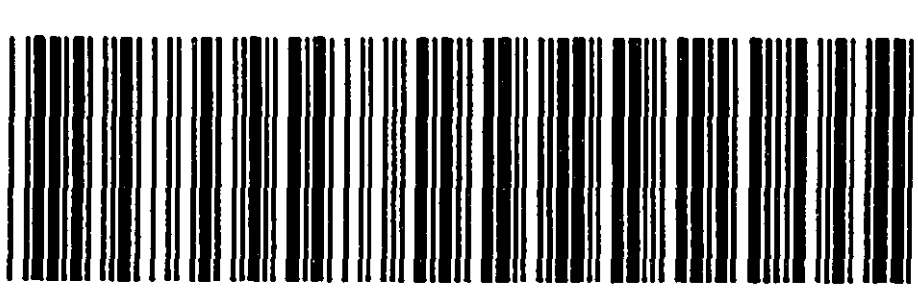
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Unit 45 AUST AL SEC (AC). *Date and Time.—From* 1 JAN 44 *To* 6 JAN 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRY. PT. MORESBY.	1/1/44		Operations for day NADZAB 1 Sortie - GUSAP 2 Sprties. See App "B".	
			JEEP sent to GUSAP (No 135707).	
" "	2/1/44		Operations for day NADZAB 2 Sorties - GUSAP 1 Sortie. See App "B".	
" "	3/1/44		Operations for day NADZAB 2 Sorties - GUSAP 3 Sorties. See App "B".	
			Conference with F.A.T.F. DOBODURA. Possible future operations of 4 Sqdn discussed. Only likely to be employed if further landings eventuate with A.M.F.	
" "	4/1/44		Operations for day NADZAB 1 Sortie - GUSAP 1 Sortie. See App "B".	
			Capt. Shave returned ex GUSAP.	
" "	5/1/44		Operations for day NADZAB NIL Sorties - GUSAP 1 Sortie. See App "B".	
" "	6/1/44		Operations for day NADZAB 3 Sorties - GUSAP 4 Sorties. See App "B".	
			Pte. Reeves admitted to 111 C.C.S. - Suspected malaria. Pte. Golding admitted to S.S.Q. - Dengue fever.	

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Unit 45 AUST AL SEC (AC) *Date and Time.—From* 7 JAN '44 *To* 12 JAN '44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRY. PT. MORESBY.	7/1/44		Operations for day NADZAB 1 Sortie - GUSAP 4 Sorties. See APP "B". Capt. O'Loan departed for NADZAB.	
" "	8/1/44		Operations for day NADZAB 2 Sorties - GUSAP 5 Sorties. See App "B". Collected two JEEPS from LAE BASE SUB AREA.	
" "	9/1/44		Operations for day NADZAB 2 Sorties - GUSAP 3 Sorties. See App "B".	
" "	10/1/44		Operations for day NADZAB 2 Sorties - GUSAP 3 Sorties. See App "B". Capt Shave & A/Sgt Miller departed for NADZAB.	
" "	11/1/44		Operations for day NADZAB 1 Sortie - GUSAP 1 Sortie. See APP "B". Capt Keating & A/Sgt Miller marched out to 5 Aust Div Reception. Camp en route to Mainland on Recreational Leave.	
" "	12/1/44		Operations for day NADZAB 1 Sortie - GUSAP NIL Sorties. See App "B". Pte. Reeves discharged from 111 C.C.S. NADZAB.	

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Unit 45 AUST AL SEC (AC). *Date and Time.—From* 12 JAN'44 *To* 17 JAN'44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRY. PT. MORESBY.	13/1/44		Operations for day NADZAB 2 Sorties - GUSAP 2 Sorties. See App "B". P40 - 78 Sqn R.A.A.F. an Nadzab and did sortie one 7 DIV. Need for close liaison with 10 Ops Group for strikes in 7 & 9 Div areas.	
" "	14/1/44		Operations for day NADZAB 1 Sortie - GUSAP 2 Sorties. See App "B". Conference 2 AUST CORPS. Will use Photographic BOOMERANG on any new areas and also give first phase interpretation for any Eng. problems etc. 2 AUST CORPS very pleased with A.L. & Sqn work. Pte. Golding discharged from S.S.Q.	
" "	15/1/44		Operations for day NADZAB-1 Sortie - GUSAP 3 Sorties. See App "B". Conference with 9 DIV. PIPER CUB is only intended to be used for C/B fire or any impromptu targets seen by ground troops. TAC/R a/c will still be used for registering etc. C.R.A. 9 DIV never intended to eliminate TAC/R a/c from ARTY, indeed considers it to be most accurate.	
" "	16/1/44		Operations for day NADZAB 1 Sortie - GUSAP 6 Sorties. See App "B". Capt. O'Loan returned ex NADZAB.	
" "	17/1/44		Operations for day NADZAB 2 Sorties - GUSAP 4 Sorties. See App "B". 5 Douglas alloted to Sqn to assist in moving Sqn to NADZAB.	

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Unit....45..AUST..AL..SEC..(AC)..... *Date and Time.—From*.....18..JAN'44.....*To*.....22..JAN'44.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRY. PT. MORESBY.	18/1/44		Operations for day NADZAB 2 Sorties - GUSAP 2 Sorties. See App "B". Returned 3 vehicles to 10 A.A.O.D. The Section now has 4 JEEPS on strength which is ideal, particularly as the Sqn's detached flights are normally moved by Douglas a/c.	
" "	19/1/44		Operations for day NADZAB 1 Sortie - GUSAP 2 Sorties. See App "B". Further success from BOOMERANGS leading in B25's on strikes by strafing runs to indicate targets.	
" "	20/1/44		Operations for day NADZAB 1 Sortie - GUSAP 4 Sorties. See App "B". BOOMERANGS conducted successful trials on dropping 30lb phosphorous bombs from specially constructed bomb racks, for indication of targets for air strikes. The rack was made by Armament officer of 74 WING, and enables 4 bombs to be carried. It is expected that this method will prove a huge success as a large volume of smoke is released on explosion.	
" "	21/1/44		Operations for day NADZAB 1 Sortie - GUSAP 3 Sorties. See App "B". The Squadron is moving some of its HQ equipment by Douglas a/c to NADZAB when a/c are available. The remainder will be sent by L.C.T. Major O'Loan to NADZAB.	
" "	22/1/44		Operations for day NADZAB 1 Sortie - GUSAP 2 Sorties. See App "B".	
			C.O. and Maj. O'Loan visited 9 AUST DIV. & 5 AUST DIV. G.O.C. 9 AUST DIV expressed his appreciation of the work performed by everyone connected with 4 Sqn operations.	

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Unit....45..AUST..AL..SEC..(AC)..... *Date and Time.—From.*23..JAN'44.....*To*..27..JAN'44.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
~~BERRY, PT. MORESBY.~~	~~23/1/44~~		Operations for day NADZAB 1 Sortie - GUSAP 5 Sorties. See App "B". G.O.C. 9 AUST DIV considered it a splendid idea have 4 Sqn train with this Division and to Co-operate in their next campaign.	
" "	24/1/44		Operations for day NADZAB 1 Sortied - GUSAP 4 Sorties. See App "B". One 30lb phosphorous comb exploded prematurelyduring a further test, reason unknown. The previous results have been so satisfactory that every attempt is being made to discover the cause and rectify it.	
" "	25/1/44		Operations for day NADZAB 1 Sortie - GUSAP NIL Sortied. See App "B". The G.O.C's and General Staff of the Divisions in SIO & RAMU areas consider they will have no further use for 4 Sqdn after February.	
" "	26/1/44		Operations for day NADZAB 2 Sorties - GUSAP 1 Sortie. See App "B". O.C. inspected the battle areas in SIO & RAMU to inform pilots of the enemy's attempt at concealment. The A.L.O's will visit these areas as soon as convenient.	
" "	27/1/44		Operations for day NADZAB 1 Sortie - GUSAP 4 Sorties. See App "B".	

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Unit 45 AUST AL SEC (AC). *Date and Time.—From* 28 JAN'44 *To* 31 JAN'44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRY. PT. MORESBY.	28/1/44		Operations for day NADZAB 1 Sortie - GUSAP 3 Sorties. See App "B".	
			A/Cpl. Muir marched out from 2 Aust Corps Reception Depot - ~~into Unit on return from Recreational Leave.~~	Ref.
" "	29/1/44		Operations for day NADZAB 1 Sortie - GUSAP 4 Sorties. See App "B".	
			C.O. and Maj O'Loan to 2 AUST CORPS. G.O.C. expressed satisfaction ~~and gratitude for splendid Co-operation of 4 Sqdn.~~	Ref.
" "	30/1/44		Operations for day NADZAB 1 Sortie - GUSAP 1 Sortie. See App "B".	
			C.O. and Maj. O'Loan to 7 AUST DIV. G.O.C. expressed his satisfaction of the splendid work performed by the Squadron. He considered it most advisable to have 4 Sqdn to train with his Division and to Co-operate in their next campaign.	Ref.
" "	31/1/44		Operations for day NADZAB 1 Sortie - GUSAP Nil Sorties. See App "B".	

WAR DIARY

REPORT ON S.C.O. 3rd ARMY AIR SVC - ARMY CO-OP
[illegible] 3rd Army.

GENERAL

This report covers Army Co-Op as carried out by 5 (AC) Sqn. RAAF. During operations "BESTIAL" period 3 Sep 43 to 17 Sep 43 inclusive. Ref Maps: Area MARZAR - LAT - MEROL. Maps: 1" Series.

1. The Sqn was operationally controlled by 5 AF (HQ) and placed in support of 1 ARMY CORPS, with 7 and 9 AUST DIVS: Each Div allotted 3 SPITFIRES, 1 WARNING and in reserve 2 SPITFIRES and 1 WARNING. 5 AUST DIV were given Sorties as demands on 7 and 9 AUST DIVS permitted.

2. Requests for Sorties were passed direct from 7 and 9 AUST DIVS to AHQ on Flight Commander. All requests were met, except on two occasions when the strip was U/S due to rain. All Sorties took off on time.

3. Role of 5 (AC) Sqn.

(a) Tactical reconnaissance.
(b) Artillery Reconnaissance.
(c) Photo reconnaissance.
(d) Supply dropping - limited to emergency supplies - WARNINGS.
(e) Ferry and reconnaissance by "G" Staff Officers.
(f) Specific strafing.
(g) Indication and "Leading In" of (P39's and P40's).
(h) Naval bombardment.

4. TYPES OF AIRCRAFT.

(a) A/C - BOOMERANG CAC - Armament - 2 - 20mm Cannons, 4 - .303 M Gs, R/T Communication - 2 Crystal frequency; capable of carrying out missions as in paragraph 3, a,b,f,g, and h.

(b) A/C - WARNING - capable of missions as in paragraph 3, a,b,c, d,e and h. W/T or R/T communication 2 - 11 Mcs frequency range.

5. AREAS - 7 AUST DIV.

North of the MARKHAM RIVER as far as B'AIN to KOMIMBELLS OF ERAE, SOUTHERN LAKES RIVERS, MARKHAM VALLEY road to NADZAB and Road to LAE.

AREAS 9 AUST DIV.

FINSCHHAFEN AREA, North to KELANGAMIT OF POINT, HUON, SIMBANG, BUKO RIVERS and MAPIA VILLAGE, with special attention to coast to KRAKER - KWATA LEVELEMT and SIDEWIPE ROAD.

Operations of 9 AUST DIV commenced 1500 hrs 3 Sep, when direct[illegible] was employed along the coast from SALAMAUA via FINSCHHAFEN to LAE. The full co-operation commenced at 0615 hrs 4 Sep for 7 and 9 AUST DIVS when A/C were supplied for Recn - Army/R and Naval Bombardment (of above targets) at 0630 hrs, above as required.

6. TACTICS.

ALL BOOMERANG A/C operated in sections of two. Escort A/C flew 1000/1500' above mission A/C. The escort A/C remained on fighter frequency and would pass any warning to the mission A/C as necessitated (Crystal control R/T allowed for this quick operation).

7. OPERATIONAL BASE.

NADZAB Lat 6° 34' - Long 146° 21' - Height A S L 250' open aerodrome 12 miles inland from MARKHAM VALLEY. This airfield provided excellent facility for operating BOOMERANG and WARNING A/C. This strip is open 150 miles from Sqn Base at BURN, NORTH QUEENSL. Serviced by R.A.A.F. Light landing facilities.

8. ATTACKS ON TARGET AREAS :- BOTH 7 AND 9 AUST DIV.

Along the UPPER MARUM VALLEY TO MUNUMAI RIVER was usually accessible, and little trouble from weather was experienced. Flying time to 9 AUST DIV AREA approx 20 minutes and 9 AUST DIV AREA approx 30 minutes. A/c were always in safe distance of radio fighter control A/F for early receiving of unidentified plots - as well as top cover fighter escort.

9. Both Divs A/c being based at the same operational base allowed for A/c to be employed in varying numbers depending on either DIVS requirements. stand by A/c were always maintained. The average time from RECEIPT of request to A/c over TARGET AREA allowing for adequate briefing etc usually 35 to 40 minutes. Stand by Pilot and air crews were kept fully briefed as situation progressed.

10. Proposed L.A.O's. In each case strips prepared by Division were not suitable for BOOMERANG a/c, and in the case of 7 AUST DIV, LAGAIP strip was only used by 4 (AC) for ATTACKAVE. 9 AUST DIV prepared a "Dual" strip at [redacted]. The Flight Commander and ALO landed on this strip in a WIRRAWAY on 13 Sep 43, the strip was inspected and classed suitable only for operating light a/c. The advantages of operating where fighter escort is being provided and efficient Radar operation outweighs the time lost in travelling an extra 15 minutes to target (and possibility of "rendezvous" being missed with fighters). The RAAF L/O with each DIV, compensated for the lack of continuous personal liaison with "G" Staff by the Flight Commander and ALO.

11. MISSION RECONNAISSANCE.

(a) All briefing and interrogation appertaining to the Army's requirements were handled by the ALO's - Air Force "Sorties" and allotment of a/c and pilots etc were entirely handled by Flight Commander. It has been found by experience that Rec/R can be successfully carried out only at heights not less than 200' - this applies to JUNGLE conditions: Above 200' it is impossible in any instances to observe the movements on even tracks - that are so naturally well hidden.

(b) During Rec/R very few hits by A/c were received from enemy A.A. fire on Lae. Heavy A/A only opened fire when A/c was on its way home - usually 100/1000' up - flying on a reasonably steady course.

(c) Map Reading: At low level it is easy to pin point but pilots must go to 2500/3000' to allow accurate map reading in relation to surrounding features - this is largely due to map inaccuracies.

(d) During Rec/R information as to map errors and terrain observation were recorded.

(e) In some instances pilots were obliged to fly at sea level to allow observation actually in through jungle. This is mainly the case with the GUINEA Coastal Area and MADANG as the heavy growth is within a few feet of the shore line. In Kunai and Coconut Plantations observation is comparatively easy. Scrubby fires, especially at mud flats often lead to valuable information. The Jap always suppliesby dousing the fire on approach of A/c.

(f) Rec/R pilots were always prepared for impromptu artillery engagements and established R/T contact with the artillery when approaching the area.

(g) Results of each mission were dropped to the Forward Div, Bde and Div HQ on the standard ASS'n. (See attached example). ASS (full reports) were dropped to Bde, and Div HQ the following morning, on which this mission was flown (see appendix "C").

(h) Photo/R - vertical and oblique. This was limited to Hurricane A/c and due to enemy activity: only 3 photo missions were completed

11. (a) Processing etc was carried out at the forward operational base. Weather permitting and depending upon the size of loads, prints have been delivered 5/6 hours after A/c returned to base. A few extra hours to enlarge prints more than compensated for a regular delivery. While contacts do not allow close detail study except photomosaics.

12. ARTY/ RECONN.

Single gun ranging: No bracketing. Due to very weak R/T communication peculiar to the area - 85% shoots conducted one way R/T. On two occasions a third A/c acted as an air link to Battery but results did not justify the employment. R/T satisfactory immediately over battery on LMG nets.

13. CO-ORDINATION.

To allow immediate contact with each DIV H (AC) allotted to each WING, A.75/A28 complete with accessories, operator and Indian Officer - this Officer was one of the Air's Observers who had had previous experience in the BURMA, WAU, ARAKAN Campaigns. This Observer acted as "Liaison Officer" to the DIV on matters relevant to Army Co-op. This link proved very satisfactory as it allowed messages both direct to Air Operational Base, without unnecessary channels causing delays - air to ground R/T has been poor to weak most of the time, local conditions beyond control. Many positions reported direct over R/T: Allied positions DOT supplied on R/T - important changes were signalled to DIV HQ immediately A/c landed. Daily average - eighty MADZAS and HOPOI sent back to TSEIN - 2000 groups.

AERIAL DROPPING.

This role was not required during operation "PONGAL". (Maximum GP bs. used 500 lbs. load carriers under the main plane, maximum per carrier 250 lbs).

PHOTO.

Normal A/c carried photo cameras as required. The only outstanding trip was one ILLI to POINT PONGAL with DIV and personnel on the evening of 24 Jan. A/c departed DULI 0900 hrs and landed POINT PONGAL 0130 hrs 25 Jan, camera, operated during operations by the C-in-C and the COC 7 INDIAN DIV.

SIGNALS.

This was only employed on two occasions - [illegible] A/c both in flights of P39 and 1 HO (USAC) at DIV's disposal.

LIAISON WITH AIR FORCE UNITS.

(a) The SQUADRON was always employed in sections of two - the escort A/c on frequency "B" and leader likewise on frequency "A" "B" and "D". Section A/c operating proved most effective especially when over mountainous areas. Escort pilot had to [illegible] difficulty in keeping on with the leader and once he had been detached on two occasions for 9 INDIAN DIV, the "escort" A/c acted as an air link via the two way R/T - Arty/ Air which proved quite useful.

AIR SUPPLY.

A/c supplied but not employed - no targets.

GENERAL.

Fighter cover escort was provided by 35 F.C. (USAC) - S.A.A.F. Their co-operation and assistance in this regard is greatly appreciated.

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AUST DIV

SORTIES AS CARRIED OUT BY 1 AG SQN DARW - JAMDAN

DATE	SORTIES	NATURE OF SORTIE		FIRING TIME
1.	1	Tac/R & Strafing	GUSAP RIVER, DUMPU	2hr 0min
2	2	" "	RAGINGINIA area.	1" 10"
3	3	" "	DUMPU, SOLLO, BOINGI	1" 20"
4	4	" "	DUMPU, BEBEI, GUSAP	1" 40"
5	5	" "	RAMU, BOPIKUMPI, GURIA	1" 55"
6	7	" "	DUMPU, SIMBO	2" 10"
			BOGADJIM	
			X Recp point No.6	1" 40"
6	8	" "	SAS escape route	
			X Secondary targets Nos Recp point.	2" 30"
7	9	" "	BOGADJIM RD, DAUMONIA, KIRAWAL.	
			X Objects Tgts.	2" 35"
7	10	" "	BOGADJIM RD, LoC'C PIKOPIN - SADIEM	2" 35"
9	11	" "	URIA,- RIVER, BOGADJIM RD, YOKORI Strafe No.9 YOKORI	2" 20"
9	12	" "	BOMB - MUSEUM - KIAGENGANG	1" 45"
10	13	" "	DEFENCE AREA SURINAM URIA R.	1" 55"
10	14	" "	BRIDGES SURINAM, URIA R.	2" 35"
11	15	" "	DEFENCE AREA BOGADJIM RD.	2" 30"
12	16	" "	LOCATE HEMY 887858 AND LEAD IN STRAFERS	2" 45"
12	17	" "	URIA, SULIMAN AREA BOG-ADJIM RD. STRAF TGTS	2" 30"
13	18	" "	OBSERVE BOMBING & TAC/R AREA URIA RIVER	1" 40"
13	19	" "	LEAD IN BOMBERS & STFS GUYS POST	1" 35"
13	20	" "	" 287557	2" 27"
14	21	" "	BOGADJIM RD.	1" 05"
14	22	" "	LEAD IN STFS	1" 30"
16	23	" "	KANKIRYO, DAUMONIA,	2" 35"
18	24	" "	BOGADJIM RD, DAUMONIA (24 MT)	3" 00"
18	25	" "	AFURI, KANKIRYO	2" 30"
19	26	" "	BOGADJIM RD LEAD IN STRAFES	2" 15"
21	27	" "	DAUMONIA AREA LEAD IN STRAFERS	2" 00"
21	28	" "	JAPPA, VALLEY LOC, YAULA Bridges & Huts Strafed	2" 10"
22	29	" "	BOGADJIM RD, DAUMONIA Huts & AT Strafed	2" 35"
23	30	" "	Straffe Co AMBU, BOG-ADJIM RD Strafing	2" 10"
23	31	" "	DAUMONIA Strafing KOROPO	3" 05"
24	32	" "	KOROPO, ORCHARDS and Strafing	2" 14"
24	33	" "	Straffing Pos KANKIRYO AREA	3" 10"
25	34	" "	Lead Dive Bombers & Strafing MAMA RIVER	2" 50"
26	35	" "	Locate ROAD BLOCK DAUMONIA.	3" 30"
26	36	" "	Track OLD MISSION, GAINGIAP	1" 50"

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NUMBER PHOTOS	BORDER	NATURE OF SORTIE			RUNNING TIME	
26	37	Tac/R & Searc		DAUCHIA, BOGADJIM RD,	3hr	30min
28	38	"	"	DUMPU, BOGADJIM RD	2h	20m
29	39	"	"	KUTUBA AREA	1h	25m
29	39	"	"	DUMPU AREA	2h	30m
39	40	"	"	LOCAL GUN POSITION DUMPU & STRAF	2h	10m
30	41	"	"	GURUMBU-DUMPU	2h	20m
31	42	"	"	GUN POSITION & LOCATED OWN LOST A/C	2h	00m
			ARTY/R			
23	1	Arty/R	DAUCHIA	X20	1h	30m
			PHOTO/R			
10	1	Photo/R	25 Obliques Bridges, etc. BOGADJIM RD.		2h	00m
16	2	Photo/R	20 Verticals SEPIK RIVER		1h	20m
			CONTACT R & MORNING DROPPING			
2	1	Con/R & M/D		LOCATE DUTCH Deep site	1h	45m
2	2	"	"	LOCATE 21 BDE HQ	1h	15m
5	3	"	"	DUMPU AREA	1h	45m
7	4	"	"	21 & 25 BDE AREA	1h	20m
10	5	"	"	PHOTO DROP 21 & 25 BDE	1h	05m
11	6	"	"	21 & 25 BDE	1h	05m
27	7	"	"	BAMU-DUMPU AREA	2h	25m

NOTE : Nearly all Tac/R developed to message dropping. A great deal of time was spent in terrain information, sketch maps and information for bombing attacks. This does not include Tac/R carried out by the AOC and Flight Commander.

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O/C 45 AUST A.L. SQUADRON
3 NOV 43.

SECRET.

4 9 AUST DIV OCTOBER 1943

SORTIES AS CARRIED OUT BY 4 AC SQN RAAF - NADZAB

DATE.	SORTIE.	NATURE OF SORTIE.	FLYING TI.
1	1	TAC/R 20 BDE AREA.	1hr. 32mins.
2	1	" OF TAMAI IS. GROUP.	2hrs 30mins.
	2	" 20 BDE AREA.	2 " 25 "
4	3	" NORTHERN BDE AREA.	2 " 30 "
5	1	" NORTH OF SONG RIVER.	2 " 35 "
	2	" SATELBERG-WARGO-BONGA.	2 " 35 "
6	1	" SATELBERG-WARGO-BONGA.	2 " 35 "
9	2	" SATELBERG AREA.	2 " 45 "
10	2	" SATELBERG AREA.	2 " 35 "
	4	" SATELBERG AREA.	1 " 55 "
11	4	" SINBONG ALONG MAPE RIVER.	3 " 00 "
12	2	" BONGA-WARGO RIVER.	2 " 50 "
13 X	1	" BONGA-LAKOIA AREA.	3 " 00 "
	3	" WARGO-SATELBERG TO KALASA.	2 " 35 "
14 X	2	" BONGA-LAKOIA AREA.	3 " 00 "
15	1	" KUMAWA-ORLING AREAS.	2 " 30 "
	2	" SATELBERG-FIOR-LASANGKOO-WARGO AREAS.	2 " 35 "
	3	" BONGA TO FORTIFICATION POINT.	2 " 55 "
16	1	" SATELBERG-WARGO-SONG RIVER.	2 " 45 "
	2	" KEULBURG TO TIRILORO.	2 " 40 "
	3	" COASTAL AREAS TO SIO.	3 " 20 "
	4	" COASTAL AREAS BONGA TO SIO.	2 " 25 "
		ARTY/R.	
1	2	ARTY/R REGISTER PALANKO VILLAGE 569682	2 " 30 "
10	1	" WARGO-SATELBERG-LEMBU R.	2 " 50 "
11	3	" 20 BDE AREA.	3 " 00 "
12	1	" TIRILORO VILLAGE AREA.	3 " 00 "
13	2	" LASANGKOO-ORLING-KEULBURG.	2 " 35 "
14	1	" PALANKO-LASANGKOO.	3 " 00 "
		PHOTO/R	
9	1	PHOTO/R SATELBERG AREA (U/S).	1 " 57 "
10	3	" SATELBERG AREA (U/S).	2 " 30 "
11	2	" SATELBERG AREA (U/S).	2 " 00 "
		MESSAGE/DROP.	
6	2	MESSAGE/DROP 20 BDE & 9 DIV HQ's.	1 " 35 "
4	1	MESSAGE/DROP & SUPPLY/DROP ON TPS JIVARO.	3 " 24 "
		T.A.C/R.	
17	1	T.A.C/R COASTAL TRACK BONGA TO KALOKA MISS	3 " 00 "
	2	" COASTAL AREA SIO TO BONGA	3 " 30 "
	3	" SATELBERG-WARGO-SONG RIVER AREA.	2 " 45 "
	4	" LOWER R.-QUELBURG-TIRILORO.	2 " 45 "
18	1	" ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS ALONG LINE OF JAP ADVANCE TO SCARLET BEACH.	3 " 00 "
	2	" SONG R. VALLEY AREA.	2 " 30 "
19	1	" SONG R. VALLEY AREA.	2 " 40 "
	2	" CARRY OUT TASKS DETAILED BY CHARLIE.	2 " 45 "
	3	" NORTH TO ARIDI POINT & INLAND TO PALANKO & WARGO.	2 " 30 "
21	1	" SATELBERG LASANGKOO TO SCARLET BCH	2 " 55 "
22	1	" SATELBERG LASANGKOO TO SCARLET BCH	2 " 50 "
	2	" SATELBERG WARGO MOVING TO TIRILORO.	2 " 00 "
23	1	" ENEMY SUPPLY LINES DUMP AREAS WARGO SALUA.	2 " 50 "
	2	" SUSPECTED JAP MOVEMENT WARIO.I TO BON...	2 " 50 "
	3	" TRACKS LEADING NORTH FROM WARGO. SEARCH WARGO.	2 " 25 "

DATE.	SORTIE.		NATURE OF SORTIE.	FLYING TIME.
24	1	T.C/R.	LOCATE PARACHUTES DROPPED BY MISSING A/C.	2 hrs 10 mins
	2	"	ENEMY MOVEMENT MARIO ZAGAHAN MARINGALI.	2 " 55 "
25	1	"	SUSPECTED ENEMY MOVEMENT LAROM. BONGA MARIO.	2 " 30 "
	2	"	AREA SONG RIVER TO SATTELBERG & HILDEBRACH ROAD.	2 " 15 "
26 X	1	"	AREA BATAMI SONG R. & HILDEBRACH SATTELBERG.	2 " 40 "
28 X	1	"	SQUARE 6168.	2 " 50 "
29	1	"	COAST FROM BONGA TO MILD BAY TRACK BONGA TO BLUCHER POINT.	2 " 55 "
30 X	1	"	PILLBOX IN BONGA VILLAGE.	2 " 45 "
	2	"	REPORTED JAP CONCENTRATIONS SATTELBERG AREA.	1 " 50 "
			X DENOTES COMBINED ARTY AND T.C/R.	
			CONTACT R's.	
5	1	CON/R	LANDING BEACH 18. GROUP	2 " 50 "
20	1	"	AREAS SQS 6168, 6268, 6370,	2 " 40 "
	2	"	TROOPS SQS " " "	2 " 25 "
21	1	"	TROOPS 629687. DROP MESSAGE AND	2 " 10 "
			SUPPLY DROPPING.	
19	1	S/D	9 DIV HQ-300 LBS 1/25,000 series.	2 " 35 "
21	1	"	..EP's ON 9 DIV HQ.	2 " 5 "
23	1	"	..EP's FOR 9 DIV.	1 " 55 "
24	1	"	..EP's AND PHOTOGRAPHS.	2 " 5 "
29	1	"	DELIVER SUPPLIES TO 9 DIV FINSCHHAFEN.	2 " 00 "
30	1	"	DELIVER LOPS TO 9 DIV FINSCHHAFEN.	1 " 50 "
			PHOTOGRAPHIC MISSIONS.	
10	FINSCH 2/10		SATTELBERG AREA.	66 Negs.
11	FINSCH 3/12		SATTELBERG AREA.	46 "
23	FINSCH 4/15		SATTELBERG AREA.	87 " 2 hrs 30 mins

..NTIMETRIC REGISTRATIONS CARRIED OUT BY 4 AC SQN FOR 9 AUST DIV DURING OCTOBER 1943.

Target No.	Target.	Ref.	Sheet.	Date.	Time.
SQUARE 47	PALANKO VILLAGE	595682	MAPPING R.I	1/10	1300
50	BONGA VILLAGE		SATTELBERG	4/10	1745
55	VILLAGE	596071	MAPPING R.I"	5/10	1615
56	MARIO VILLAGE	566635	"	10/10	0840
57	UNNAMED VILLAGE	570725	"	10/10	0845
58	W/T STATION	599678	"	10/10	0852
59	MARARUO TRACK	540674	"	10/10	0910
60	HUT ON SPUR	551675	SATTELBERG	11/10	1520
61	TIRIDRO	595587	"	12/10	0930
62	NATIVE VILLAGES	597703	MAPPING R.	12/10	0950
63	NATIVE VILLAGE	606703	"	12/10	0950
64	FIOR VILLAGE		SATTELBERG	13/10	0900
65	ILSANGKOO VILLAGE	549706	MAPPING R.	13/10	0900
66	RIDGE	634575	"	13/10	1520
67	VILLAGE	595968	SATTELBERG	13/10	1550
68	KNOLL POINT	648765	MAPPING R.	14/10	0815
69	TRACK	540680	SATTELBERG	14/10	1455
71	FIOR-PALANKO TRACK	569690	"	21/10	1150
72	FEATURE 2600'	579681	"	21/10	1200
73	ROAD JUNCTION	595666	"	21/10	1230
74	BRIDGE SONG R.	570708	"	22/10	1420
75	CENTRE TRACK	595667	"	23/10	1620
76	SUSPECTED BIVOUAC AREA	590672	"	23/10	1640
77	VILLAGE	547690	"	23/10	1700
78	COCONUTS	593681	"	24/10	1105
79	VILLAGE	599674	"	26/10	1545
80	TRACK JUNCTION	613684	"	28/10	0815
81	TRACK JUNCTION	605732	MAPPING R.	29/10	1145

Target No.	Target.	Ref.	Sheet.	Date.	Time.
EDGAR 82	TRACK JUNCTION	590728	LASANENG R.	29/10	1800
83	BANANA GROVE	623702	SATELBERG	30/10	1010
84	SOUTH EDGE COCONUTS	654735	LASANENG R.	30/10	1620
85	NORTH EDGE COCONUTS	652738	"	30/10	1640
86	KUNAI	655729	"	30/10	1655
87	TRACK	654720	"	30/10	1705
88	KUNAI	650717	"	30/10	1715
89	KUNAI	650716	"	30/10	1725
90	FOXHOLES TRACK JUNCTION	648730	"	30/10	1745

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A.L.O. 45 AUST A.L. SECTION(AC)

SECRET 1 Nov 43

REPORT BY O C 45 AUST AL SEC - ARMY CO-OP
4 (AC) SQN RAAF - PAPUA OCT 43
PHASE 2.

GENERAL.

This report covers Army Co-op as carried out by 4 AC Sqn RAAF during the operations for 7 and 9 Aust Divs in the areas BOGADJIM RD - DUMPU and FINCHHAFEN during the period 18 Sep to 31 Oct inclusive.

1. Operational control as in Report No.1.

2. Co-operation for 7 Aust Div during this period continued, the aircraft being mainly employed along the BOGADJIM RD, DUMPU and KUALA, in the early stages at KIAIAPIT. Special attention to villages and bridges along the IMIEDJIM & VAPIA and TARA RIVERS to the western and southern slopes of the FINNISTERRE RANGE Ref Maps 1" series MT KUBARI, DUMPU, MT OTTO, URIGUMA, BOGADJIM. The role of the squadron was similar to Phase 1 with the addition of straffing and Close Support bombing.

3. On all Tac/Rs information concerning terrain and approach for bombers etc was noted and has proved valuable. Pilots submitting numerous sketch maps of tracks etc. The importance of track notation in this theatre of war cannot be over emphasised

4. Straffing along the Bogadjim Rd and of numerous villages bridges, and river crossings either opportunity or specific targets such as MT etc have not been entirely economical employment of Army Co-op aircraft. The damage to aircraft and corresponding increased unserviceability from SA and MG fire became most apparent. This obtained mainly when pilots were allowed to straffe enemy sightings at will. Straffing has now been restricted to specific targets. It has been found that when pilots were briefed for Tac/Rs and to straffe opportunity targets the temptation is rather to look for straffing targets first and then complete the Tac/R. The Japanese fail so far to appreciate deflection shooting from ground and the majority of SA and MG hits are recorded in the fuselage and the manplanes, seldom is the engine or pilots cockpit area damaged when on normal Tac/R flying. A straffing aircraft presents an easy target. During one stage it is evident the Japanese ~~se~~ were tempting aircraft to straffe a specific target with a ~~p~~ purpose of engaging the aircraft with heavy MG fire.

5. 7 Aust Divs flight moved to MADZAB airfield on the 8th Oct. six P-40 aircraft from 77 Sqn RAAF were attached for 14 days duty for top cover and specific straffing.

6. On 28 Oct the flight moved to DUMPU airfield and the result in considerable saving of engine has been effected.

7. CLOSE SUPPORT. During the RAMU VALLEY operations close Air Support given by Boomerangs and P-39s capable of carrying 500 lb bombs has been successfully employed with both 21 and 25 Bdes. Procedure adopted has been for Boomerang/aircraft to lead the attack.

Ground Preparation. F D Ls marked with Ground Strips (some times towels, or newspapers etc) are placed at 50 yd intervals across the Bde or Bn front an arrow approx 100 yds behind the F D Ls to indicate the direction of the attack. On approach of aircraft to attack, own tps put down mortar smoke screens to indicate the actual bomb line, safety margin of 500 yds in advance of Ground Strips. For straffing attacks mortar smoke is NOT used. Boomerangs circle the area thebe attacked and on the R/T describe the area for straffing planes. The attack is led in and cannon fire indicates the straffing line (after led in read-over the indicating arrow) cover Boomerang remains on fighter frequency and No.2 Boomerang on Army Co-op frequency

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for direct comm with ground tps.

9. Co-operation for 9 Aust Div. recommenced actively and has continued in the FINSCHAFEN area ~~XXXXX~~ since the landing Ref 647692 on the 22 Sep. Tac/R, Arty/R, and Supply Dropping, etc have been the main role and largely confined to the coastal area NORTH of FINSCHAFEN to CAPE KING WILLIAM and including AGO, WEREO, BONGA, LANGEMAK BAY, and LONG Island SATELBERG and JIVEVENANG Ref Maps Satelberg, Langemak Bay, 1:25,000 series LAE 4 miles to 1 inch (include TAMI Island). The landings effected on TAMI ISLAND were preceded by a very comprehensive Tac/R.

9. SUPPLY DROPPING. On two occasions when the A.I.F. were surrounded by the enemy especially in the case of "C" Coy 2/5 Pioneer Bn in the JIVEVANG area Wirraway aircraft successfully dropped supplies of hand grenades, Owen gun ammn, and operational instns from 9 Aust Div HQ. These supplies and instns were directly responsible for their relief.

Maps, A.M.P., and photos and the various other important documents have been dropped to Bde and Div HQs as required.

10. PHOTOGRAPHY. Again eliminated owing to possibility of enemy interception. (It is anticipated in early Nov Boomerang aircraft will be capable of photographic recce).

11. COMMUNICATIONS. See Appendix "A".

12. Missions carried out- Appendix No.2

13. Casualties due to enemy action - NIL aircraft, One W/T operator at FINSCHAFEN.

14. The pilots daily dropped to the most forward tps small bundles of the local paper and ~~the~~ comforts in small quantities as supplied by the A.C.F. Troops returning from the forward areas often expressed their appreciation to pilots for these amenities.

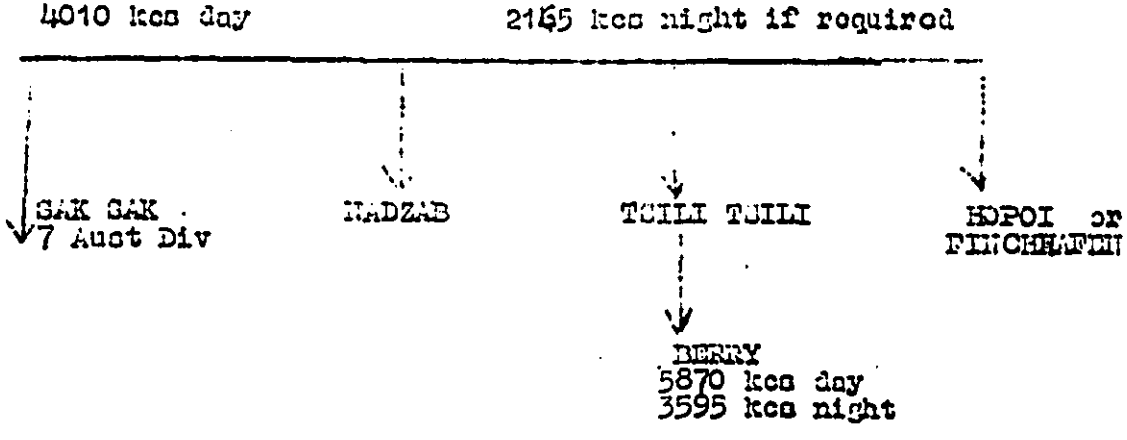
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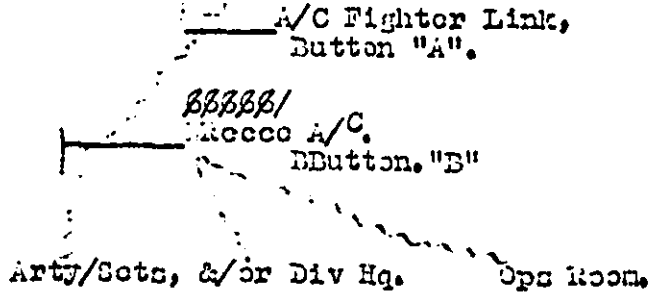
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Appendix "A"

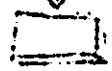
COMMUNICATIONS - R/T and W/T
FORWARD SETS TO BASE (GROUND LINK)
AIRCRAFT TO BASE AND/OR DIV AND/OR ARTY
PERIOD SEP - OCT 43.





9.Aust Div as above.

Fighter listening Set.



SECRET. OCTOBER 43.

JUMMARY of sorties carried out by 4.(A.C.) Sqdn.R.A.A.F. for the 7.Aust & 9.Aust Divisions, 3 to 30 Sept inclusive. 7 Aust Div area: Kiaiapit,North Markham River, Leron River,Nondto and LAE. 9.Aust Div area: Coast from LAE to North of FINCHHAFEN, Headwaters of all rivers this area. Eventually int LAE.
Approx 63 Sorties for 7.Aust Div and 75 for 9.Aust Div.
Total Hours, 450. Total SORTIES, 255. TOTAL MISSIONS, 160.

DATE	No of SORTIES.	NATURE OF SORTIE.	FLYING TIME.
4.	NAVAL CO-OP.	NAVAL CO-OPERATION.	16 Hrs.10.
	5.	TAC/R & ARTY/R.	14 " .00.
5.	4.	TAC/R.	11 " .00.
6. xx. (a/c	5.	TAC/R & ARTY/R.	14 " .40.
7/ did not rtn)	3.	" " " ".	8 " .00.
8.	4.	" " " ".	11 " .30.
9.	5.	" " " ". (1.Straffing)	15 " .20.
	1.	PHOTO/R.	1. " .00.
	2.	SUPPLY DROPPING & TRAVEL.	1 " .50.
10.	2.	TAC/R. (Unsuccessful weather)	3 " .30.
11.	4.	TAC/R.	10 " .10.
	1.	TRAVEL.	1 " .00.
12.	4.	TAC/R & ARTY/R.	12 " .40.
	1.	PHOTO/R.	1 " .20.
	2.	L/C & TRAVEL.	1 " .20.
13/	7.	TAC/R & ARTY/R.	12 " .06.
	1.	PHOTO/R.	1 " .30.
	1.	TRAVEL.	2 " .18.
14.	5.	TAC/R.	13 " .42.
	1.	NIGHT TRAVEL TO PORT MORESBY.	3 " .20.
15.	7.	TAC/R. & ARTY/R.	27 " .30.
	2.	TRAVEL(Gen.HEADQUARTERS)	5 " .30.
16.	4.	TAC/R & ARTY/R.	12 " .15.
	1.	PHOTO/R.	.45.
17.	2.	TAC/R	7 " .12.
	1.	CONTACT/R	.45.
	1.	TRAVEL.	2 " .00.
18.	3.	TRAVELS.	6 " .20.
19.	5.	TRAVELS.	5 " .40.
20.	2.	TAC/R.	7 " .20.
	1.	PHOTO/R.	.35.
	2.	TRAVELS.	4. " .10
21.	2.	TAC/R.	4 " .00.
22	1.	NAVAL CO-OP.	4 " .40.
	5.	TAC/R.	16 " .20.
	3.	ARTY/R.	7 " .30.
	1.	TRAVEL.	2 " .00.
	1.	PHOTO/R.	1 " .00.
23.	2.	TRAVELS.	4 " .50.
	3.	TAC/R.	10 " .30.
	2.	ARTY/R.	6 " .30.
24.	1.	" ".	4 " .50.
	2.	TAC/R.	8 " .40.
25.	2.	" ".	7 " .20.
	1.	PHOTO/R.	1 " .20.
	2.	TRAVEL.	2 " .20.
	1.	ARTY/R.	5 " .30.
26.	2.	TRAVEL.	3 " .20.
	1.	ARTY/R & TAC/R.	5 " .20.
	3.	TAC/R. (1.Straffing mission).	9 " .00.
27.	1.	" ".	3 " .20.
	3.	" ". &ARTY/R.	15 " .50.
	4.	TRAVEL.	6 " .30.
28.	4.	" ".	4 " .50.
	2.	TAC/R.	6 " .00.
	2.	ARTY/R & TAC/R.	10 " .50.
29.	2.	" ".	6 " .10.
	2.	TAC/R.	7 " .10.
	1.	TRAVEL.	1 " .00.
30.	3.	" ".	4 " .30.
	1.	PHOTO/R.	2 " .30.
	4.	TAC/R.	16 " .00.
	1.	TAC/R & STRAFF.	3 " .10.
	1.	TAC/R & ARTY/R.	5. " .40.

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DIST:-NGF(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,20BDE,24BDE,42BDE,AC.5AF,SAFT,35FC,1AUST AL GP,4 AC SQN,I/O 4 SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION APPARITION	UNIT 4 AC SQN	SORTIE No. 1.(9DIV)	A.C. No. - TYPE A46-106 A46-109	DATE 28 DEC '43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R LANDING BEACHES, DEFENCES AND MOVEMENT WALINGAI-KANOM 1 -SIALUM AND INLAND TRACKS THIS SECTOR.

REF. MAPS PHOTO JAPS KALASA 1"	PILOT F/O CARTER	TIME UP 0700	VISIBILITY GOOD	WEATHER FINE - BROKEN CLOUD OVER MOUNTAINS
	OBSERVER F/O MAUGER	TIME DOWN 1010		
		TOTAL 3 hrs 10 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
KANOM 1			Ref RAA PHOTOS - Small beach of 300x at 196102 is considered suitable for landing of barges. There is a definite break in coral shelf and no coastal cliff. Considered our barges could off-lo onto beach as beach falls away steeply. No JAP defences observed. Inland in vicinity of 193105 there is surface seepage water but main coastal track is considered suitable for Jeeps and tank movement.
NANDA			Nothing fresh to report. No fresh activity. Beach between BEACHER POINT - NANDA considered unsuitable for barge landings.
NUZEN			Signs of activity still exist though nothing fresh about whole area. Numerous footprints on the sand at river mouths at both NANDA and NUZEN. Single barges could operate on small beaches at river mouths at NANDA and NUZEN. 6 JAPS seen at 142169 - carrying full packs - JAPS lying in kunai- unable to determine which direction moving. Single strand wire observed across creek at this point. no weapons seen with JAPS.
SIALUM			The passage considered best for crossing the coral shelf is at 166134 - water is deepest at this point. At 0830 hrs waves were breaking on coral shelf from 166134 to SANGA RIV mouth and from 166134 to BEACHER POINT. The actual beaches chosen as best for off-loading once inside the lagoon are at 16151450 and at 168126. At these two points beaches are free from (a) beach rocks and boulders (b) Cliff shoreline. At each of these beaches, considered 5 barges could off-load simultaneously. Terrain inland presents some obstacles to movement - narrow coconut plantation may hamper M.T and tank movement; and secondary growth in plantation would hamper foot traffic. Once coastal timber belt penetrated movement unrestricted.
DEFENCES			No actual positions observed but much track activity in vicinity of SANGA RIV and jungle at 154140. These tracks continue inland to new garden area 135126 to 140126. On first terrace natural caves seen with barricades or shield of native grass and palm leaves in front of entrance. Numerous tracks lead to those caves. Caves mentioned seen between 150135 to 158128.

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Sqn—N.G. Press Unit—11/12/1943.

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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
~~SIALUM~~			Track from 16351305 to jungle patch at 163127 very wide and worn - continues inland to KALASA, much narrower. Narrow wheel marks seen on track NORTH from track junction 16351305. No movement seen this area.
INLAND KALASA TUNGE AREA			This area does not indicate much activity - considered less activity this area than some two months ago. Many tracks being overgrown by kunai. No movement seen.

Time and Signature..... CAPT. A.I.O.

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

801—N.G. Press Unit—11/13/10m.

A. O. B. APPARITION DATE 6 JAN '44 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 & Incidents
1.	A46-92	F/O MAUGER		0810	1115	3 hrs 5m	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-106	F/O CARTER		0810	1115	3 hrs 5m	ESCORT	
2.	A46-95	F/O COLMER		0805	1045	2 hrs 40m	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-151	F/Lt. WATCHORN		0805	1045	2 hrs 40m	ESCORT	
3.	A46-106	F/O CARTER		1600	1845	2 hrs 45m	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-92	F/O MAUGER		1600	1845	2 hrs 45m	ESCORT	

DIST :NGF(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,20BDE,26BDE,45DE,A2.SAF,BATF,1AUST AL GP,4TAC/R SQN,I/O 4 TAC/R SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

R.A.A.F.

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION APPARITION UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 1.(9DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A16-92 A16-106 DATE 6 JAN '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R INLAND TRACK KALASA - KEIALANGIA - FORD DALIMAN RIVER 266157 - KUMUKIO - STRAFE ANY MOVEMENT.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
KALASA ~~KUKUTI~~ KASALANGA 1" SERIES SIO	F/O WAGER OBSERVER F/O CARTER	0810 TIME DOWN 1115 TOTAL 3 hrs 5 mins	GOOD	HIGH BROKEN FINE AND CLEAR

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			No movement seen on track from KALASA via WEINA to KEIALANGIA, except own troops in WEINA village. In village 240110 6 JAPS and what appeared to be boxes of stores in the 2 native huts were seen. The JAPS ran from huts into jungle - 2 BOOMERANGS thoroughly strafed huts with 20 m.m. and .303 MG fire.
			~~Inland KEIALANGIA to DALIMAN RIV ford 256157.~~
			~~2 JAPS observed in hand 256165 - 2 BOOMERANGS strafed. A single JAP observed 296126. No other~~ movement seen on inland track.
			From general appearances track does not indicate heavy use by enemy - the terrain it crosses makes going extremely difficult and slow.
			Recce a/c flew over native villages in headwaters region of KEMA RIV observed natives in all villages - pigs in stockades observed also. Natives ran wild on approach of a/c - area indicates no JAP penetration there.

Time and Signature ... CAPT. A.I.O.

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

501—N.G. Press Unit—11743/10m.

DIST:-RGF(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,203DE,263DE,43DE,A2.5AF,SAIF,1AUST AL GP,4 TAC/R SQN,I/O 4 TAC/R SQN,WAR DIARY ,FILE.

R.A.A.F.

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION APPARITION UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. B.(R2?7). A/C No. - TYPE Spit-VC DATE 6 JAN '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R FOR FRONTIER BOUNDARIES AREA BALLARAT TO ST[illegible].

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
GELANOA AND SIO 1/25000	F/O [illegible]	1305	GOOD	HIGH BROKEN
	OBSERVER F/Lt. MACLEOD	TIME DOWN 1445		
		TOTAL 2 hrs 40 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
GERAGA RIVER			The area itself does not present any obstacle to our mechanized movement, crossings can be easily made at mouth and at 257177, but the wooded area to the N. will present a definite obstacle to deployment of tanks. This area is thickly wooded. Movement on coastal track will be limited also track very narrow.
BURI RIVER			Easily fordable at river mouth.
BURI RIVER TO GEELSMAU POINT.			The coastal track as shown on map cannot be observed from by heavy timber on coastal sector. Going here considered to be most difficult and almost impossible for jeeps and tanks. The country between woods and first terrace is one of continuous small rocky bluffs. The margin of lake 613367 is swampy too.
KAPUGARA RIVER AND STOLZENFELS SPUR			The KAPUGARA RIVER flows through a ravine with cliffs of 500' at mouth increasing to 1000' inland in vicinity of 57 1719. Stream width at mouth estimated 50x - a sand bar exists from EASTERN bank almost to WESTERN bank. DEPTH. WESTERN bank almost sheer throughout entire length. EASTERN bank estimated slope 45° at mouth but inland approx 200x is almost vertical. Both banks covered with secondary growth. TIDAL OR FLOOD WATERS. Tidal considered negligible. Flooding waters would present no obstacle - from amount of debris along banks not considered extremely susceptible to flooding. FORDABLE. Possible to be forded at mouth across sand bar, elsewhere impossible. APPROACHES. From WEST considered impossible for man to negotiate cliffs. NATURE OF CLIFFS - rocky outcrops. From EAST - possible to reach water at mouth from the SE - terraced would have to be negotiated - bulldozer could cut track through terraces. EAST of 39 grid line approaches to stream considered impossible due to steepness banks and timber. The coastal track between 56 and 57 grids marked "Dangerous cliff track" does not exist nor does it appear possible to make one along the rocky spur.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

Sgt—N.S. Press Unit—11/43/40m.

R.A.A.F.

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

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
STOLZENFELS SPUR			Spur is rugged and rocky - dissected by gullies. Highest point is 1200' measured on a/c altimeter. Contours fairly accurately depict terrain except for inaccuracies in heights.
MANBARINA RIVER			River is an obstacle - width of 100x approx. Banks are generally low, but marshy and well timbered, mainly mangroves. Heavy vehicles would experience great difficulty in negotiating marshy approaches to river.
ACTIVITY OBSERVED.			SCHAUINSLAND POINT. On bluff to the SOUTH defensive positions considered to exist in natural caves and defiles at 6... Heavy track activity between foot of bluff and coast at 623385. Possible bunker and machine gun positions centred on 619386 - sited on shoreline and on landward side of narrow timber belt. Further 2 possible MG posts centred on 522387.
			STOLZENFELS SPUR. Signs of recent activity on this spur - many well defined tracks between timber patches and in valleys. No diggings seen. Much activity apparent in valleys in 533 5339, 5239 and along entire valley from 535400 to 540375.

Time and Signature..... CAPT. A.I.O

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

861—N.G. Press Unit—11/42/10m.

DISTs- NGF(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,20BDE,26BDE,4BDE,A2,BAAF,1AUST AL GP, 4 TAC/R SQN, I/O 4 SQN, AAR DIARY, FILE.

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LOCATION APPATITION UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 3.(9DIV) A C No. - TYPE A46-106 A46-92 DATE 6 JAN '44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE T.A.C/R FOR POSSIBLE BARGE OFF-LOADING POINTS IN VICINITY NORTH OF KELAHOA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SIO AND SCHARHORST POINT PHOTOMAP	P/O CARTER	1600	GOOD	CLOUDS ON MOUNTAINS - COAST CLEAR
	OBSERVER P/O CARTER	TIME DOWN 1345		
		TOTAL 2 hrs 45 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			SCHARHORST POINT PHOTOMAP- BEACH 140100 to 136116
			" 134126 to 133128
			" 135164 to 135166
			" 132174 to 131177
			SIO PHOTOMAP HAIBARI & ESTUARY.
			Above beaches are considered suitable for off-loading points for our barges. There are only definite breaks in the coastal coral shelf - considered no hazards on the approaches to these beaches. It is considered depth of water and sandy nature of beaches would enable barges to off-load direct on to beach. There is cover available for establishment of dumps and bulk breaking areas on the immediate hinterland.
SIGHTINGS.	DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.		
			All above mentioned beaches except the one from 140100 to 136116 have diggings in the growth on shoreline. /At beach 132174 to 131177 SCHARHORST POINT - as reported in Recce Report No 2 6 JAN '44, there are possible LMG and MG posts with a bunker centred on 132174. As a/c approached smoke seen rising from timber in valley at 131174 - smoke disappeared as a/c passed over. Wheel tracks seen across sand bar at SCHARHORST POINT. Gardens on terrace between 15 and 16 grid lines have been ransacked - yams or potatoes have been dug up. At 121203 three square - estimated 20' sides - holes with dead brush as a canopy were seen. A 2 feet slit observed beneath dead brush cover and ground level. No great track activity around positions. At 10302165 stack of stores seen in timber - 3 rows of 4 boxes seen. Nine foxholes seen at 109217.
SIO PHOTOMAP			Diggings consisting of 1 MG post and 7 two man trenches seen at 127126. 2 JAPS seen this area. HAIBARI & ESTUARY - nothing fresh to report. 153163 single JAP observed moving NORTH carrying pack. There has been heavy rain in the HAIBARINA area and tracks NORTH of HAIBARINA show very clearly from slushy appearances that much recent movement has taken place.

Signature [illegible] CAPT. A.L.O.

Bde, Div, etc 45 AUST AL BDE(AC).

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TAKEN.

In O. B. [redacted] DATE 6.11.42 In L. O. [redacted]

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1	A46-115	F/Lt Cloranshaw		0903	1103	2 hrs	Tac/R	Successful.
	A46-93	P/O Taylor		0903	1103	"		
	A46-145	F/O Miller Randle		0903	1103	"	Escort.	
2.	A46-121	F/O Masson		0900	0950	50 min	PW/R.	Unsuccessful due to Cloud.
	A46-[redacted]	F/O Holyman		0900	0950	50 min	Escort.	
3.	A46-121	F/O Masson.		1255	1355	1 hr	PW/R.	Successful
	A46-119	F/O Holyman		1255	1355.	1 hr.	Escort	
4.	A46.115	P/O Taylor		1350	1520	1hr35m	Tac/R	Unsuccessful.
	A46.145	F/O Ellers		1350	1520	1hr35m	Escort.	

Serviceability:- OP A/C. 2. U.S. Communication A/C. 3. U.S.

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 AC Sqn SORTIE No. 1 (7 Div) A/C No. · TYPE A46-115 A46-93 A46-145 DATE 6 Jan 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R BOGADJIM ROAD.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
Photo maps:- BAUAK, DAULODINA, DAULODINA South. 1T KUBARI 1/63,360	F/Lt Clorenshaw P/O Taylor	0903	Good	Scattered cloud.
	OBSERVER F/O Miller- Randle.	TIME DOWN 1103		
		TOTAL 2hrs		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			All bridges intact from No. 4 onwards, road appears undamaged by recent bombings.
	0920		Bridge 6 appears camouflaged with green grass which blends in with the surrounding trees. It is
			however, fairly easy to obs from low altitude.
			Bridge 18 under const. - appears about half framework completed. IT t present are fording river.
BAUAK Photo			137138 1t A/A engaged a/c. There are signs of fairly consider ble foot movement this area. Many
			footpads leading into cover of jungle.
			116103 - huts appear in fair order.
DAULODINA P/m.			116143 - large green tent in jungle and object that could have been covered str - pprox 100yds
			east of tent.
KABELEBU			Village has had recent use and here trucks are visible.
			Huts in DAULODINA area are well knocked about.
OLD YAULA			Area has been bombed but bombs have landed on west side of road. Road NOT damaged.
DAULODINA Sth.			On kunai ridge 137137 def posn dug. This prob bly commands bridges 27 & 28. Tracks lead to trench
			but NIL, and area does NOT appear occupied.

Time and Signature.....

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

S/L—N.G. Press Unit—11/44/10m.

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 1 (7 Div) ..... 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
SUPPLY CAMP			Tracks through village appear to be very little used. Green kunai is showing on some of them.
			Area 200yds NW appears more used. Possible dump area 149118 in heavy timber. Whole length of
			road has had MT along, but NOT in much quantity. Pilot's impression is that road has NOT
			had as much use recently as was the case before the bridges were washed away. Rain had fallen
			on road overnight and nearly all bomb holes were filled with water which makes it impossible
			to decide which is recent bombing.
MT KUBARI 1" SAIPA 2.			613723. Fresh tracks in village lead to jungle in many directions.
			From 613723 to 670670 appears NO changes. Tracks are worn but NLS.
			Escort a/c reports, high tension or telegraph lines on poles approx 30ft high, ref BAMAK P/m
			from 138167 to 158156. Sighted further south on road near AIYAU. It carries about 6 wires which
			are thick enough to obs from 200ft. above.
			This pilot considers that road has had fairly considerable use from OLD YAULA northwards.
			Track on the road gives impression of light tracked vehicle, immediately south of OLD YAULA.
			(Pilot who was on recce of southern end BOGADJIM road two days ago) considers that through
			KANKIRYO - SAIPA - SAIPA etc. there has been the same amount of traffic as obs then.

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

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc. 25 Aust AL Sec (AC)

Sil—N.G. Press Unit—11/45/10m.

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LOCATION G.U.S.P. UNIT 4 TAC/R SQUADRON SORTIE No. 4 (TOIV) A. C. No. - TYPE A46-215 A46-148 DATE 6 JUNE 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE T.A.C/R ROUTE KIAPS, KIKA AREA, GROCKERS. AREAS.

REF. MAPS BOROKO 1:250000 MT OTTO	PILOT F/O TAYLOR OBSERVER F/O BLAIRS	TIME UP 1050 TIME DOWN 1520 TOTAL 1 hr 30 MINS	VISIBILITY GOOD	WEATHER LOW CLOUD

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
HOUSE KIAPS	1405		Nil. to 487539 or area.
	1412		Track leading north from KIAPS well worn recently.
			Bridge over BORU RIV 452781 still there.
	1415		Track 460810 to 470825 well worn since rain.
			(Pilot of a/c wounded in leg by A/A and returned to base unfit for interrogation.
			Pilot of escort a/c saw 20 canvas in area.)

Time and Signature [signature] I.O.

Time Passed to Base Dir. Int. SEC (AC)

Aust.—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.O.B. APPARITION....

DATE. 5 JAN '44

NIL SORTIES.

DIST:-NGF(2), 2AUST CORPS, 9DIV, WAR DIARY, FILE..... T.C.KEATING ...CAPT A.L.O.

a. C. B. CUSAP. DATE. 5.1.44. DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. a. L. C. T.R. Fetterstonhaugh Lieut.

Sortie No.	A/C No. & Type	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	Q46.128	F/O Hymon		0920	1030	1h 20m.	TAC/R.	Successful.
	Q46.93.	F/O Ellers		0920	1030	"	"	
	Q46.145.	F/O Cuyo!		0920	1030	"	ESCORT.	

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

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LOCATION GUSAP | UNIT 4 AC Gun | SORTIE No. 1 (7 Div) | A/C No. - TYPE A46-145 | DATE 5 Jan 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R CRAGGY RIDGE & SADDLE AREA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
PAIPA 1/25,000 MT BUBAKI 1/63,360	F/O Nolyman F/O Ellers OBSERVER F/O Guyot.	0920 TIME DOWN 1050 TOTAL 1hr 30min	Good	Low cloud.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	0920		Def area 705656 more extensive than previously reported, and narrow beach cut foot track runs approx 100yds north to further defences. MMS. Area is difficult to obs. 3 definite slit trenches and 2 foxholes sighted.
	0940		Track through KOKIEYO - SAIPA 1 & 2 - SAIPA 1 & 2 show signs of further use. This is especially pronounced at SAIPA 2.
	0950		Track along MINTJIN Riv is well used where visible.
	1000		SUPPLY CAMP shows signs of recent useage and north of SUPPLY CAMP MT tracks are visible. Detailed recce of this area in general was impossible as valleys were filled with broken cloud.
	1020		Light A/A engaged a/c 706628 where there are a few huts. 5 Japs obs sitting in open - a/c engaged area and A/A ceased firing. Quite a few footprints obs in area.

Time and Signature: Richard Van Langl
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Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.
45 Aust Al Sec (AC)

801—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

A. C. B. Crosby DATE. 4.1.44. DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A. L. O. 1X Fighter Wing Lee/.

Sortie No.	A/C No. & Type	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46.115	F/O Hetzman		0915	0950	1hr 35m	Tac/R.	Successful.
	A46.145	F/O Taylor		0815	0950	1hr 35m	Escort	

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

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 AC Sqn SORTIE No. 1 (7 Div) A/C No. - TYPE A46-145 DATE 4 Jan 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R SHAGGY RIDGE AREA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
PAIPA 1/25,000 Mt. KUBARI 1/63,360	F/O Holyman OBSERVER P/O Taylor	0815 TIME DOWN 0950 TOTAL 1hr 35min	Good	Good.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	0825		Def area and gun posn 6966 appears deserted. Cen arty had obviously given area a good pounding.
			Track from def posn leads NW between the two landslides - follows ridge around eastern side of
			SADDLE, thence longside valley to 661683 (registered target X5)
Mt KUBARI	0845		650692. Village shows signs of heavy recent movement.
PAIPA 2			Tracks lead off main road into jungle - 4 men who took cover obs.
PAIPA			650691. Village shows signs of recent use. Huts give appearance of being occupied (tracks lead up to them)
			Pilot considers that track through villages more worn than he has ever seen it.
684665			Foxhole appears unoccupied.
705658.			Small def area. 1 slit trench seen but area is difficult to obs in the tall timber. MMS.
			Message dropped on Div - "BLUE" contacted by R/T.

Time and Signature [signature] ALO

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc. 45 Aust AL Sec (AC)

SH—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

APPARITION 4 JAN '44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TAKING A. L. O. F.C.KEATING CAPT.

A. O. B. D.T.D.....

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observ.	Up:	Down.	Over. Area	Task & Area	Remarks & Results
1.	A46-137	F/O MAUGER		0735	1035	3 hrs	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-151	F/O SUTHERLAND		0735	1035	3 hrs	ESCORT	

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

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

DIST:-HQF(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,20BDE,26BDE,45BDE,AHQ,5AF,BAFF,1AUST AL SQN,4 TAC/R SQN,1/O 4 TAC/R SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION APPENDIX UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 1(SPIT) A.C. No. - TYPE A46-137 - A46-151 DATE 4 JAN '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R TO SOUTH EAST PAPUA [illegible] OF STRATEGICAL AID OCCUPATION AREAS ETC.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/25000 SERIES LAE SIDE	F/O [illegible]	0735	G	CLEAR - FIRE
	OBSERVER F/O [illegible]	TIME DOWN 1035		
		TOTAL 3 hrs		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
KALASA WINDRAGAL ROUTE.			Jap patrol observed at 361047. KALASA VILLAGE area considered deserted. Fresh signs of wear and small groups of JAPS observed moving, it is considered JAP has and is using the inland track from KALASA for his withdrawal. The track as shown on SIALUM 1/25000 to the village at 37 3007 is inaccurately plotted. From this village the WESTERN track towards PAUKWADIA village is the [illegible] considered to be used. The country in the foot hill area is densely jungled making observation difficult, but at a village considered to be [illegible] 04 of 2034 LAE SIDE 2212 track was seen sighted. Movement seen in NAMBARIMA - a single JAP with pack seen. From KUMUNGA the track continuing NW to the DALIMAN RIV valley was lost to view in jungle. The DALIMAN RIVER valley in this vicinity is considered to be at least 1000' deep with densely jungled precipitious sides - track possibly crosses valley but was not observed. For the short distance followed no signs much activity along it. The track leading in SE direction from KUMUNGA can be observed plainly - this track shows signs of recent movement. JAPS seen along track and kunai on either side of track knocked down apparently by resting JAPS. This track crossed DALIMAN RIV ref SCHLANGEN HARBOUR 1/25000 at a ford 265457. The track once across DALIMAN RIV turns and follows the steep rocky ridge to the SE to vicinity of 2034 LAE SIDE NORTH 1713 where it turns and was last seen in jungle leading in a SW direction towards SCHLANGEN HARBOUR. Dense jungle prevents observation of track between coast of [illegible] RIVER and country inland to NORTH and [illegible]
EAST HANSEMAN			Ref SIO 1/25000 - along coastal sector from river at 379417 to 395424 area indicates that some JAP activity takes place. At 379417 at 395410 the undergrowth of jungle cleared away indicating possible camp area. A track leads from spur to coast. From 372415 a/c was fired at from ground - flash seen - a/c noted - considered to be hit by 20 m.m. calibre shell-non explosive. Pilot unable to locate position.
WATERCOURSES. 30S 4041-5041 NAMBARIMA			Pilot of this morning's recce considers flattened kunai as reported in recce 3 JAN 44 has been caused by flood waters.
			Our A20's and B25's observed to accurately bomb suspected shore battery positions and dump areas. Pilot considers overnight movement this area - unable to closely recce due our air strike.

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

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

50—S.O. Press Cart—11/12/43m.

A. C. B. CUSAP DATE 3.1.44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLYING. A. L. O. J.R. Fetherston Lieut. R.N.V.R.

Sortie No.	A/C No. & Type	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Accu.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A96.198	F/O Holyman		0835	0955	1hr 20m	Tac/R	Successful
	A96-195	F/O Guyot		0835	0955	1hr 20m	Escort	
2.	A96.199	S/Ldr Munro		0950	1025	1hr 35m	Practice A.A. & R	"
	A46.119	P/O Taylor		0950	1025	..	"	"
	A96.93	F/O Masson		0950	1025	..	"	"
3.	A96.148	F/O Holyman		1045	1300	2hrs 15m		
	A96.93	F/O Guyot		1045	1300	"	A.A. & R.	"

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

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LOCATION: Gusap | UNIT: 4 AC Sqn | SORTIE No.: 1 (7 Div) | A/C No. - TYPE: A68-148 A68-145 | DATE: 3 Jun 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: Tac/R SHAGGY RIDGE AREA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
Gusap Finschhafen	F/O Holgate	0835	Good	Low Cloud.
	OBSERVER F/O Cayzer	TIME DOWN 0955		
		TOTAL 1hr 20min.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			Left area 0900. A/c came in low and surprised Japs. Owing to the high trees pilot can only estimate number at from 10-30 in the floating glimpses. Object which appears to be gun with cover on sighted at 695868. 695864 - Foxhole still occupied - 1 Jap seen. Gun troops seen on ridge north of PIMPLE. Mortars dropped on Div rd Bde.

ROUTE 2.

Pilot/Int Officer: F/O Lawson F/O Taylor.

Practise Arty/Sheet and observe Air Burst ranging.

After getting one smoke round on to pre-arranged target, experiments were carried out on the observation of HE Airburst. It is NOT thought that this would be satisfactory in hilly but may be effective on flat country.

A Lieutenant Taylor

Time and Signature: AIO

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc: 45 Amst AL Reg (AC).

501—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

DIST: 7 Div, 4 AG, 45 Amst AL Sec, 2/4th Regt, 54 Bty.

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LOCATION GUSAP. UNIT 4 AG Sqn SORTIE No. 2(E Div) A/C No. - TYPE DATE 8 Jan 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

REF. MAPS	PILOT Sqd/Ldr MUNRO F/O Taylor	TIME UP 0850	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	OBSERVER F/O Mason	TIME DOWN 1025 TOTAL 1hr 35mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			Comms from a/c conducting shoot was poor.
Shoot carried out from			Air burst can only be seen from low down for approx 10secs.
			After burst from 2000ft, above it can be seen against the ground for approx 15secs. It is very
500-800ft AGL.			difficult to estimate height of burst until checked on altimeter (this would, of course, be
			impossible in hilly country). It is however, fairly easy to detect in a group of four which
			are airburst and which are impact.
			Bursts from 20-30ft appear from air to give excellent pattern in water. Generally this pilot
			is of opinion that fuses are rather too inaccurate for hilly country, but would be good
			on open country where 25% of good bursts would be worth the ammunition expenditure.
			Good comms are absolutely essential.

Time and Signature

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45 Amst AL Sec A.C.

MH—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

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

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE.....

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

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
SECOND PILOT FLYING 300-800ft.			This pilot is of opinion that it would be difficult to pick low air burst from impact were shell is NOT bursting over water, that is to say, above kunai 10ft above ground would be difficult to detect. Pilot considers that he could pick which were air burst, and which impact in a groups of four, ithout many wrong observations due to comparison.
THIRD PILOT 2000 - 3000 ft A.G.L.			This pilot is of opinion that from this height it is easy to pick airburst from impact by the shape of the smoke puff. airburst gives a round puff against the ground, whereas impact appears to be a V shape. From this height pilot considers that he stands off to one side he can estimate height of burst, that is within 50ft of ground. Bursts of 100ft and above just look very high. Pilot agrees with pilot 1, that in hilly country fuses are NOT accurate enough, but a percentage would be very effective over flattest country.

Time and Signature..... ALO

Time passed to Bde. Div. etc.....

SAL 566 (AC)

SAL—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/30m.

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LOCATION Gusap | UNIT 4 A.C sqn | SORTIE No. 3 (T Dir) | A/C No. - TYPE A46-93 | DATE 3 Jan 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Arty/R on defensive res and Suspected gun SQ 6966.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
Lae / Finschhafen	F/O Holyman OBSERVER F/O Guyet	TIME DOWN 1300 TOTAL 2hrs15 min	Good	Low Cloud.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			When over area pilot dropped belly tank of a/c on to target. Second a/c strafed to try and set petrol alight but was NOT successful.
			"BLUE" answered immediately a/c circled and comms were good.
			Ranging was difficult owing to terrain. Only three guns were available and when cloud interfered with observation rounds were landing well in area. Pilot advised guns that he had to return owing to clouds and left guns to deal with target.
			With the sun overhead trenches showed up very clearly - suspected gun position was covered with what appeared to be a grass roof. Pilot obs some airburst rounds which appeared to be bursting 10-30ft above trees over target area.

Time and Signature AIO

45 Aust AL Sec (AC)
Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

S&I—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A. O. B. APPARITION D.T.D. 3 JAN'44....

A. L. O. R.C.KEATING ..... CAPT.

Serial No.	A/C I.D.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over. Area	Task & Area	Remarks & Results
1.	A46-151 A46-92	F/O MACKENZIE F/O CREMER		0815 0815	1045 1045	2hrs 30mins 2hrs 30mins	TAC/R ESCORT	SUCCESSFUL
2.	A20-480	F/Lt WATCHORN	F/SGT GRAHAM	1200	1355	1hr 55mins	SUPPLY DROPPING	SUCCESSFUL

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

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

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

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LOCATION APPARITION UNIT A.C/R SQN SORTIE No. 1.(9DIV) A/C No. A46-151 TYPE A46-92 DATE 3 JAN '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE A.A.C/R. MADANG TO VINCH POINT FOR ENEMY MOVEMENT OR ACTIVITIES.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SIO 1/25000	F/O [illegible]	0915	GOOD	FINE - CLEAR
	OBSERVER F/O [illegible]	TIME DOWN 1045		
		TOTAL 2 hrs 30 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
KELANGA TO SIO			At odd points scattered along beach between these two villages approx 20 cylindrical tins were seen - tins were rusty.
MANDARINA			N.C.O. single strand wires observed across stream at 529412 and 530408. Oil slick seen on water at 536405. No barges seen. No signs recent fires except where bombing has taken place. Area does not impress as one of great activity at present.
SIO LAGOON AREA.			What is considered to be an oil tank is submerged across mouth of MANDARINA anchorage - craft is capsized. (This makes 2 such type sea craft observed in this area - other one is at GNEISENAU POINT.) Jungle to SOUTH does not appear occupied. The watercourses in area SOUTH of 43 grid between KWAKARI and 52 grid line show signs much recent activity. The kunai in beds of the watercourses is flattened - grass still greenish - reflected light brilliantly - grass considered flattened towards SOUTH indicating SOUTH to NORTH movement. Numerous diggings observed in beds of WATER-COURSES. Movement observed in kunai at 500417. The two tracks as shown on map running SOUTH from 435427 and 516443 do not appear to have been used recently.
VINCH POINT			No signs of reported shore battery observed in area. There is excellent cover in this area for siting of a shore battery and air observation would be most unlikely. The tracks from SIO WEST and leading to the MOUTH of KWAKARI RIV all show signs much movement - movement considered quite recent.

Time and Signature CAPT. A.L.O.

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

SOL—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

DIST:-NGF(2), 2 AUST CORPS, 9DIV, 26BDE, I/O 4 TAC/R SQN, 4 TAC/R SQN, WAR DIARY, FILE.

R.A.A.F.

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LOCATION APPARITION UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 2 (9DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A20-480 DATE 3 JAN'44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE SUPPLY DROPPING RATIONS TO PATROL 438971.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
BLUCHER POINT 1/25000	F/Lt. WATCHORN	1200	GOOD	LOW CLOUD
	OBSERVER F/SGT GRAHAM	TIME DOWN 1355		
		TOTAL 1 hrs 55 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
KARAKO			Village reported in vicinity of 438971 not located.
			3 troops seen in KARAKO village - 2 MK VI Supplies Dropping Apparatus containing emergency rations were dropped in KARAKO village.

Time and Signature CAPT. A.L.O.

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

501—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

O. C. B. GUSAP DATE. 2.1.44 In L. O. R.A.F. Kirkenhaugh Lincs.

Sortie No.	A/C No. & Type	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-145	F/O Miller. Randle		1610	1645	35m.	TAC/R.	UNSUCCESSFUL.
	A46-145	F/O Ellers		1610	1645	35m.	ESCORT.	

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

SCRAP. SORTIE 1. 2/1/40

INVESTIGATORY T.O/R [illegible]

F/O Miller-[illegible]ndle A46-148 Time up. 2220
F/S Kilers A46-245 Time down. 1625 Time over area 35mins

Object of sortie was to create diversion whilst forward platoons on [illegible] were relieved. Whole area under cloud and only two small openings near Saloia area. Pilot therefore returned to base.

[illegible]
45 Sqdn A.L. 208 (A.C).

A.O.B. APPARITION Date 2 JAN '44 T.C. T.C.KEATING CAPT.

Serial No.	A/C No.	Pilot	Depart.	Arrive	Flying Time	Duty	Remarks
1.	A46-106	P/O CARTER	0800	1040	2 hrs 40m	ARTY/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-137	P/O MAUGER	0800	1040	2 hrs 40m	ESCORT	
2.	A46-151	P/O MACKENZIE	0820	1050	2 hrs 30m	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-92	P/O COLMER	0820	1050	2 hrs 30m	ESCORT	

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

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

DIST:-HQF(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,20BDE,26BDE,4BDE,2/5AP,2/3AP,2/5FD,1AUST AL GP,4 AC SQN,1/0 4 SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

R.A.A.F.

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LOCATION APPARITION UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 1. (9DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46-106 A46-137 DATE 2 JAN'44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE ARTY/R TO REGISTER REF MAP SIALUM 1/25000 COCONUTS 413074 KNAK KNAK VILLAGE 407077 CREEK AND TRACK JUNCTION 403079.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SIALUM 1/25000	F/O CARTER	0800	GOOD	OVERCAST
	OBSERVER F/O HUGES	TIME DOWN 1040		
		TOTAL 2hrs 40mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
COMMUNICATION			Long delay in establishing communications with SAN troop. Communications throughout very poor - result shoot very prolonged. OPOs did not acknowledge by R/T pilots corrections, yet corrections were applied to guns.
RANGING			Target XXAR 1 Coconuts 413074 Target XXAR 2 KNAKKNAK village 407077 Target XXAR 3 Creek and track junction 403079 All targets successfully and accurately registered. Z.E.3. in target areas.

Time and Signature [signature] CAPT. Int.O.

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

861—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/30m.

DIST:-3CF(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,20BDE,26BDE,4BDE,42.5AF,3AIF,35FG,1AUST AL GP,4 AC SQN,I/O 4 SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

R.A.A.F.

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LOCATION APPARITION UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 2 (9DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46-151 A46-92 DATE 2 JAN'44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R AREA SAMA RIVER - KELANGA HARBOUR AND INLAND - ENEMY MOVEMENTS OR DEVELOPMENTS.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/25000 SERIES PHOTOMAP	F/O MACKENZIE	0220	GOOD BUT HAZY	CLOUDY
	OBSERVER F/O COLLIER	TIME DOWN 1050		
		TOTAL 2hrs 30mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			There had been overnight rain throughout area recce this morning - all tracks were wet - none appeared to show any signs of recent movement since rain.
KALABA SAMA RIV TO KELANGA HARBOUR			N.M.S. on tracks for a radius of 1500x from village . N.M.S. 1 figure observed lying NORTHERN side clump of trees at 363115. No movement seen in vicinity of caves on terrace recce vicinity SAMA RIV in Sq 3709. Throughout area no signs activity or development observed.

Time and Signature Capt. S.I.O.

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

80—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

APPARITION 1 JAN '44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. T.C.KEATING CAPT

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

Sortie No.	A/C No. & Letter	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-137	F/O LANGER		0834	1124	2 hrs 50m	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-106	F/O CARTER		0834	1124	2 hrs 50m	ESCORT	

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

Serviceability:- OP A/C. 2. U.S. Communication A/C. 3. U.S.

DIST:-HGF(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,20BDE,26BDE,48BDE,A2.5AF,SAAF,35FG,1AUST AL GP,4 AC SQN,I/o 4 SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

R.A.A.F.

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LOCATION APPARITION UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 1.(9DIV) A/C No. - TYPE ~~A46-137~~ A46-106 DATE 1 JAN '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R (1) KALASA - TUNGE (11) MUZEN - SANGA RIVER (111) AREA LAGOONS NORTH DALLMAN RIVER.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
PHOTOMAP SIALUM 1/25000	F/O MADGER	0834	GOOD	LOW BROKEN CLOUD
	OBSERVER F/O CARTER	TIME DOWN 1124		
		TOTAL 2 hrs 50 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
TUNGE TO KALASA	0935 - 1000		Across the kunai patches to the SW of KANOM 1 as far inland as TUNGE there are small footpads- pads as if made by very small groups moving across these patches towards TUNGE. From TUNGE to KALASA the track is well defined - possible peace time mule or horse track. A freshly built lean-to seen at 408993 - area surrounding this lean-to well worn. TUNGE appears unoccupied. N.M.S. KALASA appears to be unoccupied but the general area to the WEST for approx 2000x gives impression that it may be the reserve area. In this area many small tracks lead off main tracks to the jungle patches - jungle patches dense unable to see tracks once they reach jungle fringes. The main track from KALASA to SIGNIA via SELMA is apparently ai old mule track- it shows signs of continual use. N.M.S. No natives seen in this inland area. The gardens are considered to have been attended to during past month - only an isolated garden is overgrown to any extent.
MUZEN - SANGA RIVER	1015 1050		N.M.S - but signs of heavy recent use - litter seen throughout. Our ARTY engaging coastal track with harassing fire. Fresh track observed to run from MUZEN along SOUTHERN bank of creek to 417147 where it crosses stream and follows NORTHERN bank to jungle at 411649. This track has not had heavy use. Cave at approx 420049 shows signs much movement. At 378107 an empty gun pit observed. This has never been reported before but pilot considers it to be possibly dug at least a week ago. No great activity around it. No attempt to conceal hole. 1 JAP seen at 367113.

Time and Signature CART. A.L.O.

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

S61—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

USAAP 1. 1. 43 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A.L.O. J.R. Fellowship Lieut.

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Die	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up/	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	Aut. 115.	F/t Masson		0810	0918	1hr 5 m.	A'ly R.	Unsuccessful.
	Aut. 03.	F/o Taylor		0810	0915	1hr 5 m.	Escort	
2.	Aut. 108	F/o Miller.	Randle	0915	0900	45 m.	A'ly R.	"
	Aut. 105.	F/t Ilers.		0815	0900	45 m.	Escort	

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

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Sortie 1.

F/O Lmsson A46-115 Time up 0810
P/O Taylor A46-93 Time down 0915 Over area. 1hr 5min

Arty/R SHERCEY RIDGE.

Pilot located target, defence area with possible gun posns 696667. Area 100yds X 40yds with perimiter of zig zag trenches.
"BLUE" contacted and advised could NOT engage unless gun actually sighted.
Pilot returned to base.

A L O
45 Aust AL Sec (AC)

Sortie 2.

F/O Miller-Randle A46-148 Time up 0815
F/O Ellers A46-145 Time down 0900 Over area 45min.

Arty/R 5800 FEATURE

Whole area covered in cloud. Pilot returned to base.

A L O
45 Aust AL Sec (AC)

AC [redacted] G64P DATE 12.1.44

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APPARITION 12 JAN '44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. S.O. SHAVE CAPT

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

Sortie No.	A/C Ns. &	Pilots.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-137	F/O HAUGHR		0755	1045	2 hrs 50m	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-95	F/O McINTYRE		0755	1045	2 hrs 50m	ESCORT	

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

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

[illegible] HQ RAAF(2), [illegible] SCU, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] A/C R.A.A.F, [illegible] A/C R.A.A.F, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible].

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LOCATION APPARITION UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. 1 (S.O.T.) A/C No. - TYPE A46-127 DATE 12 JAN 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
[illegible] SCALE 1/250K	[illegible]	[illegible]	FAIR	[illegible]
	OBSERVER F/O [illegible]	TIME DOWN [illegible]		
		TOTAL 2 hrs 50 mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
[illegible] SPUR			[illegible] defensive positions did not appear to be occupied in force. The better defined tracks throughout area showed only very slight usage [illegible] to recent rain. Sandi camouflage on def[illegible] is dying out - appears on steep slopes were worn washed by rain.
COAST [illegible] - [illegible]			From [illegible] to [illegible] area not observed fully. The portion observed did not appear to have been occ. Main supply - [illegible] track showed no signs of footprints. Puddles on track [illegible] to be undisturbed - no footprints on either side.
			No alterations made to previously reported coastal defences - no apparent signs of occupation or activity. No signs of footprints or activity on beach. Tracks from high ground in area 4640 converged on to a larger track area 452400. From this point track usage appears to increase. This track leads NNW to [illegible] and then runs parallel in a NORTHERLY direction. Track activity appears to increase towards river and to ford at ref 362443. The ford is approx 20' wide and there are signs of heavy use on both sides. Pilot considers fair usage of track has occured since his observation of 11 Jan. Track on FAR side of river observed to track junction at ref 355463. appeared to be used equally as well as NEAR side.
			At approx [illegible] 20 [illegible] were observed. On approach of a/c - it took cover. They were equipped with packs and rifles. Pilot unable to state in which direction party was moving prior to approach of a/c. Unable to a/c. Most of remained [illegible] after approx 6 were still lying on ground - remainder had disappeared.
			Coastal track from WAINARIVA to SIO lagoon appears to have had only slight recent use. Track from [illegible] - 446442 - 452455 showed slight recent use. Track from 452455 showed slightly more use than above. Footprints were observed on track which is approx 3' wide. The swamp area and gardens area 450440 fairly well covered with water.
			Own troops seen waiting ford at Geelvink Point. Approx 15-20 seen moving [illegible] of ref 510605. area to a/c.

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

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

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

A. C. S. GUSHP D.M.M. 11.1.44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A. L. O. J2 Fahrenhorst 2 Lieut.

Serial No. A/C I.C.	Pilot.	Observ.	Up.	Down.	Dur. Hrs.	Task & Loc	Remarks & Results
1. AH6-152	F/O Nasson		1100	1235	1hr. 35m	TAC/R	Successful.
11H4-138	F/L Clarenshaw		~~1100~~	1235	1hr 35m.	Escort	

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

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION CUBAP UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn SORTIE No. 1 (7 Div) A/C No. - TYPE A46- 136 DATE 11 Jan 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R KISA - SAKE, METALOI, ORGORUNA AREA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
URIGINA 1/63960	F/O Lawson	1100	Fair	Low Broken cloud.
	OBSERVER F/L Clarenshaw	TIME DOWN 1235		
		TOTAL 1hr 35min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	1115		Def area 4294. HUTS in def but diggings appear to be in order. Tracks appear well worn, particularly the L of C track leading to OLD KAULA.
METALOI 1 535828			3 Japs surprised in open who ran north into jungle. Only one had hat on and none had packs or rifles.
METALOI 2 5[illegible]829			Track through METALOI 2 and KOBI has been well used recently. Foxholes on tracks leading SW from METALOI 2 are in order. These positions have good command of slopes to river.
KISA SAKE 470826			Village had been accurately bombed. Large hut previously reported NW of village had been straddled but did NOT appear to be damaged. Results of bombing generally appears to have done little material damage. All def appear in good condition.
			Track from KISA - KOBA shows signs of recent useage.
ORGORUNA 1 460819			Village has three bombholes from yesterday's strikes. NO material damage noticed.
ORGORUNA 2 452807			HUTS. def appear in good condition. Cloud interfered with recce at this point. Both a/c strafed METALOI 1 and area to NW of village.
			NO A/A sighted by either a/c. Pilot searched for patrol from KOKU Riv and SOLU Riv and eventually located it at 483703 and dropped message on them.
			Message dropped on PIP 4 and PIP 5.
			PIP 4 contacted by R/T

Time and Signature R. Sebastian Lang

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc [illegible]

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

A. O. B. APPARITION DATE 11 JAN '44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLYING. A. L. O. .....
C.O. SHAVE CAPT

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Up.	Down.	Over. Area	Task & Area	Remarks & Results
1.	A46-106	F/O CARTER	0820	1120	3 hrs	ARTY/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-137	F/O MAUGER	0820	1120	3 hrs	R.C.H.E	

Serviceability: (2) 2 AUST SQDN A/C 90 IV, NIL OTHERS. FILE. U.S. Communication A/C. 2. U.S.

DIST:-HF(2),2 AGT CORPS,9DIV,20 [illegible],26 [illegible],48 [illegible],A2,5AF,SAEF,1 ASST AG GP,4 TAC/R SQN,1/O 4 TAC/R SQN,GR/DIARY,FILE.

R.A.A.F.

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LOCATION APPARTION UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 1.(SPIT) A/C No. - TYPE A58-106 DATE 11 JAN '45

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE SIO

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/25000	F/O MAUGER	0820	[illegible]	MEDIUM CLOUD WITH RAIN
	OBSERVER F/O MAUGER	TIME DOWN 1120		
		TOTAL 3 hrs.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
COMMUNICATIONS.			Reception of W/T not good. Pilot had to return to base to receive for each correction.
REF 512413			Range 10. Target ranged - but gunfire erratic. Target ranged a second time - rounds all fell in correct area.
" 432416			Range 12. Full explanation given re position of target.
" 477417			Range 13. Gun requested report on result of gunfire. One gun accurate - three remaining guns fell in a group approx 70 yds, 300 yds SOUTH of target. Range O.K.
" 454423			Range 14. Rounds fell in a line NW at approx 50 yds from river bank.
" 466419			Range 15. All rounds fell in target area.
GENERAL INFORMATION.			Cover pilot observed 2 JAPS squatting under a tarpaulin at REF 377446 - 1 JAP at REFS 453409 and 465423 - took cover in trees.
			TRACK running parallel to EAST side of [illegible] RIVER shows signs of use after recent rain.
			Ground on sides and down further flattened during last 48 hrs.

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

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc. 45 ASST AG SEC (AC).

MH—N.G. Press Unit—11/45/10m.

A. O. B. CUSAP D.H.Q. 10.1.44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLYG. J.R Fetherstonhaugh Lieut.
... L. O. .....

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over. Hrs	Task & Area	Remarks & Results
1.	AU6-152	F/o Miller-Randle		0500	1000	2 hrs	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL.
	AU6-93	P/o Ahearn		0510	1000	2 hrs	Escort	
2.	AU6-166	F/o Guyot		1010	1200	1 hr 50m	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL.
	AU6-117	F/o Masson		1010	1200	1 hr 50m.	Escort	
3.	AU6-146	F/o Miller-Randle		1350	1550	2 hrs	Arty/R & TAC/R.	SUCCESSFUL.
	AU6-167	P/o Ahearn		1350	1550	2 hrs.	Escort	

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

R. A. A. F.

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A46-93

LOCATION GUSAP. UNIT 4 TAC/R Sqn SORTIE No. 1 (7 Div) A/C No. - TYPE DATE 20 Jan 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R SHAGGY RIDGE AREA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
PAIPA 1/ 25,000 MT KUBARI 1/63360	P/O Miller-Randle. OBSERVER P/O Ahearn	0800 TIME DOWN 1000 TOTAL 2hrs	Good	High Overcast.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	0815		Gun posn 670677 NMS. This in shadow and difficult to obs in morning.
	0820		Closely recced def area 6966. NMS - area in shadow. NO movement seen in landslide area. 6867.
	0830		NMS along track as far as SIABA 611728. Track does NOT appear to have had excessive movement over night.
KANKIWO 641702			Only one used track leads through eastern side of village. Village gives impression of very little use.
MT KUBARI	0900		Little worn footpads in sqs 6068, 5969 and 6069. These are roughly east and west tracks and could NOT be followed out. They appear to have had recent light use.
	0920		"PIP" 2 attempted to pass message by R/T re MT PROTHERO. PILOT unable to read same. Pilot made further close recce of area at 674662 - noticed small clearing. This did NOT give impression of gun posn and NO digging or movement seen. This could be natural clearing and track along ridge runs close to it.
			Message dropped on PIP 2 and PIP 5.

Time and Signature AIO

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc 45 Aust AI Sec (AC)

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

R. A. A. F.

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A46-117

LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 TAC/R Sqn SORTIE No. 2 (7 Div) A/C No. - TYPE DATE 30 Jan 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R KISA ASAKE, OROGORUNA & MATALOI DEF POSNS.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
URIGINA 1/63360	F/O Guyatt	1010	Good	High Overcast
	OBSERVER F/O Mannon	TIME DOWN 1200		
		TOTAL 1hr 50min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
OROGORUNA 2	1030		NMS in either village. Both villages show little signs of useage since rain. NO bomb craters
452807			seen in area and trenches were empty.
KISA ASAKE	1040		NMS in village - bomb holes near village do NOT appear fresh.
471825			Village does NOT give appearance of being excessively used - only single track foot pads
KRI 498824			noticed.
[illegible]			Village appears deserted. Tracks are covered by grass and leaves.
MATALOI 1 & 2			NO signs of bombing. Def in both villages appear to be kept in order. A/c reced MATALOI 1.
			from low height but saw NO movement. Tracks were however, fresh.
			NO movement seen def posn sq 5284.
			Track to YAHLA shows signs of recent useage.
			NO A/A of any sort noticed by either a/c over entire recce and pilot's impression is that area
			has NOT been bombed this morning.

Time and Signature [signature] AIO

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

45 Mat AL 266 (AC)

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

R. A. A. F.

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A46-166

LOCATION GUAP UNIT 4 TAC/R 82B SORTIE No. 2 (F Flt) A/C No. - TYPE A46-207 DATE 30 JUN 44

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

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
RAAF 1/25,000	F/O Miller-Rumble	1350	Fair	Low Cloud.
	OBSERVER F/O Abbott	TIME DOWN 1550		
		TOTAL 2hrs		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	~~1406~~		smoke rising from 650075.
	~~1425~~		Contacted "CHRIS" and registered as X25. Clearing reported E/S a.a. at 670612.
	~~1430~~		"CHRIS" advised E/O enemy spandau gun in action. Pilot unable to spot flashes. Smoke rising from 6587 was result of our own gun fire.
			Mor registered target X26 pilot notice fresh clearing and using X24 as ref recorded X26 at 675075.
			Comm were good until cloud came over area when it became difficult.
			Message dropped on PIP 2 & PIP 3.

Time and Signature [signature] A.C.

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/42—10m.

43 AAL 300 (A 2)

T.C.KEATING CAPT.

A. C. R. APPARITION DATE 10 JAN '44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C EMPLD. A. L. C.

Serial No.	Pilot.	Order.	Up.	Down.	Over All Hrs.	Work & Area.	Remarks & Results
1. A46-137	F/O LAUGHER		1125	1345	2 hrs 20m	ARTY/R	SUCCESSFUL.
A46-92	P/O BENSON		1125	1345	2 hrs 20m	ESCORT	
2. A46-95	P/O COLLIER		1125	1340	2 hrs 15m	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL.
A46-151	F/O McINTYRE		1125	1340	2 hrs 15m	ESCORT	

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

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

DIST:-HGF(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,20BDE,26BDE,48BDE,42.SAC,3AAF,1 AUST AL GP,4 TAC/R SQN,I/O 4 TAC/R SQN,AHQ DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION APPARITION UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 1.(9DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46-137 A46-92 DATE 10 JAN '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE ARTY/R BENDSTER CREEK JUNCTION 568379 AND FORD 561385.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
KRANJA HARBOUR 1/25000	F/O MEIGER	1325	4 000	LOW HAZE
	OBSERVER F/O BIGGS	TIME DOWN 1345		
		TOTAL 2 hrs 20 mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
COMMUNICATIONS :-			A/C wireless reception poor - 1 way R/T check conducted.
RANGING :-			Target SUGAR 9 Track at 559336. " " 10 " " 562394.
			Pilot unable to actually locate ford reported at 561385. In bed of river at this reference a large white topped object observed - suspected of being large boulder. Creek estimated 50' wide this point - no apparent fording place observed. Pilot registered above points on track either side of suspected ford.
			Target SUGAR 11 - creek junction 568379 registered successfully.
SIGHTINGS.			NIL Track from 574394 to 577383 to 570379 fording [illegible] 561385 is considered to be new track - Jeep has not yet been worn away along this route.

CAPT.

Time and Signature A.L.O

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

Mil—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

A. O. B. GUSAP. DATE 9.1.44. DAILY RECORD OF A/C T.JNG. A. L. O. R. Robertson Lang 2 Lt

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over. Area	Task & Area	Remarks & Results
1.	AUG. 156	F/O Ellers		0830	1000	1½30	Tac/R.	Successful.
	AUG. 152	F/O Akerin		0830	1000	"	Escort	
2.	AUG. 148	F/O. Clarenshaw		0820	0930	1hr.	Lead in Stroke	Successful.
	AUG. 119	F/O Masson		0830	0920	"	Escort	
3.		F/O masson		1330	1446	1hr 10m	Rec/R.	Successful.
		F/O Ellers		1330	1500	"	Escort	

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

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 1 (7Div) A/C No. - TYPE DATE 9 Jan 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R SHOGGY RIDGE AND SADDLE AREA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
P.IPA 1/25000 MT KUBARI 1/63360	F/O Ellers OBSERVER F/O Ahearn	0830 TIME DOWN 1000 TOTAL 1hr 30min	Good	Good

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	0850		MMS def areas 7065 and 6966.
	0900		MMS SADDLE AREA.
MT.KUBARI 1/63360	0910		Rain had fallen overnight. Track had been used since rain. Foottrack running east appeared to have had fair amount of use.
P.IPA. 640599			Track through village shows signs of use. This applies generally to road inthis area, down as far as SUPPLY CAMP 683771.
			MMS on tracks or in village.

Time and Signature ALO

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LOCATION GUSAP. UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No 2 X (7 Div.) A/C No. · TYPE DATE 9 Jan 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE LEAD P47s TARGET PRACTICE.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
VRIGINA 1/63360	F/Lt Glorenshaw	0830	Good	Good
	OBSERVER F/O Mason	TIME DOWN 0930		
		TOTAL 1hr.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	0830		Rendezvous with P47s GUSAP.
~~ORGORUNA 2~~	~~0840~~		Led in P47s on to Japs seen in village & strafed def posns/
~~442807~~			Results unobs, but strafing appeared to be in area.
			Rain had fallen overnight and trenches had water in them/

Time and Signature [signature] A/F

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

45 Amst AL Sec (AC)

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 3 (T Div) A/C No. - TYPE DATE 9 Jan 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R BOGADJIM ROAD

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
DAUMOINI Sth P/ms.	F/O Masson	1330	Fair	Low Cloud.
	OBSERVER F/O Ellers	TIME DOWN 1440		
		TOTAL 1hr 10min.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
[illegible]	[illegible]		MT is fording river at Bridges 1,2 & 3, but it appears that ther has been very limited traffic.
			Traffic has been using village, NO excess movement. NMS.
Bridge			Bridges 4 & 5 are in order. They do NOT appear to have been under water. Bridge 6 in order.
[illegible]	[illegible]		Bridge 7 still out. Water appears high over ford.
			Bridge 8 completely gone. There are two bombholes 100yds SW of bridge. Appearance suggests that it has been washed away but if this is so No. 5 should have shown signs of floods also.
			There are NO signs of blast marks on either bank.
			Bridges 8a & 8b also out: These were only low bridges.
			Bridges 9,10,11 still intact - limited MT has been along road near br 11. Tracks give impression
			of heavy vehicles with wide tyres and tracks.
Area	1430		Village shows signs of some activity.
118122			112118 is centre of area where undergrowth has been cleared. 2 small buildings noticed and
			appearances generally suggest a camp area rather than stores dump, as MT tracks do NOT lead right
Bridge 12.			in. 2/3 of southern portion of br 12 is out; about 10ft of northern side still standing. Appear-
			ance again suggests floods as NO bomb craters in area.
			NO MT tracks are showing south of br 12.

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 3 (7 Div) 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
			NO MT tracks are showing south of br 12. Pilot unable to ascertain whether MT is fording river near br 8. Banks in vicinity are steep and rutted, but track on road north and south of bre-
			6, 7a, 8b appear about the same. area.
DAULDIMA 5th P/M			MT has turned at AIYAU. Pilot considers that 4 trucks could have made all the tracks he saw in this
			MT park east of brs 13 & 14 empty. NO tracks noticed.
YAULA 125145			All brs south of 12 are intact.
			Near misses on road 135134 have done NO serious damage. Area shows signs of bombing.
			115147, previously reported as dump area has been accurately bombed and there are two very large
			blast marks which suggests ammo or explosive dumps have been hit. Whole area has been accurately
			and heavily bombed.
MABELUBU 125115			Very heavy rain in area, probably last night. NO tracks showing since rain.
MBWAIRAI area			Has been bombed. Trees knocked about and small landslides, but road is passable again. NO MT through
			since report of 7/1/44.
URIGINA			Def area 5284. NO further digging done. Gives impression that in to def area to fall back on and
			is NOT occupied at present. obs.
~~DAURIMA 5th~~			~~Area has been well covered by bombs. Loop road in sq 1418 shows fair amount of activity. NO MT truck~~
SUPPLY CAMP.			~~Pilot's general impression fair~~ Less activity on whole length of road than his last recce about
			7 days ago.

Time and Signature R. Dickenson Lang Lt

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc..... 45 Aust AL Sec (AED

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TAKING.

A. C. B. AEREDITION DATE. 5.JAN.44. A. L. O. T.C.KEATING CAPT.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over. Area	Task & Area	Remarks & Results
1.	A46-95	F/O COLMER		0750	1050	3 hrs	RCTE/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-151	F/O McINTYRE		0750	1050	3 hrs	ESCORT	
2.	A46-106	F/O CARTER		0900	1225	3 hrs 25m	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-137	F/O MARTIN		0900	1225	3 hrs 25m	ESCORT	

~~Authenticated by~~ ~~ASST~~ CHIEF OPS A/C, [illegible]. U.S. Communication A/C. G. U.U.

DIST:-HQF(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,20XXX,26XXX,43DE,2.5AG,SEW,2AUST AC GP,4 TAC/R SQN,1/O 4 TAC/R SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION ADVANTAGE UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 2.(OPER) A/C No. - TYPE A46-95 A46-151 DATE 9 JAN'44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE ARMED RECONNAISSANCE ROAD AND RAILWAY FROM [illegible] TO ORIENTAL POINT 572392.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
ZEELANDIA HARBOUR 1/250000	F/O COLLIER	0950	FAIR	LOW CLOUD
	OBSERVER F/O MCINTYRE	TIME DOWN 1050		
		TOTAL 1 hrs		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
[illegible]			[illegible] - F/O COOK - 2 hrs [illegible] carried out.
RAILWAY.			1. Target SUGAR 5 - ORIENTAL POINT - accurately and successfully registered.
			OBSERVATIONS ordered.
			2. M.G. positions with signs recent activity in vicinity 620336. Area registered as SUGAR 6 and three 5 rounds gunfire brought to bear on target area. Hail of rounds - 50X bracket.
			3. 250' feature 622384 - at request of troop this feature was registered as SUGAR 7.
			4. Suspected positions in crevice and cattle at 623379 were engaged - direct hit scored on suspected position. Recorded as SUGAR 8.
RAILWAYS.			(a) Two small tracks lead from 616387 to a clump of bushes at base of terrace 614385. Pilots strafed clump of bushes 614385 - small flame & smoke produced by some cannon bursts.
			(b) Large [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Time and Signature [signature] CAPT. A.C.3

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

SO—N.G. Press Unit—11/8/10m.

DIST:-A F(2),2 CORPS,9 DIV,20 BDE,26 BDE,4 BDE,A2,5 AF,SAIF,LAHST AL GP,4 TAC/R SQN,I/O 4 TAC/R SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION APPARITION UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE NO 2. (2ND) A.C. No. - TYPE A65-106 A6-137 DATE 9 JAN '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R F.R. RECCE AREAS, POSSIBLE BEF BARGE OFF-LOADING POINTS AND ENEMY POSITIONS AND ACTIVITY.

REF. MAPS 1/250,000 SHEETS	PILOT F/O [illegible]	TIME UP 1225	VISIBILITY GOOD	WEATHER CLOUD IN MOUNTAINS.
	OBSERVER F/O [illegible]	TIME DOWN 1225		
		TOTAL 3 hrs 25 mins		

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

1. TRACK ACTIVITY. No fresh activities observed in MADANG area. From SIO MISSION WEST along coastal track to huts 445470, the number of tracks radiating up into the valleys and into the jungle patches from main track indicates increase in activity this sector. Coastal gardens have been reoccupied. Jungle seen rising from 446428. The caves and timbered patches along EASTERN bank of MAMA RIV from 41 grid line have tracks leading to them. These caves have natural camouflage by the presence of the long grass surrounding them. The jungle area centred around 410438 suggests fresh occupation - grass is flattened in many patches.
2. TRACKS AND MOVEMENT. Following tracks considered to have been routes for recent JAP movement:-
   (a) From suspected bivouac areas 538 5239, 5338 - track which runs NNW almost parallel to 40 grid line from river junction 520395 to track at 450392.
   (b) From 447434 S&W to track 450392.
   (c) From SIO MISSION SOUTH and SW to track at 477395.
   (d) From 450392 NORTH along bank of MAMA RIV to 433438.
   (e) From 433438 to 407437.
   9 DIV only - see attached trace. 47 395
   JAPS were observed at 407430, 446430, 460436 JAPS in groups 2-4. JAPS were strafed.
   It was observed that nearly all gardens in the vicinity of above tracks have been ransacked.
   Peculiar bundles of grass observed in gardens in sq 4739.
3. POSITIONS.
   (a) Lines of positions seen extending from 538394 along ridge to 556388 - positions considered to be bunkers and L.M.G posts. These positions are on highest ridge in area. (See trace 9 DIV).
   (b) Line of positions from 577391 to 569378 (See trace). Natural caves considered converted defensive positions along this terrace.
4. BIVOUACS. Suspected bivouac areas in valleys 51355239, and valley 535400 to 540375 still are a maze of tracks but no movement or shelters seen.

Time and Signature

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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
			4. ~~ROADS.~~ Small tracks lead from timbered valleys to above lines of defence.
			5. ~~NEW BARGE UN-LOADING POINTS.~~ No apparent new off-loading points observed. Beaches at ~~SIC [illegible]~~, creek mouth 443441 and 408440 are very suitable beach heads for barge operations.
			6. ~~CONCENTRATION.~~ ~~Not unable to state whether area still occupied or not - there is ample cover for large~~ numbers of J.A.F. to be concealed in and aircraft would never spot same.

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

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

45 AUST. L SEC (AC).

Mil—N.G. Press Unit—11/42/10m.

O. C. B. Cousab DATE 8.1.45 DAILY ACCOUNT OF A/C TASKS. In L. O... V.R. to Kerstenbaugh 100%

Sortie A/C No.	A/C Letter	Pilot.	Observer.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	RHt-IHS	F/o Miller-Randle		0800	1445	2hrs	A/Y/R	Unsuccessful
	RHt-164	P/O Akearn		0800	1400	2 hrs	Escort	
2.	RH6-121	F/o Masson.					P/R.	"
				1300.	1500	1hr.	A/Y/R.	"
3.	RLt-112.	F/o Miller-Randle					Escort.	
	RHt-153.	P/O Akearn		1300	1500	1hr	Escort.	Successful
4.	R20-150	F/L Clarenshaw	F/o Hooper	1415	1750	35m.	Supply Drop.	
	RHt-118	F/O Miller-Randle		1415	1750	35m	Escort.	
5.	R20-150	F/L Clarenshaw	F/o Hooper	1635	1745	40m.	Supply Drop. Escort.	"
	Serviceability of A/C						Communication A/C.	3. U.S.
	RH6-118	F/O Guyot			1715	40m.		

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LOCATION GUSAP. UNIT 4 TAC/R SORTIE No. 1 (7 Div) A/C No. - TYPE A46-156 DATE 8 Jan 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Arty/R Hostile Gun Posn. SHAGGY RIDGE.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SAIPA 1/25,000	F/O Miller-Randle	0800	Good	Clear.
	OBSERVER F/O Aheern	TIME DOWN 1000		
		TOTAL 2hrs		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	0810		A/c contacted "CHRIS" and went to posn of enemy gun. Posn was located but gun could NOT be definitely ots owing to shadow.. "CHRIS" who was in action asked pilot for pinpoint of his rounds. - 680670. Pilot then gave ref of gun posn - 670667. CHRIS" comms broke down after 3 ranging rounds and orders were relayed through "BLUE". Pilot had difficulty in seeing HE rounds, but eventually got on to area. Pilot considers when he registered target as X24 LPI was slightly plus of target. "CHRIS" was advised of this.
			SORTIE 2.
			Photographic Mission - Unsuccessful due to low cloud.
			SORTIE 3.
			F/O Miller-Randle A46-148 F/O Aheern A46-152 Vis/ Poor Weather: Low Cloud. E.A.T.D. 1300 E.A.T.A 1400. Over area 1hr.
			SHAGGY RIDGE and S DOLD area under low cloud. Pilot got through break in cloud, but was unable to make close recce of hostile gun posn. Def in rea 0966 appear to be kept in order. Pilot recced road to SAIPA 011720. Detailed recce impossible due to low cloud.

Time and Signature [signature]

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc 25 Aust AL Coy (AC)

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—1000.

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AAC- 488 F/L Clarendon A F/O Kemper AA6-168 F/O Miller-Ramillo (Escort)

SUCCESSFUL. SUPPLY DROPPING HEAVY RIDER AREA.

J.R. Fotheringham
Lieut
AAG
48 Amnt Sec (AG)

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420-430 F/L Clarendon & F/O Hooper 436-448 F/O Cryst.(escort)

SUPPLY DROPPING SHAGGY RIDGE AREA.

J.R.Fotheringham
Lieut.

AIO 45 Aust AL Sec (AC)

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A. O. B. APPARITION DATE 8 JAN 944 A. L. O. T.C.KEATING CAPT

Serial No. A/C No. &	Pilot.	Observ.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1. A46-95	F/O COLLIER		0815	1115	3 hrs	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
A46-151	F/O WHITTLE		0815	1115	3 hrs	ESCORT	
2. A46-121	F/O SAUCER		1130	1400	2 hrs 30m	PHOTO/R	SUCCESSFUL
A46-92	F/O BENSON		1130	1400	2 hrs 30m	ESCORT	

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

Serviceability:- OP A/C. 4. U.S. Communication A/C. 3. U.S.

DIST:-HQP(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,203DE,263DE,43DE,A2,5AF,SATF,1AUST AL GP,4 TAC/R SQN,I/O 47AC/R SQN, WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION APPARITION UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No 1.(9DIV) A C No - TYPE A46-95 A46-151 DATE 8 JAN'44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R VICKE POINT TO REISS POINT FOR BARGE HIDEOUTS AND GENERAL ACTIVITY.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SIO SALAMAUA 1" SERIES	F/O COLLEY	0815	20 MILES	FINE - HIGH CLOUD
	OBSERVER F/O McINTYRE	TIME DOWN 1115		
		TOTAL 3 hrs		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			1. BARGE UNLOADING POINTS. Vicinity of SIEGOR village and between KUMUSI RIVER and 214440 are considered only suitable places where barges could off-load onto beach- elsewhere coral shelf prevents approach.
			2. Possible barge hideouts considered to be 378417 at high tide and HASU HARBOUR creek.
			3. MAIN ARTERIAL track from 450440 to HASU shows signs of recent medium use. From HASU to SALAMAUA track does not appear to have been used so much. By comparison of wear and appearances the track from 450440 to SALAMAUA has had nothing like amount of movement that sector HAMBARIZA-SIO has. A centre of activity observed in huts and timber in vicinity of 194464 and also 270414 area.N.M.I.
			4. VILLAGES: No signs occupation of HASU, KIARI, SIEGOR and ULAP. Compound at ULAP overgrown with weed. Coastal villages have huts falling down and much debris such as dead leaves and branches lying on tracks. Gardens appear unattended. SALAMAUA may have 2-3 huts occupied - activity apparent. No natives observed in area. N.M.I any villages.
			5. TRAFFIC: No movement observed in the entire area.
			6. POSSIBLE BIVOUACS: No apparent sites. Track well worn from 343410 to 347432 disappearing in timber. Undergrowth appeared thinned out but thick timber prevented observation any occupation.
			7. BARGE SIGHTINGS: All following sightings, barges considered unserviceable-
			Between SALAMAUA and SIEGOR 2
			" HASU and SIEGOR 2 on reef, 1 on beach.
			HASU HARBOUR 2
			REISS POINT reef 3
			8. DEFENCES: No defences observed.

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

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

50—S.G. Press Unit—11/43/100.

A. O. B. Gusap DATE 7.1.44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TAKING.

A. L. O. J. R. Fellowship Lieut.

Sortie No.	A/C No. & Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1	A46.128 F/O Ellers		0530	[illegible]	1430m	Tac/R	
	A46.93 F/O Miller Randle		0830	[illegible]	"	Escort	UNSUCCESSFUL
2.	A96.148 F/L Clorenshaw		1305	1445	1440m	Tac/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46.119 F/O Masson		1305	1445	"	Escort	
3.	A46.152. F/O Miller Randle		1250	1440	1430m	Arty/R.	UNSUCCESSFUL.
	A46.156 F/O Guyet		1250	1440	"	ESCORT.	
4.	A46.152. F/O Miller Randle		1615	1710	1455m	Arty/R.	UNSUCCESSful.
	A46.156 F/O Ellers.		1615	1700	1455m.	Escort	

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

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. 1. (7 ships) A/C No. - TYPE [illegible] DATE [illegible]

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
[illegible] 1/25000	P/O Wilson	0830		
[illegible] 1/63360	OBSERVER F/O Williamson	TIME DOWN 1030	6000	Low cloud.
		TOTAL 1hr 30mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	0830		(Left base 0905 [illegible]
			[illegible]
			[illegible]
			[illegible]
			[illegible]
			[illegible]

Time and Signature [illegible]

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

80—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

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A46-148

LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn SORTIE No. 2 (7 Div) A/C No. - TYPE A46-119 DATE 7 Jan 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R HOUSE KIAPS - ORGORUNA - KISA ASAKE - MATELOI - NANZANBAT

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
URICUM 1/63360 MT. KUBARI.	F/Lt Cloroushaw OBSERVER F/O Hannon	1305 TIME DOWN 1445 TOTAL 1hr 40min	Fair	Low cloud.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
HOUSE KIAPS	1320		NMS in area. There have been small kunai fires near native gardens.
	1325		485045 - 5 men with dinghy moved to a/c.
ORGORUNA	1327		Def still appear in order. Barricade still intact. From village no.2 east for 400-500yds are many small grass shelters that appear to be living quaters. NMS, but many tracks are very fresh. All shelters fairly well concealed. ORGORUN No.1 deserted - fresh tracks through village.
KISA ASAKE	1330		Well made def in good order. Large hut on NW side of village on small knoll. Steps cut into hill lead up to it - suggests possible mess hall or officers quarters. NMS. Well worn track.
MATALOI 2.			In village diggings appear unused but tracks lead south to unnamed village 507812. Along track for 200yds are small shelters and diggings which command slope down past village.
MATALOI 2.			(Lt a/c encroed and holed a/c.)
			1 Jap hurrying south took cover. Def dug in village and on track running north. Many shelters and actual huts through timber. Are generally appears well inhabited.
NIKE			No movement or def seen.
SAKA			NMS. Def appear deserted.
NANZANBAT.			Area shows signs of bombing. Many trees knocked about and small landslides. Road still passable in fen..

Time and Signature Lt Maitland Lt A LO

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc. 45 Aust Al Sec (AC)

S01—N.G. Press Unit—11/12/43.

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A46-152

LOCATION Cusap UNIT 4 T[illegible] SQN SORTIE NO (7 sqn) A/C No. - TYPE A46-152 T Sqn 46

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE ARTY/R EAST EDGE AREA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
PAPA 1/250000	F/O Miller Bandle.	1250	Fair	Low Cloud.
	OBSERVER F/O Guyet.	TIME DOWN 1440		
		TOTAL 1hr 50min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION

(A/c called "FIX" who did NOT answer.

"FIX" C contacted A/c and gave ref 873668. Pilot inspected area but could NOT see gun posn. Lower down t 873666 pilot obs possible gun posn and registered it as X23. Pilot did further recce of area and at 873636 definitely obs gun. Small veh track leads up to posn. Undergrowth has been cleared and arc of fire cutting. Due to Sm. Pilot suspected Mtn Mountain Gun.

("BLUE" advised out of range and pilot returned to base while our Arty moved up.)

CONTACT 4 (7 sqn)

F/O Miller and F/O [illegible] (C0-15). W/O Millers A46-156. A.C.D. 1015 E.A.T. 1700 Over area 45min visibility poor, weather Low Cloud.

("CHRIS" moved up into posn where he could engage 872686. Pilot unable to contact "CHRIS" but asked "BLUE" to advise "CHRIS" that target area was under cloud. Pilot returned to base.)

Time and Signature R. J. Miller Lieut

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

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

T.C.KEATING CAPT

APPARITION 7 JAN '44

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TAKING.

A. L. O.....

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

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observ.	Up.	Down.	Oversea Time	Base & Area	Remarks & Results
1.	446-137	F/O HARPER		1130	1425	2 hrs 55m	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	446-106	F/O CARTER		1130	1425	2 hrs 55m	ESCORT	

DIST :- HQF(2),2AUST CORPS,3DIV,MAT DEV,FILE.

DIST:-[illegible],FILE

R.A.A.F.

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. [illegible] A.C. No. - TYPE A6-137 DATE 7 Jan '44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/25000 [illegible]	F/O [illegible]	1212	[illegible]	HIGH OVERCAST
	OBSERVER F/O [illegible]	TIME DOWN 1425		
		TOTAL [illegible]		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
1. [illegible]			[illegible] (a) [illegible] - steep cliffs [illegible]. (b) [illegible] - [illegible] approx 3' high. (c) [illegible] - [illegible] 3'. The [illegible] apart from beach (a) is considered unsuitable due to (i) presence of coastal shelf. (ii) [illegible] coastline with boulders in sea from [illegible] to the east of GREENSHAW POINT. [illegible] to say no suitable beach in coastal area [illegible] observed.
2. NATURE OF FORESHORE:-			[illegible] comparatively due to many recent bombing. Inland approx 150x there is a single terrace 10' to 15' high. Inland gradual kunai slope. Beach (b). Similar to beach (a) except inland ground rises steadily to form STOLZENFELS SPUR. Beach (c) [illegible] - bombing has many motives the inland route is feasible vicinity of river.
3. [illegible] AND HINTERLAND.			Beach (a) - [illegible] track to NADZAB. Beach (b) - coastal track. Beach (c) - " " No difficulties should be experienced in establishing units from any of the beaches. The tributary [illegible] to be [illegible] deep - may be obstacle to inland movement from beaches (b) and (c).
4. [illegible]			(i) Coastal shelf at low tide. (ii) Wreckage of enemy small craft at 5445402S. (iii) [illegible] bank of river - several submerged tree trunks observed (c) comparatively free from [illegible]. (iv) [illegible] [illegible] - [illegible] [illegible] - no sign of other enemy mined obstacles observed.
5. GUIDING MARKS TO BEACHES:			Nil observed.

Time and Signature.....

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

mil—N.G. Press Unit -11/43/10m.

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No ..2. G.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

6. DEPTH OF WATER: Hard difficult to estimate from air, but water in S.E. ½ half of estuary considered shallower than S.W. ½ half. Approach across coral at 545040?5 - deeper channel of water appears here.

7. TIDAL INFLUENCE: Considered to be small rise at high tide - appearance of shoreline and lack of debris and flotsam in vicinity beaches (a) (b) and (c) suggest little trouble to be expected by tides. Lines of surf observed from 547405 to 540410 and from 547400 EAST to GUBIGEAO POINT.

8. INLAND APPROACHES: road - native gardens in area have been ransacked.
water - water in river considered to be effected by tides. No surface water vicinity beach.
housing - NIL native huts observed.

9. COASTAL DEFENCES: (i) Between 540402 and 547399 many defensive positions suspected. Positions considered to consist of heavily concealed bunkers and MG posts. No actual weapons or occupation seen. The excellent natural cover makes observation difficult. Many small tracks observed between coastal track and these suspected positions.
(ii) Between 545405 and 542404 possible fresh positions observed amongst the many bomb craters of this sector.

10. SUITABLE SITE FOR LANDING GROUND: possibly make C47 strip from 543406 to 537413.

11. PORT FACILITIES: Inlet at beaches (b) and (c) appears river banks have been revetted by planks for off-loading by ahery barges.

12. ROADS AND COMMUNICATIONS PARALLEL TO AND LEADING IN AND AWAY COAST:-
Main tracks shown correctly on map. Numerous small tracks radiate between jungle patches and valleys in the area.
(9DIV G.H.Q.) see attached trace.
Where tracks cross numerous valleys and creeks our Jeeps and tanks may experience trouble in crossing.

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

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

S.W.P. No. G.H. Press Unit—11/43/1000.

A. O. B. [illegible] DATE. 17 JUNE 44. DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. [illegible] L. C.A.F. Fetherstonhaugh. Lieut.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilots.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Ovgn. Area	Task & Area	Remarks & Results
1.	A46-152	F/O Miller-Handle		0940	1630	1hr 50mins	Tac/R & Arty/R	Successful
	A46-117	F/O Lee-Warner		0940	1630	1hr 50mins	Escort	
2.	A46-138	F/L Clarenshaw		1030	1130	1hr	Lead in Strike	Successful
	A46-156	F/O Ahearn		1030	1130	1hr	Escort	
3.	A46-[illegible]	F/O Clarenshaw		0935	0945	40mins	Tac/R	Successful
4.	A46-152	F/O Miller-Handle		1550	1640	50mins	Tac/R	Unsuccessful
	A46-138	F/O Ellers		1550	1640	50mins	Escort	

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

NGF (2), 2 Aust Corps, 7 Div, 15, 18, AK 5AF, 5ATF, 35 F.Gp., 1 Aust AL Gp., 4 Tac/R Sqn., I.O. 4 Tac/R Sqn., 3ATF, 49 F.Gp., War Diary, File.

R.A.A.F.

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A46-152

LOCATION 7US&P UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn., SORTIE No. 1 (7 Div) A/C No. - TYPE A46-117 DATE 1st Jan 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R and check Arty Registration on SHAGGY RIDGE.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SALIK 1/25,000	F/O Miller-Rundle	0840	Good	Low Cloud.
	OBSERVER F/O Lee-Warner	TIME DOWN 1030		
		TOTAL 1hr 50min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	0900		Pilot called "CHERIE" but received NO reply. Attempted to contact FIP 5 who eventually came up and advised pilot to return to area. Comms with "CHERIE" established. Pilot ordered indicate target "B". There was considerable delay while information was passed to guns.
			Target "B" guns fired - rounds u/o. Pilot ordered repeat with smoke. Rounds again u/o. There was very light cloud over area, but pilot considered he would have seen smoke.
PROTHERO 2. 673663.			Target "C" - smoke roundslanded on target area and would have been good indication with more rounds fired.
			Target "B". Smoke rounds landed 681648. Target is actually at 684661 as indicated by mortar smoke 10/1/44. This mortar smoke gave excellent indication, and in pilot's opinion would be more satisfactory to use for the strike.
			NO further diggings appeared to have been carried out.
PROTHERO 1.			Visibility was better over this area this morning. There has been some clearing of undergrowth. NO diggings visible.

Time and Signature R. Schmitz Lt
45 Aust/AL Sec (AC)
Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

S81—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/100L

HQF (2), 2 Aust Corps, 7 Div, 15, 18, 12 SAF., SATF, 35 F.Gp., 1 Aust Army Gp. AL Gp.,

R.A.A.F. 4 Tac/R Sqn., I.O. 4 Sqn., 3ATF, 49F.Gp., War Diary, File.

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A46-135
A46-156

LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn., SORTIE No. 2 (7 Div) A.C No. - TYPE DATE 17 Jan 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Load in strike EAST side FARIA Riv.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
AMF 1/25,000	F/L Glorenshaw	1030	Good	Low Cloud.
	OBSERVER F/O Ahearn	TIME DOWN 1130		
		TOTAL 1hr.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			9 Vultees and 8 P40s reached rendezvous 15mins early. NO call sign was advised this squadron for the Vultees.
			PANTHER WHITE received FRONTLESS clearly. FRONTLESS did NOT appear to receive PANTHER except on one occasion when he ask receiving strength 4. It is reasonable to assume they did NOT receive again as they did NOT follow instructions. On reaching target area PANTHER made wide circuit. FRONTLESS appeared to cut in behind PANTHER and consequently when PANTHER indicated target they were NOT in posn to obs, and first four of five Vultees who bombed were off target.
			PANTHER again indicated target and second flight of Vultees seemed to get into target area.
			P40s did NOT form up for PANTHER to lead in on strafing run, but went in individually and effectively covered area.

R. Ellis Laugh
ALO

Time and Signature
45 Aust AL Sec (AC)
Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

Sgd—N.G. Press Unit—11/45/10m.

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HEP (2), 2 Amph Corps, 7 Div, 25, 18, A2 SAF, SATF, 2S T.Sqn., 2 Amph AL Sp., 4 Tac/R Sqn, I.O., 4 Sqn, 3 ATF, 49 T.Sqn., War Diary, File.

SORTIE No.

A44-128 F/L Clarendon Time up. 0905 Visibility: Good
Time down 0945 Weather: High Overcast

Tac/R to Study Terrain and Posns before Landing in 9 B Strike.

Pilot made close recce of target area to decide which way to land in five Numbers on to target.

[signature]
Major
AAF

48 Amph AL Sec (AC)

17 JAN '44

Ref Maps [illegible] 1/25000 7184.

A48-151 P/O Milne-Hamilton. Time up 1550 Weather too close.
A48-135 P/O Milnes Time down 1640 Visibility poor.

Pilot contacted "F" 2 sdn., who advised a/c that he would indicate area to be investigated by navy smoke. There was too much cloud for a/c to manoeuvre in hills. "F" 2 sdn. advised of this and a/c returned to base.

J.D. Atkinson Haugh

APPARITION 17 JAN '44

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

C.O.SHAVE CAPT

A. C. B. D/Tk..... A. L. O.....

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over. Area	Task & Area	Remarks & Results
1.	~~A46-237~~	~~F/O HADDEN~~		0820	1135	3 hrs 15m	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-95	F/O McINTYRE		0820	1135	3 hrs 15m	ESCORT	
2.	A46-145	F/O CARTER		0820	1135	3 hrs 15m	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-92	P/O BENSON		0820	1135	3 hrs 15m	ESCORT	

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

								Communication A/C.		a.	U.S.

DIST:-NGF(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,20BDE,26BDE,4BDE,A2.5AF,SATF,1AUST AL GP,4 TAC/R SQN,10 O.G,I/O 4 TAC/R SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION APPARITION | UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN | SORTIE No. 1.(9DIV) | A/C No. · TYPE A46-137 A46-95 | DATE 17 JAN'44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
MALASANGA 1" SINGORAKI 1"	F/O MAUGER	0820	GOOD	CLEAR
	OBSERVER F/O McINTYRE	TIME DOWN 1135		
		TOTAL 3 hrs 15 mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
GALI	0915		At ref 840610 a bunker type position was observed - approx 6' square with slits approx 9" to 1' on two sides - giving coverage of coast - both ways. N.M.S in village - track passes through village does not appear to have been used.
WEBER POINT			Still 11 eleven chutes showing. Some canisters had been opened - a couple of tins observed - apparently rations had been consumed on spot. Other containers were still intact. 1 JAP seen wading mouth of YUPMA RIV - took cover on approach of a/c. When first seen was moving WEST.
ROIWJI			1 JAP seen on track at edge of village - stationary leaning on rifle - apart from that no other apparent signs of occupation.
URAWA RIVER			1 JAP seen at 964563 - moving WEST - equipped with pack. WESTERN half of bridge across RIVER has broken adrift - will not hamper movement - RIVER quite fordable at present.
LEPSIUS POINT			6 JAPS seen at 982560 - on approach of a/c JAPS dropped packs and scattered. On return of a/c approx 30 minutes later packs had been collected - one JAP lying on seaward side of track.
			1 JAP seen at mouth of unnamed creek ref 040526 - minus pants.
SINGORAKI			N.M.S in village - no apparent signs of use or occupation.
KELUWEL RIVER			1 dead JAP seen floating in RIVER.
ULAP			Track from coast to village did not show any signs of recent usage - likewise the village itself - the only additional feature to previous report is a constructed platform at 287394 in the form of a loading stage - possibly a gun platform - approaches would permit a gun being dragged up to location. Not possible to assess age of construction - did not have a new appearance.
			Parachutes and containers in SQS 3440 and 3471 appear to be still intact. No tracks showing in area.
			Track from WASU to GALI appears to have had fairly heavy use - from GALI WEST track appears to thin out a little.
			From NEMU WEST to GALI approx four single JAPS seen - not pinpointed.
			N.M.S EAST of SINGOR.

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

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

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DIST:-HQF(2),2 AUST CORPS,9DIV,20BDE,26BDE,43DE,A2,BAF,BATF,1AUST AT GP,4 TAC/R SQN,10 O.G, 1/O 4 TAC/R SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION APPARTIES UNIT 4 TAC/R SORTIE No 2 (SORTY) A C No - TYPE A46-145 A46-92 DATE 3 JAN 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE AC/R

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
MALASANGA 1" TIBER RIVER 1"	P/O CARTER	0930	GOOD	CLEAR
	OBSERVER P/O [illegible]	TIME DOWN 1135		
		TOTAL 2 hrs 15 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
TIBER RIVER	0915		6 JAPS seen [illegible] RIVER mouth -s/e same strafing pass. Only two seen after pass- probably 4 killed. 9 dead JAPS seen on sand bars - result of strafing attack 16 JAN. 6 x 3 stick tripods were observed in mouth of RIVER on sand bars - a ring of stones around base - ashes in middle of one. Apparently used for preparation of food. Tracks lead from main track to ref 215442 where foot-tracks were seen on beach above high water mark. The beach at this point is suitable for barge landing. Two foxholes and leans-to observed at ref 205441 - signs of recent occupation - area well trampled. On both sides of RIVER there are fairly well worn and recently used tracks leading to banana and possibly sugar cane gardens at ref area SQ 1640. RIVER has been forded at refs 183419 - 187414 and 188439. Close to the gardens there are two villages - one of 4 huts in good condition - the other of 12 huts - old and dilapidated- tracks around huts well worn. 4 JAPS equipped with packs were seen at ref 204454- took cover. 3 JAPS were seen under hut in village ref 204460. A deal of litter was seen around the huts. Track between 2 small coconut plantations at ref 203461 and 199465 was broad and slushy - plantations well trampled.
MALASANGA			The village itself appears to be unoccupied - track indicates that village is not occupied. At ref 191471 there are a number of well worn tracks in the sago which gives the impression that they were caused by other than JAPS obtaining sago from the palms - pilot considered possible bivouac area. 9 white supply chutes and 3 containers were observed area SQ 1845. The kunai is very high and it is possible that they are difficult to see from the ground. SQ 1746 still showing signs of recent heavy use. A secondary track runs parallel to coastal track on WEST side of RAISE POINT - it meanders through the gardens in the area. 2 green leans-to were observed at 166430 - some objects were seen - pilot unable to identify. A track runs from RIVER bend at ref 197442 to ref 189463. Throughout this area there are quite a number of recent and well used tracks which in every instance lead to gardens but appear to regain the main coastal track in every case.

Time and Signature

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

R. A. A. F.

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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
LASANGA			A circular clearing of approx 10' diameter was observed on a knoll at ref 152436. A track leads from this point to coastal track at ref 150443. The track was thin - but recently used. An object was observed towards one side of clearing - pilot unable to identify. At ref 138442 two well used tracks approx 150x apart lead into dense jungle approx 200x SOUTH of coastal track - pilot unable to observe further due to dense growth. The beach at this point for 500x is suitable for barges.
EMAU			1 JAP seen at ref 097473 - not equipped. Signs of litter at this ref. For approx 500x WEST of this ref the undergrowth had been broken down on each side of the track - a number of small recently used tracks lead off from main track. At EMAU the track avoids the village then runs SOUTH to RIVER at ref 070474 where the RIVER has been forded - track then runs along RIVER for 100x - thence N to join main track at ref 065482. From village to ford again the undergrowth has been broken down with tracks leading off. 19 chutes were observed in the area 1500x SOUTH of village - previously 8 were reported in this area. Difficult to observe if containers had been ejected but tracks and litter were seen in vicinity of 3 chutes at ref 075474.

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

Time Passed to Hdqrs Div etc ..... BEST AS SEC (AC).

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/42—10m.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A. O. B. APPARITION DATE. 16 JAN '44 A. L. O.....

Serial No.	A/C No. &	Pilots.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	146-92	P/O BENSON		0930	1240	3 hrs 10m	F AC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	146-145	F/O CARTER		0930	1240	3 hrs 10m	ESCORT	

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

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

DIST:-NGF(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,20BDE,26BDE,4BDE,A2.5AF,SATF,1AUST AL GP,4 TAC/R SQN,1/O 4 TAC/R SQN,10 C.G,WAR DIARY,FILE.

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION APPARITION UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 1.(9DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46-92 A46-145 DATE 16 JAN '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
MALASANGA 1" TIMBE RIVER 1"	P/O BENSON	0930	GOOD	HIGH BROKEN
	OBSERVER F/O CARTER	TIME DOWN 1240		
		TOTAL 3 hrs 10 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
SARI RIVER	1025		20 JAPS seen at mouth of SARI RIVER - equipped with packs - wading across RIV - on approach of a/c took cover.
URAWA RIVER			1 JAP seen washing himself in creek at ref 961562 - took no action on approach of a/c.
WEBER POINT			Only eleven parachutes were counted - previously 16 were reported at this point. One container was observed to be intact. Some small tracks were observed in area.
ROINJI			No change from previous report.
NEHAU			Supply chutes still in position. Pilot unable to observe if canisters had been opened.
TIMBE RIVER			90 JAPS seen in mouth of RIV. Equipped with packs. On first sight were sitting in groups of 10-12. fully dressed. Heads s/s strafed - 3-4 JAPS left lying on banks - water running red. Chutes and containers still at refs 30 3641 and 3440. Not observed whether containers had been opened.
			From KWAMA RIVER to KIARI - coastal track had been quite well used. From KIARI to WEBER POINT there appeared to have been somewhat heavier use.

Time and Signature [signature] CAPT. A.A.D.

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

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

A. O. B. GVSAP DATE 14.1.44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLYING. A. L. O. J.R. Fotherstonhaugh Lieut.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilots.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over. area	Task & Area	Remarks & Results
1	A56.138	F/o Masson		0920	1230	1hr.	Load in Strike	Successful.
	A56.107	F/o Lee Warner		0920	1210	1hr.	Escort	
2.	A56.156	F/o Miller Randle		0900	1100	2hrs	Tac/R	"
	A56.117.	F/o Ellers		0900	1100	2hrs	Escort.	
3.	A56.121	F/L Glorenshaw		0925	1025	1hr 20	AA/R.	
	A56.109	S/L Munro.		0925	1025	1hr 20.	Escort.	

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

DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLYING.

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

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
4	A56.138	F/L Glorenshaw		1455	1550	1hr 5mn	Con/R	
	A56.109	S/L Munro.		1455	1550	1hr 5m.	Escort	
5.	A56.121	F/L Glorenshaw		1100	1130	30 m.	AA/R.	
	A56.138	F/O Masson		1100	1130	30 m.	Escort.	
6	A56.156	F/O Miller. Randle		1530	1730	FT. 1hr.	Trouble.	

Lieut Fotherstonhaugh.

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

NGF (2), 2 Aust Corps, 7 Div, 15, 12, 22 5AF, SATF, 35 F.Gp., 1 Aust AL Gp., 4 Tac/R Sqn, I.O. 4 Sqn, 3 ATF, 49 F.Gp., War Diary, File.

R.A.A.F.

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

A46-138

LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn. SORTIE No. 1 (7 Div) A/C No. - TYPE A46-107 DATE 16 Jan 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Lead in Strike AIYAU area.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
BADAK F/m	F/O Hasson	0900	Good	High Overcast
	OBSERVER F/O Lee-Warner	TIME DOWN 1000		
		TOTAL 1hr		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
AIYAU	0905		BOOMERANGS rendezvoused with 12 R.A.A.F. P40s over GUSAP.
			BOOMERANG did NOT receive FRONTLESS leader at any time, but FRONTLESS appeared to receive PANTHER WHITE.
	0930		BOOMERANG circled target and then dived and strafed to indicate.
			P40s appeared to have NO trouble in identifying target and bombing was accurate. Target area and road each side of target was thoroughly strafed.
			Lt A/A engaged from 112113 and 131131.
			BRIDGES. No. 11 - timber on bank apparently in preparation for re-building.
			No. 12 - still NOT re-built. MT have been fording.
			All other bridges same order as on 15/1/44.
			Road generally shows signs of some use by MT.

Time and Signature R.2 Lieutenant

45 Aust AL Sec (SO)

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

501—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/3000.

NGF (A), 3 Aust Corps, 7 Div, 11 Bde, A2 SAF, 1 Aust Al Gp., 4 Tac/R Sqn, SATF, 35 F.Gp., I.O.Sqn., 3ATF, 49 F.Gp., War Diary, File.

R.A.A.F.

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A46-156

LOCATION CUSAP UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn SORTIE No. 2 (7 Div) A/C No. - TYPE A46-117 DATE 16 Jan 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R SHAGGY RIDGE AND PINPOINT OWN TROOPS.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
PAPUA 1/25,000	F/O Miller-Randle	0900	Good	High overcast.
	OBSERVER F/O Ellers	TIME DOWN 1100		
		TOTAL 2hrs		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			"THE TRIPLE" pinpointed at from 690636 NW to 687639.
			Own troops pinpointed 686639 where ground strip clearly displayed. Target "E" as indicated by mortar smoke appears to be 150yds NW along ridge at 684641. There is a small rise at this point and dug in def posn covered with lattice work of branches and firing hole covering own posn on ridge, and opening in north end of pit. The posn is difficult to obs and from a DB point of view own troops would have to display indicators.
PROTHERO 2.			At 672662 there is a roof like const. very close to ground which has been built either yesterday
672663			after Tac/R or during night. Roof has been camflgd with green leaves. It is impossible to see underneath but it gives impression of covered pit approx 6ft square. Track to this area can NOT be picked up from air.
PROTHERO 1.			NO movement seen - jungle very dense here. There are foxholes from enemy MGs mainly on eastern side of ridge right up to PROTHERO 2.
			Def area 6966. Diggings filled with water and area does NOT give impression of use for last day or so.

Time and Signature R Dickerson Lt
45 Aust Al Sec (AC)
Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

501—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/1000.

GUSAP 16 Jan 44.

NCF (2), 2 Aust Corps, 7 Div, 15, 18, 82 5AK, 81TF, 35 F.Gp., 1 Aust AL Gp., 4 Tac/R Sqn., I.O. 4 Sqn., 3ATF, 49 F.Gp., War Diary, File.

SORTIE 4.

A46-138	F/L Clorenshaw	Time up	1445	
A46-149	S/L Munro	Time down	1550	over area 1hr 5min.

Contact/R patrol ORGORUNA area - area under cloud so pilot returned to base.

Lieut.

SLO 45 Aust AL Sec (AC)

A. O. B. CUSAP DATE. 15.1.45 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASK. A. L. O. R Tekerstenkeyh Lieut.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over. Area	Task & Area	Remarks & Results
1.	A46-152	F/O Miller-Randle		0410	1050	1hr40m.	TACR.	Successful
	A46-117	P/O Lee Warner		0410	1050	1hr40m.	ESCORT	
2.	A46-138	F/L Cleronshaw		1010	1130	1hr 20m.	Lead in Bombing Strike	"
3.	A46-156	F/O Masson		1120	1220	1hr.	Lead in strike.	"
	A46-159	P/O Khoarn		1220	1220	1hr.	Escort.	

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

NGF (2), 2 Aust Corps, 7 Div, 15, 18, 4258F, SATF, 35 F.Gp., 1 Aust AL Gp., 4 AC Sqn, I.C 4 Sqn.

R.A.A.F. 3 ATF, 48 F.Gp., War Diary File.

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446-152

LOCATION CWS P | UNIT 4 Army Co/R Sqn | SORTIE No. 1 (7 Div) | A/C No. - TYPE 446-117 | DATE 15 Jan 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: R/C/R CHAGGY RIDGE AND SKETCH TRACK PLAN OF SADDLE AREA

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
PNIPA 1/25,000	F/O Miller-Rundle	0910	Poor-Fair	Lo. Broken Cloud.
	OBSERVER F/O Lee-Warner	TIME DOWN 1230		
		TOTAL 1hr 40min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
CHAGGY RIDGE.			Ridge covered by cloud, when pilot reached area. Pilot returned and reached on PIP 5. Weather appeared to be clearing and pilot went back to area.
			Track runs from 683647, north along eastern side of ridge to sharp ravine (approx 20ft deep) 681654, thence NW along top of ridge to deep hollow 677659, thence to point approx 677662, from which it can NOT be obs to 676667 but then runs and joins main L of C at 677672.
			Area around PROTHERO 2 674664 had had undergrowth cleared. NO def visible. Height 4730ft.
			Pilot pinpoints PROTHERO 1 at 663668. Some undergrowth also cleared in this area. Height 4630ft.
			Little used track runs up spur on west side to PROTHERO 2. In some places this track is fairly ~~xxx~~ open, but on northern side of ridge troops should get cover. This track is very steep in places.
			NO signs of L of C or tracks are visible to PROTHERO 1 from north or west, and it appears at present that only L of C would be from PROTHERO 2, although NO track visible from air.
			Def area 6866 and foxholes 6867 under cloud.
			Pilot made two runs across CHAGGY RIDGE to get P D Ls to indicate their posn. NO flares fired.

Time and Signature: R Lee-Warner Lang

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.: 48 Aust AL Sec (AC)

801—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

NGF (A), 2 Aust Corps, 7 Div, 15, 18, A25AF, SATF, 35 F.Gp., 1 Aust AL Gp., 4 Tac/R Sqn,

R.A.A.F.

I.O. 4 Sqn., SATF, 49F.Gp., War Diary, File.

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn SORTIE No. 2 (7 Div) A/C No. - TYPE A6-138 DATE 15 Jan 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Lead in B25 Bombers to SAIPA

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
NEW GUINEA	F/L Clorenshaw	1010	Fair	High Overcast
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN 1130		
		TOTAL 1hr 20min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
SAIPA 612712			A/c rendezvoued with B25s over GUSAP and led them to area to indicated target by diving and strafing. Area was well covered by both bombing and strafing with individual runs by B25s. Comms between Boomerang and B25s were good and the sortie proves that Boomerangs can lead in low level bombing attacks with considerable success.

Time and Signature R. Dennison Capt AUS

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

SH—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/1000.

HQ'F (2), 9 Aust Corps, 7 Div, 15, 18, 25 F, 3 ATF, 35 FdOps, 1 Aust AL Ops, 4 Tac/R Sqns,

R. A. A. F. C. 4 Sqn., 3 ATF, 49 FdOps, War Diary, File.

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

A46-136

LOCATION ~~CIRCAS~~ UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn. SORTIE No. 3 (7 Div) A/C No. A46-160 DATE 15 Jan 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Armed Re. 40s on Dive Bombing mission.

REF. MAPS	PILOT F/O Pearson	TIME UP 1120	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	OBSERVER F/O Abearn	TIME DOWN 1220	Fair	Broken cloud.
		TOTAL 1hr		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	INTERROGATION
			~~BOOMERANG rendezvoused with 40s over DIRUA.~~
			BOOMERANG rendezvoused with 40s over DIRUA. Cross talk between BOOMERANG and Frontlens leader were poor. Frontlens leader's transmitter appeared to be off frequency.
			BOOMERANG circled area and indicated target by strafing. First four 40s bombed accurately, balance appeared to fall short. Target was thoroughly strafed.
			Nos 4, 5 & 6 in order.
BRIDGE.			No. 7. NO bridge visible - evidently using ford.
			Nos 8a & 8b MET rebuilt, and road now runs on east side of riger on bench cut track.
			Nos 9 & 10 in order.
			No. 11 - western half washed away. MT could ford here.
			No. 12. Southern side still MET re-built.
			Balance of bridges appear in order.
			MT park at AIFAU shows signs of recent bombing, apparently with some heavy bombs north of AIYAU.
			OLD YAZ badly knocked about.

Time and Signature R. Johnston Lieut (AC)

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

50—N.G. Press Unit—11/42/30m.

A. O. B. [illegible] DAILY RECORD OF A/C TIMES in L. O. [illegible]

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observ.	Up.	Down.	Over.	Task & Area	Remarks & Results
						Area		
1.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]

DISTRIBUTION: ADJUTANT GENERAL'S FILE.

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

DIST:-NOF(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,20BDE,26BDE,48BDE,A2,5AF,5AIF,1AUST AL GP,4 TAC/R SQN,I/O 4 TAC/R SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION APPARITION UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 1.(9DIV) A C No. TYPE Spit-V DATE 15 JAN 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
MALASANGA 1" TIBBE RIVER 1"	F/O [illegible]	0915	GOOD	MEDIUM CLOUD
	OBSERVER F/O [illegible]	TIME DOWN 1200		
		TOTAL 2 hrs 45 mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
~~MALASANGA~~	~~0945~~		~~Close recce made general area. N.A.D.~~
			At 372411 6 white parachutes and 6 containers were observed – two of which were still hanging in trees. They had fallen in kunai – no tracks seen in area. Pilot was careful to check if containers had been opened. Those on trees and at least one on ground had not been opened. Only one end of remaining three observed. At 349409 three further white chutes and containers were observed – pilot unable to observe close enough to ascertain if containers opened although it was noticed that there were no tracks leading to or around area.
~~BOAT MISSION~~			Track from BOAT MISSION to coast at ref 350410 was observed in patches. It runs along side of high ground parallel to river for most part. Appeared to have been fairly well worn. MISSION did not appear to be occupied – but cloud prevented close recce.
~~MAP~~			~~N.A.D. Track to village well worn as previously reported – nothing definite to indicate whether it had been used last 24 hrs. Village appeared to pilot to be unoccupied. At approx ref 909196 a thin spiral of smoke was observed. Pilot unable to see ground due to very dense timber. When a/c circled the area smoke ceased. At 213426 for a distance of approx 300x~~ ~~may~~ well defined footmarks were seen. It was possible at this point to observe from a low level enabling pilot to establish the fact that the prints were pointing in NW direction.
SINGE MALASANGA			N.A.D. At ref 185471 5 JAPS seen at the mouth of a small creek – either wearing shorts or had trousers tucked up. On approach of a/c leisurely moved under cover and were then lost to view. Were not wearing packs. Throughout area coconuts and sago palms have been chopped down. Tracks in MALASANGA area indicated fair recent use. Coastal track from WASU – MALASANGA appeared to have been used more than from WASU EAST. No further information on new tracks reported 14 JAN.
	1115		6on troops seen at ref SIO 1/25000 Sq 4644. Waved to a/c.

Time and Signature: 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. S. [redacted] DATE 14 JAN 44 A. D. O. .....
C.O. 63AVE CAST

Sortie A/C No.	No.	Pilot.	Observ.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	46-137	F/O CAMDEN		0800	1100	3 hrs	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	46-92	F/O BENSON		0800	1100	3 hrs	SIGHT	

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

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

DIST:-NGF(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,20BDE,26BDE,4BDE,A2.5AF,SAIF,1AUST AL GP,4TAC/R SQN,I/O 4 TAC/R SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION APPARITION UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 2.(9DIV) A C No. - TYPE A46-137 A46-22 DATE 14 JAN '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SIO 1/25000 ~~WANDANGA~~ 1"	F/O CARTER	0800	GOOD	HIGH OVERCAST
	OBSERVER P/O BENSON	TIME DOWN 1100		
		TOTAL 3 hrs.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
KWAMA RIVER	0915		4-5 parties of JAPS totalling 15-20 in all were seen in the caves EAST of the KWAMA RIVER. In one instance they appeared to be slow and lethargic. Made no move when a/c passed cave entrances. A/C strafed one party— leaving one dead. There appeared to be no change in track running EAST-WEST from spur to RIVER. A well worn track was followed from ref 422407 SOUTH along kunai patch for 2000x when it was lost in jungle. Track from ref 387400 across ford to huts at ref 382403 was well worn with no apparent signs of recent use or occupation. No apparent sign of any recent or heavy crossing of fords in SQ 3643 and 3644.
SIO MISSION - SIO WEST			At 364444 a number of packs were seen piled on ground - partially covered by what appeared to be a greenish shirt. No alteration in timber lying around ford at ref 362444. Coastal track appeared in same condition as reported 13 JAN. All ravines and gullies in this area closely searched for possible defensive positions - no apparent signs of occupation in any.
WASU			Coastal track from KWAMA RIV - WASU - well worn. 2 well worn tracks were observed from ref 375416- following the line of the creek bank for a distance of approx 2000x - where it was lost in jungle. The second track ran from ref 362407 SOUTH along side of high ground for approx 2000x - again being lost in jungle. Village is of 3 dilapidated huts. Two well worn tracks lead from coast along each side of creek at ref 337410 SOUTH for 2000x ending at two huts. The ground surrounding the creek is sloppy. A rather large banana and sago palm plantation is situated approx half way. Numerous tracks wind in and out. From the two huts small tracks lead into the jungle on high ground. A small track leads in from coast at ref 413432 in a SE direction for approx 1500x - possibly connecting track to fords on KWAMA RIVER.
			Own troops seen WANBARINA area - also moving WEST on SOUTH side COALING RIV in SQ 4641.

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

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

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

A. O. B. GUSAP DATE. 14.1.44. DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A. L. O. T.2 Johnstonbaugh Lieut.

Sortie No.	A/C No. & Type	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1	420-619	F/o Fillers	Army Offrs.	-	-	-	Familiarisation of Army Offrs of SHINGLY RIDGE area.	- SUCCESSFUL.
	HUK-152.	P/O Hiscorn		-	-	-		
2	HUK-104	F/Lt Obrenskow		1520	1640	1hr	Land on Strike	UNSUCCESSFUL.
	HUK-129	Sqdn Ldr Rio		1620	1640	1hr	Escort.	

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

NGF (2), 2 Aust Corps, 7 Div, 21, 18, A25AF, 2 ATF, 35 F Gp, 1 Aust AL Gp, 4 Sqn, 1.0.4Sqn
3 ATF, 49 F.Gp, War Diary, File.

R.A.A.F.

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A46-107

LOCATION 6USAP | UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn | SORTIE No. 2 (7 Div) | A/C No. - TYPE A46-149 | DATE 14 Jan 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Lead P40s in on Straffing strike MATALOI.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
URIGINA 1/63360	F/L Clorenshaw	1540	Fair - Poor	Low Cloud.
	OBSERVER Sqd/Ldr Munro	TIME DOWN 1640		
		TOTAL 1hr		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
MATALOI			Area under low cloud. BOOMERANGS went through hole in clouds and straffed area. A46-107
508828			holed in two places by A/A.
			P40s lost BOOMERANGS in cloud.

SORTIE 2 (7 Div)

A20-619 F/O Ellers — Time Up "
A46-152 P/O Ahearn — Time down " — Over area. " — Visibility. Weather.

A20-619 landed DUM-U and made three separate flights over SHOOT RIDGE area for familiarisation for army officers. C

On second flight covering BOOMERANG called on "CHRIS" to indicate 3 previously recorded targets with smoke for gunnery officer to check up, on registrations.

Time and Signature: R.K. Munro Laugh

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

501—N.G. Press Unit—11/12/10m.

C.O. SHAVE CAPT

A. APPARITION DATE 13 JAN '44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A. L. O.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over. Area	Task & Area	Remarks & Results
1.	A46-137	F/O MACGER	0800	1055	2 hrs 55m		TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-95	F/O McINTYRE	0800	1055	2 hrs 55m		ESCORT	
2.	A46-106	F/O CARTER	0800	1130	3 hrs 30m		TAC/R	successful
	A46-92	F/O BENSON	0800	1130	3 hrs 30m		ESCORT	

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

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

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

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION APPARITION UNIT A TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 1.(9DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46-137 A46-95 DATE 13 JAN '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SIO 1/25000	F/O HAUGER	0300	FAIR - POOR	LOW OVERCAST
	OBSERVER F/O McINTYRE	TIME DOWN 1055		
		TOTAL 2 hrs 55 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			Whole area to be recced showed evidence of recent heavy rain. Rainstorms were encountered during recce making accurate assessment of track usage very difficult. Only those portions of tracks sheltered by trees could be assessed.
NAMBARIWA	0845		H.M.S. No change from report of 12 JAN. Our ARTY observed firing along track RIVER mouth to NAMBARIWA - also at 1010 hrs.
SIO LAGOON			No definite sign of movement apparent along coastal track -NAMBARIWA to SIO LAGOON. Three JAPS carrying bundles were seen at 448447 - direction of movement uncertain. Swamp area and garden area still under water.
SIO WEST			Coastal track from LAGOON to SIO WEST - shows evidence of slight usage in last 24 hrs. Track from 454409 to KWALA RIVER shows some use.
KWAMA RIVER			Track running parallel to RIVER showed signs of some movement during last 24 hrs. At the ford KWALA RIV a number of long poles were observed. These possibly are used to assist personnel crossing river. On each side of ford there are stakes in the ground - probably against which the poles are laid. Coastal track proceeding WESTERLY from KWALA RIVER showed approx the same use as that as EASTERN side of RIVER. 1 JAP was seen at refs 425408 and 434408 carrying packs and appeared to be moving in WESTERLY direction.

Time and Signature ... 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 C RPS,9DIV,20BDE,26BDE,43DE,A2.5AF,SATF,1AUST AL GP,4 TAC/R SQN,I/O 4 TAC/R SQN, AR DIARY,FILE.

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION APPARITION UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No 2.(9DIV) A/C No. · TYPE M6-106 A6-92 DATE 13 JAN '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
MALASANGA 1" SINGORKAI 1"	F/O CARTER	0800		
	OBSERVER F/O BENSON	TIME DOWN 1130	GOOD	HEAVY OVERCAST
		TOTAL 3 hrs 30 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			From WASU to SQ 1746 track showed signs of heavy recent usage- footprints were observed - track had obviously been used subsequent to recent rain.
PESCHEL POINT - ULAP			Signs of recent activity were observed at PESCHEL POINT. Two main tracks lead in the direction of ULAP MISSION. Numerous small tracks lead into ravines - all showing signs of recent use. Hills in area are kunai covered working back from coast where timber becomes increasingly dense. ULAP is a village of 26 huts - three of which are in disrepair. Not over much activity apparent in village. The main activity appears to have taken place between ULAP and coast. Four 10 x 10' constructions were observed at ref SQ 2838. These had flat grass roofs and the walls were constructed of thin saplings in log hut type construction. A number of circular clearings with dead palm flooring were observed in open kunai - approx 10' diameter. These were located in SQ 2838 and interspersed among the four constructions mentioned above.
KIARI			A number of caves were observed in area 272417. The coast at this point is stepped. Tracks lead from main coastal into these caves and showed recent use. At 264415 two shelters were seen. 2 JAPS were observed sitting under one - strafed by a/c. These shelters were of four poles and roof no sides. KIARI is village of only three huts. Quite a lot of litter was seen around the shelters and the village of KIARI.
SINGOR			A village of approx 6 huts - all in disrepair - all grass had disappeared from roofs. 2 JAPS were observed crossing river mouth at 208454. Were wearing shorts or had trousers tucked up - equipped with packs.
MALASANGA			A village of approx 18-20 huts - all in good condition. 4 JAPS were observed moving WEST 500x WEST of village - were carrying packs. The country in REISS POINT area is a shallow basin - marshy - and fringed with sago palms to depth of 1000x.

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. 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
~~KALASAMA~~			In SQ 1746 there are a few shallow gullies with tracks leading around the sides of the jungle into the gullies - subsidiary tracks lead down to the bottom of the gullies. Throughout the SQ there were signs of heavy recent activity. A loaded barge in good condition was observed at ref 150446. Barge was well beached and partially hidden under trees - no tracks were apparent leading from barge. Fair track activity was observed in SQ 1344. Track lead away from coast into heavy timber - unable to trace for any distance. 3 x/s barges were observed at ref 100467.
NEMAU			A village of 9 huts - half of which were in disrepair. 1 barge and 3 white supply chutes were seen in vicinity - some containers observed. Coastal track from SQ 1746 to NEMAU approx 3' wide and very well used recently.
SINGORKAI			A village of 3-4 huts - good condition.
BUTUBUTU			12 huts - two in disrepair . A round band rotunda type hut was observed on the point - in which was observed a number of bundles. Only normal activity observed.
LEPSIUS POINT			From BUTUBUTU to LEPSIUS POINT track approx 3' wide and well used recently. All creeks in area LEPSIUS POINT had log bridges. At ref 980599 a lean-to was observed on each side of creek - a fair amount of use had been made of lean-to.
ROIKJI			A village of 25 huts - in good condition, showing signs recent activity. Had the appearance of being constantly but not heavily used. At ref 878577 a circular clearing of approx 12' diameter was observed. Green palm fronds had been placed around the clearing and were leaning in towards top in a piled arms formation. Was situated on a knoll- giving clear view along coastline to EAST and WEST. A well used track ran along creek from ref 832578 to YUWONG (not observed) around knoll to clearing - a track then led to PAIUPI - but very much less used. A light footbridge was observed at mouth of YUPEA RIVER.

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. 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
MESA POINT			16 white supply chutes were observed in open kunai - a number of containers were seen also. No tracks were observed leading to or about the containers. Gave the appearance of having been dropped fairly recently - the chutes were still lying quite lightly on the kunai. Tracks were observed to go inland along the YUPRA RIVER also along unnamed creek ref 840611. Tracks not followed for any distance inland.
GALI			Village completely demolished - track passes straight through.
GENERAL INFORMATION.			Gardens, sago palms and coconuts in area recced had been ransacked and knocked about. This was particularly noticeable between WASU and SARI RIVER.
BEACHES.			The following refs are good beaches. Time did not permit a thorough beach recce. Possible dump areas. land approaches etc have not been taken into consideration.
			WASU. 206454 - 220418. 134442 - 139442. Small landing point NEMAU. SARI RIVER - 042515.
			Small landing points at 043523 - 034535 - 918542 and 893558. 882577 to 868604.

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

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

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

A. O. B. GUSAP DATE. 13.1.44. DAILY RECORD OF A/C TAKEN. A. L. O. T.R.F. Karstenhaugh Lieut.

Sortie No.	A/C No. & K	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	HLL.152.	F/O Nasson		0855	1005	2hrs	CONT/R.	Successful.
	HLL.138.	F/L Clarenshaw		0855	1005	2hrs	Escort	
2.	HLL.117	F/C Miller-Randle		1320	1500	1hr 40m	TAC/R	"
	HLL.107	F/C Wheatcroft		1320	1500	1hr 40m.	Escort	

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

Nor Beam.

SWEAP SORTIE 1 (F 24?) 23 Jun 45.

F/O [redacted] A46-152 A.T.B. 0855
F/L Clermeister A46-128 A.T.A. 1005 Over ships 2[redacted].

OTHR 2[redacted]/R KUKUPA

Msg dropped on patrol leaded KUKUPA 465722.

J.R. Sanderson Capt

[redacted]
48 Amnt Sl Sqn (A.C)

R.A.A.F.

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A68-117

LOCATION OOSAP. UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn SORTIE No 2 (7 Div) A.C. No. - TYPE A68-107 Date 25th Jan 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R BOGADJIM ROAD.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
P/ms BOGAK, DAIDOINA, DAIDOINA Sth. MT KUBARI.	F/O Miller-Scandle.	1320	Good	Low Broken cloud.
	OBSERVER F/O Shearn.	TIME DOWN 1500		
		TOTAL 1hr 40min.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
BOGAK P/m	1345	2000	Br 7 NOT repaired - river still being forded. Bridges 8 to 12 rebuilt and in good condition. Br 13 half built - NOT yet completed. River being forded at side of bridge. All other bridges repaired and appear to be strongly built, and have been used recently. NMS anywhere on road.
AITAU 116122	1400	2000	MT parks in sqs 1111 & 1113 do NOT appear to have had much recent use. Tracks leading into them also show NO signs of recent usage. Foot track East of bridge 7 crosses creek at 129134 and is well used. Strongly constructed foot bridge crosses creek at this point. Cleared area under trees at 112115 may have been MT park but now has bomb crater in centre.
DAIDOINA	1415	3000	MT park in sq 1110 appears to be more of a staging area. 4 or 5 huts under trees show use. Many bomb craters in KM TO, YARLA AND OLD YARL. area. NO damage to road, but extensive damage to area. MT Park in sq 1114 still clear and NOT actively used, but shows more use than other parks. Road in good condition from Br 7 throughout.
DAIDOINA Sth MANZANKAI Loop Roads 139159 MT KUBARI			Landslides upper road repaired - LOWER road NOT repaired. Road shows signs of recent use. Village 393717 shows signs of recent heavy use. Track leading along top of ridge and meeting BOGADJIM ROAD at 407728. Pilot could NOT follow track over crest of ridge. Village 393717 has commanding view of 5800feature and valleys to west.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde. Div. &c.

45 A.A.L.Sec (AC) ALO

S.U.—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/1m.

Serviceability: 7

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TAKING.

A. C. B. APPARITION DATE. 22.JAN.'44. A. L. O. ... C.O. SHAVE ... CAPT.

Serial No.	A/C No. &	Pilots.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-92	F/O McINTYRE		0930	1245	3 hrs 15m	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-106	F/O COLMER		0930	1245	3 hrs 15m	ESCORT	

DIST:-HQF(2),2AUST CORPS,5DIV,WAR DIARY,FILE.

Serviceability:- OP A/C. 2. U.S. Communication A/C. 3. U.S.

DIST:-NGF(2),2AUST CORPS,5DIV (3),8BDE,A2.5AP,SATF,1AUST AL GP,4 TAC/R SQN,I/O 4 TAC/R SQN,10 O.G,WAR DIARY,FILE.

R.A.A.F.

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LOCATION: APPARITION	UNIT: 4 TAC/R SQN	SORTIE No: 1.(5DIV)	A/C No - TYPE: A46-92 A46-106	DATE: 22 JAN '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: TAC/R

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SIO PESCHEL POINT REISS POINT 1/25000 SERIES	F/O McINTYRE	0930	GOOD	FINE
	OBSERVER: XXXXXX F/O COLMER	TIME DOWN: 1245		
		TOTAL: 3 hrs 15 mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
KWAMA RIVER	1000		N.M.S. Area KWAMA RIVER - no signs own troops. Coastal track from RIVER to vicinity WASU anchorage did not appear to have any use whatever since recent rain. No signs of movement inland for approx 4000 yds. Coastal track from WASU to 110452 showed signs of very light but recent use.
KIARI			N.M.S in village. No apparent signs of use. 2 JAPS seen at ref 278413. 1 dead JAP on track at above ref. On approach of a/c two JAPS were seen to leave scrub- pick up packs - then make for cover again. 3 inland tracks from area KIARI showed no signs of use subsequent to recent rain - puddles on track clear and undisturbed.
TIMBER RIVER AREA.			N.M.S general area. At ref 166428 a few footmarks were observed on the beach between high and low water marks. Tracks in REISS POINT - other than those marked on map show signs of the bush closing in over the top. Other inland tracks show no use since recent rain.
SUPPLY CONTAINERS.			At ref SQ 3041-6 chutes previously reported - 4 only seen on this recce. Only one chute now hanging in trees - no tracks to or around area. Only 2 chutes observed area WASU anchorage - three previously reported - again no signs of tracks to or around area. Those containers observed in HALABAGA area have not been opened.
			A 44 gallon drum was observed on beach at high water mark at ref 138477. Had bright unpainted appearance.
			Containers at refs SQS 3041 and 2941 are cylindrical - all others box type.

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

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

Sgt - N.G. Press, Cmt - 11/12/43.

H. C. B. CUSAP DATE. 22.1.44. DAILY RECORD OF A/C TAKEN. H. L. O. J. Richardson Lieut.

Sortie No.	A/C No. & E	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	Hlle·151	F/o Masson		1540	1805	2hrs 25m.	Rec/R.	UN-Successful.
	Hlle. 117.	F/o Leathamer		1540	1805	2hrs 25m	Escort	
2.	Hlle·156	F/L Cloranshaw		1750	1946	1hr 56m	Rec/R.	
	Hlle·139	P/o Allcairn		1750	1945	1hr 55m	Escort.	

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

NGF (2), 2 Aust Corps, 7 Div, 15, 18, 12 SAF, 3ATF, 35 F.Gp., TATF, 49 F.Gp., 1 Aust AL G.,

R.A.A.F.

4 Tac/R Sqn., I.O. 4 Tac/R Sqn., War Diary, File.

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A46-151

LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn.s. SORTIE No. 1 (7 Div) A/C No. - TYPE A46-117 DATE 22 Jun 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE XXX XXXXX Tac/R SHAGGY RIDGE & KUNIYO SADDLE.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
ASP 707	XXXXXXXXXXXX F/O Lmeson	1540	Fair	Low Broken.
	OBSERVER F/O Lee-Turner	TIME DOWN 1605		
		TOTAL 2hrs 25min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	1550		A/c made thorough search of SHAGGY SADDLE and def posn 6966 and landslide area for Jap gun.
			Shadow made obs difficult. Nil. Def trea appears to have had considerable use.
			Comm est with PIP 2 who asked for contact recce on SHAGGY RIDGE. Own troops identified at F825
			(ref ASP 707). On southern end of ridge flare sent up from E940, but own troops obs 60yds
			north of this.
			PIP 2 then advised a/c to stay in area to keep gun silent.
			Fairly heavy concentration from own arty obs landing in FARIA Riv Jctn area E134, also on side of
			SHAGGY RIDGE at F132.

Time and Signature R Duncan F/O Lead

45 Aust AL Sec (AC)

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

801—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/16m.

NGF,(2), 2 Aust Corps, 7 Div, 15, 18, [illegible] 5AF, [illegible]TF, 35 F.Gp., [illegible]ATF, 49 F.Gp., 1 Aust AL Gp.,

R.A.A.F. 4 Tac/R Sqn., I.O. 4 Tac/R Sqn., War Diary, File.

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A46-156

LOCATION GULAP UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn. SORTIE No. 2 (7 Div.) A/C No. - TYPE A46-138 DATE 22 Jun 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R and SEARCH FOR J.P GUN POS.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
MAP 1/25,000	F/L Glorenshaw	1750	Fair to Poor	Broken Cloud.
	OBSERVER P/O Shearn	TIME DOWN 1945		
		TOTAL 1hr 55min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	1800		a/c contacted PIP 2 by R/T. PIP 2 asked a/c to look for gun in landslide area. After long search pilot obs what he thought to be smoke from possible gun posn. a/c contacted PIP 2 again and asked if gun had been firing. After some delay PIP 2 advised that it had and asked how much longer a/c could stay up.
	1845.		After further delay advised pty would engage suspicious posn. ~~Afterwards maintained~~ Comms set with "CHARLIE". After some firing in failing light, pilot advised that rounds were falling on target area and that he could NOT stay out longer and would leave guns to put down fire on target. Position approx 085675.

Time and Signature R. Meiklejohn Laugh

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc. 45 Aust AL Sec (AC)

M11—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

A. O. B. GUSAP DATE 21.1.41 DAILY RECORD OF A/C T.R.S.U. A. L. G. J.R. Tetherstonhaugh Lieut.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Dur. Mins	Nature of Duties	Remarks & Results
1.	Hud. 138	F/O Miller Randle		0925	1645	1hr 20m	Land in Strike	Successful
	Hud. 151	F/L Clarenshaw		0925	1045	1hr 20m	Escort.	
2.	Hud. 156	F/O Masson		1030	1230	2 hrs	Tac/R.	"
	Hud. 117	F/O Ellers		1030	1230	2 hrs.	Escort.	
3.	Hud. 156	F/L Clarenshaw		1145	1345	50m	Cont/R.	Unsuccessful. (weather)
	Hud. 138	P/O Lee Warner		1145	1345	50m	Escort.	

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

NGF (2), 2 Aust Corps, 7 Div, 15, 18, 22 SAF, SATF, 35 F.Gp., TATF, 49 F.Gp., 1 Aust AL Gp., 4 Tac/R Sqn., I.O. 4 Tac/R Sqn, War Diary, File.

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A46-136

LOCATION CUSAP | UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn., | SORTIE No. 1 (7 Div) | A/C No. - TYPE A46-151 | DATE 21 Jan 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Lead in P40s on Dive Bombing Strike.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
PRIP. 1/25,000	F/O Miller-Randle	0925	Good	Clear
	OBSERVER F/L Clorenshaw.	TIME DOWN 1045		
		TOTAL 1hr 20min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	0930		Boomerangs rendezvoued with P40s over CUSAP Airfield.
	0940		Boomerangs circled DUMPU and climbed up over target area and indicated target by diving and
			strafffing. Ground troops then kept target area covered with mortar smoke.
			First 6 a/c made very accurate attacks and destroyed posn. Panther White then advised them to
			bomb further north along ridge.
			Last a/c to bomb apparently mistook target and bomb landed 300yds from posn. in own troops area.
			This a/c then did steep climb and fired guns which was signal that bombing was completed and
			ground attack would commence. Panther White 2, who was on Army Co-op frequency also advised
			ground that air attack had finished.
			Comms were NOT as satisfactory on this sortie as on one previous day.
			Target engaged, 604641, was same posn as previous day, 150yds from own troops, whereJugs had
			come back and occupied bomb craters made by air attack on 20/1/44.
			22 P40s took part in attack and apart from 1 bomb which fell in own area and did NOT do any damage,
			Bombing was exceptionally accurate.

Time and Signature [signature] Capt
45 Aust A/Sec (AC)
Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.....

501—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

NGF (2), 3 Aust Corps, 7 Div, 15, 18, AH 5 AF, SATF, 35 FeGpe, TATF, 49 FeGPe, 1 Aust AL Gpe,
4 Tac/R Sqn, I.O. 4 Tac/R Sqne, War Diary, File.

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A46-156

LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn. SORTIE No. 2 (7 Div) A/C No. - TYPE A46-117 DATE 21 Jan 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R SHAGGY RIDGE AND CAMPLE AREA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SHEETS 707 & 708	F/O Wesson	1030	Good	Some Low Cloud.
	OBSERVER F/O Ellers	TIME DOWN 1230		
		TOTAL 2hrs		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	1040		Contacted FIP 2 - comms very good.
PROTHERO 2			Bombs have blasted quite an amount of timber off crest, many branches on ground so that any
ASP 708 768?			camouflaged posns would NOT show up. 2MB. From PROTHERO 2 south to where own troops seen approx
			100yds north of white markers 7854, ridge has received heavy battering and many bomb craters
			visible. For this reason it is difficult to pick up any def posns. Ref ASP 707. At 7236 on Bombs.
			crest of ridge there are two small dug in posns approx 50yds apart which have NOT been damaged by
			area in fork of KARIA Riv ref ASP 707, 0734 has been bombed along ridge and knocked a lot of
			timber down. NFT.
			Two own troops appeared to be carrying stretcher obs 0830. MMG on actual SADDLE. MMG def posns
GUSAP 8 SHEET			X18 but trenches appear to be in order and posn may be occupied.
			2q6767 has been very heavily bombed and much timber knocked down. NVI in this area at all. Old
PROTHERO 3 SHEET			probable gun posns X24 & X28 have been battered by bombs. Track from CAMPBELL SADDLE record as
ref TRIG 1/25,000			far north as KARIA. Tracks appear to have been fairly well used but NK.
			3 own troops stationary below crest of ridge 0834 (ref ASP 708)
CAMPBELL - SADDLE			

Time and Signature: [signature] AIB

43 Aust AL Sec (AC)

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

SH--N.G. Press Unit -11/44/10m.

HQF (2), 2 Aust Corps, 7 Div, 15, 18, AD 5AF, SATF, 49 F.Gp., TATF, 49 F.Gp., 1 Aust AL Gp,

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4 Tac/R Sqn., I.O. 4 Tac/R Sqn., War Diary, Pilo.

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A46-156

LOCATION GUS'B UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn SORTIE No. 3 (7 Div. A/C No. - TYPE A46-138 DATE 21 Jan 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Cont/R 2/10 Bn.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
RAIPA 1/25,000	F/L Clarenchaw	1450	Poor	Low Cloud.
	OBSERVER F/O Lee-Warner	TIME DOWN 1540		
		TOTAL 50min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	1500		Photographs dropped on 26 Bde and receipt acknowledged by R.T.
	1505		Pilot attempted to recce CAIS CADDLE, but low cloud prevented sortie being continued.
			Rocket contacted by R/T and advised that weather had interfered with sortie.
			Rocket asked a/c to return later if cloud lifted.
			A/c returned to base.

Time and Signature D. Clarenchaw Lee-Warner

45 Aust AL Sec (AC)

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

801—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

A. O. B. APPARITION D.T.D. 21 JAN '44. DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A. L. C. P.P. 3 AVE....CAPT

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observ.	Up.	Down.	Over. Area	Task & Area	Remarks & Results
1.	A46-145	P/O BENSON		1015	1330	3 hrs 15m	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-106.	F/O [illegible]		1015	1330	3 hrs 15m	TAC/R	

DIST:-HCF(2),2ADVT CRPS, 5DIV,WAR DIARY,FILE.

OR A/C Communication A/C. C. U.S.

DIST:-SGP(2),2AUST CORPS,5DIV,(3), 8 BDE,A2.5AF,3AF,1AUST AL [illegible],4 TAC/R SQN,I/O 4 TAC/R SQN,10 O.C, WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION: APPARITION	UNIT: 4 TAC/R SQN TAC/R	SORTIE No.: 1.(5DIV)	A.C. No. - TYPE: A46-145 A46-106	DATE: 21 JAN '44.	
ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE:					
REF. MAPS: SINGORANI 1"	PILOT: P/O BENSEN	TIME UP: 1025	VISIBILITY: GOOD	WEATHER: WITH BROKEN CLOUD	
	OBSERVER: P/O MCKENZIE	TIME DOWN: 1330			
		TOTAL: 3 hrs 15 mins.			

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
Track	1100		Track had been recently used - but only lightly.
~~BUNA RIV - GALI~~			
~~BUNA POINT~~			An additional 5 supply chutes were observed. No track observed leading to any of remaining containers. Track from 844606 to ~~BUNA~~ RIVER only slightly used. Recce a/c encountered 12 A20s approaching in opposite direction on strafing mission - guns firing.
~~COASTAL TRACK~~ GALI - MAMAHAMAI			Quite heavily worn recently.
~~KOSIT~~			Track as per map from MAMAHAMAI to KOSIT only lightly worn. A track from ref 754643 along BUNA RIV to 756627 was quite heavily and recently worn - pilot unable to follow further. Village of KOSIT 12 well kept huts. No apparent signs of occupation other than by natives. Inland track from KOSIT followed to ref 741615.
~~GASUTAMO~~			A village of 20 huts in good condition. No apparent signs of occupation other than by natives - no well worn tracks over loading into or from village. Terrain inland in area recced makes observation difficult. It is heavily timbered and the valleys are rather precipitous. Possible barge at ref 723646 - still in position. Supply containers at ~~BUNA~~ and ~~AMAMUSA~~ do not appear to have been broached.

Time and Signature: [signature] CAPT. A.I.O.

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.: 45 AUST AL SEC (1C).

50—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/1000.

A. O. B. APPARITION D.T.M. 20 JAN '44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLYING. A. L. C. C.O. GRAVES CAPT

Serial No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observ.	Up.	Down.	Over. Area	Task & Area	Remarks & Results
1.	A46-106	F/O COLLIER		0925	1225	3 hrs	PAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-92	F/O McINTYRE		0925	1225	3 hrs	PHOTO	

DIST:-CMF(2),2ARMY CORPS, 9DIV,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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

DIST:-NGF(2),2AUST CORPS,9DIV,20BDE,26BDE,4BDE,A2.5AF,SATF,1AUST AL GP,4 TAC/R SQN,I/O 4 TAC/R SQN,10 O.G,WAR DIARY,FIL

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LOCATION APPARITION UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No 1. (9 DIV) A.C No. - TYPE A46-106 A46-95 DATE 20 JAN 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SINGORAKI 1"	F/O COLMER	0925	GOOD	MEDIUM OVERCAST
	OBSERVER F/O McINTYRE	TIME DOWN 1225		
		TOTAL 2 hrs		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
URA A RIVER	1025		11 JAP seen in 11 8554. Area first seen receiving MG, strafed.
RUANGE			Track from vicinity GALI to RUANGE - fairly well worn - has been used since last recce 18 JAN. pilot unable to trace past RUANGE. Village does not appear to have had much use recently.
YUNONG			Track from YUNONG to coast at ref 844607 - has not been used to any extent since recce 18 JAN - although village itself appears to be well used. 2 JAPS seen at ref 875575. Track from 884557 to village 874545 - visible between two refs - both traced from coastal track - not visible leading from village . Track appeared to have been widened somewhat. Gardens in area between track and creek had NOT been ransacked - no tracks leading to or within the gardens.
			Faint tracks were observed in Sq 8953 and 8954 and in parts of Sqs 8853 and 8854. These did not appear to lead anywhere.
WEBER POINT			All chutes in area appeared to be untouched - no trucks observed in area. N.M.G in area recced apart from 13 JAPS previously mentioned. Coastal track from URA A RIV NK appeared to be more heavily and recently used than that SE of the RIVER.
			Cloud prevented recce inland further than a line approx RUANGE - KOSIT.

Time and Signature [signature] CAPT.

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

45 AUST AL SEC (AC).

Sd—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

A. O. B. Cosmp DATE 20.1.45 DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLYING. A. L. O. T.R. Fetherstonhaugh Lieut.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over. All	Task & Area	Remarks & Results
1	A46-138	F/O Masson		0900	1030	1hr 30	Lead in Strike	Successful
2	A46.	F/O Miller-Randle		0920	1100	1hr 40	" "	
	A46.	F/O Lee Warner		0920	1100	1hr 40	Escort	"
3.	A46-152	F/L Clarenshaw		1420	1525	1hr 5"	Tac/R	
	A46-117	F/O Masson		1420	1525	1hr 5"	Escort	"
4.	A20-450	F/L Clarenshaw		0940	1105	1hr 25'	Observation	"

Lieut Fetherstonhaugh.

Serviceability:→ OP A/C 3. U.3. Communication A/C. 3. U.3.

NZF (2),2 Aust Corps, 7 Div, 15, 18, A2 SAF, 1 Aust AL Gp., SATF, 35 F.Gp., TATF, 49F.GP., 4 Tac/R Sqn., I.O. 4 Tac/R Sqn., War Diary, File.

R.A.A.F.

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn SORTIE No. 1 (7 Div) A C No. - TYPE M6-138 DATE 20 Jan 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Lead in B25s Bombing and Straffing SNAGGY RIDGE.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SAPA 1/25,000	F/O Mason	0900	Good	High Overcast.
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN 1030		
		TOTAL 1hr 30min.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	0925		Boomerang rendezvoued with 3 sqns B25s over GUSAP Airfield.
	0935		Comms set and were good. Boomerang led over target on dummy run, white indicators were clearly visible, but target area was NOT indicated by mortar smoke. Boomerang made left hand circuit and came in over target on straffing run; B25s followed in line astern. Straffing and bombing generally was very accurate. Pilot had NO difficulty in indicating target or controlling bombers. Leading bomber dropped his bombs approx 400yds north of F D Ls and following B bombers covered the ridge.

Time and Signature 1LO

45 Aust AL Sec (AC)

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

Sell—N.Z. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

NGF (2), 2 Aust Corps, 7 Div, 15, 16, 22 S/F, SATF, 35 F.Gp., TATF, 49 F.Gp., 1 Aust ALGp., 4 Tac/R Sqn., I.O. 4 Tac/R Sqn., War Diary, File.

R.A.A.F.

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A46-

LOCATION CUSAP UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn, SORTIE No. 2 (7 Div) A/C No. - TYPE A46- DATE 20 Jan 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Led in P40s Bombing and Strafing Strike.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
AIPC 1/25,000	F/O Miller-Wadle,	0920	Good	High Overcast 8000ft.
	OBSERVER P/O Lee-Turner	TIME DOWN 1100		
		TOTAL 1hr 40min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	0930		Boomerange rendezvoued with fighters over CUSAP Airfield.
			Comms between Panther Yellow 1 and P40s was excellent. Panther Yellow 2 and 1 P40 in each
			flight were on Army Co-op frequency and comms here again were excellent.
			Panther Yellow 1 indicated target by diving and strafing mortar smoke on posns. 19 P40s
			dive bombed the target and bombing was very accurate. FIP 2 (ground) adv, came up once and
			advise " bombs were falling too close to own troops" Panther Yellow 2 relayed message to
			dive bombers, and bombers immediately ~~proceeded~~ north along ridge. Only one bomb appeared
			to fall badly off target.
			Although first bomb was dropped 10minutes owing to target area still being dealt with by
			B25s, P40s had completed their D B on time.
			Target engaged, Stang pair 6344411 was 150' from our troops

Time and Signature [signature] Lt

Time Passed to Bde. Div. (HC) 45 Aust Inf Bde

50—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

NGF (2), 2 Aust Corps, 7 Div, 15, 18, AZ 5 AF, SATF, 35 F.Gp., TATF, 49 F.Gp., 1 Aust AL Gp.,

R.A.A.F. 4 Tac/R Sqn., I.O. 4 Tac/R Sqn., War Diary, File. ?

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn. SORTIE No. 3 (7 Div) A.C No. - TYPE A46-152 A46-117 DATE 20 Jan 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R MATALOI Area.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
~~BUTTERWORTH~~ URIGINA. DAUMOINA P/m	F/L Clorenshaw	1420	Fair	Low Broken.
	OBSERVER F/O Masson	TIME DOWN 1525		
		TOTAL 1hr 45 min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
MATALOI 2 501820			MMS. Def appear in order but NO further diggings.
KESA ASAKR 570825			Tracks show signs of some recent use. Def still in order. ORGORUNA 460810. Roundish camouflaged weapon pit withsmall hut nearby. This pit probably commands track from Track from ORGOHEMA 1 to ORGORUNA 2 shows signs of use. Def in ORGORUNA 2 still in order - NO further diggings done.
MATALOI 1.			NO change - trenches in order. Lt A/A encountered. 4 P40s and 2 Boomerangs strafed. Boomerang A46-152 holed in two places. Low cloud covered def posns 528% and main L of C to OLD YAULA.
DAUMOINA P/m			Bridges 25a, 25b and 26 in order. There are huts on west side of road through this area that may be still occupied. Rain had fallen recently on road, which made track identification difficult. There appears to have been some recent traffic.
SUPPLY DUMP 1511			MT does NOT appear to use this as road head any longer. Tracks suggest unloading point is 1/2mile north of ruined village from whence it is carried by foot. Foottracks here are narrow butwell worn. Grass still appears to be growing on old road head in village.
SHAGGY RIDGE & SADDLE AREA.			Tracks as far south as SAIPA appear fresh. Low cloud prevented recce.

Time and Signature Richmond ALO

45 Aust AL Sec (AC)

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

SH—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

A.C. O. B. APPARITION DATED 29 JAN. 1944. DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLYING. A. L. O. S.A.S.HQ. CAST.

Serial No.	A/C No. &	Pilot.	Observ.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-121	F/O [illegible]		1030	1230	2 hrs	P.210/R	SUCCESSFUL

DIST:-HQ(2), 2AUSCORPS, 9DIV, WAR DIARY, FILE.

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

A. O. B. GUSHP D.T.M. 19.1.43 DAILY RECORD OF A/C T.NING. A. L. O. R.E. Kershaw

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over. area	Task & Area	Remarks & Results
1	A46.156	F/O Masson		0855	0951	56min	Lead in Strike	Successful
2	A46.152	F/O Lilley-Randle		0920	1020	1hr	Lead in Strike	Successful.

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

NGF(2), 2 AUST CORPS, 7 DIV, 15, 18, A2. SAF, SATF, 35FC, 1 AUST AL GP, 4 TAC/R SQN, TATF, 49 F.GP,
I/O 4 TAC/R SQN, WAR DIARY, FILE

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LOCATION GUSAP. UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn SORTIE No. 2. (7Div) A.C No. - TYPE L/L 152. DATE 19 Jan'44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Lead in B25 Strafing and Bombing Strike SHAGGY RIDGE and PROTHERO area.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
P.IP. 1/25,000	F/O Miller-Dandle	0920	Good	Overcast 9000ft.
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN 1020		
		TOTAL 1hr		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	0930		Panther Yellow rendezvoued with 3 pcns B25s over CUSAP Airfield. Comms were NOT set, but B25s appeared to receive Panther. Panther led B25s straight along SHAGGY RIDGE advising B25s : "Over own troops", "Smoke indicates strafing line" and "Over target area. B25s made wide circle and came on to target. Panther circled overhead and watched bombing and strafing advising bombers when they were dropping or strafing too close to own troops. Own troops assisted appreciably by sending up red flares to indicate own posns. Ridge and particularly PROTHERO 1. got a very heavy strike from bombs, 75$ and .5$ One bomber appeared to straff in own territory on east side of SHAGGY RIDGE. Boomerang straffed foxhole north of target "E".

Time and Signature R. Kleinlangh
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Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.
45 Aust A Sec (AC)

No1—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

NGF (2), 2 Aust Corps, 42 SAF, 7 Div, 15, 18, SATF, 35 F.Gp., 1 Aust AL Gp., 4 Tac/R Sqn., TATF,

R.A.A.F.

49 F.Gp., I.O. 4 Tac/R Sqn., War Diary, File.

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn SORTIE No. 1 (7 Div) A/C No. - TYPE A40-156 DATE 19 Jan 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Lead in B25 Strike KANKIRYO SADDLE.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
Faire 1/25,000	F/ O Hansen	0855	Good	Overcast 9000ft.
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN 0950		
		TOTAL 50min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	0905		Panther Special rendezvoued with Compass 3 and Compass 4 over GUSAP Airfield. Comms were NOT est owing to traffic on air at that period.
			Panther proceeded to target area and made wide left hand circuit approaching target from SW.
			Arty gave good indication of bomb line with smoke screen and kept screen going for each flight.
			Bombing was very good and area well covered.
			Smoke screen was excellently timed and coordination of B25s, Boomerang and Arty worked perfectly.

R. Edwardson Capt

ALO

Time and Signature

45 Aust AL Sec (AC)

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

Sdl—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

A. O. B. GUSAP DATE. 16.1.44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A. L. O. J.P. Fetherstonhaugh Lieut.

Sortie No.	A/C No. & Type	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46.152	F/O Miller-Rendle		1020	1200	1hr 40m	H.T.4/R.	Successful.
	A46.138.	P/O Broom		1020	1200	1hr 40m.		
2.	A46.156	F/L Ellis		1040	1150	1hr 10m	T.A.C/R	Unsuccessful.

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

NGF (2), 2 Aust Corps, 7 Div, 15, 16, A2 SAS, SATF, 35 F.Gp., 1Aust AL Gp., 4 Tac/R Sqn.,

R.A.A.F. 38TF, 49 F.Gp., I.O. 4 Sqn, War Diary, File.

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn., SORTIE No. 1 (7 Div) A/C No. - TYPE A46-138 DATE 18 Jun 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Arty/R PROTHERO 1.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
PAIPA 1/25000	F/O Miller-Priddle	1020	Good	Good
	OBSERVER F/O Shearn	TIME DOWN 1200		
		TOTAL 1hr 40min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			A/c was unable to test comms with guns for approx 30mins. When comms were est pilot ordered "Indicate target DB. Guns put down smoke rounds of which three were obs to fall at 662665, 66368, and 668667.
PROTHERO 1.			Pilot then registered XIO. Ranging guns of first troop after some corrections landed right in target area.
			Pilot had trouble bringing the other three guns on to target with troop fire and when cloud came over area No. 2 gun was still off.

R. Henderson Capt

Time and Signature ADC.
45 Aust AL Sec (AC)

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

50—N.G. Press Unit—11/5/44.

[illegible] 18 Jun 60.

SORTIE No.

[illegible] T/E Ellam

Visibility: Good

Weather: Clear.

Ref Maps: 1:250,000

Time up: 1010

Time down: 1130

T.O/R CTOL "ABLE".

RB movement seen along track from T30680 to T28681.

[signature] Sqn Ldr.

A10 65 Amph 12. Sqn (RC).

Distr:- HQAF (2), 2 Amph/Corps, 7 Sqn, 25, 28, 48 BAS, RNZAF, 90 FuSqn, 1 Amph Gp, 4 Tns/R SQNs, 3 ATF, 60 FuSqn, Z.O. 6 Sqns, Unit Diary, File.

A. O. B. APPARITION DATE. 18 JAN '44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS A. L. O. S.O.3HAPE...CAPT...

Sortie No.	A/C No. &	Pilot.	Observ.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results
1.	M6-137	F/O [illegible]		0925	1235	3 hrs 10m	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	M6-106	F/O COLLIER		0925	1235	3 hrs 10m	ESCORT	
2.	M6-145	F/O CARTER		1515	1825	3 hrs 10m	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	M6-92	F/O BENSON		1515	1825	3 hrs 10m	ESCORT	

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

Serviceability:- OP A/C. 4. U.S. Communication A/C. 2. U.S.

DIST:-307(2),24[illegible] 9017,2000,263[illegible],412E,42.5AP,[illegible],1ASST A.G.,2 PAO/R [illegible],1/O 4 TAC/R [illegible],10 C.G.,[illegible] FIAT,FTCE.

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT 4 PAC/R [illegible] SORTIE No. 1.(9017) A/C No. - TYPE A-6-137 A30-106 DATE 23 [illegible] 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
[illegible] 1" SEE TEXT 1"	P/O [illegible]	0925	GOOD	MOSTLY OVER
	OBSERVER P/O COLES	TIME DOWN 1235		
		TOTAL 3 hrs 10 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
[illegible] SAVI RIV	1010		containers untouched. [illegible] in area. Few small gardens scattered about - tracks through these - returning to coastal track. General area [illegible] to both banks of SAVI RIVER has been well walked over - tracks seen quite aimless as though they have been searching for food.
[illegible]			Track lead in from coast for approx 200x inland at ref 038527 - lost in jungle- thin but well worn.
VILLAGE ROAD 017566			1 [illegible] seen at ref 041525 - squatting on track - appeared to be wearing pack. Village appears to have been used - tracks showing use from hut to hut. Three JAPS seen & took cover- village strafed. A deal of litter and some equipment seen in village.
			3 [illegible] seen ref [illegible] - wearing [illegible] - took cover in jungle.
GRASS RIV			At ref 973561 approx 20 JAPS seen in two groups moving [illegible] - a further five scattered throughout triangle formed by coast and track. All took cover- area strafed. On each side of RIVER there are signs of quite heavy movement. At the [illegible] up of RIVER mouth there was quite a deal of litter and a number of small burnt out fires. A track leads around quite close to coast on then parallel to RIVER to bridge. On further bank in the triangle formed by track and coast and RIVER, back there are a number of clumps of growth. At most of these there was litter and gear lying around. One JAP estimated approx 20 observed lying in these clumps - strafed by a/c. The general area gave impression of being not so much a bivouac site but more of a daylight staging and rest area. No signs on beach of foot-marks or any boats activity. At ref [illegible] approx 40 [illegible] seen moving [illegible]- took cover in jungle- strafed - 2 left lying on track. 15 minutes later - 3 more were seen in same area moving [illegible]. On return from recce pilot observed 40 JAPS and two mules making along track - [illegible] bank of SAVI RIV. Although track still shows signs of usage.
[illegible]			From SAVI-GRASS RIV the coastal track has had heavy usage. In the [illegible] and sandy portions it has broadened out up to approx 3' wide. Apart from deviations to gardens there was no sign of any tracks leading [illegible]

Time and Signature [illegible] CAPT. [illegible]

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

45 AUST A. SEC (AC).

I I:-[illegible](2),2[illegible]ST CORPS,DIV,2[illegible],2[illegible],4[illegible],42.5T,5[illegible],1[illegible] AL GP,4 FAC/R SQN,I/O 4 FAC/R SQN,10 C.O,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION [illegible]	UNIT [illegible]	SORTIE No 2. (2SQN)	A. C. No. - TYPE A36-145 A36-92	DATE 18 JAN '44.
ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE F.A.C/R				
REF. MAPS [illegible] 1"	PILOT F/O CARTER	TIME UP 1515	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	OBSERVER F/O [illegible]	TIME DOWN 2325	FAIR - POOR	LOW CLOUD - RAIN
		TOTAL 3 hrs 10 mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			25 - 30 in area and base were seen between [illegible] and [illegible].
URAGA RIVER			2 bunkers approx 5' square, lean-to and hut at ref 930592 - bunker openings face to sea- roofing on hut still had greenish appearance - litter seen around hut - area well trampled.
			- hut at ref 925547 - area well trampled.
RODEJI			no change on previous report.
YUKUGI			3 huts in good condition. A thin but well worn track runs from coastal track [illegible] with creek to village - track continues along creek for approx 1500x - unable to trace further due to cloud. A track runs from YUKUGI - skirting foothills and jungle and joins coastal track at ref 943566 - light and recently used.
			A bunker approx 5' square was observed at ref 930630 - opening facing to sea. Another was seen at ref 928593. This was approx 10-11' square - opening appeared to be facing seaward. Two five feet diameter dugouts were seen between bunker and [illegible] back. These were built up with coral rock on seaward half. The 4 previously reported at approx ref [illegible] 3650 had been removed all but one. A number of tracks were observed to run from jungle to this area. An additional 14 chutes were observed - 5 at ref 957597 - 9 at 965586. These appeared to be untouched - no signs of tracks in area.
GALI			Two tent like chutes were seen in SOUTHERN end of GALI village- well trampled area - litter lying around. From two huts at ref 937615 small tracks run to a well worn and recently used track running inland from the village to ref 928602 where it passes through a village of 2 huts in good condition, thence to ref 928583 where it was lost in cloud. There are a number of gardens in the area- particularly ramsacked. I/P seen at ref 937615. Coastal track from GALI to GAUSS [illegible] had been used but not so much as the track to GALI. Track from coast to KOGIT had been used recently - but only slightly - cloud prevented recce past KOGIT

Time and Signature.....

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

S.C. (N.G. Press Unit - 11/8/43)

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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
GALI			In 33 8163 track had been bombed and jungle had been opened up - 6 huts were observed in this area - signs of recent but light tracks around huts.
			At ref 733646 an oil slick was seen to extend for approx 200x to sea. At this point the trees overhang the beach. Pilot observed a rectangular black object which could have been the stern of a barge. The object was heavily camouflaged with branches. Terrain made close observation difficult.

Time and Signature..... CAPT. A.I.O.

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

45 ARMY AL SEC (AC).

80—N.G. Press Unit—11/42/10m.

A. O. B. Cunnah DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A. L. O. R.A.F. Detachment

Sortie No.	A/C No. & Type	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-119	F/O MASSON		0910	1110	2hrs	Const/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-151	F/O AHEARN.		0910	1110	2hrs	ESCORT.	
2.	A46-166	F/L OLDERSHAW.		1015	1320	3hrs 5mins	Const & ARTY/R	SUCCESSFUL.
	A46-107	F/O. LEE-WARNER.		1015	1320	3hrs 5mins	ESCORT	
3.	A46-119	F/O'N UGER-SANDLE		1315	1610	2hrs 25 mins	ARTY/R.	UNSUCCESSFUL
	A46-151	F/O AHEARN.		1315	1610	2hrs 25 mins	ESCORT	
4.	A46-156	F/O MASSON		1415	1615	2hrs	CONT/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-119	F/O EVANS		1415	1615	2hrs	ESCORT.	

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

NGF (2), 2 Aust Corps, 7 Div, 15, 18, A2 SAF, 3 TF, 35 FeGp, TAF, 49 FeGp, 1 Aust AL Gp,
4 Tac/R Sqn, I.O. 4 Tac/R Sqn, CMF Diary, File.

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LOCATION GT AF UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn. SORTIE No. 1 (7 Div) A/C No. - TYPE A46-151 DATE 27 Jan 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Cont/a Own Troops. Pinpoint ENEMY Posn.

REF. MAPS AMENDS, BIB 1/25,000	PILOT F/O Hansen	TIME UP 0910	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	OBSERVER F/O Ahearn	TIME DOWN 1110	Good	Cloud Forming
		TOTAL Zero		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	0920		Rdz ovrhd with FIP 2.
	0930		Rdz ovrhd with CHRIS and ordered "Indicate ENEMY" - One round smoke landed 673674 (MAP 725 - 2859). Smokeshell burst high and sanisters covered approx 100yds. Own troops identified themselves with flares at 677676. (MAP 725 - 2960). CHRIS fired further round smoke unobservedly. Area veiled by this approx same as previous round. CHRIS fired further round which landed 677674 - (2858). This round is a little south of previous smoke round - a compact burst. Next smoke round (C39) landed 677675 (2760) - again a compact burst. Pilot then reqsted ENEMY area as indicated by smoke and parachute flare obs 676674 (2758). A further flare fired from same posn.
			Enemy posn as indicated is in very heavy jungle except on immediate crest where undergrowth has been flattened and cleared in odd patches. It is impossible to see into the posn from the air.
			A small puff of smoke obs at 680685 (2861). This was NOT a signal and could possibly be smoke from small arms or fire in very thick patch of jungle. Just south of this undergrowth slightly cleared 678682 (2860). Two small semi-circular trenches and two foxholes behind, uncovered, appeared unoccupied. Mule track as reported 680686 NOT visible from air. Narrow deep creek running east offers possible track. No sign of track however, where it joins WOSA Riv.
			Pilot considers track could be there and NOT be visible from air.

Time and Signature.....

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

SOI—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 1 (7 Div 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
			No tracks visible north or NW of 4106 feature.
			Pilot considers that dist ance between flares put up by own troops approx 1000yds. Contours on
			map in this area are inaccurate making pinpointing difficult. Jap poon appears to be on PINNLE
			678675 (5760) with three spurs running up to it. Own troops are ground this poon in a triangle
			with base NW 1000yds height 600yds. Round C39 fell on centre of Jap poon.
			Provided troops north of poon can definitely be located and troops on SADDLE withdrawn slightly,
			this would be a good dive bombing target which could be indicated by smoke and fired on target C39.
			Comms throughout were excellent.

Time and Signature..... 2Lt

45 mast AL Sec (AC).

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

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

NGF (2), 2 Aust Corps, 7 Div, 15, 18, AK 5 F, 5 TF, 35 F.Gp., 49 F.Gp., TAF, 1 Aust AL Gp.,
4 Tac/R Sqn., L.O. 4 Tac/R Sqn., War Diary, File.

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LOCATION: GUSAP UNIT: 4 Tac/R Sqn. SORTIE No.: 2 (7 Wg) A/C No. - TYPE: DATE: 27 Jan 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: Tac/R ORGORUBA & Arty/R SAIDA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
BOKU RIV AMUBA 1/25000	F/L Clarnshaw	1015	Good	Low Broken Cloud.
	OBSERVER: F/O Lee-Warner	TIME DOWN: 1320		
		TOTAL: Three 5min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
ORGORUBA 1"	1145		Def area sq 5384. def still in order and area appears well used.
ORGORUBA 1.	1115		Bombs have damaged area, def filled with water and whole appears to be little use.
422778			Track to BOKU Riv appears well used, and is quite wide in places. From village to 422778 there
ORGORUBA 2			appears to be camouflaged def. NO diggings actually obs, but dying branches which could be covering
423780			foxholes are visible. ORGORUBA 2 & ORGORUBA 1 423780, well dug def pens along track. NO visible
			def ORGORUBA 1. Country here generally appears a lot more open suggesting heavy rain or hail had
			stripped leaves from trees.
KISI ASAKE 435803			Tracks here are very fresh. Extensive def are visible on ridge west of village. One large hut in
			area has had the roof burnt, possibly result of strafing.
			Very heavy rain had fallen in area and diggings were full of water.
MAKOI S 471805			Village appears unoccupied, but tracks are fresh.
	1129		Own troops at KOKOPA 446719 obs and message dropped. Seemed to be picked up.
	1135		Comms set with "BLUE" who asked for registration of two targets r.f 361736 (western approach to
			Sairs 2) and 360704 (small un named village). R/T was weak both ways and a/c had to return
			to gun area for each correction. Comms could NOT receive a/c from target area. No one way shoot
			was NOT practical. Range was too long for smoke. LL ranging was done with HE.
			Target was registered as V2.
			A/c returned to base as petrol running low.

Time and Signature: [signature]

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

NGF (A), 2 Aust Corps, 7 Div, 15, 18, A2 5 F, S TF, 35 F.Gp., TATF, 49 F.Gp., 1 Aust AL Gp., 4 Tac/R Sqn., I.O. 4 Tac/R Sqn., War Diary, File.

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION CUCAE UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn., SORTIE No. 4. A/C No. - TYPE DATE 27 Jan 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Cont/R 2/9 Bn 4100 feature.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
P IPA 1/25,000	F/O Mason	1415	Fair	Low Cloud.
	OBSERVER F/O Ellers	TIME DOWN 1515		
		TOTAL 1hr		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	1425		Est comms with TIP 2.
	1435		Verey light obs 678883 (E451), repeated later from same posn. Mortar smoke gave excellent indication but ac oared to full 100yds SW of Pimple. There would be NO difficulty in leading in a dive bombing strike on to a target smoked like this. Cloud prevented recce of tracks.
			SORTIE 3.
			P/O Miller-Brindle A46-119 Time up 1345 Vis: Poor
			P/O Shearn A46-151 Time down 1510 Weather Low Cloud.
			A/c had difficulty in est comms with "BLUE", and when est were difficult to receive. Signals eventually became un readable and as low cloud was forming, a/c returned to base.

Time and Signature W. Johnston Lieut
45 Aust AL Sec (AC)
Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

734—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLYING.

A. C. B. APPARITION DATE. 27 JAN '43 A. L. O., C.O. S/LDR. CAPT.

Serial No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observer.	Up.	Down.	Over. Time	Type & Duty	Remarks & Results
1.	AA-105	P/O [illegible]		1230	1600	3 hrs 30m	[illegible]	SUCCESSFUL
	AA-137	F/O [illegible]		1230	1600	3 hrs 30m	[illegible]	

DISC:-HQ(2), 2A DIV COS, SQDN, MAINTENANCE, FILE.

Serviceability: OR A/C B. U.S. Communication A/C. S. U.S.

DI:T:Y:P(2),2NGF CORPS,5D:V (3),8BDE,62,5AF,NATF,1AEST AL GP,4 TAC/R SQN, I/O 4 TAC/R SQN,10 O.G,WAR DIARY.FILE.

R.A.A.F.

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LOCATION APPARITION UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 1.(SOLO) A C No. - TYPE 46-106 A-13J DATE 27 JAN '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE C/R

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SIO PESCHEL POINT REIGS POINT DEPSIUS POINT GALI 1/25000 SERIES	PILOT F/O CAMERON	TIME UP 1230	G.V.D	OVERCAST
	OBSERVER F/O [illegible]	TIME DOWN 1600		
		TOTAL 3 hrs 30 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
COASTAL TRACK			to TIMBE RIV Fr [illegible] slight recent use. TIMBE RIV to [illegible] slightly more than above. Footmarks have been made since last rain - approx 48 hrs. No evidence there of use on inland tracks throughout area recced.
			No trace of men to be reported 40 miles SE of URAWA RIV south. Natives observed at barge beached at ref 299414. On return of a/c barge was seen to be pulling out - approx 1530. 3 white men in barge - one of which was wearing [illegible] uniform. Axed to a/c. Gun troops seen on [illegible] RIV. Not observed for dropping.
ULAP KANDOA			Kandoa a village of 60-70 huts in good condition. Quite a wide and heavily used track leads EAST from the two villages in a general direction of the KUMUA RIV. Track was followed for approx 3oock The track does not indicate recent heavy use but rather that it has been used over a period with only slight recent usage. Smoke was seen issuing from a hut in KANDOA. N.F.S in either village.
KIARI AREA			At ref 203413 what appeared to be a 5' square bunker was observed. Opening facing seawards. Under overhanging trees in the area there were two heaps of stones seen - giving the impression that they had been placed as a defence around diggings.
TIMBE RIVER			2 [illegible] seen on sand bar - strafed - took cover. A [illegible] native seen in village ref 121417 - ran On approach of a/c. 1 dead JAP observed at ref 208402.
URAWA RIV AREA			15 JAPS were seen between refs 940557 and 903556 - in groups of 9 and 3s- strafed - all carrying full pack. The JAP seen also at ref 894564. Near this ref there was a 6' long oval shaped hole of approx 1' deep - at the end of which was a 2' stake.
GALI 1 YUPNA RIV AREA			Between refs 855558 and 863555 the undergrowth has been cleared away in a number of places. Three of the five supply containers in sq 8359 have been broached. Tracks lead out from coastal track to chutes. Track from ref 844574 through village at ref 838568 along ridge to village at ref 818567 - shows signs of fairly recent use to ref 827569 where it thins out quite a deal. Where the track enters village at 818567 it leads directly to one hut-other tracks in village are barely discernable. Track from coast at ref 849572 around ridge to patch of jungle and possible observation post at 848566 shows signs of fairly recent use.

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc. CAPT. A.A.C.O. 45 ARMY AUST AL SEC (AC).

A. C. B. Group Date 16.1.44. DAILY RECORD OF A/C DUTIES. A. L. G. [illegible]

Sortie No.	A/C I.C.	Pilot.	Observ.	Up.	Down.	Over. Area	Task & Area	Remarks & Results
1.	A46-119	P/O ARNOT		1240	1430	1½ HOURS	COVER	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-117	F/O ELLERS		1240	1430	1½ HOURS	ACCORD	

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

CCSAF 26 Jan 44.

MDF (2), 2 Amer Corps, 7 Div, 15, 18, AM SAF, XTF, 33 FeBps, XTF, 42 F.Gps, 1 Amb Gp, 4 Tac/R Sqns, I.O. 4 Tac/R Sqns, Air Min, Files.

WEATHER 1.

F/O Ahearn	Time up 1240	A46-118	Visibility	Poor
F/O Kilsby	Time down 1430	A46-117	Weather	Low Cloud.

Tac/R MARKINGS IN MILE Area. Tac/R Tracks W/A Div Area.

1315 Contacted FIU 2 who asked for pinpoint of arty tracks. Tracks pinpointed 674878 and 679876. Comms with FIU 2 & CRASH poor. Cloud prevented recce for tracks MOSA Div area.

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Communication A/C. 3.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A. O. B. APPARITION DATE 26.JAN.'44. A. L. O.C.O. GRAPE ..... CAPT

Sortie No.	A/C No. &	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results
1.	A46-95	F/O COLMER		1020	1320	3 hrs	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-106	F/O McINTYRE		1020	1320	3 hrs	ESCORT	
2.	A46-121	F/O FRESS		1015	1415	4 hrs	PHOTO/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-137	F/O McKENZIE		1015	1415	4 hrs	ESCORT	

DIST:-HQF(2),2AUST CORPS,5DIV,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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

DIST:-MGF(2),2AUST CORPS,5DIV (3),CDDE,A2.5AF,3ATF,1AUST AL SP,4 TAC/R SQN,I/C 4 TAC/R SQN,10 O.G,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION APPARITION | UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN | SORTIE No. 1. (5DIV) | A C No. - TYPE A46-106 | DATE 26 JAN '44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SIO PISCTELL POINT REISS POINT 1/25000 SERIES	F/O CARVER OBSERVER F/O McINTYRE	1020 TIME DOWN 1320 TOTAL 3 hrs	30 m	MEDIUM OVERCAST LOW MOUNTAINS

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
KWAMA RIVER	1050		Man troops seen on EAST and WEST of KWAMA RIV at area ref 269432 - waved to a/c - "V" signs displayed approx 365432. 3 sets of footprints were observed pointing ~~N~~ along coastal track from village ref 343447. 4-5-6 in village.
RIVER 315424			4 x 40 - 50' poles were seen lying on track on [illegible] RIVER bank. Cover pilot observed 12-14 natives at river mouth. On first approach of a/c took cover. On second circuit of a/c natives had crossed river and waved to a/c - were ~~making~~ blue and red cap - did not appear to have white person with them or to be carrying rifles.
			5 chutes were seen SQ 2041. Apparently one of the two hanging in the trees has either dropped or been pulled down and on last recce was not observed. A track passes close to one chute at approx 305415. Not possible to say if container had been opened or whether track was there before chute was dropped. Track from VASU ANCHORAGE was observed to ref 270380. It showed very slight usage since recent rain from 269416 - 290412. Also very slight recent usage was seen on track from ref 279410 - 276416. No signs of movement or track usage in NIARI.
SIGANA			2 chutes observed - one in clearing, one in trees -in area ref 237390. Unable to estimate how long they have been in area. Containers not observed - no signs of tracks leading to or around them. No sign of occupation or recent usage in village. From ref SQ 1740 -SQ 2740 a number of 6-8' square clearings were observed. These were more or less in an irregular line with the main number in the ~~middle~~ area. They appeared to be areas cut out of the bush - the grass just lying heaped in the centre. No tracks observed near any of them. In all cases they were sited in the hollow of a slight undulation. From NIARI to SIGANA there are a number of caves. No signs of tracks leading to them - no litter around them - no apparent signs of occupation.
TIMBE RIVER			Tracks on EAST side of RIVER appear to have had some use since recent rain. In a couple of places there are signs in SQS 1242-1343 and 1344 of where some have scrambled and slid down banks to river.
KALASANGA			No change in chutes. No JAPS seen throughout area recced. Coastal track [illegible] TIMBE RIVS does not appear to have had any use since recent rain.

Time and Signature [signature] CAPT. A.I.O.

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. 2a (SAFW) A/C No. - TYPE A-16-121 DATE [illegible]

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
[illegible] 4" / [illegible] 1"	F/O [illegible]	1015	GOOD - FAIR	STRATUS INLAND CLEAR OVER SEA
	OBSERVER F/O [illegible]	TIME DOWN 1415		
		TOTAL 4 hrs		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
[illegible]	1150		1. Nil cover for approx 4 barges - could all be off-loaded at same time.
087 531			2. Fairly level back from beach for camp or dump building areas.
			3. Approach to beach quite good. Reef runs out from point in a NE direction. Sandy beach - fair [illegible] water.
			4. Area covered by V18 - V22 and V2 V3 and V4.
KALAMAUA AREA			1. Nil cover for approx 3 barges to off-load at one time.
157 447			2. Good cover for camp or dump areas.
			3. Approach to beach appears to be very free of obstructions. One would have to be exercised to land just west of river mouth. Sand bar at river mouth.
			4. Area covered by V26 - 31 35 and 36.
SIEGE AREA			1. Nil cover on beach. Possible 2 barges off-load at one time.
213 427			2. Good cover camp areas.
			3. Approach clear to sea - shallow water at beach - sandy beach.
			4. Area covered by V32 -35 36.
BASE ANCHORAGE			1. Good cover for approx 4-6 barges to off-load at same time.
348 410			2. Good cover and approaches for dump area.
			3. Approach from sea appears to be clear of obstructions - coral reef on each side but not extending far to sea - sandy beach.
			4. Area covered by V40 - V45 V9-10-11-14-15.
REF 328410			1. Nil cover on beach - capacity 8-10 barges.
KALAMAUA 1"			2. Good cover and approaches for bulk area.
			3. Approach from sea as for [illegible]
			4. Area covered by V40 -V45 V9-10-11-14.

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

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc. 45 A.I.S. A.C. (SO).

80—S.G. Press Unit—11/12/[illegible]

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.O.B. Cusack

DATE 25.1.44

NIL SORTIES.

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DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A. O. Base Airfield DATE. 25 JAN 44 A. L. O. G.O. SHAPE ..... CAPT

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over. Area	Task & Area	Remarks & Results
1.	A46-106	F/L HATCHORN		0905	1215	3 hrs 10 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-137	F/O STEWART		0905	1215	3 hrs 10 mins	ESCORT	

DIST:-HQF(2),2AUST CORPS,5DIV,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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DIST:-NGF(2),2AUST CORPS,5DIV,(3), 8 BDE,A2.5AF,SAFF,1AUST AL GP,4 TAC/R SQN,I/O 4 TAC/R SQN,10 O.G,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION APPARITION | UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN | SORTIE No. 1.(5DIV) | A C No. - TYPE A46-106 A46-137 | DATE 25 JAN '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
GALI GAUSS POINT 1/25000 SERIES	F/L HATCHORN	0905	FAIR	LOW OVERCAST INLAND
	OBSERVER F/O STEWART	TIME DOWN 1215		
		TOTAL 3 hrs 10 mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
GAUSS POINT	0935		N.L.S. Track from MALALAMAI to KUFUNU showing as a well used track. Rain had fallen during last 24 hrs and pilot was of opinion that it had been heavily used since rain - footprints were clear and sharp. The gardens in SQ 7362 were trampled and pulled about. Foliage litter was seen at ref 732625.
KUFUNU			N.L.S. A village of 14 huts in good condition set in fairly heavy timber. Growth around village precluded a close inspection of the condition of the ground - or whether it had been used by other than natives. Track SOUTH from village was observed for 150 yds - had the same freshly and well used appearance. Unable to follow further due to cloud.
TOPIN			N.L.S. A village of 30-40 huts in very good condition. A broad, well and recently used track was seen to enter village. Observation was made from small gap in clouds and track could not be accurately pin-pointed. A large pile of paper litter was seen at NORTH end of village - also some litter outside a hut some 200 yds NORTH of village. Condition of ground around village not accurately observed due to conditions. Gardens in area have not been ravaged in any way - all in very good condition - plentiful as indicated by maps. The country SOUTH of the village drops sheer to the SOUTH. TOPIN is approx 3000' A.S.L.
AREA GALI 2			A number of tracks lead from coastline between GAUSS POINT and YARA along kunai ridges to spur running NW and SE. These were then lost in heavy timber. These tracks gave the impression of not having been used for some days. They did not appear to be old and permanent tracks but rather that a number of troops had passed area in a short time. Definitely established as not native. No gardens in area. Ridge is 2400' A.S.L and overlooks coastal belt from MALALAMAI to SOUTH of GALI 2. Glimpses of a well and recently used track were obtained at refs 803607 for the length of the kunai patch - at ref 803599 for a length of approx 200 yds and again at ref 800594. At this point the ground is very steep and there are signs of JAPS having scrambled up. Track is about 10-12' wide at this point.

Time and Signature.....

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Sdn- N.G. Press Unit—11/43/100.

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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
AREA GALI 2			Footmarks have been made since recent rain. The gardens area ref 802600 have been trampled and ransacked. Unable to follow further due to cloud. Garden at ref 596584 was observed from some distance - appeared to be in good condition. A track was observed from ref 527600 to follow along edge of jungle to ref 816597 - lightly but recently used. Unable to accurately observe village due to dense growth. Coastal track from GALI 2 to MALALAMAI did not show any apparent sign of use since recent rain- track difficult to observe.

Time and Signature G.F. Kaur. CAPT. A.L.O.

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

401—N.G. Press Unit—11/42/10m.

GUSAP 24.1.44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TAKEN. J.R. Fetherstonhaugh

A. C. B. DATE..... In L. O..... Lieut

Sortie No.	A/C No. &	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46.151	F/O Masson		0535	1100	2hrs	TAC/R.	Successful.
	A46.107	F/O Lee-Warner		0535	1100	2hrs	Escort.	
2.	A46.156	F/L Glendinning		1030	1300	2hrs30m.	TAC/R.	"
	A46.117	F/O Ellers		1030	1300	2hrs30m.	Escort.	
3.	A20.480	F/O Masson	F/O Hooper	1250	1610	1hr 20m.	Conv/R.	Unsuccessful.
	A46.107	F/O Ahearn		1250	1610	1hr 20m.	Escort.	
4.	A46.117	F/O Masson	-	1548	1650	1hr 40m.	Conv/R.	Successful.

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

HQ(:),Aust Corps,7Div,18,14,12 S/E,SASF,35FG,1AOT AL GP,4 TAC/R SQN,I/O 4 TAC/R SQN,TASF,
49 F.Gp,RAR DIARY FILE.

R.A.A.F.

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LOCATION SUKAP | UNIT 4 Tac/R SQN | SORTIE No. 1 (7Div) | A/C No. - TYPE A46-151 | DATE 24 Jan 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R SAIPA Area and KISA AREA ORGORUM

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
ALISON, MAP: 1/25,000	F/O Mason	0855	Fair	Low Broken Cloud
	OBSERVER F/O Lee-Warner	TIME DOWN 1100		
		TOTAL 2hrs 5min.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	0810		A/c set comms with PIP 4.
SAIPA 2.583715	0915		Several narrow fairly well use foottracks lead from village towards ridge 589713. This area and
			also un named village 583712 were under low cloud and could NOT be recce.
SAIPA 1. 577728			All tracks show signs of movement and have a well used trampled appearance. Decent sized foot trac
			approx 6ft wide leads SW from village, winds along ridge, crossing creek on small footbridge approx
			574730; track leads in westerly direction on to ridge 569735 where it joins track shown on map.
			Cloud on this area. This track appears to be the main L of C for un-named village area. From
			569725 north, track is NOT as well worn.
			All recce area ca 5670 under cloud. HHS on surrounding ridges.
ORGORUM 2.			Branch southern track (previously reported) does NOT give appearance of such use but appears in
423787			fair order. A lot of defs in this area give impression of MD use being made of them. They
			are rain washed and in steep crawlway sides. Track from village to track junc 423784 then on
			SW to huts 414781 has had heavy use. Footmarks are discernable. NO defs sighted but cloud
			again made close obs difficult. Seems long this track would cont and country to the south and
			track up from DORU Div. Main L of C. for this area comes from ORGORUM and passes straight
			through ORGORUM 2 which does not appear to be in use.

Time and Signature.....

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901—N.G. Press Unit—11/42/10m.

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 1 (7 Mar sortie. 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]			Village appears same order, def kept cleaned out. Track to YCBA shows signs of use.
MATALOI 1 &			both under cloud. Pilot then returned to def via 3870 and through broken cloud sta. at
MATALOI 2.			556810, heavy smoke rising through the trees. This is definitely NOT a kunai fire. MK around it.
			Smoke gave appearance of grey smoke.

Time and Signature R.D. Mclaren. Lieut
45 Aust. A.L. Sqn (Arc)
Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.....

501—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

NGF (S) Aust Corps, 7 Div, 15, 18, 3 SAS, SAAF, 25 T.Gp., TAFF, 49 T.Gp., 1 Aust AL Gp., 4 Tac/R Sqn., T.O. 4 T c/R Sqn., Air Diary, File.

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT A Tac/R Sqn., SORTIE No. (7 Div) A/C No. - TYPE 246-117 DATE 24 Jun 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R [illegible] SADDLE area and TRACK to MAKHAM Riv.

REF. MAPS AMSON & PARIA 1/25,000	PILOT W/O Clarendon	TIME UP 1038	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	OBSERVER F/O Tillers	TIME DOWN 1200	7 kr	Low cloud.
		TOTAL [illegible] Hrs.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	1050		Dropped on PIP 5 on way out.
	1055		Comms est with PIP 2 who asked a/c to contact Fwd tps who would fire flares. NO flares obs.
			PIP 2 asked for search for enemy posn 685675. A/c made extensive search. Cloud made obs difficult
			but pilot picked up low fronted posn with field of fire SW at 686674. This posn was reported
			yesterday as possible gun posn at 691676. PIP 2 asked for search of upper PARIA sq 6866. NIL,
			but signs of shopping obs 684666. Own arty fire obs falling 680670. PIP 2 advised.
			A/c then made search for possible track from SADDLE Area across to MAKHAM Riv. At 699699
			for approx 10 yds what may have been a track obs, but could NOT be followed either way in
			heavy jungle.
			There are definite signs of small foot tracks from 699693 to 699696.
			A small fairly new new looking but obs along track at 699694. NO tracks obs in native garden
			area sq 6970. Track as marked on map from 705720 east NOT obs. The country through which this
			track would have to pass is very steep with heavy jungle and does NOT appear practial. A small
			track leads along bed of BUNGA Riv from 744727 through AMSON 738749, and track from AMSON
			to MAKHAM Riv fairly well used - possibly carries more than normal native traffic. From AMSON
			NW to 743752 a pad leads to fairly well concealed native hut
			in good order.

Time and Signature

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S61—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/1000.

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

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE.....

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

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			Portion of track obs near EDSA Riv for very short distance at 730750.
			Pilot's impression is taht although odd men could work through from SADDLE area across to
			KANKRAU Riv it would NOT offer reasonable L of C for any body of troops.
			Tracks from SADDLE area through to SAIPA show signs of recent movement.

Time and Signature: R. Dickinson Lt

45 Aust AL Sec (AC)

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

861—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

NGF (2), 2 Aust Corps, 7 Div, 15, 18, A2 RAF, SATF, 35 F.Gp., TATF, 49 F.Gp., 1 Aust AL Gp.,

R. A. A. F. 4 Tac/R Sqn., H.Q. 4 Tac/R Sqn., War Diary, File.

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn., SORTIE NO 3 (7 Div) A/C No. A46-107 TYPE DATE 24 Jun 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Cont/R 2/12 & 2/10 Bns.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
PTIPA 1/25,000	F/O Wesson	1250	Poor	Low cloud.
	OBSERVER F/O Hooper	TIME DOWN 1410		
	P/O Ahearn.	TOTAL 1hr 20min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	1330		Dropped on PIP 5.
	1305		Landed DUMPU No 2 strip. Captured map nd package for dropping picked up.
	1325		A/c took off for PROTHERO 1.
	1330		PROTHERO 1 under low cloud. A/c unable to get in.
	1340		FURA Riv. A/c circled CAMS SADDLE area. Mortar smoke indicated dropping site. Captured map and two containers dropped, 703660. 1 container hung up in tree.
			SORTIE 4.
			A46-117 F/O Wesson Visi Poor Weather: Low cloud.
			Cont/R 2/12 Bns.
	1620		Captured map dropped on 2/12 at PROTHERO 1. Low cloud over area.

R. Wesson Lieut

Time and Signature 2330

45 Aust AL Sqn (AC)

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

501—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A. C. B. APPARITION DATE 24 JAN 44 ... A. L. O. C. G. ... CAPE ...

Sortie No.	A/C No. &	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results
1.	A46-106	F/O MCKENZIE		0915	1230	3 hrs 15m	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-137	P/O BENSON		0915	1230	3 hrs 15m	ESCORT	

DIST:- HQF(2),2AUST CORPS,5DIV,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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

DIST:-MGF(2),2AUST CORPS,5DIV (3),8 BDE,A2.5AF,SATF,1AUST AL GP,4 TAC/R SQN,I/O 4 TAC/R SQN,10 O.G,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION: APPARITION	UNIT: 4 TAC/R SQN	SORTIE No.: 1.(5DIV)	A C No.: A46-106 TYPE: A46-137	DATE: 24 JAN '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: TAC/R

REF. MAPS: MALASANGA 1" SING-SING 1"	PILOT: F/O McKENZIE OBSERVER: XXXXXXX F/O BENSON	TIME UP: 0915 TIME DOWN: 1230 TOTAL: 3 hrs 15 mins	VISIBILITY: GOOD	WEATHER: CLOUD DEVELOPING INLAND

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
YAUT RIVER AREA	1000		YAGOMI - approx 15-20 well kept huts. Grass in area of village - but quite well defined tracks from some of the huts. OLD YAGOMI - approx 8 huts - not so well kept as YAGOMI - again there were odd well defined tracks from some of the huts. No litter, gear - or signs of fires in area. At ref 703653 the hills close in on river but from this ref back to the coast on EAST side of river there are a few well defined tracks. From ref 703653 pilot was unable to trace track due to formation of country and dense jungle. No gardens observed in area. Condition of track was such that pilot was unable to say how recently these tracks had been used. There were no apparent signs suggesting any stand or occupation of the area. Track from MALASANGA - GABUTAMON followed to 720612 - no change from previous report.
YARA			An oil slick of about 8000 yds was observed from YARA to vicinity WEBER POINT in some parts it was out to sea for 300 yds. Mixed in with the oil was a quantity of what appeared to be wood shavings and small wood blocks. At ref 720645 three rusty 44 gallon drums lashed together were observed. They were floating high out of the water - strafed. Track from GALI - RUANGE followed to ref 837596 - no change from previous report. Track from GABUTAMON - RUANGE not observed.
WEBER POINT			Tracks from coastal track to supply containers in SQ 8660. Unable to observe containers to ascertain if opened - in most instances the chute and shroud lines did not appear to have been disturbed.
REISS POINT			Supply containers - no apparent change from last report.
			From YUPNA RIV - EAST to TIMBE RIV cloud prevented inland recce further than 4000 yds. The terrain inland along the coast makes very low recce impossible.
COASTAL TRACK			From TIMBE RIV - YAGOMI - thence NW - well defined. For a stretch of approx 4000 yds SE from YAUT RIV track appears a little less defined. Pilot unable to assess how recent the usage.

Time and Signature: C Knows CAPT. A.I.O

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

S61 - N.G. Press Unit—11/12/43.

A. C. B. APPARITION DATE 23 JAN '44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A. L. G. C.O. SHAVE CAPT.

Serial No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observ.	Up.	Down.	Over. Hrs	Task & Area	Remarks & Results
1.	A46-137	F/O HANGER		1005	1305	3 hrs	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-106	F/O CARTER		1005	1305	3 hrs	ESCORT	

DIST :- RCF(2), 2 AUST CORPS, 5 DIV, WAR DIARY, FILE.

DIST. MGF(2); 2AUST CORPS, 5DIV(3), 8 BDE, A2, 5AF, SAFF, 1AUST AL GP, 4 TAC/R SQN, I/O 4TAC/R SQN, 10 O.G, AIR DIARY, FILE

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LOCATION APPARITION. UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN. SORTIE No. 1.(5DIV) A. C No. - TYPE A46-106 DATE 23 JAN 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SIO PESCHEL POINT REISS POINT 1/25000 SERIES	F/O HAUGHR	1005	GOOD	CLEAR
	OBSERVER F/O CARTER	TIME DOWN 1305		
		TOTAL 3 hrs		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
COASTAL TRACK KWAMA RIVER.			From KWAMA RIVER to TIMBE RIVER the coastal track shows only SLIGHT USAGE. Still 4 and 2 chutes in area. Approx 10-12 sun troops seen crossing KWAMA RIV at Xord and 360455. Waved to A/C
WASU ANCHORAGE			Still 4 and 2 chutes in area. Pilot was of opinion that there had been slight movement in area- conditions of ground made it difficult to assess if in last 24 hrs. The signs of movement was seen for approx 1000yds from coast.
			At 267421 the area had the appearance of having been used as a rest and cooking area- litter was observed. Did not appear to have been used very recently.
SIGAVA			A village of approx 12 huts in good condition, did not appear to be occupied. Track from village to coast did not show any apparent sign of recent use. inthe general area of the villagethere were approx 15 oval mounds of approx 5-6' long- kunai covered. In a small CLUSTER of coconut trees a pile of newish looking husks was observed.
TIMBE RIVER AREA			1 live JAP seen at ref 165432- not wearing equipment. Containers unchanged from report of 22 JAN.
			Between GALI and YUPMA RIVER 4 single live JAPS were seen. A small CAMPS lean- to was seen at ref 839612 (SIMORAKI 1") .
			Approx 6 dead JAPS were seen at various stages along coastal track in area recce.

Time and Signature. CAPT A.L.O

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

A. C. B. Cosap. DATE 23.1.42 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A. L. O. K.R. Fetherstonhaugh Lieut.

Sortie No.	A/C type & No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	Hu6.135	Ho Ahearn		0930	1015	1hr 39m	Escort	Successful
	Hut.118	F/O Lee Warner		0836	1015	1h 39m	Escort.	
2.	Hu6.136	F/L Okeeshaw		0950	1105	1hr 15m	Lead in Sluka	"
3.	Hut.135	F/O Miller. Randle		1050	1215	1hr 25m.	Lead in Sup. Drop.	"
4.	Hu6.138	F/O Masson		0826	1010	F.T. 1hr 25m	Sup. Drop.	"
5.	Hu6.138	F/O Masson		1055	1610	F.T. 1hr		"

Serviceability:- OP A/C. 2. U.S. Communication A/C. 3. U.S.

NGF (2), 2 Aust Corps, 7 Div, 15, 18, A2 5AF, SATF, 35 F.Gp., TATF, 49 F.Gp., 1 Aust AL Gp.,

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4 Tac/R Sqn.HQ. 4 Tac/R Sqn., War Diary, File.

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LOCATION CUSAY	UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn	SORTIE No. 1 (7 Div)	A/C No. - TYPE A46- 117	DATE 23 Jan 44.	
ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE	Tac/R SHAGGY RIDGE Area.				
REF. MAPS PAIP 1/25,000 ASP 707.	PILOT F/O Shearn	OBSERVER F/O Lee-Warner	TIME UP 0620 TIME DOWN 1015 TOTAL 1hr 55 min.	VISIBILITY Good	WEATHER Clear

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	0550		FARM Riv main stream area (ref ASP 707) I3 carefully recced. NIL.
	0910		Landslide area sq 6966 (PAIRA 1/25,000) NIL.
	0930		Possible gun posn obs 891670. This posn is on side of ridge. Arc of fire appears to be SE.
			[redacted] PIP 2 contacted by R/T and advised. As gun had NOT been firing recently NO shoot was carried out on posn.
			NIL along track or in area from CADDLE to KOMIRYO Village.
			Dropped on PIP 5.

Time and Signature: [signature] Lang

45 Aust AL Sec (AC)

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

801—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

NGF (2), 2 Aust Corps, 7 Div, 15, 19, 23 BAF, DATY, 35 F.Gp., TATY, 49 F.Gp., 1 Aust AL Sq.,

R.A.A.F. 4 Tac/R Sqn., I.O. 4 Tac/R Sqn., War Diary, File.

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LOCATION SIO.P UNIT 4 T.R. Sqn. SORTIE No. 2 (7 Div) A/C No. - TYPE A46 DATE 23 Jan 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Lead in Dive Bombing Strike on [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
BIT 1:25,000	F/L Clarenshaw	0950	Fair	Low scattered cloud.
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN 1105		
		TOTAL 1hr 15min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	1010		Boomerang rendezvoued with 11 Vultees with Y4C top cover.
	1020		Comms with SLUGGY Leader (Y4C) excellent. Boomerang gave [illegible] long call which was NOT answered.
			SLUGGY Leader then advised that [illegible] was unable to receive on any frequency.
	1040		Boomerang circled target area and indicated target by strafing, Vultees followed down.
			Boomerang in recce subsequently saw 4 craters in target area and others near misses. Broken
			cloud may have interfered with bombing.
			Considered complete lack of comms. the co-ordination of strike was quite successful.
			No return fire obs.

Time and Signature [signature] A/C

45 Aust I Sec (A/C)

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

901—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/100m.

HQP (.), 2 Aust Corps, 7 Div, 18, 18, 2 L.F, S.T.F, 35 F.Gp., T.T.F, 49 F.Gp., 1 Aust A.Gp.,

R.A.A.F. 4 T.C/R Sqn., I.O. 4 T.C/R Squ., Air Dispy, P.I.C.

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LOCATION SUS..P UNIT 4 Tpt R Sqn., SORTIE No. S (7 Div) A/C No. · TYPE A46- 138 DATE 3 Jan 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE SUPPLY DROPPING

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SP (706.	F/O Miller-Wardle	1050	Good	Good
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN 1215		
		TOTAL 1hr 25min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			Boomerang rendezvoued with 3 Douglas Transports over SUSAH Airfield and led them to CACHING of DDLP. Strips were displayed at 1350 (ASR 706) which was further East than expected. Boomerang indicated strips by diving on zone. Approx 70% of parachute dropping was accurate. Free dropping was also fairly accurate.

Time and Signature F/O Miller-Wardle

45 [illegible] Sqn (AC)

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

S81—N.G. Press Unit—11/42/10m.

A.O.B. [illegible]

DATE. 31.1.44.

NIL SORTIES.

G. R. Fitzsimmons A.I.C.
Lieut

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

-510 AREA-

A. O. B. APPARITION DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. C.O. SHOVE CAPT

D.T.G. 31-JAN-44. A. L. O.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observ.	Up.	Down.	Over. Area	Task & Area	Remarks & Results
1.	A46-148	F/O [illegible]		1350	1700	3 hrs 10m	[illegible]	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-95	F/O [illegible]		1350	1700	3 hrs 10m	[illegible]	

DIST:-ACP(2),2 MUST CURR, 5 ADV, WAR DIARY, FILE

Communication A/C. OP A/C U. U.J. Communication A/C. Q. U.U.

DIST:-WAF(2),2ADGT CORPS,5DIV (3),8BDE,42,5AS,[illegible] TAC/R SQN,I/O 4 TAC/R SQN,10 O.G,WAR DIARY,FILE

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 1 (5 DIV) A/C No. · TYPE A46-143 A46-95 DATE 31 JAN 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
BAIA POINT LEPSIUS POINT BALI CAPE POINT 1/25000 SERIES	P/O STEWART OBSERVER P/O [illegible]	1350 TIME DOWN 1700 TOTAL 3 hrs 10 mins	POOR	LOW CLOUD AND RAIN

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			Cloud base practically to ground level - and to foothills - rain squalls.
WIGER RIV AREA	1440		Most forward gun troops seen in 1945 - a/c unable to get close enough to observe any indication from ground.
SOMAT RIV AREA			4 JAPS seen - crossing mouth of river - carrying LMG - only one seen carrying pack - strafed - one killed. 1 JAP seen at ref 866582 - not carrying pack - took cover. Over approx ref 648566 to approx ref 701574 the ground has been flattened down for a width of approx 4'. The flattened area is still showing a green tinge.
			Arrow of white stones at mouth of WIGER RIV has been removed.
			At ref 797626 a flat roofed construction 12 x 12 x 2 feet high was observed in light rain forest with secondary growth. No exit opening - approx 2-12" - faces to sea and would appear to be covering the entrance between the coral reef. Camouflaged green and dried off. No tracks observed leading to or around it - no apparent signs of occupation.
[illegible] AREA			MT tracks were seen at approx 660688 for a distance of 2,500 yds following coastal track. It appeared as though tracks had been used by more than one vehicle - wheels down to ground.
			Coastal track throughout area did not show any clear defined features. Rain during recce made accurate assessment impossible.
			No of small approx 8 oom barges observed.

Time and Signature [signature] Aide

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

45 AUST A.I. SEC (AC)

80 -N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

HQ (2),2 Aust Corps, 7 Div, 15, 18, 21 Bde, 57 Fd Regt, 35 Fd Coy, TAC HQ, 49 Gen Hosp, 1 Aust AL Gp,
4 Tac/R Sqns, I.O. 4 Tac/R Sqns, War Diary, Files.

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqns SORTIE No. 1 (7 Div) A/C No. - TYPE A46-156 DATE 30 Jun 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Lead in Strike on OBJECTIVE 2.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
BOMB ATK 1/25000	F/L Morcombe	0900		
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN 1010	Poor	Low Cloud.
		TOTAL 1hr 10min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	0845		Boomerang rendezvoued with 9 Vultees and 6 P40s over GUSAP. Comms good. Target area completely covered in cloud and dive bombers went on to alternative target.

N.L. Wilkinson Lieut

Time and Signature ALO
45 Aust AL Sec (AC)

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

734—N.G. Press Unit—10/42—10m.

APPARITION 30 JAN '44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. C.O.SHAVE CAPT.

A. O. B. DATE..... A. H. Q.....

Serial No. A/C	Pilot.	Observ.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results
1. A46-93	F/O BENSON		1035	1405	3 hrs 30m	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
A46-106	F/O MACKENZIE		1035	1405	3 hrs 30m	ESCORT	

DIST:-NGF(2),2ADST CORPS,5DIV,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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

DIST:-NGF(2),2AUST CORPS,5DIV (3),8BDE,A2.5AF,SATF,1AUST AL GP,4 TAC/R SQN,I/O 4 TAC/R SQN,10 O.G,WAR DAIRY,FILE

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LOCATION APPARITION UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. A C No. - TYPE A46-93 A46-106 DATE 30 JAN 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
PESCHEL POINT) REISS POINT) LEPSIUS POINT) 1/25000 GALI) SERIES GAUSS POINT)	F/O BENSON	1035	FAIR	LOW BROKEN
	OBSERVER F/O MACKENZIE	TIME DOWN 1405		
		TOTAL 3 hrs 30 mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
~~TIDE RIV AREA~~	~~1110~~		~~16 o/h troops south of TIDE RIV — approx 50 also at area ref 163633. At ref 133634 a clearing was observed in river bed. A well used track rises up WEST side of bank. Gave appearance of not having been used for at least a week.~~
~~URAWA RIV AREA~~			~~Coastal track from URAWA RIV EAST does not show any signs of use since recent rain. Track WEST from URAWA RIV to GAUSS POINT shows signs of light use since recent rain. Pilot estimates that rain has fallen during last 24 hrs. Between ROUND 2 and RIV fairly heavy track usage also on edge of beach.~~
~~YUPNA RIVER~~			~~At ref 846587 a small area was well trampled and sloppy.~~
~~RUANGE~~			~~The village and portions of the track to the coast showed signs of slight usage since recent rain. Village at ref 816595 also showed signs of slight recent use. No track observed into village.~~
~~KUFUKU~~			~~Track from KUFUKU is well defined and still fresh looking — unable to assess how recently used. Track from approx ref 743645 past gardens to ref 743640 showed signs of use since recent rain — unable to follow further.~~
~~YAUT RIV AREA~~	~~1245~~		~~F.F.S throughout recce. 5 smoke bursts were seen in Sq 7065. Source of fire not investigated.~~
			No change in any supply chutes.

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

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

S01—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/100m.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

a. O. B. [illegible] DATE. 29.1.44. a. L. O. J. R. Richardson-Keough Lieut.

Sortie No.	A/C No. & Type	Pilots.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46 #19	F/O MASSON		0855	1000	1hr 5mins	Lead in Strike	SUCCESSFUL
2.	A46-151	F/L OLDRENSHAW.		1030	1155	1hr 25mins	Lead in Strike	SUCCESSFUL
3.	A46-119	F/O MASSON		1230	1350	1hr 40mins	Lead in Strike	UNSUCCESSFUL
4	A46-117	F/O Miller Ronalle		1610	1750	50m	Message Drop.	(DUE WEATHER). SUCCESSful

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

...07 (2), ...ust Corps, 7 Div, 15, 18, AC SAP, ...TF, 35 P.Gp., ...TF, 40 P.G., 1 Aust. G.C. Gp.,
4 Tac/R Sqn., I.O. 4 Tac/R Sqn., War Diary, File.

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LOCATION 7153 E UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn. SORTIE No. 1 (7 Div) A/C No. - TYPE A46-119 DATE 22 Jan 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Lead in 40 strike - NEW PIMPLE 21 6767.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
DAPC 1/25,000	F/O Masson	0855	Good	Clear
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN 1000		
		TOTAL 1hr 5min.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	0815		Boomerang rendezvoued with P40s over CUSAP.
			Comms good. Arty were harassing target when a/c arrived over area, but ceased firing when a/c circled. Boomerang made the circuits waiting for mortar smoke and then dived on target. A second dive was necessary to draw smoke. Smoke indication was excellent when put down.
	0845.		Masson. Leader gave splendid lead in, his bombs scored direct hit on NEW PIMPLE.
			Bombing was accurate, and area appeared to be well covered - only two bombs fell a little short.
			P40 also bombed.
			After bombing was plotted, Boomerang dived on target to enable to be ...ing completed, and arty ...n started ...ur using fire.
			SORTIE 2.
			F/O Masson A46-119 Up 1230, Down 1350 Over area 1hr 20min Vis: Poor. Weather: Low Cloud. Lead in P40 strike on NEW PIMPLE.
			Strike was intended for NE PIMPLE - an exact repitition of sortie 1. In spite of fact that favourable weather report received 1220hrs when Boomerang rendez. with dive bombers, At 1245hrs 9/10 cloud was over entire area. Pilot did NOT attempt lead in on NEW PIMPLE but went down BOOMJUM road to attack hrs. Low Cloud over road made bombing difficult- hits scored on road and near misses on area.

Time and Signature ...a/C
...46 Wing ...
Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

HQ (2), 2 Aust Corps, 7 Div, 15, 16, AC SAF, CATF, 35 FC -, TATF, 49 FCpo, 1 Aust AL Cpo,

R. A. A. F.

4 Tac/R Sqns, I.O. 4 Tac/R Sqn., Gar Diary, File.

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LOCATION GUAP UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn. SORTIE No. 2 (7 Div) A/C No. - TYPE M6-151 DATE 29 Jan 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Led in VULTEES and RAAF P40s on to CROCODILE RE.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
ROAD TY 1/25000	F/L Clerveaux	1030		
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN 1155	Fair - Poor	Broken Cloud.
		TOTAL 1hr 25min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	1 035		Boomerang Sentry used with Vultees at 7000ft over GUAP.
			Comms with Cumrod were good, although Cumrod later did NOT appear to be receiving clearly.
			On approaching target area Boomerang circled towards target, but only one section of Vultees
			followed. This caused some delay. On reaching area pilot half circled and did strafing dive
			on target. Area from CROCODILE 7 & 1 fairly well covered. 4 bombs in no indicated. Low
			broken cloud made bombing difficult. 8 P40s also bombed and strafed area. Bombing inaccuracies
			were due to cloud. Cloud formed on area while a/c were approaching and had this strike been
			timed 1 to 2 hours earlier, results would no doubt been more satisfactory.
			In brief recce after strike NO movement was seen, and tracks did NOT appear particularly fresh.

Time and Signature ALO
45 Aust AL Coo (C)
Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

A. C. S. APPARITION DATE. 29 JAN. '44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A. L. O. C.O. SHAVE CAPT

Serial No.	A/C No. &	Pilot.	Observer.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-137	F/O MAUGER		0855	1210	3 hrs 15m	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-105	F/O CARTER		0855	1210	3 hrs 15m	ESCORT	

DEST:-RAF(2), 2AUST CORPS, 5DIV, AIR HEADQ, FIL.

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

DIST:NGF(2),2AUST CORPS,5DIV (3),8BDE,A2.5AF,SATF,1AUST AL GP,4 TAC/R SQN,I/O 4 TAC/R SQN,10 O.C,WAR DIARY,FILE

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LOCATION APPARITION | UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN | SORTIE No. 1.(5DIV) | A C No. - TYPE A46-137 A46-105 | DATE 28 JAN '44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
PESCHEL POINT REISS POINT 1/25000 SERIES	F/O CARTER	0855 TIME DOWN 1210 TOTAL 3 hrs 15 mins	GOOD	CLEAR

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
SCHLANGER HARBOUR	0945		Over 100 own troops seen moving WEST along coast vicinity of SCHLANGER HARBOUR - some waved to a/c. No apparent signs of recent usage of coastal track from SCHLANGER HARBOUR to TIMBE RIV. Tracks in SQ 1642 suggest the possibility of very slight recent use.
TIMBE RIVER AREA			Nothing further to report on lopped timber at ref 132425. Tracks on EAST bank of RIV unaltered since last report. At mouth of TIMBE RIV ref 155453 two 6 x 3' coverings were observed. They appeared to be similar to ground sheet - or canvas. They seemed to be covering something. Track from TIMBE RIV to BUTUBUTU shows slightly more recent movement than the track EAST from TIMBE. 1 JAP seen at ref 008498 - took cover. 1 JAP seen at ref 989541 - not wearing pack.
URAWA RIV AREA			Timber area from ref 920560 - ref 928560 shows signs of slight recent usage in cleared area - trees. A few additional shelters were sighted along NW bank of river. 3 JAPS seen under canvas or ground sheet lean-to - strafed - 1 left. Hut at ref 004549 showed signs of occupation - a few pieces of rag lying on ground. Hut and two probable defensive positions slightly EAST of hut - previously reported - strafed by a/c.
GALI 1			Coastal track from GALI 1 - GALI 2 shows fair usage - puddles stirred up. A drum dump of approx 40-50 44 gallon drums was sighted.

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

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

S61—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

A. O. B. APIARITION DATE 28 JAN '44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C T.A.C.O. A. L. O. C.O. SHAVE ..... CAPT

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over. Area	Task & Area	Remarks & Results
L.	A46-106	F/O McINTYRE		0945	1315	3 hrs 30m	MAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-93	F/O COMBER		0945	1315	3 hrs 30m	MAC/R	

DIST:-HGF(2),2AUSC CORPS,5DIV,[illegible] DIARY,FILE.

Serviceability: A OP A/C 2 U. 2 U.S. Communication A/C. 2 U.S.

DIST:-NGF(2),2AUST CORPS,5DIV (3),8BDE,A2.5AF,SATF,1AUST AL GP,4 TAC/R SQN,I/O 4 TAC/R SQN,10 O.G,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION APPARITION | UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN | SORTIE No. 1.(5DIV) | A/C No. - TYPE A46-106 A46-93 | DATE 28 JAN '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R

TIMBE RIVER 1"

REF. MAPS PESCHEL POINT) 1/25000
REISS POINT) SERIES
LEPSIUS POINT)

PILOT F/O McINTYRE

OBSERVER F/O COLLIER

TIME UP 0945

TIME DOWN 1315

TOTAL 3 hrs 30 mins

VISIBILITY GOOD

WEATHER LOW OVERCAST

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
MONGO RIVER			Own troops seen at ref 310420- waved to a/c. P.L.B patrol seen at ref 287417 and also moving SOUTH along track at ref 290414 - waved to a/c.
~~ULAP MISSION~~ REF 1" 958157 ~~PESCHEL POINT~~			N.F.T. no change from previous report. One hut burnt down - not previously reported.
TIMBE RIV AREA			2 caves seen at ref 234431. A loop track from main coastal track passes by the caves. Loop does not show signs of recent use - no apparent signs of occupation. At ref 167428 barge marks were sighted on beach between high and low water marks. Around barge marks were signs of what appeared to be footprints as though personnel had pushed barge into water. These marks were very close to barge marks - no footprints between them and footprints just above high water mark. These latter footprints were in the form of a track along coastline - each end of which disappeared into undergrowth. At ref 137477 three 4' square objects were seen lying flat on beach. They appeared to be similar to the side of a basket - or matting of sago palm. No tracks observed in area.
REF 133426			Most of branches and tops of the trees have been lopped off on WEST side of river bank from top to bottom and for a width of approx 9-12'. The branches were seen lying on ground minus their leaves The cuts on the trees had a newish appearance. A track leading from ref 133427 along creek bed to a slide on WEST bank at ref 133434 - from there NORTH the track on EAST side shows fairly recent use.
SARI RIV AREA			12-15 JAPS were seen at ref 010497. One was wading in sea -remainder were in a small cave overhung by trees - all were wearing packs - strafed. Coastal track and a few inland tracks between SOWAR RIV and URAWA RIV shows a certain freshness - pilot unable to assess how recently used. N.F.T.S in area.
URAWA RIV			At ref 921558 a small clearing of undergrowth was seen. A track led from there to coast- fairly well worn. A light slightly used track runs between creek SOUTH to ref 920550. The ground in clearing was quite well trodden down - nothing in it.

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

50/- N.G. Press Unit—11/43.—2000.

R.A.A.F.

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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
URAWA RIV			At ref 915557 an arrow made of white rocks was observed pointing NORTH. From URAWA RIV to ROINJI 2 a lot of recent footmarks were seen on the beach for most of the distance between these two points - occasionally disappearing into undergrowth. At ref 855555 a hut either made of or camouflaged with creeper and vine was observed in clearing reported 27 JAN. No further developments of these two clearings.

Time and Signature..... CAPT. A.I.O

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

45 AUST AL SEC (AC).

A. C. B. GUSAP DATE. 28.1.44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TAKING. A. L. O. R. Fokerston haugh Lieut

Sortie No.	A/C No. &	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Alts.	Remarks & Results.
1	[illegible]	[illegible]		0940	1125	1hr 45mins	PHOT/R	SUCCESSFUL
	[illegible]	[illegible]		0940	1125	1hr 45 mins	ESCORT	
2.	[illegible]	[illegible]		0945	1300	2hrs 15 mins	PHOTO/R	SUCCESSFUL
	[illegible]	F/O EVERS		0945	1300	2hrs 15 mins	ESCORT	
3.	[illegible]	F/L FLORENSHAW		1100	1220	1hr 20m	PHOTO/R	SUCCESSFUL
		F/O HOOPER		1100	1220	1hr 20m	ESCORT	

Serviceability:- OP A/C. 2. U.S. Communication A/C. 3. U.S.

NGF (-), [illegible] Aust Corps, 7 Div, 15, 16, AD SAF, 3 TT, 35 F.Gp., TATF, 48 F.Gp., 1 Aust AL Gp.,

R. A. A. F. 4 Tac Sqn., I.O. 4 T c/s Sqn., War Diary, File.

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A46-107

LOCATION CUS P UNIT 4 T.C.S. Sqn. SORTIE No. 1 (7 Div) A/C No. - TYPE A46-117 DATE 25 Jan 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE T c/s ROAD-RAIL Recn.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
BALIK DAUMODIA 8/m DAUMODIA Sth.	F/O Ahearn OBSERVER F/O Lee-Fraser	0930 TIME DOWN 1125 TOTAL 1hr 45min	Fair	Cloud 3000ft.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
BALIK 7/c	1005		Brs 1 2 & 3 MOT received. Road had been deviated and there is now a bench cut on east side of river joining old road 158152.
			Brs 4, 5 & 6 in order.
			Br 7 appears damaged bts may be still serviceable. Damage probably caused by flood.
			Brs 8, 9 & 10 in order.
			Br 11 used to be double br. One portion still standing. MT appear to be fording second stream.
AIYAH			NNO sign of movement. AIYAH MT park rea has been heavily bombed.
			Brs 12, 13 & 14 in order.
			Close to br 14 are approx 6 fairly well kept huts in trees. Centre of area 115104 was in old MT park in this rea. Two huts and fairly well worn track (doubtful MT) on west side of road 114104.
DAUMODIA 7/m			Brs 15, 16 & 17 in order. MT tracks appear fresher on road through this rea.
			Track to METALOI Road stores dump, NIL.
			Brs 18 to 26 inclusive in order.
DAUMODIA Sth 8/m			E stern branch of loop road 126160 has been abandoned. On western branch a landslide has been cleared only enough to allow one man or possibly mule to get through.
			NO MT tracks obs south of landslide.

Time and Signature.....

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

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

R. A. A. F.

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 1 (? Div) cancd. 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
			Br 27 completely gone. NO bomb craters near.
			Br 28 completely gone. Again NO bomb craters near. Neither of these brs appear to be vulnerable to floods.
			Br 29 in order.
			Odd tracks off loop road sq 1114.
			Balance of brs in order.
			South of landslide road shows signs of little use, but north of landslide there has been appreciably more.
			NO A/A obs throughout.

Time and Signature [illegible] 45 Aust [illegible] Sqn (AC)

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

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/42—10m.

NGF (2), 2 Aust Corps, 7 Div, 15, 18, A2 SAF, SATF, 35 F.Gp., TAFF, 49 F.Gp., 1 Aust AL Gp.,

R. A. A. F.

4 Tac/R Sqn., I.O. 4 Tac/R Sqn., War Diary, File.

A46-119

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn. SORTIE No. 2 (7 Div) A/C No. - TYPE A46-156 DATE 28 Jan 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Arty/R SAT-A Area.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
AMUBA 1/25000	F/O Masson	0945	Fair	Low Scattered Cloud.
	OBSERVER F/O Ellers	TIME DOWN 1200		
		TOTAL 2hrs 15min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	0955		Ext comms with PIP 5 - Dropped on PIP 5.
	1015		Ext comms with "BLUE". Target V2, village PIPs 1 594704, registered. Comms unreadable in target area, but satisfactory over gun area.
			Target V3, bridge 587714, indicated by ref from V2.
			First round of HE hit immediately under bridge. Gun fire fell short, but when target was recorded rounds were straddling.
			Cloud was over area at this stage.
			Own Arty obs harassing New Pimple.

Time and Signature [signature] A/LO

45 Aust L Sec (AC)

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

1/89 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday *29/1/1944* *45 Must HL Sec (ME)* (Unit)

W.E. *11/12/44*. OFFRS. *3* O.R's. *7* + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

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

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

** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 16 N.Z. Forces.

Detail		C.M.P.			A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	**	TOTAL
	A.I.P.	Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.								
A	*4*		*2*					[redacted]	[redacted]		*6*
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
2	*1 Must H.L Group*		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs	Unit to which detached

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To *45 Must HL Sec (ME)* (Unit) is Particularly Requested. *29/1/1944*

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if Known).
NX 100456	*A/CR*	*POWTER W R*	*"X" LIST (COMPASSIONATE LEAVE) 1ST PRIORITY STAGGING SQUAD TOWNSVILLE*

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday *29/1/1944*.

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

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Surveyors, Engineering			
Surveyors, R.A.A.			
Surveyors, Topographical			
Surveyors, Trigonometrical			
Toolmakers			
Turners			
Watchmakers			
Welders			

GROUP II.			
Armourers			
Axemen			
Bakers			
Bty. Comd'e. Asst.			
Boilermakers			
Carpenters			
Carpenters and Joiners			
Cooks			
Dental Mechanics			
Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)			
Driver-Operator			
Drivers			
Electricians			
Electricians (Engineers)			
Fire Control Operators			
Gun Operator			
Hatchman			
Height Taker			
Helio Operator			
Instrument Operator			
Intelligence Duties			
Joiners			
Lineman			
Lineman, Signals			
Lithographers			
Machinists, Metal			
Machinists, Wood			
Masons			
Masseurs			
Mechanics, M.T.			
Miners			
Moulders			
Nurses, Trained			
Observation Post Assts.			
CARRIED FORWARD			

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Operating Room Assts.			
Operator, Keyboard			
Operator, Line			
Operator, Signal			
Operator, Switchboard			
Operator, Wireless			
Opticians			
Painters			
Panel Beaters			
Photographer, Dry Plate			
Predictor Numbers			
Printers			
Radiographers			
Riggers			
Sawyers			
Signallers			
Signwriters			
Telescope Identn. Numbers			
Well Borers			
Wheelers			
Winchman			
Wireman			
Woodiarmers			

GROUP III.			
Battery Surveyors			
Butchers			
Clerks	*2*	*2*	
Clerks, Supply			
Clerks, Technical			
Coach Trimmers			
Concreters			
Cooks			
Dental Clerk Orderlies			
Despatch Riders			
Draughtsmen, Signals			
Drivers, M.T.			
Driver Mechanics			
Driver Tptn. Plant			
Engine Hands, I.C.			
Equipment Repairers			
Farriers			
Fitters' Mates			
Gun Layers			
CARRIED FORWARD	*2*	*2*	

DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Sergeants	*1*	*1*	
Corporals	*1*	*1*	
Batmen-Drivers	*3*	*2*	*1*
ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	*7*	*6*	*1*

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

29-1-44
Date of Despatch

Lt. for R. O'Loan Maj.
Signature of Commander A.O.D.

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W.D.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29/1/1944. 45 Illust A.A. Sec (III). (Unit) ...../89.(Serial No.)

W.E. 111/32/1. OFFRS. 3 O.R's. 7 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E.

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

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

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL.		A.T.S.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	A.		3									3.
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

45 Illust A.A. Sec (III). Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29/1/1944. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Paid.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Capt.	148107	O'Loan	R.J.L.	H.Q.	Yes	O.C. Gunsite	
Capt.	148125	Kenyon	T.L.	H.Q.	No	On Recreational Leave.	
Lieut.	148218	Edmonston-Haigh.	J.R.	H.Q.	Yes	A.A.O. Gunsite	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Paid.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt.	148500	Sinke C.O.	1 Illust H.Q.		Attached for Duty
					H.Q. Nadzab

29.1.'44
Date of Despatch

J.L. for R.O'Loan Capt.
Signature of Commander

Trnsh—1/45.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

45 Aust A.L. Sec (AC) ...../88 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/1/1944 45 Aust A.L. (Unit)

W.E. III/3E/1 OFFRS. 3 O.R's. 7 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E.

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

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

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

DETAIL.		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.		3.									3.
E.(1)											
E.(2)											

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/1/1944. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	2 Army Number.	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
T/MAJ.	NX 100720	O'LOAN	R.J.C.	A.L.O.	YES	O.C. NHDQTR	
T/CAPT.	VX 111266	KERTING	T.C.	"	NO.	ON RECREATION AL LEAVE	
LIEUT.	VX 20171	FETHERSTON-HAUGH	J.R.	"	YES	A.L.O. GUSHP	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT	VX 40809	SHAVE C.O.	1 AUST. A.L. GROUP		ATTACHED FOR DUTY A.L.O. NHDQTRS.

22-1-44
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

/55 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/1/1944 45 AUST AL Sec (AC). (Unit)

W.E. 11/35/1. OFFRS. 3 O.R's. 1 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's ..... ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

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

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

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

Detail		C.M.P. A.T.P.	C.M.P. Under 19 Years.	C.M.P. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	* *	TOTAL
A		4		2				[redacted]	[redacted]		6
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
2	1 HUST AL Gp		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached

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

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX 10055	A/CPL	PORTER W R	"X" LIST (COMPASSIONATE LEAVE) HE PRESENT SERVING CAMP BOOKHILL

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 22/1/1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riggers			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dev Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddlerie makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Carpenters								Riggers				Stokers, Stnty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bdy. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanisers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Wireless				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wiremen							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				SEALE UNIT	1	1	-
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	2	2	-				
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				CORPORAL	1	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				BATMEN-DRIVERS	3	2	1
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Conductors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Electrolyser				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, E.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Messmen				Driver Tpte. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photovoltier				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	2	2	-	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		*	*

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

22-1-'44
Date of Despatch

[redacted] for R Glen Mjr
Signature of Commander A.U.S.

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45 AUST. AL SEC—AC

War Diary

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15/1/1944, 45 Aust H.L. Sec (AC) (Unit). ...../87. (Serial No.)

W.E. 111/35/1. OFFRS. 3 O.R's. 6 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E.

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

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

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL.		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	A.		3.									3.
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 30 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Troops

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15/1/1944. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	2 Army Number.	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
S/CAPT.	NX46/JFC	O'LOAN	R.T.C.	A.L.O.	YES	O.C. NHDRAB	
S/CAPT.	VX111283	KENTING	T.C.	"	NO.	ON RECREATIONAL LEAVE.	
LIEUT.	VX20111	FETHERSTON-HAUGH	T.R.	"	YES	A.L.O. GUSHP	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT.	VX21014	SHAVE C.O.	1 HAAT H.L. GROUP		"ATTACHED FOR DUTY H.A.C. NHDRAB"

15 JAN 1944
Date of Despatch

R. O'Loan Capt.
Signature of Commander, per [illegible] Pte.
45 AUST. AL SEC—AC

Trnsl—1/43.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

/ 21 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15/1/1944 45 Aust Inf Sec (MC). (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/1. OFFRS. 3 O.R's 6 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's ..... ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

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

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

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 2D U.K. Forces, 1G N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 18 Years.	C.M.F. 18 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	* *	TOTAL
A	4		2				[redacted]	[redacted]		6.
B(1)										
B(2)						[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
2.	13 Aust Fd Gp.		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

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

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX100856	A/Cpl.	POWTER W.R	"X" LIST (COMPASSIONATE LEAVE) AT PRESENT STAYING CAMP TOWNSVILLE

45 Aust A L Sec (MC). Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 15/1/1944.

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

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

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Operating Room Assts.			
Operator, Keyboard			
Operator, Line			
Operator, Signal			
Operator, Switchboard			
Operator, Wireless			
Opticians			
Painters			
Panel Beaters			
Photographer, Dry Plate			
Predictor Numbers			
Printers			
Radiographers			
Riggers			
Sawyers			
Signallers			
Signwriters			
Telescope Identin. Numbers			
Well Borers			
Wheelers			
Winchman			
Wireman			
Woodturners			
GROUP III.			
Battery Surveyors			
Butchers			
Clerks	2	2	-
Clerks, Supply			
Clerks, Technical			
Coach Trimmers			
Concertors			
Cooks			
Dental Clerk Orderlies			
Despatch Riders			
Draughtsmen, Signals			
Drivers, M.T.			
Driver Mechanics			
Driver Tptn. Plant			
Engine Hands, I.C.			
Equipment Repairers			
Farriers			
Fitters' Mates			
Gun Layers			
CARRIED FORWARD	2	2	-

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
G.P.O. Assistants			
Hammermen			
Leather Stitchers			
Orderlies, Nursing			
Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Plate Layers			
Rangetakers			
Riveters			
Roughriders			
Saddlers			
Saddlerie makers			
Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Stevedores			
Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Storemen, Technical			
Tailors			
Textile Refitters			
Tinsmiths			
Vulcanisers			
Wagon Erectors			
Whitesmiths			
DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
SERGEANT	1	1	-
CORPORAL	1	1	-
BATMAN-DRIVERS	3	2	1
ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	7.	6.	1.

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

15 JAN 1944
Date of Despatch

R. O'Loan Capt.
Signature of Commander

45 AUST. A.L. SEC. (M.C.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

1/86 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8/1/1942 25 AUST. AL. SEC—AC (Unit)

W.E. 111/35/1. OFFRS. 3 O.R's 7. + OFFRS. ..... O.R's ..... ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

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

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

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

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 18 Years.	C.M.F. 18 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	**	TOTAL
A		4.		2.				[redacted]	[redacted]		6.
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
2.	1 AUST AL. GP.		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 25 AUST. AL. SEC. AC (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 1/1/194

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX 100458	A/CPL.	POWTER W.R.	"X" LIST (COMPASSIONATE LEAVE)
			AT Present. STAGING Camp TOWNSVILLE

45 AUST. AL SEC—AC ..... Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 8/1/1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Asstn.				G.T.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddlery makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Compositors								Riggers				Stokers, Stat. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Armsmen				Signwriters				Textile Knitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identin. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd'rs. Asst.				Wall Bearers				Vulcanisers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wiremen							
Electricians.				Cooks				Woodlarkers							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drivers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Sergeant	1	1	-
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	2	2	-				
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Corporal	1	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Cook Trimmers				Batmen -	3	2	1
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coopers				Drivers			
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, M.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpsn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photoengraver				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Asstn.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	2	2	-	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	7	6	1

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
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(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reinfs. Required" in the blank spaces on this page.
(e) Where any request of notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

8 JAN 1944
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

...../.86.(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8/1/1944. 45 Base Ad Sup (Unit)

W.E. III/15F/1. OFFRS. 3 O.R's. 7 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E.

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

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

	DETAIL.		A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	A.		3.									3.
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8/1/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	2 Army Number.	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
T/CAPT.	NX 100720	O'LOAN	R.J.C.		YES	O.C. NADIAR	
T/CAPT.	VX 111225	KEATING	T.C.		YES	A.L.O. NADIAR	
LIEUT.	VX 26171	FETHERSTON-HAUGH	J.P.		YES	A.L.O. GUSAP	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT.	VX 108011	Shove C.C.	1 AUST A.L.GP.		"ATTACHED FOR DUTY A.L.O. BERRY."

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Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/1/1944. 45 Aust AL Sec. (Unit)

W.E. 11/1/44/1. OFFRS. 3 O.R's. 7 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E.

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

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

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

DETAIL.		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.		3.									3
R.(1)											
R.(2)											

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/1/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	2 Army Number.	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
T/CAPT.	NX 100720	O'LOAN	R.J.C.	ALO.	YES	O.C. BERRY	
T/CAPT.	VX 111288	KEATING	T.C.	ALO.	YES	ALO. NADZAB	
LIEUT.	VX 20171	FETHERSTON-HAUGH	J.R.	ALO	YES	ALO. GUSAP	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT.	VX 108011	SHAVE C.O.	1 Aust AL Gp.		"ATTACHED For Duty"

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/1/1944 45 Aust A.L. Sec (Unit)

W.E. 11/3E/1. OFFRS. 13 O.R's. 7 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

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

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

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

Detail	C.M.F. A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 18 Years.	C.M.F. 18 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	**	TOTAL
A	4		2				[redacted]	[redacted]		6.
B(1)										
B(2)						[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached *from* Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
2	1 Aust A.L. GP		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 45 Aust A.L. GP. SEC (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 1/1/1944

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX 100458	A/Cpl.	Powter W.R.	"X" List (Compassionate Leave). At present G.D.D. Sydney

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 1/1/1944.

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

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Surveyors, Engineering			
Surveyors, R.A.A.			
Surveyors, Topographical			
Surveyors, Trigonometrical			
Toolmakers			
Turners			
Watchmakers			
Welders			
CARRIED FORWARD			

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Operating Room Assts.			
Operator, Keyboard			
Operator, Line			
Operator, Signal			
Operator, Switchboard			
Operator, Wireless			
Opticians			
Painters			
Panel Beaters			
Photographer, Dry Plate			
Predicted Numbers			
Printers			
Radiographers			
Riggers			
Stokers, Stat. Engine			
Storemen, Technical			
Tailors			
Textile Knitters			
Tinsmiths			
Vulcanizers			
Wagon Erectors			
Whitesmiths			
GROUP III.			
Battery Surveyors			
Butchers			
Clerks	2	2	
Clerks, Supply			
Clerks, Technical			
Cook Trimmers			
Conveyors			
Cooks			
Dental Clerk Orderlies			
Despatch Riders			
Draughtsmen, Signals			
Drivers, M.T.			
Driver Mechanics			
Driver Tpte. Plant			
Engine Hands, I.C.			
Equipment Repairers			
Farriers			
Fitters' Mates			
Gun Layers			
CARRIED FORWARD	2.	2.	

DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
SERGEANT	1	1	
CORPORAL	1	1	
BATTMEN-DRIVERS	3.	2.	1.
ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 6 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.	7.	6.	1.

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

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