dump and slit trench at 713416.
[illegible]GAN.			AIF digging in gardens on South side of road, ref 719407.
2nd/R. BUIBUM. 675415		20'	S7.. "D" troop 5 of 35 at troop - over target H1 S1. 3 R.G.F. straddled target.
698398			S8.. Enemy heavy gun registered. Pilot considers damaged. Troop at 766460. A56 dropped DIV HQ's 0800hrs. "CIRCLE" C/W, modulation bad.
[illegible]KAKAUS 636434			S9.. Registered 3 R.G.F.. AFI 698339.(Enemy A/A firing at A/C).

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Int. Div. etc.

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A.O.B....MALLETT.....

DATE....16 Sep'43.....

DAILY RECORD OF AIRCRAFT TASKS.

SORTIE NO.	A/C NO.	PILOT	OBSERVER	UP	DOWN	TOTAL	TASK	REMARKS
1.	A46/115 A46/121	F/O. Dickson F/O. Ambrose		0712 0712	0805 0805	53m. 53m.	ARTY/R. "SCOUT.	SUCCESSFUL.
2.	A46/116 A46/109	F/Lt. Mornement F/O. Morgan		1157 1157	1417 1417	2hrs 20m. 2hrs 20m.	ARTY/R. "SCOUT.	SUCCESSFUL.
3.	A46/121 A46/115	F/O. Dickson F/O. Ambrose		1204 1204	1332 1332	1hr 28m. 1hr 28m.	ARTY/R. "SCOUT.	SUCCESSFUL.
4.	A20/480	F/O. Fraser	W/O. Bale	1445	1529	44m.	ARTO/R.	SUCCESSFUL.
5.	A46/111 A46/106	F/O. Whitecross F/O. Carter		1503 1503	1628 1628	1hr 25m. 1hr 25m.	ARTY/R. "SCOUT.	SUCCESSFUL.

DIST:- HQF, "BLACKHORSE", "POINTER", "FLOAT", FOR DIARY, FILE.

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LOCATION HALLETT. UNIT 4 AC S.N. SORTIE No. 5.("POSTERN"). A/C No. - TYPE A46/111 A46/106 DATE 16 Sep 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R. HOPOI - BAMIAGA ISD.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
Law Series 1:63360	F/O. Whitecross	1503	GOOD	GOOD
	OBSERVER F/O. Carter	TIME DOWN 1523		
		TOTAL 1hr 25m.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
HOPOI.	1525	50'	H.M.S. HOPOI on BUKARA Mission buildings, tracks well used but apparently not recently. Track from HOPOI east to CAPE CHERADI H.M.S., but has been well used, but again apparently not recently.
			394402, motor boat and grass hut on edge of jungle, boat approx 25ft, coloured white and green below water line.
			345390, three wrecked barges definitely U/S. Pilot considers may be another motor boat camouflaged with hand 3-3390.

DISTR: RAF, "BLOODHOUND", "POSTERN", "CUTLOCK", 32.SAF, 2 ACF, 1 MOB AL GP, 4 AC SQN, WAR DIARY, FILE, 35F.GP.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

6B—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—3m

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LOCATION MALINTA. UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. [illegible] A. C No. - TYPE [illegible] DATE 25 Jan 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
DAR Series 1263360	F/O. [illegible]	[illegible]		
	OBSERVER W/O. [illegible]	TIME DOWN [illegible]		
		TOTAL [illegible]	BAD	Low cloud.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT = INTERROGATION
			Aircraft unable to do job, [illegible]
			DIST= NGF, "BLOOKHOUND", "[illegible]", "[illegible]", AC, [illegible]

Time and Signature [illegible]

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.....

609—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—3m

DIST:- NGF,"BLOODHOUND","POSTERN",OUTLOOK",A2.5AF,2ATF,1 ADVT AL GP,4 AC SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE,35F.GP.

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LOCATION MALAITA. UNIT 4 AC SQN. SORTIE No. 2. ("POSTERN"). A C No. - TYPE A46/216 A46/209 DATE 16 Sep'43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R SOUTHERN RVR & TRACKS. - ARTY/R MALAMBAU - LAU AREA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	TOTAL	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
LAU Series 1:25000 1:63360	F/Lt. Clarenshaw F/Sgt. Munger	1157	1417	2hrs 14m.	0000	FINE

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
			2 enm troops seen village 693535. H.I.S.BUSH AFF.
			2 rafts thought hostile area approx 710770 (area not covered by map), one empty, other piled high with what looked like bundles clothing. No actual movement seen on either raft but pilot considered that when he got well clear heads bobbed up in water in proximity. Information signalled to Naval Liaison Officer "POSTERN".
ARTY/R.			Pilot called "GEORGE", who told him to stand by while he got permission to shoot from "CHARLIE". "GEORGE" then instructed pilot to go across and observe accuracy of shoot in progress on Target 6939.
			No enemy seen falling in this area and pilot went back to get in touch with "CHARLIE" and asked for instructions. "CHARLIE" advised "GEORGE" ready to shoot in 5 mins. "GEORGE" gave a reference 689392 for engagement. After second round pilot was recalled by wireless.
			ALO's RPT. Pilot was recalled over the air as own troops were on LAU AIRSTRIP, and pilot was not aware of position.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

6B. N.G. Press Unit 9/43- 3m

DISTs- HQF, "BLOODHOUND", "POST-MEN", "OUTLOOK","A2-5AF, 2 ATF, 1 AUST AL GP, 4 AC SQN, WAR DIARY, FILE, 35 F.GP.

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LOCATION MALLETT UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 1 & 3 ("OUTLOOK") A.C No. - TYPE [illegible] DATE 16 SEP 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE ARTY/R. LAE - JACKSONS AREAS.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
LAE 1:25000	F/O Wickson	0?12		Low cloud and rain
	~~OBSERVER~~ F/O Jacobs	TIME DOWN 6.05		
		TOTAL 53 min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
Sortie 1.			Pilot not had weather and was unable to break through cloud - returned to base.
Sortie 3.			
BUSHMAN DRIVER			Time Up. 1334. Time down. 1352. Total Thr 20min. Pilot carefully searched jungle along river and track. Nil. Area approx 660435, fresh tracks seen and undergrowth appears to have been flattened down. Approx 6-8 native huts and village area Sq. 5953. Pilot then went on to carry out Arty shoot. After contacting guns, pilot told them to stand by, and reached area and sighted own troops LAE AIRFIELD. Passed information to guns and returned to base.

Time and Signature .....

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc .....

6th N.G. Press Unit—9/43—3m

A.C.D. [illegible]

DATE..17.[illegible].43.....

DAILY RECORD OF AIRCRAFT TASKS.

SORTIE NO.	A/C NO.	PILOT	OBSERVER	UP	DOWN	TOTAL	TASK	REMARKS
1.	A46/111 A46/106	F/O Miller-Saddle F/O Carter		0801 0801	1001 1001	2hrs 2hrs	TAC/R ESCORT	SUCCESSFUL
2.	A46/115 A46/109	F/O [illegible] F/O [illegible]		0755 0755	0941 0941	1hr 36 1hr 36	TAC/R [illegible]	SUCCESSFUL
3.	A20/480	F/O [illegible]	Lt. Fetherstonhaugh (.NZ)	1405	1604	[illegible]	[illegible]	
4.	A46/106	F/Lt. [illegible]		1640	1755	[illegible]	[illegible] R/D. & R/D.	SUCCESSFUL.

DET:- NOF. 1 [illegible]

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT 4 AC S.E. SORTIE No. 2. ("[illegible]"). A C No. - TYPE A46/115 A46/109 DATE 17 Sep'43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE A/R. Track Activity Recce.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	TOTAL	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
AAF series 1:63360	P/O. Dickson	0755	0941	1hr 36m.	30?	GOOD.
	~~OBSERVER~~ P/O. Imbrogo					

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
	0820	50'	Small track running N from approx 69/ gives impression that there may have been at one time a track along the top, but it definitely has not been used lately. A track running E/W cuts across plane in light. Track running up to spur on eastern side suggested a possible track to pilots, but it ended abruptly in heavy jungle.
			Several located and numerous tracks seen in area over cities up the villages. All these tracks are well used and freshly worn. No movement of our own troops or natives seen in this area.
			Dust trail [illegible] to be the easiest line of march.
			Two pilots spent over one hour on these areas and did not locate any movement at all. Pilots were unable to go north of [illegible] as mountains were closed in.

DISTR- HQF, "BLACK [illegible]", "POST-WAR", "QUEENSCLIFF", A2.5AF, 7 ATF, LAST AL GP.4 AC Sqdn, WAR DIARY, FILE, 39F.GP.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

GHP No 1, Press Unit—9/43—3m

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LOCATION: HALLETT. UNIT: 4 AC SQN. SORTIE No: 4. 7 AUST DIV. A.C No. - TYPE: A46/106 DATE: 17th Sep'43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: SPECIAL DESPATCH DROPPING - CONT/R KAIAPIT.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
ONGA & LYRCI 1:63360	F/Lt. Hatchorn	1640	GOOD	FINE
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN 1725		
		TOTAL 45 min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
KAIAPIT	1710	50'	000733. Message dropped near wireless set in bivouac area of our own troops. Two transport A/C on the ground. One appears D/S.
			BQ. 9676. Line of carriers (approx 100) moving N along track.
MARINGIS KAIAPIT			One of own troops seen in village BQ1800.
			Pilot did not go across strip, but two men (could have been Japs) cleared off into cover on sighting aircraft.
			All natives in villages on this occasion were not perturbed by aircraft and went on with their cooking. Some waved.

DIST:- HQF, 1 AUST CORPS, 7 AUST DIV, 9 AUST DIV, A2-5AF, 2 ATF, 25 F.C., 1 AUST AL GP, 4 AC SQN, AIR DIARY, FILE.

Time and Signature .....

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc .....

680—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—3m

DIST:- NGF,"BLOODHOUND","POST-WAR","OUTLOOK",A2.SAF,2 ATF,1 RSST AL 02,4 AC S:E,NAR DLRY,FILE,35.FG.

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. [illegible] A.C No. - TYPE [illegible] DATE 17 Sep'43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Scattered clouds at 2000'
	OBSERVER [illegible]	TIME DOWN [illegible]		
		TOTAL [illegible]		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
	[illegible]	150'	[illegible]
722543	0910	50'	[illegible] patrol seen crossing.
MUSOM.			[illegible]
			[illegible] and hours searching area.
			No [illegible] in this area. [illegible] in SAFA AREA.
			Track [illegible] from 72 [illegible] has been used recently. Track cannot be followed after it enters [illegible]. Track running N/E from 72 7253 suggested to pilot a possible covered track which would be fair [illegible].
			Track 7[illegible] to 7 [illegible] very well worn.

Time and Signature [illegible]

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc [illegible]

GPS—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—3m

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Unit 45 AUST AL SEC (AC). *Date and Time.—From* 18 SEP '43 *To* 21 SEP '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRY. PT.MORESBY.	18/9/43		Operations for day Mallett 3 sorties-Berry 4 , see app "B" All operational photo's will be in future printed and distributed ex MALLETT: including 5AF, NGF, 74 Base Wing & 4 A.C. Brig Whitehead contacted LAE - various supplies delivered. 4 AC Airraways landed LAE 0830hrs, first Allied a/c to land since Japs occupied area.	4 ARTY/SHOOTS with 2/5th Fd Regt.
BERRY. PT.MORESBY	19/9/43		Operations for day MALLETT 5 sorties-BERRY 1sortie, see app "B" Cpl Miller & Pte Golding ex MALLETT. Maj Daniell & Sqd/Ldr Bell to MALLETT: FINSCHHAFEN operation details discussed by C(Air) 9 AUST DIV at LAE.	BER 54/185 flown.
BERRY. PT.MORESBY	20/9/43.		Operations for day MALLETT 5 sorties-BERRY nil, see app "B".	
BERRY. PT.MORESBY.	21/9/43		Operations for day MALLETT 2 sorties/BERRY nil see app "B". Operation order received from 9 DIV re attack on FINSCHHAFEN. Operations to extend West of MADIPIT and as far as FINSCHHAFEN. Maj Daniell ex MALLETT to PT.MORESBY.	

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DATE.[illegible]Sep'43.....

DAILY RECORD OF AIRCRAFT TASKS.

SORTIE NO.	A/C NO.	PILOT	OBSERVER	UP	DOWN	TOTAL	TASK	REMARKS
1.	[illegible]20/[illegible]395	F/Lt. Hutton	[illegible]	1044	1240	2hr [illegible]	[illegible] to [illegible] & return	
2.	A20/A30	F/Lt. Hutton	Lieut. [illegible]	1045	1245	2hr 40.	[illegible] to [illegible] & return	
3.	A20/395	F/Lt. Hutton	Lieut. [illegible]	1434	1645	2hr 11m	[illegible] to [illegible]	

[illegible]- [illegible] ADJT [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] DIARY, PILOT.

A.L.O.....[illegible]....

UNIT:- [illegible] SQF,1 AUST [illegible],7 AUST DIV,3 AUST DIV, RAAF, [illegible].

A.O.B.....W.Z/[illegible].....

DATE...22..OCT'43.....

DAILY RECORD OF AIRCRAFT TASKS.

SORTIE NO.	A/C NO.	PILOT	OBSERVER	UP	DOWN	TOTAL	TASK	REMARKS
1.	A20/400	F/Lt. [illegible]	Capt. [illegible] (U.S.).	0945	1143	[illegible]	Travel to [illegible].	
2.	A20/395	F/Lt. [illegible]	F/Lt. Jones	0944	1147	[illegible]	Travel to [illegible].	
3.	A20/455	[illegible]	F/O. [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	A/C returned after to C/S at Wagga for [illegible].
4.	A20/522	[illegible]	[illegible] (U.S.).	[illegible]	1650	[illegible]	Travel to [illegible].	A/C [illegible] required to [illegible] to change propeller.
5.	A20/395	F/Lt. [illegible]	Capt. [illegible] (U.S.).	1503	[illegible]	[illegible]	Travel to [illegible].	

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DISTR. RAF,1 AUST CORPS,7 AUST DIV,9 AUST DIV,6 AC 3 CD,SAR DISMT,FILE.

A.C.B. MALLETT.

DATE 20 Sep'43

DAILY RECORD OF AIRCRAFT TASKS.

SORTIE NO.	A/C NO.	PILOT	OBSERVER	UP	DOWN	TOTAL	TASK	REMARKS
1.	A20/395	F/Lt. Bell		0745	0927	1hr 42m.	Travel to LAE & return.	To pick up Maj. Dandell and Capt. Keating. (ALC's).
	A20/430	F/Lt. Clarendon		0745	0927	1hr 42m.	" "	" "
2.	A46/116	F/O. Dalyman		1120	1259	1hr 39m.	TAC & CONT/R.	SUCCESSFUL.
	A46/206	F/O. [illegible]		1120	1259	1hr 39m.	[illegible] ESCORT.	
3.	A20/395	F/O. Derbishire	F/O [illegible]	1137	1204	27m.	Photo/R. LEACH HWY.	Unsuccessful owing to low clouds.
4.	A20/395	F/O. Derbishire	F/O [illegible]	1504	1629	1hr 25m.	Supply Dropping [illegible]	SUCCESSFUL.
5.	A20/565	F/O. Pro[illegible]	Lieut. Fetherstonhaugh (ALO).	1532	1818	2hrs 46m.	Travel to [illegible] & return.	A/C to ferry Brig. Lloyd from LAE to [illegible].

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT 4 AC SQN. SORTIE No. 2. 7 [illegible] DET. A/C No. - TYPE A16/116 A16/106 DATE 20 SEP 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1:63360	P/O Holyman	1120		
	~~WIRELESS~~ P/O [illegible]	TIME DOWN 1259	GOOD	FAIR
		TOTAL 1hr 39m.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
KAIAPIT			Own troops at 360905, N.M.C. on Air Strip, no movement seen in village but own troops appear to have occupied Mission buildings. Pilot unable to locate bridge at 767936. Message dropped on DIVISION at 1220 hrs.

DIST= [illegible]

Time and Signature [illegible]

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

689—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—5m

DISTR- [illegible]

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DATE..21 Sep'43

DAILY RECORD OF AIRCRAFT TASKS.

SORTIE NO.	A/C NO.	PILOT	OBSERVER	UP	DOWN	TOTAL	TASK	REMARKS
1.	[illegible]39	Capt. [illegible]ller	[illegible]	[illegible]. 1200	1330	1hr 30m.	TAC/R. [illegible]IC to [illegible]	[illegible]
2.	A20/395	S/Ldr. Derbyshire	Lieut. Fotherstonh[illegible]gh (ALO).	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]1.	Travel from [illegible] to [illegible] and return.	[illegible]

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R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. [illegible] A/C No. - TYPE [illegible] DATE [illegible]

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
[illegible]	Capt. [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN 1330		
		TOTAL [illegible]		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
[illegible]			[illegible]
[illegible]			[illegible] flight to the coastline.
[illegible]			[illegible] of the opinion native huts on coastline were abandoned. Light in the huts no evidence of occupation was observed. All native buildings are in good order and new tin buildings were seen in many villages - [illegible] to plainly tell particular value to Jap. Land was seen on a few new and tin huts.
			[illegible] in this area showed signs of recent and constant use as they are far more than ordinary native hut. Jap trucks running to/and [illegible] very plainly.
			[illegible] villages are in good condition. [illegible] A/A gun seen.
			[illegible] difficult to identify. No shipping seen in whole area.
~30.			Pilot saw 23 barges this [illegible] about 4 miles off [illegible] seen float - three were identified by pilot. [illegible]

Time and Signature [illegible] Capt. RAAF.

Time Passed to Isle, Div, etc. [illegible]

GB- N.G. Press Unit—9/43—3m

DOBODURA MILITARY AIRFIELDS

SCALE · 1 INCH TO 1 MILE · 1 63360

Note : General Order No. 61. H.Q. Adv. 5th Air Force allocates names to airfields.

COMPILATION	5 Fighter Command U.S.A.A.F.
PHOTOGRAPHY	4 Army Coop. Squadron R.A.A.F.
DRAWING	3 Aust. Field Survey Coy. A.I.F.
REPRODUCTION	2/1 Aust. Army Topn. Survey Coy

TO GIVE A GRID REFERENCE ON THIS SHEET

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RECTANGULAR GRID 1000 METRE INTERVAL

AIR LOCALITY MAP

DOBODURA AREA

Showing Landing Areas at

SOPUTA POPONDETTA HORANDA BORIO EMBI LAKES AND PONGANI

Date 1 Sep. 1943

SCALE . 1 INCH TO 2 MILES 1:126,720

NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES GRID
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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 45 AUST AL SEC (AC). Date and Time.—From 22 Sep '43. To 26 Sep '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRY. PT.MORESBY.	22/9/43		Operations for day MALLETT 10 sorties-BERRY 2 sorties, see app "B". Cpl Miller admitted S.S.A. Boils. 9 AUST DIV attack on FINSCHHAFEN covered all day - Tac/R & Arty/R. Advised by 1 AUST AL GROUP of new ME/111/3E/1 published - no increase to establishment.	BER 54/186. BER 56/187. BER 34/188. TS/N 27 flown.
BERRY. PT.MORESBY.	23/9/43.		Operations for day MALLETT 7 sorties-BERRY 1, see app "B". Lt/Col Barum 'G' Ops NGF, to NADZAB by AIRRANAY. Photo/Recce DOBODURA for amendments to present 1" map-see attached map.	BER 54/189 & BER 34/190 flown.
BERRY. PT.MORESBY	24/9/43.		Operations for day MALLETT 3 sorties-BERRY 2, see app "B". All Army Co-op PORT MORESBY area to be ceased due to excessive, altitude test. requirements from operational area - G(Air) NGF advised:- this includes S/L ops & Staff Officer's transportation. Personnel of 4 AC Sqn lectured by Maj Daniell.	BERRY 2 S/L Co-op
BERRY. PT.MORESBY	25/9/43		Operations for day MALLETT 6 sorties-BERRY nil, see app "B" 1 AUST CORPS requests daily COURIER: MALLETT - NADZAB - LAE 1500hrs each day.	TS/N. 3/8 flown.
BERRY. PT.MORESBY.	26/9/43		Operations for day MALLETT 6 sorties-BERRY nil, see app "B". A/A Co-op MOROBE (NE COAST) calibration guns at 15,000ft, 2 aircraft. Summary weeks operations phoned to G(Air, NGF.	

Enclosure 3.

A.O.B. [illegible]

DATE 22 Sep'43

DAILY RECORD OF AIRCRAFT PAIRS.

SORTIE NO.	A/C NO.	PILOT	OBSERVER	UP	DOWN	TOTAL	TASK	REMARKS
1.	A46/111 A46/115	F/O. [illegible] F/O. Holyman		0613 0613	0832 0832	2hrs 19m 2hrs 19m.	NAVAL CO-op [illegible]	Unsuccessful Destroyers did no answer call.
2.	A46/121 A46/116	F/O [illegible] F/O. [illegible]		0625 0625	0915 0915	2hrs 5 m 2hrs 50m.	[illegible] [illegible]	SUCCESSFUL.
3.	A46/118 A46/119	F/O. Stewart F/O. Munro		0612 0612	0915 0915	3hrs 5m. 3hrs 5m.	T.A.C/R. T.A.C/R.	"
4.	A46/109 A46/111	F/O. Forsyth F/O. Fizer		0613 0613	0832 0832	2hrs 19m. 2hrs 19m.	[illegible] [illegible]	Unsuccessful. owing to [illegible] wireless comm.
5.	A20/619	F/O. Derbishire	F/O Cockerell	0912	1017	1 hr 5m.	[illegible]	SUCCESSFUL.
6.	A46/109 A46/111	F/O. Forsyth F/O. Fizer		1009 1009	1137 1137	1 hr 28m. 1 hr 28m.	[illegible] [illegible]	Unsuccessful. owing to enemy A/C in area.
7.	A46/109	F/O. Mason		1149	1259	1hr 10m.	T.A.C/R.	SUCCESSFUL.
8.	A46/120 A46/121	F/O. Fizer F/O. Mason		1413 1413	1525 1525	1 hr 12m. 1 hr 12m.	T.A.C/R. T.A.C/R.	"
9.	A46/116 A46/120	F/O Forsyth F/O [illegible]		1455 1630	1725 1640	2hr 30m. 10m.	[illegible] [illegible]	" "
10.	A20/561	F/Lt. Hatchard	Lt. Fetherstonaugh	1546	1746	2hrs.	Travel to [illegible] & return.	

A.L.O. [illegible]

10 Sorties 33.2' a/craft 33.11 210

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DIST:- [illegible]

SECTION A.

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UNIT. [illegible]

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AREA. A

FLT. B

FILM. [illegible]

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REMARKS AND SIGNATURE OF PHOTO OFFICER.

PHOTOGRAPHIC REQUIREMENTS FORM.

SECTION B.

AREA REQUIRED BY CODE.

REPORT STARTED. 1/6 [illegible]

CAMERA OPERATOR. [illegible]

A/C TYPE. 10/19 SQUAD. 5

A. BRIEF SUMMARY.

B. SQN. OBSERVER BY F/O. [illegible]

C. [illegible]

D. [illegible]

Run No.	Film	Camera	Time & Direction of Run	Height in Feet.	Scale of Print.	Remarks.
1 - 39	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.6	Clear for first two runs.
40 - 56			20540- 20725		1/300	
57 - 100			253 exp.			1/10 cloud for last run.

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. [illegible] A.C. No. - TYPE 26/116 DATE 22 Sep 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
[illegible]	F/O. [illegible]	1650	[illegible]	[illegible]
	OBSERVER F/O. [illegible]	TIME DOWN 1725		
		TOTAL [illegible]		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
[illegible]	[illegible] - 1655 hrs.		Instructions - while [illegible] area, [illegible] - not circled troop position to give orders and instructions. Night - Wooden, very accurate, [illegible] - [illegible] [illegible] - Optical sight [illegible]. [illegible] - [illegible].
[illegible]	1730 - 1740 hrs.		No movement seen in/on village [illegible]. The roads throughout the Mission are very [illegible] and in fair state of repair. No road at the south of the [illegible] appears passable to [illegible] jeeps and heavy MT.
[illegible]			Small camp fires seen along eastern bank - may have been, probably used in present position - no troops [illegible] not seen this area.
[illegible]			[illegible] troops [illegible] and [illegible] positions on a line - [illegible] and message dropped on it.
[illegible]			[illegible] appeared to be [illegible] enemy / Jap-native [illegible] numbers were some 5 to 10 [illegible].
[illegible]			[illegible] were observed by [illegible] and [illegible] could not be recog[illegible].
[illegible]			The village at 5.9650 is in bad state of disrepair - [illegible]
SONG RVR.			North of [illegible] on road 6.9700 [illegible] troops were seen - two men [illegible] were [illegible].

Time and Signature [illegible]

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc [illegible]

G.H. No1, Press Unit—9/43—300

DIST:- NGF,1.AUST CORPS,7.AUST DIV,9.AUST DIV,20 IND,42.5AF,2 TAF,35F.GP,1 AUST AL GP,4AC SQN, WAR DIARY,FILE.

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION LAILETT. UNIT 4 AC SQN. SORTIE No. 8. (7 DIV). A/C No. - TYPE A46/121 A46/120 DATE 22 Sep'43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R. KAIAPIT - MADUAPEI - GARKON - MAPA.SA - TAGITSULA AREA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1" series.	F/O. Dixon	1413	GOOD	FINE
	OBSERVER F/O. Lesson	TIME DOWN 1525		
		TOTAL 1 hr 25m.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
			Pilot again carefully checked along MAI River and was not able to locate any sign of bridge or ford.
MADUAPEI.			A very small village and tracks around it not particularly well worn, gives no indication of being a possible HQ. Pilot flew very low around village, looking inside huts and saw only two natives.
GARKON.			The largest village in area. Three tracks (all foot pads) run along North bank YATI RVR to MAPASA. Tracks from TAGITSULA to ARTIGLAN also well worn. No movement seen on any of these tracks, and not as many natives were seen in afternoon recce.
KAIAPIT.			Many own troops seen. 12 Transports on strip which appears to be in good order. Message dropped on sign ✍ appeared made with towels. Seen to be picked up. Also dropped on DIV.

Time and Signature F.L. Dickinson Laugh Lieut

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc. Courier

GHQ-S.G. Press Unit—9/43—300

DIST:- [illegible]

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. 2 (7 hrs) A/C No.- TYPE A/C (160) DATE [illegible]

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1" Inlie series.	Lt Lawson	1240	[illegible]	[illegible]
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN 1255		
		TOTAL [illegible]		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
[illegible]	1240	50'	[illegible]
[illegible]		"	[illegible]
[illegible]		"	[illegible]
[illegible]		"	[illegible]

Time and Signature [illegible]

Time Passed to Isle. Div, etc. [illegible]

619 N.G. Press Unit—9/43—5m

R. A. A. F.

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION [illegible] UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. 6 (2nd) A.C No. - TYPE 246/209 246/211 DATE 22 Sep '43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
[illegible] 1:63360	F/O. Forsyth	1009	GOOD	FAIR
	~~[illegible]~~ F/O. Kemp	TIME DOWN 1137		
		TOTAL 1hr. 28m.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
FINSBURY AREA.			Pilot arrived over area at 1030'hrs, but could not establish communications with either guns or "CHARLEY". After calling for 10 minutes, aircraft were ordered home by R.D.F. this as enemy plots were approaching.

Time and Signature [illegible] F/L

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

669—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—3m

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No..... A/C No. - TYPE..... DATE.....

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE.....

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

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
	715		
	75		
	0625		

Time and Signature .....

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.....

69 N.G. Press Unit—9/43—3m

DIST:- NGF,1AUST CORPS,7AUST DIV,9AUST DIV,20?DE,A2.5AF,2ATF,35F.GP,1AUST [illegible] GP,4AC SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

R. A. A. F.

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION MALETTT. UNIT 4 AC SQN. SORTIE No. 2. (9 DIV). A/C No. - TYPE A46/121 A46/116 DATE 22 Sep'43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE T.C/R. MARCHING APPROACHES TO FINSCHHAFEN & ROADS TO SATELBERG & KATIKA VILLAGES.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
FINSCHHAFEN & SATELBERG R.A.A. 1" series	F/O. Staley	0825	GOOD	FINE
	OBSERVER F/O. Lee-Werner	TIME DOWN 0915		
		TOTAL Total 2hr 50m.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
KAREO.	0710	100'	N.M.S. in village. Tracks leading to village shows signs of recent use, village in good state of repair, goats seen in village.
SATELBERG.			N.M.S. in village. Tracks leading to village shows signs of recent use, village in good state of repair, goats seen in village.
KATIKA.	0720	"	Own troops seen moving South along track on Western flank and through the HERDSBACH Plantation. Troop movement Southward was observed continuously between 0700 and 0800 - advancing in single file quite unperturbed. Intense activity on section beachhead South of LONG RVR.
FINSCHHAFEN AIRFIELD.	0740	"	Shows signs of aerial bombardment - runway is cratered approx 12 places. Strip overgrown - unservic-able. Foot bridge observed across QUQA River South of Airfield. Coastal track to the BUMI RVR is in poor condition - a native pad only.
KAKAKOG. HOSPITAL AREA.	0750	"	There is a small knoll this area - on it were observed what appeared to be 3 gun positions with numerous Foxholes surrounding them. The gun pits had cocoanut palms strewn over them - no weapons sighted. At base of knoll on ENE edge was seen a well concealed building - native type with reddish tin roof. A very distinct path lead to this building - lined on either side by white stones. N.M.S.
BUMI RVR.	0800	"	A ford was seen at mouth of this river. No enemy activity seen in this area.

Time and Signature [illegible] Capt F.O.

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

6D N.G. Press Unit 4/43—3m

R. A. A. F.

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION [illegible] UNIT 4 AC [illegible] SORTIE No. 1 & 4 A/C No. - TYPE [illegible] DATE 22 Jan '43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
[illegible]	F/O [illegible]	TIME DOWN 0437	[illegible]	[illegible]
		TOTAL [illegible]		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
	0245		Aircraft not able to get into communication with our ship. He called regularly for nearly 60 mins but did not transmit at all. Operator could be otherwise engaged.
ARTA/R.			
[illegible]			F/O. Hamerth - F/O. Iver due to GMT due home 0515 due from 05. total 1hr 45m.
	0300		Pilot called up base - "C [illegible]" answered and advised that base had been informed and would not be ready until 1030 hrs. Pilot returned to base.

Time and Signature [illegible]

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc. [illegible]

A.C.B. MALLET

DATE 23 Sep 43

DAILY RECORD OF AIRCRAFT PARTS.

SORTIE NO.	A/C NO.	PILOT	OBSERVER	UP	DOWN	TOTAL	TASK	REMARKS
1	A46/106	F/O STALEY		0604	0740	1hr 36m	Tac/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46/111	F/O Holyman		0604	0740	1hr 36m	Escort	
2.	A20/561	F/O DARBISHIRE		0600	0900	3 hrs	Travel	
3.	A46/116	F/O Lee WARNER		0710	0933	2hr 23m	Arty/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46/109	F/O [illegible]		0710	0933	2hrs 23m	Escort	
4.	A46/106	F/O STALEY		1319	1454	1hr 35m	Tac/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46/111	F/O HOLMAN		1319	1454	1hr 35m	Escort	
5.	A46/118	F/O STEWART		1337	1543	2hr 6m.	Tac/R	"
	A46/119	F/O HUARD		1337	1543	2hr 6m.	Escort	
6.	A46/116	F/O FORSYTH		1416	1635	2hr 20m	Arty/R	"
	A46/109	F/O [illegible] WARNER		1416	1635	2hr 20m.	Escort	
7.	A20/328	F/O MASON	Lt Rothersthorn-haugh (ALO)	445	1705	2hr 50m	Travel to GAIROKA	A/c 30mins on gd. A/C forced to land KAIAPIT due engine trouble - A/C 30mins on ground. KAIAPIT strip serviceable approx 4/5000' long good surface.

DISTR:- NGF, 1 AUST CORPS, 7 AUST DIV, 9 AUST DIV, 4 AC SQN, AIR HQRS, PIB.

A.L.O.

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. 4. (2 1/2). A C No. - TYPE 46/126 46/122 DATE 23 Sep '43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
2" series.	[illegible]	1335	[illegible]	[illegible]
	OBSERVER [illegible]	TIME DOWN 1502		
		TOTAL 1 hr 45m.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
[illegible]	1340	200'	[illegible] and [illegible] villages have all been burnt recently. A pack of dogs across each village was seen. No native huts were still occupied as also current cut roads. [illegible] on tracks on ridge. A track runs 60' through open ridge near river bank.
[illegible]	1445	"	SAKSAK was not observed - there is no sign of a village [illegible] junction of rivers. The country [illegible]
[illegible]	1510	"	The actual [illegible] is not marked [illegible] shows about 4 of there them on map. A small village [illegible] was observed approx 5 kms south east of junction [illegible] and [illegible]. [illegible] many huts of [illegible] a [illegible] Village itself is in open [illegible] - [illegible] of old building [illegible] and signs of recent constant use. A road of white [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 1. [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] on [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION ..... UNIT ..... SORTIE No. 5. (2 ...) A.C No. - TYPE A16/218 A16/139 DATE 23 Sep 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE .....

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

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
			Island.
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			is inserted and the latter
			is smaller.
			[illegible]
			on [illegible]
			no obvious [illegible]
			[illegible]
[illegible]	1445	20'	[illegible] the main joining [illegible] is very well worn, this
			track follows a ridge.
[illegible]	1430	"	[illegible]
[illegible]	1450	"	[illegible]
	1500	"	[illegible]
			[illegible]
			[illegible]

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Intg. Div. etc

GPO—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—30m

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R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION ... UNIT ... SORTIE No. ... A. C. No. - TYPE ... DATE ...

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE ...

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1:50000	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN		
1:5000		TOTAL		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
			[illegible]
			[illegible] pilot observed [illegible]
			[illegible]
			[illegible]

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 6 (contd) A.C No. - TYPE..... DATE.....

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE.....

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

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
6. ~~ARTY/R~~			Guns asked pilot to register POLA village area. RANGING - The guns fired most erratically - the rounds did not fall on the gd in respect to corrections given by pilot. The pilot dived low over area between SALAMAUA POINT and POLA being suspicious of amount of smoke puffs rising from this area during the ranging. He observed numerous well constructed trench systems throughout this area. The trenches are timbered. Numerous low well thatched huts were seen concealed in the plantation between FINSCH HARBOUR and POLA village. As the majority of ranging rounds were falling in this area pilot informed guns to register the area as SUGAR 25. Guns then asked for BUTBA POINT to be registered but a/c had to return due to lack of petrol .

Time and Signature ..... A.L.O

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc. .....

45 AUST AL SEC (AC)

6B—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—3m

R. A. A. F.

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION ..... UNIT ..... SORTIE No. ..... A/C No. - TYPE ..... DATE .....

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE .....

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

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
[illegible]			[illegible]
[illegible]			[illegible]
			[illegible]
[illegible]			[illegible]
[illegible]			[illegible]
[illegible]			[illegible]

Time and Signature ..... Lieut

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc .....

639—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—3m

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT 4 AC Sqn. SORTIE No. 2. (9 hrs). A C No. - TYPE A46/126 A46/209 DATE 23 Sep '43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible] EXIT & TAC/R [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
[illegible] 1:25000 SAIDAPUR 1:25,00	P/O. Forsyth F/O. [illegible]	TIME DOWN 0933 TOTAL 2 Hrs 23m.	Good	[illegible]

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
AREA/R. 0750 - 0930hrs.			
			COMMUNICATIONS: Within 3000yds of area quite fair but beyond this limit facing badly necessitating aircraft to have to return from target area to own positions to give orders and corrections.
			TARGETS: Response to pilots orders very good - shooting quite accurate - [illegible]'s appreciated communication difficulties and pilot able to depart from strict procedure with good results.
			Targets registered : [illegible] 23 - [illegible] 645937.
			" " : [illegible] 24 - [illegible] 637603 - 5 rounds own fire were brought down upon this target.
EXIT & TAC/R.	0835 - 0945hrs.		
[illegible]	0920		4 [illegible] observed dropping supplies by parachute this area.
	0930		2 Burma barges seen to beach on [illegible] - barges carried men.
[illegible]	0930		MT troops were advancing in column of route Southwards towards the [illegible] moving along the
[illegible]			main track from [illegible] Village. 3 ton MT vehicles were observed as far South as [illegible] Village.
Area.			Forward elements of our troops were observed on Northern bank of [illegible] R.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

639 Nat. Press Unit-8/43-3m

R. A. A. F.

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No..... A C No. - TYPE..... DATE.....

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE.....

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

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
SIAG RVR.			Am troops on knoll 650700 now dug in - very plain to see their position from the air.
SOMI RVR -			No sign of enemy seen throughout this area. N.M.T. on any tracks or villages. No natives seen in
LAKEFIELD DAT			this area other. Earthworks around hospital area appear to be in bad state of repair.
AREA.			
			Most of the small coastal streams appear to offer any obstacles to the
			advance of our troops. All streams should be easily fordable - the creek beds appear sandy
			with little depth of water in them. The banks do not appear steep.
			Brief report of poco dropped on [illegible]'s and on 9 [illegible]'s on return trip by pilot.

Time and Signature [signature] R.A.A.F.

Time Passed to Bde. Dir. etc. [illegible]

A.O.B.....

DATE..24..12.43.....

DAILY RECORD OF AIRCRAFT TASKS.

SORTIE NO.	A/C NO.	PILOT	OBSERVER	UP	DOWN	TOTAL	TASK	REMARKS
1.	A46/106 A46/111	F/O. Staley F/O. Molyneux		0600 0606	0841 0841	2hr 15m. 2hr 35m.	T.C/T.	SUCCESSFUL.
2.	A46/116 A46/109	F/O. Forsyth F/O. Lee-Warner		0825 0825	1041 1040	2hr 15m. 2hr 15m.	T.C/T.	SUCCESSFUL.
3.	A46/116 A46/109	F/O. Forsyth F/O. Lee-Warner		1530 1530	1755 1755	2hr 25m. 2hr 25m.	T.C/T.	SUCCESSFUL.

A.L.O.....

45 SQN AA SPOTTER (A.C).

R. A. A. F.

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION ..... UNIT ..... SORTIE No. ..... A.C No. - TYPE ..... DATE .....

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE .....

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

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION

R. A. A. F.

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION [redacted] UNIT [redacted] SORTIE No. 1. (2 SIM). A C No. - TYPE 16/1 DATE [redacted]

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [redacted]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1" series.	P/O. Staley	0606		
	OBSERVER F/O. Holman	TIME DOWN 0851		
		TOTAL 2 hrs 35m.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
[redacted]	0620	50'	[redacted] and [redacted] unable to observe owing to low cloud.
[redacted]	0625	"	...en troops in village.
	0630	"	...ell worn tracks 802971.
	0635	"	Camp fire approx 773042. Jungle and kunai has been cleared to cover approaches up [redacted] and SE approaches. Kunai has been well trampled and many tracks lead in from various directions, suggesting it may be held in some strength. Camp fire was doused on aircraft circling area. The lie of the land here is peculiar: there is a sharp escarpment rising 20' above valley with a plateau with kunai and light timber on which is the position referred to. Behind this the country rises steeply into jungle. This feature runs approx NW to SE across area marked acutely on map.
	0640	"	773051 - Footbridge across river on well worn pad. Although map shows a creek running in Easterly
	direction		from here, it is in fact a decent sized river with well worn foot tracks on South side.
V.A.N.O.F.		"	No movement seen. Some huts still smouldering after yesterdays bombing.
			Running East and West there are foot tracks leading to [redacted] long approx 03 mile line.
			[redacted] - [redacted] - [redacted] - [redacted] - [redacted] - [redacted] no movement seen in villages or on
			tracks. All huts still smouldering in nearly all these villages. Natives seem to have cleared out.
			[redacted] - [redacted] cooking fires observed - [redacted] [redacted] on East side village over looking up valley. H.M.S. T&C/R report dropped on BDE & DIV HQ's.

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P.J. Jenkin Lang Capt A.L.O.

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LOCATION LAELETT. UNIT 4 AC SQN. SORTIE No. 2. (9DIV). A C No. - TYPE DATE 24 Sep'43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R AREA BULI RVR SOUTH TO LOGAWENG.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
LANGEMAK BAY 1:25000	F/O. Forsyth	0625	FAIR	LOW CLOUD LOW OVERCAST SHOWERY.
	~~OBSERVER~~ F/O. Lee-Werner	TIME DOWN 0810		
		TOTAL 1hr 45m.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
1. LOGAWENG to KOLEM.	0720	1000	LOGAWENG Village - N.M.S.
		KOLEM.	N.M.S. - No signs of fresh movement observed on wet tracks between these two villages.
			593556 - A jap type "B" barge moored with rope to North river bank. What appeared to be a few bags and round discs were observed in barge. Barge appeared in good condition.
2. MUGIDU PENINSULA.	0725	"	The barge reported at 653597 on TAC/R 23 Sep was not observed in that position today.
3. FINSCHHAFEN BULI RVR AREA.	0750	"	No signs of enemy defensive positions seen this area. N.M.S.
			The aircraft was recalled to base due to weather closing in rapidly - unable to reach LAELETT landed at LAE. Weather improved - returned to base 1345K.

Time and Signature J Keeler Capt A.I.O.

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45 AUST AL SECTION (AC).

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DATE...5th Sept.....

DAILY RECORD OF AIRCRAFT TAKE-OFFS

SORTIE NO.	A/C NO.	PILOT	OBSERVER	UP	DOWN	TOTAL	H.E.E.	REMARKS
1.	246/120 246/103	F/O. Holman F/O. Stuart		0544 0544	0723 0725	1hr 39m. 1hr 41m.	1 C/L. 1 C/L.	SUCCESSFUL.
2.	A20/395	W/O. Fenn's	F/O. Meales	1024	1140	1hr 16m.	1 C/L.	SUCCESSFUL.
3.	246/119 246/106	W/O. Munro F/O. Stewart		1337 1337	1520 1520	1hrs 43m. 1hrs 43m.	1 C/L. 1 C/L.	SUCCESSFUL.
4.	246/11[illegible] 246/10[illegible]	F/[illegible]. [illegible] F/[illegible]. [illegible]son		1614 1614	[illegible] [illegible]	2hr [illegible]. 2hr 4m.	[illegible] [illegible]	[illegible]
5.	A20/361	F/[illegible]. [illegible]		1443	1603	1hr.	[illegible] vol to [illegible]	[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] officer.
6.	[illegible]/[illegible]S	F/[illegible]. [illegible]rm	[illegible] [illegible]	1653	1820	1 hr 27m. [illegible]	[illegible] C [illegible]	

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45 [illegible] (C).

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT 4 [illegible] SORTIE No. 1 [illegible] A/C No. - TYPE [illegible] DATE 25 [illegible] '43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS 1" [illegible]	PILOT F/O. [illegible]	TIME UP [illegible]	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	OBSERVER F/O. Caley	TIME DOWN [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		TOTAL 1hr 39m.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
	[illegible]		[illegible]
	0950		77½ [illegible] extensive [illegible] last [illegible] clearing [illegible] this area [illegible]
			still no sign of [illegible]
	0952		[illegible] Track along east [illegible] River very well [illegible] Then an intermittent track following general direction of river.
	0955		A cooking fire observed in small village at 80½10.
	0.0		Destruction at 77½ is still intact. Not repaired. No work done on this since yesterday. Bridge now appears to have had rails on it 4' to 5' wide. This bridge is in deep gorge and is difficult to observe from air. It may be camouflaged. There are small clearings each side of river and main track leads [illegible] stone gully only visible from air for very short distance. The country here is very rugged. The track is quite wide where visible and well worn.
			No convoys seen [illegible]
			Visibility - Mists of both aircraft thought they saw 3 or 4 cars on section 77½15, but they are not certain.

Time and Signature R. Kelleway Lang

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45 AUST AL SECTION (AC).

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LOCATION HALIFE. UNIT 4 AC SQN. SORTIE No. 3. A/C No. - TYPE A6/119 A6/106 DATE 25 Sep '43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE ...

REF. MAPS	PILOT F/O. Jones ~~Observer~~ F/O. Stuart	TIME UP TIME DOWN TOTAL	VISIBILITY	WEATHER

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
1.			
2.			
3.			
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LOCATION ... UNIT 4 ... SORTIE No ... A/C No. · TYPE ... DATE ...

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE ...

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

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
		50'	
		"	
		"	

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C. DATE.

D. TIME TAKE...

DEST:- ROF, 1 [illegible] 7 [illegible] DIV, 9 [illegible] DIV, [illegible]

A.C.B. [illegible]

DATE 26 Sep 43

DAILY RECORD OF AIRCRAFT SORTIES

SORTIE NO.	A/C NO.	PILOT	OBSERVER	UP	DOWN	TOTAL	WORK	REMARKS
1.	A46/111 A46/106	F/O. Holyman F/O. Staley		0549 0549	0726 0726	1hr 37m. 1hr 37m.	TAC/R. ESCORT.	SUCCESSFUL.
2.	A46/116 A46/109	F/O. Forsyth F/O. Lee-[illegible]		0713 0713	0853 0853	1hr 40m. 1hr 40m.	TAC/R. ESCORT.	SUCCESSFUL.
3.	A20/328	F/Lt. Hatchard	Lieut. Fotheringhamsgh (ALO).	1350	1535	1hr 45m.	Travel to [illegible] & returns.	
4.	A46/109 A46/118	F/O. Munro F/O. Stewart		1425 1425	1658 1658	2hrs 33m. 2hrs 33m.	[illegible] & TAC/R. ESCORT.	SUCCESSFUL.
5.	A46/111 A46/120	F/O. Piper F/O. Masson		1640 1640	1755 1755	1hr 15m. 1hr 15m.	TAC/R. ESCORT.	SUCCESSFUL.
6.	A20/328	F/Lt. Hatchard	Lieut. Fotheringhamsgh (ALO).	1637	1807	1hr 30m.	Travel to [illegible] & return.	

A. Leg. Asst. Adjutant (AC).

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. [illegible] A. C. No. - TYPE A6/111 DATE 30 Dec '43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/63360 series.	F/O. Olman	0545	[illegible]	Clear
	OBSERVER F/O. Bailey	TIME DOWN 0740		
		TOTAL 1hr 55m.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
[illegible]	0600	50'	No movement seen.
[illegible]	0605	"	No movement seen.
[illegible]	0610	"	Two huts burning, two natives seen who fled for cover.
[illegible]	0612	"	This village now burnt right out.
[illegible]	0620	"	No movement seen. In local hill 300yds x 500yds 3 there are several circular holes, probably weapon pits, many tracks in area. There are bomb craters as well in this area. There is also a semi circular shaped trench 692045.
[illegible]	0625	"	No movement seen also [illegible] Villages. Tracks are well worn and appear recently used all through this area.
	0635	"	Defence area 703 unchanged.
	0640	"	Inlet 745053 appears to have had more work done on it since yesterday. There appears to be a track on North side of river in dim light, but it is well covered by jungle and difficult to observe. [illegible] River tracks still fresh but no movement seen.
[illegible]			Air strip being prepared by our troops.

Time and Signature [illegible] Lieut.

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45 [illegible] (C).

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. ? (S [illegible]) A/C No. - TYPE [illegible] DATE 26 Sep'43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
[illegible] 1:250,000	OBSERVER [illegible]	TIME DOWN [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] 3000'
		TOTAL [illegible]		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
[illegible]			[illegible] could not be established - other acft in area heard aircraft and tried to relay messages to [illegible] acft operating in area.
[illegible]	[illegible]	200'	[illegible]
[illegible]			[illegible] - very courteous but shall being [illegible]
[illegible]	0615	200'	[illegible] appeared to be fresh tracks were observe on road to east of [illegible] village. It is [illegible] village. [illegible] will at [illegible] also [illegible] to [illegible] direction from. [illegible]
[illegible]	0622	200'	[illegible] - this boat appears serviceable. [illegible] large dinghy was seen [illegible] - appeared in poor condition.

Time and Signature [illegible]

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No..... A/C No. - TYPE..... DATE.....

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE.....

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

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
[illegible]			

Time and Signature..... Reading Capt DP

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LOCATION [illegible]	UNIT 4 AC [illegible]	SORTIE No. 4. (9 AV).	A/C No. - TYPE A46/109 A46/118	DATE 26 Sep 43
ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE	1 C/R & 1 MCR/R. ARA OF [illegible]			
REF. MAPS [illegible]	PILOT F/O. [illegible]	TIME UP 1425	VISIBILITY	WEATHER (3/8 DEW [illegible]
[illegible] 1:25000	[illegible] F/O. Stewart	TIME DOWN 1658	GOOD	FINE
		TOTAL 2hrs 33m.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT -- INTERROGATION
[illegible] AIRFIELD.	1515	200'	Message dropping successfully carried out - troops seen to recover same.
TAC/R & MCR/R.	1518	"	COMMUNICATION established with "Bill" - communications fair only, so pilot told guns a one way R/T shoot could be conducted. RANGING TARGETS 1. Foxholes observed on forward slopes of ridge and suspected gun post further forward down slope at 635538 guns could not engage. 2. Very distinct track possibly a wheeled vehicle track leading south from [illegible] at 636539 to a clump of trees at 635535. Suspect a camp area in this clump of trees. There is a camouflaged hut in this area. Guns engaged this area - straddled it with one but when two rounds gun fire ord red, guns informed pilot that they had been ordered to cease fire Target not registered. 3. Further south towards [illegible] no obvious targets seen. No further ranging carried out.
T/C/R [illegible]	1540	"	at 600563 foxholes with new tracks leading to them were observed. These are in a cleared area on the eastern forward slope of the ridge.

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No..... A C No. - TYPE..... DATE.....

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE.....

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

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
~~AD BARRACKS~~ AREA	~~1545~~	~~200'~~	~~At 625596 much smoke seen rising from this area - appeared to be smoke from ground bottle.~~
	1550	"	The main track between [illegible] and [illegible] had been bombed prior to our landing. No attempts have been made to fill this crater in but pilot observed that fresh track now leads round this crater. This was NOT evident on first day of operations this area.
	1600		"CHARLIE" called aircraft at this stage and informed him that contact with Japs had been made in areas SQ 5666 and 6368 and movement was suspected along the track leading in from WEST to KATIKA village. Aircraft searched these areas very closely and NIL seen throughout. What were suspected to be foxholes were observed on NE forward slopes of ridge at 637685. In cleared area at 604655 two fires were observed. These appeared to be extinguished as smoke died down as aircraft approached area. Tracks were observe in kunai grass this area. Pilot informed "CHARLIE" by R/T of his observations.
CREST/R	1615		"WENDY" requested recce ore dump areas from 2000ft. Pilot circled area at 2000ft and could NOT see any outstanding dump areas, evidence of our movement and presence in area is quite plain. Vehicles and tracks can be seen quite clearly.

Time and Signature Bleakley Capt A.D.C. A.L.O.

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT 4 [illegible] SORTIE No. 5. (7 SAF). A/C No. - TYPE A46/111 A46/120 DATE 26 Sep 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/63360 series.	F/O. Lees	1640		
	OBSERVER F/O. Mason	TIME DOWN 1755		
		TOTAL 1hr 15m.	GOOD	FAIR

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
S.6[illegible]	1705	50'	Bomb craters which look as if they may be todays. AT troops in village waved to aircraft.
V.[illegible] = HARMAN.			No movement seen in either village. Pilot spent some time at approx 20' but could see nothing in any of the huts. No native dogs or pigs were visible and fresh looking ashes were observed in [illegible] but no fires alight.
			Bridge area = no movement seen.

Time and Signature R. Thomson Lange Lieut Observer

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APPENDIX "D".

SUMMARY OF MISSIONS CARRIED OUT AT MALLETT.

TYPE OF MISSION.	Number.	
TAC/R - including straffing opportunity targets.	67.	Some Tac/R developed to arty/R.
ARTY/R.	29.	
PHOTO/R.	12.	
TRAVELS.	36.	
NAVAL CO-OP RECCE.	4.	
CONT/R.	6.	
MESSAGE/DROP - specific.	5.	
LEAD ATTACK.	1.	
TOTAL. MISSIONS.	160.	
ESCORT A/c.	130.	
GRAND TOTAL	290.	TOTAL FLYING HOURS. 425hrs-2min.

Including air operation hours. Thus 290 hrs.

THE FOLLOWING PILOTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS MALLETT from 3 Sep to 30 SEP. (both incl).

F/Lt. Bell.
F/Lt. Watchorn.
F/Lt. Hutton.
F/Lt. Olorenshaw.
F/O. Ambrose
F/O. Carter.
F/O. Darbyshire.
F/O. Dickson
F/O. Forsyth.
F/O. Free's.
F/O. Goldsworthy.
F/O. Holyman.
F/O. HACKSHALL.
F/O. Laidlaw.
F/O. Lee-Werner.
F/O. Masson.
F/O. Munro.
F/O. Miller-Randle
F/O. Mauger
F/O. Pizer.
F/O. Stewart.
F/O. Staley.
F/O. Trumper.
F/O. Whitecross.

W/O. Beale. Observer.

THE FOLLOWING A.L.O.'s. PARTICIPATED.

Maj. D.G.Daniell.
Capt. T.C.Keating.
Lieut.J.R.Fetherstonhaugh

The only casualty was F/O. LAIDLAW. Shot Down 6/9/43.

G.Daniell

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 45 AUST WL SEC (AC). *Date and Time.—From* 27 SEP '43 *To* 30 SEP '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRY. PT. MORESBY.	27/9/43.		Operations for day MALLETT 8 sorties-BERRY 1, see app "B" Cpl Miller discharged S.S.Q. (Boils etc). C.O. to G1 7 DIV re MADZAB & KAIAPIT. Weekly photograph LAKEKAMU & TAURI Rivers completed and finished. All Unit personnel instructed re perusal of unit files.	BER 52/191 flown.
BERRY. PT. MORESBY	28/9/43		Operations for day MALLETT 8 sorties-BERRY 2 see app "B". "A& Q" 5 AUST DIV request complete report on supply droppingsxx as carried out by 4 AC Sqn, be tendered.	BER 54/192. BER 34/193 flown.
BERRY. PT. MORESBY	29/9/43		Operations for day MALLETT 5 sorties-BERRY nil, see app "B". Sgt. Latham transferred to HQ A.N.G.A.U. Intel Officer 74 Base Wing R.A.A.F. asked for copies of all current air phpto's North of MARKHAM RIVER as far North as WEWAK.	
BERRY. PT. MORESBY	30/9/43		Operations for day MALLETT 9 sorties-BERRY 1, see app "B" Lieut Fetherstonhaugh, Cpl Crampton & Pte Lonergan to MADZAB. Arty/R 13 AUST FD RAXSE - Boera Range. A2.5AF advised S.ATF will supply all relevant air photo's N of MARKHAM area to ALO MALLETT. Sortie Summary for operations MALLETT see app "D".	BERRY 1 ARTY/SHOOT.
			Excellent Co-operation of SATF and 35 Fighter Group in supplying Close Escort is very much appreciated by us.	

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DAILY RECORD OF AIRCRAFT PARTS.

SORTIE NO.	A/C NO.	PILOT	OBSERVER	UP	DOWN	TOTAL	TASK	REMARKS
1.	M6-206	F/O STAFF		0546	0726	1hr 40 m	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	M6-211	F/O [illegible]		0546	0726	1hr 40 m	ESCORT	
2.	M6-218	F/O STEWART		0655	0942	2hr 47 m	TAC/R & ARTY/R	SUCCESSFUL
	M6-216	F/O [illegible]		0655	0942	2hr 47 m	ESCORT	
3.	A20-328 A	F/O PLUM	[illegible]	1306	1415	1hr 9 m	TRAVEL - [illegible]	FORT AMERICAN ARMY OFFR.
4.	M6-216	F/O [illegible]		1333	1615	2hr 42 m	TAC/R & ARTY/R	SUCCESSFUL
	M6-215	F/O FORSYTH		1333	1615	2hr 42 m	ESCORT	
5.	A20-322	F/O DARTSHIRT	Lieut [illegible]	1336	1440	2hr 4 m	TRAVEL TO [illegible]	FORT AMERICAN ARMY OFFRS.
	A20-309	F/O [illegible]	[illegible]	1336	1440	2hr 4 m	[illegible]	
6.	A20-395	F/O Fl[illegible]	A/O [illegible] Lieut [illegible] (A.L.O.)	2415	1627	2hr 12m	TRAVEL HADJAB - [illegible]	AIRCRAFT BROKE UP ON FLIGHT.
7.	A20-328	F/Sgt [illegible]		2455	1805	[illegible]	TRAVEL HADJAB - [illegible] & RETURN	
8.	M6-219	F/O [illegible]		1558	1818	2hr 25 m	[illegible]/S	SUCCESSFUL.
	M6-218	F/O STEWART		1558	1818	2hr 25 m	ESCORT	

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[illegible] ADJT AL STC (AC)

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LOCATION [illegible]	UNIT 4 [illegible]	SORTIE No. 1 (7 SHIP)	A C No. - TYPE [illegible]	DATE 27 [illegible] '43
ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R - YAKOP - ATSUMI - BAGITAMIA - [illegible]				
REF. MAPS 1" = 1m series	PILOT F/o Staley	TIME UP 0546	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	NAVIGATOR F/o Holyman	TIME DOWN 0726	GOOD	FAIR
		TOTAL 1hr 40min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
YAKOP			Pilot considers both these villages are very inaccurately marked on map. There is no village anywhere near where YAKOP is shown. If the village on E side CKI it must be at least 3000x further E.. If it is on E side it must be at the foot of the hills. There are villages at 762067 and 778025 which show signs of considerable recent occupancy, and tracks running along foot of hill from 778025 are very well worn. Fires still burning and 6 natives seen at village 772995. Five native huts seen. Five footholes seen this area. The huts around here are in a large scattered group, rather than in actual villages.
			778051. The bridge has been either destroyed or broken down. On S side there is portion still showing but the E side has completely disappeared.
ATSUMI			Three footholes in village.
BAGITAMIA			There are 11 circular holes on ridge near village. They do not appear deep, but have been put in during the last 2 days. [illegible] AT along YATI Road.
SAGTAK			Own troops dug in on line of hills S of the village. [illegible] in village. Pilot circled well S of SAGTAK looking for hostile patrols. [illegible]
Obs's Note			Pilot pointing to map and area 7705 and SAY along line of foothills running on to YAPAT remarks- "There has definitely been something along here since yesterday: these tracks have a sort of shine on them this morning, as if there had been shoes in holes(?) boots over them." A photo taken March 43 of Midsorts show BAGITAMIA (BAGIA-UNT) on edge of foothills, which would be approx 7900.

Title Photographic Interpreter Officer

Refer, note sq.17 of Objective Folder No.67. 45 [illegible] Van Laug Capt.

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LOCATION LAE UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 2 A.C. No. - TYPE DATE 27 SEP 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R & ARTY/R JAP DEFENDED POSITIONS FINSCHHAFEN AREA
F/O STEWART

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP / TIME DOWN / TOTAL	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
FINSCHHAFEN 1:25000	F/O SMITH	0655 / 0942 / 2hr 47mins.	8 miles deteriating fast	Low overcast

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
TAC/R, ARTY/R	0750	200'	Message dropping successfully carried out on FINSCHHAFEN AERFIELD. Comm. with "BILL" established successfully - "BILL" requested pilot to search for targets for ranging purposes.
FINSCHHAFEN AREA	0800	"	603558 enemy foxholes located - guns unable to engage. This ridge appears to be a well prepared defensive posn. numerous trenches, foxholes, MG pits and tracks can be seen. No actual weapons or tp observed.
KAKAKO			635585 what is suspected to be dumps area as reported in Tac/R 26 Sep was engaged. Four rounds gun fire seen to fall accurately in area. Much smoke was left rising from area. Registered as Actual 3(
BUTABUTU SADDLE			At 608547 BUTABUTU SADDLE pilot suspected movement of a single person clad in white jacket and blue trousers. Guns unable to engage this area. The tracks which meet at 608547 are on the forward slopes of a small abrupt ridge. Forward of this ridge at 700548 the country is open and trenches were observed. Smoke was seen at 605536 - smoke was rising from bed of gully
MAPS REV.			Discharged Jap type "B" appear in good condition were observed at 601550, 603550, 605549, 606550, 6085 611548, 610547, 610546. The armoured picket boat at 612550 reported previously is in the same posn. A barge Jap type "B" appears damaged 606548.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 2 (contd) A C No. - TYPE..... DATE.....

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE.....

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

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
[illegible]			In bank of small creek which flows [illegible] past [illegible] WILL numerous stacks of boxes were observed maybe a dump area. The whole area gave appearance of been occupied and of much recent activity having taken place.
[illegible] tracks leading to it.			635688 tracks converge to a central point on crest on a knoll - the kunai grass is flattened on summit viz. suspected weapon pits this area.
[illegible]			[illegible] - Evidence of fresh extensive earthworks this area was noted. Pits are estimated to be approx 200yds to the NE of the village huts on the ridge. The defensive posns consist of numerous round pits and one L shaped trench. Movement was suspected in some of these pits. A suspected mountain gun is situated in this defence posn. Very pronounced tracks leading from the village to high ground were observed. The tracks were narrow and appear to be boggy. On track leading to the village at 559677 a round pit was observed. From [illegible] a very commanding view of the coastal region from [illegible] can be obtained. The approaches to the village appear very steep and [illegible] going will be most difficult this area.
CONTACT/R			Am troops seen to be well dug in at 627594. Signs of considerable movement observed in kunai at 635305. Am tracks very pronounced.
[illegible]			On return trip two columns of smoke were observed in vicinity of villages on GO riv. Bat [illegible] vicinity. B 55/10 11 1415 - 5353.

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DIST:- NGF, 1 AUST CORPS, 7 DIV, 9 DIV, A2 SAF, 2ATF, 20 BDE, 35 F GP, 1 AUST AL GP, 4 AC SQN, JAP DIVY, FILE.

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LOCATION Mallet | UNIT 4 AC SQN | SORTIE No. 3 (9 DIV) | A.C No. - TYPE | DATE 27 SEP 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE ARTY/R JAP DEFENCE POSITIONS- 20 BDE AREA AND LEAD 4 P39s INTO STRAFE JAP BARGES DISPERSED ALONG MAPE RIVER.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1:25,000 series	F/O MUNRO	1550		
	F/O STEWART	TIME DOWN 1815	5 MILES	LOW OVERCAST
		TOTAL 2hrs 25mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
	1630		Communications established successfully "BILL".
	1635		RANGING TARGETS :- 1. Suspected Jap MG positions at 641592 - guns replaied "Cannot engage".
	1640		2. Suspected Jap 37mm gun position at 634597 - guns replied "Cannot engage". At this stage guns informed pilot that enemy bombers escorted by fighters were overhead. Pilot flew up gullies to avoid detection.
	1645		Pilot endeavoured to contact the 4 P39s and told them he would make a strafing pass at barges to show them their position. Whilst winging over to make his pass perspex on pilot's aircraft was shot away. Pilot observed that 4P39s had not followed him on strafing pass. Further attempts were made to contact same on R/T without success. The BOOMERANGS and P39s had become separated during evasion action taken to avoid detection by enemy force.
	1700		3. Pilot then returned to "BILL" and asked for a target. "BILL" gave SISI village 572658 but before completion of his message he again broke in with information that enemy bombers were overhead. Pilot again flew to the hills for evasive action.
	1708		Pilot returned to guns again and asked for ranging to commence, smoke rounds were fired - fell approx 400yds left. No correction could be given as the fighter escort left for home.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 3 (contd)..... A. C No. - TYPE..... DATE.....

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE.....

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

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
	1712 to 1732		The 2 B25's (RAAF) then returned and on my expended all ammunition on barges along MAPE RIVER - Ammunition expended 120 rounds 20mm and 3000 rounds .303. Pilots claim to have holed four barges and stores stacked on loading platform in BUTAWEG DARRILL area. During strafing passes ground fire was encountered - both aircraft returned holed - thought to be caused by AALMG. Pilots did not observe any flashes from ground to indicate where this fire may have come from. In BUTAWEG DARRILL area movement of personnel was observed during strafing passes.
GENERAL INFORMATION.			1. Smoke seen rising from 639599 and from Southern bank of BUMI at 634598. 2. Smoke seen rising from gully at 603535. 3. MLG in MARANUO village 535675 - pilot over here during evasive action. Village has a disused appearance.

Time and Signature ..... A.L.O.

Time Passed to Bde. Div, etc .....

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45 AUST AL SEC (1C)

DIST: [illegible] DIV. 9 AUST DIV. 20 [illegible] 5 F. 2 AT. 35 FD. 1 AUST [illegible] 64C 36B. 142 [illegible] FILE.

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LOCATION MALLET UNIT 4 AC 2 AD SORTIE No. 2 A. C. No. - TYPE A46/15 A46/15 DATE 27 SEP 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R & ARTY/R [illegible] VILLAGE

REF. MAPS 1:25,000 series

PILOT F/O [illegible] Lee-Steere

OBSERVER F/O Forsyth

TIME UP 1333

TIME DOWN 1615

TOTAL 2 hrs 42 mins

VISIBILITY [illegible]

WEATHER [illegible]

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
[illegible]	1425		[illegible]
[illegible]			
[illegible]	1430		Rendezvous established with "Bill". R/T faded very badly - aircraft had to return to guns to give corrections and orders to fire. [illegible] [illegible] Pilot experienced some difficulty in observing fall of round in this area - the village is situated on a very steep precipitous ridge and shells were falling either side of village when a 50yds correction was given. Second pilot successfully corrected fire into the village area and two rounds gun fire were brought down. Target registered as [illegible] 37.
[illegible]			1. [illegible] troops and vehicles seen in [illegible] village. 2. [illegible] were seen dispersed along [illegible] and the [illegible] area bore signs of great activity. Stacks of boxes were observed on barge landing platform.

Time and Signature [signature] Capt A.A.C.D.

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DISTR- HQF,1 [illegible] 7 I.,9 [illegible]

DATE...28.Sep.'43.....

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DAILY RECORD OF AIRCRAFT TASKS.

SORTIE NO.	A/C NO.	PILOT	OBSERVER	UP	DOWN	TOTAL	TASK	REMARKS
1.	A46/116 A46/120	F/O. Pike F/O. Mason		0549 0545	0717 0717	1hr 27m. 1hr 27m.	[illegible]	[illegible]
2.	A46/115 A46/116	F/O. [illegible] F/O. Forsyth		0544 0544	[illegible] 0721	1hrs 37m. 1hrs 37m.	[illegible]	[illegible]
3.	A20/561	F/O. [illegible]	Maj. [illegible]	0800		1hr 30m. (Flying - 45m)	Travel [illegible]	Party Army Officer.
4.	A20/395	F/O. Free's	F/O. [illegible]	1430	1502	1hr 35m. (Flying - 45m).	Travel from [illegible] to [illegible].	
5.	A20/395	F/O. Free's	Lt. Hopeton	1416	1555	60m. (Total - flying)	Travel to [illegible] & return.	
6.	A46/120 A46/118	F/O. Munro F/O. Stewart		1416 1416	1705 1705	2hr 49m 2hr 49m	[illegible]	[illegible]
7.	A46/106 A46/111	F/O. Staley F/O. Holyman	Lieut.	1604 1604	1738 1738	1hr 34m. 1hr 34m.	D.C/R. Escort.	[illegible]
8.	A20/395	F/Lt. Satchell	[illegible]tonbaugh	1518	1825	50m.	Travel to [illegible]	

time.

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45 [illegible] (A.C).

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. [illegible] A.C. No. - TYPE [illegible] DATE 28 Sep 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
[illegible] series.	S/L [illegible]	0549	GOOD	GOOD
	OBSERVER F/O [illegible]	TIME DOWN 0727		
		TOTAL 1hr 27m.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT - INTERROGATION
[illegible]	0615	50'	Considerable digging done in last 12 hrs. 35 footholes counted, about half of these are well camouflaged. They are mainly on west side on high ground covering up touches up valley. Hello. but Japs may have been surprised at work, as a coat and shirt was on ground beside one hole.
[illegible]	0625	"	A track from village running SE over hill very noticeable, this track may be an old one but has not been picked up in previous PR/Fs, and has had considerable use recently. Am troops on ridge overlooking village, grass burnt off in our troops area. Air strip does not appear to have progressed appreciably in last 24 hours.
[illegible]			Bridge area 7705 no movement seen. Bridge appears to have been further demolished and only odd stick remain on both sides. The village approx 32 6293 has commanding view of valley. A half covered trench is visible, which could be possible O.P. Smoke from a number of cooking fires was visible as aircraft approached but it died away fairly quickly when aircraft was in area. Hello. apart from the native who did not attempt to take cover, although aircraft circled several times. An unmapped area bordered approx by grid line 32 [illegible] 86 to 88 and 77 grid line 04 to 08 is a razor backed hill running roughly North and South. A well worn track about 3' wide shows on top of this and does not appear to be a native track as it is cut into hill in places. A large hole [illegible] dug into hill at one point with a commanding view of valley below. Pilot considers this far larger than any other foxhole he has seen and suspects a small underground dump or large dugout.

Time Passed to Base [illegible]

45 [illegible] [illegible] (AC).

GP. N.C. Press, Unit 9/43 3m

DIST:- NGF,1AUST CORPS,7 DIV,9DIV,20 BDE,A2.5AF,2ATF,35F.GP,1AUST AL GP,4AC SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION MAILETT. UNIT 4 AC SQN. SORTIE No. 2. ((9 DIV). A.C No.-TYPE A46/115 A46/116 DATE 28 Sep'43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R & ARTY/R. FINSCHHAFEN AREA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
LANGEMAK BAY & SAMBERG 1: 250000	F/O. Lee WERNER OBSERVER F/O. Forsyth	0646 TIME DOWN 0920 TOTAL 2hrs 35m.	15 MILES.	HIGH BROKEN CLOUD.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
FINSCHHAFEN - AIRFIELD.	0725		Message successfully dropped - troops seen to recover same.
ARTY/R.	0730		Communications with "BILL" established - R/T this morning much better - could be heard distinctly some 5000yds away.
	0750		RANGING TARGETS : 1. SISI Village 572657. Successfully registered as SUGAR 36 - 3 rounds gun fire brought to bear on target area which was left smoking badly. 2. Enemy guns in FINSCHHAFEN area were searched for - but pilot could not detect any positions. Pilot observed what appeared to be two dead bodies prostrate in a pit at 632594. No ARTY/fire called for on this area.
TAC/R.	0800		On Lunai knoll 615545 numerous tracks and much digging seen - signs of much recent activity observed this area. Diggings were observed at 613545 - these were astride the track this area. The village at 620543 shows signs of occupation. Numerous tracks were observed leading into the TIMBUNUM Creek from here. Many trenches and pits were seen around village and the earth appeared to have been freshly dug.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde, Div, or

GP. N.G. Press Unit 2/43 3m

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No..... A C No. - TYPE..... DATE..... 1

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE.....

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

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
[illegible]	0935		Here again evidence of fresh activity was seen. Defence positions have been prepared since the
6774.			photo mosaic to the E from village - practically each hut in the area has a [illegible] trench nearby.
			Various tracks led into the bush area from the ridge top. The country is covered in open broad
			grass and patch area. 597563 - a native village situated at the track junction - appear six huts
			in good condition. Various trails and tracks radiate from this village. Visit suspected movement.
[illegible]	0939		No signs of any disposed army having been noticed this morning. At 637567 a large type MT was
			observed moved. Pilot observed a figure in this locality.
[illegible]	0947		A/C fire made from west bank was observed - no enquiry as to area.
			Local vicinity of moon dropped at 0.C 6.15.
[illegible]			Large force of our troops seen in transit in area 627595.
			[illegible] since the commencement of operation the pilots have noticed intense fresh activity in the
			defensive positions around the [illegible] area. Each mission a pilot carries out he remarks on
			return at the evidence of expansion of each position from his previous observations.

Time and Signature [signature] Observer

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65 [illegible] & Sqdns (40).

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. 6 9 [illegible] A C No. - TYPE A6/120 A6/118 DATE 28 Sep'43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible] R. & A.C/R. [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
[illegible] 1:25000	F/O. Munro ~~Observer~~ F/O. Stewart	1416	4 miles	Lt. Mist.
		TIME DOWN 1702		
		TOTAL 2hrs 49m.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
1. [illegible]	1515	10m.	1/4000 series maps dropped successfully.
2. [illegible] R/R.	1517		Contact/obtained with "Mike" successfully - R/T was better than on previous missions - a two way R/T shoot was able to be carried out.
	1530		1. Suspected gun position 630509. This target successfully registered and two rounds concentrated gun fire brought to bear on position. Target registered as about 39.
	1535		2. Foxholes at 632509 successfully registered. Registered as about 40.
	1545		3. Trench system at 633587 successfully registered. Registered as about 41.
	1555		4. Suspected gun pits in well prepared defence position at 635583 on W. slopes of [illegible] Ridge was engaged - three rounds gun fire brought down and registered as [illegible] 42.
	1610		"Mike" called and asked pilot to register [illegible]. Pilot was short of petrol and could only give one correction to opening smoke salvo.
[illegible]	1620		Light A/C type "C" barges were seen dispersed in vicinity of [illegible] seven appeared [illegible] - there condition was worse than when pilot observed them 27 Sep. Evidence of shelling bombing destruction in the [illegible] was observed - The vegetation had been scarred and [illegible]

Time and Signature

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 6 (cont'd) A/C No. - TYPE..... DATE.....

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE.....

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

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
OBSERVATION OF ARTILLERY:			
DIVERSION	1529	50'	FIGHTER AIRCRAFT were seen to dive bomb accurately the [illegible] - SIALBUS area.
	1530	3000'	BOMBERS were seen to bomb the Island knoll defensive position 600760, down to the [illegible] river. Bombing was very accurate. No signs of A/A ground fire during this raid.
	1535	"	BOMBERS stuffed the defence positions on Island knoll 600760, and the [illegible] area. Heavy cannon fire was seen to penetrate the [illegible] area. Pilot considers very accurate.
	1615		The area was still seen to be smoking when we departed for base. Extensive damage in this area was apparent after the raid.
			OBSERVATION:- Am troops were observed [illegible] of 21 Bde in defensive positions. They were inactive and gave impression of not being at all worried by counter enemy fire.

Time and Signature [illegible] A.L.O.

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.....

45 [illegible] AC (AC)

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DIST:-HQS, 1 AUST CORPS, 7 AUST DIV, 9 AUST DIV, 2 I BDE, 32 BTY, 2/2 FF, 3 FD SQN, 4 AC SQN, AIR DIGEST, FILE.

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 7 (7 DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46/106 A46/111 DATE 28 SEP 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE T.C.A. [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1:63360 series	P/O Staley	1604	SLIGHT HAZE	GOOD
	OBSERVER P/O Bolyman	TIME DOWN 1738		
		TOTAL 1hr 34min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
	1620	40'	540002.(approx) 17 huts on ridge on outskirts of village. These cover approaches from E to S. Nearly all villages between MADANG and RAI RIVER have odd foxholes showing, no attempt seems to have been made to camouflage.
310992.			Foxholes in village. Natives were not perturbed by A/C and the same applies to all villages on E side of RAI - a marked contrast to recent behaviour.
720040.			Extensive fires in kunai through foothills.
~~[illegible]~~ RACITSERIA			Further digging. 4 circular holes, looked like MG pits and numerous foxholes. Main defences appear on ridge N of village, with others on ridge due N..
[illegible] RAGIMUM			552007. Old native garden with 3 foxholes. 3 men sighted in greenish hats and trousers, these were apparently surprised by A/C as they stared up and then raced for cover.
RUAU			Approx 20 own troops seen and waved flag to A/C, also own troops seen filing back towards SARTEAK.
SARTEAK			Another airstrip marked out and work commenced. Old strip does not appear to have progressed. A track from RU U runs approx N and joins up with E & W track, approx 03 grid line.

R.A.O.

Time and Signature J. R. Schmidt Lieut

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc 45 AUST A.T. SQN (AC)

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A.C.B. MALLET

DATE...29.SEP.'43...

DAILY RECORD OF AIRCRAFT TASKS.

SORTIE NO.	A/C NO.	PILOT	OBSERVER	UP	DOWN	TOTAL	TASK	REMARKS
1.	MA/ 11[illegible] MA/ 1[illegible]0	F/o Fiser F/o [illegible]eason		0625 0625	0813 0813	1hr 48min 1hr 4[illegible]min	TAC/R ESCORT	SUCCESSFUL
2.	MA/115 MA/116	F/o LEE WARNER F/o Forsyth		0710 0710	0750 0750	40min 40min	ARTY/R ESCORT	UNSUCCESSFUL
3.	MA/109 MA/116	F/o Lee [illegible]arner F/o Forsyth		1540 1540	1805 1805	2hrs 25[illegible]ins 2hrs 25[illegible]in	ARTY/R ESCORT	SUCCESSFUL
4.	MA/ 10[illegible] MA/106	F/o Holyman F/o Staley		1600 1600	1745 1745	1hr 45min 1hr 45[illegible]n	TAC/R ESCORT	SUCCESSFUL
5.	A20/522	F/o Frees		1345	1532	40 min Flying	TRAVEL	TO NADZAB & RETURN.

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45 [illegible] [illegible] SEC (HQ)

DIST:- NGF, 1 AUST CORPS, 7 DIV, 9 DIV, 21 BDE, 12 SAF, 2 CF, 35 F.GP, 1 AUST AL GP, 4 AC SQN, AIR UNIT, FILE.

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LOCATION HALLET UNIT 4 AC SQN. SORTIE No. 1 (7 DIV) A C No. - TYPE DATE 29 SEP 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R MAI RIVER

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1:63,360	F/O PITT	0625		
	~~OBSERVER~~ F/O MARSH	TIME DOWN 0913		
		TOTAL 1hr 28min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
ATSUNAS	0640	40'	MG on tracks but these appear to have had recent use.
RAGITSARIA			Little change since yesterday except foxholes have been seen camouflaged. Approx 40 foxholes seen in this area.
WANKOK			Tracks show more wear and have been used after nights rain. Several foxholes on East side of hill near village. These have been camouflaged.
LOWER NAMU			Pilot did quick recce as tracks showed heavy recent use since rain. Many fires burning. There is a footbridge across GUSAP RVR SQ 5615. This appears to be a recent construction. Pilot investigated smoke East of bridge and surprised two Japs who took cover under river bank.
WANTUNG - GUTSUH			Pilot carried out very close recce of valley - NIL. Gun troops approaching area. Gun troops in fair numbers seen moving freely up valley, forward elements seen on East side creek running North from 70 4971.

Time and Signature: [signature] Lieut. I.L.O.

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc: Courier

45 AUST AL SQN (AC)

600 N.G. Press Unit—9/43—Sm

[illegible]- HQ, 1 AUST CORPS, 7 DIV, 9 DIV, 20 BDE, A2 5 AF, 2 AEF, 35 F GP, 1 AUST AL GP, 4 AC SQN, WAR DIARY, FILE.

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LOCATION HALMAH UNIT 4 AC SQN. SORTIE No. 2. (9 DIV) A/C No. - TYPE [illegible] DATE 29 SEP 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE T.A.C/R & FISHERMAN'S AREA & TO LEAD 4 P39s IN TO STRIP SATELITE VILLAGE.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SATELITE 1:25,000	[illegible] F/O F.SMITH	0710	NIL AT MADZAB	LOT CLOUD RAIN.
		TIME DOWN 0750		
		TOTAL 40 mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
			AIRCRAFT HAD TO RETURN DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER EXPERIENCED IN VICINITY HALMAH AREA.

Time and Signature [signature] F.S.L.O.

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc. 45 AUST AL SQN (AC).

GHP- N.G. Press Unit—9/43—3m

DIST:- NGF, 1 AUST CORPS, 7 DIV, 9 DIV, 2[illegible] BDE, [illegible], A2 5 AF, 2 ATF, 1 AUST AL GP., 4 AC SQN, WAR DIARY, FILE.

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LOCATION HALLT UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 3(9 DIV) A.C No.-TYPE DATE 29.1.43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R ARTY/R FINSCHAFEN AREA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1:25,000 series	F/O LEE-HARMER	1540	15 miles	HIGH OVERCAST
	[illegible] F/O P.M. SMITH	TIME DOWN 1805		
		TOTAL 2hr 25mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
FINSCHAFEN AIRFIELD	1625		Bundle of maps [illegible] and message dropped successfully.
ARTY/R	1626		Communications established with "BILL" successfully - a two way R/T shoot was able to be carried ou
	1630		TARGETS:- 1. SATELBERG village SUGAR 37 was again engaged. Previous registration was found to be accurate. One round gun fire was brought to bear on village.
			2. Enemy defence positions 555673 consisting of circular weapon pits with approx five small two-man trenches sited around it. Target was registered and two rounds gun fire brought down. Target registered as SUGAR 43.
			3. Another enemy defence position 557679 consisting of circular weapon pits with smaller two-man trenches sited nearby was registered as SUGAR 44. Two rounds gun fire brought down this area.
TAC/R	1630		The SATELBERG AREA gave impression of either very extensive defence preparation or of our arty
	1730		having accurately shelled here. Much fresh earth was seen in ridge approx 500yds NW of village. This ridge has light kunai grass on summit which is estimated to be 400yds in width. The sides of ridge fall away very sharply making flank approaches almost impossible. Escort aircraft observed small arms fire directed against spotting aircraft from posns at 557679. The spotting aircraft strafed this area to enable him to continue shoot & unhampered.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

GHQ No.1, Press Unit—9/12 -3m

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No..... A/C No. - TYPE..... DATE.....

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE.....

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

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
			The tracks leading to LIKUO - PIOK and PALUNO villages from SAT.LONG show signs of much recent activity. By comparison with other tracks in this area they are being used extensively.
			A suspected gun was seen in weapon pit at 558676.

Time and Signature ..... Lieut. Capt. O.C. L.O.

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.....

60—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—3m

45 AUST AL SEC (AC)

DIST:- NGF,1 AUST CORPS,7 AUST DIV,9 AUST DIV,21 BDE,25 BDE,A2.5AF,2 ATF,1 AUST AL G.34 AC SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION HALLET UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 4 (7 DIV) A C No. - TYPE A46/109 A46/106 DATE 29 SEP 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/r ULI RIVER

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1" = 1m.	F/O Holyman	1600	FAIR	OVERCAST
	OBSERVER F/O Staley	TIME DOWN 1745		
		TOTAL 1hr 45mth		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT - INTERROGATION
GITSARIA			There are at least 60 fox holes in area. Some have been covered over with kunai, with others little effort has been made to disguise them. Three troops seen on track near village and who raced for fox holes and took cover.
BUSEMU			NMS in village or along track on S side RAMU VALLEY. Tracks are fairly well worn.
CUSAP R.			Tracks along S side CUSAP R show little signs of recent wear. Very well worn track from junction 515163 going E on N side BURA R.. From junction N track appears to be in river bed. Footbridge acro BURA R approx 554179, pilot pinpoints bridge across CUSAP R (Sortie 1 29 SEP refers) at 567165. Three JAPS sighted at this bridge, also three fox holes. Track between bridges is particularly well worn, and is 5 to 6 feet wide and shows signs of heavy recent use. Four JAPS on track approx 585150. JAPS had kunai stuck in hats and on shoulders and on approach of A/C ran into long kunai and "froze", but were still fairly obvious. When first sighted they were heading in direction of RAGITSARIA.
			North of CUSAP R are two rivers running E to W with well worn tracks running along them. N.M.S..
WANKON			Forward own troops at WANKON fired VERY LIGHTS to indicate position.
SAGERAK			PIPER CUB type A/C on strip, which appears approx 1000x long. Strip has wind sock and ground markers out.

Time and Signature A.L.O

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc 45 AUST AL SEC (AC)

SP N.G. Print Unit-3/43-3m

[illegible]- HQF, 1 AUST CORPS, 7 DIV, 9 DIV, WAR DIARY, [illegible]

A.C.B... MALLEE.....

DATE..30 SEP 43.....

DAILY RECORD OF AIRCRAFT TASKS.

SORTIE NO.	A/C NO.	PILOT	OBSERVER	UP	DOWN	TOTAL	TASK	REMARKS
1.	A46-120 A46-110	F/O MASSON F/O PIZER		0545 0545	0718 0718	1hr 33min 1hr 33min	TAC/R ESCORT	SUCCESSFUL
2.	A46-113 A46-11[illegible]	F/O MUNRO F/O STEWART		0645 0645	0925 0925	2hr 40min 2hr 40min	TAC/R & ARTY/R ESCORT	SUCCESSFUL
3.	A20-522	F/O DARBISHIRE		1055	1330	1hr	TRAVEL	TO BENA
4.	A20-619	F/O FREES	W/O BEALES	1056	1345	2hr 30min	PHOTO/R	Landed LAE to refuel. SUCCESS.
5.	A46-116 A46-110	F/O FORSYTH F/O LEE-WARNER		1132 1132	1409 1409	2hr 37min 2hr 37min	TAC/R ESCORT	SUCCESSFUL
6.	A20-328	F/O STALEY		1100	1355	2hrs	TRAVEL	TO NADZAB - KAIAPIT - LAE
7.	A46-107 A46-106	F/O HOLYMAN F/O STALEY		1420 1420	1551 1551	1hr 31min 1hr 31min	TAC/R & STRAFE ESCORT	SUCCESSFUL
8.	A20-561	F/O DARBISHIRE		1535	1742	1hr 30min	COURIER	NADZAB - LAE
9.	A46-113 A46-115	F/O MUNRO F/O STEWART		1546 1546	1831 1831	2hr 35min 2hr 35min	TAC/R ESCORT	SUCCESSFUL
10.	A46-110 A46-120	F/O PIZER F/O MASSON		1633 1633	1748 1748	1hr 15min 1hr 15min	TAC/R ESCORT	SUCCESSFUL

A.L.O.....



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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. [illegible] A C No. - TYPE [illegible] DATE [illegible]

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
[illegible]	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN		
		TOTAL		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
[illegible]	1630	50'	The village on the island consists of approx 30 native huts all of which are in a bad state of repair. The whole island appears deserted and is devoid of vegetation and is very low lying, attaining to be not more than 5' above sea level.
392085			On the mainland directly opp [illegible] is a village - huts [illegible] of palms. From the creek at 3609 to creek at 4006 running parallel to the coast for a depth of 700m. is a belt of tall coconut palms. In the village 392 35 are some huts with newly thatched roofs. The coastal track is a footpad only, but is well worn. Another track runs from village 39[illegible] to the village shown on map at 3706. This latter village consists of a few scattered huts only.
[illegible] KING WILLIAM			The creek from 39[illegible] to the lagoon at 366112 shows greater signs of use than the other creeks in this vicinity. The lagoon forms a natural hideout for barges - overhanging branches provide good concealment. No barges were seen. The entrance to the lagoon is almost completely blocked by a sandbar at low tide.
			At 382086 two Jap type "B" barges were beached - the landing ramps were down and water was seen in [illegible] of barges. At 366112 one Jap type "B" barge observed - this barge definitely broken and unserviceable. The canal between the two creeks in sq 3709 has been burnt. Smoke was seen rising from 375100 which died away whilst a/c was over area.
			In a line from 387383 [illegible] to 393377 was observed a line of holes some of which were possibly formed by a stick of bombs.

Time and Signature [illegible]

889 N.G. Press Unit—9/43—3m



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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No..... A C No. - TYPE..... DATE.....

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE.....

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

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
			the native gardens, inland from coast, from [illegible] to [illegible] village are in excellent condition recent plantings and cultivation were observed. This appearance suggests that controlled native [illegible] has been at work, as they do not resemble native gardens seen by pilot pilot in other parts of Indon. Considerable foot traffic is apparent from the appearance of the tracks leading to this village. The native huts are in fair state of repair. To the N. centered about 347034 were observed numerous trenches - these have been overgrown to some extent. [illegible].
[illegible]			The village at411067 has been completely burnt down. No [illegible] were seen. The two B [illegible] strafed these two barges. 100 rds 20mm cannon & 1500 rds .303 were expended - pilots claim to have holed these two barges.
TOPOGRAPHICAL DET.			From fortification point to [illegible] there is a rock cliff of approx 15ft - immediately in shore is a flat terrace varying from ¼ to ½ mile wide. The country rises in similar terraces to a depth of appx 5 miles, thence it rises very steeply into the high mountain country. The numerous creeks dissecting these terrace areas have steep precipitous gorge like banks and provide a hazard to movement.
Pilot's Note			From pilot's impressions [illegible] area might possibly have been a staging area for troops moved around [illegible] by barge. It gives impression of occupation, but not in large numbers. No signs of any recent activity was observed in the whole area.

Time and Signature [illegible]

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.....

809. N.G. Press Unit—9/43—3m

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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/1 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/9/194[illegible], 45 Base Sec (Unit)

W.E. 11/5/41. OFFRS. 2 O.R's. 7 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... 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.				
Reinf'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinf'ts Required.
				Lieut.-Colonels					
				Majors					
	1		1	Captains					
		1		Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
O R	1		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.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by A.I.F. units. Only units mentioned in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	A.		3									3
	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.

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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/21 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

/ 70 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18/9/194 3. 45 Aust. A.L. Sec (AC) (Unit).

W.E. 11/8/43. 1. OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... 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.				
Nom'ls Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Nom'ls Required.
				*					
				*					
			1	Lieut.-Colonels					
	1		1	Majors					
			1	Captains					
		1	1	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
N.R.	1.	1.	3.						

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by A.L.S. 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.		3									3
	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.

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).

45 Aust A.L. Sec (AC) ..... Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18/9/194.3 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T/MAJOR	NX10631	DANIELL	D.G		YES	A.L.O. BERRY	
T/CAPT	VX111288	KEATING	T.C.		YES	A.L.O. TSILI TSILI	
LIEUT	VX20171	FETHERSTON-HAUGH	J.R.		YES	A.L.O. TSILI TSILI.	

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	VX10801	SHAVE. C.O.	FROM. I. AL. GROUP.	25 AUG 43	ATTACHED FOR. DUTY"

18 SEP 43.
Date of Despatch

D.G. DANIELL Major
Signature of Commander

M Parham Sgt.

a.w. 2m pads 2/43

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

/66 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/9/1943, 45 AUST. SQN SEC. (A.C.) (Unit)

W.E. 11/82/I. OFFRS. 3 O.R's. 7 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... 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.				
Req'd to Maintain.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Req'd to Maintain.
				*					
				*					
			/	Lieut.-Colonels					
	/		/	Majors					
		/	/	Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
N.R.	1.	1.	3.						

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.		3									3
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.
VX108011	CAPT	SHAVE C.O	I.A.L. GROUP		

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).

45 AUST. SQN. SEC. (A.C.) Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/9/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
F/MAJOR	NX10634	DANIELL	D.G		YES	A.L.O. TSILI. TSILI	
CAPT	VX31282	KEATING	T.C.		YES	A.L.O WAU	
LIEUT	VX20171	FETHERS-TONHAUGH	J.R.		YES	A.L.O. TSILI. TSILI	

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.	VX108011	SHAVE. C.O	FROM I.A.L GROUP	25 AUG '43	"ATTACHED FOR DUTY"

4. SEP '43
Date of Despatch

D.G. DANIELL. MAJOR.
Signature of Commander

A. LaHam Sgt.

a.w. 2m pads 2/42

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

/71 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/9/1943. 45 AUST. AL. SEC (AC) (Unit)

W.E. 111/82/1. OFFRS. 3 O.R's. 7 + OFFRS. O.R's. 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.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
				W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
			1	Sergeants					
2	2	2	3	Corporals					
				Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
2 *	2	2	7 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*

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		C.M.F. A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 18 Years.	C.M.F. 18 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A		7						[redacted]	[redacted]		7
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.	1. AUST. FD. GROUP.		

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.

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 25/9/1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Ammunition Examiners			
Armament Artificer			
Armament Artificer (Electrical)			
Armament Artificer (M.V.)			
Armament Artificer (A.F.V.)			
Armament Artificer Instrument			
Armament Artificer Radio			
Armament Artificer Signals			
Armament Artificer Wireless			
Artificer, Artillery			
Artificer, Engine			
Blacksmiths			
Bricklayers			
Compositors			
Clerks, Hospital			
Coppersmiths			
Dispensers			
Draughtsmen			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			
Electricians			
Electricians (M.V.)			
Electricians (Signals)			
Fitters			
Fitters (Cycle)			
Fitters (Electrical)			
Fitters (Gun)			
Fitters (Instrument)			
Fitters (M.V.)			
Fitters, Railway Signal			
Fitters, Signals			
Grinder, Precision			
Mechanics, Instrument			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			
Mechanics, Radio			
Mechanics, Typewriter			
Mechanics, Wireless			
Millwrights			
Operators, Kinetheodolite			
Pattern Maker			
Pharmacist			
Photographer, Wet Plate			
Photowriter			
Plumber			
Saw Doctors			
Surveyors			
CARRIED FORWARD			

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Surveyors, Engineering			
Surveyors, R.A.A.			
Surveyors, Topographical			
Surveyors, Trigonometrical			
Tentmakers			
Turners			
Watchmakers			
Welders			
GROUP II.			
Armourers			
Anemen			
Bakers			
Bdr. Cond's. Asst.			
Boilermakers			
Carpenters			
Carpenters and Joiners			
Cooks			
Dental Mechanics			
Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)			
Driver-Operator			
Drainers			
Electricians			
Electricians (Engineers)			
Fire Control Operators			
Gun Operator			
Hatchman			
Height Taker			
Helio Operator			
Instrument Operator			
Intelligence Duties			
Joiners			
Lineman			
Lineman, Signals			
Lithographers			
Machinists, Metal			
Machinists, Wood			
Masons			
Masseurs			
Mechanics, M.T.			
Miners			
Moulders			
Nurses, Trained			
Observation Post Asstt.			
CARRIED FORWARD			

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Operating Room Assts.			
Operator, Keyboard			
Operator, Line			
Operator, Signal			
Operator, Switchboard			
Operator, Wireless			
Opticians			
Painters			
Panel Beaters			
Photographer, Dry Plate			
Predictor Numbers			
Printers			
Radiographers			
Riggers			
Sawyers			
Signallers			
Signwriters			
Telescope Identifn. Numbers			
Well Borers			
Wheelers			
Winchmen			
Wiremen			
Woodturners			
GROUP III.			
Battery Surveyors			
Butchers			
Clerks	46		
Clerks, Supply			
Clerks, Technical			
Coach Trimmers			
Conductors			
Cooks			
Dental Clerk Orderlies			
Despatch Riders			
Draughtsmen, Signals			
Drivers, M.T.			
Driver Mechanics			
Driver Tptn. Plant			
Engine Hands, I.C.			
Equipment Repairers			
Farriers			
Fitters' Mates			
Gun Layers			
CARRIED FORWARD	46	-	

DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
BATMEN	3	1	2
DRIVERS			
ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	7	7	2

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
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(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. "Reinfts. 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.

25 SEP '43.
Date of Despatch

D.G. DANIELL. Major
Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

70 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18/9/1943. 45 AUST. AL. SEC. (AC) (Unit)

W.E. 111/82/1. OFFRS. 3 O.R's. 7 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... 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.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
				W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
			1	Sergeants					
		2	3	Corporals					
2	2		3	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
2 •	2	2	7 •	Totals of cols. marked • should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		•			•

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		C.M.F.							
	A.I.F.	Under 18 Years.	18 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	• •	TOTAL.
A	74						[redacted]	[redacted]		67
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	EAL. GROUP		

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.

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).

45. AUST. AL. SEC (AC) 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 18/9/1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength	Reinfts. Required.
Ammunition Examiners			
Armament Artificer			
Armament Artificer Fitter			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			
Armament Artificer Instrument			
Armament Artificer Radio			
Armament Artificer Signals			
Armament Artificer Wireless			
Artificer, Artillery			
Artificer, Engine			
Blacksmiths			
Bricklayers			
Compositors			
Cooks, Hospital			
Coppersmiths			
Dispensers			
Draughtsmen			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			
Electricians			
Electricians (M.V.)			
Electricians (Signals)			
Fitters			
Fitters (Cycle)			
Fitters (Electrical)			
Fitters (Gun)			
Fitters (Instrument)			
Fitters (M.V.)			
Fitters, Railway Signal			
Fitters, Signals			
Grinder, Precision			
Mechanics, Instrument			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			
Mechanics, Radio			
Mechanics, Typewriter			
Mechanics, Wireless			
Millwrights			
Operators, Excavator			
Pattern Maker			
Pharmacist			
Photographer, Mot Plate			
Photowriter			
Plumber			
Saw Doctors			
Surveyors			
CARRIED FORWARD			

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength	Reinfts. Required.
Surveyors, Engineering			
Surveyors, R.A.A.			
Surveyors, Topographical			
Surveyors, Trigonometrical			
Tentmakers			
Turners			
Watchmakers			
Welders			
GROUP II.			
Armourers			
Asemen			
Bakers			
Bty. Comd'rs. Asst.			
Boilermakers			
Carpenters			
Carpenters and Joiners			
Cooks			
Dental Mechanics			
Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Mot.)			
Driver-Operator			
Draisers			
Electricians			
Electricians (Engineers)			
Fire Control Operators			
Gun Operator			
Hatchman			
Height Taker			
Helio Operator			
Instrument Operator			
Intelligence Duties			
Joiners			
Lineman			
Lineman, Signals			
Lithographers			
Machinists, Metal			
Machinists, Wood			
Masons			
Masseurs			
Mechanics, M.T.			
Miners			
Moulders			
Nurses, Trained			
Observation Post Asstn.			
CARRIED FORWARD			

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength	Reinfts. Required.
Operating Room Assts.			
Operator, Keyboard			
Operator, Line			
Operator, Signal			
Operator, Switchboard			
Operator, Wireless			
Opticians			
Painters			
Panel Beaters			
Photographer, Dry Plate			
Predictor Numbers			
Printers			
Radiographers			
Riggers			
Sawyers			
Signallers			
Signwriters			
Telescope Identifn. Numbers			
Well Borers			
Wheelers			
Wireless Mechanic			
Wiremen			
Woodturners			
GROUP III.			
Battery Surveyors			
Butchers			
Clerks	4	6	
Clerks, Supply			
Clerks, Technical			
Coach Trimmers			
Conductors			
Cooks			
Dental Clerk Orderlies			
Despatch Riders			
Draughtsmen, Signals			
Drivers, M.T.			
Driver Mechanics			
Driver Tptn. Plant			
Engine Hands, I.C.			
Equipment Repairers			
Farriers			
Fitters' Mates			
Gun Layers			
CARRIED FORWARD	4	6	—

DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
BATMEN DRIVERS	3	1	2
ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Totals of columns marked • to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	7	7	2

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18 SEP 1943
Date of Despatch

D.G. DANIELL Major
Signature of Commander

H. Latham Sgt.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

/68 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 9 /194 3. 45 Hosp. Sqn. Sec. (M.C.) (Unit)

W.E. III / 8a / 1. OFFRS. 3 O.R's. 1 OFFRS. O.R's. 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.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts					
				Staff Sergeants					
		1	1	Sergeants					
				Corporals					
2	2		3	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
2 •	2	1.	6. •	Totals of cols. marked • should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		•			•

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., 29 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 18 Years.	C.M.F. 18 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	• •	TOTAL.
A	6						[redacted]	[redacted]		6.
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	1 A.L. Group		

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.

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).
			ALL PERSONNEL A.I.F

45 Hosp. Sec. (M.C.) 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 4 / 9 /194 3.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Anti-aircraft Gunners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Asstn.				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.)				Taximakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predicter Numbers				Saddlerers makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Shovellers			•
Compositors								Riggers				Stokers, Stnry. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storeman, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identin. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchmen				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wiremen							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Mod.)											
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				Hairdresser				Butchers				BATMAN-			•
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	5		DRIVERS.	3	1	2
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Conductors							
Mechanics, Radio				Linesmen				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Linesmen, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Kinetheodolite				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							
Sea Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Asstn.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	4	5		Totals of columns marked • in agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	7	6	2

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4 SEP '43
Date of Despatch

DG. DANIELL MAJOR
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