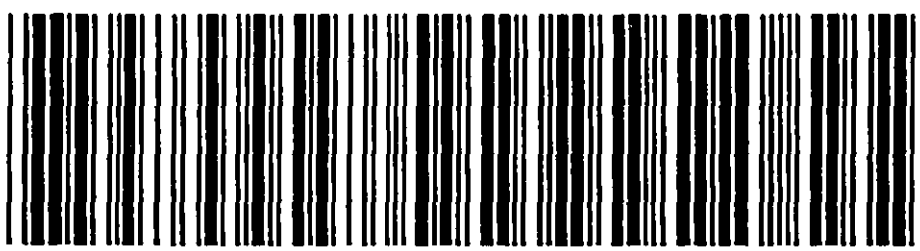
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45 Australian Air Liaison Section (AC) (45 Aust AL Sec (AC))

November 1943



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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit.....45 AUST AL SEC (AC)..... *Date and Time.—From*.....1 NOV '43.....*To*.....5 NOV '43.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRY. PT.MORESBY.	1/11/43		Operations for day NADZAB 1 sortie - CUSAP 1, see app "B".	
BERRY. PT.MORESBY	2/11/43.		Operations for day NADZAB 2 sorties - CUSAP 3 see app "B".	
BERRY. PT.MORESBY.	3/11/43.		Operations for day NADZAB 3 sorties - CUSAP 1, see app "B".	FINSCH 5/14 flown.
			Capt.R.J.C.O'Loan arrived ex School of A/CO-OP.	
BERRY. PT.MORESBY.	4/11/43.		Operations for day NADZAB Nil - CUSAP 1 see app "B".	
BERRY. PT.MORESBY.	5/11/43.		Operations for day NADZAB 2 sorties - CUSAP 2, see app "B".	FINSCH 6/16 flown.
BERRY. PT.MORESBY.	6/11/43		Operations for day NADZAB Nil - CUSAP 2, see app "B"	
			Maj.D.C.Daniell relinquished command 45 AUST AL Sec at 1200hrs	
			and Capt.R.J.C.O'Loan assumed command.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRY. PT.MORESBY.	7/11/43.		Operations for day NADZAB Nil - GUSAP 1, see app "B".	
			45 Aust AL Sec will in future act as liaison and arrange	
			all requirements for aerial transport of "Q" Air, NGF through	
			9 Inter-comm Squadron, Berry.	
BERRY. PT.MORESBY.	8/11/43.		Operations for day NADZAB 1 sortie - GUSAP 1, see app "B"	NAD 5/18 flown.
			O.C appointed Photographic Officer for Squadron.	
BERRY. PT.MORESBY.	9/11/43.		Operations for day NADZAB 3 sorties & GUSAP 3 see app "B"	
BERRY. PT.MORESBY.	10/11 43		Operations for day NADZAB 2-GUSAP 1, see app "B".	
			Maj.D.G.Daniell departed on transfer to 46 Aust AL Sec.	
			Lt/Col Fleming interviewed Capt O'Loan re suggested increase	
			in AL Sec. (A/C) Establishment. Decided to give present	
			system a thorough trial.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRY. PT.MORESBY.	11/11/43.		Operations for day HADZAB 2 - GUSAP 3 see app "A".	
			Capt Lane, Adjutant 1 Aust AL Gp. called to discuss section with O.C. re Administrative and Store control by 1 Aust AL Gp.	
BERRY. PT.MORESBY.	12/11/43.		Operations for day HADZAB 1 - Gusap 1 see app "B".	
BERRY. PT.MORESBY.	13/11/43.		Operations for day HADZAB 3 - GUSAP Nil, see app "C".	Had 6/19 flown.
			Pte.Reeves A.E. to HADZAB - Capt O'Loan to visit "G2" Air, 2 AUST CORPS, DODODURA and return. A/Cpl Muir.R.L. returned ex HADZAB.	
BERRY. PT.MORESBY.	14/11/43.		Operations for day HADZAB 1 sortie - GUSAP 3, see app "D".	GUS 3/20 flown.
			A/Cpl. Muir.R.L. to 2 CORPS RECEPTION Camp en route to Mainland on leave. Further tests carried with Belly tank camera on BOOMERANG, problem of keeping dust off perspex on belly tank has to be faced. Have to use Photo A/c off well graded surface, only 8" clearance to ground.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit....45 AUST AL SUP (AC)..... *Date and Time.—From*....15 NOV '43....*To*....19 NOV '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRY. PT.MORESBY.	15/11/43.		Operations for day NADZAB 3 sorties - GUSAP 2, see app "B"	NAD 7/21 flown.
			F/O. R.Stewart shot down by P38, crash landed old FINSCHHAFEN	
			Strip, badly shaken, later contracted Malaria and returned to Pt.Moresby.	
BERRY. PT.MORESBY.	16/11/43		Operations for day NADZAB 3 sorties - GUSAP 2, see app "B".	NAD 8/22 flown.
			Capt O'Loan and SQ/Ldr Munro to RAA for conference re LHQ's	
			letter dealing with RAAF procedure, agreed points R/T - Signal	
			pro forma for Arty/R. The suggestions were favourable and	
			differed very little from the procedure in operation.	
BERRY. PT.MORESBY.	17/11/43.		Operations for day NADZAB Nil sorties- GUSAP 1, see app "B"	
			Capt. O'Loan to NADZAB.	
BERRY. PT.MORESBY.	18/11/43.		Operations for day NADZAB 1 sortie - GUSAP 1, see app "B".	
BERRY. PT.MORESBY	19/11/43.		Operations for day NADZAB 2 sorties - GUSAP 2, see app "B".	
			C.C. visited 7 AUST DIV, who expressed complete satisfaction	
			and appreciation of the co-operation from "B" Flight based at	
			GUSAP. ALO. Capt.Shave.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 45 AUST A.I. SEC. (A.G.) *Date and Time.—From* 20/11/43 *To* 23/11/43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRY PT. MORESBY	20/11/43		Operations for day HADZAB 3 sorties-CUSAP 2 See app "B"	
BERRY PT. MORESBY	21/11/43		Operations for day HADZAB 3 sorties-CUSAP nil See app "B"	
			Capt O'Loan retuned ex HADZAB. Difficulty experienced in	
			obtaining recent photos of 7 & 9 DIV areas. G.1 AIR H.Q.S.F.	
			has agreed to distribution from ..G.F. of any photos considered suitable.	
BERRY PT. MORESBY	22/11/43		Operations for day HADZAB 2 sorties - CUSAP Nil. see app "B".	
BERRY PT. MORESBY	23/11/43		Operations for day HADZAB 2 sorites - Cusap 2 see app "B"	
			Cpl Stanwix T.R. taken on strength ex H.Q.S.F. A.A.D.	
			Sgt Miller admitted to station sick quarters - boils.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 45 Aust AA Sec (AG) *Date and Time.—From* 24 Nov 43 *To* ~~28~~ 27 Nov 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRY PT. MORESBY	24 Nov 43		Operations for day NADZAB 2 sorties GUSAP 2 - see app "B"	
			Capt Keating evacuated to 111 CCS - chronic dysentery. Capt O'Loan to NADZAB. Numerous letters, signals and personal calls have been received to express appreciation of comforts, Guinea Golds dropped in fwd area.	
BERRY PT. MORESBY	25 Nov 43		Operations for day NADZAB 1 sortie GUSAP 1 - see app "B"	
			Capt O'Loan & Son-Ldr Bell visited HQ 9 Aust Div for conference.	
			Gill Air agreed to despatch signal for Tac/R before 2100hrs daily.	
BERRY PT. MORESBY	26 Nov 43		Operations for day. NADZAB 2 sorties, GUSAP 3.- see app "B".	
			Two BOOMERANGS failed to return from sortie 2 NADZAB. - believed shot down in LAMOMA area by enemy a/c (F/O Munro & F/Sgt Salter).	
BERRY PT MORESBY	27 Nov 43		Operations for day NADZAB 1 sortie, GUSAP 2 - see app "B"	
			Training Arty/R's with 2 Fd Regt & 2/5 Fd Regt conducted.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit. 45 Aust AI Sec (AC) *Date and Time.—From* 28 Nov 43 *To* 30 Nov 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRY PT. MORESBY	28 Nov 43		Operations for day. MADZAB 2 sorties - CUSAP NIL - see app "B"	
			It is necessary to keep Pilots in training for Arty/Rs, particularly	
			when they are recent arrivals in area. Much benefit is derived	
			from close liaison and Arty/R with Ed Regts in base areas to ensure	
			smoother co-operation if the Sqn is in support of the Ed Regts	
			with whom Arty/Rs have been conducted.	
BERRY PT. MORESBY	29 Nov 43		Operations for day MADZAB 2 sorties. CUSAP NIL - see app "B".	
			Capt Keating discharged III CCS. Reports received confirming	
			observations made by pilots in 9 Div areas. CRA complimented Sqn	
			on accuracy of registration.	
BERRY PT. MORESBY	30 Nov 43		Operations for day. MADZAB 2 sorties. CUSAP 1 see app "B".	
			Capt Keating returned ex MADZAB. Sgt Miller discharged SSQ.	
			Total sorties CUSAP 45. Missions 83. MADZAB 54 sorties. 96	
			missions. Total operationgl hrs 486 (flying hrs)	

DIST:-NGF(2),2AUST CORPS,7DIV,15BDE,25BDE,A2.5AF,SATF,TATF,35FG,1AUST AL GP,4AC SQN,I/C 4SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE

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LOCATION GUSAP	UNIT 4 AC SQN	SORTIE No. 1 (7DIV)	A.C.No. A46/92 TYPE A46/119		DATE 6 Nov '43
ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R AISA ASAKE - BRIDGES 7 & 8 BOGADJIM ROAD. UPPER FARIA RIVER AREA					
REF. MAPS	PILOT F/o Staley	TIME UP 0630	VISIBILITY GOOD	WEATHER CLEAR	
	OBSERVER F/o Holyman	TIME DOWN 0810			
		TOTAL 1hr 40min			

Place or Ref	Time	Height	REPORT- INTERROGATION
DUMPU	0640	1000'	Called PIP 5 - no answer.
ORGORUNA 2.	0650	20/200 AGL	All buildings in village burnt to ground. These have been burnt during past 24 hrs. All trenches in area have been cleaned of water and appear to have been freshened up. An adition appears to have been made to the crescent shaped trench reported on SW side of village. A square section of approx 8' x 4' with camouflaged roof has been added. N.M.S..
ORGORUNA 1	0655	"	Track from village one to two well worn and shows signs of use since recent rain. Huts intact. All tracks show signs of recent use. N.M.S..
KISA-ASAKE	0700	"	Track from ORGORUNA 2 was observed for most of its length and showed signs of recent use. No alteration to huts in either village. Tracks throughout also show recent use. All slit trenches and weapon pits have been cleaned out and repaired. Fresh camouflage has been added to some. Track to SAKE was observed for half its length - recently used.
BOGADJIM RD	0710	40/100' AGL	Bridges 7 & 8 undamaged. The road has had a lot of use in last 24 hrs. N.M.S or MT observed. From DAUMORUNA to SUPPLY CAMP the road has been recently used but from appearances not so heavily as from DAUMORUNA NORTH. From SUPPLY CAMP to YUKOPI a double MT track was observed. From YUKOPI - AIPA signs of foot traffic observed.
UPPER FARIA			No enemy observed - own troops seen. Ridge not considered suitable bombing target. Considered a good straffing target, particularly area around 636645.

Time and Signature

324 N.G. Press Unit—10/43 - 100m.

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc

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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 timber is rather heavy at this point, but could hold a number of JAPS. Many recent bomb craters were observed in the area. Some bombs have fallen towards the top of the ridge, but the ridge itself is still intact.

C.Shave, Capt. A.L.O.

Time and Signature.....

Time 45 AUST. RE SEC (AC).....

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.C.B. [redacted] ..... DATE 6 NOV 43 .....

NIL SORTIES.

T.C.Keating.Capt, ...A.A.C.

DISTr- HQF, 24DIST CORPS, 9DIV, WAR DIARY, FILE

GUSAP 6 NOV '43 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TasKS. C. SHAVE. CAPT

C.O.B..... DATE..... A.L.O.....

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Result.
1.	A46-119	F/O STALEY		0630	0810	1 hr 40 min	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-92	F/O HOLYMAN		0630	0810	1 hr 40 min	ESCORT	
2.	A20-565	F/O DICKSON	F/SGT WILLIAMS	0810	0930	1 hr 20 min	PHOTO/R UPPER FARIA RIVER	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-134	F/O MILLER-RANDLE		0810	0930	1 hr 20 min	ESCORT	

DIST:- RAF(2), 2 AUST CORPS, 7 DIV, WAR DIARY, FILE.

SECTION A.

Serial No. OCS 2/17

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UNIT. 4 AC P.R.U.

DATE. 6 NOV '43

CAMERA NO.

F/L of LENS. 5"

FILTER. #2

MAGAZINE NO.

OPERATIONAL

REMARKS AND SIGNATURE OF PHOTO OFFICER.

PRINT DISTS- 2, 8 DIV, FROM HADRAB. 1, FILE.

DISTS-[illegible]DIV, A2.5W, 1 [illegible]

AL GP, 40 [illegible] W/C, W/S HADRAB,

SAC BERRY, FILE.

PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE REPORT.

F.R.U. 1 D. 36.

SECTION B.

TO BE COMPLETED BY CREW.

PILOTS SIGNATURE... F/O Dickson

CAMERA OPERATOR... F/Sgt Williams

A/C NUMBER [illegible] SORTIE... 2 (F.C.)

Y:23

A. BRIGHT SUNLIGHT.

B. SUN OBSCURED BY H/C.

C. DULL.

D. VERY DULL.

EXPOSURE NUMBERS.	TIME	HEIGHT	SUBJECT H.OL. COURSE & SPEED.	POSITION LAT & LONG REF. OR NAME	EXPOSURE SPEED APER.	REMARKS.
V1	0830	10000' Asle	UPPER PAMA AREA	MT KENIA 1" 681580	1/250 F5.6	MAP 1.
V12				685680		
V13	0840	"	"	670585		MAP 2.
V23		"	"	670622		
V29	0850	"	"	690580		MAP 3.
V41		"	"	680680		
V42	0900	"	"	704520		MAP 4.
V53		"	"	710675		

DAILY ORDER OF A/C Tasks.

O.C. [redacted] DATE 5.[redacted].42. A.L.O. [redacted]

Trip	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observ.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Instr. & Area.	Remarks & Result.
✓1	[redacted]	[redacted]		0825	1000	1hr 35min	[redacted]	[redacted]
	[redacted]	[redacted]		0825	1000	1hr 35min	[redacted]	
✓2	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	0825	1000	1hr 35min	[redacted]	[redacted]
✓3	[redacted]	[redacted]		1400	1635	2hr 35min	[redacted]	[redacted]
	[redacted]	[redacted]		1400	1635	2hr 35min	[redacted]	

DIST:- [redacted]

DIST 1-NGF(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,20IDG,24IDG,26IDG,A2.5AF,3ATF,7ATF,35FG,1MUSTANG GP,4FC SQN,I/O 43SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION: NADZAB	UNIT: 4 AC SQN	SORTIE No.: 1 (9DIV) 3 (9DIV)	A C No - TYPE: A46/115 A46/107	DATE: 5 NOV '43	

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: ARTY/R ENEMY OCCUPIED POSITIONS IN SQ 6168.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/25000 series	P/O Birrel	1400	GOOD	HIGH OVERCAST
	OBSERVER: P/O Whitecross	TIME DOWN: 1635		
		TOTAL: 2hr 35min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
ARTY/R	1345		COMMUNICATIONS:- Established with CHARLIE, who requested TAC/R of 580700 after completion of arty/r.
			NORM troop called a/c and informed pilot NORM would engage.
			RANGINGS:- EARLIEST SUGAR 91 ENEMY DIGGINGS 614685
			" " 92 " " 615637
			" " 93 " " 614683
			All targets were accurately registered - concentrated gunfire was brought to bear upon all targets. Shooting accurate - concentration good.
TAC/R AREA 580700			There is a lone tree on the NE slopes at 580704. The earth around it is worn away and many small tracks radiate from it. One track leads to SE to 575695. Another leads to the SE to 585695. Both these tracks are lost in the jungle. They are worn well, suggesting recent movement. Carions on the N and NE slopes of this feature are in a well kept condition. N.M.S in area.

Time and Signature: [signature] ALO

Time Passed to: 45 WING HQ SEC (AC)

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

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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

Time and Signature .....

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

734—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

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

Time and Signature.....

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

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE REPORT. PRO-FORMA A.36.

SECTION A.

Serial No.....

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UNIT.....

DATE.....

CAMERA NO.....

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MAGAZINE NO.....

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REMARKS AND SIGNATURE OF PHOTO OFFICER.

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.	TIME	HEIGHT	SUBJECT INCL. COURSE & SPEED.	POSITION LAT & LONG REF. OR NAME	EXPOSURE SPEED APER.	REMARKS.
F3	0900	400'	[illegible] 1/2500 [illegible]	LAT 06 30'	1/200 F8	FACING [illegible]
F5	0900	"	" " "	" LONG 107 45'		" [illegible]
F14		"	" " [illegible]			" [illegible]
F15		"	" " [illegible]			" [illegible]
F16		"	" " "			" [illegible]
F18		"	" " "			" [illegible]
F26		"	" " [illegible] (CHASE[illegible])			" [illegible]
F28		"	" " [illegible]			" [illegible]

DAILY RECORD OF A/C Tasks.

L.O.B.....GUSAP..... DATE....5 NOV. 43. A.L.O.....C. SHAVE...CAPT.....

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Result.
1.	A20-565	F/O DICKSON	F/O HOOPER	0905	0940	35 min	PHOTO/R	UNSUCCESSFUL due to low cloud.
	A46-118	F/O MILLER-RANDLE		0905	0940	35 min	ESCORT	
2.	A46-134	F/L OLORENSHAW		0850	1100	2 hrs 10 min	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-92	F/O STALEY		0850	1100	2 hrs 10 min.	ESCORT	

DIST:- NGF(2), 2 AUST CORPS, 7 DIV, WAR DIARY, FILE.

Serviceability:- OP. A/C. 8. U.S. Communications A/C. 3. U.S.

Service [redacted] Sq. A/C. S. F.E. [redacted] A/C. S. F.E.

GUSAF

A.O.B..... DATE 4 NOV 43. [redacted] A.F.H.Q. [redacted] GAFB..... DATE.....

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observ.	Up/	Down.	Over Area.	T.O. & Area.	Remarks & Results.
2.	446-92	F/O STALEY		1505	1620	1 hr 15 min.	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	446-134	F/L OLDRENSHAW		1505	1620	1 hr 15 min	ESCORT.	

DIST: HQF(2), 2 AUST CORPS, 7 DIV, WAR DIARY, FILE.

Service [redacted] Sq. A/C. S. F.E. [redacted] A/C. S. F.E.

DIST:- NGF(2),2 AUST CORPS,7DIV,21BDE,25BDE,A2.5AF,SAAF,TAAF,1 AUST AL GP,35FG,4 AC SQN,I/O 4 SQN,WAR DIRAY,FILE.

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 1. (7DIV) A.C.No. TYPE A46-92 A46-134 DATE 4 NOV '43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R KISA - ASAKE - ORGORUNA 1 and 2 - SUITABILITY BOMBING TARGET.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	TOTAL	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
URIGINA 1"	F/O STALEY	1505	1620	1 hr 15 min.	FAIR - GOOD	LOW BROKEN
	~~XXXXXX~~ F/L OLORENSHAW					

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
DUMPU	1515	1000' A.G.L.	Called up "PIP 5" - unable to contact.
ORGORUNA 2			3 slit trenches - 1 approx 60' long at MAP REF 453806 - commanding position overlooking SSW slopes. Tracks do not show recent heavy use. N.M.S. No signs of weapons. Water in some of the trenches.
ORGORUNA 1.			No sign of any defence works. N.M.S.
KISA - ASAKE		20/200 A.G.L.	N.M.S. Three new huts were observed at 472828. Quite a number of huts were in the framework stage - either in course of preparation - or being dismantled. Both villages had a somewhat unused appearance at the same time there was not any water in slit trenches or weapon pits. The track from ASAKE to SANA appeared to be the most used track in the area. No signs of weapons. Recce a/c were NOT fired on by A/A.
SANA			N.M.S. No defences.
			Dropped message on "PIP 2 and 5".

Time and Signature G. SHAVE. CAPT. A.L.O.

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

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DAILY [illegible] OF A/C [illegible].

A.O.B....[redacted].....

DATE...6 NOV'43...

MTL SORTIES.

.....T.G.LOCATION.....A.[illegible].

DIST:-MFG(2),2ADST CORPS,9DIV,WAR DIARY,FILE.

CAPT.

SECTION A.

Serial No.....

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UNIT.....

DATE. 6 AC ...M.....

CAMERA 3 ...No. 843.....

F/L of LENS.....

FILTER.....Yellow..Haze.....

MAGAZINE No's.....

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1 ...ABST AL CF, 4 ...E F/S,

...AR CAMERA, FILE, F/S HANDED.

PRINT DIST FROM HANDED:-

9 ...CV, ...CF, 9 OC, 7A ...F,

A2.5AF, FILE.

PHOTOGRAPHIC REPORT

SECTION B.

TO BE COMPLETED BY CREW.

PILOTS SIGNATURE.....

CAMERA OPERATOR. F/O [illegible].....

A/C NUMBER.....F/Lt. [illegible]IE.....

A. BRIGHT SUNLIGHT.

B. [illegible] OBSCURED BY L/C.

C. DULL.

D. VERY DULL.

20/455 2 (9CV)

EXPOSURE NUMBERS.	TIME	HEIGHT	SUBJECT INCL. COURSE & SPEED.	POSITION LAT & LONG REF. OR NAME	EXPOSURE SPEED APER.	REMARKS.
V1	1000	6500'	SATELLITE 1/25000 612668	LAT 06 30'	1/200 f.5.6	
V15			" " 580672	LONG 142 45'		
V17	1015	6500'	" " 610668	"	"	MAGNETIC COURSE 265deg
V35			" " 529668	"	"	
V36	1020	"	" " 613667	"	"	
V51		"	" " 529668	"	"	
V52	1025	"	" " 608668	"	"	
V68		"	" " 530668	"	"	
1	1045	750'	MARAÑO LOOKING ES			
2	1045	"	SATELLITE 1/25000 545685 facing E			
3	1045	"	SATELLITE facing NW			
4	1045	"	" " NW			
5		"	MARAÑO facing SW			
6		"	" " SW			

DIST:- NGF(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,20BDE,24BDE,26BDE,A2.5AP,3 CTF,35FG,1AUS. AL GP,4AC SQN,I/O 4SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION: NADZAB	UNIT: 4 AC SQN	SORTIE No:	A C No TYPE: A46-116 A46-109	DATE: 3 NOV' 43.	
ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: TAC/R SAMEER RG AR A.	PILOT: F/O BIRREL	TIME UP: 0910	VISIBILITY: GOOD	WEATHER: SCATTERED CLOUD	
REF. MAPS: 1/25000	OBSERVER: [redacted] F/O LUGER	TIME DOWN: 1145			
		TOTAL: 2 hrs 35 min			

Place or Ref.	Time	Height
JIVEVALENG	0950	
TK TO SATELBERG	0955	
SATELBERG	1000	
545684	1015	

REPORT - INTERROGATION

(Own troops observed at 596662 in foxholes and walking along road at 594661. No actual fighting [illegible]

This road is being used extensively - [illegible] is covered with footprints. At 566663 a track junction was observed, the second track leads off to the NE towards the SIXT CK. It could not be traced due to thick jungle but it is considered to join the track observed 2 NOV at 577667.

At the road bend 557676 is a defensive position, four foxholes were seen - no attempt to conceal them had been made. These positions are sited to cover the approaches along the main track.

The ridge from 560676 to 563673 has a small well worn track along it, small footpads lead off this to small earthpatches. Pilot could not state whether these earthpatches were prepared positions.

The 2600' feature is heavily defended, bunkers and foxholes were seen. Two bunkers are situated near base of a lone tree on this feature, numerous small tracks lead to them. These bunkers are considered to be similar to the one at FINSCHHAFEN MISSION - the entrance to the underground cave was seen - it faces NE. Foxholes are sited on NORTHERN side of track at 554678. The heavy airstrike did not take in this area. The most WESTERLY bomb craters are at 557678.

Small tracks lead off the N - S track to the WEST - these tracks have been used extensively.

Beneath the jungle at 544684 dead brushwood was seen.

This morning pilot was able to follow the road cut into the side of the feature from 541684 to 542686 thence zig-zagging down the N. slopes to the track at 539692.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 1 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
			The road is difficult to observe due to the small trees, but movement of a party, carrying large packs along this track was suspected - moving up the hill.
			All the tracks in SQS 5567, 5568 show signs of considerable movement.
FIOR	1030		In FIOR parts of the iron roofs have been removed from buildings, leaving the remainder standing undamaged.

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

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

45 AUST AL SEC (AC).

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—30m.

Service[illegible] Sqn. A/C. S. 3.2. [illegible] A/C. S. U.S.

RADAR

3 NOV 43.

A.O.B..... DATE..... DAILY ROSTER OF A/C DUTIES. A.L.C. Lt Healy Capt

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observ.	Up/	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	M6-116	F/O BIRKEL		0910	1145	2 hrs 35 min.	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL.
	M6-109	F/O MAUER		0920	1145	2 hrs 35 min	ESCORT	
2.	A20-455	F/O	COLMER F/SGT SVENSON	0920	1130	2 hrs 10 min	PHOTO/R	SUCCESSFUL
3.	A20-455	F/LT	HATCHER CAPT KEATING	1430	1705	1 hr 20 min (AFR)	TRAVEL	FINSCHHAFEN AND RETURN

DEST :- MSP(2), 2 AUST CORPS 9 DIV? HAR BLACK, DLK

Serviceability [illegible] S. [illegible] S. U.S.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

1.0.3 CUSAF DATE 3 NOV 43 A.L.O...Gv.STATE...CAFT.....

Strike	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observ.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Tasks & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	420-565	F/O DICKSON	F/O HOOPER	1010	1100	50 min.	PHOTO/R FARIA RIV.	UNSUCCESSFUL DUE TO LOW CLOUD.

DISTR- BOW(R), 2 AEST CORPS, 7 DIV, WAR DIARY, FILE.

DISTR:- HQ(2), 2nd [illegible], 9 MV, 20[illegible], [illegible], 76[illegible], [illegible], [illegible], 35[illegible], [illegible], 4 AC [illegible], I/O 4 [illegible], [illegible], [illegible].

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT 4 [illegible] SORTIE No. 1 (9 MV) A.C.No. 44-236 TYPE 44-236 DATE 2 [illegible] 43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible] - [illegible] - [illegible] - [illegible] - 3 [illegible].

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/25000 [illegible]	F/Lt [illegible]	0930		
	OBSERVER [illegible]	TIME DOWN 1205	GOOD	SUNNY AND CLEAR.
		TOTAL 2 hrs 35 min.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
[illegible]	1030	2[illegible]	Fighting between ground troops seen at 595642 - 6cm troops advancing from EAST and WEST along main track - estimated to be 100x apart. Many gunners from [illegible] CM seen to lead an attack, bite [illegible] followed by red V.M. followed by white V.M. were observed. Numerous small tracks were seen to lead from [illegible] down into contact zone. A very wide well worn track was located on SOUTHERN back of [illegible] from 577687 to 586672 - track is considered capable of taking wheeled MT traffic. Recent rains have it in a muddy condition at present. The origin and end of this track could not be traced as it was lost to view in the jungle. Flying in the hilly is most difficult. It is considered that village shown on [illegible] 1/25000 overtrace at 570679 does not exist. The track running along the ridge from [illegible] to 570679, thence via 3600' feature to 587677 to 591679 has had considerable recent movement along its entire length. Footprints cover it completely. A small track leads from 591679 to the creek at 572577 - this also has been used extensively. [illegible]. The [illegible] PALENKO track is very well worn, more so than the [illegible] PALENKO track. In the village between the huts there is a network of tracks - village is possibly occupied.
BATTLING AND RIDGE TO BE			
PALENKO			
585606			The track leading to this area from the [illegible] is very well worn, signifying much recent movement to this position. Turning from [illegible] MT to this high feature which is at least 200' higher than [illegible] is a recently made road. It is cut into the side of the ridge. The surface of this road is clayish in appearance and showed plainly the footprints of much apparent.

Time Sheet to be Dr. to

[illegible]—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—500.

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LOCATION ..... UNIT ..... SORTIE No. 2 [illegible] 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
MARAMBO			In the area at 538665 numerous small tracks lead to the north to the headwaters of a creek at 539692. The area is very densely jungled, and apart from route tracks, no observation of ground N.A.I.S. and tracks leading to this village do not suggest heavy movement this area. (possible. (See attached trace for tracks mentioned in this report. N.A.I.S. Tracks all suggest much regular movement this area.
MARBO			Nil or signs of occupation observed.
VILLAGES 538)) 5972,6071)			603732 - approx 20x of a track running SE - NW was observed through the dense jungle - track appears well used.
VIC. LAKE 306173 BONGA TO LAKE			Nothing unusual or outstanding observed in this area - dense jungle makes observation most difficult.
			At 633728 two small tracks lead off main track to 2 trees at 636727 - around these trees burnt is trampled down. At 636734 is a commanding pimple - tracks lead off the main track to this feature. The feature is densely jungled and the ground could not be seen thereon.
			From 633734 SOUTH in the patches of burnt, a track was seen leading to the reported AF position at 640718 - this position was not seen. At 643736 a well worn track crosses the main BONGA MARBO track at right angles. It is wide and very pronounced but lost to view in the very dense jungle.
			At 644736 there is a patch of coconuts - the undergrowth has been trampled down here.

Time and Signature .....

701 - N.G. Press Unit - 10/43 - 1000.

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 1 C.R.S.'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
			Tracks from Lunai at 650735 lead into the main BUNA MAIN track at this patch of coconuts.
BUNA			H.L.3 Junkan barge offshore at 654747.
GENERAL			The area between BUNA and LAKE SQ 6173, SOUTH to 640720 suggests much activity as if the enemy is preparing defensive positions, though the actual positions cannot be seen themselves. The jungle patches to which all the small tracks lead are thick, but glimpses of war on the ground beneath can occasionally be obtained.

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

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc. 49 AUST AL SEC (AC).

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

RADAR

S.O. ..... DATE 2 NOV '43 ..... A.I. ..T.C. KEATING ....CAPT.

	No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Time	Remarks
✓1.	A46-136	F/Lt HATCHER		0930	1205	2 hrs 35 min	T&C/R SUCCESSFUL
	A46-126	F/O BIRKEL		0930	1205	2 hrs 35 min	ESCORT
✓2.	A46-109	F/O MADDER		1510	1745	2 hrs 35 min	T&C/R SUCCESSFUL
	A46-116	F/O BIRKEL		1510	1745	2 hrs 35 min	ESCORT

DIST :- HQF(2), 2 ADVT CUR-S, 9 DIV, WAR DIARY, FILE.

Communications A/C. S. U.S.

DI T:- HCF(2),2 AUST CORPS,9DIV,20BDE,24BDE,26BDE,A2.5AP,SATF,35FC,1AUST AT GP,4 AC SQN,I/O 4 SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION [redacted] UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 2 (SHEET) A C No. - TYPE A6-109 A6-116 DATE 2 NOV 43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R COASTAL AREA NORTH F 3-4Gs

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1st SERIES	F/O TAYLOR	1510	GOOD	LOW BROKEN
	OBSERVER [redacted]	TIME DOWN 1745		
		TOTAL 2 hrs 35 min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
HONDA PO			Road along track -evidence of heavy use since last rain. The narrow wheeled tracks observed at the
MASARANG RIVER			mouth of the Bonjowinny and Masarang Rivers yesterday were not apparent this afternoon.
MOUTH			
MUNIKA	1550		Kunai at 599865 has been knocked down - description of flattened kunai is as if a wheeled
			object was turned round and round along the side of track for 100x approx. Some coconuts and sago
			palms have been cut in this area - the remnants still left lying about.
MUNDRAI	1605		Similar appearance to MUNIKA - remains of small camp fires were seen - coconuts have been cut down.
WALIBOAI	1615		A very well worn track follows inland the major back ridge NORTH of TIWAI RIVER. The track was (N.M.S
			followed to a village consisting of approx 20 huts at 59 4386. Area inland from here was under
			cloud. This village is in very good repair and from appearances is much used. The huts have a tin
			wall to the height of approx 3'.
FUA	1625		2 JAPS seen on the coastal track - JAPS quickly disappeared in kunai. a/c circled and saw at
467932			[illegible] (2) on coastal track a white kit bag and three prostrate bodies. Pilot strafed the area and
			(set fire to the kunai in the vicinity.
			Pilot could not see any coastal guns in this area.
SIALUM	1640		Nothing.

Time and Signature .....

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

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 2 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
KAIAU	1645		...ast - track from KAIAU very well worn and show traces of wheeled vehicles. The inland track from KAIAU to ...EO could not be traced due to low cloud, but where seen showed signs of heavy use.
GENERAL.			The coastal track throughout shows signs of continual use. Most of the coastal villages have indications that they are being used as possible staging areas - remnants of fires, trampled kunai and cut trees are the main indications.
TARGET INFORMATION.			These coastal villages are considered ideal strafing targets using incendiary bullets to set fire to the kunai. Incendiary bombs would be suitable also.

A.L.O.

Time and Signature .....

Name and Rank (BLOCK LETTERS) .....

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

Serviceability:- Op. A/C. S. U.S. Communications A/C. S. U.S.

GHQAP

A.O.B..... DATE 2 NOV * 43 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A.L.O. C.SHAVE. CAPT

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up/	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1. ✓	A46-118	F/O DICKSON		0930	1300	3 hrs 30 min.	LEAD IN STRIKE FORCE & ARTY/R	SUCCESSFUL.
	A46-93	F/O MILLER-RANDLE		0930	1300	3 hrs 30 min	ESCORT	
2.	A20-565	F/Lt GLORESHAW	CAPT.SHAVE (A.L.O.)	1000	1435	30 min.TOTAL FLYING TIME.	TRAVEL	TRAVEL TO DUMPU AND RETURN.
3. ✓	A46-134	F/O DICKSON		1445	1545	1 hr	LEAD IN STRIKE FORCE	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-92	F/O STALEY		1445	1545	1 hr	ESCORT	

DISTs- HQP (2), 2 AUST CORPS, 7DIV, RAR DIARY, FILE.

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Serviceability:- Op. A/C. S. A/C. S. U.S.

DIST: NGP(2),2AUST CORPS,7DIV,21BDE,25BDE,A2.5AF,TAF,35FG,1AUST AL GP,4AC SQN,I/O 4SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE

R. A. A. F.

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A46/118

LOCATION GUSAP | UNIT 4AC SQN | SORTIE No. 1 (7DIV) | A/C No. - TYPE A46/93 | DATE 2 NOV 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE LEAD IN STRIKE ON BRIDGES 7 & 8 BOGADJIM ROAD. ARTY/R GUN POSITION

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	TOTAL	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
PHOTOMAP BAUAK MT KUBARI 1"	F/o Dickson ~~OBSERVER~~ F/o Miller Randle	0930	1300	3hrs 30min	GOOD	CLEAR

Place or Ref	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
DUMPU			(Called up PIP 5 & 2 - advised going to target area - no requests)
BOGADJIM RD	1020		Two runs made by each of the recce a/c - bridges strafed to indicate target. Instructions passed by R/T to bombing a/c to ensure correct bridges.
PHOTO MAP			Only six bombs were observed - these fell at the following map references:- 146140 - 152151 - 154153 - 155154 - 156155 - Recces a/c endeavoured to call off bombing by R/T (but unable to contact) Road still open for traffic. Villages in general area strafed after bombing run.
			8 well laden camouflaged MT heavy MT seen at map ref Mt KUBARI 588848 - strafed by recce a/c. Some rounds .303 seen to enter one truck - otherwise results O.U.
KANKIRYO			Called PIP 5 on return - passed to BUSS for arty/r on gun position 669674.
			Difficulty was experienced in clearing the RIDGE between our new gun position and enemy gun position. Rounds appeared to hit trees on Ridge and fall most erratically. Finally 5 rounds were placed in a radius of 25 yds of gun position. Target registered as D.2..
			Bombing attack 1/11. Enemy gun position. 3 craters were observed in close proximity of target. One crater observed at Map Ref 668673 - a direct hit on cleared area. A further crater observed on rd approx 20x from above Map Ref.
			(Message dropped on PIP 5.)

Time and Signature C.Shave Capt. A.L.O.

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

45 AUST AL SEC (AC)

721- N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DIST:-NGF(2),2AUST CORPS,7DIV,21BDE,25BDE,A2.5AF,TAF,35FG,1AUST AL GP,4AC SQN,I/O 4SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE

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LOCATION CISAP | UNIT 4 AC SQN | SORTIE No. 3 (7DIV) | A C No. - TYPE A46/134 A46/92 | DATE 2 NOV '43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE LEAD IN STRIKE BY 8 P39's ON MGK GUN POSITION MAP REF 669676

REF. MAPS MT KUBARI

PILOT F/o Dickson

OBSERVER F/o Staley

TIME UP 1445

TIME DOWN 1545

TOTAL 1hr

VISIBILITY: FAIR

WEATHER: LOW BROKEN

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
KANKIKYO	1455	3000	(Called PIP 2 requested permission to strike. Granted.) With the exception of one, all bombs landed within a radius of 150x of the target. (The odd bomb landed at 665678.) During the whole of the attack the recce a/c was circling observing results. One appeared to hit an ammunition dump, as a very much larger explosion was observed. Reddish flame and blue smoke were seen at the time of the explosion. This explosion occured at map ref 667676. One bomb caused a shower of uneven shaped and sized fragments. Pilot unable to identify. One bomb appeared to hit road as a shower of brick colored earth was thrown up. 8 x 500lb dropped. Strafing by 2 BOOMERANGS and 4 P39's carried out after strike. Bombing (Very) accurate in spite of trouble caused by low cloud. (On return unable to contact PIP 2 or 5 - R/T trouble. Message dropped on PIP 5)

Time and Signature C.Shave Capt. A.L.O..

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

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/41—10m.

HAMSAB

1 NOV 43

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.L.O. T. C. KEATING CAPT.

Serial No.	A/C No.	Pilots.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Result.
1.	A46-107	F/O CARTER		1335	1535	2 hrs	TAC/R	BAD WEATHER PARTLY SUCCESSFUL
	A46-109	F/O MAURER		1335	1535	2 hrs	ESCORT	

DIST- HQF(2),2 ADVT CORPS,9DIV,WAR DIARY ,FILE.

DIST:- NGF(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,2[illegible]BDE,24BDE,26BDE,A2.5AF,SATF,1AUST AL GP,4AC SQN,I/O 43QN,WAR DIARY,FILE

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NADZAB — 4 AC SQN — SORTIE No. 1 (9DIV) — A.C. No. — TYPE A46/107 A46/109 — DATE 1 NOV '43

LOCATION — UNIT

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: TAC/R of REPORT D JAP CONCENTRATIONS IN AREA VICINITY LAE SC 6173, AND 544626 WEST OF SATELBERG

REF. MAPS: 1/25000 SATELBERG 1st series

PILOT: F/o Carter

OBSERVER: ~~xxxxxx~~ F/o Kruger

TIME UP: 1335

TIME DOWN: 1535

TOTAL: 2hrs

VISIBILITY: BAD

WEATHER: LOW OVERCAST SHOWERS

REPORT—INTERROGATION

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	
SATELBERG	1410		Area completely clouded in - nil observations. Unable to carry out tasks requested by CHARLIE.
MARZO-BONGA	1420		Area completely clouded in - no recce possible.
COASTAL FRINGE SONG R TO BONGA			Own troops dug in 643709 - most NORTHERN defences observed. BONGA - N.H.S.. Foxholes at 655734 are not occupied - some are full of water.
			MINAWEIR R NORTH - SANGA R NORTH - SONG R NORTH.
			Where the coastal track crosses the beaches at these river mouths tracks estimated to be 3' wide and considered to have been formed by iron ~~xxxxx~~ tyred wheels were observed. The tracks are cut deeply into the sand these areas. Along the coastal track between these points the wheeled tracks could not be seen, but it is considered that something has been moved along this track, as the sand on each side is flattened. There has been movement along the coastal track as far NORTH as AGO. The footprints are very plain in the rain soaked track surface.
583883	1435		Smoke was seen in the gully rising from the dense jungle. A/c on return from AGO noticed smoke
	1440		had disappeared. Low cloud and jungle prevented close recce this area.
GENERAL			Bad weather has prevented recce a/c from reaching the FINSCHHAFEN area for 48hrs and from appearance of tracks, much movement has taken place along the coastal track during this time.

Time and Signature: [signature] ALO

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

731—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

A.C.S. CUSAF DATE 1 NOV '43. DAILY RECORD OF AIR EVENTS. A.C.S. G-3 SOWESPAC CAPE

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up/	Down.	Time	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1. ✓	A46-118	F/O DICKSON		1000	1130	1 hr 30 min	LEAD IN STRIKE FORCE	SUCCESSFUL
	A46- 93	F/O MILLER-RADDLE		1000	1130	1 hr 30 min	ESCORT	

DIST:- HQF(2),2 AGST CORPS,7 DIV, WAR DIARY,FILE.

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

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
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Time and Signature.....

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

721—S.G. Press Unit—10/13—10m.

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

A.O.B. [redacted] DATE 10 MAY '43 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A.L.O. T.C.Keating Capt

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up/	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1	A20/[illegible]	F/o Colmer	F/Sgt Swanson	0845	0945	1hr	TAC/R 5DIV	UNSUCCESSFUL
2	A46/107	F/o [illegible]		1005	1220	2hr 15min	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46/115	F/o Lee [illegible]		1005	1220	2hr 15min	ESCORT	

DISTR- MAY(2), 2NEW CORPS, 5DIV, WAR DIARY, FILE.

Serviceability:- O[illegible] A/C. [illegible] S. U.S

DIST:- HGF(2),2 AUST CORPS,A2.5AF, 5 DIV,SATF,I/O 4 AC SQN, 4 AC SQN, WAR DIARY,FILE.

R. A. A. F.

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION NADZAB UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 1. (5DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A20-455 DATE 10 NOV '43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R TO LOCATE CRASHED ENEMY A/C IN BOANA AREA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
BOANA 1"	F/O COLMER	0845	20 MILES BENEATH CLOUDS	MEDIUM OVERCAST
	OBSERVER F/SGT SVENSON	TIME DOWN 0945		
		TOTAL 1 hr		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
BOANA 1"			Those squares could not be recced due to the cloud base being too low.
SQS 4878,5178			The valleys in this area are sheer and it is considered that spotting of a crashed a/c in these
5781, 6182			areas would be very remote.
KEREN 612693			Range on a magnetic bearing of 310 deg was searched but no crashed a/c was seen.

Time and Signature A.L.O.

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

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DIST:- NGF(2),2 AUST INF BDE,9DIV,20BDE,24BDE,26BDE,A2.5 AF,3AIF,35FG,1AUST AL GP,4AC SQN,I/O 4SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE..

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M46/107
M45/115

LOCATION	UNIT	SORTIE No.	A.C.No. - TYPE	DATE
MILNE BAY	4 AC SQN			10 NOV '43

TAC/R COASTAL AREA FROM LONGA TO TIP OF I.R. SOUTH AREA

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	RAIN/WIND/CLOUD
1" series	F/o Whitecross	1007	GOOD	AIR CURRENTS SEVERE TURBULENCE
REF. MAPS	F/o Lee-Werner	1220		
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN 1 hr 15 min		
		TOTAL		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT-INTERROGATION
BOMA	1035	400	Number of coconut trees chopped down - bridge across small creek at 654735 constructed with coconut logs - no definite positions were sighted in coconut or village area. The track to GUSIKO is very distinct, signifying much movement - track is double, could have been used by wheeled traffic - very pronounced.
GUSIKO	1045		The GUSIKO - MAMU track heavily used. At 650745 there is a break in the coral shelf and at high tid as was the case this morning it is considered barges could off load onto the beach here. GUSIKO village in poor condition - chairs and tables seen outside two huts. No sign of suspected coastal gun this area. No particular tracks that could betray movement to possible supply dump areas were seen. The thick coastal jungle fringe here could be used to conceal any stores to great effect, making observation impossible.
KAMLAGIOU PT	1050		There are two sand spits at this point - barges could off load at these points. Three tracks branch
647764			from main coastal track into the four or five huts and jungle belt this area.
641771	1055		Wide prominent track branches from main coastal track at this point to the coast.
636781	1100		Undergrowth and bank cut at this point as if for barges to approach and unload at.
LAKONA	1105		N.M.S.. Village in bad state of repair - remnants of paper and broken boxes were observed near track
			In vicinity of 618803.
MASAWENG R			

Time and Signature .....

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

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

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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
MA ARENIC R SOUTH	1110		What appeared to be 3' wide ground has been cut into river bank at 6090^5, running NORTH for 10yds (approx) into a thick clump of trees. Possible barge unloading point.
FORTIFICATION PT	1115		N.O.S. to signs of coastal guns under any note this area. Village appears deserted.
MANDOKI	1120		Track in village very well worn - possible staging area. N.O.S. not considred suitable area for barge off loading points - coastal cliffs too rugged and steep this area.
AGO	1125		Village is in a coconut grove. In coconut grove there appears to be an area fenced off similar to a cattle yards. Fences three pedal and estimated to be 6' high. Nothing seen in this area. The village area very well worn. Deserted.
TEMAI R SOUTH	1130		This area has numerous native huts in it. KANOKI village appears occupied though, N.O.S. No coastal guns were observed. The track inland along SOUTH of TEMAI R could not be recced due to low cloud. From appearances of villages in this area it is considered this area is definitely a centre of much activity. No signs of any coastal gun observed from air.
			Sunken or U/S barges seen and plotted between TEMAI and KANOKI (not to be considered exhaustive)
			650745 1 barge sunk, 609329 1 barge sunk.
			471357 1 barge U/S, 473941 1 barge U/S.
			480938 1 barge U/S..

Time and Signature.....

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

721 -N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 2 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
COASTAL TRACK			The track throughout its entire length is very well worn. Much movement is considered to be taking place. The going is considered to be comparatively easy. Hand carts could be used with ease, except in vicinity of FORTIFICATION POINT where track zig zags steeply up the terrace.
FINSCHHAFEN AIRFIELD	1150		Message dropped.

Time and Signature..... ALO

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

45 AUST A SIG (AC)

721—S.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C Tasked.

O.C. GRAB DATE 20 AUG 43 A.L.S. C. SLATE. CAPT.

Time	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
	AA6-129	F/O STALEY		1120	1250	1 hr 30 min	ARTY/R	SUCCESSFUL
	AA6-92	F/O HOLTHAM		1120	1250	1 hr 30 min	ESCORT	

DEST :- HQF(2), 2AUST CORPS, 7DIV, 5AR DIARY, FILE.

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

DIST :- NGF(2),2AUST CORPS,7DIV,21BDE,25BDE,A2.5AF,SATF,TATF,35 FG,1AUST AL OP,4 AC SQN,I/O 4 SQN, AR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 1.(7DIV) A.C.No. - TYPE A46-119 A46-92 DATE 10 NOV '43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE ARTY/R ENEMY GUN POSITION A.D.L OF C.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
Mt KUBARI 1"	F/O STALEY	1120	GOOD	LOW BROKEN
	ESCORT OBSERVER F/O HOLYMAN	TIME DOWN 1250		
		TOTAL 1 hr 30 mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
DUMPU	1130	1000'	Called "PIP 5" - passed to "RUSS".
			Communications to gun were bad. Orders relayed by cover a/c to gun.
	1145		Bridge at 649691 selected on L of C. After 3 ranging shots it was obvious target out of range.
	1230		Target x2 (gun position 679669).3 rounds gunfire - all rounds in target area. Gun not observed.
			No further target (suitable) observed on L of C within range of guns. RUSS, PIP 5 and 2 advised to this effect.
			Pilot consider communication difficulties caused by their having to keep below the low cloud base which brought them below the level of the range between them and our gun position.

Time and Signature C. SHAVE. CAPT. A.L.O.

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

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

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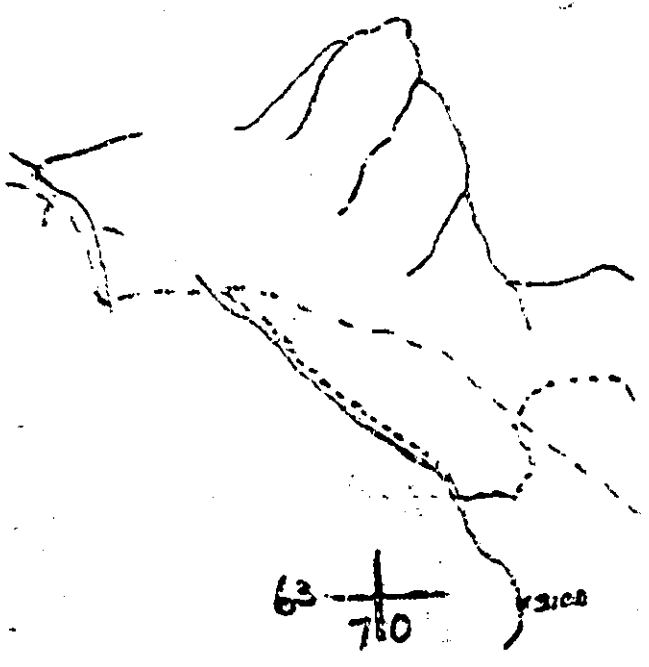
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Sorties	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-92	F/O HOLEMAN		0835	1050	2 hrs 15 min	ARTY/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-119	F/O STALEY		0835	1050	2 hrs 25 min	ESCORT	
2.	A46-93	F/O MILLER-RADDLE		0910	1110	2 hrs	ToC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-118	F/O PIPER		0910	1110	2 hrs	ESCORT	
3.	A46-134	F/L GLORESMAN		1435	1455	20 min	S/D ON DIV	SUCCESSFUL

DIST:- HQT(2), 2 AUST CORPS, 7 DIV, WAR DIARY , FILE.

Serviceability:- OP. A/C. [illegible] A/C S. U/S.

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LOCATION SUSAP UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 1. (7DIV) A.C.No. - TYPE A46-119 A46-9? DATE 9 NOV '43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE ARTY/R GUN & GUN POSITIONS AND MISC. L. of C.

REF. MAPS		PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
DUMPU	1"	F/O [illegible]	0355	GOOD	CLEAR
Mt KUBARI	1"	OBSERVER F/O [illegible]	TIME DOWN 1050		
			TOTAL 2 hrs 15 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height
DUMPU	0850	1000'
	0925	3000' A.G.L.

REPORT—INTERROGATION

Called "PIP 5" - passed to "PIP 2".

"PIP 2" requested ARTY SHOOT on GAP L of C. Wireless in a/c failed - passed task to cover a/c. Cover pilot took over shoot. Requested register gun position 669679. Smoke rounds difficult to observe. First round fell approx 690565 second smoke fell 675675. Difficulty was again experienced by rounds hitting intervening high ground. 4th correction smoke fell in target area. Fifth correction right on target. 2 rounds gunfire ordered. All rounds fell in target area. Observation at completion of shoot showed that the area was fairly blasted. Communications improved on previous shoot. Target recorded x2. "KU43" passed a/c to "PIP 2" forward, who requested search of area 6963. Requested search of river running NE through square. Pilot then searched in square 7164. N.A.D. Communications not good.

Message dropped "PIP 2".

Tracks were observed as per attached tracing.

Time and Signature C. SHAVE. CAPT. A.L.O.

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

7/—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DIST:- HQF(2),2AUST CORPS, 7 DIV,21BDE,25 BDE,A2.5AF,SATF,TATF,35 FG,1AUST AL GP,4 AC SQN,1/O 4 SQN, AR DZARY,FILE.

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 2 (7DIV) A/C No - TYPE A46-93 A46-123 DATE 9 NOV '43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R BOGADJIM ROAD- KIBA -ASAKE - ARIA.

REF. MAPS		PILOT F/O MILLER-RANDLE	TIME UP 0920	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
Mt KUBARI	1"	OBSERVER F/O PEIR	TIME DOWN 1110	GOOD	CLEAR
BOGADJIM	1"		TOTAL 2 hrs		
URIGINA	1"				

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
DUMPU	0920	1000'	Called "PIP 5" - no message.
BOGADJIM RD	0940		Bridge from BAU-AK - 572809 intact. N.M.S between these points. At 585877 a rectangular white canvas awning was observed. Pilot unable to state what was concealed beneath. No action taken by a/c At KWATO the pilot feels that he was shot at by small arms fire. A/c not holed.
KIBA -ASAKE	1000		2 additional loan to's were observed on WESTERN edge of KIBA. All defences are still in good condition. No water in any diggings. N.M.S.
URIA			No trenches or defences were observed. N.M.S.
KUBA			Track from KIBA -KUBA well worn. No defences or diggings observed at KUBA.
			Message dropped on "PIP 5".

Time and Signature Ca. SLAVE. CAPT. A.L.O.

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

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.C.B. ..... DATE ..... A.L. .....

HADCAB — 9 SQN 143 — T.C.Keating, Capt.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Result.
1	A20/455	F/o Calmer	F/Sgt Kerr	0850	1025	1hr 35min	S/D	SUCCESSFULLY
2	A46/107	F/o Whitecross		0850	1110	2hr 20min	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46/115	F/o Lee-Warner		0850	1110	2hr 20min	ESCORT	
3	A46/136	F/o Stewart		0845	1100	2hr 15min	TAC/R	PARTLY SUCCESSFUL
	A46/109	F/o Munro		0845	1100	2hr 15min	ESCORT	

Serviceability:- Op. A/C. S. U.S. Communications A/C. S. U.S.

FIRST ADF(2) AUST CORPS, 9DIV WAR DIARY FILE

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.C.B. ..... DATE ..... A.L. .....

DIST:- NGF, 2AUST CORPS, 9DIV, 1 AUST AL GP, 4 AC SQN, I/O 4 SQN, WAR DIARY, FILE.

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LOCATION NADZAB UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 1. (9DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A20-455 DATE 9 NOV '43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE SUPPLY DROPPING - ASP's ON SALAMAUA POINT

REF. MAPS 1/25000 SERIES

PILOT P/O COLMER

OBSERVER F/SGT KERR

TIME UP 0850

TIME DOWN 1025

TOTAL 1 hr 35 min

VISIBILITY: GOOD

WEATHER: LOW CLOUD

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
SALAMAUA POINT	0935		ASP's dropped successfully.

Time and Signature A.L.O.

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

45 AUST AL SEC (AC)

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DIST- NGF(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,20SDE,24BDE,26BDE,A2,5AF,SATF,35FG,1AUST AD Gp,[illegible],L/S 43SQ,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION MADANG UNIT 4 A/C SQN SORTIE No. 2 (9DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46/107 A46/115 DATE 9 NOV '43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE R/C.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/25000 series 1" sheet	F/o Mitchcross ~~OBSERVER~~ F/s Lee-Archer	0850 TIME DOWN 1110 TOTAL Hrs 20min	CLOUD BASE 2300'	OVERCAST

Place or Ref.	Time	Height
PIOR AND TRACKS LEADING OUTWARDS		
MADANG		

REPORT—INTERROGATION

The village is on a small island platform - re-mnants from the R valley form the island. Consists 12 - 15 huts in fair condition. Recent movement is evident. [illegible]. The track from PIOR to MADANG (1" map) follows SOUTH side of creek bank, down a ridge to 566702 where it enters a clump of coconuts on a small platform. Track from 566702 follows down to creek and crosses SAMU R at 571706(1"m) There is a ford of stones at 571706. From river crossing track follows a steep ridge to village at 566728(1"map) thence to MADANG. Throughout its length much heavy movement has taken place.

PIOR - MADANG (2) - this is a footpad along SOUTHERN bank of creek crossing at headwaters and entering MADANG 544699 from the NORTH. Track is well worn.

PIOR - SATELBERG as shown on 1" map overlay is very well worn, signifying much heavy movement. This track passes through a patch of coconuts growing on an elevated ledge at 560689. This position commands a view along the SAMU R towards SCARLET BEACH. No signs of enemy concentrations or bivouac areas were observed in PIOR or along any of the above mentioned tracks.

The village is still in a dishevelled state. One large building, presumed the mission, appears to have been repaired. It is a patchwork of good and burnt iron on roof and the boards and walls are all colors.

All tracks leading to MADANG heavily used. The SIAGA track in particular is very well worn and much used.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

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

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE.....

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

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	
			The village at 554731 is connected by a fairly well used track. This village is in good condition. [illegible].
MASANGKOO			This village is considered to be wrongly marked on both 1" and 1/25000 series map. Pilots pinpointed MASANGKOO as 1" map, 545689, 1/25000 547693.
			Village in excellent condition - two wood and iron huts in course of construction - suspected movement within these huts.
			The track to SATELBERG is bench cut around the pimple on which MASANGKOO is situated, thence follows SSE along ridge towards SATELBERG.
			From MASANGKOO to the native huts shown on 1/25000 map at 538695, 538698 and 543700 tracks are clearly visible. There is a network of footpads in this area winding down through the valleys. It is considered this area is a possible bivouac area, though [illegible] this morning.
SATELBERG AND FEATURE TO NW			Unable to recce due to low cloud.
1800' FEATURE			Native gardens are situated on WESTERN slopes - these are small in good condition. The tracks leading to them are not particularly worn. On the kunai top no defense positions are visible - one well concealed native hut was seen on WESTERN edge. The SOUTH and EASTERN slopes of this ridge are dissected by numerous re-entrants densely jungled. At 581703 is a landslide - the EASTERN side of kunai patch at this point is very sheer.

Time and Signature

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/E—10m.

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 2 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
			From 581699 to the village 596688 along the top of ridge is a well defined track. Along this track at 588694 is a clump of coconuts in which was seen what appeared to be a tripod in diggings. The diggings were camouflaged by palm leaves strewn over them.
			No weapons or movement seen.
			A track from 579700 joins track as shown on 1/25000 map at 571692. this track quite wide and well worn. The approaches to this feature are very difficult - the numerous re-entrants with their sheer sides offer great obstacles for foot traffic. The tracks mentioned above are situated along the easiest approaches.
2600' FEATURE			Pilot considers correct height of this feature is 2200'. Native ~~mark~~ gardens are situated along NORTHERN slopes - in good repair - no outstanding tracks leading to these gardens. At position approx 578677 there is an open patch in the jungle. In this open patch there are 3 approx 10' wide circular clearings - no diggings seen.
			No defense positions are visible on this feature.
			The track from SATELBERG to this feature is well used and worn.

Time and Signature ..... W.L.O.

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

45 AUST AL SEC (AC).

724 - S.C. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DIST:-NGF(2), 2AUST CORPS, 9DIV, 20BDE, 24BDE, 26BDE, A2.5AF, SATF, 35FG, 1AUST AL GP, 4AC SQN, I/O 4SQN, WAR DIARY, FILE

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LOCATION HADZAB UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 3 (9DIV) A.C No. - TYPE A46/136 A46/109 DATE 9 NOV '43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R TRACK WAREO TO KALASA FOR INDICATION STAGING AREAS AND STATE OF TRACKS

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1" series	F/o Stewart	0845	VARIABLE	LOW CLOUD
	~~F/o~~ F/o Munro	TIME DOWN 1100		
		TOTAL 2hr 15min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
WAREO to KALASA			The track between WAREO & Mt BESENGNA area, where visible is estimated to be approx 6' wide and very well worn signifying much movement. To pinpoint ZAGABESI VILLAGE is almost impossible. The maps are inaccurate and the low cloud ceiling prevented the pilot from getting a panoramic view of this area. In the Mt BESENGNA area the track is a bench cut one, capable of taking hand carts. Low cloud preventing recce of the inland track beyond Mt BESENGNA, the pilot flew to the coast and endeavoured to trace the track inland from TEMAI R mouth. This track where visible is well worn and appears to be well used - low cloud prevented close recce of the track and the villages along it. The weather conditions prevailing, really made this sortie unsuccessful.

Time and Signature ALO

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

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

A.U.B..... A.L.U.....

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up/	Dorm.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1	A46/119	F/o Staley		0835	1055	2hr 40min	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46/92	F/o Holyman		0835	1055	2hr 40min	ESCORT	

DIST:-HQF,2AUST CORPS,7DIV,WAR DIARY ,FILE.

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

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R. A. A. F.

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 1 (7DIV) A.C.No. TYPE A46/119 A46/92 DATE 8 NOV '43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE LOCATE NEW GUN POSITION 670675 - TAC/R AND STRAFF OPPORTUNITY TARGETS ON TRACK.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
DUMPU 1"	F/o Staley	0835	FAIR - POOR	LO: BROKEN
Mt KUBARI 1"	~~XXXXXXX~~ F/o Holyman	TIME DOWN 1055		
		TOTAL 2hr 20min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
DUMPU	0845	1000'AGL.	Called PIP 5 - no response. Called PIP 2 - no response.
SUSPECTED GUN POSITION	0900	50/2000'	At 669679 a possible gun position was located. At this point the ground appears to have been levelled for an area 50 x 10'. A road consisting of a series of cleared 10' wide areas joined by a track runs from 665678, curving NE past two shacks and a hut to 669675. N.M.S. No sign of weapon. A second possible position was observed at 668676. At this point there was also a levelled area. A track runs from this point around the spur to 669677, where a gun could be concealed and out of range of our guns, by virture of being behind the spur. N.M.S..No sign of weapon. All tracks mentioned above bear the appearance of having being repaired, subsequent to the recent strike & arty
TRACK BERRUNGGE BANGRI			A thorough search was made throughout the length as marked on map. The only glimpse obtained (shoot. by pilot was at ref 812743. There is a slight clearance at this point for approx 25x and had the appearance of being used.
	1000'	40/500'	Pilot unable to ascertain from inspection how well or recently used, Cloud conditions were against (observation.
			BOMBING INFORMATION:- Pilot suggests approach ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ from a SOUTHERLY direction with left hand breakaway for gun position, and from NW direction approach up the valley for the possible hideout position with slight right hand breakaway.
	1005		Called PIP 2 - passed to RUSS who requested shoot. Pilot advised had only 30 mins petrol. RUSS agreed sufficient time. A/c had to return to base to obtain comms. Three ranging rounds called for.

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—1m. Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 1 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
			Clouds interfered with observation - comms then went out - pilot returned to base.
			Message dropped on PIP 5 and PIP 2.

Time and Signature C.Shave, Capt. ALO

Time passed to Public Div. etc.....

45 AUST AL SEC (AC)

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/13—30m.

A.O.B. [redacted] DATE. 8 NOV '43. DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A.L.O. [redacted], Capt.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up/	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1	A20/955	F/o Colmer	F/Sgt Dronson	1208	1230	2 hrs 2 min	PH/R	SUCCESSFUL

DIST:- MEF(2), 2AUST CORPS, 90IV, WAR DIARY, FILE.

Serviceability:- Ch. A/C. S. U.S. A/C. S. U.S.

SECTION A.

Serial No..HAD.5/13.

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SECTION B.

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PILOTS SIGNATURE....F/o.Colmer.....

CAMERA OPERATOR...F/Sgt.Svenson.....

A/C NUMBER...A20/455.... SORTIE..1(9DIV)

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. OR NAME	EXPOSURE SPEED APER.	REMARKS.
V1	1100	3000' ASL	644472 NADZAB 1"	06 38' S	1/250 F5.6	RUN 1
V15			643521 "	146 59' E		
V16	1110	"	653453 "	"	"	RUN 2
V33			652508 "	"	"	
V34	1120	"	668452 "	"	"	RUN 3
V49		"	664506 "	"	"	
V51	1130	"	673451 "	"	"	RUN 4
V66		"	673505 "	"	"	
V67	1140	"	682450 "	"	"	RUN 5
V79		"	682499 "	"	"	
				Course 360deg GRID.		

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.C.B. [redacted]

DATE. 7. [redacted]. 43.

FIL SORTIES.

T.C. [redacted], Capt. ..... A.L.O.

DLIS:- [redacted](2), 2AUST CORPS, 9DIV, HAR DIARY, FILE.

Serviceability:- Op. A/C. S. U.S. Communications A/C. S. U.S.

A.O.B. GUSAF DATE. 2 NOV 943 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A.L.O. Go.4Gt&Ts...Gaft.....

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up/	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A20-565	F/O GEYER	L/COL. GAMER	0915	1015	2 hrs Total flying time.	TRAVEL TO DUMPU AND GARUKA	A/C started on ground at GARUKA.

DISTR- HQF(2), 2 ASST CORPS, 7DIV, WAR DIARY, FILE.

Serviceability:- Op. A/C. S. U.S. Communications A/C. S. U.S.

A.O.B. [illegible] DATE 14 NOV'43

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.L.O. [illegible]

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task and Area.	Remarks and Result.
1	A46-92	F/O KILLEN -	RANDLE	0845	1000	1hr 15m	ARCH/R	
	A46-118	F/O [illegible]		0845	1000	1hr 15m	ESCORT	SUCCESSFUL
2	A46-92	F/O STALEY		0830	1050	2hrs 20m	TAC/R	
	A46-118	F/O MASSON		0830	1050	2hrs 20m	ESCORT	"
3	A20/507	F/O GUYOT						
		F/SGT OSBELL	(Obsvr)	1525	1625	1hr 10m	PHOTO/R	"

DIST:- HQF(2), FIGHT CORPS, DIV, SQN DIARY, FILE.

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

DIST:- NGF(2),2 AUST CORPS,7DIV,21BDE,25BDE,2.5AF,SASF,TAIF,35 FG,1AUST AL GP, 4 AC SQN,I/O 4 SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION CITSAP UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 1. (7DIV) A.C No. - TYPE A46-93 A46-118 DATE 14 NOV'43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE ARTY/R ENEMY GUN POSITION MAP REF 658685.

REF. MAPS	PILOT F/O MILLER-RANDLE	TIME UP 0845	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
DAIPA 1/25000	ESCORT	TIME DOWN 1000	GOOD	CLEAR
	OBSERVER F/O HOLMAN	TOTAL 1 hr 15 mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
KANKIRYO		2000' ASL	Called "RUSH" who requested observation of fall of rounds on gun position. First round gun fire. 1 fell 50 yds left of target. 2 fell 100 yds left of target. Fourth round hit ridge. Second round troop fire - one gun 50 yds plus 2 gun 50 yds left and 3 50 yds left. Fourth hit ridge. Third round troop fire. 1 and 2 guns on target. 3 gun 50 yds short. 4 hit ridge. Smoke and H.E. falling practically in same spot. Requested also target on L. of C. None observed within range of guns.
			KANKIRYO pin-pointed as at 642702. No village observed at point marked on map.
			Gun position looks as though it has not been used in last 48 hrs. At gun hideout at REF 658694 two planks have been laid down as a ramp over a small gutter carrying water. The tracks previously reported lead over the above planks. Leaves were scattered over the tracks. [illegible]

Time and Signature C. SHAVE. CAPT. A.L.O.

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

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DIST:-NGF(2),2AUST CORPS,7DIV,21BDE,25BDE,AP.5AF,SATF,TATF,35 FG,1AUST AL GP,4 AC SQN, I/O 4 SQN, WAR DIARY, FILE.

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LOCATION CUSAP UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 2. (7DIV) A.C. No. - TYPE A46-92 A46-119 DATE 24 NOV'43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE PAC/R BOUNDARY - BARUM/KABENAU RIVER.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
Kt KUBARI 1"	P/O STALEY	0230	GOOD	CLEAR
	OBSERVER P/O WILSON	TIME DOWN 2050		
		TOTAL 2 hrs 20 mins.		

REPORT—INTERROGATION

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	
	0340	1000' ASL	Called "12 5 and 2" - no contact WINDSOR a/c. Started from headwaters USA RIVER to junction KABENAU RIVER. No tracks. N.M.S.
KABENAU RIVER			Track picked up at 724776 - this cut bend of river to 724735, then follows river bed to 738902, then following river bank to 735922. Unable to follow from that point due to heavy timber. Track well worn - recently used. N.M.S.
NANGAPO			A track from 733877 SOUTH through village up spur to 732857. Heavy timber precluded any further pin-pointing. A further track from village leads in direction of river, but not traced throughout its length.
BARUM	0940	40/1000' ASL	Track from NANGAPO to BARUM was seen again at 730834 for a length of approx 1000 yds and again for a 1000 yds from BARUM S.W. A further track from BARUM running NE for approx 1200 yds was out of land- well worn and recently used. The villages at BARUM - DAGU - BAPA are in good condition and well used. All these villages gave the appearance of being used by other than natives. N.M.S.
VILLAGE REF 782892			A large village in good condition - does not appear to be well used. Grass was seen to be growing between huts. Track worn and appears recently used. NW track from GERIK SUNGEI not observed. NORTHERN triangular track well worn - recently used. Track from BAPA-GERIK passes through center of village.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—100m.

R. A. A. F.

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

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.....		
		TOTAL.....		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
BANORI			Track from SUNGEI to BANORI well worn. WESTERN loop as at GUA indicated on map not observed. From BANORI - BIRRINGO no track was observed. Country very heavily timbered - very steep and rugged. A lean-to hut was observed at 785639. No tracks to or from were observed.

Time and Signature C. SHAVE CAPT.

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc A.L.O.

45 AUST AL SEC (AC).

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

SECTION A.

Serial No. GUS 3/20

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UNIT. 4 AC SQN

DATE. 24 NOV 43

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SECTION B.

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PILOTS SIGNATURE. F/O GUYOT

CAMERA OPERATOR. F/S ...

A/C NUMBER. A20-502 ..... SORTIE 3 ...

A. BRIGHT SUNLIGHT.

B. ~~SUN-OBSCURED BY A/C~~.

C. DULL.

D. ~~WET FOG~~.

EXPOSURE NUMBERS.	TIME	HEIGHT	SUBJECT INCL. COURSE & SPEED.	POSITION LAT & LONG REF. OR NAME	EXPOSURE SPEED APER.	REMARKS.
F1 - F4		500'	DUMPU STRIPS 1 and 3	DUMPU 1/63060 60 50	1/300 F8	BRIGHT SUNLIGHT
F5 - F7		1000	" " 1 and 3	145 43° E 5 51° S	" "	" "
F8 - F11		500	GUSAP " 2 and 4	145 57° E	1/250 F5.6	DULL
F12 - F15		1000	" " 2 and 4	06 03° S	" "	"

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS

A.O.B. MADANG..... DATE 14 NOV 43 A.L.O. T. C. KEATING . CAPT

Sortie No	A/C No	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down	Over Area	Task & Area	Remarks & Result.
1.	A46-115	F/O LEE-HARMER		0725	0940	2 hrs 15 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-107	F/O WHITECROSS		0725	0940	2 hrs 15 mins	ESCORT	

DISTs- HQF(2),2 AUST CORPS, 9 DIV, WAR DIARY, FILE.

DISTR-BGP(2),2 [illegible] 9DIV,2[illegible] 9DIV,20[illegible],24[illegible],26[illegible],A2.5AF,3AF,35FG,1 [illegible] AL Gp,4 AC SQN,I/O 4 SQN,AIR DEPT, FILE.

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION MADANG UNIT 4 AC [illegible] SORTIE No. 1. (9DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46-115 / A46-107 DATE 16 JAN'43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible] RIVER MOUTH TO MADANG AND INLAND AREA OF 20 MILES

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1" ARMY	P/O [illegible]	0725	EXCELLENT	MOD. CLOUD
	OBSERVER P/O [illegible]	TIME DOWN 0940		
		TOTAL 2 hrs 15 mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
GUANZANG	0800		Pilot en route to the area observed approx 30 natives in the village
VILLAGE SQ 4666			ntives dispersed quickly as a/c circled village.
TEMAI RIVER MOUTH		7000'	The coastal track from [illegible] to TEMAI RIVER mouth is most pronounced - considered capable
AREA		A.S.L.	of taking MT. Each activity apparent this area. Five barges were seen on the beach between
			KANAMI and TEMAI RIVER mouth. From the height a/c was flying pilot unable to closely recce coastal (area.
1. TRACK MADE		500'	From KANAMI and 480935 two tracks run inland on a bearing of 170 deg. magnetic on NORTH
KANAMI TO			bank of TEMAI RIVER. These tracks join at spur of ridge at 468917 - thence the track follows
YAMANZANG			NORTH bank of river to 450950 where there is a village of 50 huts. Village in excellent condition.
			Track continues NORTH of river to 440995 where there is another village of 16 huts. From here the
			track zig-zags down the valley side and crosses TEMAI RIVER at 440980 and thence SE to village of
			40 huts at 445967. Track runs [illegible] to village of estimated 50 huts in SQ 6484 thence WEST to
			YAMANZANG village.
YAMANZANG TO			From YAMANZANG the track runs [illegible] to approx 380835 where pilot reports is a village of approx 70
MADANG SANDALS SQ			huts. Track then winds down to MADANG on [illegible] track village SQ 4073 to cross MAKARENG RIVER headwaters
AREA			in vicinity [illegible] 4072,4176. The track is considered to divide into two [illegible] more in SQ 4175
			as a track runs along ridge NORTH of [illegible] RIVER to MADANG and

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Time and Signature

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 1. C/T'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
			one along ridge SOUTH of SAMO RIVER to SATELBERG. The actual junction is not visible from the air. Tracks as shown on 1" map leading to JAPEO and SATELBERG on ridges NORTH and SOUTH of SAMO RIVER respectively are considered comparatively accurate.
2. STATE OF TRACK.			The track throughout is wide and well worn indicating comparatively heavy and constant activity. It is considered that JAPANESE hand carts could be used on this track though no evidence of them having been used was observed. Native carriers would be needed to carry supplies stores in area as the track crosses the headwaters of the TEGAI - and MASA-MAU RIVERS. The approaches to YAMAMAKO area also are very precipitous and it is considered native carrier lines would be required here. The track SOUTH of SAMO RIVER to SATELBERG is very pronounced - far greater activity is apparent along this track than the one NORTH of SAMO RIVER to JAPEO. The MARATUO - SATELBERG track in particular shows most pronounced wear.
3. STAGING AREAS.			The villages pinpointed at 450890, 440895, 445867, SQ 4434, 380835 and YAMAMAKO 400847 are all in excellent condition and signs of activity are evident. Smoke was rising from most villages as a/c approached the area but quickly disappeared as a/c passed area. The gardens in the vicinity of these villages are in a well kept condition - a number have been freshly cultivated. Tracks to the gardens are numerous and all signify movement along them. Natives seen in these villages all quickly took cover on approach of a/c.

Time and Signature.....

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

721—S.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 1 a C.R.T.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
GENERAL			The topography of this country does not permit low treetop flying and hence the usual close recce was not able to be carried out. From appearances of this track it is evident that either the enemy is moving reinforcements along this route, or else organised native carrier lines are moving along it regularly – the wear is uniform throughout.

Time and Signature..... A.C.O.

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

45 AUST AL SEC (AC).

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.O.R. HADZAB DATE 13 NOV '43 A.L.O. T.C. KEATING CAPT.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task and Area.	Remarks and Result.
1.	A46-132	F/O STEWART		0730	1015	2 hrs 45 mins.	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-109	F/O MUNRO		0730	1015	2 hrs 45 mins	ESCORT	
2.	A46-107	F/O LEE -WARNER		1030	1100	30 mins	ARTY/R	UNSUCCESSFUL -BAD
	A46-115	F/O WHITECROSS		1030	1100	30 mins	ESCORT	WEATHER
3.	A20-455	F/O COLMER	F/SGT KERR	1400	1500	1 hr	PHOTO/R	SUCCESSFUL

DIST:- HQF(2), 2 AUST CORPS, 9DIV, WAR DIARY, FILE.

DIST:-HQ(2),2nd [illegible],3rd [illegible],26th [illegible],[illegible] A. Corps HQ [illegible] L/O 43 Gp, CRE 71-Fd, Files.

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. [illegible] A/C No. - TYPE [illegible] DATE 13 [illegible]

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible] 617730

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
[illegible]	[illegible]	0930	V. GOOD	FIELD-BROKEN CLOUD DEVELOPING
1" [illegible]	OBSERVER [illegible]	TIME DOWN [illegible]		
		TOTAL [illegible]		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	0915		[illegible] of [illegible] visible to the [illegible] due to low cloud over area developing (fact.
[illegible] area			Village of [illegible] completely [illegible] with the Mission building in the c[illegible]. It is in good order - signs of occupation very evident. To the [illegible] on a ridge approx 400yds [illegible] the village [illegible] is a water installation. Huts [illegible] are estimated to be [illegible] as ordinary native hut. This vicinity was shown signs of activity throughout. The pilot [illegible] was [illegible] to be [illegible] ([illegible] - [illegible] to touch it with.) This area was not plainly viewed by above observations made by pilot en route to [illegible] track.
[illegible]			Villages of many bivouac area observed 300yds NORTH of [illegible] (the villages at 565727 and 571727 [illegible] track and vehicle - tracks through them show signs of activity.)
[illegible]			[illegible] observed at [illegible] as being under construction is really being demolished. All roofing [illegible] from the end hut.
[illegible]			[illegible] were observed at 582672 - quickly took cover.
			[illegible] a number of troops radiate from a large circular camouflage area. It is [illegible] with camouflage formed the enemy [illegible]. Further footmls [illegible] observed approx 10m to the right of this position. This position was engaged by A/C - 6lb troop firing - position well registered accurately. Three rounds gun fire brought to bear on target - no direct hits [illegible] - very near misses observed. Registered as [illegible] 95.

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc [illegible]

111—N.G. Press, Unit—10/48—10m.

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 1. C.R.S. 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
			Ford at 452 214 [illegible] was also engaged by [illegible] fire but pilot could not stay to complete registration due to lack of petrol. Last ranging rounds observed fell on forward slopes of area within 100 yds of ford.
549677			There is a suspected gun position - two sheets roofing iron were seen in this area today.
LAKES AREA			The area adjacent to the JAPATUO - SATELBERG track indicates much activity.
SQ 6172 - 6173			No signs of enemy bivouac area observed.

Time and Signature..... Capt. A.A.C.

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

45 ADVANCE AL SEC (AC).

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/8—10m.

PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE REPORT. PROFORMA 16.

SECTION A.

Serial No. NAD 6/19

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UNIT. 4 AC SQN.

DATE. 13 NOV '43.

CAMERA NO. F.24.

F/L of LENS. 5"

FILTER. K2

MAGAZINE NO.

REMARKS AND SIGNATURE OF PHOTO OFFICER.

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1. ALLIED GOEG. SECTION CAPT MASON

SECTION B.

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PILOTS SIGNATURE. P/O. COLMER.

CAMERA OPERATOR. F/SGT. KERR.

A/C NUMBER. A20-455 SORTIE. 3

A. BRIGHT SUNLIGHT. YES
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.
V10 V14	1415	3000'	JUNC WATUT AND MARKHAM RIVERS	LAT 6 40' S LONG 146 30' E	1/250 5.6	

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.O.3 [redacted] DATE 23 NOV. '43.

NIL SORTIES.

DIST :- RCAF(2),2 AUST CORPS,7 DIV,HAS BLANK,FILE,C.O. SHAFE....CAFE....A.L.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS

A.Q.R. GUNBY DATE 12.NOV.43 A.L.O.'s. SHAVE...SAFT.....

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task and Area.	Remarks and Result.
1.	A46-137	F/O MILLER-HANDLE		0645	0830	1 hr 45 mins.	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-93	S/L MUNRO		0645	0830	1 hr 45 mins.	ESCORT	
	A46-118	F/O PIZER		0645	0830	1 hr 45 mins.	"	

DIST:- HQF(2),2AUST CORPS,7DIV,WAR DIARY,FILE.

DIST:- NGF(2), 2 AUST CORPS, 7 DIV, 21BDE, 25BDE, A2.5AF, SATF, TATF, 35 FG, 1 AUST AL GP, 4(AC) I/O 4 SQN, WAR DIARY, FILE.

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LOCATION. GUSAP UNIT 4AC SQN SORTIE No. 1 (7Div) A/C No. - TYPE A46-118 DATE 12 NOV'43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R WAUNTI-BERRINGGE REPORTED JAP OCCUPATION.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
DUMPU 1"	P/O MILLER-RADDLE	0645	GOOD	CLEAR
GUSAP 1"	ESCORT OBSERVER S/L LEMMO	TIME DOWN 0830		LOW-BROKEN
MT SUBAU 1"	F/O PIPER	TOTAL 1 hr 45 mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	0700	5000' A.S.L.	BANKOKXIO - BUTEMU are as per map. WAUNTI has now been placed as at 034464. Track from BUTEMU to WAUNTI well defined and used and approx as per map. Track from BUTEMU to DAHA was observed for most of its length - well used. Track from BERINE to GOMEMU observed from SQ 9952 to GOMEMU - not over well used. Track from GOMEMU to BOINE well used. NORTHERN half. Native in BOINE ran for cover on approach of a/c. Track from approx MUNGO to junction EAST of SISEBA a normal native track - not particularly well used. Unable to follow track to BERRINGGE owing to low cloud.
	0740	8000 A.S.L.	All villages contained natives - smoke was issuing from all villages observed. A gap was observed in the ranges in the area approx 9966. 2-3 miles SE of which there is a basin of approx 2 mile diameter. Round covered in which many tracks were observed. An occasional hut scattered throughout the basin - no natives seen - no smoke from huts. One large and one small lake was observed. The gap and lakes were not accurately pinpointed. Accurate position will be stated in future report. Present REF approx only.
			Message dropped on "PIP 5".

Time and Signature C. SHAVE. CAPT A.L.O.

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

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C Tasks.

T.C. RATING CAPT.

...Squ... Eastad..... DATE 12 NOV '43 A.L. .....

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Time	Remarks & Results
	A46-107	F/O WHITCOMBE		1020	1250	2 hrs 30 min	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-115	F/O LEE WARNER		1020	1250	2 hrs 30 min	ESCORT	

DIST:- HQF(2),2 AUST CORPS,9 DIV, WAR DIARY,FILE.

Communications A/C. 3. U.S.

AT:- HQF(2),2AG CO 5,9DIV,RAA 9DIV,20DE,26BDE,26BDS,42FD,2AF,35FC,4[illegible],I/O 4SIG,HAR PARTY,PILC

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION: Base B | UNIT: 4 [illegible] | SORTIE No.: 1 (SEA) | A/C No. - TYPE: A46/107 A46/115 | DATE: 12 NOV '43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: [illegible] LAE 649760.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/50000 series	F/O [illegible]	1100		
	OBSERVER: F/O Lee Jamar	TIME DOWN: 1390	7-8000	CLEAR
		TOTAL: 2hr 30min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
MCKR			Base established with BILL - reception excellent.
			R/T Ops:- TARGET ZERO 5A. Larson entrance 649760.
	1140-1215		Target registered in reference to ZERO 6B RUNWAY POINT. Two troops registered the target accurately. During this time target it was observed that the sea was breaking through the lagoon entrance and sand bar across the entrance could be seen through the water. Mangroves are dense around edge of lagoon and their jungle extends to a depth of approx 500m - ground beneath could be seen.
TAC/R			
WATSO	1100		R.A.F.. The village area is a mass of ruin - the through tracks do not stand out in contrast to general area village area. The area in SQ ASP 213, 4, 5, 85, has numerous tracks leading to it from WATSO - timber has been cut down in this area. There is water in the creek this area.
TO BUNA TRACK			The track where visible through the dense jungle shows signs of activity. The jungle makes a close recce impossible. From lake area to the coast at BUNA the track can be followed closely. It is apparent movement is taking place continuously along this track. From 631728 a track branches to the NNW to the jungle at 637765.
ROAD TO BUNA			This small length of track show definite signs of wheeled traffic throughout. It is much wider than the inland and northern coastal track. The bridge across the very small creek at 657741 is very solidly constructed out of coconut logs. It is considered to be 5' wide.

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

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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
BUNGA 473180			N.M.S.. No enemy positions are visible from the air in this area.
VILLAGE 595725			The new igloo shaped structure reported on 11 NOV as being in village 59 6071 is now established as being in village 595725.

Time and Signature..... A/LO

Time Passed to Bde, 85 SQN AL SEC (nc)

724—N.41, Press Unit—10/43—10m.

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

A.O.B. MADANG DATE 11 A.M '43 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A.L.O. T.C.Keating, Capt.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up/	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1	A46/115	F/o [illegible]		1330	1545	2hr 15min	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46/109	F/o Lee Turner		1330	1545	2hr 15min	ESCORT	
2	A20/455	F/o Stewart	Capt Keating	1345	1755	1hr 40min AFT	TRAVEL	TO FINSCHHAFEN & RETURN TO MADANG

DISTR:- HQ[illegible]

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

DIST:-NGF(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,20BDE,24BDE,26BDE,AHQ,5AF,SAEF,35 FG,1 AUST AC G'P,4 AC SQN,I/O 4 SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE

R. A. A. F.

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A46/109
A46/115

11 NOV '43

LOCATION: HADZAB | UNIT: 4 AC SQN | SORTIE No: | A/C No - TYPE: | DATE:

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: TAC/R. TO CONTACT CHARLIE FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

REF. MAPS: 1/25000 series, 1" series | PILOT: F/O [illegible] | OBSERVER: F/O Lee [illegible] | TIME UP: 1330 | TIME DOWN: 1545 | TOTAL: 2hr 15min | VARIABILITY OF CLOUD: [illegible] | LOW WEATHER:

Place or Ref.	Time	Height
	1405	
WAREO		
WAREO FIOR TRACKS		
FIOR		
MASANGKOO SATELBERG		
TRACK		
SATELBERG MARARUO TRACK.		

REPORT/INTERROGATION

COMMUNICATIONS:- A/c endeavoured to contact [illegible] without success. BCB answered. Orders to a/c were to recce FIOR WAREO track for bivouac sites and engage opportunity targets zuckmark with arty Area clouded. N.M.S.. At 577736 cut bush timber was observed alongside track. Approx 400x WEST of WAREO, on track, was seen what appeared to be a sheet of iron (roofing).

Numerous small tracks lead from WAREO village into the jungle river valley at ASP 213, 543. The two tracks as shown on the 1" map overlay show definite signs of constant heavy activity. Tr are double - hand carts could be easily used.

The crossing of SING R at 570707 (1" map) is considered to be a rough wooden bridge on piles, not suspension bridge. The area from this crossing for a radius of approx 200x shows signs of occupation - broken boxes and papers are littered about. N.M.S.. No defensive diggings were seen along the tracks or at the crossing area.

N.M.S.. Considered village is not used - has a deserted appearance.

This track is very well worn and distinct. It is a double track with deep wheel ruts. The track considered to follow route, MASANGKOO to 550693 then SW along ridge to 547688, thence SOUTH to 547684, thence SE to 552782, thence SOUTH to the SATELBERG MARARUO track at 553679.

At 553678 is a suspected gun pit - three small tracks lead to this pit. No weapons seen in pit.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

731 - No. 6, Press Unit—10/43—1000.

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 1 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
VILLAGE 3Q 6071			A new igloo shaped bush house was observed - no door or opening ~~in it~~ was seen. The foliage used to build this hut was still green.
1800' FEATURE			Round top of ridge is criss crossed by numerous tracks - what appeared to be litter was strewn in front.

ALO

Time and Signature.....

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

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/B—10m.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C Tasks.

I.C.B. OUSAP DATE 11 NOV * 43 A.L.O. C. SLAVE. CAPT

No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Result.
1.	A46-93	F/O MILLER-RANDLE		0830	0950	1 hr 20 min	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-118	S/L MUNRO		0830	0950	1 hr 20 min	ESCORT	
	A46-134	F/O FIXER		0830	0950	1 hr 20 min	"	
2.	A46-119	F/O HOLYMAN		1145	1405	2 hrs 20 min	ARTY/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-93	F/L OLORENSHAW		1145	1405	2 hrs 20 min	ESCORT	
3.	A46-93	F/O STALEY		1450	1625	1 hr 35 min	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-118	F/O MASSON		1450	1625	1 hr 35 min	ESCORT	

DIST:- HQF(2),2 AUST CORPS,7DIV, AR DIARY,FILE.

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

DIST:-NGF(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,21BDE,25BDE,A2.5AF,SATF,TATF,35FG,1AUST AL GP,4AC SQN,I/O 4SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE

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A46/93
A46/118
A46/134

LOCATION GUSAP | UNIT 4 AC SQN | SORTIE No. 1 (7DIV) | A.C No. - TYPE | DATE 11NOV '43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R WAMUNTI AREA LOCATE REPORTED JAP PATROL

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
AMARI 1"	F/o Miller Randle	0830	GOOD	LOW CLOUD
GUSAP	OBSERVER S/L Munro	TIME DOWN 0950		
		TOTAL 1hr 20min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			Track along GUSAP RIVER from foothills to 670182 quite well defined. From 670182 - 072377 there do not appear to be any definite track. A number of pads emanate from these points and end in the Track from 072377 to WAMUNTI was not observed. WAMUNTI was pinpointed at 032457 where natives ran on approach of a/c. At approx 025442 a village was observed. Fairly well kept. N.M.S.. Smoke was seen at the following points, 033448, 042447, 073425. At the two latter references the smoke cleared after a/c passed over. At BUTEMU quite a number of natives were observed - did not run on approach of a/c. At BANKOKONA the village is in two parts. Many natives were seen - they waved to a/c. N.M.S at 072377.

Time and Signature ALO

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

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

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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

Time and Signature ...

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc ...

724—S.G. Press Unit—10/43—30m.

DIST:- NGF(2),2AUST CORPS,7DIV,21BDE,25BDE,A2.5AF,SATF,TATF,35 FG,1AUST AL GP,4 AC SQN,I/O 4 SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 3. (7DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46-93 A46-118 DATE 11 NOV '43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE T.A.C/R MABEMAU RIVER NANGAPO TO HEADWATERS

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
Mt KIBARI 1"	F/O STALEY	1450	FAIR	LOW BROKEN
	OBSERVER F/O MASSON	TIME DOWN 1625		
		TOTAL 1 hr 35 mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
DUMPU			Called "PIP 5" - passed to "PIP 2" who requested recce track BANGRI - BERRINGGE.
GERIK			Track from GERIK WEST across river is as per MAP. Well defined - well worn. shows signs of recent use. An additional track was seen from 800885 along ridge to 793865. Thick jungle precluded pilot from observing further. Well worn and recently used passes through 3 -4 small coconut groves.
SUNGUM			Track from GERIK to SUNGUM not observed. Track from SUNGUM to BANGRI was observed for practically its own length. Throughout appeared good - well worn - recently used. Cloud prevented further T.A.C/R of track to BERRINGGE.
			BANGRI - one additional hut in course of construction. Tracks in village well worn. recently used. Gave the impression of being used by other than natives, by reason of the fact that tracks were apparent as against a general padding effect caused by natives.
NANGAPO			Village in good condition. On first pass by a/c 8 - 9 small heaps of white ashes were seen. On second visit one fire had livened up and smoke was seen to be rising from it. These patches of fire were on knolls overlooking the river in the area REF 783867. This village gave the impression of being used by natives only.
			A track was observed from 721780 following general line of river along slopes to 731757 where it crosses the river, then follows the ridge to ALTSON.
			A track was observed at REF 728770.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. No 3 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
			AMUSIM is a well kept and orderly village. The NORTHERN approach from river for two hundred yds was lined with yellow flowers. From AMUSIM the track follows the spur to the river at 760727. It then follows the bed of the river to 776716. At this point the valley becomes very narrow - cloud base low - pilot unable to continue search. At 709675 a well worn track was observed for approx 30 yds. Cloud prevented further recce.
			Cloud base prevented a really thorough search of the river. It is considered that barges could not navigate river in area under this recce. At NANGAPO rapids extend for 200 yds.
			Message dropped on "PIP 5 and 2".

Time and Signature..... C. SHAVE. CAPT. A.L.O.

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

45 AUST AL SEC (AC).

721—N.41, Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.C.B..ARMAMENT DATE...19.NOV.'43 A.L.O....T.C.KEATING...CAPT

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task and Area.	Remarks and Result.
1.	A46-135	F/O LEE WARNER		1430	1610	1 hr 40m	ARTK/E	UNSUCCESSFUL DUE TO WEATHER.
	A46-109	F/O WHITECROSS		1430	1610	1 hr 40m	ESCORT	
2.	A46-132	F/O MUNRO		1430	1610	1 hr 40m	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-137	F/SGT SALTER		1430	1610	1 hr 40m	ESCORT	

DIST:-BGF(2),21ST CORPS,2DIV,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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

DIST:-NGS(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,RAA 9DIV,30BDE,24BDE,26BDE,A2.5AT,3ATF,35FD,1AUST AL GP,4 AC SQN,1/O 4 SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION APPROACHES UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 2. (9DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46-132 DATE 19 NOV '42

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R (1) [illegible] AREA (11) [illegible] (111) COASTAL TRACK BONGA TO AGO.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/25000	W/O [illegible]	1630	15 MILES	COAST CLEAR
1" SERIES	OBSERVER F/L [illegible]	TIME DOWN 1610		HILLS LOW CLOUD
		TOTAL 1 hr 42 mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
MAJANGKOO	1505		[illegible] Coast under cloud and [illegible] interpretation not possible. In SQ 5469 1/25000 series areas have been completely cleared of jungle as a result of airstrike. At 553705 1" series on the lip of a [illegible] feature [illegible] have counted 12 these deep and wide craters very obvious - [illegible] not in contrast to remainder of bomb craters. No signs of bivouac areas seen in cleared up region. 531710 1" series a number of small tracks were seen leading into valley to the west, tracks show signs of activity - N.M.S.
FIOR - MARZO	1510		N.M.S. One ARTY observed engaging village 595725.
TRACK MARZO - BONGA	1515		N.M.S. - track continues to show signs great activity.
COASTAL TRACK			
613847	1520		Crashed ZEKE with burnt cockpit observed - plane appears to have crashed landed in tunnel.
MABANENG RIVER MOUTH	1525		Several small tracks observed on NORTH and SOUTH banks in vicinity of river mouth. N.M.S.
SANGA RIVER MOUTH	1530		At 610606 on a spur overlooking the two narrow coastal terraces foxholes were seen with numerous footpads leading to them. No weapons or movement sighted. At 612609 a quantity of what appeared to be flotsam was observed in a small coastal inlet.

Time and Signature .....

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

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/42—10m.

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 2. C.R.U. 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
638621	1535		What appeared to be a serviceable barge "type 3" was seen drawn up on the rocks. A/c strafed the barge - claimed to have holed barge. Whilst a/c were strafing barge AA fire was observed coming from the plantation in this area. The growth in the plantation was too thick to observe any ground positions or movement. A/c made one strafing pass at point from where flashes were observed.
COASTAL TRACK			This track is very worn and considered capable of taking a JEEP. It is considered hand carts have been used on this track - definite wheel marks can be seen.
A.L.O'S NOTE			This recce had to be crammed into 35 minutes over target area due to lack of adequate fighter cover - hence close recce of points not possible.

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

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc..... 45 ADJT AL SEC (AC).

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—3000.

DEST:-XUF(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,RAA 9DIV,20BDE,24BDE,26BDE,A2.5AF,SATF,35FG,1AUST AL GP,4 AC SQN,I/O 4SQN,CAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION APPARITION UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 1.(9DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46-115 A46-109 DATE 19 NOV'43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE ARTY/R TO REGISTER (1) TRACK JUNCTION 543683 (11) TRACK 540686 (111) TRACK JUNCTION 539692 (IV) TRACK JUNCTION 536691

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/25000 SERIES	PILOT F/O LEE PARKER	TIME UP 1430	HILLS RESTRICTED BY LOW CLOUD	COAST - CLEAR
	OBSERVER F/O WHITECROSS	TIME DOWN 1610		HILLS - LOW
		TOTAL 2 hrs 40 mins.		OVERCAST - RAIN

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
ARTY/R	1505		Pilot recce'd target area and identified targets - cloud very low but pilot decided to attempt registration.
	1515		Communications established with LLOYD - reception good.
	1520		RANGING :-
			Target SUGAR 101 track junction 543683.
			Opening salvoes were unobserved due to low cloud wisps resting on the target area.
	1530		Shoot abandoned.

Time and Signature A.L.O.

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

45 AUST AL SQN (AC).

724—No. 1, Press Unit—10/43—10m.

A.O.R. CUSAF DATE 19 NOV'43

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.L.O. Capt. C.O. Shave

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task and Area.	Remarks and Result.
1.	A46-119	F/O. Staley		0913	1150	2Hrs 37m.	TAC/R & ARTY/R.	SUCCESSFUL.
	A46-134	F/O. Masson		0913	1150	2Hrs 37m	ESCORT.	
2.	A46-134	F/O. Derbishire		1530	1705	1Hr 35m.	TAC/R.	SUCCESSFUL.
	A46- 93	F/O. Miller-Randle		1530	1705	1Hr 35m.	ESCORT	

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

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT GUS.P SORTIE No. 1. (TOT). A/C No. - TYPE A46-119 -46-134 DATE 19 Nov'

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

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
PAIPA 1:25000 KUNGARIBY 1:25000	F/O. Staley OBSERVER F/O. Mason	0913 TIME DOWN 1150 TOTAL 2hrs. 37m.	GOOD	CLEAR

Place or Ref.	Time	Height
DUMPU	0920	1000' A.G.L.

REPORT—INTERROGATION

Called "PIP" 2 - requested stay in valley until called. Mortar ceased fire at 0925. Recce A/C called to locate enemy gun position. "RUSS" contacted.

A ref 659886 a levelled portion of ground was observed which could be used on which to place a gun. A truck lead from here to the back of the ridge. This truck was approx 8' wide. No wheel tracks were observed, but had a very well worn appearance. A clear field of fire was observed. Registered as X 3.

At ref 660884 a similar position was observed. The platform in this position was cut out of the side of the ridge. Also a wide well used track ran behind the ridge. Registered as X 4.

After corrections - all rounds fell in target areas.

Messages dropped on "PIP" 5&2.

A connecting road from X2 runs to X3. A connecting road from X3 - X4 was not observed - Pilot is of the opinion that such is likely.

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

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc. 45 AUST. A. SQC (.C).

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

R. A. A. F.

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A46-93.

LOCATION GUSAP | UNIT 4 AC SQN. | SORTIE No 2. (TDY). | A C No. TYPE | DATE 19 NOV 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
ORIGINAL 2658 1"	F/O. Bartlehire	1530	VERY GOOD	CLEAR
	OBSERVER F/O. Miller-Randle	TIME DOWN 1705		
		TOTAL 1hr 35m.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height
BOOADJIN RD.		
		300'
	1600	A.G.L.

REPORT—INTERROGATION

From AIYAU to Headwaters MINJIM - N.M.S. - No M.T.

At 585880 a portion of the road had been washed out by recent rain. The repaired surface did not show any tracks.

At 584860 a/c were fired on by A/A. a/c not hit but tracer seen. Pilot considers that approx 10 rifles were placed along side of road.

At 579835 the bridge appears to have been repaired.

At 570809 for approx 200x the road has been cut out of the side of the mountain and drops sheer for 300ft. By passing at this would prove extremely difficult.

BOMBING INFORMATION:- Pilot considers dive bombing or medium level bombing would be most suitable form of attack. Approach would be from S.W. A clear view for 5 miles is obtained. A clear getaway to the N.E. along the MINJIM RIV is open to dive bombers.

"PIP" 2 requested observe results of mortar fire put down on [illegible]. Pilot advised "PIP" 2 by R/T that rounds had fallen among enemy foxholes on DRAGGY RIDGE.

Message dropped on "PIP" 5.

Time and Signature A.I.O.

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

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.C.Squad..... DATE 8 OCT'43.. A.L.G.....G.-SHAVE...CAPE.:

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task and Area.	Remarks and Result.
1.	A46-119	F/O [illegible]		1030	1220	1 hr 50m	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-92	F/O STALEY		1030	1220	1 hr 50m	ESCORT	

DIST:- HQ 9F(2),2ACCT CORPS,9DIV,WAR DIARY, FILE.

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

DIST:-HGF(2),2AUST CORPS,7DIV,21BDE,25BDE,A2.5AF,SATF,TATF,35FG,1AUST AL GP,4AC SQN,I/O 4 SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT A 4C SQN SORTIE No. 1 (7DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46-119 A46-92 DATE 13 NOV'43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
PAIPA 1/25000	F/O HASLEN	1030	POOR	LOW CLOUD
KUMBARUM 1/25000	~~OBSERVER~~ F/O STALEY	TIME DOWN 1220		
		TOTAL 1hr 50 mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height
DUMPU	1045	

REPORT—INTERROGATION

Called "PIP2" who requested a/c to remain in RAWU VALLEY until mortar fire brought to bear on enemy. At 1045 "PIP2" advised mortar would commence at 1100. On enemy gun opening up a/c were to be called in to observe gun flash. Enemy gun did not open until after a/c were requested to observe fall of mortars. Enemy gun then opened fire and a/c directed to the task. No flashes were seen, but greyish black smoke was seen hanging in air at REF 656687. Owing to low cloud Pilot was unable to closely recce the point, therefore unable to state if there is a gun platform at the REF given.

"RUSS" contacted - registration not possible - low cloud closing in on target area.

Message dropped on "PIP5 and "PIP2".

Time and Signature C.SHAVE. CAPT.

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

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

A.C.E. [redacted] .... DATE. 18 OCT. 43

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.L.O.. [redacted] .. CAPT:

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task and Area.	Remarks and Result.
1.	A46-115	F/O LEE-/ARMER		1349	1444	55 mins	ARTY/R	UNSUCCESSFUL
	A46-89	F/O WHITECROSS		1349	1444	55 mins	ESCORT	DUE TO BAD WEATHER.

DIST :- NGF(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,WAR DIARY,FILE.

Serviceability:- 02. A/C. S. U.S.

Communication A/C. S. U.S.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.O.B....HARRAR.....

DATE. 27 NOV 43

NIL BOMBS.

DUTs-RON(2),2AMT CREWS,3DIV,[illegible] ..... T.C. [illegible] CA-T. ....A.[illegible]

A.O.B. GUSAP..... DATE. 17.NOV.43 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A.L.O. G. CAIRE...CAIT...:

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task and Area.	Remarks and Result.
1.	AM6-139	F/O MASON		1305	1415	1 hr 10 mins.	TAC/R	UNSUCCESSFUL
	AM6-92	F/O STALEY		1305	1415	1 hr 10 mins.	SUCCET	OWING TO WEATHER.

DISTs-HQF(2), 2ADST CORPS, 7DIV, WAR DIARY, FILE.

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

DIST:-HQF(2),2AUST CORPS,7DIV,21BDE,25BDE,A2.5AF,SATF,TATF,35 FG,1AUST AL GP,4 AC SQN,I/O 4 SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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A46-119

LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 1. (7DIV) A. C No. - TYPE A46-92 DATE 17 NOV '43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R SEARCH REPORTED CRASHED ENEMY BOMBER.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
DUMPU 1"	F/O MASSON	1305	POOR	LOW CLOUD
Mt OTTO 1"	ESCORT	TIME DOWN 1415		RAIN
PAIPA 1/25000	OBSERVER F/O STALEY	TOTAL 1 hr 10 mins.		
KUMBARUM 1/25000				

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
1/25000			Called "PIP 2" requested recce enemy gun position. Also enemy position SHAGGY RIDGE.
UPPER FARIA			
			Recce abandoned due to very low cloud.
DUMPU			Unable to locate crashed a/c DUMPU area.
			"PIP 5 and 2" advised of result by R/T.

Time and Signature C. SHAVE. CAPT. A.L.O.

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

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.O.R. [redacted] DATE. 16 NOV '43 A.L.O. [redacted]

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task and Area.	Remarks and Result.
1.	A46-89	F/O WHITECROSS		1400	1640	2 hrs 40 m	ARTY/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-115	F/O LEE-GARNER		1400	1640	2 hrs 40 m	ESCORT	
2.	A20-619	P/O COLLIER	F/SGT KERR	1600	1720	1 hr 20 m	PHOTO/R	SUCCESSFUL
3.	A46-132	F/O MUNRO		1550	1615	2 hrs 25 m	ARTY/R, TAC/R	ARTY/R UNSUCCESSFUL
	A46-137	F/SGT SALTER		1550	1615	2 hrs 25 m	ESCORT	TAC/R SUCCESSFUL

DEST :- HQF(2), 2 AUST CORPS, 9DIV, WAR DIARY, FILE.

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

SECTION A.

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SECTION B.

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PILOTS SIGNATURE P/O COLEY

CAMERA OPERATOR F/LT KENT

A/C NUMBER A20-619 CREW (2) 2 AUST CORPS

A. BRIGHT SUNLIGHT. YES

B. SUN OBSCURED BY L/S.

C. NIL.

D. VERY FULL.

PHOTOGRAPH NUMBERS.	TIME	HEIGHT	SUBJECT M.G.R. COURSE & SPEED.	POSITION LAT & LONG REF. TO MAP	PROPOSED SHUTTER APTR	REMARKS.
V60 to V72	1640	5000'	NADZAB 1/63360 655435 to 655515	LAT 06 45' LONG 147 00	1/250 F5.6 to " "	COURSE 360 deg RUN A
V15 to V27	1650	"	" " " 669435 to 669515	" "	" "	RUN B
V32 to V43	1700	"	NADZAB 1/63360 681435 to 681515	" "	" "	RUN C
V46 to V57	1710	"	NADZAB 1/63360 691435 to 691515	" "	" "	RUN D
V73 to V74	1712	5000'	LAE AIRFIELD	" "	" "	

DISTR= HQF(2),2 [illegible] 9SIV,20[illegible],34SIG,26[illegible],2.5A[illegible],37 FG,1AIST A. GP,4 AC [illegible] I/O 4 [illegible]

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT 4 AC [illegible] SORTIE No 1a (9SIV) A C No. - TYPE A46-39 A46-125 DATE 16 NOV '43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE ARTY/R (1) 28.GX 575633 (11) [illegible] 568681 (111) [illegible] 544695

REF. MAPS	PILOT F/O [illegible]	TIME UP 1600	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
[illegible] 1/25000	OBSERVER F/O [illegible]	TIME DOWN 1640	GOOD	CLOUD & HILLTOPS
		TOTAL 2 hrs 40 mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	1445		Communications established with CHARLIE who informed DOG troop would engage target track 575633 and BAKER troop the remainder of targets. Communications with CHARLIE excellent. Communications with NAN good in vicinity of troop - over target poor.
	1500		RANGING :- (1) Target [illegible] 99 track 575633. Pilot registered using [illegible] 98 as reference point. Gunfire was accurate - guns corrected by troop fire on to the track then one round concentrated gunfire given. (11) Target [illegible] 100 track 568681 . Fire was slightly inaccurate but after one round troop fire all guns were brought on to the track. A direct hit was scored on a native hut on side of track - hut left blazing. Target registered. (111) Target [illegible] 105 suspected bivouac area in track bal 544695. Area was engaged but before able to be completed a/c had to leave due to petrol shortage. Fire was within 200 yds of area but due to long range fire was inaccurate.

Time and Signature [illegible]

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc 05 AUST AL SEC (AC).

721 N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DISTI- NGF(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,RAA 9 DIV,20BDE,24BDE,26BDE,42.5AF,3AAF,35FG,1AUSS AL GP,4AC SQN,I/O 4 SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION HADJAB UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 3. (9DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A65-132 A46-137 DATE 16 NOV '43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE ARTY/R TRACKS AT 543683,540686 TRACK JUNCTION 539692,536691.

REF. MAPS 1/25000 SERIES	PILOT F/O ASTLEY OBSERVER F/SGT SALTER	TIME UP 1550 TIME DOWN 1815 TOTAL 2 hrs 25 mins.	VISIBILITY RESTRICTED	WEATHER LOW CLOUD

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	1630		Communications established with CHARLIE who indicated DOG would carry out the shoots.
			Communications with DOG were poor.
	1645		RANGING :- Target SUGAR 101 track 543683. Attempts to register were made but low cloud wisps on the feature made observation of smoke box difficult - shoot abandoned.
			Target SUGAR 103 track junction 539692. Attempts to register this point proved unsuccessful due to low cloud preventing observation. ARTY/R abandoned.
TAC/R			For observation of airstrike results:-
BOMBS -WARED			1. In sq 6473 large number bomb craters observed adjacent to track - no apparent damage. Bombs
FIGHTER TRACK			scattered to a depth 150' either side of track.
			2. In jungle clad portions of track no signs of bombing were seen.
			3. Suspension bridge 572710 still intact.
545675	1745	200'	Two cooking fires observed within approx 20 JAPS gathered around. Pilot strafed area dispersing JAPS under jungle.

Time and Signature A.L.O.

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

231—No. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

A.O.B. OUSAF DATE 26 NOV '43

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.L.O. C. SMITH. CAPT.:

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task and Area.	Remarks and Result.
2.	A46-93	F/O MILLER-RANDLE		0722	0932	2 hrs 10 m.	TAC/R CONT/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-118	F/O NORMAN		0722	0932	2 hrs 10 m	ESCORT	
2.	A46-119	F/O MASSON		0935	1100	1 hr 45 m	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-92	F/O STALEY		0935	1100	1 hr 45 m	ESCORT	

DIST:- RAF(2), 2AUST CORPS,? DIV, HAR DIARY, FILE.

Serviceability:- OP. 1/3. S. U.S. Communication A/C. S. U.S.

DIST:- NGF(2),2AUST CORPS,7DIV,21BDE,25BDE,A2.5AF,SATF,TATF,35FG,1AUST AL GP,4 AC SQN,I/O 4 SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION GUSAP | UNIT 4 AC SQN | SORTIE No. 1. (7DIV) | A.C No. - TYPE A46-93 A46-318 | DATE 16 NOV'43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE CONT/R BERRINGGE - TAC/R

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
DUMPU 3655 1" Mt KUBARI 3658 1"	F/O MILLER- RANDLE ESCORT. F/O HOLMAN OBSERVER	0722	GOOD	CLEAR
		TIME DOWN 0932		
		TOTAL 2 hrs 10 mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			Called "PIP 2"
BERRINGGE	0745	40'	N.M.S.
GURUMBU	0750	"	3 columns of smoke observed at 815615 - own troops seen - waved to a/c. Advised "PIP 2". Smoke was seen also coming from 3 huts at 884637.Two persons were seen in this village. Pilot unable to identify as natives or JAPS. They appeared to be wearing greyish khaki material. Pilot could not be sure if clothing was uniform or lap lap. One disappeared quickly into a hut the other stood still under a tree. No connecting track from these three huts to MUNGO observed by pilot.
MUNGO			N.M.S.
TRACK TAC/R			Indicating smoke fell at REF 717664.About 30 yds of track running E-W at 717657. This was just a
PAIPA 1:25000	0845		short loop by passing a difficult patch in the RIVER bed. No connecting tracks seen in this area. From 715644 to 738625 a well defined and well used track was seen. From 715644 to 724644 it follows the line of the river, then crossed river and ran E to W to 727644 when it follows the river bed to its end and and then to 3200 featured at REF 738625. xx The map in this area is not very accurate. The tributary along which this track runs ends at 735633. At 733636 there is a small wooden bridge which appeared to have some form of roof on it. Pilot considers it is of native construction. "PIP 2" requested a search of the UPPER FARIA. N.M.S. "PIP 2" forward requested a track TAC/R along ridge SQ7064.A thorough search made-no track seen.Two of own troops seen at 720637.

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—3000. Message dropped on "PIP 2". Time and Signature. Time Passed to Bde. Headqrs. 4SAUST AL C. SHAVE. CAPT. A.L.O.

DIST:- NGF(2),2AUST CORPS,7DIV,21BDE,25BDE,A2.5AF,SATF,IATF,35FG,1AUST AL GP,4 AC SQN,I/O 4SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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A46-119

LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 2.(7DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46-92 DATE 16 NOV '43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Z.O.R/R

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
URIGINA	F/O [illegible]	0915	FAIR	LOW BROKEN
	ESCORT OBSERVER F/O STALEY	TIME DOWN 1100		
		TOTAL 1 hr 45 mins.		

Place or Ref	Time	Height
SANA	1000	500' A.G.L.
RAIMBANA		
JAPPA	1030	
URIGINA		
CONTOUR INFORMATION:-		

REPORT—INTERROGATION

A village was observed at 440842.This village is what was known as URIGINA.The track from SANA runs in an opposite loop to that shown on map - thence along ridge and joins track at 434845 thence to URIA which is at 425874. A track going NORTH from URIA was traced for approx 500x. Heavy timber prevented further observation. All tracks mentioned above are fairly well worn. No signs of diggings - N.M.S in above villages.

Tracks throughout village well worn and quite wide - particularly the one leaving in SOUTHERLY direction. This was traced to REF 440386.N.M.S No diggings.

MUSH RIVER to JAPPA was recced,No tracks seen. JAPPA village still in good condition - no additions made to it. N.M.S. Track from JAPPA to WIYAI very well worn.

Track from URIGINA - URIGINA 2 is very wide - approx 6 ft, then tapering off to YAGUMBU - still quite well worn.

Area bounded by track SANA and URIA -URIGINA -YAGUMBU. In this area there is a feature of approx 3000' above sea level. The contours follow the general line of the tracks mentioned above rising fairly steeply to the peak at approx 3000' at ref 415838.

There is a saddle running SW at approx 434844.

Time and Signature C. SHAVE. CAPT A.L.O.

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

721 N.G. Press Unit—10/43—1m.

A.O.B. GHQAP DATE 25 NOV '43 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A.L.O. C. SHAVE. CAPT

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task and Area.	Remarks and Result.
1.	A46-92	F/O STANLEY		0850	1110	2 hrs 20 m	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-119	F/O MASSON		0850	1110	2 hrs 20 m	ESCORT	
2.	A20	F/O GUYOT	- F/SGT GRAHAM	1210	1305	55 m	PHOTO/R	

DIST :- HQR(2),2 AUST CORPS, 7 DIV, HAS DEAKY, FILE.

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

DIST:-HGF(2),2AUST CORPS,7DIV,21BDE,25BDE,A2.5AF,SATF,TATF,35FG,1AUST AL GP,4AC SQN,I/O 4 SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION: GUSAP	UNIT: 4 AC SQN	SORTIE No: 1. (7DIV)	A.C No. TYPE: A46-92 A46-119	DATE: 15 NOV'43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: TAC/R KISA - ASAKE BOGADJIM ROAD

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
LT KUBARI 1:3658	F/O STALEY	0850	GOOD	CLEAR
URIGINA 3656 1"	OBSERVER: ~~X/XX X~~ F/O MASSON	TIME DOWN 1110		
		TOTAL 2hrs 20mins.		

Place or Ref	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
-DUMPU	0900	2000' ASL	-Called "PIPS" - no contact.
-ORGORUHA 2	0920	40'	~~One~~ New trench approx 10 x 2ft has been dug. All other positions previously reported still in good condition and well used.
-ORGORUHA 1			At REF 457307 a new covered in and camouflaged digging was seen.
-~~KISA - ASAKE~~ KOBA			The hangar type hut previously reported had been freshly camouflaged. Village has been dismantled. This has not been previously reported - HAS been dismantled for some time. A bridge at 488815 was seen. A small wooden bridge. SOUTHERN track KOBA-KISA well worn. All tracks in the area show heavy and recent use. N.M.S. No weapons observed.
MATALOI 2			No huts in village. A trench approx 600 ft practically surrounds the remains of the village to WEST, NORTHand EAST. Well camouflaged and appears in good order. N.M.S. Well used track from MATALOI 2 to village at507312 .Also a track from MATALOI 2 for 600yds NORTH.
MATALOI 1	0940	40'	From MATALOI 1 to 2 the whole length of the track is honey combed with foxholes. All in good condition.N.M.S.
MATALOI			Approx 300 yds NORTH of the village there is a 40 ft trench running NE and SW. In good condition. On SE side half moon camouflage runs for practically the whole length. The trench overlooks the village. Pilot unable to identify anything under camouflage. A track runs from MATALOI 2

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 1. 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
BIRI	1000'	
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MANZANWRA 1		
REF 858652		

REPORT—INTERROGATION

NE to high groundat 511834. It was again seen at 515836 when it appeared to widen slightly.N.M.S.
Appears to be used only by natives.The tracksNW of the general area appear much more used then those NE. The area as a whole shows recent general improvement.
Track from village to native huts at 583837 is well used. A further tradk fr om village to 578855 is well worn and ends in the jungle.Pilot unable to identify anything where the track was. Light A/A was encountered in this area. N.M.S.
No additional improvement seen. The road from YAULA to supply camp had been used subsequent to very recent rain.Tracks were clear cut on sidesof puddles.
Supply camp-SAIPA-very heavy foot traffic.Very little traffic since recent rain from SAIPA SOUTH. Unable to locate source ofreported Verey light. Country rugged and heavily timbered making observation difficult.
Message dropped on "PIPS"

Time and Signature C. SHAVE CAPT. A.L.O.

Time Passed to Hdq. Bty. etc 45 AUST AL SEC (AC).

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/8—1000

A.O.B. HQ RAAF DATE 15 NOV'43. DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A.L.O. T.C. KEATING. CAPT.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task and Area.	Remarks and Result.
1.	A46-132	F/O HUBBARD		0905	1150	2hrs 45m	ARTY/R & TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-136	F/O STEWART		0905	1150	2hrs 45m	ESCORT (crash landed FINSCH airfield.)	
2.	A20-619	F/O COLLIER	F/SGT KEITH	1230	1315	45m	PHOTO/R	SUCCESSFUL
3.	A46-89	F/O WHITTAKER		1215	1420	2hrs 5m	ARTY/R	"
	A46-115	F/O LEE-WARNER		1215	1420	2hrs 5m	ESCORT	

DIST:- HQ RAF (2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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

DIST:- HQP(2), 2AOST Ops, 9AIW, Adv 9AIW, 2CMBE, 2HBE, 2GBE, C.S.S., HAAF, 35FG, LA/C Adv GP, 4 AC SQN, T/O 4 SQN, AR CLERK, FILE.

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION ~~MILNE~~ B UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 1. (9DIV) A C No. - TYPE A46-132 A46-136 DATE 15 NOV '43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE ARTY/R (1) 2600' FEATURE AND TRACKS FROM THIS FEATURE TO SATTELBERG AND PALANKO (11) OBSERVE FALL OF ARTY SHOOT ON JIVENDANG - SATTELBERG TRACK MARKING SAVE AT PHOTOS FINSCH 5/14 V42/44/46.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/25000 SERIES	P/O ~~MILNE~~	0905	GOOD	LOW CLOUD FORMING
	OBSERVER P/O ~~WILLETT~~	TIME DOWN 1150		
		TOTAL 2 hrs 45 mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
ARTY/R	0955		Communications established with CHARLIE who directed that HOW troop would register selected area. Communications established with HOW - reception fair only - CHARLIE relayed pilot's corrections to HOW troop.
			Locality:-
	1005		Area BU 96 575677 a point 400 yds WEST of 2600' feature on JIVENDANG - 2600' feature track.
	1010		Heavy a/c approaching area a/c ordered to clear area.
	1035		"HOW TROOP" returned to area to continue shoot.
	1040		Ranging on AREA 96 continued - pilot conducting shoot crashed vicinity FINSCHHAFEN airfield.
	1045		Escort pilot observed the fall of smoke on JIVENDANG - SATTELBERG track marked positions on PHOTOS FINSCH 5/14 V42/44/46.
	1055		Escort pilot dropped marked FINSCH 5/14 V42/44/46 on FINSCHHAFEN airfield.
TAC/R			No defensive positions were observed along track from JIVENDANG to SATTELBERG. At AS9214 5853 it is considered an underground dugout is situated - an opening into the side of the spur can be seen - numerous tracks lead to this opening from JIVENDANG - HARANKO track. 2 foxholes on forward slopes of spur at AS9214 were observed also.

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

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

45 AUST AL SEC (AC).

T2—No. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

SECTION A.

Serial No MAD 7/21

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UNIT. 4 AC SQN

DATE. 15 NOV '43

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SECTION B.

TO BE COMPLETED BY CREW.

PILOTS SIGNATURE. P/O COLMER

CAMERA OPERATOR. F/SGT KERR

A/C NUMBER. A20-619 SORTIE 2

A. ~~PHOTO SUMMARY~~.

B. SUN OBSCURED BY L/C. YES.

C. ~~DUEL~~.

D. ~~NEW DUEL~~.

EXPOSURE NUMBERS.	TIME	HEIGHT	SUBJECT INCL. COURSE & SPEED.	POSITION LAT & LONG REF. OR NAME	EXPOSURE SPEED APER.	REMARKS.
P2			LAE AIRFIELD LOOKING SE			LAT 06 40'
P3			" " " NW			
P4	1245	450'	OLD NADZAB AIRFIELD LOOKING W			
P5			" " " "	E	1/250	LONG 147 E
P6			MARKHAM AIRFIELD "	E	56	
P7			TEXTER AIRFIELD "	SE		
P8			" " "	SE		
P9			" " "	NW		
P10			MARKHAM AIRFIELD "	W		
P11			OLD NADZAB AIRFIELD "	E		
GUSAP						

DIST:-SCP(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,RAA 9DIV7,20BDE,34BDE,26BDE,A2.5AT,3AIF,35FD,1AUST AL GP,4 AC SQN,1/O 4 SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. 1 (9DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A6-39 A6-115 DATE 15 NOV 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible] WAS CARRIED OUT AS ORDERED.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/25000	F/O [illegible]	1215	RESTRICTED	LOW CLOUD BASE 3000'
	OBSERVER F/O [illegible]	TIME DOWN 1430		
		TOTAL 2 hrs 5 mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
COMMUNICATIONS :-			
	1300		Communications established with CHARLIE and informed nature of previous pilots registrations. F/O [illegible] who had carried out previous sortie had completed registration of MUSA 97 - a point estimated to be 400' west from 2600' feature along MALAMPO track. CHARLIE informed HOSE troop would engage 2600' feature.
RANGING :-			
	1315		Target [illegible] 98 - crest of 2600' feature. Crest was accurately registered - Nos. 1, 2 and 4 guns only fired, shooting most accurate. Cloud was too low to allow recce of the feature - pilot flew in valleys adjacent to the feature to observe fall of shot.

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

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

AS ABOVE AT 0445 (A)

321—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

A.O.R. GUSAP DATE 20 NOV'43

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.L.O. Capt. Shave

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task and Area.	Remarks and Result.
1.	A20-507	P/O. McIntyre		1535	1610	45m.	M/Dropping DUMPU.	SUCCESSFUL.
2.	A46-134	F/O. Staley		1650	1800	1Hr 10m.	TAC/R.	SUCCESSFUL.
	A46-119	F/O. Mason		1650	1800	1Hr 10m.	ESCORT.	

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

War Diary

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION. GUSAP UNIT 4 AC S.Q.N. SORTIE No. 2. (7DIV). A/C No. - TYPE A46-134 A46-119 DATE 20 NOV '43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE ARTY/R.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
PAIPA 1:25000	F/O.Staley	1650		
	ESCORT ~~XXXXXXXXX~~ F/O. Mason	TIME DOWN 1800		
		TOTAL 1hr 10m.	FAIR	LO/ BROKEN

Place or Ref.	Time	Height

REPORT—INTERROGATION

Called "RUSS" - Advised enemy gun had opened up. Had stopped before a/c reached area. "RUSS" had fired on X3 & 4. Requested a/c to inspect these positions. H.M.S. Rounds had fallen in target area in both instances - but the platforms remain undamaged.

At ref 662683 a new position was observed - Again they had constructed a gun platform - with a track to a hideout behind the feature. This had definitely been constructed during the last 24 hrs. Portions of a wheel track were observed - these had the appearance of having been hurriedly brushed over with branches in an endeavour to hide them.

Only one gun was available for ranging. Target registered as X5.

BOMBING INFORMATION:- Dive bombing is considered by pilot as being the best method of dislodging gun from hideout. Approach would be along the ~~WINJIN~~ RIV - Approach towards the headwaters. No hazards are presented in pull out.

"IF" 5 dvised by R/T.

Time and Signature [signature] R.L.O.

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

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A.O.B. APPENDIX DATE 29 NOV 43

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.L.O. [illegible] UNIT:

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task and Area.	Remarks and Result.
1.	A46-115	F/O LEE-HARMER		0805	1035	2 hrs 30 m	ARTY/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-109	F/O WHITECROSS		0805	1035	2 hrs 30 m	ESCORT	
2.	A46-132	F/O MUNRO		0805	1035	2 hrs 30 m	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-137	F/SGT SALTER		0805	1035	2 hrs 30 m	ESCORT	
3.	A46-132	F/O MUNRO		1310	1545	2 hrs 35 m	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-137	F/SGT SALTER		1310	1545	2 hrs 35 m	ESCORT	

DIST :- HQF(2), 2AUST CORPS, 9DIV, WAR DIARY, FILE.

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

DIST:-HGF(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,RAA 9 DIV,20BDE,24BDE,26BDE,A2,5AF,3AF,35FG,1AUST AL GP,4 AC SQN,I/O 4 SQN,SAR/DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION APPARITION UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 1 (DEW) A.C No - TYPE A6-115 A6-109 DATE 20 NOV '43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE ARTY/R TO REGISTER (i) TRACK JUNCTION 543633 (ii) TRACK 540686 (iii) TRACK JUNCTION 539692 (iv) TRACK JUNCTION 536691

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/25000 SERIES	OBSERVER F/O WHITEBROOK	TIME DOWN 1025	UNLIMITED	CLEAR
		TOTAL 2 hrs. 30 mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
COMMUNICATIONS:-			Communications established with CHARLIE who indicated LIMA would be troop engaging targets.
	0850		Communication established with LIMA - reception very good.
RANGING :-			Target SUGAR 102 track junction 543693. LIMA troop engaged target but after 4 corrections
	0900		indicated to pilot troop unable to reach target - range too great. MIKE troop took over shoot
			and area was registered successfully and accurately. All to-ing this area also signs great use.
	0930		CHARLIE requested HARO village to be registered. Communications to troop firing had to be
			relayed through CHARLIE - result a slow shoot.
RANGING:-			Target SUGAR 102 HARO village. Both groups of huts forming this village were accurately
			engaged - the NORTH group of huts being registered as SUGAR 102.
	2005		RIP REP 213. 213? is point registered.

Time and Signature [signature] Pilot

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

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DDTI-HQ(2),2[illegible] ... 9AIW,20 Dn,24BDE,26[illegible],A2,SAF,SAT,35 FG,1ASTT AL Gp,4 AC SQN,I/O 4 SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. 2. (SOLO) A.C.No.-TYPE A46-132 Boston-137 DATE 20 Nov 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/25000 SERIES	F/O [illegible]	0907	[illegible]	CLEAR
	OBSERVER F/Sgt [illegible]	TIME DOWN 1055		
		TOTAL 2 hrs 50 mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height
SIDI-[illegible] RE 0845 TRACK		
2600' [illegible] 0915 TO SATTELBERG		
MAREO - BOGA (0930) TRACK		

REPORT—INTERROGATION

At [illegible] across the track there is a ditch dug - width estimated 5 ft. The timber on either [illegible] of track in this vicinity is very tall and dense - signs of great activity evident but no definite positions able to be pinpointed. Also foot traffic apparent on the muddy surface of [illegible] to this point. From point interrupted track possibly an anti-tank ditch. At [illegible] there is a circular sunken hole on track - diameter estimated to 8' - hole completely [illegible] between [illegible] and [illegible] on the track it appears that a further 5 holes similar to above one are in course of being prepared - the surface of track has been dug away.

Halt on the track or feature itself. Dense growth makes observation difficult. Track where it emerges from [illegible] towards 2600' feature shows signs such movement. Own ARTY shelling the ridge in vicinity [illegible].

In track between [illegible] and [illegible] beneath some trees litter was observed. [illegible] on the track [illegible] - [illegible] No signs of reported bivouac area on [illegible] shore of lakes observed. The ridge 630730 appears to have defensive [illegible] digging present on it. At 647724 eleven trenches were seen. No movement of persons observed. Trenches cunningly concealed in long [illegible] grass which leans over trench openings. Between 630730 and 645735 it is estimated approx 12 tracks - footpads - lead off from main track into the jungle clad [illegible] RIVER valley to the NORTH. Dense growth too dense in valley to observe any bivouac areas.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

CAPT. A.I.O.

45 ARMY AL SEC (AC).

761 N.G. Press Unit—10/8—10m.

DIST:-NCF(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,RAA 9DIV,20BDE,24BDE,26BDE,A2.5AF,SATF,35FG,1AUST AL GP,4 AC SQN,I/O 4 SQN,AR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION APPARITION UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 3. (9DIV) A.C.No. - TYPE A46-132 A46-137 DATE 20 NOV'43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R (1)SUSPECTED HOSTILE GUN SQ 5467(ii)SUITABLE TARGETS FOR AIRSTRIKE 21 NOV.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/25000 SERIES	F/O MUNRO	1310	COASTAL AREA 10 MILES	LOW CLOUD
	OBSERVER F/SGT SALTER	TIME DOWN 1545	INLAND NIL	INLAND
		TOTAL 2 hrs 35 mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time		REPORT—INTERROGATION
SQ 5467		1350	Smoke observed rising from hut 548678. No movement seen in vicinity. Fire considered to be a cooking fire - quickly extinguished as a/c circled to have a closer examination.
MARARUO		1355	N.M.S in village. Ridge 558669 appears to be occupied. Tracks lead off main MORRIS track down into QUOJA RIVER valley - the kunai is trampled and trees in this area have been felled. A flattened patch of secondary undergrowth was observed on forward slopes of valley in this area also. Low cloud over this area prevented a close search for suspected hostile gun.
SQ 5466		1405	Whilst pilot was circling this area he observed 4 bursts of bluish grey smoke regularly spaced 200' apart behind him. Second pass made over area but no further bursts observed.
2600' FEATURE		1410	No movement seen along track from 2600' feature to SATELBERG.
		1415	CHARLIE requested pilot to recce villages 596715,609716 and track to SOMG RIVER, plantation 642780 and engage with ARTY.
PLANTATION 642780		1430	This area was registered by BILL troop as SUGAR 103. Three rounds gun fire were brought to bear
		1505	upon the target area accurately. Time did not permit a recce of villages 596715 and 609716.

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

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

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WAR DIARY.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.O.B. GUSAP ..... DATE. 21 NOV '43

NIL SORTIES.

..... Capt. Shqvo. ..... A.L.O.

APPARITION 21 NOV '43 T.C. KEATING CAPT.

1.	A46-132	F/O MUNRO	0810	1055	2 hrs 45mins.	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-39	F/SGT CALDER	0810	1055	2 hrs 45mins.	ESCORT	
2.	A46-109	F/O WHITECROSS	0810	1100	2 hrs 50mins.	ATTK/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-115	F/O LEE-WARNER	0810	1100	2 hrs 50mins.	ESCORT	
3.	A46-115	F/O LEE-WARNER	1610	1830	2 hrs 20mins	ATTK/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-109	F/O WHITECROSS	1610	1830	2 hrs 20 mins	ESCORT	

DIST:-HQF(2),2ASST COMD,9DIV,2AR DIARY,FILE.

DIST:- 30F(2),2WOST,9TAF,9DF,RAF 9DF,20FC,24GP,26GP,A2.5AF,3A F,35FG,1AF AC G.,4 AC 3GP,1/O 4 3GP, AIR MINY,FILE.

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LOCATION [illegible]	UNIT [illegible]	SORTIE No. 1. (9DF)	A C No. TYPE A6-132 A16-39	DATE 22 SEP 43
ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]				
REF. MAPS 1/25000 [illegible]	PILOT F/O [illegible]	TIME UP 0930	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	OBSERVER F/SGT [illegible]	TIME DOWN 1055	V. GOOD	CLEAR
		TOTAL 2 hrs 45 mins.		

Place or Ref	Time	Height

REPORT—INTERROGATION

1. Following are points where it is considered landings from our own barges could be made:-
   (i) LAGOON at 6476 (ii) BEACH 642778 (iii) BEACH 636780 (iv) BEACH SAIGA RIVER MOUTH.
   (v) BEACH MARYBONG RIVER at 614835.
   N.B. Throughout remainder of report beaches as listed will be referred to as beach (ii) (iii) (iv) (v).
   Elsewhere the coral cliff sea wall varies from 5 to 25' in height and coral boulders protrude above the water level for a width varying from 5 to 50' from coastline.
2. The approaches to beaches (ii) (iii) (iv) (v) are all clear - boulders are prominent at either end of beaches.
   LAGOON at 6476. Limiting factor is narrow channel entrance across the sand bar. It is considered only one barge could enter at a time.
3. GENERAL NOTE. Beaches (ii) (iii) (iv) (v) have gradual fall - it is considered that barges could approach right to shoreline before off-loading. In the lagoon at 640760 a sand bar is visible above water level and just beneath water surface- considered barges could not approach closer than 25 yds of shoreline at this point. Long remainder of SOUTHERN and northern edge of lagoon overhanging foliage prevents observation of edge of lagoon. At NORTHERN end of lagoon there is a beach of approx 100 yds width where barges could approach right up to.

Time and Signature

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 1. C.C.F.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

4. [illegible] AIR PHOTOGRAPHS.

These are not pronounced - terraced kunai hills inland are found throughout. The coconut plantation to the NORTH of beach (ii) would possibly be a guide.

5. CAPACITY OF BEACHES.

BEACH in vicinity of 697765. Considered that 5 barges could off-load simultaneously.

BEACH (ii) " " 8 " " " "
" (iii) " " 20 " " " "
" (iv) " " 12 " " " "
" (v) " " 30 " " " "

6. TIDAL INFLUENCE.

From appearances this morning none of the beaches appear to experience any great rise or fall in tide. Very little flotsam or beach debris seen in this sector.

7. [illegible] HINTERLAND.

Throughout the entire length of this sector of coastline there is a belt of jungle varying in width from 50x to 500x. Beach (v) is only beach that is an open kunai one devoid of all trees. Supply and stores dumps could be well concealed inland in this jungle belt in the case of all beaches except (v)

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 1. C.A.C.O. 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 undergrowth varies in thickness throughout - machetties or stout jungle knives would be of great help in establishing tracks through this belt. Movement would be slow till open terraced kunai hills reached. In vicinity of WESTERN and EASTERN lagoon edges dense mangrove like swamps exist.

8. [redacted].

Throughout this sector movement is apparent. The terraced kunai hills inland all have patches of kunai trampled down on them - small tracks lead from the main coastal track to these kunai ridges. Small footholes are suspected in the kunai on most of these ridges. The coastal track shows continued signs of activity. Opposition might be struck at all points.)

Time and Signature..... 1.15.0.

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

45 AUST AL SEC (AC).

721—N.41. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DIST:- NGF(2), 2AUST CORPS,9DIV,RAA 9DIV,20BDE,24BDE,26BDE,A2.5AF,SAEF,35FG,1AUST AL GP,4 AC SQN,1/O 4 SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION: APPARITION | UNIT: 4 AC SQN | SORTIE No.: 2.(9DIV) | A/C No. - TYPE: A46-109 A46-115 | DATE: 21 NOV'43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: ARTY/R (1) KORENG VILLAGE (11) TRACK 534642 (111) SUSPECTED BIVOUAC AREAS 544685

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/25000 SERIES	F/O WHEECROSS	0810	GOOD	CLOUD DEVELOPING
	OBSERVER: F/O LEE-WATCHER	TIME DOWN: 1100		
		TOTAL: 2 hrs 50 mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	0900		Communications established with CHARLIE who handed over to RAX troop.
			Communications with RAX very good - two way sheet carried out.
			RANGING:-
	0915	4000'	(1) TARGET SUGAR 106 KORENG village. Village in dilapidated state - no movement seen - no defensive positions observed. Target registered accurately.
	0935		(11) Target SUGAR 107 track 534642. This target registered with reference to SUGAR 106. Only two gun rounds observed throughout ranging. Track straddled by these two guns and registered. The track at 534642 is in vicinity of a garden area.
	1000		(111) Suspected bivouac areas 544685 could not be engaged as cloud was too low.
	1025		ALLIED a/c observed strafing suspected bivouac areas 544685.
			Radio R/T test carried out with CHARLIE on return trip to base - CHARLIE heard 5 by 5 for a distance of 10 miles where he faded quickly.

Time and Signature: A.L.O.

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc:

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

45 AUST AL SEC (AC).

DIST:-NSF(2),2-OST 1 AHQ,9DT,7AA 9DT,20[illegible],24SQ,26SQ,42SAF,3ATF,35FG,1 DIST No. 3,4 AC DET,I/O 4 SQ,SAU DET,FILE.

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT 4 AC SQ SORTIE No. [illegible] A.C.No. TYPE A6-115 (SE-10) DATE 23 Aug 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/250000 SHEET 3 ASP 220	P/O [illegible]	1615	[illegible]	LOW STRATUS
	OBSERVER F/O [illegible]	TIME DOWN 1830		
		TOTAL 2 hrs 15 mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			Communications established with CHARLIE who requested registration of 545673 a suspected enemy bivouac area. NIL troop to engage.
			REMARKS.
			Target 545673 bivouac area 545673 was registered successfully. The target area show definite signs of occupation. (A bench cut track runs east from [illegible] down into the Ulula River valley at 544673 - it is then lost to view but considered to join the track that can be seen on the ridge from 547600 to 545603. From this bench cut track in vicinity of 544673 numerous small tracks lead into an old native garden area on WESTERN slopes of valley in vicinity river junction 545673. In this old garden area there are six well kept native huts. Tracks lead to these huts. All tracks are well worn showing signs of activity.)
			ASP 220 F355 is the area which was registered as [illegible] (The bench cut track referred to above can be traced on ASP 220 from F264 to F355 but is not considered to be as well worn and as distinct as track at ASP 220 E545.)

Time and Signature [illegible]

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

121—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

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

APPARITION 22 NOV'43 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. T.C.KEATING CAPT.

A.O.B..... DATE..... A.L.O.....

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up/	Down.	Over Area	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	A46-132	F/O MYERS		1330	1600	2hrs 30mins.	ESCORT	
2	A46-115	F/O LEE-WARNER		1450	1620	1hr 30mins	TAC/R	UNSUCCESSFUL
	A46-137	F/O WHITECROSS		1450	1620	1hr 30mins	ESCORT	DUE TO WEATHER

DIST:- HQF(2), 2ANST CORPS, 9DIV, WAR DIARY, FILE.

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

[illegible]

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. 2. (2nd) A.C.No. 2/6-39 TYPE 2/6-132 DATE 22 [illegible] 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible] SMALL TARGET POSITIONS BETWEEN SIO RIVER JUNCTION AND BOT [illegible] 36232 and 32 Bk.

REF. MAPS [illegible]

PILOT [illegible]

OBSERVER W/O [illegible]

TIME UP 1120

TIME DOWN 1533

TOTAL 2hrs 39 mins.

VISIBILITY 10 MILES ALONG COAST

WEATHER LOW CLOUD

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
177145	1520	200'	177145 beneath the jungle which has been flattened and opened up by bombing and ARTY fire some bunkers and foxholes could be seen. These were not occupied - tracks and general area indicate recent occupation.
185150	1515	"	185150 - at least six foxholes were observed in the round - long hand prevented close observation of this position - [illegible] but what appeared to be timber poles was seen in this vicinity. Tracks show signs of use.
GUSIKA BONGA	1520	"	GUSIKA - BONGA has been accurately bombed and shelled - the two villages have been extensively damaged. The coconuts near BONGA have been knocked - this area now opened up - enemy positions were seen badly damaged - no signs of occupation. One bridge across the rivulets on this sector of track is intact, the other bridge half demolished.
188144	1530	"	Beneath a large tree in the burnt patch some six foxholes were seen and at NORTHERN end of burnt patch at 188145 a circular gun pit was seen - estimate diameter of pit 6-8 ft - pit appeared to have a weapon in it but overhanging tree branches prevented verification. Tracks and footprints in this burnt patch all point to this position being occupied. From BONGA village a track leads to this suspected gun position 188144. Elsewhere no movement or positions were seen.

Time and Signature

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[illegible]

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 1. 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
MESSAGE	1535		Own troops observed at jungle patch 174140. Kunai has been burnt. White verey fired. Photomap
DROPPED			and report dropped at this point - seen to be recovered. Further report dropped at 24 SQN HQ garden area 184105.

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

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

45 AUST AL SEC (AC).

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.O.B. CUSAF. DATE 22 NOV'43

NIL SORTIES.

Capt. Shave
A.L.O.

DIST:-HQ(2),2ND CORPS,9DIV,5AA 9DIV,30BDE,24BDE,26BDE,2.5AC, [illegible],35FD,1 [illegible] AL DP,4 AC SQN,2/0 4 SQN, AR DAILY,FILE.

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LOCATION APARIRIRI UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No 2. (2nd) A C No [illegible] TYPE ~~A-129~~ A-115 DATE 23 JAN '43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/25000 SERIES BONGA - TOBAC	P/O [illegible] OBSERVER P/O [illegible]	0835 TIME DOWN 1335 TOTAL 2 hrs 1[illegible] mins.	2 MD	CLEAR - CLOUD DEVELOPING

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
AREA	0915		recent movement along tracks this area - fresh tracks formed through recent bomb craters.
			[illegible] track well worn (recent bombing outside this track has cleared jungle) No defensive
			diggings seen along track [illegible] to the [illegible] of AREA in the low secondary growth area
			at 569734 a camp or dump area is suspected) small tracks seen to this area from East and North.
			At 577735 [illegible] small platforms [illegible] two circular holes were observed. N.M.C.
[illegible]			[illegible] 26 [illegible] main [illegible] (from [illegible] to but at [illegible] BONGA 113138 is a small track)
			near the hut 113138 a bamboo platform was observed. In kunai at 113136 BONGA Photomap is a
			circular pit - estimated 4' in diameter. The [illegible] track shows evidence of recent heavy use.
			No defensive diggings observed along this track. [illegible] is on a small commanding a view to the SE.
VILLAGE			Track from main [illegible] track is a single footpad- does not show signs of heavy use. The approaches
609717			to this village from EAST and SOUTH have been burnt for a distance of estimated 500 yds. Fire
			stopped in vicinity of banana patch in village area. Banana patch has dense growth within it -
			observation of ground beyond impossible. The tracks to the N and SE of this village do not show
			signs heavy use but in vicinity 145139 BONGA Photomap 4 small tracks lead into a re-entrant.
			From [illegible] edge of secondary growth patch 137137 BONGA Photomap numerous small tracks lead into
			the river bed at 135136.

Time and Signature .....

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

21—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—1000.

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 2a. 5.5.19 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
VILLAGE 595725			No signs recent activity this village area. One grass hills across the creek - no signs movement through it observed. Village dilapidated.
TRACK			Number track to the east differ from natural along the general line of [illegible] track are 4 streams dissecting general area into three ridges. All three ridges fall from approx 2600' at watershed to 1000' at [illegible]. The western and eastern slopes of these ridges are very steep and dissected by numerous watercourses. Movement either along the crest of these ridges would be extremely hard and very going. The banks of the numerous watercourses are mostly very steep. There is water in most of valleys in vicinity of this hills, but none observed in reconnoitred region. Soil is reddish in colour & contains cultural eligible sources. This village is situated on a small basin - like depression. The banks of this river are very steep estimated to be 1000' high in places. Part of the grid line is thick bamboo in rain forest area no boundary growth observed beneath trees. Part of the grid line area consists of old native gardens grown wild with dense forest between. The boundary growth is very thick. Present in the area part of grid it would be most difficult to move along tracks. Many swollen of rivers and streams border the tracks. To cultivate steel wheels seen in this area. The light patches seen on [illegible] through are dense secondary growth patches.
VEGETATION			

Time and Signature.....

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

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

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
DOMINATING FEATURES			MUKKO and villages 609717, 595725 are situated on high ground and command approaches along the tracks.
TRACK INFORMATION			(i) ACCURACY. Tracks as shown on 1:250,000 Motomap considered to be accurately plotted.
			(ii) NATURE. WARPO KAUKO TOR track shows signs of heavy use. Other tracks show signs of activity but not heavy and constant.
			(iii) SURFACE. Surface would be slippery in wet weather - reddish clay nature.
			(iv) CAPACITY - unlimited foot traffic- no landslides in area. Steepness and zig-zags would make use of handcarts most difficult.

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

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

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—Gm.

DIST:-HGF(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,RAA 9DIV,20BDE,24BDE,26BDE,A2.5AF,SAFF,35FG,1AUST AL GP,4 AC SQN,I/O 4 SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

R. A. A. F.

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A46-109

LOCATION APPARITION UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 1. (9DIV) A.C.No. - TYPE A46-89 DATE 23 NOV '43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE ARTY/R SUSPECTED GUN POSITIONS IN 24 BDE FRONT.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/25000 SERIES	F/O MARO	0835	GOOD	CLEAR - CLOUD DEVELOPING
	OBSERVER F/SGT SALTER	TIME DOWN 1107		
		TOTAL 2 hrs 30 mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			COMMUNICATIONS. Communications established with CHARLIE who indicated "BILL" troop and "JOHN" troop would engage enemy guns.
	0915		RANGING:- (a) Target SUGAR 130 suspected gun position 651735. BILL and JOHN troops were ranged accurately on to target area, then battery fired 3 rounds gunfire. Fire was concentrated and very accurate - direct hits scored.
	0945		(b) Target SUGAR 131 enemy gun in action 64557250. Enemy gun reported in action by ground troops but ceased firing when a/c approached. Pilot flew above clouds and on word from ground troops that gun was in action dived through and located blast smoke. Close examination revealed a camouflaged position - a native type rua - mia used to conceal gun. Quite a prominent track leads to the gun position. JOHN and BILL troops registered separately and then battery fired 3 rounds gunfire. Shooting most accurate. Ground troops reported to a/c that shoot was very effective.
	1015		(c) Target SUGAR 103 reported hostile battery 627731. Recce of area revealed small tracks leading off main MARO track to the NORTH into the jungle. Foxholes were seen at 627730-no attempt at concealment-no guns seen. Pilot registered area with "BILL" gunfire most accurate-concentration fell in known area NORTH of MARO track.
SUPPLY DROPPING			9 B25's observed to drop supplies in vicinity of 2/32 Bn position -supply parachutes seen to fall at REF map BONGA Photomap 185153 and 177145.

Time and Signature A.L

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc 45 A/C

321 S.G. Press Unit—10/43—300m.

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION SIGAD UNIT 4 AC SQN. SORTIE No 1. (7 DIV). A C No. A46-119 TYPE A46-92 DATE 23 NOV '43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE T&C/R. SHAGGY RIDGE - LOCATE POSSIBLE ENEMY GUN.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
PAIPA 1:25000	F/o. Masson	0910		
	ESCORT ~~OBSERVER~~ F/O. Staley	TIME DOWN 1055		
		TOTAL 1HR 45m.	GOOD	CLEAR

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	1030		Called "PIP" 5 - Passed to "PIP" 2 forward.
			Area MT PROTHERO - Saddle recced very closely. At ref 673675 a possible gun platform was observed.
			A piece of timber approx 9" through had been placed on the slope and the ground to the rear had been
			levelled off for an area of 10 x 7 ft. Timber had been cleared on the Southern side indicating a field
			of fire towards our troops. This clearance is not very obvious from the air. The pilot estimates from
			its appearance that it has not been constructed for more than a week. A track running in a North Westerly
			direction was observed for 15 yds - leading into heavy timber. No tracks were observed N.M.S. No sign
			of weapons.
			At ref 676671 a half cheese clearing was observed. Some of the timber had the appearance of having been
			~~cut~~ fairly clean - other trees appear to have been broken and knocked over. A portion of the track
			which runs past the clearing and to the FARIA VALLEY appears to be wider and more used than on previous observations.
			Smoke was seen rising from area ref 682648. A number of foxholes were seen at intervals along feature from ref 682646 - 681655.
			Messages dropped on "PIP" 5 & 2.

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

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

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

A.O.R. GUSAP ..... DATE. 23 NOV'43 ...

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.L.O. ... Capt. Shaw .....

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task and Area.	Remarks and Result.
1.	A46-119	F/O. Masson		0910	1055	1Hr 45m.	TAC/R.	
	A46-92	F/O. Staley		0910	1055	1Hr 45m.	ESCORT.	SUCCESSFUL.
2.	A20/507	F/O. Darbishire	F/Sgt. Oswell	1045	1230	1Hr 45m.	PHOTO/R.	
	A46/134	F/O. Holyman		1045	1230	1Hr 45m.	ESCORT.	"

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

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APPENDIXIX A.C.S. 23 NOV 43 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. T.C.SECTION GAFT. A.L.G.

SORTIE No.	A/C No.	PILOT	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over	Task & Area	Remarks & Results.
[illegible]	[illegible]	F/O MURRO		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	F/SGT WALKER		0835	1105	2hrs 30mins	ESCORT	
2.	AA-139	F/O WHITECROSS		0835	1105	2hrs 30mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	AA-115	F/O LEE-BARKER		0835	1105	2hrs 30mins	ESCORT	

DISTR- HQF(2), 2AUST CORPS, 9TH [illegible], FILE.

PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE REPORT. PRO-FORMA A.36.

SECTION A.

Serial No..... GUS. 4/23

(To be completed by Photographic Section).

UNIT..... 4 AC SQN.

DATE..... 23 NOV'43

CAMERA NO..... 69

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

FILTER..... K 2

MAGAZINE NO..... 7

REMARKS AND SIGNATURE OF PHOTO OFFICER.

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V13-16 V19-22

SECTION B.

TO BE COMPLETED BY CREW.

PILOTS SIGNATURE..... F/O. Darbishire

CAMERA OPERATOR..... F/Sgt. Oswell

A/C NUMBER..... A20-507 SORTIE. 2. (7DIV).

A. ~~BRIGHT~~ SUNLIGHT WITH HAZE.

B. ~~SUN BEHIND BY L/C.~~

C. ~~DULL.~~

D. ~~VERY DULL.~~

EXPOSURE NUMBERS.	TIME	HEIGHT	SUBJECT INCL. COURSE & SPEED.	POSITION LAT & LONG REF. OR MILE	EXPOSURE SPEED APER.	REMARKS.
V4-V5	1105	5000'	BOGADJIM ROAD. BRIDGE 7 A Q. 225 degrees. 125 M.P.	MT. KUBARI. 6192	1/300 F5.6	
V8-V9	1110	5500'	OLD YALLA. 270 degrees.	MT. KUBARI. 5886	"	
V11-V12	1113	5500'	MABELUBU. 120 degrees.	MT. KUBARI. 5813	"	
V17-V18	1121	6000'	POSSIBLE ROAD BLOCK 260 degrees.	VIRGINA. 5780	"	
V23-V24	1140	6000'	MATALOI No. 2. 045 degrees.	VIRGINA. 5082	"	
V25-V26	1200	5000'	DIV. H.Q's. 315 degrees.	DUMPU. 6750	"	

APPARITION 27 NOV '43

R.J.C. O'LOAN CAPT.

1.	446-89	F/O LEE-WARNER	0815	1045	2 hrs 30 mins	ARTY/R	SUCCESSFUL
	446-107	F/O WHITECROSS	0815	1045	2 hrs 30 mins	ESCORT	

DIST:- HGF(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,WAR DIARY,FILE.

Serviceability:- OP A/C [illegible] U.S. Communication A/C. [illegible] U.S.

R. A. A. F.

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27 NOV '43.

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

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/25000	OBSERVER [illegible]	0835	[illegible]	GOOD
		TIME DOWN 1045		
		TOTAL 2 hrs 10 mins.		

Place of Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
[illegible] 138			[illegible] detailed observation of line on start line at 0830. Also requested observation of railway tunnel - enemy gun at 639725. [illegible] Nil result. Target [illegible] No movement observed. Single truck observed [illegible] around buildings at [illegible] and unknown vehicle.
139			[illegible] requested observation of [illegible] Nil result. Enemy motors noted large volume of either smoke or dust from copse at [illegible] for a few minutes. Nil else and correctness also registered.
			Nil enemy observed on railway gun position 639725. 1 troop train noted into suspected area. [illegible] Nil movement observed. Numerous tracks visible. Rail track patches have tracks on outskirts with similar tracks leading into area, all well worn.
			Section of crashed A/C continued at 615346. [illegible]

R.J.C.O'LOAN CAPT.
A.A.C.

Time and Signature

Time [illegible] R.A.F. Stn. etc. (AC)

724—N.U. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

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] 1/25000	OBSERVER [illegible]	TIME DOWN [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		TOTAL [illegible]		

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

Time and Signature [illegible]

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

[illegible]

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.O.B. GUSAP DATE 27 NOV'43 A.L.O. Capt. Shave

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up/	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-93 A46-134	F/O. Miller-Randle F/O. Derbishire		0815 0815	0945 0945	1Hr 30m 1Hr 30m	TAC/R. ESCORT.	SUCCESSFUL.
2.	A46-92 A46-119	F/O. Staley F/O. Wasson		1310 1310	1540 1540	2Hrs 30	TAC/R. ESCORT.	
3.	A2C/507	F/O. Wolyman	Capt. Shave (ALO).	1310	1655	40m. Total flying time.	Travel to DIMPU & Return.	

Serviceability:- [illegible] A/C. S. U.S. Communication [illegible] S. U.S.

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 AC SQN. SORTIE No 1a (SMWG.HN). A C No A46-33 TYPE A46-134 DATE 27 NOV'43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE T.C/R. TRACKS BOPIRUMPU - GOMUMU - WAMUNTI.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
DUMPU 1m.	F/O. Miller-Randle	0815	GOOD	CLEAR
GUSAP 1m.	ESCORT F/O. Durbishire	TIME DOWN 0915		
		TOTAL 1Hr 30m.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height
WAMUNTI	0830	
BOPIRUMPU		
S.Q. 0048		
BUTEMU		

REPORT—INTERROGATION

No track was observed from WAMUNTI - GOMUMU. GOMUMU is correctly placed as per map.

No track observed from BOPIRUMPU - GOMUMU. BOPIRUMPU not seen. Pilot suggests that the TUNGKUAT RIV could be used as a track from foothills to GOMUMU. The country from this area for most of the distance is humai covered. Approx 3000x South of GOMUMU the timber thickens up to rain forest. The The grade for two thirds this distance is gradual - then gradually becoming steeper. As an alternative route pilot suggests leaving the Riv at approx 030498 and take a North Easterly course to meet tracks GOMUMU - TOPIN. A village approx 10 - 12 huts was seen at ref 997450. No connecting track seen leading to TOPIN or in direction BOPIRUMPU.

A village of approx 15 huts was observed at 002488. This is situated on quite a high ridge in thick rain forest with undergrowth. No defined tracks were seen emanating from this village.

A track was seen to lead from BUTEMU to a village at ref 995440. The track meanders S.W. to a gap at 013432 thence to BUTEMU - not over well defined except for approx 2000x from village at 013449. The country over which it passes is more undulating than CRAGGY. Heavy rain forest.

Villages of approx 5 & 7 - 10 huts were seen at the following refs :- 004462 - 022491 - 011499.

No connecting tracks were observed.

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

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc 45 ARMY AL SEC (AC).

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT. 4 A.C. SQN. SORTIE No. [illegible] A.C No. - TYPE A46-22 A46-119 DATE 7 NOV '43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE. TAC/R. BOGADJIM AREA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
WEWAK 1"	PILOT F/O. [illegible]	TIME UP 1210	GOOD	CLEAR
ORIOMA 1"	FLIGHT [illegible] F/O. STANLEY	TIME DOWN 1540		
		TOTAL 3hrs 30m.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height
[illegible]	1220	
WEWAK BRIDGE 785.	1245	1000' a.G.L.
[illegible] YAMA = OLD YAMA.	1400	1000' a.G.L.
GRID 1.		
ROAD JUNCTION.		
ROAD = OLD YAMA = NATALOI NO.1.		400' a.G.L.

REPORT—INTERROGATION

Called "Jim" 5 = unable to contact.

1 camouflaged M.T. seen facing BOGADJIM. W.W.S. No action by a/c. (No damage to road required - signs of heavy M.T. usage.)

At 611913 a clearance was observed on south side of road. At this point the vegetation is rain forest with undergrowth. All undergrowth had been cleared away for 100x from the road = trees left standing. No sign of vehicles tracks or use subsequent to last rain. Time of impression that the clearing is of fairly recent. Any creeper growth cut had not had time to die off and show in tree tops.

At 611910 two native huts were observed. N.M.C. track showing use led from road to huts.

N.M.C. No recent additions. Tracer = estimated .50 = was fired at a/c from [illegible] and [illegible]. Hate unable to accurately pinpoint source of origin. Fire was accurate. A/C not damaged.

N.M.C. From [illegible] north to 6[illegible]75 the eastern loop of the road appears to have been the more used recently.

Very heavy usage of the road as far as OLD YAMA = from there very lighter to [illegible]. From [illegible] to [illegible] only track shows heavy foot traffic.

From [illegible] a track proceeds east to 577606 thence along ridge in a south easterly direction to 5-3[illegible] where it branches. One branch leads to 500x south of grid. The lower branch follows the ridge for 800x south then generally easterly meeting route to NATALOI NO. 1.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

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
			From [illegible] to the branch the track is 8 - 10 ft wide throughout - well trampled by foot traffic. It is wide enough to carry light [illegible] - but no evidence of such use. The vegetation is rain forest of 5 undergrowth - all undergrowth has been completely cleared away - no felled trees were observed. (no stumps of trees throughout this portion of the track.) The northern branch to area [illegible] is not wide and not over well used. The Southern branch to MAT.LOI [illegible] thins to approx 5 ft and is very well worn - all usage is very recent.) From [illegible] to [illegible] and for a depth of 20 yds all undergrowth has been stripped about without any thought to preserve camouflage. Vines etc which have grown to tops of trees are showing brown. The whole area has been well trampled down. Throughout this clearance a mass of foxholes and trenches were observed. No trenches are at least 100 ft long - approx 5 weapon pits were seen in this trench. No attempt was made to camouflage these works. The whole is on a high ground and overlooks the area covered by MAT.LOI - [illegible] - [illegible] - [illegible]. No troops observed.
			Nothing dropped on ref [illegible].
	1605		From S. wood to [illegible] - no road - track or [illegible] - nothing further observed.
			No way to reduce [illegible] pilot saw what appeared to be red flash code from ref 675057. On return journey pilot made observation of area - nothing seen.

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

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

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

45 [illegible]

A.O.B. CUSAP DATE 26 NOV '43 DAILY [illegible] A.L.O. Capt. Shaw

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up/	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46/119	F/O. Masson		0845	1130	2Hrs 45m.	TAC/R & ARTY/R.	SUCCESSFUL
	A46/118	F/O. McIntyre		0845	1130	2Hrs 45m.	ESCORT.	
2.	A46/119	F/O. Masson		1415	1505	50m.	TAC/R & ARTY/R.	"
	A46/118	F/O. Holyman		1415	1505	50m.	ESCORT.	
3.	A46/119	F/O. Masson		1625	1805	1Hr 40m.	TAC/R & ARTY/R.	"
	A46/93	F/O. Miller-Randle		1625	1805	1Hr 40m.	ESCORT.	

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

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION GUSAP | UNIT 4 AC SQN. | SORTIE No. 1.(7DIV.). | A C No. | TYPE A46-119 A46-118 | DATE 26 NOV'4

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: TAC/R & ARTY/R. ENEMY GUN POSITION.

REF. MAPS PAPA 1:25000

PILOT F/O. Mason

OBSERVER ~~EMERGENCY~~ INSERT F/O. McIntyre

TIME UP 0845

TIME DOWN 1130

TOTAL 2hrs 45m.

VISIBILITY: GOOD

WEATHER: LOW BROKEN

Place or Ref	Time	Height
DUMPU	0855	
	0901	
	0945	

REPORT—INTERROGATION

Established communications with "PIP" 2. Advised a/c to stay in valley until mortars commenced fire at 0900.
On commencement of mortar fire - Jap gun commenced to fire on our troops. A/C called in - mortar fire ceased. A/C came up FARIA RIV VALLEY - closely observed X6. This was smashed as a result of a direct hit obtained during previous shoot. Not capable of carrying gun in present state. Pilot then searched area covered by X 2 - X 5. All these positions showed an unused condition. They were still rain washed and definitely had not been used.
A/C then contacted "RUSS" "PIP" 2 then came up with message from F.O.O. located with him. Pilot was requested to search on alline 672665 to 681671. F.O.O. advised line of enemy fire approx that of X6. Gun fire heard quite distinctly by our ground force. F.O.O. suggested gun on a high position. Request area closely searched - as a result a possible position was observed at ref 680674. At this point there is a slight gully into which a platform has been cut. An area of 10 x 7½ was visible. The whole works run in an E.W. direction. The western end is smooth and flat cleared of all vegetation - has a newish appearance - unwashed by rain. The Eastern end appears to be wider - but due to timber and position of sun pilot was unable to observe very closely. He feels that the Eastern end could be the hideout position - The western being the firing position. A half hour had elapsed since firing before this position was located. This position gives a good field of fire onto our troops. If bombing contemplated either dive or medium level would be suitable. Approach would be from South. Vegetation is rain forest.
After 3 corrections one round gun fire put down on target. Recorded as X7.
"RUSS" advised that a lot of small arms fire was being directed at a/c.
Communications to "RUSS" & "PIP" 2 excellant.
At 672659 one Jap seen to run to foxhole.
Messages dropped on "PIP" 5 & 2.

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

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

721 -N.G. Press Unit—10/43—3000.

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 AC SQN. SORTIE No 2. (TDIV). A C No. A46-119 TYPE A6-118 DATE 26 NOV '43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R & ARTY/R. ENEMY GUN POSITION.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
PAIPA 1:25000	F/O. Mason	1415		
	ESCORT OBS [redacted] F/O. Holyman	TIME DOWN 1505		
		TOTAL 50m.	GOOD	BROKEN CLOUD 5000'

Place or Ref.	Time	Height
	1425	

REPORT—INTERROGATION

Called "PIP" 2 passed to "RUSS" - he advised that Jap gun had fired 5 rounds - to which "RUSS" replied by firing 6 rounds. Enemy gun then ceased fire.

Pilot then recced X7 - the eastern end of platform reported this area was hit and is now U/S as a gun position. The area generally was damaged. The eastern end was closely observed. This is wide enough for a gun - but no weapons seen.

A track was observed at 678677 this proceeds in a S.E. direction through rain forest country to 683674 then easterly along the ridge running parrallel to track as marked on map. This track has a look which runs through the gun position X7. The gun position being a widened portion of the track itself. The track was traced to reference 690672. Here three zig-zag trenches of approx 25yds long. Each section was 5 yds long - and 5 sections in each complete trench. These three trenches straddled the ridge at refs 689672 - 688672 - 687674. These appear to be quite new - the soil had been thrown out without attempt at camourlage - at base 6 spades were seen lying around the diggings. At ref 686673 there are two half moon trenches straddling the ridge - these also had a new appearance.

At ref [redacted]685675 an oblong hole of approx 7' x 5' x 4' deep with timbered sides was observed- appears to be under construction.

These defensive works are on a 340C feature and overlook the whole of the UPPER FARIA RIV VALLEY

N.M.S. No weapons observed.

Time and Signature A.L.O.

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

45 AUST AL SEC (AC).

721—No. 1, Press Unit—10/43—10m.

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 AD SQN SORTIE No 3. (TRIP). A/C No. - TYPE A43-119 A46-05 DATE 26 NOV 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R & ARTY/R. ENEMY GUN POSITION.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
LAIPA 1:25000	F/O. Lamson	1625		
	OBSERVER F/O. Miller-Randle	TIME DOWN 1705		
		TOTAL 1hr 40m.	GOOD	CLEAR

Place or Ref.	Time	Height

REPORT—INTERROGATION

Called "RUSS" - who advised that two guns had fired 12 rounds (one 5 one 7) from the direction of X 7. By the time a/c were over target guns had ceased fire. Area X 7 thoroughly searched - but no sign of smoke or gun.

"RUSS" gave pilot a correction from X7 of drop 1600 left 500. A search was made of this area and at ref CS2667 the ridge had been ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ cut out and a levelled off area had been constructed. The easterly branch of the river is comparatively lightly timbered - the Easterly branch is heavily timbered. Just at the rear of this levelled patch it would be possible to withdraw a gun into concealment.

Some difficulty was experienced in ranging - shells fell erratically for the first three corrections - After three more corrections target was ranged. One round troop - two rounds gun fire concentrated were fired. All shells fell within 25 yds radius of target. Recorded as X 8.

Messages dropped on "PIP" 5 & 2.

Time and Signature P. Stewart A.L.O.

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

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

A. O. B. APPARITION DATE 26 NOV '43 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A. L. O. R.J.C.O'LOAN CAPT

Sortie No.	A/C No. & Type	Pilot.	Observ.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Target.		Remarks & Weather.
1.	A46-107	F/O WHITECROSS		0935	1235	3 hrs	TAC/R	ARTY/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-89	F/O LEE-WARNER		0935	1235	3 hrs	ESCORT		
2.	A46-132	F/O MUNRO		0935			TAC/R		PILOTS MISSING.
	A46-109	F/3GT SALTER		0935			ESCORT		BELIEVED SHOT DOWN.

DIST:-NGF(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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

DIST:-NGP(2),2 AUST CORPS,9DIV,RAA 9DIV,20BDE,24BDE,26BDE,A2.5AF,SATF,35FG,1AUST AD GP,4 AC SQN,L/C 4 SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

R. A. A. F.

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op A46-207

LOCATION APPARITION UNIT 4 AC SQN 2. (9DIV) SORTIE No. A/C No. - TYPE A46-89 DATE 26 NOV '43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R - ARTY/R

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
BONGA PHOTOMAP SATELBERG 1/25000 MASA ENG RIVER 1"	F/O MITCHINGS OBSERVER F/O [illegible] ARTER	0935 TIME DOWN 1235 TOTAL 3 hrs.	20 MILES +	GOOD

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
SUPPORTED HQ			(t 145138 BONGA Photomap) Area heavily wooded, observation difficult. (147141 - track seen going into bush.) 150136 clear space with track slightly worn running EAST and WEST. Tracks on photos
20 DIV SQ1413			in 50 1413 regarded as accurate. One man width only. Track from village 144130 towards SSW shows
BONGA PHOTOMAP			more recent use.
			Track to PALANKO as shown on 1/25000 series (show no sign of recent movement.
PALANKO -FIOR	1000		(Track FIOR- AREA on Photomap shows heavy recent activity.) At 113132 fresh tracks have been made
FIOR - AREA			across zig-zag into MIANKO.
FIOR-MASANKOO	1035		N.M.S. No signs offootprints or recent activity. Track still wet.
SATELBERG - 563683	1040		N.M.S. No signs of recent activity. Track still wet.
SATELBERG - MASANKOO			" " " " " "
MASANKOO			Possible movement on track WEST of MASANKOO but only light.
COCONUT AREA			Heavy recent movement from SATELBERG to 537694. No further sign of movement along ridge is seen but if any
537694			it is probable that movement proceeded into re-entrant on WESTERN side of ridge. In re-entrant are
			worn patches of black dirt. N.M.S.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

734—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 1 [illegible] 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
			Track [illegible] 730473, track and vehicle [illegible]
			[illegible] 730730 (1" sheet) shows signs of recent
			use although not a city. Village 730736 [illegible]
			but no movement [illegible] appear same size village as [illegible]
			[illegible]
[illegible]	1105		No signs of recent activity on track or village.
[illegible]			[illegible] – [illegible] heavily used. Signs of movement continues through village
[illegible]			until they disappear into scrub.
[illegible]	1110		[illegible] now firing. At 161140 (Provost 1:63A) pilot observed gun – not camouflaged
			but possible camouflaged netting noticed beside gun. Gun was dug in to only 15-18".
			At 161134E gun pit fully dug [illegible] approx 3-4' in length under tree. Two trenches in semi-circle
			behind at 160E10S [illegible]
S 237			[illegible] 237. No direct hits. 1 [illegible]

Time and Signature R.A.C.O. LOAN A.L.O.
CAPT.

Time Passed to Idle. Div. etc. 45 A.S.T. RE 322 (AC).

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS

A. C. APPARITION DATED 25.NOV'43 A. L. G. R.J.C. O'LOAN CAPT.

No.	Aircraft	Pilot	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Total Time	Remarks
1.	A20 - 455	S/L BELL	CAPT. O'LOAN	0925	1350	4hrs 25mins	TRAVEL TO FINSCHHAFEN & RETURN TO APPARITION

DIST:-HGF(2),2AUST CORPS, 9DIV,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.O.B. GUSAF. DATE. 25 NOV '43 A.L.O. Capt. Shays

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up/	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46- 134	F/O. Staley		1350	1500	/ - 50m.	TAC/R & ARTY/R.	UNSUCCESSFUL.
	A46-92	F/O. McIntyre		1350	1500	/ - 50m.	ESCORT.	due to bad weather.

Service U.S. Communication S. U.S.

R. A. A. F.

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 AC SQN. SORTIE No. 1. (7DIV). A/C No. A46-134 TYPE A46-92 DATE 25 NOV '43

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

REF. MAPS PAIPA 1:25000

PILOT F/O. Staley

~~ESCORT~~ OBSERVER F/O. McIntyre

TIME UP 1350

TIME DOWN 1500

TOTAL 1Hr 30m.

VISIBILITY: FAIR.

WEATHER: LOW CLOUD.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height
DUMPU	1400	
	1420	

REPORT—INTERROGATION

Called "PIP" 5 passed to "PIP" 2.
TAC/R. requested to locate enemy gun which had been firing on our ~~target~~ troops. Cloud base on ranges. A/C requested to cruise in valley for 20mins. Cloud did not lift - TAC/R not possible - A/C returned to base.

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

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

724—S.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

CUSAF.

A.O.B..... DATE. 24.NOV.'43...

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.L.O....Capt. Shaw.....

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up/	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-119	F/O. Masson		0840	1015	1Hr 35m.	TAC/R & ARTY/R.	SUCCESSFUL.
	A46-93	F/O. Staley		0840	1015	1Hr 35m.	ESCORT.	
2.	AAF 43-1199.	F/Sgt. Hunter		0820	1430	2Hrs 45m. Total flying time.	Travel from CUSAF - DUMPU - FIATA & Return.	Ferry Army Officer

Wm Creary.

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

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A. C. B. APPARITION DATE 24 JUNE 43. A. L. G. R.A.F. STATION CAPT.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	PILOT.	OBSVR.	W.	DUAL	NIGHT	POST STRIKE	REMARKS
						INCL.		
3.	A20 - 455	F/O [illegible]	F/SGT GRAHAM	1707	1802	55mins	CAM/?	

DIST:-SGT(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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

APPARITION 24 NOV '43 R.J.C.SIMONS CAPT

1.	A46-115	F/O LEE-CARTER	1100	1330	2 hrs 30 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-109	F/O WHITECROSS	1100	1330	2 hrs 30 mins	ESCORT	
2.	A46-132	F/O MUNRO	1049	1322	2 hrs 33 mins	ATTK/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-89	F/SGT WALKER	1049	1322	2 hrs 33 mins	ESCORT	

DIST:- HQF(2),2AUST CORPS, 9DIV, WAR DIARY, FILE.

DIST 1-SOP(2),2ARMY CORPS,9DIV,RAA 9DIV,20DIV,24DIV,26DIV,A2.5 AF,BATF,35FD,1ARMY AL 5,4 AC OCR,1/O 4 HQE,AIR DEPT,FILE.

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION APPARENTLY UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No 2.(SOP) A/C No. - TYPE A46-132 A46-39 DATE 24 JLY '43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE ARTY/R [illegible] RAA E AREA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/25000	P/O [illegible]	1049	GOOD	CLEAR
	OBSERVER F/SGT [illegible]	TIME DOWN 1320		
		TOTAL hrs 2½ mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			Communications. Established with BILL - [illegible] contacted later during sortie.
S 133	1130		WORK. (a) BILL engaged TARGET 135 - two long huts at 567743 - accurate registration - 3 rounds sunfire on artificial targets.
S 134			(b) 5 huts 566745. Target registered - 3 rounds sunfire slightly to EAST of huts.
S 135			(c) Village - 12 huts - 566747, 2500 x 100 of target 134. First round fell in centre of village. 3 rounds sunfire fell in village area.
S 136	1155		Contacted BILL who informed of hostile gun suspected 5230727 - search unsuccessful but observed tracks at tip of lake 619734. BILL engaged - 2 rounds sunfire accurately registered.

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

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

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. [illegible] A C No. - TYPE A16-115 DATE 24 N.F '43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/500 [illegible]	[illegible]	1100	20 miles +	CLEAR
	OBSERVER: [illegible]	TIME DOWN 1300		
		TOTAL 2 hrs 20 mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
[illegible]			[illegible] approx 200x due East, thence NORTH,
547632			and [illegible] in general direction of [illegible] - about 8 [illegible] of dirty [illegible] about 8'
			wide - some cut. Good track leaves village [illegible] and follows in general direction
			of previous track [illegible] opposite side of open, gully track leaves in NE direction towards RIVER.
			[illegible] to be used as extensively as first and second tracks. A fourth track leaves village
			[illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] to 537694, cement wall.)
COCKIE HILL			(Scene of [illegible] activity. Top of hill considered to be junction of numerous tracks leading
537694			off in many directions. No track leading EAST to creek crossing 538693 thence to [illegible].
			Another track leads off from 538693 along EAST bank of creek to note 544696.)
AREA 2000x			[illegible] tracks, many cuts, unable to accurately pin-point. Whole but area indicated much activit
NORTH LINE			(Taken from 537697 - 540686 track junction main [illegible] RD, considered to be approx 10' wide, follo
537694 - [illegible]			[illegible] and [illegible] side of contours above [illegible] going in direction of [illegible], gives
			impression of use by wheeled vehicles.)
[illegible]			Village in good condition. 4 huts on extreme NE side damaged. Good track from [illegible] towards
			EAST to ford 546694 built of earth and stones. Thence to 546693 meeting track junction joining
			main [illegible] track. Good track approaches [illegible] from EAST by-passes 100x NORTH of village.
			By-passes village and joins track at 546677.

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. [illegible] 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] over on track between 537677 and 530665. No signs of recent movement. Decent track [illegible] 537673 - good hard road, many tracks leading NNE to 2 huts E/W side of [illegible] road. (Track visible from 537673 running N to 544664 on WESTERN side of feature. From 544664 track joins several huts along track N to SE in SE direction towards 530665. another track leads off in [illegible] direction from 544664.
			(2 huts visible in area 544674 - 543673 - in good repair connected by tracks to ford 544674 - area heavily vegetated, many patches heavy trees, several native gardens and much tall grass.
CASUALTIES			Inhabited appearance at 552573. Possible enemy elements at 537677.

Time and Signature.....

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

45 AUST AL SEC (AC).

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION GUSAP | UNIT 4 AC SQN. | SORTIE No 1. (7DIV). | A.C.No. - TYPE A46-119 A46-93 | DATE 24 NOV' 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE T.C/R - ANTY/R ENEMY GUN POSITION 674675.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
PAPUA 1:25000	S/O. Masson	0840		
	ESCORT.	TIME DOWN 1015		
	R. F/O. Staley	TOTAL 1Hr 35m.	GOOD	HIGH BROKEN

Place or Ref	Time	Height
	0900	

REPORT—INTERROGATION

Called "PIP" 5 - passed to "RUSS".

After four corrections target was ranged. One round troop and 3 rounds gunfire put on target. All rounds fell in target area. Target recorded as X6.

The second round of smoke hit top of ridge and fell west of targetarea. This "put up" a Jap who ran from North to South side of gully at 670673.

A/C again were called out to observe enemy gun firing on our troops. Gun had ceased fire when A/C reached area. "RUSS" advised pilot of general direction from which fire was coming.

Medium level or dive bombing would be suitable. Dive bombing approach would be from West to East. Medium level from either East or West. The gun position is on westerly slopes of saddle with the ground falling away westerly into a Upper MINJIM RIV VALLEY.

At ref 672668 a further partial clearing was observed similar to the one reported on 23 NOV'. Again this was roughly half cheese shape of approx 10x across. The area was not cleared completely of growth. All trees had been broken off and lying on the ground. This clearing is quite close to the one previously reported and is on opposite side of creek. No sign of track joining these two clearances was observed - but the creek bed could be used as a connecting track. Clearing has been made during last 24 hrs.

Messages dropped on "PIP" 5 & 2.

TERRAIN:- An additional track runs from 667675 in a gentle Northerly arc to 676673. The gully at ref 673667 extends to 677670.

45 AUST AL SEC (AC).

721- N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m

DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLOWN.

A. C. B. CWSAP DATE 30.NOV'43 A. E. C. Capt. Shave

Serial No.	A/C Type & No.	Pilot.	Duty.	Hours Flown.	Nature of Flight.	Remarks & Signature
1.	A46-92	F/O.Miller-Randle	1445 1600	1Hr 15m	T/C/R.	WHS CORRECT'L.
	A46-134	F/O. Guyot	1445 1600	1Hr 15m	ESCORT	

Serviceability:- OP A/C. U.S. Communication A/C. 3. U.S.

R. A. A. F.

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION 403AP | UNIT 4 WG WGN | SORTIE No. (TDIV) | A/C No. - TYPE A66-23 A66-136 | DATE 30 NOV'43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R DARWIN AI & Ops. ISK

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
DARWIN 5TH. Pt.Rp DARWIN 5TH. Pt.Rp	PILOT F/O. Miller-Handle OBSERVER F/O. Coyne	TIME UP 1445 TIME DOWN 1600 TOTAL 1HR 15Mn.	POOR	LOW CLOUD

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
Treatment 1st			At Refs 605625 and 623671 smoke was seen. Trees had been chopped down for approx 12 yds square
Point 1st			and ashes appeared to pilot to be a native garden in the course of preparation. Nil.
			Route of DARWIN ROAD not possible due to dense cloud at low levels.
			"PRO" Indicated by A/C.

Time and Signature R. J. Lowe Lieut A.A.S.C.

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc 45 ASSIST. L SEC (A.S.C.)

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

APPARITION 30 NOV'43 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TIMES.

S. O. D. DATE..... A. L. R.J.C.O'LOAN CAPT

Unit's A/C No.	Pilot.	Ord.	Down.	Time Aloft.	Task & Result.	Remarks & Initials
1. A46-107	F/O WHITECROSS	0720	0930	2 hrs 10m	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
A46-95	S/L BELL	0720	0930	2 hrs 10m	ESCORT	
2. A46-115	F/O LEE-WARNER	0720	0930	2 hrs 10m	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
A46-106	F/O BIRRELL	0720	0930	2 hrs 10m	ESCORT	

DIST:-NGF(2),2 AUST CORPS,9DIV,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. 2. A/C No. - TYPE A6-207 A6-95 DATE 30 N V '43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
[illegible] - FORTIFICATION FT 1/25000	OBSERVER [illegible]	TIME DOWN 0930	20 miles +	GOOD
		TOTAL 2 hrs 10 mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			Attached [illegible] terrain showing information of recent MAC/R's for ODF only.
[illegible]	0845		[illegible] to [illegible] 12765 very difficult to observe. No signs of recent or heavy movement. [illegible] at 14266. No signs of cultivation. 1 hut with small track leading into lagoon at 57735. Village correct at 607700. Track shown on photomap and 1/25000 map [illegible], is not visible from air. The terrain through which it is stated to pass would allow easy observation at low level.
			Track from 643777 to coral [illegible] as reported 25 N.V very heavily used and considered more likely to be jeep than plotted track [illegible] on map. A20's bombing and strafing prevented close recce of coastal track [illegible] - 637707. A20's over area 90 minutes.
			Beach at 643777 appears to be good off-loading point for barges. Track in coral. 3 heavily used short tracks radiate from beach towards coastal track. Between 643777 and 647763 approx 17 tracks lead from coastal track into timber along side coast. Coastal track [illegible] towards lagoon 306476 fairly well used.
			[illegible] dropped on 2/32 Bn and Brigade.

Time and Signature R.J.C.O'DOAH CAPT.

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

45 AUST AL SEC (AC).

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DI[illegible]-KGV(2),2A[illegible] C.R.P.S,9DIV,R.A.[illegible],9CIV,20.[illegible],24 DIV,26.[illegible],[illegible],30,3MIF,35IN,[illegible] A.G.[illegible],4 AD 3[illegible],1/0 4 3[illegible],WAR DIARY,FILE.

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. 2. [illegible] A/C No. - TYPE [illegible] DATE 30 NOV 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS [illegible]	PILOT [illegible]	TIME UP 0730	VISIBILITY [illegible]	WEATHER GOOD
[illegible]	OBSERVER [illegible]	TIME DOWN 0900		
		TOTAL 2 hrs [illegible] mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible] was defined. [illegible] difficult to observe and [illegible]
[illegible]	0900		[illegible] 11.13½ [illegible] 11.22½ [illegible] visible between 24.30 [illegible] 13712. [illegible]
LAKES 152[illegible]			[illegible] 153½[illegible]. [illegible] 144129.

Time and Signature [illegible] Capt A.A.C.

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

45 AUST AL SEC (AC).

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

AOB GUSAP

DATE 29 NOV 43

NIL SORTIES.

Capt. Shave A.L.O.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS

A.O. Base [illegible] DATE 29 [illegible] 45 [illegible] F.J.S.C. O'Leary Capt

USSTAF A/C No.	Pilot	Object	Up	Down	Time	Type of Mission	Remarks
1.	446-115	F/O LEE - [illegible] R	0830	1048	2 hrs 18 m.	TAC/R [illegible]	SUCCESSFUL
	446-106	F/O BIRRELL	0830	1048	2 hrs 18 m.	TAC RT	
2.	446-107	F/O [illegible] ECP [illegible]	0830	1048	2 hrs 18 m.	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	446-95	F/O DICKSON	0830	1048	2 hrs 18 m.	TAC RT	

DUTY-ECP(2), 2 [illegible] C [illegible] 3, 9 [illegible] W, [illegible] [illegible] 2122.

Serviceability:- OP A/C. 3. U.S. Communication A/C. 3. U.S.

DIST:-HQF(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,RA. 9DIV,20BDE,24BDE,26BDE,AC.SAF,HAP,35BN,1AUST AL GP,4 AC SQN,3/3 SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 1. (DAY) A/C No. - TYPE A6-115 DATE 20 SEP 43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SALAMAUA PORT MORESBY Pt. 1/250,000 AERIAL STRIKE CHART	F/O [illegible]	0830		
	OBSERVER F/S [illegible]	TIME DOWN 1040	20 MILES +	GOOD
		TOTAL 2 hrs 10 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
MAGO	0920		Track from MAGO - WAMO - PIN considered well graded throughout, possibly low obsolete surface and approx 9' wide. Track leaves SE corner of MAGO at 567732 and runs on EAST SW side of track MAGO - WAMO as shown on photo. Proceeds NORTH side of WAMO in SE direction. Track considered accurately plotted on photomap to track junction 114125 (photomap) thence along side to coconut grove, with 4 undefined huts at 113125. Track follows SW down side of spur to bridge 113117 (photomap), thence SE to PIN as shown on photomap.
WAMO	1000		Track from 145130 to 137140 very well defined, showed signs of very recent movement. The heavy cloud around this area makes observation very difficult.
ARXH			Pilot noticed this tract flash at point. On investigation pilot saw large tree which appeared to have been drawn across top of hole, probable gun position. S/C called CHARLIE who informed BDE. BDE agreed. H.A.I. considered the target. Owing to a/c being recalled final adjustment not made and not known if DIV will record target as GOOD number.

Time and Signature R.A.A.F. 0.1.AC [illegible] A.A.I.O.

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

321—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DI [illegible] 9 [illegible] 9 DIV, 20 BDE, 2 SOU, 26 BDE, 42 SAF, AMF, 35 FG, 1 [illegible] A/C G, 4 AC [illegible] D/O 4 SQN, AIR [illegible] FILE.

R. A. A. F.

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION [illegible] UNIT 4 AC [illegible] SORTIE No. 2. (SAME) A/C No. - TYPE A-137 A6-95 DATE 29 NOV '43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
[illegible] 1/25000 [illegible]	P/O [illegible]	0830	20 MILES	GOOD
	OBSERVER P/O [illegible]	TIME DOWN 1045		
		TOTAL [illegible]		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
[illegible]	0815		Very well worn track, considerable use, from [illegible] to 3 int village 133163, but dilapidated. Track disappears after 237x past village into heavy timber on side of hill 135166. Again visible 622765 (1/25000) approx 5' wide heavily used, shows signs of recent movement. At 620765 small burnt patch 100x x 50x. Track leads EAST and disappears into timbered knoll. Visible on EASTERN slope of knoll 624768 in bunds, where it is bunch out and zig-zags until lost to view at 627763. Observed again at 629769 until 651770. From 637775 it follows [illegible] side of creek and joins coastal track at 642772. 7 foxholes, not freshly dug, appear at 634782 and 633781. Possible defended post 633772 on [illegible] high side of burnt patch with 4' track leading into it from timber on [illegible] side. At 635774 unrevealed gun pit. No trace of LAKEBA - [illegible] track as shown on 1/25000.
LAKEBA	0955		Dilapidated, undergrowth trampled and recent movement apparent. At 622805 loose dead coconut leaves matted about 2' high and 12' in diameter.
LAKEBA - [illegible]			Coastal track towards [illegible]KA approx 5' wide and very well used. Considered the more heavily used [illegible] track: [illegible] towards F[illegible] PT. 617806 possible dump area, numerous tracks lead from small burnt patch into bush on [illegible] side of [illegible]KA R mouth.

Time and Signature

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 2. C.O.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
SOUTH R MOUTH	1000		At 636790 good off-loading barge point, NORTH of mouth. Break in coral. Apparently some work has been carried out to use site for off-loading. Bush has been cut down to afford easier approach to bank. Very heavy track movement around area. Considered possible dump extending to 3 Km inland from beach. Barge seen at 181190 (WINDORAH AREA). A/c returned to base on advice of escort. Unable to complete full mission. Message dropped on S/32 HQ.

Time and Signature R.J.C. O'LOAN CAPT.

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DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.O.B...CUSAP.....

DATE...28 NOV'43...

NIL SORTIES.

Capt. Shave.....

A. C. S. APPARITION DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLYING. ... C R.J.C. O'LOAN ... CAPT.

No.	Serial No.	Pilot.	Observer.	Up	Down	Time	Nature of Duty	Remarks
1.	A46-115	F/O LE -WARNER		1350	1525	1 hr 35m	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-106	F/O BIRREL		1350	1525	1 hr 35m	ESCORT	
2.	A46-107	F/O WHITECROSS		1350	1550	2 hrs	ARTY/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-95	F/O DICKSON		1350	1550	2 hrs	ESCORT	

DIST:-NGF(2),2AUST CORPS,90TY,AIR DIARY,FILE.

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

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. [illegible] A C No. [illegible] TYPE [illegible] DATE 20 [illegible] '43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/25000 [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	GOOD
	OBSERVER [illegible]	TIME DOWN 1425		
		TOTAL 2 hr 35 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
GUSAU -	2430		[illegible] suitable [illegible] for bombers for coastal [illegible] is beach (572247) 50x long
KALENG RIVER			[illegible] covered by over [illegible] trees and shrub. Beach appears
MOUTH			[illegible] pebble beach. [illegible] appears to be [illegible]
			[illegible] 3 boulders
[illegible]			[illegible] Remaining area 5-6ft
			[illegible] Bottom (3 fms) [illegible]
			[illegible] coastal area.
			[illegible] 10ft long and 20ft wide, ends abruptly on [illegible] side at track crossing.
			[illegible] channel along [illegible] bank winding between large boulders.
OSUKA - SAPELE			[illegible] to and from very extensively used track pattern [illegible]
			[illegible] from road junction is very rough track. Track passes thro village
			[illegible] 20ft [illegible] of track [illegible] 1 bridge [illegible] 8ft
			[illegible] 3 ton C, but may not be strong enough for tanks. Coconut trees adjacent could
			[illegible] plantation [illegible] trees likely much activity.

Time and Signature R.A.C. OFFICER CAPT. R.A.A.F.

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc. 4½ HOST AL SUC (AC).

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