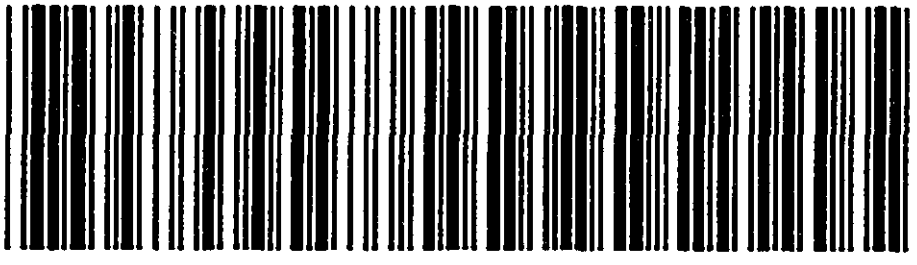
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45 Australian Air Liaison Section (AC) (45 Aust AL Sec (AC))

April - May 1944



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Unit 45 AUST AIR LIAISON SEC (A C) *Date and Time.—From* 1.Apr '44 *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NADZAB.NEW GUINEA.	1/4/44		Operation for day CA PE GLOUCESTER 1 Sortie. " " " " GUSAP. 3 Sorties. NX100455.Sgt.J.N.Miller returned to Unit ex Leave.	See Appx "A". " " "B".
" " "	2/4/44.		Operation for day CAPE GLOUCESTER 1 Sortie.	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 1 "	" " "B".
" " "	3/4/44.		" " " " CAPE GLOUCESTER. NIL Sortie.	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 2 Sorties.	" " "B".
" " "	4/4/44.		" " " " CAPE GLOUCESTER. 1 Sortie.	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 1 "	" " "B".
" " "	5/4/44.		" " " " CAPE GLOUCESTER 1 "	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 1 "	" " "B".
" " "	6/4/44.		" " " " CAPE GLOUCESTER 1 "	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 2 "	" " "B".
" " "	7/4/44.		" " " " CAPE GLOUCESTER 1 "	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 1 "	" " "B".

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Unit 45 AUST AIR LIAISON SEC (AC) (Erase heading not required). *Date and Time.—From* 8 Apr '44. *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NADZAB.NEW GUINEA.	8/4/44.		Operation for day CAPE GLOUCESTER. 1 Sortie.	See Appx "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 1 "	" " "B".
" " "	9/4/44.		" " " " CAPE GLOUCESTER 1 "	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 2 "	" " "B".
" " "	10/4/44.		" " " " CAPE GLOUCESTER 1 "	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 1 "	" " "B".
			Test carried out with SMOKE BOMBS for bomb line indication MASSAWENG RIV a rea - smoke emitted from hand grenade with string a ttached.	
" " "	11/4/44.		Operation for day CAPE GLOUCESTER 2 Sorties.	See Appx "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 2 "	" " "B".
" " "	12/4/44		" " " " CAPE GLOUCESTER 1 "	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 3 "	" " "B".
" " "	13/4/44		" " " " CAPE GLOUCESTER 1 "	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 2 "	" " "B".

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Unit 45 AUST AIR LIAISON SEC (AC). *Date and Time.—From* 14 Apr '44. *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NA DZA B.NEW GUINEA.	14/4/44.		Operation for day CA PE GLOUCESTER. 1 Sortie .	See Appx "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 1 "	" " "B".
" " "	15/4/44.		" " " " CAPE GLOUCESTER. 1 "	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 2 "	" " "B".
			VX20171.Lieut.J.R.Fetherstonhaugh & F/Lt Unkles in A20/480	
			reported missing on Tac/R in WANTOAT AREA.	
" " "	16/4/44.		Operation for day CAPE GLOUCESTER. Nil Sortie.	See Appx "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 1 Sortie.	" " "B".
			Search for missing Aircraft & personnel still continuing.	
" " "	17/4/44		Operation for day CAPE GLOUCESTER. 2 Sorties	See Appx "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 2 "	" " "B".
" " "	18/4/44		" " " " CAPE GLOUCESTER 1 "	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 1 "	" " "B".
" " "	19/4/44		" " " " CAPE GLOUCESTER 1 "	" " "A".

408 — N.G.F.P.S. — 7/43/10M.

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Unit 45 48ST AIR LIAISON SEC (AC) *Date and Time.—From* 19 Apr '44. *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NADZAB.NEW GUINEA.	19/4/44.		Operation for day GUSAP. Nil. Sortie.	See Appx "B".
			Maj O'Loan conferred with M.G.G.S. NGF, unable to obtain any information of likely requirements for Sqdn, except 1 flight remain GUSAP. Capt R.Bode temporarliy attached(awaiting transfer to 46 Aust Air Liaison Sec) to GUSAP flight.	
" " "	20/4/44.		Operation for day CAPE GLOUCESTER. 1 Sortie.	See Appx "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. Nil "	" " "B".
			5212 Recce Wing (US) loaned complete K17 camera, intervalometer, and fittings for tests in belly tank of Boomerang.	
" " "	21/4/44.		Operation for day CAPE GLOUCESTER. 1 Sortie.	See Appx "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 1 "	" " "B".
			Extensive searches & enquiries have NOT revealed any inform -ation of Lieut Fetherstonhaugh & F/Lt Unkles.	
" " "	22/4/44		Operation for day CAPE GLOUCESTER. 2 Sorties.	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. Nil "	" " "B"
" " "	23/4/44		" " " " CAPE GLOUCESTER 1 "	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. Nil "	" " "B".

40s — N.G.F.P.S. — 7/43/103M.

Col O'Loan Maj

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Unit 45 AUST AIR LIAISON SEC (AC) (Erase heading not required) *Date and Time.—From* 23 Apr '44 *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NADZAB.NEW GUINEA.	23/4/44		NX134322 Capt.L.W.Webster taken on strength ex 46 Aust A.L.Sec	
			Auth: Adv LHQ.G/525/16/Ops. - Departed for Gusap.	
			K17 belly tank tests most satisfactory.	
" " "	24/4/44.		Operation for day CAPE GLOUCESTER. Nil Sortie.	See Appx "A"
			" " " " GUSAP. 1. "	" " "B".
			"B" Flight Gusap commenced ops with 5 AUST DIV,SAILOR. Infm	
			passed through Army ~~xxx~~ Signals.	
" " "	25/4/44.		Operation for day CAPE GLOUCESTER. NIL sorties.	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 1 Sortie.	" " "B".
			"A" Flight Cape Gloucester commenced operations with US Army troops in NEW BRITAIN. Tests with prisim F24 camera Not successful.	
" " "	26/4/44.		Operation for day CAPE GLOUCESTER. NIL Sorties.	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 1.Sortie.	" " "B".
			F/O. Dann & P/O.Hindmarsh overdue from Tac/R over ALEXISHAFEN.	
			NX60453.Pte.Lonergan.T.J. rejoined Unit ex Leave.	

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Unit 45 AUST AIR LIAISON SEC (AC) *Date and Time.—From* 27 Apr '44 *To* 30 Apr '44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NADZAB.NEW GUINEA.	27/4/44.		Operation for day CAPE GLOUCESTER. 1 Sortie.	See Appx "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 1. "	" " "B".
			NGF and 2 AUST CORPS agreeable for 5 AUST DIV to prepare ALEXISHAFEN strip for Flight of 4 Tac/R Sqdn.Estimate approx 3 weeks.	
" " "	28/4/44.		Operation for day CAPE GLOUCESTER. 1 Sortie	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 1. "	" " "B".
			Squadron has been allotted 2 K17 camera's complete from 5212 Recce Wing (US).	
" " "	29/4/44.		Operation for day CAPE GLOUCESTER 1.Sortie.	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. Nil "	" " "B".
" " "	30/4/44		" " " " CAPE GLOUCESTER Nil Sorties.	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 1.Sortie.	" " "B".
			Total Operational Flying Hours and Missions flown.	" " "C".

APPENDIX "C".

OPERATIONS CARRIED OUT BY
4 TAC/R SQDN. -- APRIL 1944.

"A" Flight. GUSAP

"B" Flight. CAPE GLOUCESTER.

Type of Sortie.	Number.	Flying Hrs.	No.	Flying Hrs.
TAC/R.	22.	67.15.	28.	71.20
CONT/R.	2.	3.30.	2.	4.00.
LEAD/STRIKE.	1.	3.15.	2.	2.30
PHOTO/R.			1.	3.25.
SEARCH.	2.	3.30.	1.	2.15.
WEATHER/R.			1.	0.45.
ESCORTS.	25.	76.30.	29.	74.35.
TOTALS.	52.	154.00.	64.	158.50.

GRAND TOTAL : Sorties. 116.
Flying Hours. 312.50mins.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29/4/194 44 Aust H.L. Sec (AC) (Unit).

W.E. 111/25/1 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.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
				* *					
			1	Lieut.-Colonels					
			2	Majors					
				Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
-	-	-	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 B(1) & B(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.
	B.(1)											
	B.(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.
NX 134322	T/Capt	Webster L W	44 Aust H.L. Sec	23.4.44	Replacement for Lieut T R Fetherstonhaugh VX 20171 — Missing —

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 29/4/194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T/Lieut/Capt	NX 100720	O'Loan	K.J.C	O.C	Yes	OC NO NHQ2AG	
T/Capt	VX 111283	Keating	T.C	A.L.O	No	School of Army Co-op Canberra	
T/Capt	NX 134322	Webster	L.W.	A.L.O	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.
T/Capt	VX 105011	Shave C.D.	14 Aust H.L. Gp		Attached for duty H.L.
T/Capt	QX 20054	Canseling T.A.	" "		" " "
					H.L.O. Cape Gloucester.

29. 4. 44.
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
55 AUST. AL SEC—AC

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

_____/_____(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29/4/1944 4 Aust Fd Sec (Unit) 102

W.E. 11/13E/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.					
				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	A.I.F.	C.M.P. Under 19 Years.	C.M.P. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A	5		1				[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
3	1 Aust A L G P		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

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

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

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in 102 Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 29/4/1944.

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			
Computers			
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			
Photorriter			
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 Asts.			
Operator, Keyboard			
Operator, Line			
Operator, Signal			
Operator, Switchboard			
Operator, Wireless			
Opticians			
Painters			
Panel Testers			
Photographer, Dry Plate			
Predictor Numbers			
Printers			
Radiographers			
Riggers			
Sawyers			
Signallers			
Signwriters			
Telescope Identin. Numbers			
Well Borers			
Wheelers			
Winchman			
Wireman			
Woodturners			
GROUP III.			
Battery Surveyors			
Batchers			
Clerks	2	2	
Clerks, Supply			
Clerks, Technical			
Coach Trimmers			
Concretors			
Cooks			
Dental Clerk Orderlies			
Despatch Riders			
Draughtsmen, Signals			
Drivers, M.T.			
Driver Mechanic			
Driver Tptr. 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 Billeters			
Orderlies, Nursing			
Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Plate Layers			
Rangetakers			
Riveters			
Roughriders			
Saddlers			
Saddletree makers			
Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Shovellers			
Stokers, Stnty. Engine			
Storemen, Technical			
Tailors			
Textile Knitters			
Tinsmiths			
Vulcanizers			
Wagon Erectors			
Whitesmiths			
DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
SERGEANTS	1	1	
CORPORALS	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.

29 Apl '44
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

_____/_____(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/4/1944. 4 S AUST A. Sqn (AC) (Unit) 101

W.E. 111/3E/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.				
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		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A		5		1				[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
3	1 AUST A. 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).

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in 101 Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 22/4/194 .

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			
Computers			
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			
Assmen			
Bakers			
Bty. Comd'rs. Asst.			
Bellemakers			
Carpenters			
Carpenters and Joiners			
Cooks			
Dental Mechanics			
Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)			
Driver-Operator			
Drivers			
Electricians			
Electricians (Engineers)			
Fire Control Operators			
Gun Operator			
Hairdresser			
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 Asst.			
Operator, Keyboard			
Operator, Line			
Operator, Signal			
Operator, Switchboard			
Operator, Wireless			
Opticians			
Painters			
Panel Beaters			
Photographer, Dry Plate			
Predictor Numbers			
Printers			
Radiographers			
Riggers			
Riggers, Staty. Engine			
Riggers, Technical			
Saddlers			
Saddletree makers			
Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Shorehands			
Signallers			
Signwriters			
Telescope Identifn. Numbers			
Well Borers			
Wheelers			
Wireless Erectors			
Wireman			
Woodturners			
GROUP III.			
Battery Surveyors			
Butchers			
Clerks	2	2	
Clerks, Supply			
Clerks, Technical			
Coach Trimmers			
Coopers			
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	
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."
(g) 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.

22-4-44
Date of Despatch

R.C. Joan Maj for Lt. Col. J.M. Miller 5/4.
Signature of Commander

L.H.Q. Press—516—10/43—416m.

War Diary

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008 (Adapted) (Page 1) (Revised Jan., 1943)

101/ (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/4/1944 45 Aust A.L. Sec (AK) (Unit)

W.E. 111/3E/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.
				*					
				*					
			1	Lieut.-Colonels					
NR	1.		1	Majors					
				Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
NR	1	-	2.						

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	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.		2.									2.
	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.
VX 20170	Lieut	Fetherstonhaugh	Missing	on	T/acft in Vlintoft
		John Rawdon	Area	1130 Hrs	15 Apr '44

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

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

45 Aust A L Sec (AK) Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/4/1944 (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/MAJOR	VX 100720	O'LOHN	RJC	OC	YES	HLO Gp HQ	
T/CAPT	VX 111288	KEATING	TC	ALO	NO	School of Army Co-op Canberra	

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.
T/CAPT	VX 108011	SHAVE CO	1 Aust A L Gp	25 3 44	ALO Attached for Duty.
T/CAPT	QX 30129	CHADELING TA	"	5 3 44	ALO " " " Cape Gloucester.

22 4 44
Date of Despatch

R. O'Lohn Maj pp J. Miller Sgt.
Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

____/____(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15/4/1944 4 S Aust A Sec (AC) (Unit) 100

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.				
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, 15 N.Z. Forces.

Detail		C.M.P. A.I.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		5		1				[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
3	1 AUST A L C P		

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).

4 S Aust A Sec (A.C.) Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 15/4/194 .

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 Saddle			
Armament Artificer Signals			
Armament Artificer Wireless			
Artificer, Artillery			
Artificer, Engine			
Blacksmiths			
Bricklayers			
Computers			
Cooks, Hospital			
Coppersmiths			
Dispensers			
Draughtsmen			
Draughtsman (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			
Photovriter			
Plumber			
Sea 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			
Atemen			
Bakers			
Bty. Comd's. Asst.			
Boilermakers			
Carpenters			
Carpenters and Joiners			
Cooks			
Dental Mechanics			
Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Mot.)			
Driver-Operator			
Drummers			
Electricians			
Electricians (Engineers)			
Fire Control Operators			
Gun Operator			
Hatchman			
Height Taker			
Kelio 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 Asets.			
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			
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	
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.

15/4/44
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

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4 S AUST. AL SEC—AC

WAR DIARY

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.20((Adapted) (Page 1) (Revised Jan., 1943)

—/—(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15/4/194 4 [illegible] (Unit)

W.E. 11/3/44 OFFRS. 3 O.R's. 7 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E. 100

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinf'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinf'ts Required.
				*					
				*					
			1	Lieut.-Colonels					
NIL	1		1	Majors					
		1	1	Captains					
				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 B(1) & B(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.
	B.(1)											
	B.(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).

4 5 AUST AL SEC (AC) Unit

Army Form W.20((Adapted) (Page 2) (Revised Jan., 1943)

—/—(Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH 100

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15/4/194 4 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T/MAJ	NX11020	O'LEARY	R.T.C.	HQ	YES		
T/CAPT	VX113288	KEATING	T.C.	"	NO	SCHOOL ARMY CMD & STAFF COLLEGE	
LIEUT	VX21171	FETHERSTON-HAUGH	J.R.	"	YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
T/CAPT	VX21611	SHAVE C.C.	1 AUST L.A.D.	7/1/44	DUTY
T/CAPT	VX51114	CHASLING T.H.	" " "	15/3/44	ON ATTACHED FOR DUTY CMD QUARTERMASTER

15. 4. 44
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

____/____(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8/4/1944. 45 Fd Sqn (NZE) (Unit)

W.E. III/12/1. OFFRS. 3 O.R's. 7 + OFFRS. ____ O.R's. ____ ATT. BY W.E. 99.

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					
NR	1	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. 12 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part X(1) & X(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
	X.(1)											
	X.(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. 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).

US Const & L Coy (NZ) Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8/4/1944 (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 Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T/CAPT	NZ 410720	O'LOAN	R.J.C.	P.L.U	YES		
T/CAPT	NZ 411558	HEATING	T.C.	"	NO	SCHOOL OF HORMONE AND ENGINEERING	
T/LIEUT	NZ 20171	FETHERSTON-GODLEY	G.D.	"	YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
T/CAPT	NZ 411 [illegible]	SHAVE C.D.	1 Const Sqn GP	27.6.43	P.U.
T/CAPT	NZ 3013 [illegible]	CHESELING T.C.	" "	15.3.44	ATTACHED FOR DUTY
					TRADE GLOUCESTER.

8.4.44.
Date of Despatch

[signature]
Signature of Commander

Army Form W.3009 (Adapted)
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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

____/____(Serial No.) 99

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8/4/1944 _____(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.					
				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	A.L.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]		
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
3	1 AUST A.L.C.P.		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

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

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

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4 U.S. AUST A.L. SEC. (17 C.) Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 8/4/1944.

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			
Computers			
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 Naval			
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			
Sub 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			
Anamen			
Bakers			
Bty. Comd'rs. Asst.			
Boilermakers			
Carpenters			
Carpenters and Joiners			
Cooks			
Dental Mechanics			
Drivers-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)			
Driver-Operator			
Drainers			
Electricians			
Electricians (Engineers)			
Fire Control Operators			
Gun Operator			
Hatchman			
Height Taker			
Helio Operator			
Instrument Operator			
Intelligence Duties			
Joiners			
Lineman			
Lineman, Signals			
Lithographers			
Machinists, Metal			
Machinists, Wood			
Masons			
Mariners			
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			
Riveters, Hull, Engine			
Sawyers			
Signallers			
Signwriters			
Telescope Levellers, Numbers			
Well Borers			
Wheelers			
Winchman			
Wireman			
Woodturners			
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 Tptr. 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	
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

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(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 on one of the blank spaces on this page.

8.4.44
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[signature]
Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

/ (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/4/1944. 45 Aust A/L Section (Unit) (AC) 98

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.				
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.					
			[redacted]	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.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
		A.I.F.	Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A		4		2				[redacted]	[redacted]		
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
3	1 AUSTRALGD		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

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

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

45 Aust A/L Section (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 1/4/1944.

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			
Computers			
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'rs. Asst.			
Boilermakers			
Carpenters			
Carpenters and Joiners			
Cooks			
Dental Mechanics			
Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)			
Driver-Operator			
Draftsmen			
Electricians			
Electricians (Engineers)			
Fire Control Operators			
Gun Operator			
Hatchman			
Height Taker			
Helio Operator			
Instrument Operator			
Intelligence Duties			
Joiners			
Lineman			
Lineman, Signals			
Lithographers			
Machinists, Metal			
Machinists, Wood			
Masons			
Masseurs			
Mechanics, M.T.			
Miners			
Moulders			
Nurses, Trained			
Observation Post Asstn.			
CARRIED FORWARD	2	2	

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Operating Room Asstn.			
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 Identfn. Numbers			
Well Borers			
Wheelers			
Winchman			
Wireman			
Woodturners			
GROUP III.			
Battery Surveyors			
Butchers			
Clerks	2	2	
Clerks, Supply			
Clerks, Technical			
Cook Trimmers			
Conductors			
Cooks			
Dental Clerk Orderlies			
Despatch Riders			
Draughtsmen, Signals			
Drivers, M.T.			
Driver Mechanics			
Driver Tptn. Plant			
Engine Hands, I.C.			
Equipment Repairers			
Farriers			
Fitters' Mates			
Gun Layers			
CARRIED FORWARD	2	2	

DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
SEAMSTRESS	1	1	
LABOURERS	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

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1-4-44
Date of Despatch

(R. J. [illegible])
Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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_____/_____(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/12/194 _____(Unit)

W.E. ___/___/___ OFFRS. ___ 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.				
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					
				Majors					
				Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					

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.											
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).

_____ Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/12/194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

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

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.O.B. CAPE GLOUCESTER DATE. 30th 44

NIL SORTIES.

A.J.G. Capt.

Appx "A"

A.C.S. CAPE GLOUCESTER DATE 29:4:44 A.I.O. J.A. CHASELING Capt.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot	Observer.	Up.	Down	Over Area.	Remarks and Result.
1.	A46-85	P/O Murrie		0900	1110	2hrs 10mins	TAC/R - UNSUCCESSFUL - Weather
	A46-152	P/O Sinclair	Escort	0900	1110	2hrs 10mins	

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

DIST:- 40 Div, 2 Aust Corps, NGF (2), A2 5AF., 1 Aust AL Gp., 10. O.G., ALO 77 Wing, 4 Tac/R Sqn., War Diary, File

R. A. A. F.

Pilot's Infn.
A46-85
A46-152

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29 Apr 44

LOCATION CAPE GLOUCESTER UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn., SORTIE No. 1. A/C No. - TYPE ..... DATE .....

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R (BUTIOLO TO BIALLA PTN)

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
ALIA 1" CENTRAL NEW BRIT 4m.	P/O Murrie	0900	Poor	Front N.S. through BANGULA BAY.
	~~OBSERVER~~ Escort F/O Sinclair	TIME DOWN 1110		
		TOTAL 2hrs 10 mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
OTHER SIGHTINGS.			Target NOT reached due to Frontal activity. HOSKINS AREA - Coast Road in vicinity of KASSIA was obs to be still very well defined and had the appearance of heavy use, but NO sign of recent use could be seen. KASSIA Village itself appears in good ~~xxxxxxxx~~ repair. NO movement seen in the Drome area and defences appeared deserted. NO sign of recent use could be obs on the coast track to as far south as BANAULI Village. NO fires were seen in any of the villages and NO sign of life was apparent.

Time and Signature [signature] Capt.

ALO 45 Aust AD SEC (AC).

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—16m.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.O.B....CAPT.GLOUCESTER DATE...29.4.44.

NIL SORTIES.

.....Lt. CHASELING. Adjt. C.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.O.B. CAPE GLOUCESTER DATE 27:4:44 A.I.O. J.A.CHASELING Capt.

Serial No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observer.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Remarks and Result.
1.	A46-85	P/O Murrie		0750	0810	15mins	Contact/R - Not completed.
	A46-152	P/O Simpson	Escott	0750	0810	15mins	

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R.A.A.F.

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A46-35
A46-152

27 Apr 44

LOCATION CAPE GLOUCESTER UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn SORTIE No. 1. A/C No. - TYPE DATE

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE CONVOY C/R (TO LOCATE BARGE IN RUBBER BOAT)

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SHT SW 30F 4a	F/O Harris	0750	EXCELLENT	FINE
	OBSERVER F/O Simpson LEADER	TIME DOWN 0910		
		TOTAL 1hr 20mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			A/C DIRECTED TO RETURN TO BASE AS SURFACE CRAFT HAD CONTACTED.

Time and Signature F Harris Capt.
ALO 45 ARMY AL SEC (AC).
Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

A.L.P. CAPE GLOUCESTER DATE 23:4:44 A.L.O. J.A.CHASELING Capt.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilots.	Observer.	Up.	Down	Over Area.	Remarks and Result.
1.	A46-152 A46-117	F/O Simpson F/O Linklater	Escort	0805 0805	1130 1130	3hrs 25min 3hrs 25min	Tgt/R Successful.

Serviceability Op A/C 8 U/S Communication A/C. S. U/S.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.C.2.B. CAPE GLOUCESTER DATE 23:4:44 A.L.C. J.A. CHASELING Capt.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilots.	Observer.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Remarks and Result.

NIL SORTIES - WEATHER.

W.D.

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

DIST:- 1 Marine Div (3), 5th Marines, 2 Aust Corps, NGF (2), A2 5AF., 1 Aust AL Gp., lo O.G., ALO 77 Wing., 4 Tac/R Sqn.,

War Diary, File, Pilot's Info.

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A46-152

LOCATION CAPE GLOUCESTER UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn. SORTIE No. 1. A/C No. - TYPE A46-117 DATE 23 Apr 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R - HOSKINS AREA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
CENT NEW BRIT 4m.	P/O Simpson	0805	Excellent	Fine.
HOSKINS 1".	~~OBSERVER~~ P/O Winklater Escort	TIME DOWN 1130		
		TOTAL 3hrs 25min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
HOSKINS AREA	0905 to 1030	Min	Cooking fires were obs in three huts in PORA-PORA Village. At approx 849977, a probable unserviceable barge was obs on a constd slipway under overhanging trees. The stern was partly in water and a cable could be seen attached to other end and disappearing ~~[illegible]~~ into the trees. It has appearance of being there for some time. Two dogs were obs in village at 872988. The dogs were feeding and did NOT attempt to run. A newly repaired hut was seen in TOARAGARA Village. NO movement seen. Clearing fires were seen in the area. A number of native canoes, some of which appeared new, were seen throughout the area. Track activity where seen was possibly native. On the Coast Road between MAKASILI and TOARAGARA, what appeared to be recent tracks of an iron tyred vehicle was obs. Some footprints were seen in this area in the mud on the road. Off McGILLOCK Point, 2 natives were seen in a canoe, when a/c made first run over area. On second run, neither natives nor canoe could be obs. Gardens throughout the area appear to be under repair There were NIL other sightings.

W Hawking Capt.
ALO ~~45~~ Aust AL Sec (AC).

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.O.B. CAPE GLOUCESTER DATE 22 Apr 44 A.I.C. J.A. CHASELING Capt.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observer.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Remarks and Result.
1.	A46-115 A46-152	F/O Sinclair P/O Murrie	Escort.	0825 0825	1125 1125	3hrs 3hrs	Tac-R Successful.
2.	A46-85 A46-117	F/O Benson P/O Simpson	Escort	1300 1300	1645 1645	3hrs 45min 3hrs 45min	Tac/R -Successful.

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

DIST:- 1 Marine Div (2),5th Marines, 2 Aust Corps, NGF (2), A2 5AF., 1 Aust AL Gp., 10 O.G., ALO 77 Wing, 4 Tac/R Sqn.,

R.A.A.F.

War Diary, File, Pilot's Infn.

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LOCATION CAPE GLOUCESTER UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN., SORTIE No. 1. A/C No. - TYPE A46-152 DATE 22:4:44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R - SGOLI & HIRAPO VILLAGES.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
GAVUVU RIV & MT BANGO 1"	F/O Sinclair	0825	Excellent	Fine.
	Escort ~~OBSERVER~~ P/O Murrie	TIME DOWN 1125		
		TOTAL 3hrs		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
SOGOLI	0930		Village has been previously destroyed. On the outskirts of the village area to the east, one new shelter was obs. Track leaving SOGOLI towards HIRAPO is approx 3ft wide and would afford easy travel. Shows NO signs of very recent use, but appears well worn. NO movement seen.
	0945		At 246786, three lean-tos were seen at the sides of the track - these were strafed.
HIRAPO	1000		Village in very good repair. Village and area around it was thoroughly strafed. NO movement seen and village area, although NOT showing signs of recent useage, was very well trampled.
			At 321784, another destroyed village was obs.
			The track from 321784 to the GAVUVU Riv showed signs of recent use. The sides of the track near the destroyed village was strafed. The track was recced to the GAVUVU Riv at 325803, and it approached the river from the south swing NW, and converged on the river at an accute angle. NO crossing was obs. The tracks throughout the area recced are well defined and have had heavy usage in the past.
			At 283800, smoke from possible native clearing fires was obs.
			Authority fro strafing attacks:- Originator's No. 72/21 from 5 Marines, TALASEA.

Time and Signature [signature] Capt.
ALO 45 AUST AL SEC (AC).

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/45—10m.

DIST:- 1 Marine Div (2), 5th Marines, 2 Aust Corps, A2 5AF., 1 Aust AL Gp., NGF (2), 10 O.G., ALO 77 Wing, 4 Tac/R Sqn., War Diary, File, Pilot's Infn.

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A46-85

LOCATION: CAPE GLOUCESTER | UNIT: 4 Tac/R Sqn., | SORTIE No: 2 | A/C No. - TYPE: A46-117 | DATE: 22 Apr 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: TAC/R - HIXON BAY.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
GAZELLE PENIN & CENT NEW BRIT 4m. CAPE DECHAMP 1".	F/O Benson	1300	Excellent	Medium Broken.
	~~OBSERVER~~ P/O Simpson	TIME DOWN 1645		
	Escort.	TOTAL 3hrs 45min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
HIXON BAY	1415	500 to Min.	OPEN BAY and HIXON BAY were thoroughly searched for extensive oil slick previously reported, but NO trace could be obs.
PANDI RIV	1400	Min.	At 009520, on the eastern bank of the PANDI RIV, three recently felled trees were obs, the longest of which almost reached the small island in the middle of the river. The ground around the tree trunks was trampled, and a track was discernable crossing the island towards the fallen trees. The western part of the river appeared very easily fordable and a track was seen leading out of the thick timber to the water on the western bank. NO movement seen.
MADIDUA VILL	1450		Between UBILI Aerodrome and ULAMONA, many recent footprints were seen on the beach, one set being obs below high-water mark. The footprints showed greatest concentration at 830522. Beach in this vicinity was very suitable for barge evacuation. NO movement seen. At 788492, a piece of new, curved wreckage was obs at water's edge. It was light in colour and unpainted - approx 12ft long and 5ft wide.

Time and Signature: [signature] Capt.
ALO 45 AUST AL SEC (AC).
Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

A.D.P. CAPE GLOUCESTER DATE 21:4:44.

J.A. CHASELING Capt.
A.L.O.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observer.	Up.	Down	Over Arce.	Remarks and Result.
1.	A46-115	F/L King		0900	1030	1hr 30min	Tac/R UNSUCCESSFUL - WEATHER
	A46-152.	P/O Murrie	Cover	0900	1030	1hr 30min	

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DIST:- 1 Marine Div (2), 5th Marines, 2 Aust Corps, NGF (2), A2 5AF., 1 Aust AL Gp., 10 G.C., ALO 79 Wing, 4 Tac/R Sqn., War Diary, File, Pilot's Infn.

LOCATION: CAPE GLOUCESTER UNITS: 4 TAC/R SQN., SORTIE: 1 DATE 21 APR 44

A/C: A46-215 PILOT: F/L King TIME UP: 0900 VISIBILITY: Fair
A46-152 COVER: F/O Martin TIME DOWN: 1030 WEATHER: Heavy front
TOTAL: 1hr 30min. just off coast.

REF MAPS: GAVUVU RIV 1" NATURE: TAC/R (SOSOLI & MERAPO VILLAGES).

TARGET NOT REACHED - A/C TURNED BACK DUE TO WEATHER.

J. Chaseling Capt.
ALO 45 AUST AL SEC (AC)

A.C.P. CAPE GLOUCESTER DATE 20:4:44 — A.L.O. I.A. CHASELING Capt.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observer.	Up.	Down	Over Area.	Remarks and Result.
1.	A46-115	F/O Paton		0820	1145	3hrs 25min	Tac/R Successful.
	A46-152	P/O Simpson	Cover	0820	1145	3hrs 25 min	

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A46-115

LOCATION CAPE GLOUCESTER UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn., SORTIE No. 1. A/C No. - TYPE A46-152 DATE 20:4:44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R (PANDI RIV).

REF. MAPS GAZELLE PENIN & CENT NEW BRIT. 4m.

PILOT F/O Paton

OBSERVER ~~xxxxxx~~ P/O Simpson
Escort

TIME UP 0820

TIME DOWN 1145

TOTAL 3hrs 25min

VISIBILITY Excellent

WEATHER High Stratus.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
PANDI	0940 to 1010	Min	Following A I B Report, PANDI Riv to approx 20 miles upstream was closely recced but NO sign of any possible bridge constn could be obs. At F0755, seven native huts of fairly recent constn were seen on the west of the water way. Approx ½ mile down stream, natives in two lakatois were seen. The track around the foreshores of HIXON BAY did NOT appear to have been used to any extent recently. The PANDI Riv is approx 25yds wide with a moderate flow, and upstream from about 6 miles from the coast it appears fordable in many places, but other than at it's mouth, NO tracks were obs approaching the river. Light recent track activity was obs on the beach between BUBU and CAPE KOAS.
HOSKINS AREA	1030	Min	At 08998, approx 100 petrol drums were obs concealed under tall trees. This dump has NOT previously been reported.

Time and Signature [signature] Capt.
ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (AC).
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DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.C.B. CAPE GLOUCESTER DATE 19.4.44 A.L.O. ~~J.A. GLASBEING Capt.~~

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observer.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Remarks and Result.
1.	A46-85	F/O Bromhead		0755	1110	3hrs 15min	Tac/R Successful.
	A46-115	F/O Rae	Cover	0755	1110	3hrs 15min	

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LOCATION CAPE GLOUCESTER UNIT TAC/R (DIALLA PTN). SORTIE No. A/C No. - TYPE DATE

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
AMAI & DALIMA RIV 1"	F/L Stronhead	0755	Good	Low Scattered Cld
	OBSERVER F/O Rae Cover	TIME DOWN 1120		
		TOTAL Hrs 25min		

Place or Area	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
DIALLA PTN.	0955 to 1005		Track leading into DIALLA Ptn showed recent use by ~~[illegible]~~ men, while the track leading out showed very light use. Footmarks of a Pl strength (30) men (plus 6) were discernable in the mud. The footmarks leading into the Ptn were considered to have been made this morning. Ptn area was strafed on authority of 5 Marines. 240 x 20mm A-1606-X, 405 rounds were expended. No movement seen. Between DIALLA Village and CAPE ROAD, the tracks of from 3-5 men were obs moving north. Probably made this morning. These tracks lead to the northern bank of the DALIMA Riv and were picked up on the north bank. It is considered that these men were from the river ex rafts previously sighted, could not be obs. The tracks then lead off into the timber. At 556120, two freshly constructed shelters were seen on the western side of the track. The grass around the shelters was trampled and 4 sleeping mats were obs under the shelters. The impression gained was that they were used last night. At 562127, a fairly new looking hut is situated just off the beach. An upturned canoe was obs near it and a well defined track connects it to the main trail. at 550163, is a small back water. An old village is situated at this area, while in timber to the south of the backwater a number of huts, fairly well concealed, were obs. Light tracks could be seen in this area joining it to the main trail carried on Rep. It is considered that this area could probably be used by personnel staging at DIALLA PTN. Huts were lightly strafed. All villages in the area recced are in a dilapidated condition but native gardens appear well tended. In the native garden at 530057, two natives were seen - both attempted to hide from a/c. In the GUM area it was obs that a few coconut palms had been recently chopped down. A barge which was previously reported as possibly serviceable, and strafed, was then situated in a reef with stern anchor out just off the mouth of the DALIMA Riv mouth was obs by this sortie at the point to the north of the DALIMA Riv mouth is full of water and is possibly covered at high tide

Time and Signature [signature] Capt.

ALO 45 AUST AL SEC (AC).

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DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.O.B. CAPE GLOUCESTER DATE 18-4-44 A.I.O. J.A. CHASELING

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observer.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Remarks and Result.
1.	A46-85	F/O Linklater.		0845	1215	3hrs 30min	TAC/R SUCCESSFUL.
	A46-174	F/O Simpson	Cover	0845	1215	3hrs 30min	

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LOCATION CAPE CLAUGHERTY UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqns. SORTIE No. 2. A/C No. - TYPE DATE 17 Apr 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE SEA SEARCH (AREA CAPE RACHUT TO CAPE CLAUGHERTY AND 15 MILES SEAWARD).

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
WEST NEW BRIT 4m	F/L King	1430	Good	High Overcast
	~~OBSERVER~~ COVER F/O Paton	TIME DOWN 1615		
		TOTAL 1hr 45min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	1435	80?	A thorough search was made of this area of sea with NIL sightings of wreckage, rubber boats or survivors.
NATURE: TAC/R - TINGGO ISL AND HIXON BAY. Maps: DUKUBAU 1"; GAZELLE PENN 4 miles.			SORTIE. F/O Linklater A/c - A46-35 DATE: 13 Apr 44. F/O Simpson (cover) A46-174
			Time Up 0845 Visibility: Good over target Time Down 1215 Total 3hrs 30min Weather: Overcast and showe
HIXON BAY	1010	Min	Extensive oil slick obs approx 10 miles off Cape DESCHAMP on a bearing of 050° True from that Cape.
ASSALAN	1035	"	A Fox terrier dog and approx 12 natives seen in village area.
TINGGO	1040	"	At 765344, two unserviceable barges were seen. A 44 gall drum was obs floating south of the Isl.
	1105	"	Two areas, 767341 and 765538 appeared to have been trampled, but no tracks could be obs leading into these areas because of dense undergrowth. It is considered that a portion of the beach near the two unserviceable barges would give hideout for 3 or 4 barges because of overhanging mangroves.
			No movement seen on the Island.

Time and Signature of Pilot (A/C). H Chaseling Capt.

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CAPE GLOUCESTER

A.C.B. DATE 17-4-44

A.L.C. J.A. CHASELING Capt.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observer.	Up.	Down	Over face.	Remarks and Result.
1.	A46-85	F/O Bromhead		0830	1130	3hrs	TAC/R & PHOTO/R - SUCCESSFUL.
	A46-152.	F/O Murrie	Cover	0830	1190	3hrs	
2.	A46-85	F/L King		1430	1615	1hr 45min	SEA SEARCH - UNSUCCESSFUL.
	A46-174	F/O Paton	Cover	1430	1615	1hr 45min	

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LOCATION: CAPE GLOUCESTER | UNIT: 4 Tac/R Sqn. | SORTIE No.: 1. | A/C No. - TYPE: A46-152 | DATE: 17 Apr.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: TAC/R (NARROW ISL AND PHOTO/R TO COVER SIGHTINGS.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
LAMA & LANGU 1/20,000	F/O Brophead	0830	Fair	High Overcast and Low scattered cloud.
	~~OBSERVER~~ F/O Harvie Escort	TIME DOWN 1130		
		TOTAL 3hrs.		

REPORT—INTERROGATION

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	
~~PETER MSR.~~	1000	1500 to 1000 ft.	Probably AA gun of Bofors type obs at 883853. Gun in pit with cover over breach. Tracks in area are well defined but usage could NOT be ascertained. Flash, possibly from LMG or rifle was seen at 885855. NO movement seen. Photo taken from CAPE KULA to NDOLLI.
			At 894807, two small huts in bad repair on edge of beach. The side of one is out and what appeared to be a dismtd gun pit was obs in the floor. The other hut had portion of the seaward side out but the interior could NOT be obs because of an obstruction placed inside across the opening. The bank to the waters edge in front of these huts had been broken down.
LANGORE PTN	1045		At 881799, 5 objects were seen camflgd with dead palms. Palms appeared to be three ft off ground and cover an area of approx 5 sq yds in each case and were flat on top.
			At CAPE LAMA in coconut trees some 15yds from the beach a concealed camflgd object about 3ft high with 6ft base was seen.
			At CAPE BALANGORI, 4 huts were obs on a cliff about 30ft high. The area around these huts appeared to be well trampled and a well defined, well used track ran north from these huts into thick vegetation where it could NOT be obs. At the base of the cliff on eastern side of this cape 3 lakatois were seen. Camflg had been attempted on two. On the west of cape 4 more native canoes were seen. In the area around LANGU ANCHORAGE and PITU BAY huts in all villages are in a bad state of repair. The only serviceable huts seen were as follows:- One on high feature at 713818. This hut has a very commanding view of west and south coast of Island. Two others at 776823 in scrub were situated in small clearing.
			Road around north of Island is well defined, but showed NO sign of recent use. NO movement seen throughout whole area.
			Vertical Photo runs were also made from west to east across BALANGORI BAY and NW acr ss LANGU ANCHORAGE and PITU BAY.

Time and Signature: H. Brophead, Capt.

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A.O.B. CAPE GLOUCESTER DATE 15:4:44 A.L.O. J.A.CHASELING Capt.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observer.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.		Remarks and Result.
1.	A46-85	F/O Paton		0815	1115	3hrs	Tac/R	Successful.
	A46-152	F/O LinKlater	Escort	"	"	"		
	A20-507	F/L King		"	"	"		
		Capt Claffey (USMC)						

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LOCATION CAPE GLOUCESTER UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn. SORTIE No. 1. A/C No. - TYPE 1. A46-25 2. A46-152 3. A20-507 DATE 15:4:44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R (CAPE HOSKINS AREA)

REF. MAPS MILNE 1" | PILOT 1. F/O Paton 2. F/O Minchinton (Cover) | OBSERVER 1. F/L King Capt Claffey (U.S.M.C.) | TIME UP 0815 | TIME DOWN 1115 | TOTAL 3hrs | VISIBILITY Good | WEATHER Clear Over Target

REPORT—INTERROGATION

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	
~~HOSKINS AREA~~	0900 to 1025	~~Min.~~	A close recce was carried out of the HOSKINS Strip area and probable defence posns were obs as follows:- At 826950, six pits were seen in an area of approx 20yds across. These pits were about 5ft deep, 6ft diam with curved slit trench entrance and could have accomodated MG or Mortars. This area gave the impression of light recent use. Several slit trenches were also seen in this area. At 835971, a small platform consid of saw timber approx 4ft wide x 12ft long was seen at end of small water way connecting to side track. At 823944, a possible pit covered with dead palm leaves was obs. It is considered that an MG from this posn could cover creek mouth at 827943. Between 830940 and 832942 three probable MG posns were obs. They were sited to bring fire to bear on the road. At 832938 in edge of timber is a reddish brown square hut from which a good view of the road and strip could be obtained. Approx 200yds NE of this hut is the platform with pole in centre previously reported. Between road jctn 838936 and 838931 slit trenches were obs at intervals in the timber just north of the road. At 842933 two pits were obs. The pits were reported by sortie 1 of 13 Apr as at approx 840932 and are considered to be the same pits. On 13 Apr only one pit was covered with dead palm leaves which this sortie reported both covered. Between 842957 and 844956 three excavations approx 8ft deep, 12ft wide and 35ft long were seen. Another well constructed excavation on the south of the strip was obs at 840955. On the NE corner of bridge at 835938 a small engine driven pump was obs. A possible defence posn at 836950 are several trees approx 40ft high which would afford good lookouts. The road which skirts the strip area to the east appears to have had much heavier M.T. movement than the coast section of the road. NO recent M.T. movement was obs. NO movement seen throughout the area. One hut was obs burning in village at 865985.	

Time and Signature [signature] Capt.
ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (AC).
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A. C. B. CAPE GLOUCESTER DATE 14:4:44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A. L. C. J.A. CHASELING Capt.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-85	F/L King		0800	1120	3hrs 20min	Tac/R	Successful.
	A46-152	F/O Rae	Escort	0800	1120	3hrs 20min		

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LOCATION CAPE GLOUCESTER UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn.; SORTIE No. 1. A/C No. - TYPE A46-152 DATE 14:4:44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R (TO LOCATE DRIFTING WRECKED PT BOAT)

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
CENTRAL NEW BRIT & GAZELLE PENIN 4m.	F/L King	0800	Fair	Scattered showers over Target area.
	~~OBSERVER~~ F/O Rae	TIME DOWN 1120		
	Escort	TOTAL 3hrs 20min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
Vicinity LOLOBAU ISLAND	0920 - 1000	800' - Min.	An area of sea NE and SW of LOLOBAU Isl and passages between the Isl and NEW BRITAIN was thoroughly searched and NO trace of floating wreckage other than one water logged native canoe just NE of SOHN REEF could be obs.
OTHER SIGHTINGS.			Fresh footprints on the beach south of LANGUA which gave the impression of a small body of men moving north were seen. A few of these footprints below high water mark had NOT been obliterated by the tide.
			Footprints were also obs in the CAPE KOAS area on either side of the river mouth which enterst the sea immediately north of the Cape.
			A small barge was obs north of the mouth of this river. It appeared floating and had a stern anchor out. The ramp was down. There were long oil slicks behind this barge, and 4 drums were seen on board, while both the barge and drums had a rusty appearance. This barge was strafed by cannon and MG fire. Strikes were obs towards the stern. Authority for strike - 1 Marine Div.
			Several large whales were obs in an area SW of LOLOBAU ISLAND.

Time and Signature ..... Capt.

ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (AC).

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CAPE GLOUCESTER

A. O. B. DATE 13:4:44 DAILY RECORD OF A/ TASKS.

A. L. C. J.A. CHASELING Capt.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-152	F/O Bromhead		0805	1120	3hrs 15min	Cont/R	Successful.
	A46-85	F/O Paton	Escort	0805	1120	3hrs 15min		

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LOCATION: CAPE GLOUCESTER | UNIT: 4 Tac/R Sqn., | SORTIE No.: 1. | A/C No. - TYPE: | DATE: 13 Apr 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: CONTACT/R HOSKINS AREA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
Mt MULULUS, MEGIGI 1" CENTRAL NEW BRIT 4m.	F/O Bromhead	0805	Good	Low Cloud.
	OBSERVER ~~xxxxx~~ F/O Paton	TIME DOWN 1120		
		TOTAL 3hrs 15min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
HOSKINS AREA	0900 to 1015	Min	Marine Patrol contacted at 0945hrs at 806924. The patrol, consisting of approx 20 men, were moving NE towards Airfield. - Waved to a/c. Two marines and four natives waved when obs at 785911. A vriendly barge in the area was sighted at 773909 moving slowly NE.
OTHER SIGHTINGS.			Dump previously reported and struck, situated at rear of jetty near GALEOLE, still appears in same condition as reported. Dump of petrol drums previously reported and struck north of HOSKINS AIRFIELD, is still in same position. At 836932 four camflg nets were obs hanging on trees. In an area behind these nets are numerous huts, all well built, some square in design and one almost completed appeared to be built of sawn timber. A pile of sapplins was also obs near the ~~xxxx~~ nets. Good roads run through the area but NO movement seen, and NO sign of recent activity was apparent. At 840932, two light A/A pits were obs. One was partly camflgd. A gun mount was obs in the other, but NO gun seen. At 770896, several blueish puffs of smoke were seen on shore line when friendly barge was in vicinity. NO movement seen.

Time and Signature: G Chaseley Capt. ALO

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A. O. B. CAPE GLOUCESTER DATE 12:4:44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A. L. O. J.A. CHASELING

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-174	F/O Benson		0805	1125	3hrs 20min	Tac/R	SUCCESSFUL.
	A46-117	F/O Rae		0805	1125	3hrs 20min	Escort	

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LOCATION CAPE GLOUC STER | UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn., | SORTIE No. 1. | A/C No. - TYPE A46-117 | DATE 12:4:44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R - UBAI AREA

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	TOTAL	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
Mt BANGO 1"	F/O Benson	0805	1125	3hrs 20min	Excellent	Medium broken.
	~~OBSERVER~~ F/O Rae Escort					

Place or Ref.	Time	Height
UBAI	0915 to 1015	Min

REPORT—INTERROGATION

Boat obs by sortie 2 of 11 Apr at 116768 was obs to have been moved to the opposite side of the backwater and was strafed by authority of 1 Marine Div. Ammo exp:- 50 x 20mm & 500 x .303. A close recce of the area was made to confirm sightings of sortie 2 11 Apr. A probable punt pole was obs in the boat. Results of the strike were unobs. In an area to the rear of the landing stage of the western bank of the river, the following sightings were made. Immediately behind the jetty is a small shelter underneath which is a probable windlass. An area around the rear of the landing stage was very bare showing evidence of constant useage inthe past. Because of the surface of this area recent movement could NOT be assessed. At northern edge of this area near the terminus of the motor road 5 piles of logs were obs. On account of the uniformity of the log lengths in each individual pile, it is suggested that their purpose may have been for bridge building. To the west of this ~~clearing~~ area are several clearings from which these logs may have been cut. The motor road from this area follows the general course of the KAPIURA Riv north for approx1800yds and then swings gradually NW in the direction of HOSKINS. A large tree was obs fallen across this road at 117777 which would completely block MT traffic. NO sign of any detour could be seen. The surface of the road appears hard and has been built up corduroy fashion in many places. Clear water was obs in the gutters and on portion of the crown. Footprints were discernable in the water on the road in a few places, but they were considered to be old. There was NO evidence of recent movement obs. A track was obs running from the clearing behind the landing stage in a general westerly direction towards PYRAMID Mt and was last obs at approx 083771. The surface of this track was wide and well packed giving the impression of very heavy use, but owing to it's hard nature recent activity could NOT be determined. To the north of the clearing at 114770 between the road and the river are a number of lean-to constructions. The landing stages on the eastern bank of the KAPIURA Riv are of a different constn than the one on the western bank. One of these landings appeared to be approx 1ft above the water, while the water lapped on the more southerly one./

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ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE.....

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Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			The track from these stages towards UBAI is wide in places - probably jeepable. It has a firmly packed surface showing signs of heavy movement the recentness of which could NOT be ascertained. At approx 124753 this track forms a jctn with three others. One swings off in a NE direction, one leads into UBAI and the other skirts UBAI to the west and proceeds south to whatwas described ~~as~~ in sortie 2 of 11 Apr as a section of probable ~~MT~~ road. This reported section of MT road was clearly obs and ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ it is considered that this road has never been used by MT, as several defiles occur in it's length which would be too narrow to take MT.

Time and Signature J.J. Chas Sing Capt.

AL 45 Aust AL Sec (AC).

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A. O. B. CAPE GLOUCESTER DATE 11:4:44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS

A. L. O. J.A. CHASELING

Sortie No	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-85	F/O Bromhead		0830	0915	45min	Tac/R	UNSUCCESSFUL.
2.	A46-152	F/O Linklater		0855	1215	3hrs 20min	Tac/R	SUCCESSFUL.
	A46-117	F/O Benson		0855	1215	3hrs 20min	Escort	

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LOCATION CAPE GLOUCESTER UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn., SORTIE No. 1. A/C No. - TYPE DATE 11:4:44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R TO LOCATE U/I SUB OFF CAPE GLOUCESTER AS REPORTED AT 027° from YELLOW BEACH 1.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
WEST NEW BRIT 4m	F/O Bromhead	0830	Poor	Extensive front over area
	OBSERVER -----	TIME DOWN 0915		
		TOTAL 45min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
CAPE GLOUCESTER	0840	2000	An extensive front stretched right across the area to the north of CAPE GLOUCESTER varying in distance off shore from 20,000yds to 15,000yds. On a bearing of 027° this front was approx 15,000yds off shore. Front was NOT entered as it was very terbulant. On a bearing of approx 005° from CAPE GLOUCESTER about 16,000yds off shore some 10 to 12 logs approx 20ft long and 1ft in diam were obs. Apart from this - NIL other sightings.

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

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/42—10m.

DIST:- 1 Marine Div, 5th Marines, 2 Aust Corps, NGF (2), A2 5AF, 1 Aust AL Gp., 10 O.G., ALO 77 Wing, 4 Tac/R Sqn.,

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A46-152

LOCATION CAPE GLOUCESTER UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn., SORTIE No. 2. A/C No. - TYPE A46-117 DATE 11:4:44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R - UBAI AREA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
Mt BANGO 1"	F/O Linklater	0855	Fair to Good	Scattered low cloud and high overcast over target.
MEGIGI & Mt MULULUS 1"	~~OBSERVER~~ F/O Benson Escort	TIME DOWN 1215		
		TOTAL 3hrs 20min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height
COMMODORE BAY	1005	Min
UBAI AREA	1010 to 1016	"

REPORT INTERROGATED

Two native canoes of sea going variety were obs at 077862. 1 rusty upright 44 gall drum was seen approx 6ft from the water at 110859.
At 115770 on both sides of KAPIURA Riv landing stages were obs. The landing stage on the western side of the river appears ti be the head of a motor road probably from HOSKINS Area. The surface of this road appeared quite hard and evidence of the use of MT was obs. It could NOT be assessed whether the MT activity was recent or NOT. Bootmarks were seen in mud at 105784. This road runs from the river on a bearing of approx 030° T, and was obs to 080825 and appeared to be in good condition. At 123828, a decking, similar to a barge duck-board was seen washed up against the eastern bank of KAPIURA Riv. This decking appeared very like decking used for pontoon ~~decking~~ bridging. At 116768, on eastern side of KAPIURA is a small backwater well concealed by overhanging trees. Under these trees a boat, approx 20ft long and 5ft beam with full lines was obs and considered serviceable. Water was seen in the bottom of the boat but could have been rain water. The track from 115770 to UBAI was well defined showing recent moderate use. This track is considered probably jeepable but NO sign of the use of MT was obs. At 128755, a well constd bridge approx 8ft wide with built approaches on either side was obs. Both approaches were heavily trampled - many bootmarks were seen in the mud across the stream on the NE side. UBAI consists os approx 20 huts in delapidated condition. The ground in the village area had a bare hard appearance. In the old gardens to the west of the village and in the secondary growth to the east many well dispersed lean-tos were obs. The ground in these areas had been trampled in parts. To the south of the village is a very well tended garden. From the village to the creek immediately to the south is a wide, hard surfaced track. The creek crossing could NOT be obs but where seen the creek appeared easily fordable. Across the creek at 123717 is a well constd, well engineered section of motor road. The road in the southern portion is well cut out and winding, and railings were obs on the outside of the curves. However, it is considered that this road has NOT had MT traffic on it for at least some considerable time, as several washaways were seen and a large tree had fallen across it in one place.

Time and Signature

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 2 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
			Beyond the last southern pinpoint given, NO road could be obs. A portion of the track was seen. Inx sqs ~~[illegible]~~ 1170, 1267 & 1266. Where seen this track was well defined but narrow.
			From 115770 a well defined track led off from the landing stage on the west bank in a SW direction but could only be obs for approx 200yds. A portion of a track was seen running approx east west in sq 0977. Approx 1500yds NE of PYRAMID Mt., hot springs were seen and near by was an old native garden with coca palms. On the southern side of the garden a portion of a well defined track running approx EW was seen. In sq 8276 a small native village was obs. It consisted of 6 or 7 huts in fairly good repair. The ground around the huts was bare, but NO movement seen.
HOSKINS AREA			In the vicinity of MAIKA and LALAKUPA Villages, clearing off fires were obs, and in the villages,
KASSJA			fires were seen in several huts. Fires were obs in two native huts, and a white dog was seen in the village. NO signs of recent movement were obs on roads or tracks throughout the area and NO movement seen.

Time and Signature W Chaseling Capt.

ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (AC)

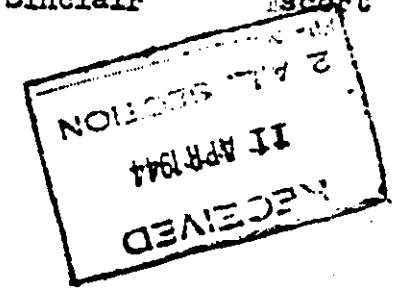
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724—N.G. Press Unit—10/42—10m.

A. C. F. CAPE GLOUCESTER DATE 10:4:44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLYING

A. L. C. ....J.A..Chaseling..Capt.

Sortie No	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observ.	Up.	Down.	Over Area	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-115	F/O Bromhead		0820	1135	3hrs 15min	Tac/R	Successful
	A46-117	F/O Sinclair	Escort	0820	1135	3hrs 15min		



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

DIST: 1 Marine Div (2), 5th Marines, 2 Aust Corps, NGF (2), A2 5AF., 1 Aust AL Op., 10.0.C., ALO 77 Wing, 4 Tac/R Sqn., War Diary, File, Pilot's Infn.

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A46-115

LOCATION: CAPE GLOUCESTER | UNIT: 4 Tac/R Sqn., | SORTIE No: 1. | A/C No. - TYPE: A46-117 | DATE: 10 Apr 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: TAC/R - KULI RIVER TO DAGI RIVER

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
Mt du FAURE, Mt LULUAI & KULI Riv 1"=1m	F/O Bromhead	0820	Good	Scattered cloud 2000ft.
	OBSERVER: F/O Sinclair	TIME DOWN: 1135		
		TOTAL: 3hrs 15min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
KANDUKA to DAGI River	0910 1030	Min	South of KULI riv (south branch) commencing at approx northing grid line 87 and extending to approx northing grid line 80 is a fairly open sag sag plain. This plain is a network of single tracks, but whether these tracks were made by men, animals or nature could NOT be ascertained. These tracks wandered in a neral west to east direction. The KULI riv for 2 miles each side of it's jcn with the DALIAPU Riv was closely reced, but NO sign of a track or crossing could be obs. Sand and gravel patches bounding the sides of the river showed NO tracks but it is considered that this river could be fordable in a number of places. Between here and lake in sq 5570, NO tracks could be obs. The timber in this area is very dense and the foliage is interlaced with vines. Where seen, the ground did NOT appear to offer any great obstacle to movement. The undergrowth appeared light. The country around lake in sq 5276 was also searched but NO tracks could be obs. In area 559736 two open clearings were obs. These clearings had the appearance of being man made, cut out of thick jungle country and situated on fairly high ground approx 1800ft above sea level. Owing to the nature of the jungle NO tracks could be obs leading either in or out of these clearings. It is considered by obs of terrain that easiest gradients for foot traffic between the KULI and DAGI Rivers in this area would be obtained by following the general course of the DALIAPU Riv to approx northing grid line 70, thence east to lake. Thence NE along tributary of DAGI to main stream. However, NO sign of a track was obs in this area. The DAGI Riv at 630765 and on either side, was closely reced for a possible crossing, but none could be obs and NO tracks could be seen leading to and from it's bank. The DAGI RIV at this point appears to be approx 50ft wide with a fair volume of water and moderate flow. A track was obs leading to the DAGI at 668818 - only 100yds of it's length could be seen approaching from the west and appeared to have had light recent use. NO connection to this track could be obs on the opposite bank. The river did NOT appear fordable.

Time and Signature

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 1. 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
			A submerged log was obs reaching from the opposite bank to within approx 10ft of where the track reached the river.
			At approx 680765, a small village, very delapidated, was seen. Village situated in one of a group of clearings running for approx 1000yds in a NE direction. A well defined track enters this area from approx 675764 where there is a log crossing. This track was obs running through this clearing and swinging NE to join track some two miles south of GO:00. This track has the appearance of consistant use. No movement seen at G=GO or MAT (RADA)

J. Chesling Capt.

A50-49 Wing HQ AL 500 (AC).

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

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C DUTIES.

A. L. C. J.A. Chasling Capt.

A. C. CAPE GLOUCESTER DATE 9 Apr 44.

Serial No.	A/C No.	Pilot	Crew	Up.	Down	Over.	Nature of Duty	Remarks & Results
1.	A46-115	F/L King		0815	1130	3hrs 15min	Tac/R	Successful
	A46-117	F/O Rae	Escort	0815	1130	3hrs 15min		

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DIST:- 1 Marine Div(2), 5th Marines, 2 Aust Corps, NOF (2), A2 5AF, 1 Aust AC Gp., 10 O.G., ALO 77 Wing, 4 Tac/R Sqn.,

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A46-115

LOCATION CAPE GLOUCESTER UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn., SORTIE No. 1. A/C No. - TYPE A46-117 DATE 9 Apr 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R - LOLOBAU ISL.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
LOLOBAU ISL & CAPE DESCHAMPS 1"=1m	F/L King	0315	Good	Fine.
	OBSERVER F/O Rae	TIME DOWN 1130		
		TOTAL 3hrs 15min.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
LOLOBAU ISL.	0930 to 1010	Min	LOLOBAU Pln shows NO signs of heavy movement. The pln itself is evergreen with secondary growth. LAPAU Village consisted of 3 huts, 2 of which are delapidated, and one in course of erection. NE of this village 100yds are 4 apparently old pln buildings - very delapidated apart from one small building constd of weatherboards and has iron roof. 6 native canoes were obs on the beach at LAPAU and also 2 canoes appear to be under constn. Approx 150yds west of village an apparently large canoe was sighted. This canoe was covered with dry palm leaves. Natives in one canoe were fishing off the village. Native gardens were obs at intervals for about 1½ miles east o LAPAU along the coast. At 686556 a solidly built hut was obs under a tree. The south coast of the island has many good barge hideout positions where barges could be well concealed under foliage overhanging the water. A large area to the north of MAMOR LAKE has been burned. The ground is now showing green tinge. At 767557 several huts in bad repair were obs. Just to the north, two wrecked barges of old vintage were seen on the shore. At 775567, two more wreck barges and a large rusty square tank like object were obs. Two more wrecked barges were seen at 787575 while immediately inland from these last two pinpoints, what appeared to be old small bivouac sites were obs. On the point at 789582 one rusty 44 gall drum standing upright was obs. Along the north coast west to ASSALAU, NO signs of activity were obs, the only sightings being two small groups of huts in poor condition. ASSALAU consistes of 15 huts in varying states of repair. Appears to be occupied and several native canoes were seen on the beach. One dog was seen west of the village. Gardens in vicinity of this village are in reasonable condition. Between ASSALAU and LOLOBAU, several small beaches were seen that would afford good barge landings. At 671557, just north of LOLOBAU Pln is a village of 9 huts - these were in reasonable condition.

Time and Signature.....

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

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 1. A/C No. - TYPE..... DATE 9:4:44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE.....

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

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			Off shore from this village, 12 canoes containing natives fishing were seen. Some of these natives were red lap-laps. Canoes were also drawn up outside the village.
			To the west of [illegible] Pln, two possible landing beaches were obs.
			At 666565, a possible barge landing spot and small bivouac area was obs. NO movement seen. NO sign of recent activity apparent. 500yds east of this spot is one wrecked barge off shore.
			Another wrecked barge was obs at approx 745610.
			Upturned and floating approx 500yds SW of TINOMGO Isl, about 35 to 40ft of the bow end of specially lined craft was obs. The stern of this craft had apparently been broken off, leaving jagged edges. The hull was a greyish colour and streaks of orangy red were visible on the keel. When first sighted, 30mins earlier, this wreck was at 755527 and drifting in a north easterly direction.

K Chaney Capt.

Signature

ALF 57/Asst AI Sec (AC).

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

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

CAPE GLOUCESTER 8 Apr 44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. J.A. CHASLING Capt.

A. O. B. DATE..... A. D. C.....

Sortie A/C No.	Pilots.	Observ.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Casualties.
1. A46-117	F/O Benson		0945	1300	3hrs 45min	Tac/R	Successful.
A46-115	F/O Sinclair	Escort	0945	1300	3hrs 45min		

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

DIST:- 1 Marine Div (2), 5th Marines, 2 Aust Corps, NGF (2), A2 5AF, 1 Aust AL Gp., 10 O.G., ALO 78 Wing, 4 Tac/R Sqn.,

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A46-115

LOCATION CAPE GLOUCESTER UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn., SORTIE No. 1. A/C No. - TYPE DATE 8 Apr 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R HOSKINS AREA

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1in = 1m.	F/O Benson	0945	Poor to Good	Showery
	~~OBSERVER~~ F/O Sinclair Escort	TIME DOWN 1300		
		TOTAL 3hrs 15min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
GALEOLE	1045	. Min.	Dump area behind jetty at 902993 was heavily strafed by cannon and MG fire (200rds 20mm & 3000rds .303 expended). Area well covered. Authority for this strike 1 Marine Div. What appeared to be very old, small tramline was obs running the length of the jetty with a small rusty trolly off the rails at the base of the jetty. The tramline could be seen for some 15yds off into the timber where the rails were covered with soil. NO movement seen - NO signs of recent activity seen. Footprints made by one man, probably recently, were seen on beach at 845974. At approx 855983 a net, in good condition, stretched from a tree to the sand was seen. Pilot could NOT obs what, if anything, the net was covering. NO movement seen - NO signs of recent activity obs. At 831938 a dump of rusty, probably 4 gall tins were seen. 3 rafts partly constructed, were obs at 829936 with a few barked sapplings lying around. Approx 6, probably native fires were seen in old garden area at 816927. At 809924, near the end of the old motor road, an O.P. on a tree, approx 40ft high, was obs. A washout was obs approx 200yds NE across the road. NO detour seen and NO signs of attempted repair obs. An area at the end of the motor road approx 20-30yds SW of O.P. had been well trampled in the past. Several huts were obs in this area. It was considered that this was an old bivouac area. A track was obs from here going in the direction of the coast. The only fresh activity seen in the area was considered to be clearing operations of the natives.

Time and Signature [signature] Capt.

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

724—N.41, Press Unit—10/43—10m.

L. C. B. CAPE GLOUCESTER RD. 7:4:44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLYING. A. E. C. J.A. Chasling Capt.

Serial A/C No.	Pilot.	Observer.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Exact Area.	Remarks or Results.
1. A46-115	F/O Bromhead		0855	1240	3hrs 45min	Tac/R	Successful.
A46-117	F/O Paton	Escort	0855	1240	3hrs 45min		

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

DIST; 1 Marine Div (2), 5th Marines, 2 Aust Corps, NGF (2), A2 5AF, 1 Aust AL Gp., 10 O.G., ALO 78 Wing, 4 Tac/R Sqn.,
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LOCATION CAPE GLOUCESTER UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn. SORTIE No. 1. A/C No. - TYPE DATE 7 Apr 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R AND LEAD IN STRIKE BALA AREA

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
CENTRAL NEW BRIT 1"=4m.	F/O Bromhead	0855	Good	Low Cloud
	OBSERVER F/O Paton	TIME DOWN 1240		
		TOTAL 3hrs 45min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
ULAMONA	1020	"	NO movement seen. Tracks through village and on beach show light recent useage. At KB353, in small plantation, cocanut palms obs recently felled. Litter of chips and cocanut husks lying around.
LANGA LANGA	1035	"	Track from LANGA LANGA to BALA showed moderate recent use. NO barges seen. BOOMERANGS led in strike of 240s in this area, strafing sides of tracks and possible barge hideouts with NO visible results.
	1050	"	KB656 4 to 5 huts and a camflgd object approx 20ft long, 5ft wide and covered with palm leaves were strafed with NO visible result.
			The beach from ULAMONA to Cape KOAS showed recent light movement.
HOSKINS AREA	1135	"	Dump of approx 80 drums, previously reported, was strafed on authority 1 Marine Div. Hits were obs, but drums considered to be possibly empty, as NO fire resulted.
			In timber at rear of jetty situated 200yds west of GALEOLE, piles of logs, previously reported, are still there, but are now camflgd with bushes. In addition, numerous dumps of cases, bags and 44 gall drums were obs. These dumps were lightly camflgd, and were subjected to cannon and MG fire. Hits were obs.
			A single recent MT track was obs on the main coast road to the rear of the jetty.

J.F. Breadin CAPT.
45 Aust AL Sec (AC)
Time and Signature

Time Passed to Ble, Div, etc

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

A. C. B. CAPE GLOUCESTER 7:4:44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS O. C. J.A. CHASLING Capt.

Serial No.	A/C No.	Pilot	Sortie	Up	Down	Time Aloft	Task	Remarks & Results
1.	A46-115	F/L King		0845	1200	3hrs 15min	Tac/R	Successful.
	A46-172	F/O Sinclair		0845	1200	3hrs 15min	Escort	

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

Distr- 1 Marine Div, 5th Marines, 2 Aust Corps, RAF (2), 12 SAF, 1 Aust AL Gp., 10 U.S. AAG 78 Fire, 4 Tac/R Sqns.

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. 2. A/C No. - TYPE A6-127 DATE 6 Apr 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE ARMY CO-OPERATION

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SHEET 1 & 2 SAIDOR 1"=1m. SHEET 3 & PART 4"	P/O Dyer	0825	Fair - Good	Scattered Cloud
	OBSERVER P/O Smalley	TIME DOWN 1230		
		TOTAL 3hrs 15 Mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
[illegible]	0940	12m	[illegible] seen in GAIL or PEARCE Village. The main track from GAIL appears to run in a NE [illegible] to the coast at PASH as previously reported. Smoke or activity was sp/p0830
[illegible] to [illegible]	0955 to 1045	"	[illegible] Gail to this village and from the same direction. Both are heavily camouflaged. Probable tanks previously plotted NE of Gail was tracked. [illegible] the area of length of the coast to Mindoro Gap remained dead. Gail was quiet just NW [illegible] operation of desertion. No A/A was encountered in the area and neither were any A/c sure seen. [illegible] Large number of native dwellings. The road in several places in this area was obs to have [illegible] camouflaged with logs. Probable rubber or caterpillar tracks previously seen at 2419W4 was tracked. 2 to NE of this bearing 3 ton truck previously reported [illegible] had been axed and appeared derelicted and stripped. Nil obs. The loop of track reported [illegible] was not located but [illegible] Gail. In this area many small clearings amongst trees were obs from seawards. Many conflicting shadows accurate obs could NOT be carried out. Huts in village vicinity 2699 were subject to MG fire from ridge-[illegible]. The [illegible] subject to very [illegible] were obs to be heavily [illegible]. Both the natives, though hesitant for a moment, took violent evasive action, and dived for cover. Cover [illegible]. Many animals reported on A/C as probably required to consider d by this sortie to [illegible] or activity on activities other than the track 2 dogs, 10 pigs were seen in the general area. Mottled backdrop previously reported at 2419W4 was confirmed by this sortie and [illegible] was obs. Between Gail and Pearce many small fires were sighted. No [illegible] were seen in operation. Three did not [illegible] for obs. Two gun pits in vicinity [illegible] (previously reported) were closely recced in good light. These pens appeared to be light A/c sights in good condition and what was probably mounts for [illegible] were also in the pits. [illegible] Time Measure [illegible] stacks and MORAP track single 3 tracks were seen on the main coast road. Flying in this mission was authorised by 1 Marine Div. Time Passed on Bde. Div. [illegible] Time Passed on 5th Armd. Also 45 Aust Inf Bde (AG)

A. O. B. CAPE GLOUCESTER...5:4:44... DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A. L. O. J.A. CHASLING Capt.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Overall Area	Task & Area	Remarks & Results
1.	A46-115	F/O Benson		0645	1030	3hrs 45min	Tac/R & Lead in strike	SUCCESSFUL.
	A46-117	F/O Linklater	Escort	0645	1030	3hrs 45min		

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

DIST:- 1 Marine Div (2), 5th Marines, 2 Aust Corps, NGF (2), A2 5AF, 1 Aust AL Gp., 10 O.G., ALO 78 Wing,

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LOCATION CAPE GLOUCESTER UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn., SORTIE No. 1. A C No. - TYPE A46-117 DATE 5 2 4 : 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R AND LEAD IN STRIKE OPEN BAY.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
GAZELLE PEN IN & CENTRAL NEW BRIT. 4"	F/O Benson	0645	Good	Low Broken
	OBSERVER F/O Linklater	TIME DOWN 1030		
		TOTAL 3hrs 45min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
ULAMONA	0815	Min	At K7949 5 barges, 2 of which were light green in colour drawn well up on beach under trees were obs. Engines appeared rusted. Embedded deeply in sand - considered definitely unserviceable.
	the	3	other barges practically submerged, rusty and considered also definitely unserriceable. Approx 200yds SW of this point one badly damaged barge and wrecked launch were seen drawn up on the beach, and having the appearance of age. The beach between this last mentioned spot and ULAMONA showed evidence of wreckage. Immediately south of ULAMONA Village a small tin hut was obs. This hut was constd over the water on the branches of a fallen tree, and would command a view of the beaches and sea. Along the beach in front of ULAMONA, heavy recent foot tracks were obs. Considered to have b made within the last 24 hours. These tracks were obs to K8754 where they dispersed. A village of approx 25huts was obs at K890545. NO apparent activity seen. Track activity very slight. Vill. in good repair.
OPEN BAY BAIA	0830	Min	Area was recced but NO trace of oil slick or wreckage could be obs. Is a village of approx 15 huts in good repair. Light track activity. P40s straffed with NO visible damage. In the small bay immediately south of BAIA under the trees a partly constd raft-like structure was obs. A little stream or back water well concealed by mangroves and situated in the north of this small bay was obs and straffed with cannon and MGs. NO movement seen, but blue smoke was obs rising from this backwater after the straffing pass. This area was considered a likely and good barge hideout. From BAIA to F1654 a number of good possible barge hideouts were obs. The water appeared deep up to the cover of overhanging foliage, and could be obs in places beyond the apparent shore line. Several places in this area were straffed by one 300 BRANC. Track activity on the beach obs from F1753 to F2014 was extremely heavy, made apparently by two large parties, one of which had passed before rain and one very recently. Other peculiar tracks, deep and three pronged were obs, F1753 and continued for about 20yds.

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 1. 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
			A A single wire was seen entering the water at E0556 at approx K7038 and near Cape KOAS 2 parallel tracks came out of the water and entered treed area. These marks were straight, parallel and broken approx every foot or 6 ins. Parallel tracks were approx 2ft apart. These tracks were seeen below high water mark and many footprints were obs above high water mark. Along the beach line from vicinity ULAMONA to vicinity Cape KOAS heavy recent track activity was evident.

Time and Signature S. J. Clark Capt.
45 Aust AL Sec (AC)
Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.....

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A. S. CAPE GLOUCESTER DATE 4:4:44 A. E. C. J.A. Chesling Capt.

Serial No.	A/C No. &	Pilots	Observ.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-115	F/O Paton		1440	1750	3hrs 10min	Tac/R	Successful.
	A46-117	F/O Bromhead	Escort	1440	1750	3hrs 10min		

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

DIST:- 1 Marine Div (2),5th Marines, 2 Aust Corps, NGF (2), A2 5AF, 1 Aust AL Gp., 10 O.G., ALO 78 Wing, 4 Tac/R Sqn.,

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A46-115

LOCATION CAPE GLOUCESTER UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn., SORTIE No. 1. A/C No. - TYPE A46-117 DATE 4 Apr 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R CAPE HOSKINS AREA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
Mt MULULUS 1" & MEGIGI 1"	F/O Paton	1440	Poor	Overcast.
	OBSERVER F/O Bromhead	TIME DOWN 1750		
		TOTAL 3hrs 10min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	1545	Min	Coast track first obs some 1000yds south of RADA - was well defined approx 3ft wide. NO sign of recent movement was obs.
TRACKS	1650	"	The track continued in this state to BANAULI. From that village on towards the drome track was considered jeepable. The road round the drome area was considered to be a good motor road, and appeared to be in good repair. The road from the drome area round the peninsula and on to COMMODORE Bay was in good condition.
POSSIBLE DEFENCES.			At 797927 two lean-to like structures running parallel to the shore were obs. These structures did NOT appear solid and would afford occupants a commanding view of that immediate area. The beach here has an embankment approx 4ft high - at the following coordinates, 824942, 832948, 834951 & 837962, several lean-to structure xx all partly covered with vines, with the exception of those at DECEPTION Pt., which were completely covered. These lean-tos were constd on the edge of the beach above high water mark. Exits to these structures appeared to be from the ends. They all appeared to be flimsily built and it is again considered that any possible occupants would have a commanding view of the beaches. However, these lean-tos are considered to be old. On either side of each individual group of lean-tos small slit trench systems were obs. Those at DECEPTION Pt being the more extensive. These trenches were zig zag in const, straight sides, approx 4ft deep, 2ft wide. At the ends of some of these trenches a small bank was noticed. At 845973, 852971 & 915997, trench systems of a similar type were obs without lean-tos. All these defences had the appearance of age. NO signs of recent occupation was apparent. NO movement seen. At 846974 and 855967 old empty gun posns were obs. The posns at the first mentioned reference, appeared to have been constd for light coast Arty. These posns appeared to have been vacated for some time. The posns at 855967 had the appearance of recently vacated A/A sites. On the northern side of the point at VALOKA 4 vacated gun pits were seen and had the appearance of having been sited to cover the small bay and beach between this point and CAPE HOSKINS. These pits have apparently been recently vacated as previous close recces of this area failed to obs same while now their appearance is very pronounced.

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 1. 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
OTHER SIGHTINGS.			A portion of the blast walls have been broken down apparently for the removal of the guns. At775907 under overhanging trees several lean tos were obs, between two of which a cone shaped structure approx 5ft diameter, 4ft high was seen. At 783914 alongside a fallen tree trunk a wooden boat approx 20ft long with 6ft beam was obs. Stern portion was covered with brush. Its serviceability could NOT be ascertained but the portion seen appeared in good condition. At 831937 several large huts concealed by trees were seen. These huts appeared stronger and of different design to normal native structures. Track activity in their vicinity was apparent. Considered to be occupied. At 838938 a platform approx 4ft high and 8ft square with a pole in centre approx 8ft high and a cylindrical object on top was obs. Vegetation had grown around the platform. A old wrecked lugger off the end of the strip was seen. The vessel is waterlogged and in the hold several drums were visible. A large oil slick, very new and still forming was obs around the vessel. Two motor transports were obs on a track at 837963 on first pass over area. On second pass some five minutes later, transports had disappeared. At 841964 in tall overhanging timber, several large huts were seen and in this hutment area a dark blue object similer to a small power driven roller was obs. This object could NOT be closly recced because of it's location. At 845969 under trees, a dump of approx 80 drums was obs. 150yds north probable three ton truck was seen. Bonnet was off and vehicle may have been unserviceable. Between truck and coast were three concealed huts near which possible five gallon drum hanging over a dead fire was obs. A jetty approx 30yds long, 8ft wide, timber decking, 200yds west of GALOLE was seen and considered to have been recently repaired. The track from the main road to the jetty has been heavily used, but NO apparent use since heavy rain which fell during the last 12 hours. At the back of the jetty itself timber is very heavy and would afford an excellent dump area. Beside the road in the timber were three piles of freshly cut logs.

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

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE.....

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

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			It is considered that these three piles collectively contained 120 logs approx 25ft long varying in diameter from 3 - 6 ins. In GALEOLE three cocanut palms have been recently cut down. Fresh chips and cocanut husks were seen lying around the stumps. In PORA PORA two black, and 4 brown dogs were seen. These dogs were lying on the ground and took NO evasive action whatsoever on the approach of the a/c. Smoke was again seen seeping through hutx roofs in VAVOSI xxxx village. At intervals along the coast between BANAULI and VAVOSI 14-12 native lakatois of varying length and of sea going variety were seen. An attempt had been made to camflg several of these canoes by using dead vines. One canoe was noticed to be upside down on a trestle structure. One foot bridge crossing a stream and having NO connection with the main track was seen at approx 806929. The bridge was constd by a single log supported in two places in the stream and hhd a hand railing approx 3ft high.

Time and Signature..... Capt.

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DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.O.B. CAPE GLOUCESTER.

DATE 3rd APR 44

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DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A. C. B. Cape Gloucester. 2-3-44 ...

A. L. C. ...JA. CHASLING ...Capt.

Serial A/C No. & No.	Pilot.	Observ.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1. A46-115 A46-117	F/L King F/O Linklater	Escort	0830 0830	1130 1130	3hrs 3hrs	Tac/R	Successful.

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File No.

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

DIST:- 1 Marine Div (2), 5th Marines, 2 Aust Corps, RCF (2), A2 5AF, 1 Aust AL Gp., 10 U.S. ALO 78 Wing, 4 Tac/R Sqn., War Diary, File, Asst's Intn.

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LOCATION CAPE GLOUCESTER UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn. SORTIE No. 1. A/C No. - TYPE [illegible] DATE 2 Apr 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R - TRAILS LEADING INTO GENGO FROM SOUTH.

REF. MAPS St QUINIS & KAPTURA 1in to 1m.

PILOT F/L King

OBSERVER F/O Linklater

TIME UP 0830

TIME DOWN 1130

TOTAL 3hrs

VISIBILITY Fair WEATHER Scattered Showers.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
GEEGO	0920	50ft	NO signs of fresh activity in village itself. The jctn of three tracks was obs at 707615. Track obs for approx mile of this jctn, narrow but well defined. After passing the jctn track crosses creek at 703615 by a well made foot bridge, const with piles and a wooden decking. From the east of the bridge the track widens to approx 6ft showing signs of heavy useage, but considered NOT to be recent. On the north of track beyond bridge under large tree, a heap of cut saplings were obs. These saplings had the appearance of having been there for some time. The track, still wide and well defined, continued on, slowly turning in a NE direction towards MADA, and was obs for approx [illegible] Because of jungle growth to the south of road trails could only be seen leaving the village area, and where obs, were narrow, well defined, but NO signs of recent useage was apparent. At [illegible] in a small area, secondary growth had been cleared, [illegible] and some trees felled which were obs to have been burned. It was hard to determine whether or NOT this activity was recent. NO movement seen and NO track activity apparent. Gardens at 680764 were in disrepair and covered with secondary growth. At approx 700680 and 701776 2 small, partially cleared and/or lightly trampled areas were obs. Activity did not appear to be recent, but area gave the impression of overnight stay of small parties. Just south of these areas track was obs. Where seen, it appeared well defined, but owing to nature of the jungle closer obs could NOT be made.
PULPALEIS	1010	"	Village consisted of three groups of huts with approx 2 huts to the groups, poorly const but in fair repair. NO nativesobs. In a garden clearing at 718618, 3 small fires obs. NO movement seen. This area showed signs of recent activity. The general terrain here is of a rugged nature and at the time the obs were made low rain squalls were sweeping the area. The 3 fires previously mentioned were considered to be more in the nature of cooking fires. The edges of the undergrowth near these fires were subjected to 2 short strafing runs.
	1035		Final mission report for Sortie 1 of 2 Apr 44 was dropped on 5 Marines.

Time and Signature [signature] Capt.

45 Asst. Adj. Gen. (AG)

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLIGHT

J.A. CHARLTON Capt.

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U. S. B. CAPE GLOUCESTER TE. 1 Apr 44

Aerial A/C No.	Pilot.	Object.	Up.	Down.	Time Area.	Task & Area.	Results & Remarks
1.	A46-115	F/O PAtch	1430	1745	3hrs 15min	Lead in Strike	Successful.

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LOCATION CAPE GLOUCESTER UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn. SORTIE No. 1 A/C No. - TYPE A46-115 DATE 1 Apr 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Lead in Strike KAKOLAN Isl.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
GAVELLE Penin. 4m to 1in.	F/O Paton	1430	Godd	Scattered Rain Squalls - Target Clear.
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN 1745		
		TOTAL 3hrs 15 min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
KAKOLAN	1540	Min	XP359. 3 creek mouths considered possible barge hideouts - thoroughly strafed by BOOMERANG and P40s. NO movement seen. Track from NA FA to PANDI Biv considered by pilot to show less signs of movement than when obs 29 Mar. TITONGO Isl and LOLOBAU Isl was searched for barges. NIL sightings. NO movement seen.
			A number of native Lakatois, approx 20, were obs at NA FA.

Time and Signature [signature] Capt.

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A. C. E. GUSAP DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS DATE 30 APRIL '44

A. L. C. L. WEBSTER CAPT

Sortie No	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observer.	Up.	Down.	Over Area	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-137	F/O OLIVER		0945	1245	3 hrs	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-116	F/O FIRTH		0945	1245	3 hrs	ESCORT	

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R.A.A.F. [illegible] COMMAND,1 AUST AL GP, 4 TAC/R SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION	UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN	SORTIE No. (1 this)	A/C No. - TYPE A46-137 A46-110	DATE 30 APRIL 44
ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R AREA 673630, 733650, 736670, 673670.				
REF. MAPS HASANO WATAKA 1 SERIES	PILOT F/O OLIVER OBSERVER F/O PARISH	TIME UP 0945 TIME DOWN 1145 TOTAL 3 hrs	VISIBILITY GOOD	WEATHER CLEAR

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	1035		orking party reairing [illegible] aircraft.
[illegible]			Bridge 1 and 2 [illegible] still unserviceable.
[illegible]EN TO CA E CROIX [illegible]LES			Road in good W.T condition, but no signs of recent movement indicated. Road indicated on map WATAKA 1" from 721605 to [illegible] 730620 is now obsolete and impassable to traffic. A new road has been built on the eastern side of head [illegible] of lake. Ref WATAKA 1" 721605, 727610, 730620. Bridges at 738642 under repair by our troops. Bridge at 7[illegible]3408 is intact. All bridges (3) crossing [illegible] RIV ref to 150 are destroyed. Bridge at 739572 is destroyed. Bridge at 719603 is intact. Bridge at 7 [illegible]60E is intact (this bridge is not marked on maps.) 1 bridge 7185 3 is [illegible]ter logged but appears repairable. 11 villages in recce area are [illegible]rly destroyed and deserted. Tracks leading from BUNU village 738638 are well worn and quite distinct when compared with other village tracks in the area. N.M.T other than own troops in whole recce area.
			Message dropped on 8 BDE HQ, 11 DIV.

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501—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

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DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS

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Sortie No	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observer	Up.	Down.	Over Area	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A66-106	F/O McKENZIE	1040	1435	6 hrs 30 mins			T.O/R COMBINED WITH SEARCH FOR MISSING A/C.
	A46-117	F/O LILLIE	1040	1435				
	A46-117	F/O SHECK	1535	1750				
	A46-138	F/O OLIVER	1535	1750				

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387 BOMB SQN,BOMBER COMMAND,1 AUST AL GP,4 TAC/R SQN,WAR DIARY;
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LOCATION GUSA. UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 1e (11 DIV) A/C No. A46-106, A46-117, A46-117, A46-138 TYPE [illegible] DATE 28 APRIL '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE OBSERVATIONS BY PILOTS DURING SEARCH FOR MISSING A/C.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
FORTE HADANG RAMU 4 MILES TO 1" SERIES	F/O McKENZIE F/O LILLIE F/O BEECK	1040 1535	GOOD	CLEAR
	OBSERVER F/O OLIVER	TIME DOWN 1435 1750		
		TOTAL 6 hrs 30 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	1600 1710		The area of search included the territory bounded by Ref RAMU 4 miles to 1 inch 1030 along EASTERN boundary of RAMU RIV - Ref BOGIA 5030 4 miles to 1 inch " BOGIA 7030 " " " ~~HADANG~~ 7424 " HADANG 7020 " " " RAMU 1090 " "
			During search no sign of enemy movement was observed by pilots. The area REF BOGIA 4 miles to 1 inch 6010, 6030, 7030, 7010 is thickly populated with native villages and many new native huts have been built.(Pilots estimation 95% villages have new buildings under construction). In addition cultivation patches have been newly fenced and freshly cultivated.

Time and Signature [signature]
(L. WEBSTER) CAPT.
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45 AUST AL SEC (AC).

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No. 2 GUSAP DATE. 27 APRIL '44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C DUTIES. A.L.O. L. WEBSTER CAPT

Serial	A/C No.	Pilot.	Orders.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Reliab.
1.	A46-137	F/O FIRTH		0745	1100	3 hrs 15 mins	TAC/R AND SEARCH FOR MISSING A/C	TAC/R
	A46-117	F/O PAXTON		0745	1100	3 hrs 15 mins	ESCORT	SUCCESSFUL

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LOCATION: GUSAP | UNIT: 4 TAC/R SQN | SORTIE No.: (11DIV) | A/C No. - TY: A46-137, A46-117 | DATE: 27 APRIL 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: TAC/R COMBINED WITH SEARCH FOR MISSING A/C.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
MADANG MATUKA 1st SERIES	F/O FIRTH	0745	GOOD	CLEAR
	OBSERVER F/O PAXTON	TIME DOWN 1100		
		TOTAL 3 hrs 15 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
710374	0930		Newly sited camp and approx 100 own troops in vicinity. 1 camp site and 30 approx own troops observed at 733373. Stores also observed at 737377.
ALEXISHAFEN TO CAPE CROISILLES			Road from ALEXISHAFEN to C. CROISILLES 740646 is in good MoT condition and no movement indicated since last rains - 740646 was furthermost point of T.A.C/R. Bridge crossing HERPI RIV is destroyed. Both airstrips at ALEXISHAFEN are unserviceable.
			NIL sightings missing a/c during recce.

Time and Signature: R. Webster (L. WEBSTER) CAPT.

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801—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/100m.

A. O. B. GUSAP DATE 26 APRIL '44

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS

A. L. O. Lt. WEBSTER CAPT

Sortie No	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-117	F/O BROMHEAD		0900	1040	1 hr 40 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL

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LOCATION..... UNIT.....4 TAC/R SQN..... SORTIE No. 2 (12DIV)..... A/C No. - TYPE 6-117..... DATE 26 APRIL '44.....

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

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
MADANG MATUKA 1" SERIES	F/O BROMHEAD	TIME UP 0900	GOOD	CLEAR AT 0900 LIGHT RAIN AT 1020
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN 1040		
		TOTAL 1 hr 40 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
VITAI PLANTATION C930			A6 road junction 735415 one hut containing stores was burning. From this point one zig-zag trench 2 feet deep ran E. to coast. N.F.G.
ALEXISHAFEN	0940		In and around the area of SOUTHERN (No. 1) strip indications of recent heavy troop movement interspersed with M.T. traffic was observed, particularly around NORTHERN section of No 1 strip. This indication of heavy movement continued along the road to VITAI PLANTATION, then it appeared to thin out along the coast road to RUMPI. (RUMPI was furthermost point of TAC/R). All bridges from No. 1 strip to RUMPI appeared to be passable and in good condition.
SEK HARBOUR 716320			4 barges containing own troops fully equipped were observed moving SOUTH from GITELIEN PASSAGE. 15 to 20 own troops, fully equipped moving NORTH.
			Both strips at ALEXISHAFEN are unserviceable.
			Condition of bridges between 709383 and 715325 is unchanged.
			No movement in TAC/R area, other than own troops, seen.
			Two a/c on TAC/R over this area are now overdue

Time and Signature..... (Lt. EBSTEN) CAPT.

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501—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/100.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A. O. B. GUSAF DATE. 25.APRIL.'44.. A. L. C. L. WEBSTER CAPT .....

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observ.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-137	F/O LILLIE		0015	1300	3 hrs 45 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-148	F/O OLLIVER		0015	1300	3 hrs 45 mins	ESCORT	

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE NO. 1.(11DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46-137 A46-148 DATE 25 APRIL 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R MADANG

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
MADANG BOGADJIM 1-SERIES	F/O LINLIE	0915	GOOD	CLEAR
	OBSERVER F/O OLLIVER	TIME DOWN 1300		
		TOTAL 3 hrs 45 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
MADANG	1000		Much activity at jettion of MADANG. Own troops unloading barges and tents being erected. Approx 20 own troops resting at EASTERN end of MADANG air strip.
709283			Approx 100 own troops, fully equiped moving along road to ALEXISHAFEN from 709283.
AMRON MISSION			Track to AMRON MISSION is well defined but shows no sign of recent movement. The village appears to be deserted and many tracks are overgrown and huts dilapidated. N.M.S.
ALEXISHAFEN			N.M.S. Both strips appear deserted. Huts and buildings unserviceable.
ROAD MADANG-ALEXISHAFEN-REMPI			Condition good. Bridges out at 709278, 709296 (improvised crossing at 100x WEST), 726373, 708377, 709373. Remaining bridges appear serviceable for M.T except at 719351, which appears passable for foot traffic only.
VITAI PLANTATION-REMPI			Road from VITAI plantation to REMPI indicates recent movement by tracked vehicles. Recent footpads observed at 701365.
GAMOI PLANTATION			Cattle, approx 6, seen in vicinity of GAMOI plantation , also beefmarks at 712356.
ISLANDS			Islands on coast between MADANG and ALEXISHAFEN appear deserted but evidence of previous occupation is shown by scattered stores and burnt out huts.
SEK HARBOUR			Around SEK HARBOUR are some waterlogged barges which it is considered could be made serviceable. ALEXISHAFEN appears to be in some state of desertion as MADANG was prior to [illegible] occupation.
MESSAGE DROP			Pilot's recce report dropped on HQ 11 AUST DIV, 15 BDE, and HQ 8 BDE.

Time and Signature (L. WEBSTER) CAPT. A.L.O

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45 AUST AL SQ (AC)

501—N.G. Press Unit—11/5/44m.

A. C. B. GUSAP DATE 26 APRIL '44 ARMY RECORD OF A/C FLIGHTS L. WEBSTER CAPT

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Sortie No	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-137	F/O PAXTON		0900	1215	3 hrs 15 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-148	F/O DANN		0900	1215	3 hrs 15 mins	ESCORT	

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1 AUST AL GP,4 TAC/R SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE

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LOCATION..... UNIT.....4 TAC/R SQN..... SORTIE No.....(11DIV)..... A/C No. - TYPE A46-137 A46-148 DATE 24 APRIL '44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE..... T C/R MADANG

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
BOGADJIM MADANG 1" SERIES	F/O PAXTON	0900	GOOD 10/10	CLEAR
	OBSERVER F/O DANN	TIME DOWN 1215		
		TOTAL 3 hrs 15 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
BOGADJIM	0940		At BOGADJIM beachhead many personnel observed unloading stores and equipment from 1 barge.
BOGADJIM	1130		3 barges observed at beachhead.
ERIMA JETTY	0945		2 ALLIED barges moored to jetty. Troops, approx 20, moving in vicinity of landing craft.
ERIMA JETTY - MADANG			Road from ERIMA JETTY to MADANG apparently not used. Road serviceable but N.M.G.
			Bridges crossing the rivers GUCOL and GUM are unserviceable.
710184			ALLIED launch moored at 710184. Own patrol, approx 35 personnel, moving NORTH along beach approx
			200x SOUTH of GUM RIV. The launch appeared to be standing by.
MADANG	1020		MADANG area appeared deserted. N.M.G. Roads have not been used by MT since last rains.
MADANG TO 720413	1045		Road MADANG to 720413 in good condition, bridges have been repaired and appear capable of being crossed by MT.
709296			Bridge at 709296 is out but an improvised crossing has been built 100x WEST of original structure. It is considered that this crossing would not withstand heavy rains.
720413			Road NORTH of 720413 was not recced.
ALEXISHAFEN			ALEXISHAFEN appears deserted and all islands between MADANG and ALEXISHAFEN appear unoccupied.
			Airstrips at MADANG and ALEXISHAFEN are not serviceable due to bomb craters.

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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
			No sign of enemy activity seen in area for 2 miles [illegible] of MADANG.
A/A			No A/A encountered at either LAE/DARU or ALEXISHAFEN.
AMELE			N.K.D. in area AMELE and tracks do not indicate signs of recent use.
			Copy of Pilot's T.G/R report was dropped on HQ, 8 MDC, at BOGADJIM.

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

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45 AUST ARMY CORPS (AC)

501—N.G. Press Coll.—11/43/10m.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

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DATE 24 APRIL '44....

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DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. 22 APRIL '44

DATE....1 .....

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NIL SORTIES.

DIST:-MGF(2),2 AUST CORPS,1 DIV, DIARY,FILE R.Q.'LOAN.MAJ.....A.L.O.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A. O. B. USA DATE. 21 APRIL 44

J.R.W. LEECH CAPT.
A. L. O. .....

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-148	F/O FIRTH		0930	1130	2 hrs	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-138	F/O LILLIE		0930	1130	2 hrs	ESCORT	

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 1 (1 DET) A/C No. - TYPE A46-168 A46-138 DATE 21 APRIL '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
BOGADJIM 1/63360	F/O FIRTH	0930	GOOD	CLOUDY
	OBSERVER F/O LILLIS	TIME DOWN 1130		
		TOTAL 2 hrs		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
BAURI 553660			Well defined tracks intersect not recently used. Track BAURI to MURU overgrown with grass. Village of BAURI in state of disrepair and deserted.
MURU 565953			Track BAURI to MURU shows no sign of recent use. 1 tin roofed building destroyed, 2 serviceable buildings of similar type. Village appears deserted. Well defined tracks overgrown with grass and show no sign of recent use.

Time and Signature R Wolfe CAPT. A.A.C.

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45 AUST AL SEC(AC)

Sdl—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

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DATE...20.APRIL.'44.

NIL SORTIES.

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A.O.B..GUSAP..... DATE.....19 APRIL '44.....

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DIST:-NGF(2),2 AUST CORPS,11DIV,WAR DIARY,FILE J.R.W.. LEECH CAPT

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A. C. B. CUSAP DATE 18 APRIL '44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS A. L. O. T.R.W. LENCH CAPT

Sortie No	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-148	F/O McKENZIE		0915	1215	3 hrs	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-106	F/O OLIVER		0915	1215	3 hrs	ESCORT	

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LOCATION GUSAP	UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN	SORTIE No. (11DIV)	A/C No. - TYPE A46-148 A46-106	DATE 18 APRIL '44.
ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R				
REF. MAPS BOGADJIN 1/63360	PILOT F/O McKENZIE OBSERVER F/O OLIVER	TIME UP 0915 TIME DOWN 1215 TOTAL 3 hrs	VISIBILITY GOOD	WEATHER CLOUDY

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
BAU-AK			Own troops in defensive positions East of road 637543. Villages not observed.
SINARTI			Huts in village, in disrepair. U.N.S. Crashed B25 No. 41-7[illegible] position 632986.
628988			A/c burnt except rear of fuselage and tail plane.
UIA 608025			2 own troops in village, waved. Small rowing boat moored in creek 608038.
ATO 616053			18 huts in disrepair. Village appears deserted. Track BAU-AK to ATO gives no indication of recent use. Track MS from ATO investigated to 5[illegible]C77. Indicates slight recent use.
LIUN 587042			Village appears abandoned. U.N.S. Track ATO-LIUN does not indicate recent use.
ERIMA			Number of dumps throughout area. Possible MT PARK 672037 although no sign of recent use. Only MT observed definitely unserviceable. Track ATO-ERIMA not recently used.
BALAMA 680055			N.M.S. Track ERIMA to BALAMA well defined but not recently used.

Time and Signature [signature] CAPT.

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DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLOWN

A. O. R. GUSAP DATE 17 APRIL '44

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Sortie No	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-148	F/O BEECK		0820	1055	2 hrs 35 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-106	F/O HINDMARSH		0820	1055	2 hrs 35 mins	ESCORT	
2.	A46-149	F/O FIRTH		1530	1730	2 hrs	CONTACT/R	SUCCESSFUL

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Commanding Officer

DISTR-HQF(R),2 AUST CORPS,11DIV,18,15,82.SAF,312 BOMB GP,85 FIGHTER WING,387 BOMB SQN
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LOCATION GUSAP | UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN | SORTIE No. 11(DIV) | A/C No. - TYPE A46-148 A46-106 | DATE 17 APRIL '44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
BAGASIN 1"	F/O SEMCK	0830	GOOD	LOW CLOUD ON HILL TOPS
	OBSERVER F/O HINDMARSH	TIME DOWN 1055		
		TOT 2 hrs 35 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
BAGASIN			10 huts in village but only 6 habitable. Appears deserted no signs of any use. Track HEGRI-ZADSOP well worn, passing through BAGASIN. Some recently constructed huts, with footpads radiating from HEGRI-ZADSOP, were observed. Considered to have been built by natives who were throughout area.
JAB			Track between BAGASIN - JAB appears well used. Close recce of high feature NE of ZADSOP shows no indication of movement. Track as shown on map sheet ZADSOP-CARIMAN would be difficult to use owing to mountainous terrain.
KULAU			Approx 50 huts of which 10 are weatherboard with iron roofs and two possible iron roofed latrines seen in KULAU. Slit trenches and air raid shelters were observed in centre of village amongst the weatherboard huts. There does not appear to have been much activity in KULAU but a small party could occupy village and NOT disclose any signs. Some signs of slight activity along track KULAU-CASUAL in area of high feature at 310087. This feature commands observation of area including tracks SOUTH and EAST of KULAU. No natives observed.

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

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80—N.G. Press Unit—11/12/'44.

DIST:HEP(2),2 AUST CORPS,11DIV,18,15,2,5AF,312 BOMB Gp,85 FIGHTER WING,387 BOMB SQN,
BOMBER COMMAND,1 AUST AL Gp,4 TAC/R SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 2. (11DIV). A/C No. - TYPE A-G-149 DATE 27 APRIL '44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE CONTACT/R GRASURD AIR AT 9467?

REF. MAPS	PILOT F/O [illegible]	TIME UP 1530	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
RAMU STRIP	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN 1730	GOOD	GOOD
		TOTAL 2hrs		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			A20 located at 9467?. Marked map and message giving instructions for members of crew to proceed to [illegible] were dropped and collected by man who are apparently uninjured.

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S61—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

A. O. B. CUSAF DATE 16 APRIL'44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A. L. O. N.O'LON N.M.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observ.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	[illegible]	F/O FENCK		1030	1315	2 hrs 45 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-119	F/O WINDMARSH		1030	1315	2 hrs 45 mins	ESCORT	

DIST:-HQ(2), [illegible] COMD, 1 DIV, MAR DIV, [illegible]

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BOMBER COMMAND,1 AUST AL GP,4 TAC/R SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE

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LOCATION: GUSAP | UNIT: 4 TAC/R SQN | SORTIE No: 1. (11DIV) | A/C No. - TYPE: A46-148 A46-119 | DATE: 16 APRIL '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: TAC/R AMINIK - JA-PA- BAURI.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
BAC-SIN 1" BOGADJIM 1"	F/O BEECK	1030	POOR	LOW CLOUD
	OBSERVER F/O MINDHARSH	TIME DOWN 1315		
		TOTAL 2 hrs 45 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
ULIA	1130		Track leads from GUNU to unnamed village 400939. Approx 8 huts and appears well used. Natives observed in area AMINIK-GUNU, took no avoiding action and repeatedly waved to a/c. Track AMINIK-ULIA has had some use but less use has been made of track between ULIA-JAPPA. Tracks throughout appeared to have hard surface. AMINIK not observed owing to low cloud.
NUMU RIV			NUMU RIV from JA-PA-LIUM is considered to be NOT navigable due to many rapids and rocks. River was discoloured by mud and flowing fairly fast. From LIUM-GOGOL RIV mouth at 692126, considered to be navigable by small raft. No sighting of tracks between JAPPA-BAURI. Close recce of kunai ridges where footpads are generally made showed no evidence of track.
BAURI			BAURI showed signs of occupation. Track BAURI- NUMU showed limited use. Recce of area AMINIK - JA-PA-BAURI did NOT disclose any indication of possible route taken by JAP in his reported withdrawal. Limited observation of track ATO-PALPA RIV showed fairly heavy use.

Time and Signature: [signature] HAJ.

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Sqn. Ldr. Press Unit—11/33/1000.

GUSAP 15 APRIL '44 DAILY REPORT OF A/C FLOWN R.O'LOAN MAJ

Sq. No. 1 DATE A. M. C.

Sortie No	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A20-480	F/Lt UNKLES	LIEUT. FETHERSTONHAUGH	0755			TAC/R HANTOAT AREA	A/C FAILED TO RETURN TO BASE.
2.	A46-148	F/O FIRTH		1400	1615	2 hrs 15 mins	SEARCH FOR	
	A46-119	F/O McKENZIE		1400	1615	2 hrs 15 mins	MISSING A20-480	

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BOMBER COMMAND,1 AUST AL GP,RAAF DEINY,4 F C/R SQN,FILE

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No 1. (11DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A20-660 DATE 15 APRIL 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE T.C/R WATTON AREA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT F/Lt [illegible]	TIME UP 0755	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	OBSERVER LIEUT. FETHERSTONHAUGH	TIME DOWN	FAIR	9/10 CLOUD BASE 4500'
		TOTAL		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			A20-660 failed to return to base.
			SORTIE No. 2
			RE-SCH FOR MISSING A/C. A 0-660
F/O FIRTH F/O McKENZIE	TIME UP 1400 TIME DOWN 1615 TOTAL 2 hrs 15 mins		A46-142 A46-119
			VISIBILITY: FAIR WEATHER: 9/10 CLOUD BASE 4500'
			Search unsuccessful. NIL sightings.

Time and Signature [signature]

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45 AUST AL SEC (C)

501—N.G. Press Unit—11/45/10m.

A. C. S. SUSAP DATE 14 APRIL '44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLOWN A. L. O. J.R. FETHERSTONHAUGH. LIEUT.

Sortie No	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-116	F/O AHEARN		0825	1040	2 hrs 15 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-106	P/O OLIVER		0825	1040	2 hrs 15 mins	ESCORT	

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

DIST:MAF(2),2AUST CORPS,11DIV,10,15,A2,MAF,312 BOMB Gp,83 FIGHTER WING,387 BOMB SQN,
BOMBER COMMAND,1AUST AL Gp,4 TAC/R SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 1. (11DIV) A.C No. - TYPE A46-116 A46-106 DATE 14 APRIL'44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R TRACKS BASIN AREA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1" SERIES	F/O AMES	0825	POOR	LOW CLOUD
	OBSERVER F/O OLIVER	TIME DOWN 1040		
		TOTAL 2hrs 15mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			Track ATC 580150, MAUM 27:121, GOGOUM 527128 has had some recent use. None since last night's rain. Track gives impression of having carried more than native traffic.
			Track GOGOUM through 615MA 427061, MEMBI covered by cloud in places. Where observed appeared to have about the same amount of usage as ATC GOGOUM track.
			Track GUSA 424206 NW to KOKUN RIV not sighted. Cloud prevented recce of tracks NE and NW from BASIN. Terrain NW from BASIN very steep and thickly covered.

Time and Signature R. Davison Lang Lt
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45 AUST AL SEC (AC).

SH—N.G. Press Unit—11/55/300.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLOWN

Sqn. O. C. RCAF DATE 12 APRIL '44 Lt. J.R.FETHERSTONHAUGH LIEUT.

Sortie No	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-116	F/O COLLES		0015	1100	2 hours	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-148	F/O WINDSHEIM		0015	1100	2 hours	TAC/R	
2.	A46-138	F/O MCKENZIE		1000	1120	1 hr 20	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL

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

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No (11 DIV) A.C No. - TYPE A46-116 A46-168 DATE 19 APRIL '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R AMELE AREA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1" SERIES	OBSERVER F/O HINDMARSH	TIME DOWN 1100	FAIR	LOW CLOUD
		TOTAL 2 hrs 45 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
AMELE MISSION 568162			Mission appears deserted. Very large Mission 20-25 buildings with iron roof, which have been slightly knocked about by bombing. 4 buildings at least 100' x 50'.
AMELE 568167			Decent sized native village, appears deserted. NE track as marked on map u/s, but foot-pints showing. Huts and villages NORTH and EAST of AMELE appears to be in use and area gives impression of some activity, gardens are in order and tracks are in use.
AMELE ELB			Overgrown with bushes and small trees. Only a cut strip if cleared. Track running NE from AMELE ELB is in fairly constant use and villages DAI, CUMAN, CUMURU show evidence of recent use, many small camp fires observed. Track from AMELE mission NE to GOSOUN 577138 in use. 2 rafts at river crossing 577158. DAI apparently surprised and fresh tracks headed for cover on waters edge. N.M.S No evidence of any track crossing river 586152. Track leading SOUTH through BUNU 569143 to BANUM 57 122 to ROMO 562087 to ATO 616063 has originally been cut as road, but is only used as single footpad.
			MADONGIN 550078 and BANGA 549070 large villages probably occupied, pigs observed. Large apparently well cared for gardens in area. Track SOUTH from BANGA across NORO RIV through BAIRI 550040 well defined and has had some recent use as far as TAPO creek, but further SOUTH goes through very difficult country and where picked up did not give impression of much recent use.

SORTIE No. 2

TAC/R KANUAT AREA. VISIBILITY WEATHER

F/O McKENZIE A46-138 TIME UP 1000 TIME DOWN 1120 TOTAL 1 hr 20 mins. POOR LOW CLOUD

Owing low cloud and difficult terrain detailed recce impossible.
N.M.S on track running NE parallel to IKKAT RIV. Natives in area appeared normal and not perturbed.

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

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A. O. B. GUSAP DATE 12 APRIL '44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS A. L. O. J.R.FETHERSTONHAUGH LIEUT.

Sortie No	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-138	F/O FIRTH		0600	0845	45 mins	WEATHER RECCE	SUCCESSFUL
2.	A46-138	F/O FIRTH		0930	1045	1 hr 15 mins	LEAD STRIKE	SUCCESSFUL
3.	A46-106	F/O PAXTON		1000	1115	1 hr 15 mins	TAC/R	UNSUCCESSFUL
	A46-116	F/O PERRY		1000	1115	1 hr 15 mins	ESCORT	

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LOCATION..... UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 1. (11 DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46-138 DATE 12 APRIL 45

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE WEATHER RECCE

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/25000 SERIES	F/O FIRTH	0800	GOOD	GOOD
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN 0845		
		TOTAL 45 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			Weather over target area WENGA ,642918, good.
			SORTIE No. 2.
			LEAD STRIKE WENGA 642918.
			F/O FIRTH TIME UP 0930 TIME DOWN 1045 TOTAL 1 hr 15 mins. A46-138 VISIBILITY GOOD WEATHER GOOD
	0830		BOOMERANG rendezvoued with 8 P39's over GUSAP.
	0850		BOOMERANG attempted to indicate target with smoke bomb. Bomb would not release, but P39's identified target from the dive. Bombing accurate and ridge well covered as well as village. Target heavily strafed after bombing.
			SORTIE No. 3. TAC/R ENTER AREA.
			F/O FOXTON TIME UP 1000 A46-108
			F/O PERRY TIME DOWN 1115 A46-116
			TOTAL 1 hr 15 mins
			On reaching area A46-116 developed engine trouble and a/c went on to SAIDOR.

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A. O. B. SUSAP DATE 11 APRIL '44 A. L. C. J.R.PETHERSTONHAUGH LIEUT.

Sortie No	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-138	F/O ARMER		0830	0945		1 hr 15 mins LEAB STRIKE	SUCCESSFUL
2.	A46-116	F/O COLLIS		0800	1035		2 hrs 35 mins TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL.
	A46-106	F/O DANN		0800	1035		2 hrs 35 mins ESCORT	

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 1 (11 DIV) A/C No. - T446-138 DATE 22 APRIL '44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE LEAD P39 STRIKE POSITION AREA 643907

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
MINDJIM 1/25000	F/O AHERN	0830	POOR	LOW OVERCAST
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN 0945		
		TOTAL 1 hr 15 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			BOOMERANG rendezvoused with 8 P39's over GUSAP.
	0835		
	0850		BOOMERANG dived through hole in cloud but P39's followed other BOOMERANG on TAC/R.
			After collecting P39's target indicated by smoke bomb.(First bomb dropped was a dud). Cloud too low to bomb but position well strafed.

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. (11DIV) A/C No. A46-116 A46-106 DATE 11 APRIL 1944.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R ERIMA AREA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/25000 SERIES	F/O COLLIS	0800	POOR	LOW CLOUD - RAIN
	OBSERVER F/O DANN	TIME DOWN 1035		
		TOTAL 2 hrs 35 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			Tracks SOUTH from BOGADJIM shows slight very recent use.
			Tracks along main BOGADJIM - NORTH has had use probably by 30-50 men.
			Track from huts 643083 to tin roofed huts 642030 has had considerable recent use. Tin roofed huts straffed. Some boxes and covered dumps in ERIMA JETTY area. Some piled dressed timber 648028. All this area has been well straffed and most stores are probably u/s.
			Bivouac area SQ 6506 at NORTH end ERIMAPAPEN plantation does not appear recently used, but area on KALPA RIV for approx 300x each side river and 1000x long, centre of area huts at 642030, has had considerable recent use. Track leading NE from area to ATO has had some recent use.
			Reported possible gun position 675078 does not appear to be in use.

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S61—N.G. Print Unit—11/43/10m.

A. C. B. 6USAP DATE 10 APRIL '44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS A. L. O. J.R.FETHERSTONHAUGH LIEUT.

Sortie No	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-116	F/O BECK		0825	1125	3 hrs	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-106	F/O HINDMARSH		0825	1125	3 hrs	ESCORT	

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ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R COASTAL AREA ASTRALOFF BAY.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/25000 SERIES	F/O BENCK	0825	GOOD	GOOD
	OBSERVER F/O MIMMARSH	TIME DOWN 1125		
		TOTAL 3 hrs		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
SUNGUM 2			No movement seen. Village does not appear to be used appreciably. Tracks do not appear to have had
734852			much recent use.
[illegible] 774812			8 troops observed in village. No shirts or head gear. Troops moved to a/c.
GERIK 753836			8 friendly troops, no shirts or head gear.
YANGALIM 782913			No movement seen. No village observed.
MANGAPO			Approx 30 own troops in village - moved to a/c.
ALIKU			Crees through village and tracks illdefined, but at ALIKU 2, 633881, fairly well used. Debris on
626872			ground, coconut husks. Tracks between ALIKU 1 and 2 very poorly defined. ALIKU 2 appears occupied.
			N.M.S. Track ALIKU 2 to BUNGA, 642918, well used. BUNGA appears occupied. Position area 643905
			appears in use as possible defence position. Indications recent movement in area. At 638904
			also appears occupied. This position has no command and could possibly be bivouac area.
REREO 667926			Village appears occupied. 6 foxholes observed on SOUTHERN side village. Tracks show signs of limited
			recent movement especially REREO - BALE track.
BARUM			N.M.S.
			Position 720927. Undergrowth has been trampled. Fairly thick timber makes observation difficult.
			Track from KALIKO to 717922 well used especially NORTHERN end.

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S01—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/100m.

A. O. B. SUSAP DATE 9 APRIL 194[illegible] DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A. L. O. J.T.FETHERSTONHAUGH LIEUT.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
2.	A20-480	F/L UKKLES	LIEUT FETHERSTONHAUGH	0765 1430	1200 1540	3 hrs 25 mins	PHOTO/R	UNSUCCESSFUL

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A. C. S. USAF DATE. 9 APRIL '44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A. L. O. J.R.FETHERSTONHAUGH - LIEUT.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-116	F/O AHEARN		0745	0945	2 hrs	T.A.C/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-106	F/O COLLIS		0745	0945	2 hrs	ESCORT	

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LOCATION GUSAP	UNIT 4TAC/R SQN	SORTIE No. 1. (11DIV)	A/C No. - TYPE A46-116 A46-105	DATE 9 JULY '44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R BOGADJIM ROAD

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/25000	F/O AMERAN	0745	FAIR	GOOD
	OBSERVER F/O COLLIS	TIME DOWN 0945		
		TOTAL 2 hrs		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			2MT parked 554824 appeared serviceable.
			Some secondary growth cleared and signs some movement on top of hill 559330.
			Position reported as 640306. On ridge running EAST from here there is a possible position. Secondary growth has been cleared under trees. Would suggest position would hold in excess 20-30 men as clearing appears 300-500x long. N.M.S.

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

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501—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/1m.

A. O. B. [redacted] DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS J.R.FETHERSTONHAUGH LIEUT.

DATE 8 APRIL '44 A. I. C.....

Sortie No	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
2.	A46-106	F/O MCKENZIE		0830	1250	4 hrs	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL.
	A46-116	F/O LILLY		0830	1250	4 hrs	ESCORT	

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BOMBER COMMAND,1 AUST AL GP,4 TAG/R SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 1. (11 DIV) A C No. - TYPE A46-106 A46-115 DATE 8 APRIL '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R BOGADJIM ROAD

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/25000 SERIES	F/O McKENZIE	0850	GOOD	GOOD
	OBSERVER F/O LILLY	TIME DOWN 1250		
		TOTAL 4 hrs		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
589927	0930		N.M.S. Mango vines and small bushes- possible camouflaged position.
592926			Small landslides near with no tracks showing.
593924			Light tracks leading NORTH to top of ridge but lost in thick undergrowth.
590926			Square built up log position 3 to 4' high overlooking BOGADJIM ROAD to SOUTH. N.M.S.
589930			Track 589930 to 594940 shows no excessive use. N.M.S.
615945			Telephone line with 3 insulators from 615945 followed along road and lost at 650972, sighted again 675974.
615944			Felled logs lying parallel with road 615944 to 624958 possible road mending material. At 620952 and 623954 road has been repaired with logs. MT track running parallel on EAST side of road shows recent use.
648972			Four huts, 2 cases sighted under trees. Area of diameter of 150x appears used as possible stores dump. In SQ 6436 coconut trees appear recently felled- 7 cattle sighted this SQ.
658965			2 wires strung across river and at 662966.
664967			In angle between road and river four huts which do not appear to be native built and 3 visible slit trenches with 2 possible camouflaged trenches. Two bamboo Rlumps with 3 possible camouflaged trenches 663969.

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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
671963			Wire strung across mouth of creek, worn tracks both sides. N.M.S. Footprints on beach from 688954 to 678972 crossing mouth of creek at this point. Most marked at mouth of MINDJIM and river mouth 684957. Tracks lead in from beach at 684957 to village 681962 which show evidence of camp fires. Tracks from KIER RIVER NW towards BOGADJIM both coastal and inland appear well used. N.M.S. ALLIED troops not sighted on coast to MELANDA HARBOUR.

Time and Signature D. Silveira Lieut.

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A. O. B. GUSAP DATE..7.APRIL.'44.. DAILY RECORD OF A/ TASKS. A. L. O. J.R.FETHERSTONHAUGH LIEUT.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observ.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Visit & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-116	F/O COLLIE		0835	1105	2 hrs 30 mins		SUCCESSFUL
	A46-106	F/O DANN		0835	1105	2 hrs 30 mins		

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. (7DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46-116 A46-106 DATE APRIL 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R BOOBADIK ROAD BRIDGE 6 AREA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/25000 SERIES	F/O COLLIS	0935	GOOD	FAIR
	OBSERVER F/O DANN	TIME DOWN 1105		
		TOTAL 2 hrs 30 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			Camouflaged but 594932, 2 demolished huts by. Area does not appear well worn. No diggings observed on high country but possibly some secondary growth cleared 593926. Nil at 592937 with indications some recent movement. Kunai ridge with groups of trees with indication movement through trees and kunai 601935 and at 600937. This position would have excellent command of road.
			Foot track running NORTH from 590936 has had very little recent use and appears suitable only for single file. Huts at 602953 appear serviceable but not recently used.
			Own troops not observed NORTH of AIYAU.
			Slight movement indicated on road from BRIDGE 3 NORTH.
			Indications ALLIED troops on WEST side MAPPNAM, barges have been beached 794938. Many foot tracks on beach.
			Own troops DARU.

Time and Signature R. Dickenson Laugh LIEUT. A.L.O

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R. O'LOAN MAJ.

A. C. B. SUBAF DATE 6 APRIL '44 A. I. O.....

Sortie No	A/C No.	Pilots	Crews	Up.	Down.	Ctrol Area	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1	A46-116	F/O PAXTON		0850	1050	2 hrs	CONTACT/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-156	F/O HINDMARSH		0850	1050	2 hrs	ESCORT	
2.	A46-106	F/O PERRY		1015	1230	2 hrs 15 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-138	F/O DANN		1015	1230	2 hrs 15 mins	ESCORT	

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LOCATION...SWPAC... UNIT...4 TAC/R SQN... SORTIE No...1. (7DIV)... A/C No. - TYPE...A46-116 A46-156... DATE...APRIL '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE...CONTACT RECCE - AIYAN

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
...TAULA MINDJIM 1/25000 SERIES	OBSERVER F/O HINDMARSH	TIME DOWN 1050	GOOD	SCATTERED CLOUD
		TOTAL 2 hrs		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
AIYAN	0930		W/T's between ENTERPRISE 7 & [illegible] did NOT observe own troops. 2 x 44 gallon drums sighted at 602931, where there is apparently a deserted dump.

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SORTIE No. 2.
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F/O PERRY TIME UP 1015 A46-196 VISIBILITY WEATHER
F/O DAWE time down 1230 A46-138 SEAWARD 20 MILES FAIR
TOTAL 2 hrs 15 mins. INLAND

REF MAPS
MINDJIM
MILANG 1/25000 SERIES

KALIKO			A well used track was observed between BONGCU - KALIKO, where rain had recently fallen. Track KALIKO - MALE did not appear to have been as well used as KALIKO - BONGCU. Track activity in villages KALIKO and BONGCU indicate recent occupation. No defences visible in KALIKO.
WENGA			Did not observe own troops in ALIBU-WENGA area. Slight track activity noticed in WENGA.
KANEMAU RIV			No sightings of ALLIED troops in area. KANEMAU RIV mouth - along KANEMAU RIV - GERUK - SINGOM. Visibility very limited SEWCUK due to lo. cloud.

Time and Signature... M.J. A.L.O

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DAILY RECORD OF A/ TASKS.

J.R.FETHERSTONHAUGH LIEUT.

A. C. B. CHSAP DATE. 5 .FEB. '44... A. L. C. .....

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-106	F/O BENEK		0830	1030	hrs.	[illegible]C/A	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-156	F/O LILLY		0830	1030	2 hrs	[illegible]CRT	

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4 TAC/R SQN — SORTIE No. 2. (7DIV) — A46-106, A46-156 — 5 APRIL '44.

TAC/R ZOGADJIN ROAD, MIKEJIN RIVER

REF MAPS.		TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/25000 SERIES	P/O BOCK P/O LILLY	0830 TIME DOWN 1030 TOTAL 2 HRS	GOOD	CC

R.T.C. ZOGADJIN ROAD.

MAGAREA PLANTATION — Old huts observed throughout plantation. No.3. 6 cable SQ 6398. Sign activity rubber plantation centre 6397. One patrol NOT sighted on MIKEJIN RIVER.

R. O'Loan Navigator. LIEUT. A.I.C.
45 AUST AL SQN (AC).

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A. GUSAP 4 APRIL '44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A.L.O. J.R.FETHERSTONHAUGH, LIEUT

Serial No.	A/C No.	Pilot	Time	Hrs.	Time	Hrs.	Task & Remarks
1.	A46-106	F/O AMEARN	0905	1105	2 hrs	TAC /R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-115	F/O MINDMARSH	0905	1105	2 hrs	ESCORT	

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LOCATION GUAP UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No 1. (TDIY) A/C No. - TYPE A46-106 A46-116 DATE 4 APRIL '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R ROADS ROAD BARUM AREA

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/25000 SERIES	F/O ANDARU	0905	POOR - FAIR	LOW CLOUD DRIZZLE
	OBSERVER F/O HINDMARCH	TIME DOWN 1205		
		TOTAL 3 hrs		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
KWATO 853876			Careful recce made of area. No defences observed and no movement seen. Road very crabbed out and does not appear to have had appreciable recent foot traffic. No movement seen along road. No indication fresh movement in BOGADJIM plantation.
BARUM 765904			Possibly occupied. All dispersals are in order with probably some further trenches constructed. Trucks appeared fresh. No further positions observed BARUM NORTH to coast.

Time and Signature R. Anderson Lieut.

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SOL—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/100m.

A. C. B. 65SAP DATE 3 APRIL '44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLYING A. L. C. J.R.FETHERSTONHAUGH, LIEUT.

Serials No	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observ.	Up.	Down.	Over Area	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1	A46-148	F/O FIRTH		0830	1045	2 hrs 15 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-116	F/O DANN		0830	1045	2 hrs 15 mins	ESCORT	
2.	A46-137	F/O MCKENZIE		0900	1120	2 hrs 20 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-106	F/O LILLY		0900	1120	2 hrs 20 mins	ESCORT	

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2AUST AL Gp,4 TAC/R SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION..GUSAP.. UNIT..4 TAC/R SQN.. SORTIE No..1. (7DIV) A/C No. - TYPE..A46-148 A46-116 DATE..3 APRIL'44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE..TAC/R MINDJIM RIVER AREA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/25000 SERIES	F/O FIRTH	0830	GOOD	GOOD
	OBSERVER F/O DANN	TIME DOWN 1045		
		TOTAL 2hrs 15mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
ALIEU 628872	0900		Village approx 8 huts. No movement seen. Village strafed. Track leading NORTH through hut areas appears fairly well defined to 637889 after which it is very faint. From 638906 to WEMBA 642918 track appears in fair condition.
WEMBA 642918	0920		Village possibly occupied. No movement seen. Track WEMBA - JAM JAM 634943 NOT well defined and does NOT appear recently used. Faint track leaves from 640930 runs NW through SQ 6493 and thence back to MINDJIM RIV at 638946.
JAM JAM			Village does NOT appear occupied. Tracks disused. Village 668960 in trees, do NOT appear in use. Tracks leading towards coast have been used recently. Track leading SOUTH to village 667935 in poor condition. N.M.S. village, but between village and RERED 668925 has been freely used. The 2 NW tracks from RERED in good condition. Track leading SOUTH from RERED has also been used. 2 huts in trees on N-NE edge of RERED appear in good condition. N.M.S. BOGADJIM road.

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

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

S11—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/1m.

DIST:-NGF(2),2 AUST CORPS,7DIV,18,15,A2.5AF,312 BOMBER GP,310 BOMB WING,387 BOMBER SQN,BOMBER COMMAND,1 AUST AL GP,4 TAC/R SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION..... UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 2. (7DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46-137 A46-105 DATE 3 APRIL '44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R BASASIN AREA

REF. MAPS BASIN 1/63360	PILOT F/O McKENZIE	TIME UP 0900	VISIBILITY POOR	WEATHER LOW CLOUD
	OBSERVER F/O LILLY	TIME DOWN 1120		
		TOTAL 2 hrs 20 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
ANDUK 402021			No movement seen. Tracks passing through village worn. 5 new huts 395029.
KWAR 351038			Village approx 40 huts most in fair order. Tracks round village srein use and village appears occupied. N.M.S.
BASASIN 095391			N.M.S. Most huts in fair order and tracks through village area. Possible camouflaged trench 366091.
KULAI 346073			Approx 38 huts. 6 flattened. N.M.S. Tracks well worn especially NORTH to ORTSOP 344063. Both these villages appear occupied.
KULAU 320080			Possibly some repair done on 2 tin roofed buildings. Huts at NORTH end of village appear occupied. 4 natives seen who took cover. Village in tin roof buildings straffed. Area generally gives impression that natives are leaving the village and building in jungle with exception of KULAU where village is in use.

Time and Signature R. McKenzie F/O

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

801—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/1m.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLOWN

A. L. O.....

A. C. P.	DATE							
	8USAF	2 APRIL 44.	Observ.	Up.	Down.	Crew Area	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
Serial No	A/C No.	Pilot.						
1.	A46-137	F/O PAXTON		0850	1120	2 hrs 30 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-138	F/O PERRY		0850	1120	2 hrs 30 mins	ESCORT	

DIST:-ORIG(2),2 UST CORPS,7 DIV,WAR DIARY,FILE

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

DIST:-HQF(2),2 AUST CORPS,7DIV,18,15,82,SAF,312 BOMBER GP,310 BOMB WING,387 BOMBER SQN,BOMBER COMMAND,
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LOCATION: SIDAR UNIT 6 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 3(7DIV) A.C. No. - TY~~A46-137~~ A46-138 DATE 2 APRIL '44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: TAC/R COASTAL AREA EAST OF BOGADJIM.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/25000	F/O PAXTON	0850	GOOD	GOOD
	OBSERVER F/O PARRY	TIME DOWN 1120		
		TOTAL 2 hrs 30 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
~~YARGAUM~~ 782213			8 ALLIES troops in village, waved to a/c. Tracks led into jungle and some undergrowth cleared 718934. 719932. 4 huts standing 6 destroyed. Village appears deserted. No fresh tracks. Some secondary growth cleared in patch jungle 719927.
~~BALEKO~~ 718963			Track SOUTH appears to have had recent use. Village appears occupied, no diggings seen. What could have been stretchers observed in one hut. Many tracks criss cross through village. Track 728944-BOGADJIM 745968 is now a double track with grass growing in between giving impression that wheel traffic may have used it. No wheel tracks observed.
MALE PLANTATION 710944			plantation finishes before reaching coast. Patch jungle approx 70° wide on beach. Area does not give the impression of being occupied.
MELE 699950			Village area does not appear to have been used overnight. At point 696953 jungle runs down to beach. Undergrowth has been cleared and pile of 7 or 8 logs observed. Area appears used.
MIMAIN 680960			All three groups of huts appear deserted. Grass growing over tracks in between.
			Village 667934. Only 1 hut and overgrown gardens. Track as marked on map running NORTH not visible. Area appears fairly dead.
~~BERSO~~ 660925			Village mainly under trees, approx 7 or 8 huts. Appears occupied. Gardens overgrown.

Time and Signature: R. Parker Lieut. A.L.O.

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

S01—N.G. Press Unit—11/12/10m.

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

Sqn. No. 9USAF DATE 1 APRIL '44.... A.I.C. J.R.FETHERSTONHAUGH LIEUT.

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Serial No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Duty.	Up.	Down.	Time.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-137	F/O AHEARN		0815	1015	2 hrs	TAC/R SUCCESSFUL
	A46-116	F/O BERCK		0815	1015	2 hrs	ESCORT
2.	A46-148	F/O COLLIS		0830	1110	2 hrs 40 mins	TAC/R SUCCESSFUL
	A46-138	F/O McKENZIE		0830	1110	2 hrs 40 mins	ESCORT
3.	1 x 2 PIPER CUB	F/Lt GLORIENSHAN	MAJ.GOAN (31/3/44)	1400	1430	30 mins	TRAVEL DUMPU AND RETURN SUCCESSFUL
			(1/4/44)	1120	1150	30 mins	

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

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

DIST:-NGF(2),I AUST CORPS,7DIV,18,15,A2,5AF,312 BOMB GP,310 BOMB WING,387 BOMBER SQN,BOMBER COMMAND,1 AUST AL GP,4 TAC/R SQN,[illegible] DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 1.(7D IW) A/C No. TS[illegible] A46-137 A46-116 DATE 1 APRIL '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE T C/R MOGADJIN ROAD, ERINA AREA

REF. MAPS 1/25000 SHEETS	PILOT F/O AMEARN	TIME UP 0815	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	OBSERVER F/O [illegible]	TIME DOWN 1015	GOOD	CLEAR ON COAST
		TOTAL 2 hrs		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	0855		H.M.S MABELUBU.
	0905		Carefulsearch made for gun position SQ 5587. Nothing suspicious observed. Possible gun position 543867. Undergrowth gave appearance of being cleared, but more signs of activity in area would be expected.
	0915		Landslides across road at 557877 and 562882. 4 huts (previously reported) 559885. Road generally appears to have been used by foot traffic to a limited extent. H.M.S.
	0940		Truck in bay 615946, possibly serviceable. Fresh foot tracks in and 633958. Tracks suggested made by 20-30 men.
			MAKARIA Plantation still in use.
			Gun position (native report) 678078. At 675077 trench covered with leaves observed. Straffed. H.M.S.
			Store huts in ERINA plantation (reported 31/3/44) straffed.
			2 MT and 2 huts in MT park (centre 656080) straffed. Results O.K.
			MT road leads to 2 huts 661057.

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DIST:HGF(2),2AUST CORPS,7DIV,18,15,A2,SAF,312 BOMBER Gp,310 BOMB WING,387 BOMBER SQN,BOMBER COMMAND 1AUST AL Gp,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 A46-148 A46-138 DATE 1 APRIL'44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R BARUM AREA AND COAST.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1/25000 SERIES BOGADJIM 1"	F/O COLLIS	0830	GOOD	FAIR
	OBSERVER F/O McKENZIE	TIME DOWN 1110		
		TOTAL 2hrs 40mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	0900		At least 12 cattle 705946.
BARUM 706905			N.M.S. village. Escort A/c observed what appeared to be mirror flashing from vicinity village.
			No movement seen on track BARUM - KALIKO 719941. Many fresh footprints KALIKO area. Defence position reported by patrol at 700 yards NORTH of old position, not observed. Coast track KALIKO - KABENAU RIV recently used.
			REF 1". Village 848953 occupied by own troops, appeared A.I.F and waved to A/c. Village 870852 stores and packs observed, no troops sighted. Americans swimming off DAU plantation.
			REF 1/25000
M.L.G. 689950			Considerable recent activity. Tracks in village suggest large body of men have staged through it and been formed into squad and marched off. Gardens at 682947, 690944 appear in order and do NOT look as if they had been ransacked.
			Village 682952 has had some recent slight movement. village vicinity 594953 appeared occupied. Strafed.
			Escort A/c observed 2 JAPS on edge of rubber plantation SQ 6296. Strafed. Results O.U.

Time and Signature [signature] LIEUT. A.C.O.

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

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OPERATIONS CARRIED OUT BY 4 TAC/R SQUADRON
IN CONJUNCTION WITH 45 AUST AIR LIAISON SEC(AC).AIF.

Report of O.C. 45 Aust Air Liaison Sec(AC).AIF on activities of 4 Squadron(Tac/R).RAAF. - NEW GUINEA - NEW BRITAIN. - April 44 - May 44.

OPERATIONS. Less operational missions have been flown during period April - May 44, than for the preceding six months. The stable role of the AUST LAND FORCES has reduced the requirements of 4 Tac/R Sqn.

A number of amphibious landings were made both by AUST LAND FORCES and 1st U.S.ARMY as the result of requested Tac/R's on pre-arranged beach lands. CAPE HOSKINS - GARGUN is on SE coast of N.G. were amongst some of the requested areas.

Constant liaison was maintained between the P.T.Boats and A.L.O. patrols, All Tac/R information was received by P.T.Comdrs and A.L.O. HQ. at SALAMAUA. Extracts, applicable to respective areas were made from reports and sent by W/T to A.L.O. patrols in EASTERN and CENTRAL NEW GUINEA. Tac/R's were made on direct request from these patrols.

ARTILLERY. There was very little Arty/R during this period, mainly as the enemy were outside range of AUST 25pdrs in RAM - MADANG area, and U.S.ARMY guns and howrs in NEW BRITAIN.

Every opportunity is sought for continuance of Arty observation by the pilots. Training is being carried out in NEW BRITAIN and ALEXISHAFEN areas.

Arty/R training becomes increasingly important with the arrival of new pilots, whose only previous experience has been at the School of Army Co-op, Dumbarra.

PHOTOGRAPHIC. Tests with K17 camera in belly tank or BOOMERANGS proved highly successful. All necessary materials and fittings are now available for attachment to photographic Boomrang. Unfortunately the three specially modified photographic Boomerangs were amongst the aircraft lost during this period, no cameras were damaged. The introduction of the K17 will allow 9"x9" contact lens coverage, stereo pairs, Air Support Photos and Oblique Obliques to be added to services available to Land Forces by Tac/R Squadrons.

Photo missions were flown in NEW BRITAIN by Photo Reconnaissance, which were of great assistance for planning landings on Coast.

GENERAL. The Squadron experienced a run of misfortune during April when Six(6) Pilots and One(1) A.L.O. were either missing or killed.

The "A" Flight Commander, F/Lt J.Dibbles and the ALO. Lieut J.R.Featherstonehaugh failed to return from recce over WEWAK area.

F/O.R.Panton, F/O.T.Dann and F/O.Z.Hindmarsh failed to return from recce over ALEXISHAFEN - SUMARUN Hbr area.

F/O.J.Perry and F/O.K.Littleton were killed in aircraft accidents, the latter at CAPE HOSKINS when strafing targets.

These losses were severely felt by the Squadron, particularly as they included most of the experienced Tac/R crews and ALO.

Capt.N.Carter and Capt.L.F.Webster joined the Air Liaison Section as replacements of Capt.J.Cornelius(returned to 1 Photo Wing) and Lieut.J.R.Featherstonehaugh, respectively.

Great assistance was given by Group and Squadron A.L.O'S at GUSAP and TADZI when Tac/R ALO's were unable to carry on due to illness and casualties.

Movement of the Squadron base one Flight to MADANG or ALEXISHAFEN came under discussion during May.

3 AUST DIV Engineers were unable to prepare either strips for operations, and with the advance of AUST troops toward WEWAK the decision has been indefinitely postponed.

AAC Flights: 9 AUST DIV were relieved by 11 AUST DIV whose role was mainly tactic. 15 RAF pushed down along the BOGADJIM Road and 5 AUST DIV, who had relieved 32 U.S.DIV at SAIDOR, moved along the coast towards MADANG.

Recces were made ahead of troops in BOGADJIM and MADANG areas. With the exception of MADANG and ALEXISHAFEN, "A" Flight was employed to search for any enemy concentrations on KAIRAR Is and MAST of HUON GULF.

Normal daily missions were flown, but not many signs of any large enemy concentrations were seen.

The Coastal tracks were kept under daily surveillance with particular attention to river crossings and circuits areas.

Many searches were made for missing ALLIED airmen, with some success.

"B" Flight: 40.U.S.DIV relieved 1.U.S.MARINE DIV and co-operation was maintained.

Rec/h's were mostly flown to maintain contact with the enemy who were evacuating along the Coast towards ULAMONA.

Many missions were made by direct request of F.T's and A.I.B.

Fairly continuous surveillance was maintained on the Coast from SALAMAUA to ULAMONA and SARGEL Is by Boomerangs during the day and F.T's at night. All sightings were interchanged rapidly to allow every possible advantage to be taken.

F.T's would normally concentrate on area in which Rec/h's reported activity during the day.

The aircraft and pilots stayed at TADJI for some days to recce SEPIK River areas for suspected enemy barge and foot traffic.

This move afforded splendid experience for pilots and ground crews in operating from new bases at sudden notice.

R.J.C.O'Loan. Major.,
O.C.45 Aust Air Liaison Sec(AC)
A.I.F.

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SUMMARY OF MISSIONS

FLOWN BY

A.T.A.G./R.S.N. RAAF

IN

NEW GUINEA & NEW BRITAIN

DURING

APRIL - MAY

1944

SORTIE HOURS FLOWN DURING MISSIONS BY 4 TAC/R SQN PART.

AREA	APRIL	MAY	TOTAL
CUSAP	158 - 50	174 - 00	332 - 50
CAPE GLOUCESTER	154 - 00	107 - 10	261 - 10
TOTAL	312 - 50	281 - 10	594 - 00

SORTIES FLOWN	APRIL	MAY	TOTAL
CUSAP	64	62	126
CAPE GLOUCESTER	52	50	102
TOTAL	116	112	223

MISSIONS FLOWN DURING APRIL 1944

AREA	TAC/R	ARTY/R	CON/R	PH/R	SEARCH	COM/T	L/S	TOTAL
GUSAP	30		2	2	1	1	1	28
CAPE GLOUCESTER	22		2		2		1	27
TOTALS	52		4	2	4	1	2	55

MISSIONS FLOWN DURING MAY 1944

AREA	TAC/R	ARTY/R	CON/R	PH/R	SEARCH	COM/T	L/S	TOTAL
GUSAP	27	6			1			34
CAPE GLOUCESTER	12		1					13
TADJI	4							1
TOTAL	43	6	1		1			51

LEGEND:

TAC/R	TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE
ARTY/R	ARTILLERY RECONNAISSANCE
CON/R	CONTACT RECONNAISSANCE
PH/R	PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE
SEARCH	SEARCH
COM/T	COMMUNICATION TEST
L/S	LEAD STRIKE
W/R	WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE

MISSIONS FLOWN BY 4 TAC/R SQN RAAF.

DATE	NO	TYPE	AREA	RESULT	FLYING TIME
1	2	SAC/R	BOOMERANG RD AREA	S	2 - 00
	2	"	BIRAM COAST	S	2 - 40
4	2	"	DOOMBAL AREA EAST BOO-MERANG	S	2 - 30
5	2	"	WESTERN RIVER	S	2 - 45
	2	"	CAPE ST	S	2 - 30
	2	"	TOOMBUL RD DARWIN	S	2 - 00
	2	"	TOOMBUL WETTUM RIV	S	2 - 00
	2	SAC/R	[illegible]	S	2 - 00
	2	"	[illegible]	S	2 - 15
	2	"	[illegible]	S	2 - 30
	2	"	[illegible]	S	4 - 00
9	2	"	BOOMERANG RD	S	2 - 00
	2	SAC/R	" "	S/S	0 - 25
10	1	SAC/R	JAPANESE BAY	S	3 - 00
11	2	SAC/R	[illegible]	S	2 - 15
	2	SAC/R	DARWIN AREA	S	2 - 30
12	2	SAC/R	WINGA	S	3 - 45
	2	SAC/R	WALIRA	S	4 - 30
13	2	SAC/R	MEIMA	S/S	4 - 15
15	1	"	AITAP	S	2 - 45
	2	"	MAKIAN	S	4 - 15
14	2	"	JAGASIN	S	2 - 15
15	1	"	WANIGAN	S/S	A/C FAILED TO RETURN
	2	SEARCH	AIRCRAFT A21-460	S/S	2 - 15
16	2	SAC/R	AITAP - DARWIN - DARWIN	S	2 - 30
	2	"	DARWIN JAP ISLES	S	2 - 05
	2	SAC/R	CRASHED BOSTON A46-78	S	2 - 00
18	1	SAC/R	DARWIN DINATI VIA ATO	S	3 - 00
19		NIL			
20		NIL			
21	2	SAC/R	DARWIN KELU	S	2 - 00
22		NIL			
23		NIL			
24	2	SAC/R	MADANG	S	3 - 45
25	2	"	MADANG	S	3 - 15
26	2	"	ALEXISHAVEN	S	4 - 40
27	2	"	ALEXISHAVEN CAPE CROISILLES	S	3 - 15
28	2	"	EASTERN RAMU RIVER	S	0 - 30
29	NIL				
30	2	SAC/R	673880, 739850, 738375	S	3 - 00

TOTAL 28 SUCCESSFUL SORTIES, 2 UNSUCCESSFUL. 156 - 30

APRIL 1944.

MISSIONS FLOWN BY 4 TAC/R SQN RAAF.

DATE	NO	TYPE	AREA	RESULT	FLYING TIME
1	1	L/S	KAROLIN ISLAND	S	3 - 15
2	1	TAC/R	TRAILS INTO GONGO		3 - 00
3		NIL			
4	1	TAC/R	CAPE HOSKINS	S	3 - 10
5	1	"	OPEN BAY	S	3 - 45
6	1	TAC/R	HOSKINS	S	3 - 15
7	1	TAC/R	BALA	S	3 - 45
8	1	TAC/R	HOSKINS	S	3 - 15
9	1	TAC/R	LOLANGO ISLAND	S	3 - 15
10	1	TAC/R	MUNI RIVER BACK RIVER	S	3 - 15
11	1	TAC/R	LOCATE U.I. SUB OFF GLOUCESTER	U/S	0 - 35
	2	"	UBAI	S	3 - 20
12	1	TAC/R	UBAI	S	3 - 20
13	1	CON/R	HOSKINS	S	3 - 15
14	1	TAC/R	LOCATE DRIFTING WRECKED	S	3 - 20
15	1	TAC/R	P.T. BOAT		
			CAPE HOSKINS	S	3 - 00
16		NIL			
17	1	TAC/R.	KAROVE ISLAND	S	3 - 00
	2	SEARCH	SEA	U/S	3 - 45
18	1	TAC/R	TIVONGO ISLAND HIXON BAY	S	3 - 20
	2	"	"	S	3 - 45
	3	SEARCH	CAPE RAJOIE	S	1 - 45
19	1	TAC/R	BIALLA PLANTATION	S	3 - 15
20	1	TAC/R	PANDI RIVER	S	3 - 35
21	1	TAC/R	SOSOLI & NIRAPO VILLAGES	U/S	1 - 30
22	1	TAC/R	" " "	S	3 - 00
	2	TAC/R	HIXON BAY	S	3 - 45
23	1	TAC/R	HOSKINS AREA	S	3 - 25
24		NIL			
25		NIL			
26		NIL			
27	1	CON/R	CAPE GLOUCESTER AREA	U/S	0 - 15
28		NIL			
29	1	TAC/R	BUTIOLA TO BIALLA PLANTATION	U/S	2 - 10
30		NIL			

TOTAL 24 MISSIONS 77 - 30 min

GUSAP NEW GUINEA

MAY 1944.

MISSIONS FLOWN BY 7AC/E SQN RAAF.

DATE	NO	TYPE	AREA	RESULT	TIME
1	1	BAC/[illegible]	[illegible] PAPUA	S	2 - 20
	2	ARMY		C	2 - 15
	3	"		U/S	1 - 30
	4	"		C	1 - 35
	5	"		S	2 - 00
2	1	TAC/R	GUSAP MEDGAR	S	3 - 40
	2	"	INCOMPLETE CRASH LAND-ED.	U/S	-
3	1	TAC/R	20 MILES INLAND FROM CAPE CROKERLOOE TO MADANG.	S	2 - 30
	2	ARMY/R		S	2 - 40
	3	ARMY/R		S	2 - 00
4	1	TAC/R	MOK. GUIAGUIA R. TO CAPE CROKERLOOE	S	2 - 40
5	1	SEARCH	MISSING BOOMERANG A46-116.	U/S	3 - 40
6	1	TAC/R	KEMPI L. BUNABUN HBR.	S	3 - 10
7	1	TAC/R	CAPE CROKERLOOE BUNABUN HBR.	S	3 - 00
8		NIL			
9	1	TAC/R	GUIAGUIA R. KEMPI R.	S	2 - 40
10	1	TAC/R	BUNABUN HBR & ULUGAN HBR.	S	3 - 15
11	1	TAC/R			
12	1	TAC/R	BUNABUN HBR - SIMBINI BAY	S	3 - 15
13	1	TAC/R	GASUNU RIVER	S/S	1 - 00
14	1	TAC/R	SIMBINIBAY DUGUMUR BAY	S	3 - 00
15		NIL		S	3 - 30
16	1	TAC/R	GUIAGUIA R. TO SAURU	S	2 - 45
17	1	TAC/R	DUGUMUR BAY SAMANUA PT	S	3 - 30
18	1	TAC/R	SAMANUA TO BARANGAUA	S	3 - 15
19		NIL			
20	1	TAC/R	BOGIA HBR		3 - 00
21	1	TAC/R	" " TRACKS MASAMUPA - ANGILA BAY	S	3 - 10
22	1	TAC/R	VILLAGES BUCASAK 2	S	3 - 30
23		NIL			
24	1	TAC/R	KAR KAR ISLAND	S	3 - 00
25	1	TAC/R	SCULAU PT MARANGAS	S	3 - 00
26	1	TAC/R	MALALA EAST	S	3 - 15
27	1	TAC/R		U/S	1 - 25
28	1	TAC/R	MALALA WEST HANSA BAY	S	3 - 00
29	1	TAC/R	HANSA BAY	S	3 - 35
30	1	TAC/R	" "	S	3 - 50
31	1	TAC/R	AWAR PLANTATION	S	3 - 30

TOTAL 31 91 - 15

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MAY 1944.

MISSIONS FLOWN BY 4 TAC/R SQN RAAF.

DATE	NO	TYPE	AREA	RESULTS	FLYING TIME
1		NIL			
2		NIL			
3		NIL			
4	4	TAC/R	CAPE HOSKINS	S	3 - 15
5	3	TAC/R	CAPE HOSKINS	S	4 - 00
6	4	NIL			
7	1	CCN/R	CAPE HOSKINS	S	2 - 45
8	3	TAC/R	CAPE HOSKINS	S	3 - 45
9		NIL			
10		NIL			
11		NIL			
12	1	TAC/R	MARAMBA RIVER	S	3 - 00
13		NIL			
14	1	TAC/R	MORCH CR BOGEN DAT	S	1 - 30
15	1	TAC/R	GAIUTU RIVER TO PRAIMA PLANTATION		
16	1	NIL			
17	1	TAC/R	MUSU - UPPER MARKHAM	S	5 - 00
18	1	TAC/R	UPPER TO ZA AA.	U/S	1 - 20
19		NIL			
20		NIL			
21	3	TAC/R	GLOUCESTER ISLAND	S	2 - 15
22	1	TAC/R	MT ULAWUN	S	5 - 30
23	3	TAC/R	MOTUM TOMBU RIVER TO ADAPULA VILLAGE	S	3 - 00
24	3	TAC/R	MUSSAU ISLAND	S	2 - 15
25		NIL			
26		NIL			
27		NIL			
28		NIL			
29		NIL			
30		NIL			
31		NIL			
28	4	TAC/R	SEPIK RIVER AREA	S	9 - 15

TOTAL 47 94 - 25

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Unit 66 45 AUST AIR LIAISON SEC(GC) *Date and Time.—From* 1. May '44 *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NADZAB. NEW GUINEA.	1/5/44		Operations for day CAPE GLOUCESTER Nil sorties.	See Appx "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 3 "	" " "B".
" " "	2/5/44		" " " " CAPE GLOUCESTER Nil "	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP 2 "	" " "B".
			A46/116 - F/O.Paxton missing from recce SARANG Area, NW ALEXISHAFEN.	
" " "	3/5/44		Operations for day CAPE GLOUCESTER Nil "	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP 3 "	" " "B".
			F/O.Perry crashed and killed 2 miles W of Nadzab, body recovered. O.C.visited 5 DIV, ALEXISHAFEN re flights operating from MADANG or ALEXISHAFEN. G.I and GIII Air gave closest co-operation. Spare ALPO link to be used as separate link with GUSAP Flight.	
" " "	4/5/44		Operations for day CAPE GLOUCESTER 1 Sortie.	See appx "A"
			" " " " GUSAP. 1 "	" " "B".
			F/O.Norton arrived.	
" " "	5/5/44		Operations for day CAPE GLOUCESTER 1 "	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP 1 "	" " "B"
			A46/85 crashed into trees, F/O.Linklater killed, GALEOLE area	
			strafing targets, observed by F/O.Rae. Cpl Stanwix admitted to 24 M.C.S. GLOUCESTER - Dengue.	A Loan May.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118 (Adapted.)

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Unit. 45 AUST AIR LIAISON SEC(AC).AIF *Date and Time.—From* 6.May '44 *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NADZAB. NEW GUINEA	.6/5/44		Operations for day CAPE GLOUCESTER Nil sorties	See Appx "A"
			" " " " GUSAP 1 "	" " "B".
			Maj O'Loan & Sqdn Comdr visited HQ,NGF,Lae - Gair will recommend to 5 DIV to wait until ALEXISHAFEN is ready before	
" " "	7/5/44		Flight moves. F/O.Perry buried LAE Cemetary. Operations for day CAPE GLOUCESTER 1 Sortie	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP 1 "	" " "B".
" " "	8/5/44		" " " " CAPE GLOUCESTER 1 "	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP Nil "	" " "B".
" " "	9/5/44		" " " " CAPE GLOUCESTER Nil "	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP 1 "	" " "B".
			Maj.O'Loan to CAPE GLOUCESTER to releive Capt Chaseling. A/c forced landed FINSCHAFEN.	
" " "	10/5/44		Operations for day CAPE GLOUCESTER Nil Sortie	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP 1 "	" " "B".
" " "	11/5/44		" " " " CAPE GLOUCESTER Nil "	" " "A".
			TX11763.Cpl.STANWIX discharged from hospital.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 45 AUST AIR LIAISON SEC(AC)AIF *Date and Time.—From* 12 May '44 *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NADZAB. NEW GUINEA.	12/5/44		Operations for day CAPE GLOUCESTER. 1 Sortie	See Appx "A",
			" " " " GUSAP. 1 "	" " "B".
			NX100453.Pte.Lonergan to CAPE GLOUCESTER.	
" " "	13/5/44		Operations for day CAPE GLOUCESTER. 1 "	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 1 "	" " "B".
			Capt Chaseling returned to 91 Photo Wing - Capt W.Huxley attached ex 91 Photo Wing. Maj O'Loan admitted 24 U.S.S.	
" " "	14/5/44		CAPE GLOUCESTER - Dengue. Operations for day CAPE GLOUCESTER 1 Sortie	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 1 "	" " "B".
			Capt.L.Webster admitted 102.U.S.Hospital GUSAP - Primary Malaria. T/Sgt.N.Paget arrived at MADANG to work with 5 AUST DIV in L4	
" " "	15/5/44		Operations for day CAPE GLOUCESTER 1 Sortie.	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. Nil "	" " "B".
			WX17670 Gnr.Weston detached to 91 Photo Wing. Having lost the only 5 specially prepared Photo BOOMERANGS in accidents, another BOOMERANG is being modified and all attachments of K17 camera in Belly tank.	
				Roan Maj.

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Unit 45 AUST AIR LIAISON SEC(AC).AIF. *Date and Time.—From* 16 May '44. *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NADZAB. NEW GUINEA	16/5/44		Operations for day CAPE GLOUCESTER Nil Sorties	See Appx "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 1 "	" " "B".
			Efforts made for Arty training at both Flights. Necessary for pilots to keep in training with Arty. Expect 40.US DIV Arty to co-op.	
" " "	17/5/44		Operations for day CAPE GLOUCESTER 1 "	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 1 "	" " "B".
			Nx70128 Gnr Clare to C.GLOUCESTER, attached ex 91 Photo Wing	
" " "	18/5/44		Operations for day CAPE GLOUCESTER 1 "	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 1 "	" " "B".
			W/Comdr E.Cook ex 5 Tac/R Sqdn arrived to take over from	
			S/Ldr.C.Munro. C/O. 4 Tac/R Sqdn.	
" " "	19/5/44		Operations for day CAPE GLOUCESTER Nil Sorties.	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. " "	" " "B".
			As 5 AUST DIV operations bring them closer to HANSA BAY it would possibly be more advisable to delay moving flight into ~~ALEXISHAFEN and await capture and preparation of NUBIA or AWAR Strips.~~	
" " "	20/5/44		Operations for day CAPE GLOUCESTER Nil Sorties	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP " "	" " "B".
			Capt.Webster discharged from hospital. S/Ldr Munro left Sqdn for Mainland, ~~S/Ldr Munro did excellent job as C/O and gave~~ fullest co-operation to Land Forces.	

Reuben Mug.

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(Adapted.)

Unit 45 AUST AIR LIAISON SEC(AC)AIF *Date and Time.—From* 21 May '44 *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NADZAB, NEW GUINEA	21/5/44.		Operations for day CAPE GLOUCESTER 1 Sortie.	See Appx "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 1 "	" " "B".
			Maj.O'Loan admitted S.S.Q.NADZAB - Dengue.	
" " "	22/5/44		Operations for day CAPE GLOUCESTER 1 Sortie	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 1 "	" " "B".
			Cpl.Stanwix returned ex CAPE GLOUCESTER.	
" " "	23/5/44		Operations for day CAPE GLOUCESTER 1 Sortie.	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. Nil "	" " "B".
" " "	24/5/44		" " " " CAPE GLOUCESTER 1 "	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 1 "	" " "B".
			Maj. O'Loan discharged from S.S.Q.	
" " "	25/5/44		Operations for day CAPE GLOUCESTER Nil Sorties.	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 1 "	" " "B".
			F/Offr's F.Fischer, A.Taylor, P/O's Telfer, Humphries and arrived at Sqdn. Only F/O.Taylor has had any Tac/R training apart from attendance at Brit.O.C. It is to be hoped that all new pilots will be able to remain full tropical tour with Sqdn to allow standardization of training.	

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R.K. Loan Maj.

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Unit 45 AUST AIR LIAISON SEC(AC)AI *Date and Time.—From* 26 May '44 *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NADZAB. NEW GUINEA.	26/5/44		Operations for day CAPE GLOUCESTER Nil Sorties.	See Appx "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 1 "	" " "B".
			F/Lt.King, F/O.Paton, & F/O.Rae will stage at TADJI to recce	
			SEPIK River area at direct request of NGF.	
NADZAB NEW GUINEA.	27/5/44		Operations for day CAPE GLOUCESTER Nil sorties.	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 1. "	" " "B".
			" " " " TADJI. 2. "	" " "C".
" " "	28/5/44		" " " " CAPE GLOUCESTER Nil "	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 1 "	" " "B".
			" " " " TADJI. 1 "	" " "C".
" " "	29/5/44		" " " " CAPE GLOUCESTER Nil "	" " "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 1. "	" " "B".
			" " " " TADJI. 1. "	" " "C".

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Unit 45 AUST AIR LIAISON SEC(AC). *Date and Time.—From* 30 May '44. *To* 31 May '44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NADZAB. NEW GUINEA	30/5/44		Operations for day CAPE GLOUCESTER Nil Sorties.	See Appx "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 1 "	" " "B".
			C.O.4 Tac/R Sqdn and Maj.O'Loan to GUSAP. A/c returned from	
			TADJI after successfully completing Tac/R's over SEPIK River areas.	
NADZAB. NEW GUINEA	31/5/44		Operations for day CAPE GLOUCESTER Nil Sorties.	See Appx "A".
			" " " " GUSAP. 1 "	" " "B".
			C.O.4 Sqdn and Maj.O'Loan conferred with 5 AUST DIV. Will put	
			in Sqdn W/T link with HQ,5 DIV. Daily recce still required by	
			5 AUST DIV. MADANG or ALEXISHAFEN will not be made serviceable for Boomerangs.	
			Complete analysis of Sorties and Operational Flying Hours.	See Appx "D".
				R.O'Loan Maj.

APPENDIX "D".

OPERATIONS CARRIED OUT BY 4 TAC/R SQDN. - MAY 1944.

"A" Flight. GUSAP. "B" Flight. CAPE GLOUCESTER.

Type of Mission.	Number.	Flying Hours.	Number.	Flying Hours.
TAC/R.	27.	79.05.	12.	33.05.
CONT/R.	-	- -	1.	2.45.
ARTY/R.	6.	8.30.		
SEARCH.	1.	3.40.	-	-
TOTALS.	34.	91.15.	13.	35.50.

TADJI carried out by "B" Flight.

TAC/R.	4.	9.15.

GRAND TOTAL: Missions. 51.
SORTIES. 102.
Operational Flying Hours. 281hrs.10min.

.....Major.,
O.C.45 Aust Air Liaison Sec(AC)
A.I.F.

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APP'X 'A'

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.O.B. CAPE GLOUCESTER

DATE 31 May'44

NIL SORTIES.

W. Hurley Capt. A.L.O.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.O.B. CAPE GLOUCESTER.

DATE 30 May'44

NIL SORTIES.

W. Huxley Capt. A.L.O.

W.D

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.O.B. CAPE GLOUCESTER

DATE 29 May'44

NIL SORTIES.

W. Huxley Capt. A.L.O.

W.D

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.O.B. CAPE GLOUCESTER

DATE 28 May'44

NIL SORTIES.

W. Hurley Capt. A.L.O.

W.D.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.C.B..CAPE GLOUCESTER DATE...27 May'44...

NIL SORTIES.

...W..Huxley..Capt.....A.L.O.

F.D

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.O.B. CAPE GLOUCESTER

DATE...26. May '44.

NIL SORTIES.

...W. Huxley..Capt.....A.L.O.

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DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.O.B. CAPE GLOUCESTER DATE 25 May '44

NIL SORTIES.

W. Huxley Capt. A.L.O.

CAPE GLOUCESTER
A. O. B.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

DATE. 24 May '44

A. L. O. ....W. Huxley..Capt.....

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-152	P/O. Simpson		0745	1000	2Hrs 15m.	TAC/R.	SUCCESSFUL.
	A46-115	F/O. Rae		0745	1000	2Hrs 15m.	ESCORT.	
	A46-117	P/O. Murrie		0745	1000	2Hrs 15m.		

Serviceable- [illegible] U/S. [illegible] S. U/S. Communication S/S. [illegible] U/S.

DIST:- 185 REGT. 40 DIV(2). NGF(2). A2.5AF. LAUST AL GP. 10 OPS GP. 77 WING. 4 SQN. WAR DIARY. A.I.B. FILE. PILOT'S INF.

R.A.A.F.

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION CAPE GLOUCESTER UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN. SORTIE No. 1. A/C No. - TYPE A46-152 A46-115 A46-117 DATE 23 24 May'44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R JNDUA ISLAND.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
VITU IS 4mal"	P/O. Simpson F/O. Rae	0745		
	OBSERVER P/O. Murrie	TIME DOWN 1000	GOOD	GOOD
		TOTAL 2Hrs 15m.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
BALU VILLAGE	0540 to 0915	NIL.	On the shore about 150 yds East of the village, drawn up under cover, was seen a boat approx 30 ft in length painted white with green bottom similar in appearance to a large life boat. Appeared to be serviceable. Another boat of similar type was noticed drawn up under trees in vicinity of village.
MUNDUA IS.			All villages on the island appear to be in good condition, native gardens are well kept and several new huts are being erected. No movement seen but the whole area shows signs of nati e acdivity.
WAMBU IS CHILLING IS WINGORU IS			All show signs of native occupation. 20/30 native canoes were observed stationary along the shores of these islands. No movement seen.
			No enemy or native movement was observed throughout and all canoes were stationary.

Time and Signature [signature] Capt.

Title A.I.O. 65 AUST. L SEC (AC).

80—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

DIST:- 185 REGT. 40 DIV(2). NGF(2). A2.5AF. 1 AUST AL GP. 10 OPS GP. 77,WING. 4 SQN. WAR DIARY. A.I.B. FILE. PILOT's INF.

R.A.A.F.

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LOCATION CAPE GLOUCESTER UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN. SORTIE No. 1. A/C No. - TYPE A46-152 A46-115 A46-117 DATE 23 May'44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R MOUTH TOIRU RIVER TO APAPULU VILLAGE.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
CENTRAL NEW BRITAIN 4m = 1"	F/O. Simpson F/O. RAE	0800	GOOD	GOOD
	~~OBSERVER~~ F/O. Murrie	TIME DOWN 1100		
		TOTAL 3 Hrs		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
TOIRU RIVER	0905 to 0935	MIN	Mouth of TOIRU RIVER thoroughly reced but no movement or track activity observed.
BUTIOLO			3 Native huts have been destroyed by fire. One hut remaining in fair condition.
EWASSE			5 Native canoes off beach 4 of which were occupied - natives waved to a/c.
BIALLA PTN.			Tracks still well difined throughout the plantation and considerable improvement observed in native gardens. Three nativesfishing in canoe off shore. European type buildings in plantation appe eer to be in reasonably good condition.
GOMU.			In the inlet towards the village a large canoe was observed. Adjacent to a hut was a small rowing boat which appears unserviceable at present.
			No track marks any where along the beach from SULE to APAPULU and coastal track between BUTIOLO and APAPULU is in fair condition and well defined.

Time and Signature [signature] Capt.

A.L.O. 45 AUST AL SEC (AC).

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

SH—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

DIST: 185 Regt, 40 Div (2), HQF (2), A2 5AF, 1 Aust AL Gp., 10 O.G.& 77 Wing, 4 Tac/R Sqn., A.I.B., War Diary, File, Pilot's Info.

R.A.A.F.

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LOCATION CAPE GLOUCESTER UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn., SORTIE No. 1. A/C No. - TYPE A46-115 DATE 22 May 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R MT ULAWAN (The FATHER) AREA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
CAPE DESCHAMPS 1"	F/O Harris	0750	GOOD	GOOD
	OBSERVER F/O Simpson	TIME DOWN 1120		
		TOTAL 3hrs 30min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
ULAWUN	0920 to 1010	Min	Area where 40 Japs were reported was thoroughly searched but NO signs of movement or bivouac areas were located. NO strafing.
MADIDUA			MADIDUA and SULE villages both in delapidated condition and NO movement on tracks were visible along the beach between these villages.
ULIBI - SULE			UBILI drome definitely unserviceable and overgrown with secondary undergrowth. Between SULE and UBILI tracks were seen on & and below high water mark - possibly native but NOT boot marks.
UBILI	0955		Approx 10 huts in reasonably good order in UBILI Village. NO track marks obs, but the ground in village area is devoid of vegatation. NO movement seen.
ULAMEMA	1005		Buildings in village severely damaged by previous bombing and xxxx strafing. Jetty in constructed of wood and approx 50ft in length. Appears to be in reasonably serviceable condition. Approx 5 partly submerged unserviceable Jap barges are drawn up under cover on shore approx 1500 yds west of ULAMEMA Jetty.

Signature Capt.

A20-45 AUST AL SEC (AC).

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

SOB—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

DIST:- 185 Regt. 40 DIV (2). NGF (2). A2.5AF. 1 AUST AL GP. 10 OPS GP. 77 WING. WAR DIARY. FILE. A.I.B. PILOT'S INF.

R.A.A.F.

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LOCATION CAPE GLOUCESTER UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN. SORTIE No. 1. A/C No. - TYPE A46-152 A46-115 DATE 21 May '44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R GAROVE ISLAND

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP / TIME DOWN / TOTAL	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
LAMA) 1/20000 LANGU)	F/L. King F/O. Paton	1300 1515 2Hrs 15m.	GOOD	GOOD

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
SENTA BAY	1330 to 1445	MIN.	Good landing beach but use for landing is not recommended because of thick jungle immediately in rear, would make progress difficult and would provide excellent cover for any opposition. Also the trail East ward is over hilly jungle terrain. This track only visible in parts and shows recent use.
NORTH CAPE.			From Nth Cape Eastward to ref 825875 provides good landing facilities. There is a dead coral reef above water level (low tide) extending 50 to 60 yds out from the shore with deep water approaches right to edge of coral. Coastline here is timbered but NOT jungle. Track is in reasonable condition and shows no sign of recent use.
LAMBE.			LAMBE Village appears delapidated and in state of disrepair very faint trail in centre of village. whole area overgrown with NO signs of recent occupation.
ILIA BAY.			Good beach fringed with reefs - possibility of getting landing barges to shore in restricted areas.
METO PTN.			Coast from mouth ILIA River to CAPE REINHARD provides good landing beach. Shrub growth on shore line provides many good points for opposition - but no sign of any defences.
PETER HBR.			Good Harbour and approaches. NTH SHORE:- Wharf (covered) appears probably serviceable. Tramline right down to wharf. Small stores dump of solid boxes painted green approx 40 ydsdown to wharf. Approx 100 yds further back is another stores dump and probable 4 to 5 trucks on tramline.

Time and Signature.....

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

501—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

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

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE.....

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

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			Buildings in area are either totally destroyed or severly damaged. NO signs of recent movement on tramline. From a bridge at approx ref 887853 appears to be a roadway leading to about 50 yds from buildings and deserted A/A positions on hill above harbour. Probable four old medium A/A positions this vicinity, two of which have been destroyed by bombing but two have possibly serviceable guns of either 40m or 75m calibre which are camouflaged painted and blend well into back ground. No signs recent movement in this area. On Northern slope of hill just belcw summit is erected a very large tarpaulin in reasonable condition. In this area there appears to be several abandoned defence and/or stores positions dug into hill side.
			An old M.T road leaves the tramline at ref 884856 and runs into rubber plantation at ref 881858. Appears serviceable and finishes at a large iron roofed building at ref 881857. The buildings North West of this point are of European type with red tin roofs and are in reasonable condition. New native huts were observed being built at ref 865855.
			SOUTH SIDE HBR:- T o machine gun positions each with one gun canvas covered on metal stand at approx ref's 888844 and 889844 cited on ridge near coastal track. South West of these positions are a few native huts well concealed and probably occupied. A probable dummy machine gun position was seen at approx ref 887844 no movement visible in whole of this area.
NDOLLI.			Along the coast from CAPE NDOLLI to LAMA PTN JETTY reefs are extensive and only one narrow clear approach appears and that is immediately opposite the Jetty. Jetty is about 50ft long and is constructed of stones filled with earth. Hidden in trees in rear was serviceable canoe.

Time and Signature.....

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

S81—N.44. Press Unit—11/12/44m.

R.A.A.F.

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

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

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE.....

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

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
ISLAND CAPE.			From ISLAND CAPE to EAST ENTRANCE CAPE the coast is suitable for landing operations but is not recommended as the trail from here to PETER HBR is overgrown and the terrain is difficult for ground movement.
BALANGCRI BAY.			Good anchorage and landing beach.
LANGU PTN.			Coast from WEST ENTRANCE CAPE to LAVA CAPE is not suitable for landing except at LANGU ANCHORAGE and WIDU HBR, because of heavy timber and steep rocky shore. The jetty at LANGU ANCHORAGE is of wood and approx 30 ft in length. At WIDU HBR Jetty is of solid concrete and is about 50 ft long. LANGU PLANTATION is in delapidated condition but the buildings appear to be in a reasonable state of repair.
			GENERAL: Throughout the Island the plantations and old native villages are NOT in good order. Native garden clearings and burning off fires were seen extensively on the Eastern slopes of MT TUWATU, West of LAMA PTN and in the vicinity of EAST ENTRANCE CAPE. New native construction was also observed at approx ref 880836. Three probable sleeping mats were seen spread on beach at approx ref 836878. NORTH CAPE vicinity is suggested as being the best landing area. The coastal track from here to PETER HBR appears to be in reasonable condition and the country through which it passes is mainly NOT jungle covered. The creeks in this area would afford no obstacle to foot traffic and at present are mostly dry.

Time and Signature: [signature] Capt.

A.L.O. 45 AUST AL SEC (AC).

Time Passed to Bde/Div. etc.

501—N.G. Press Unit—11/45/10m.

DISTr- 185 REGT. 40 DIV(2).NGF(2).A2.5AF.1 AUST AL GP.10 OPS GP.77 WING. 4 SQN.WAR DIARY. FILE.A.I.B. PILOT'S INF.

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LOCATION CAPE GLOUCESTER UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN. SORTIE No. 1. A/C No. - TYPE A46-174 A46-137 DATE 18 May'44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R UBILI TO EA-EA.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
CENTRAL NEW BRITAIN 4m = 1"	F/O. BROMHEAD	0800	GOOD	GOOD
	~~OBSERVER~~ F/O. OLIVER	TIME DOWN 0920		
		TOTAL 1hr. 20m.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			Mission not completed - plane returned dup to mechanical failure.

Time and Signature W.J. Bromhead Capt.
A.L.O. 45 AUST AL SEC (AG).
Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

801—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/20m.

DIST:- 185 REGT. 40 DIV(2). NGF(2).A2.5AF.1MBT AL GP.10 O.GP. 77 WING. 4 TAC/R SQN. WAR DIARY. FILE. A.I.B. PILOT's INF.

R.A.A.F.

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LOCATION CAPE GLOUCESTER | UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN. | SORTIE No. 1. | A/C No. · TYPE A46-152 A46-137 | DATE 17 May'44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R BUBU VILLAGE TO UBILI VILLAGE.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
CENTRAL NEW BRITAIN & GAZELLE PENINSULA 4m = 1"	F/O. Paton	0755	GOOD	GOOD
	~~OBSERVER~~ F/O. Ahern	TIME DOWN 1055		
		TOTAL 3 Hrs		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
BUBU	0900	AGL.	Four huts remaining in BUBU are in state of disrepair. No fresh track activity observed, tracks
to	1000		in area have had slight use in last 10 days. No movement seen.
SOI	"	"	Six huts in SOI in good condition but give every indication of being deserted.
SOI - UBILI	"	"	Coastal track between SIO - UBILI does NOT show signs of recent use and its condition has deteriorated during the last two weeks. To a considerable extent better walking conditions can be obtained along the beach in this area rather than using the coastal track. No movement seen.
LANGEIA	"	"	Two tracks observed on sand above high water mark LANGEIA village. Unable to ascertain whether native or boat made marks. No movement seen.
LAKE HARGY	"	"	It is considered possible for a CATALINA to land on LAKE HARGY. Suitable approach is from the WEST SOUTH WEST. Length of lake is approx 3 miles and no under water obstructions are visible.

Time and Signature [signature] Capt.
A.L.O. 45 ~~AGI~~ SEC (AC).
Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

80—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

AOB CAPE GLOUCESTER DATE 16 MAY '44

NIL SORTIES.

W. Huxley Capt. A.L.C

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DIST:- 185 REGT. 40DIV(2). NGF (2). A2.5AF. 1 AUST AL GP. 10 OPS GP. 77 WING. 4 SQN. WAR DIARY. FILE. PILOT'S INF.

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LOCATION CAPE GLOUCESTER UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN. SORTIE No. 1. A/C No. - TYPE A46-152 A46-174 DATE 15 May'44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R GAVUVU RIVER TO BIALLA PTN.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
CENTRAL N. / BRITAIN 4m - 1"	F/O. Ray	0755	HAZY	GOOD
	~~CONSIDOR~~ P/O. Burrie	TIME DOWN 1110	OVER TARG T GOOD	
		TOTAL 3Hrs/5m.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
TAROBI-PASUSU	0900	MIN.	Track between TAROBI - PASUSU well defined but N.M.S.
	1000		On Ridge back from PASUSU. One large hut and one medium sized hut with cooking fires still smouldering. No natives seen in vicinity. Swamp area P3193 kunai trampled flat in 3 patches 30ft square appears to be probable bivouac area.
BANGULA BAY			No tracks N.M.S.
LARA POINT.			Approx 300yds off point three natives in LAKATOI observed fishing - did not wave to a/c.
SULU.			Approx 150yds from mouth up the YALULE River a large hut was observed with 2 sleeping mats and ashes of cooking fire. Edge of water vicinity of the hut were several footprints in mud on river bed. Could not ascertain whether natives or boot marks. Approx 50yds towards beach a hut was observed, also marks probably footprints.
			General footprints observed in vicinity but N.M.S.
			From SULU to ~~BUTIOLO~~ no footprints along beach.
~~BIALLA PTN.~~			Village EWASSE several natives working in gardens, waved lap lap's to a/c. General area of gardens been well worked and rubbish being burnt off - considerable number young plants.
			A large sea going canoe was observed pulled out of water near red plantation building - half of canoe was covered with weeds. Native hut being built near ~~GOAS~~ Village. Near village another canoe rigged for sailing, was drawn up on the inlet.
~~MIKA~~	0845		~~North of MIKA ref 70598 two friendly barges containing ALLIED troops seen moving West.~~

Time and Signature D Bailey Capt.
A.L.O. 45 AUST AL SEC (AC).

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

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LOCATION CAPE GLOUCESTER. UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN. SORTIE No. 1. A/C No. - TYPE A46-174 A46-152 DATE 14 May '44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R TO LOCATE LAUNCH OR RAFT SIGHTED NORTH OF BOGEN BAY.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
WESTERN NEW BRITAIN	F/O. Paton	0830	GOOD	GOOD
	~~OBSERVER~~ F/O. Murray	TIME DOWN 1000		
		TOTAL 1½ Hrs.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
CAPE GLOUCESTER.	0830	1000'	An area North of BOGEN BAY was searched for possible drifting launch or raft. The area searched was from CAPE GLOUCESTER to CAPE HENSING - and 15 miles seawards. Sightings were nil.
	1000		

J. J. Buckley Capt.

Time and Signature

A.L.O. 45 AUST AL SEC (AC)

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

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LOCATION CAPE GLOUCESTER UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN. SORTIE No. 1. A/C No. - TYPE A46-152 A46-115 DATE 13 MAY'44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R GAVUVU RIVER.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
1" AP 3404D CENTRAL SOLOMONS NEW BRITAIN.	P/O. Simpson	0300	GOOD	FINE
	OBSERVER F/L King	TIME DOWN 1100		
		TOTAL 3 Hrs		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
KAPIURA RIV.			An unserviceable water logged landing craft was observed on Eastern bank of KAPIURA Riv. Jampan type unserviceable barge, power driven, was on beach at 030360. Small water logged landing craft in small bay South CAPE HOSKINS. No other barges observed, including recce 2 miles along KAPIURA River.
GAVUVU RIVER.			No sign of any footprints along beach from mouth GAVUVU River to GAVUVU River but at mouth of last named river were marks on sand but not sufficiently definable to identify as footprints. Considered unlikely to have been caused by natural means.
CAPE HOSKINS			It is thought more likely that no track exists around coast at CAPE HOSKINS owing to steep cliffs on coastal area. Rather it is possible that any track which can be used is as indicated on map.
			3 barges were seen off-loading Allied personnel on beach between CAPE HOSKINS - VALOKA.

Time and Signature 45 [illegible] (Maj)

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DIST: 40 Div, 2 ~~Aust Corps~~, NSF (2), A2 5AF., 1 Aust AL Gp., 10 O.G., 77 Wing, 4 Tac/R Sqn., War Diary, File, Pilot's Infn.

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LOCATION CAPE GLOUCESTER UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn., SORTIE No. 1. A/C No. - TYPE A46-152 DATE 12 May 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R KAPIURA RIVER

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
MEGIGI & MT BANGO 1"	F/O Bromhead	0800	UNLIMITED	GOOD
	~~OBSERVER~~ Cover F/O Rae	TIME DOWN 1100		
		TOTAL 3hrs		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
MALALIA	0900	Min	Few fresh footprints were obs on beach at VALOKA. Small number of marks made by boots on beach at CAPE HOSKINS. Apart from above mentioned foot prints, NO further signs indicate any movement in MALALIA area. One canoe with 4 natives ~~were~~ seen proceeding west around CAPE HOSKINS - natives waved furiously to a/c.
			Jetty, in state of disrepair having logs drooping in water, was obs on western bank of KAPIURA Riv at 114770. Two jetties of approx 10 logs each were seen on opposite bank. The track from UBAI terminates at the two jetties.
UBAI			UBAI Village appears deserted, with overgrown undergrowth. Gardens apparently untouched and low plants indicate that NOT much vegetation is available at present. At new clearing approx 300yds north of UBAI ~~has~~ new gardens and 5 recently made lean-tos. NO sign of any activity along track from coast to UBAI where obs.
			Many footprints including boot marks, were seen pointing east along coast from 063880 to 173875 where lost to view in swamp.
			L4s landinf on CAPE HOSKINS.

Time and Signature R. O'Rae Major

ALO 45 AUST AL SEC (AC).

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.C.B. Cpl. Gunsiter. DATE 10:5:42.

NIL SORTIES.

Mackenzie A.L.O.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.O.B. ..... DATE. 2.5.44.

NIL SORTIES.

..... A.L.O.

Dist:40th Div.(3),2 Aust Corps.,A2 5AF. 1 Aust A.L.Gp. 100.G. 77 Wing.R.G.F. (2), 4 Tac/R Sqdn. War Dairy,File,Pilots Infn.

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LOCATION CAPE GLOUCESTER UNIT 4 TAC/R SQDN. SORTIE No. 1 A/C No. - TYPE A46-174. 138.152. DATE 8 May 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R CAPE HOSKINS AREA

REF. MAPS CENTRAL NEW BRIT 4 M. Mogigi 1". PILOT P/O MURRAY F/O LILLIE F/O SINCLAIR. Escort. OBSERVER

TIME UP 12.55 TIME DOWN 1540 TOTAL 2Hrs 45 Min.

VISIBILITY: POOR

WEATHER: Showery.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
KASSIA to MAIKA.	1400 1435	Min.	NO activity seen other than native. Native gardens show improvement and a number of clearing fires were observed inland from VAVUA. Most villages on the EAST of the Peninsular are in a poor state of repair. Natives were seen did not avoid observation. The road is well defined, but owing to rain falling, usage could not be assessed.
DECEPTION PT.			Friendly troops, approx. 20 seen landing from barge at DECEPTION POINT, and proceeding towards the airfield. When last seen they had just crossed the strip, moving SOUTH. Stores were being unloaded from the barges.
			P/O LINKLATER'S aircraft was pinpointed at 892992. Fusalage appears to have been righted.

Time and Signature Capt.
45 Aust A.L. Section (AC).
Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

734—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DIST: 40 DIV.(3),2 AUST. CORPS,A2 TAF,1 AUST AL Gp,10 B.G.,77 BDE,N.G.F.(2),4 Tac/R SQDN,WAR DIARY,FILE,PILOTS' LIFE.

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION CAPE GLOUCESTER. UNIT A Tac/R SQUADRON SORTIE No. 1 A/C No. · TYPE A46-152 A46-138 DATE 7th May 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE CONTACT/R (CAPE HOSKINS AREA.)

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
Central New Britain. 4 miles to inch.	P/O MIRRIS. ESCORT: F/O BEECK. OBSERVER	1015 hours TIME DOWN 1300 hours TOTAL 2hours 45 mins.	GOOD.	GOOD OVER TARGET

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
CAPE HOSKINS AREA	1115 ~~1002~~ - 1200	Min.	At 1120 hours approximately twenty American troops were sighted on and near the bridge on the road just south of MATAVULU PLANTATION. At 1140 hours, approximately one hundred American troops, including natives, were seen walking in single file through BEGIGI PLANTATION towards the air strip. The line of men was approximately half a mile long. It is considered that at least one third of this number were natives who appeared to be employed in the role of carrying party. Beyond these sightings NO movement was seen. Three friendly barges ~~xxx~~ were seen standing just off shore at KABAKATA. GALOKE VILLAGE was thoroughly searched for F/O MIRRIS' aircraft but it could not be located near this village. Between GALOKE and KUSIA along the sea front is a more or less continuous line of villages. The aircraft was at last located in a clearing across the main coast road in the vicinity of KUSIA. Behind KUSIA are some very tall trees and brush. On the outskirts of the village some slit trenches were observed which could have been of fairly recent construction. Cooking fires were seen in some huts in the vicinity of KUSIA.

Time and Signature F Charley Capt
43 Aust A2 Sqn (Tac)

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.O.B. CAPE GLOUCESTER DATE. 6 MAY 44.

NIL SORTIES.

J.A.CHASTLING Capt. A.L.O.

DIST: 40 Div (3) , 2 Aust Corps, A2 5AF, 1 Aust AL Gp, 10 O.G. 77 Wing NGF, 4 Tac/R Sqn, War Diary, File Pilots Infm.

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LOCATION CAPE GLOUCESTER UNIT 4 Tac/ R Sqn RAAF SORTIE No. 1 A/C No. · TYPE DATE 5th May 1944.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R (CAPE HOSKINS AREA)

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
Central New Britain	F/O RAE	0755	Fair over target.	Rain squalls.
4 mile & Mt. Bango 1"	F/O LILLIE	TIME DOWN 1155		
	OBSERVER ~~PASSENGER~~	TOTAL 4 hours		
	Escort: F/O LINKLATER			

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
HOSKINS AREA.	0850 0945	min.	Coastal track from HOSKINS DROME appears in good condition and seemed quite jeepable to 073841 where the road was lost in jungle. This road showed NO signs of recent movement and NO movement seen. Native villages in the area from KASSIA to LALKA appeared to be under repair and inhabited, while inland from the villages native garden activity was observed throughout the area. Defences on the point at VALOKA appear unused and gun positions ~~xxxxxxxx~~ where seen were empty. Around LALALIA the old trenches are in disrepair. Four dogs were seen in GALEOLE VILLAGE. Footprints were seen on the beach west of CAPE HOSKINS. Whether these footprints were native or otherwise could not be ascertained. Four dogs were seen in RAPURI VILLAGE. Through the area a number of native canoes were observed drawn up on the beach. Between GALEOLE and the beach a narrow foot bridge was observed spanning a small backwater. At 076865 a small leanto was observed and a canoe of the sea going type was drawn up on the beach. At approximately 0915K F/O LINKLATER crashed into trees whilst straffing dogs in GALEOLE VILLAGE. Task by arrangement 40 Div HQ

Time and Signature [signature] Capt.

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

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/12—10m.

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

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE.....

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

REPORT—INTERROGATION

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	
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	11 5		

[illegible] 10 natives were seen near [illegible] on the beach. Trees [illegible] to a/c. 10 natives were seen near [illegible] on the beach also moved. Just off the coast point there was a [illegible] also. A [illegible] also in this vicinity were two huts about 7½ kms sou[illegible] apart between which was spread a white sheet facing out to sea. Two natives had a red cloth spread out on the beach. Track from 741854 to 8[illegible] appears in good condition. Country has no apparent sign of the above recent rain. At 772832, track crosses creek by narrow foot bridge, this bridging it's continued as a motor road. [illegible] creek are between the points given above passable. The bridge at 802930 is of solid construction and in good repair. It's surface is worn and rough. [illegible] previously reported appears to be in the same [illegible].

A close recce was carried out to [illegible] no signs of recent activity were observed and the native huts were empty. The road around the bay is in good condition. It should be possible for the old defence posts on the east of the bay which [illegible] signs of any recent activity may also be seen. [illegible] is covered with thick jungle which would make movement difficult. The track to the west of the bay appears to be reasonably passable, but would afford a good view of the [illegible] were all the coast west and south east.

[illegible] activity is general throughout the area recce'd, mainly in native repair or burning off. [illegible] the native huts were all in the same condition. [illegible] were seen to have been re-[illegible].

[illegible] areas of [illegible] were seen in the area [illegible] and the coastal ring of vertical [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

AGB..CAPE GLOUCESTER DATE..3.[illegible]44.....

NIL SORTIES.

..J.A. CHASELING..Capt...A.A.G.

War Diary.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.O.B.. CAPE GLOUCESTER DATE... 28/5/45.....

NIL SORTIES.

...John CHARTERS.. Capt. A.L.O.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.O.B..[illegible].GLOUCESTER DATE..1.5.43.....

NIL SORTIES.

.....J.d..CHAMBERS..Capt.J.O.

DIST:- NGF(2), 5 DIV (3), 8 BDE, A2.5AF, 386 BOMB SQN,85 FIGHTER WING,387 BOMB SQN,BOMBER COMMAND,1 AUST AL GP,4 TAC/R SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 1. (5 DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46-137 A46-181 DATE 31 MAY '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R AWAR PLANTATION TO BOROI RIVER.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
NUBIA EAST 1"	F/Lt. FIRTH	0945	APPROX 1 MILE	LOW CLOUD
	OBSERVER F/O COLLIS	TIME DOWN 1315		
		TOTAL 3 hrs 30 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	1015		10 naval guns, approx 3" were sited along the coast between AWAR PLANTATION and BOROI RIVER.
			The positions of these guns are:- 4 at ref 677461 and 1 each at refs 670465, 663466, 657471, 650476, 632467 and 670465 respectively. These guns are deserted and give the appearance of being abandoned.
AWAR PLANTATION			AWAR PLANTATION has a large number of camouflaged huts which appear to contain stores. M.T, apparently u/s are scattered throughout the plantation.
BABET CREEK			Two sets of footprints (booted) were observed on the beach moving from BABET CREEK NW for approx 800 yds then inland to the scrub. Petrol drums were seen on both sides of BABET CREEK, stacked under the trees. 2 sets of trenches, overgrown with grass were observed at 673463 and 660470 respectively. 1 telephone line runs NW along the foreshore. The presence of scattered trucks hidden under the trees on both sides of the coastal road between BABET CREEK and BOROI RIVER confirms the report of 30 MAY '44. N.M.S. The area has the general appearance of being abandoned.

Time and Signature (L. WEBSTER) CAPT.

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

501—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

DISTR:-HQF(2), 5 DIV(S),8 BDE,A2.SAF,386 BOMB SQN,85 FIGHTER WING,387 BOMB SQN,BOMBER COMMAND,1 AUST AL. CB, 4 TAC/R SQN,WAR DIARY, FILE

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 1. (5 DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46-138 A46-106 DATE 30 MAY '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R HANSA BAY.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
AUBIA EAST 1"	F/O LILLIE	0845	GOOD	FINE
	OBSERVER F/O MACKENZIE	TIME DOWN 1235		
		TOTAL 3 hrs 50 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
NUBIA PLANTATION AND AWAR PLANTATION	0930		Between NUBIA PLANTATION and AWAR strip dumps, M.T and buildings are as previously reported. 3 gun pits with light coastal gun were observed at 662468,675458 and 678458. No activity was seen around these guns, no fresh tracks were observed, guns deserted and in poor condition. The road between NUBIA PLANTATION and AWAR PLANTATION is in fair condition and shows no sign of recent use. Between AWAR PLANTATION and creek ref 665467 definite tracks of recent movement by M.T, 1 bicycle and inf were observed. Nil.S.
BARET CREEK			From 665467 to BARET CREEK ref 676470 the track of one M.T and one bicycle was observed. The M.T track indicated very recent use and ended in grove of trees near BARET CREEK mouth. Within this grove was a large native type hut well camouflaged and appeared to be in good condition.
BOROI RIVER BARET CREEK			The coastal road between BARET CREEK and the mouth of the BOROI RIVER is in very fair condition but shows no sign of recent use. At various points along the SOUTH side of the road are isolated vehicles partly hidden by the scrub. These vehicles are in poor condition and have been camouflaged with branches of trees.
SQ 6647			Within SQ 6647 many M.T were observed, some appeared in good condition, others destroyed. The area was strafed with unobserved results.
			Generally, HANSA BAY area has the appearance of being deserted.
			Own troops were observed at UVO EAST ref 357308.

Time and Signature [signature]
(L. WEBSTER) CAPT.
Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc. A.L.O
45 AUST AL SEC (AC)

Sig—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/100.

A.H.Q.-NCF(2), 5 DIV (3), 8 BDE, 42.SQF, 506 BOMB SQN, 85 FIGHTER WING, 367 BOMB SQN, BOMBER COMMAND, 1 AUST AL GP, 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. (5 DIV)	A/C No. - TYPE: A46-137 A46-181	DATE: 29 MAY 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: TAC/R - HANSA BAY, VIA MAMU RIVER - WORSAKOISA TO NUBIA PLANTATION.

REF. MAPS	PILOT / OBSERVER	TIME UP / TIME DOWN / TOTAL	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
NUBIA EAST 1"	F/O OLIVER F/O BECK	0900 1235 3hrs 35 mins	GOOD	FINE

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROCATION
WORSAKOISA			Ref 765345 - this village has been burnt out.
POTSDAM POINT			Native huts are in fair condition, tracks are visible and well worn but do not show signs of recent use.
ROAD WORSAKOISA TO POTSDAM PLANTATION			This road is in fair M.T condition, bridges are intact and the road shows no sign of recent use.
POTSDAM PLANTATION			Numerous tracks in this area indicate that it may have been used as a bivouac area, these tracks do not appear to have been used recently.
725375			The native huts are well camouflaged and in good condition. Thick undergrowth surrounding them prevented an investigation of tracks.
718372			Bridge has been destroyed but river mouth would be fordable by jeep.
710372			Bridge has been destroyed and river does not appear to be fordable by jeep.
			Several tracks leading SOUTH from OLD NUBIA STRIP to UBUGUSAK are well worn, no sign of recent use.
			All the tracks lead to the crest of a hill ref 715360 where 6 approx empty gun pits were observed. The village of UBUGUSAK is destroyed. N.M.S. Along the foreshore between ref 700370 and 715370 there are numerous old forholes and at 50 yds inland 2 underground tunnels were observed. N.M.S.
NUBIA PLANTATION			This area appears to have been used as a camp site, many camouflaged huts are in good condition, others have been burnt. Many trucks have been destroyed and a considerable amount of stores in boxes and bags- drums are dispersed in small piles in the area. N.M.S and has every indication of being deserted. The coastal road is in good condition.
			Swamps in rear of HANSA BAY are wet and quite uninhabitable.

Time and Signature: (L. FORSTER) CAPT A.L.O

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

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DIST:-NGF(2), 5 DIV, 8 BDE, A2.5AF, 386 BOMB SQN, 85 FIGHTER WING, 387 BOMB SQN, BOMBER COMMAND, 1 AUST AL GP, 4 TAC/R SQN, WAR DIARY, FILE.

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LOCATION: GUSAP	UNIT: 4 TAC/R SQN	SORTIE No: 1. (NGF)	A/C No. - TYPE: A46-137 A46-138	DATE: 28 MAY '44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: TAC/R REF NGF Q/4/A0 ALSO G/5/A0.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
NUBIA EAST 1" SERIES MALALA WEST	F/O COLLIS OBSERVER: F/Lt FIRTH	1230 TIME DOWN: 1530 TOTAL: 3 hrs	GOOD	FINE

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
MALALA WEST			KELAUA PLANTATION. A branch road leading from main coastal road to huts at 020190 has had little or no wear during the past 7 days. Huts are dilapidated and completely unserviceable with the exception of the largest hut (nearest the coastal road. This is in fair condition.) PAGOI MISSION. From ref 860233 a road runs SW for 800 yds approx, across open kunai to dense jungle where there is every indication of a small bivouac area. Dense jungle prevented thorough investigation of this area. The track has been well worn but shows no indication of recent use. N.M.S.
NUBIA EAST 1"			POTSDAM PLANTATION. Ref 749363, well worn series of tracks including M.T tracks lead SOUTH from this point into a rubber plantation. No indication of recent use. Two re-entrants were observed with tracks leading into each.
HANSA BAY			A general recce of HANSA BAY indicated that the area was strewn with wrecked equipment - M.T tractors and stores. New NUBIA strip has been heavily bombed and is unserviceable except for light a/c. The NORTHERN point of HANSA BAY all EAST of grid 670 has a great number of iron roofed buildings - camouflaged with dead palm s giving the appearance of containing much material. These huts and dumps were strafed - no fires encouraged. The jetty area for 2000 yds NORTH of EKU contains a large amount of equipment. Incl. MT, TRACTORS, STORES Y. BUNDLES
AWAR STRIP			Is in good order with stacks of JAP ON BOTH SIDES OF ranged at intervals along the entire strip.
654471			At ref 654471 one coastal gun, small type, was observed. Many [illegible] surround this gun but do not indicate that they have been used recently.
			N.M.S was observed in whole HANSA BAY area. The coastal road shows light use by Inf. and is in fair jeepable condition.

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This Tac/R report will be given to 85 Fighter Wing for consideration of possible Strike

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LOCATION: GUSAP	UNIT: 4 TAC/R SQN	SORTIE No: 1. (5 DIV)	A C No. - TYPE: A46-138 A46-106	DATE: 26 MAY '44.	
ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: REQUEST FOR TAC/R's BY HQ, NGF. SUBJECT- OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS 19 MAY '44.					
REF. MAPS: KARKAR WEST UVO EAST MALALA EAST 1" SERIES	PILOT: F/O BEECK OBSERVER: F/O LILLIE	TIME UP: 1000 TIME DOWN: 1315 TOTAL: 3 hrs 15 mins	VISIBILITY: GOOD	WEATHER: FINE	

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
KARKAR WEST			(a) Ref 455925. No evidence of possible defences or foot track activity between coastal road and well worn track. N.M.S.
KARKAR WEST			(b) Ref 446938. No evidence of foot track activity in this vicinity. At MENGEN POINT the road is fairly wide giving the appearance of a landing strip for small a/c. Ref 441933. A EUROPEAN hut was observed - it was in a very dilapidated condition. Tracks which had not been used for some time were observed leading between native huts SW of EUROPEAN hut near coastal road.
MEDIBUR VILLAGE			(c) Ref 292062. No huts were seen at this point but huts were observed at 298063 connecting with MEDIBUR village. The track appeared disused but the huts were in fair condition.
ULIGAN HARBOUR			(d) Kunai and light jungle surround KOSI and SIKOR. No tracks were seen or evidence of bivouacs or dump areas in the re-entrants SOUTH of these villages. An old dump area and bivouac site was observed on both sides of river mouth ref 308022. That on the WESTERN bank extends approx 400 yds into jungle along the river.
MALALA HARBOUR			(e) Ref 245073 as per request. This reference is apparently inaccurate but at ref239084 the landing stage was seen in poor condition. Wire which looks like a telephone wire crosses the river along side a ruined bridge. 3 small boats joined by planks were observed lying water logged between river mouth and remnants of bridge. A short track, appearance of disused M.T track, extended for approx 200 yds WEST through jungle along the bank of the river.
REF 200140			(f) In the re-entrants in this vicinity old dump and bivouac areas were observed and connected to the coastal road by a disused M.T track.

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

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LOCATION: GUSAP | UNIT: 4 TAC/R SQN 1. (5 DIV) | SORTIE No.: | A/C No. - TYPE: A46-181 A46-137 | DATE: 25 MAY '44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: TAC/R COAST SCULAU POINT - WEST THEN NORTH TO MARANGAS.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
KARKAR ISLAND 1"	F/Lt. FIRTH	0945	GOOD	FINE
	OBSERVER F/O COLLIS	TIME DOWN 1315		
		TOTAL 3hrs 30 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
SCULAU) KAVILO)	1045		Landing on the beaches in this sector would be hampered by shallow reefs.
117103) 115103)			This beach appears to be suitable for a landing. Length 2000 yds, gravel beach, width 15 ft approx, gradually shelving. A low hill 2000 yds EAST would offer a good enemy defensive position covering the beach for approx 200 yds seawards. No tracks, buildings or signs of activity on this hill.
116108			Deserted gun position without a gun.
109106			" " " " " "
108107			Beach is suitable for landing of small craft, length approx 350 yds, width 20 ft - gravel surface, gentle slope to water. Around the foreshore is a plantation on flat ground. On the NW side of DOGOWAN RIVER is a serviceable jetty which is overlooked by a large EUROPEAN building.
107109			This beach would be suitable for landing - length 300 yds approx, width 20 ft approx, mud surface - no likely defensive positions in rear.
112134 AND 111132			These two beaches, length 300 yds approx, width 20 ft, surface of mud and gravel. They do not appear suitable for a landing. Usable coastal tracks encircle the island. The road BUMPAT-DOGOWAN RIVER appears suitable for M.T traffic. N.M.S. On closer examination the gun position reported in recce of 24 MAY now appears to be only excavations.

Time and Signature: (L. WEBSTER) CAPT.

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LOCATION GUAP UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 1. (5 DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46-137 A46-151 DATE 24 MAY '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R KARKAR ISLAND SOUTH AND WESTERN SHORE.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
KARKAR ISLAND 1"	F/O AHERN	0905	GOOD	CLEAR
	OBSERVER F/O OLIVER	TIME DOWN 1205		
		TOTAL 3 hrs		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
SCULU POINT)	1000		Tracks in this sector do not appear to have been used. They are overgrown. The foreshore is surrounded by reefs
KAVILO)			which appear to be fairly shallow.
KAVILO)			These villages appear to be deserted and show no sign of recent occupation. BAY, ref 127105, the mouth is
PEIN)			obstructed by shallow reefs and the ground rises steeply from the surrounding shore.
BUMPAT)			
BUMPAT)			The road in this sector does not appear to have been used for M.T, foot-tracks do not indicate recent use.
DOGONAN RIV)			
PETILO)			These villages appear to be occupied in a small way.
BANGSAI)			
REF 120105	1015		A few huts, approx 4, are in good condition and are partly surrounded by trees.N.M.S.
REF 115102			One coastal gun position, camouflaged, gun not observed. Also one lean-to. N.M.S.
DOGONAN PLANTATION)			Ref 111109, numerous huts both EUROPEAN and native in dilapidated condition. 1 EUROPEAN type and 3 native type
KUKUK PLANTATION)			in good repair. Tracks do not indicate much movement. 2 huts, 1 EUROPEAN and 1 native are in good condition.
			At the mouth of DOGONAN RIVER are partly destroyed jetties.
BIU BAY			Shore line of BIU BAY has a beach which would appear suitable for landing.
DUMAD)			The shore line does not appear suitable for beach landings.
DOGONAN RIV)			

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 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
108109			Beach at 106109 is a good beach with the foreshore sloping steeply away. A reef, approx 500 yds off shore is broken and offers a passage to the beach itself.
KURUM) KUBURNE)			The shore line is shallow near the beach. Tracks are overgrown and do not show signs of recent use.
KULKUL PLANTATION) MARANGAS PLANTATION)			Ref 111134 are 3 large EUROPEAN huts in good condition, 2 of which appear to be stored with a substance which looked like sand or grain. N.M.S. A possible landing beach at 111136- length 400 yds.
KULKUL 111137			Ref 109131, on the coast 1 hut in good condition with small gun position, N.M.S. At this point are 2 EUROPEAN type and 1 native hut. 1 of these is stored with the grain like substance mentioned above. N.M.S.
112141 MARANGAS)			Beach, approx 500 yds long, with sloping shore, appears to offer a good landing place. Tracks along the coast line show no use - N.M.S.
LANGLANG) KEMIN) MARKI)			A fairly well worn track joins these villages. MARKI is surrounded by a few villages with tracks joining them - fairly well worn.
LANGLANG			Ref 127152 is a semi-circular slit trench approx 30 yds long - further SOUTH are 3 native huts. This area approx 100 yds x 100 yds - is well worn.
LANGLANG) MAPOR) KULILI PLANTATION			Tracks are overgrown, it has a rocky foreshore. Ref 139152, 2 huts demolished, 2 huts in good condition but no sign of recent use.

Time and Signature..... L. Webster

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No 1. (5 DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46-137 A46-106 DATE 22 MAY '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R - VILLAGES WITH A 5000 YARDS RADIUS OF RUGASAK 2 REF 595238.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
BOGIA EAST 1"	F/O OLIVER	0925	GOOD	GOOD
	OBSERVER F/O AHERN	TIME DOWN 1255		
		TOTAL 3 hrs 30 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
RUGASAK 2			IN GENERAL. The area appears inhabited, villages in fair condition, tracks to and from the villages are well defined. N.M.S except one native at TIAP ref 670258 who ran for cover.
RUGASAK 1			IN PARTICULAR.
SANGAN			Villages RUGASAK 1, 715288, SANGAN 715256, MASAWURA 752251, WAREMIG 710247 and ARIAR 722230 are partly destroyed and appear deserted.
MASAWURA			The appearance of these villages gave the impression of being recently destroyed.
WAREMIG			Villages to the WEST of these are in good condition, some signs of huts being built, tracks well defined - no wheel marks observed - N.M.S.
ARIAR			Gardens are not in very good condition but some appear to have had new fences built around them.

Time and Signature (L. WEBSTER) CAPT.

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LOCATION GUSAP | UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN | SORTIE No. 1. (5 DIV) | A/C No. - TYPE A46-137 A46-105 | DATE 21 MAY '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: TAC/R BOGIA HARBOUR and TRACK MASAWURA - ANGILA BAY.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
BOGIA EAST 1"	F/O LILLIE	0915	GOOD	GOOD
	OBSERVER F/O SEECK	TIME DOWN 1225		
		TOTAL 3 hrs 10 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			IN GENERAL. The area of TAC/R of BOGIA HARBOUR and 3000 yds inland N.M.S, no fresh tracks were observed and the area appears not to have been used for 48 hrs and confirms previous report of 20 MAY. The area is mainly kunai.
			IN PARTICULAR.
TALIA PLANTATION			Ref Sq 8227, there are a few, apprx 8, scattered huts in the Plantation, in fair condition, no fresh tracks leading to them and N.M.S.
TSEPA TO NAURI			The villages in this area appear to be occupied by natives although N.M.S. Cultivation patches have been recently tended.
TSEPA-WONAM- MASAWURA			This track is barely discernable and shows only light use similar to that made by natives.
329276			One truck, camouflage with palm leaves and appeared to be in good condition.
805276			One truck partly under a native hut, condition not observed.
			Villages along the foreshore appear deserted and in a general state of disrepair.

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501—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

DISTR-HQ(2), 11 [illegible] DIV(3), 8 BDE, 2.S.A.S.,312 20WB GP, 85 FIGHTER WING, 312 20WB SQN, 20MBER COMMAND, JUST AL GP, 4 TAC/R SQN, WAR DIARY, FILE.

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LOCATION CUSAC UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 1. (5 DIV) A/C No. - TYPE MG-135 MG-106 DATE 20 MAY '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R ANGOLA HARBOUR AND VICINITY 2000 YARDS INLAND.

REF. MAPS	PILOT F/O [illegible]	TIME UP 0920	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
30CL. 1:63T 1m	OBSERVER F/Lt. FIRTH	TIME DOWN 1.20	GOOD	FAIR
		TOTAL 3 hrs		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			IN GENERAL. The TAC/R area appeared deserted though well defined tracks were observed around harbour.
802396			IN PARTICULAR. A very well defined track, well metalled, leading [illegible] into a large clearing of timber approx 600 yds inland. This track is lost in the timber and apparently ends at an old hut, barely visible due to foliage.
802262			6 huts, well camouflaged, were observed at the end of a well defined road approx 300 yds off the main track.
803274			In this point a small improvised landing stage of sheet iron. 1 small launch on the beach alongside stating. Serviceability not observed.
804278			Several sets of foot-prints were observed on EASTERN side of main track [illegible] either side of the track.
804269			From 804269 to 804272 is a well defined track. At the end of this road ref 804269 two very well camouflaged huts were observed surrounded by thick scrub. 1 hut approx 25' x 20' is covered with a tin roof. On the [illegible] side adjacent to the large hut is a smaller one approx 15' x 10'. NW of these two huts approx 100 yds distant was a line of mounded earth approx 30 yds long. This was well covered with palm leaves and branches of trees.
ANGOLA BAY			The native huts are in fairly good condition but the cultivation patches are neglected and over-grown with weeds.
			801276 is a well defined track leading to a possible [illegible] port.

Time and Signature (L.WEBSTER)

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NIL SORTIES.

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LOCATION: GUSAP	UNIT: 4 TAC/R SQN	SORTIE No.: 1. (5 DIV)	A/C No. · TYPE: A46-115 A46206	DATE: 18 MAY '44.	
ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: TAC/R COAST - SAKARUA TO BABANGAHA AND 6 MILES INLAND.					
REF. MAPS: MALALA WEST 1/63360	PILOT: F/O McKENZIE	TIME UP: 1110	VISIBILITY: GOOD	WEATHER: FAIR	
	OBSERVER: /O SIMPSON	TIME DOWN: 1425			
		TOTAL: 3 hrs 15 mins			

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
969209 TO	1215		1 barge 972200 , serviceability undetermined.
861233	1315		Road from SAKARUA MISSION 969204 to DAGOI MISSION 861233 in fair condition, used within the last 48 hrs, tyre marks showing in dried mud. Most bridges intact where not rivers possibly fordable. All villages between these two points in disrepair and apparently unused. Truck on road at 908223, camouflaged with palm leaves, appeared serviceable. DAGOI MISSION appears well used. Owing to litter and tracks in and out of village being well used, indications being used by JAPS. Along ridges off-shore deserted foxholes, also possibilities of some occupied. N.M.S.
			Inland track from SAKARUA-PARIAKANAN-KWONGAN-DANGWANAN-DAGOI MISSION, very well used and all villages appear JAP occupied. From DANGWANAN well used within last 24 hrs. Three villages on this track not marked on map at approx 959198-950200-941191 appear occupied. Coconut palms along this track have been felled evidently for the fruit. N.M.S.
855235 - 825245			From DAGOI MISSION westward, ridge from 855235 to 825245 foxholes and weapon pits were seen. At 825245 2 JAPS seen jumping into foxhole.
			Native gardens at MARAWITI being worked, other gardens in area in disuse.

Time and Signature: CAPT. A.L.O

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc: 45 AUST A.L.S EC(AG)

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 1. (5 DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46-115 A46-130 DATE 17 MAY '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R DUGUMUR BAY - SAKARUA POINT

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
MADANG 1/63360	F/O BEACK	1025	GOOD	GOOD
	OBSERVER F/O ZAY	TIME DOWN 1345		
		TOTAL 3 hrs 30 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
SAKARUA POINT 970708			Road SAKARUA to DUGUMUR in fair condition but no signs of recent use. All bridges appear intact except those at 972159 and 972186. All villages areuninhabited and partially destroyed.
DELUA 060177			At 060177 footmarks of approx 100 cms moving WEST in sand between beach and track. No indications of village having been used. Similar imprints through kunai grass NE to SW from 060183 to 058180. Tracks very haphazard giving impression of kunai having been traversed at night. Indications of tree covered area at 058180 having been used for bivouac. Walk. Track from 058187 to KIBARU overgrown and no sign of recent use.
KIBARU 038151			Village occupied and in good condition. Walk. Village 038143 inhabited and huts in good condition. Villages of KALAIT, KAMARU and SARAIRT in disrepair and apparently deserted. Track DUGUMUR to KIBARU well defined but has not been subjected to heavy use.

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

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BOMBER COMMAND,1 AUST AL GP,4 TAC/R SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 1. (5 DIV) A.C No. - TYPE A46-137 A46-138 DATE 16 MAY '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R COAST - MOUTH GILAGIL RIVER TO SUARU.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
MALALA WEST 1"	F/O McKENZIE	0915	GOOD	GOOD
	OBSERVER F/O LILLIE	TIME DOWN 1200		
		TOTAL 2 hrs 45 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
GILAGIL RIVER			Own troops not observed vicinity river mouth area.
DUGUMUR 081156 TO SUARU 993186			DUGUMUR village completely demolished. 2 possible camouflaged gun positions 082156 and 083158. N.M.S. Bridge at 072159 destroyed. Bridge in commission at 069161. Road between DUGUMUR and SUARU clearly defined but no indications recent use. All villages between these points deserted and partially burnt. Telephone line follows road from EAST of CAPE TOMKINAM to SUARU. Recce discontinued at this point owing to presence of P47's strafing villages in general area. Number of huts observed burning as result of attacks. Attempts to recce inland tracks abandoned for same reason.

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

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DATE.....15 MAY '44.

NIL SORTIES.

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DIST:-NGF(2), 11 DIV,5 DIV,(3), 8 BDE,A2.5AF,312 BOMB GP,85 FIGHTER WING,387 BOMB SQN, BOMBER COMMAND,1 AUST AL GP,4 TAC/R SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION GUSAP | UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN | SORTIE No. 1. (5DIV) | A/C No. - TYPE A46-106 A46-156 | DATE 14 MAY '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R COASTAL AREA BETWEEN SIMBINI BAY AND DUGUMUR BAY

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
MALALA EAST " WEST 1" SERIES	F/O OLIVER OBSERVER F/O FIRTH	0900 TIME DOWN 1230 TOTAL 3 hrs 30 mins	GOOD	FINE

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
TAC/R AREA	1000		IN GENERAL. There were no signs of further movement since that reported in the previous report of 13 MAY' 44 Rain had fallen during the past 24 hrs and no fresh tracks were observed. This TAC/R confirms the observations in previous report.
DUGUMUR WAMARU WAWAIT			IN PARTICULAR. Tracks leading from DUGUMUR - WAMARU village and thence WAWAIT were clearly defined and showed signs of recent use.
SARAMAT			The village ref 080132 is in good condition and appears to have been used quite recently.
WAWAIT			Ref 048132 is in very good condition, tracks leading to it and within were clearly defined and gave the appearance of much recent use. A clearly defined track has been made from the village (WAWAIT) to the mouth of the WIDART CREEK. This track is not marked on MALALA 1" - 1 mile series.

Time and Signature (Otto Leach) CAPT. AIO

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801—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

DIST:- NGF(2), 11 DIV, 5 DIV(2), 8 IDE, A2.5 AF, 312 BOMB GP, 85 FIGHTER WING, 387 BOMB SQN, BOMBER COMMAND, 1 AUST AL GP, 4 TAC/R SQN, WAR DIARY, FILE.

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LOCATION GUSAP | UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN | SORTIE No. 1. (5 DIV) | A/C No. - TYPE A46-138 A46-106 | DATE 13 MAY '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R SIMBINI BAY TO DUGUMUR BAY AND INLAND MUGAMAT.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
M LALA EAST " WEST 1" SERIES	F/O LILLIE OBSERVER F/O BECK	0845 TIME DOWN 1230 TOTAL 3 hrs 45 mins	GOOD	FINE

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
TAC/R AREA			IN GENERAL. The area of TAC/R indicated movement along the coastal road but no activity on inland tracks. The coastal road is in good condition and is considered to be passable for M.T.
SIMBINI BAY			IN PARTICULAR. Bridge at ref 224122 is out and appears fordable for troops only.
SAMOA POINT			Ref 194152 - appears to be a camouflaged gun position approx size of position is 12' x 12'. It has the appearance of a possible coastal gun emplacement. No tracks were observed and N.M.S.
BUSIP TO KOKUMBA			Between these two villages is an excellent beach for barge landing. Along the foreshore many foxholes and defensive positions were observed. Between refs 173160 and 152163 approx 30 camouflaged positions similar to "foxhole" type. A concentration of approx 12 positions were observed at ref 152162. Only light tracks were observed and appeared in good condition.
KOKUMBA			In the vicinity of KOKUMBA on both sides of the KOKUMBA RIV and extending approx 2000x inland is dense foliage but worn tracks indicate a possible M.T park. The bridge crossing KOKUMBA RIV is out, but tracks along the beach indicate that the river mouth has been forded by M.T. since last full tide. Approx 100x from KOKUMBA RIV mouth was a craft, similar to a barge - but with pointed bow. Length approx 20 ft. This craft was well camouflaged and appeared serviceable. It was strafed with unobserved results.
SAMOA POINT TO DUGUMUR Ref 103163			A communication line, similar to telephone line was observed. A large dump of sand approx 30 ft in diameter with M.T tracks leading to and from it. These tracks do not show sign of recent use.
WEST POINT			Ref 900168 is a square concrete building approx 15' x 15', tracks but not recently used were observed.

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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
DUGUMUR) WIDARE CREEK)			Refs 082156 and 070160 the road has a dusty appearance and recent foot pads and M.T tracks are clearly visible. The bridge crossing BANARA RIV is out but M.T tracks on the beach indicate that it has been recently forded.
ULAMRI POINT MUGAMUT SARAMAT WAMARU			The tracks joining these villages refs, 186137, 075065, 079133, 078142 respectively are not clearly defined and show very little use.
DUGUMUR WAMARU WARAT			The tracks join these villages refs 082156, 078142, 068133 respectively indicate heavy recent troop movement and new tracks have been made.
			Although the coastal road indicated signs of recent movement no movement was seen. Villages along the coast appear deserted but inland villages appear in good condition, and the gardens recently tended.
			Beach photographs of the area SIMBINI BAY- DUGUMUR HARBOUR Nos. k39-167.
			TITLING. 1232 (CAPE CROISILLES - HANSA BAY) (May 2 '44-1215)(12000-24) (20 CMS- 6 PG) (166-200)

Time and Signature R. Nicholas

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501—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

DIST:-NGF( ),11DIV,18,15,3DIV,8,4,A2,5AF,312 BOMB GP,85 FIGHTER WING,387 BOMB SQN, [illegible] COMMAND,1 AUST AL GP,4 TAC/R SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE

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CUSAP

LOCATION..... UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 1. (11 DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46-137 A46-106 DATE 11 MAY '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R BUNABUN HARBOUR - SIMBINI BAY.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
MALAIA KARKAR 1st SERIES	F/O OLIVER	0915	GOOD	FINE
	OBSERVER F/O McKENZIE	TIME DOWN 1230		
		TOTAL 2 hrs 15 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
BUNABUN } ULIGAN }	1020		No change since previous report.
ULIGAN HARBOUR TO SIMBINI BAY			Coastal road shows no recent tracks. Villages in vicinity MERIMAN ref 280072, MEDIBUR ref 298065 are deserted, some huts are destroyed and no signs of any occupation.
RUDINAT			RUDINAT ref 270079 is deserted but the huts are intact and fair condition- N.M.S.
MORO			Ref 260085, village deserted and partly destroyed. N.M.S.
MALALA			Ref 246095 is completely destroyed. N.M.S.
			Ref 235090 are several cultivation patches, in good order, and appear to have been recently cared for. Some patches appear to be freshly sown. N.M.S.
SIMBINI MISSION			Ref 225118 is completely destroyed, cultivation patches are in a similar condition to that at MALALA. N.M.S.
BRIDGES			All bridges are intact and suitable for M.T traffic except at ref 239084 and ref 292065. Crossings at these two points do not appear to be fordable.
ULIGAN HARBOUR			Oil slicks on water in ULIGAN HARBOUR were observed.

Time and Signature (L. WEBSTER) CAPT.

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LOCATION..... UNIT.....4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No.1. (11 DIV) A/C No. - TYPE.A46-106 A46-137 DATE.20 MAY '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE.....TAC/R BUNABUN HARBOUR TO ULINGAN HARBOUR.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
UVO KARKAR 1" SERIES	F/O FIRTH	0930	FAIR	POOR WITH LOWCLOUD
	OBSERVER F/O LILLIE	TIME DOWN 1245		
		TOTAL 3 hrs 15 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
MANGEN RIV	1030		Bridge crossing MANGEN RIV is destroyed, 1 single rope is stretched from bank to bank - River is not considered fordable at this point, ref 420938.
420943			Bridge serviceable for M.T traffic.
408955			BUNABUN RIV bridge is destroyed, a road detours inland to ford the river and then joins coastal road.
407954			1 boat 5' x 10' waterlogged, considered to be u/s. BUNABUN RIV appears to be fordable for Inf. only.
390983			Bridge is serviceable for M.T traffic.
372988			Bridge BARBIR RIV is destroyed but a rope is stretched from bank to bank. Tracks of 1 man were
362000			observed on NW bank approaching to and returning from the crossing. Bridge serviceable for M.T traffic.
356008			BULU HARBOUR to ULINGAN HARBOUR all bridges are serviceable for M.T traffic
ULINGAN HARBOUR			Villages around ULINGAN HARBOUR appear deserted and in poor repair.
314025			1 abandoned dump and 6 (approx) wrecked barges.
329029			Coastal road from BUNABUN HARBOUR to ULINGAN HARBOUR is in good condition but there are no indications of recent use.
			Track from 329029 via SUSINA - BARI - KUMANGI (276896) - KOWAKI (327809) is barely visible due to overgrowth and shows no signs of recent use. These villages-SUSINA-BARI-KUMANGI and KOWAKI which are indicated on the map were not observed.
			within the whole area of TAC/R no movement was seen except 4 cattle at BUNABUN HARBOUR.

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1 DIST AL GP,4 TAC/R SQN,SAU DIARY,MILE.

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 1. (11 DIV) A/C No. · TYPE A46-137 A46-156 DATE 9 OCT '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R TRACKS AND VILL. GES WITHIN THE SOUND RISK OF GILAGIL RIV, REMPI RIV AND COAST.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
MATUKA EAST WEST 1" SERIES	F/O PATON	0830	GOOD	FINE
	OBSERVER F/O AHERN	TIME DOWN 1110		
		TOTAL 2 hrs 40 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
GILAGIL RIV	0920		1. In the coastal area extending approx 8 miles inland two tracks showed signs of only light use.
REMPI RIV			Villages appeared only partially occupied. N.M.S.
			11. In the remaining area bounded on the EST by GILAGIL RIV indications of greater activity than in part 1. Tracks appear to be in greater use and well worn. Villages appear to be under repair and cultivation patches being prepared. N.M.S except YALO 577603.
YALO 577603			Two men were seen who ran for cover on the appearance of a/c. Their appearance was that of JAPANESE.
			Tracks in this vicinity indicated light use only.
			Within the whole area N.M.S except 2 personnel at YALO.

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901—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT TAC/R SQN SORTIE No 1 (11 DIV) A/C No. - TYPE-L17 A46-105 DATE MAY '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R CAPE CROISILLES TO BUNABUN HARBOUR AND 3 MILES INLAND.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
MATUKA EAST " WEST KARKAR 1" SERIES	P/O AHERN OBSERVER F/O McKENZIE	0210 TIME DOWN 1210 TOTALS hrs	GOOD	FINE

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
CAPE CROISILLES	0940		In SWAMP PLANTATION, ref 717654 slit trenches and AA positions, no guns observed - N.M.S - position appears to be abandoned.
UBSIS VILLAGE	0945		Ref 911651, three heavy gun positions facing SOUTH no guns seen - N.M.S. It is considered the positions are not in use.
CAPE CROISILLES			No change in road- Bridges, native huts since last report(5 MAY '44).
GARUM			
GILAGIL REV			No recent tracks since last report.
GARUM			At ref 659923 very recent foottracks of 2 persons, disappeared into the jungle on WESTERN side of road. At the same ref point one slit trench, not occupied on EASTERN side of road.
			Ref 462912. From this point a road not marked on map follows the coastline to BUNABUN 2. It shows no sign of use. The track indicated on the map linking GARUM with BUNABUN 1 shows signs of heavy foot movement since last rains. No wheel tracks seen. N.M.S.
BUNABUN AREA			N.M.S in BUNABUN 1 and 2 and TAVILMAS STATION. This area appears deserted.
MANGEN PLANTATION			Numerous tracks seen in grass on EAST side of track.

Time and Signature P. Webster (P. WEBSTER) CAPT.

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2 BOMBER COMMAND,1 AUST AL GP,4 TAC/R SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. (11 DIV) A/C No. · TYPE A46-106 A46-117 DATE 6 MAY 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R COAST ROAD FROM REMPI RIV- SUNAMUM HARBOUR TO 5 MILES INLAND.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
MATUKA EAST WEST KARKAR 1" SERIES	P/O OLLIVER OBSERVER F/O BROMHEAD	0900 TIME DOWN 1210 TOTAL 3 hrs 10 mins	5000	FINE

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
REMPI RIV- CAPE CROISILLES	1000		All bridges are in same state as in previous reports.
MARINA PLANTATION KARIM RIV	1015		Bridge at 748588 is cut but an improvised crossing has been made, suitable for light M.T, approx 100x back from river mouth. Both bridges crossing KARIM RIV are down but there is no indications of improvised crossings.
GILAGIL RIV			Bridges at GILAGIL RIV are out, no improvised crossings and no movement or new tracks were observed since previous report. T.C/R proceeded approx 10 miles up GILAGIL RIV but N.M.S, no tracks observed and due to gorges, falls, rapids, it is considered that this course would be most difficult.
[illegible] VILLAGE			N.M.S. Huts deserted, some destroyed, others in disrepair. Bridge at 802535 is down - no improvised crossing.
GABEL RIV MAING RIV			Bridge crossing GABEL RIV is down, but river is fordable. Many tracks, wheel and footmarks indicating signs of a recent bivouac but not since recent rains. N.M.S. Tracks indicate movement NORTH.
GAMAN VILLAGE			N.M.S. Village deserted and no signs of recent occupation.
MARIKUSIM VILLAGE			N.M.S, village deserted, no signs of recent occupation. Bridge across RIV is down.
GUSUN VILLAGE 915460 SUNAMUM HARBOUR			N.M.S - village deserted, no signs of recent occupation. Bridge is down. In this area many tracks both M.T and foot were observed indicating much movement but not since recent rains. In the whole T.C/R area N.M.S and it is thought that rain had fallen within the last 24 hrs.

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50/—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

DIST:-MAF(2),2 AUST CORPS,11 AIR,10,15,5 DIV,8,4, [illegible],31? BOMB GP,85 FIGHTER GP,387 BOMB SQN,
BOMBER COMD HD,1 AUST AL GP,4 TAC/R SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION CUSAP UNIT 4 F C/R SQN SORTIE No. 1. (11DIV.) A. C No. - TYPE A46-106 A46-156 DATE 5 MAY '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE SEARCH FOR MISSING BOOMERANG A46-116

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
STRUT MAPS BAKER EAGLE	OBSERVER F/O [illegible]	TIME DOWN 1240 TOTAL 3 hrs 40 mins	FAIR	POOR

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
MT MUSAR			Crashed single trip-row radial engine a/c observed ½ mile from peak MT MUSAR on NE slope. a/c had exploded on impact and impossible to identify. No movement seen near a/c.
DRAGO POINT			One serviceable MeT. strafed with machine guns at DRAGO POINT. Hits were observed. Most bridges across mouths of river from CAPE CRESSELLES to DUBIA were in disrepair. Not likely for heavy equipment to be moved by road. After heavy rains rivers would not be fordable without bridges. Water pools still on roadway. Rusty wires observed at some creeks, possibly being used to cross mouth. Trees have been cut down and used as improvised crossings.
GILGIL RIV			No further indications of any recent heavy movement [illegible] of GILGIL RIV. Signs of activity indicate light movement N.

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LOCATION CUSAP UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 1s (11 DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46-106 A46-117 DATE 4 MAY '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R SOUTH OF GILAGIL RIVER TO CAPE CROISILLES

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
MATUKA EAST ? KARKAR EAST 1" SERIES	F/O BROWNE.D OBSERVER F/O AHERN	0920 TIME DOWN 1200 TOTAL 2 hrs 40 mins	GOOD	FINE

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
CAPE CROISILLES	0945		M.M.S - no recent tracks- all bridges intact. Villages untended and no natives seen.
CAPE MOSSIEU	1000		
KARIM RIV	1000		From KARIM RIV- 583752 tracks showing recent movement were observed moving WEST. The tracks increased in density approx 700x NORTH of KARIM RIV and gave the impression that several hundred troops had used these tracks during the past 24 hours. Interspersed with the foot prints were wheel tracks approx 3-4' wide made by an iron wheel 3" wide - giving the impression of gun carriage tracks. These tracks were traced to the mouth of the GILAGIL RIV.
GILAGIL RIV			At rivers where the bridges were down crossings were made by a detour across the sand bar at each rivers mouth. At the track junction at the mouth of GILAGIL RIV tracks split and signs of greatest movement was observed on the track leading SOUTH. 3 indications of river crossings were observed:- (i) 100x up from river mouth a track ended at a small jetty, no sign of method of crossing could be observed but tracks began again at a small jetty at approx 100x from river mouth on EAST bank. 1 single M.T track commenced at this point moving WEST and was lost to view due to dense undergrowth, very few footprints observed on this track. (ii) Approx 300x from river mouth indications that approx 100 troops had forded the river at this point. At a point opposite on th further bank marks in the mud indicated that several sledges approx 2' wide had been dragged across. (iii) Track 3 continued parallel to the EAST bank for approx 700x then swinging in a wide arc, crosses the river to join the coastal track approx 800x WEST of river mouth. Condition of tracks in this area indicate that only part of the force had crossed the river. Light tracks moving WEST were observed 1 mile EAST of river mouth.

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 1. (11DIV) 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
	1045		1 mile NW of CAPE CROISILLES 1 empty collapsible type boat - similar to JAP was observed. This was strafed and it became water logged.
			Photographs of the area GILAGIL RIV MOUTH:-
No. 49	(1:3 - W)		Mouth GILAGIL RIVER to MEIGAR PLANTATION (2 MAY '44- 1030) FL 24" 4500 (5th PH - 6th PH) 49-94.
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DIST:-NGF(2), 2 AUST CORPS,11 DIV,18,15, 5DIV,8,4,A2.5AF,312 BOMB GP,85 FIGHTER WING,
387 BOMB SQN,BOMBER COMMAND,1 AUST AL GP,4 TAC/R SQN,WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE NO. 1. (11DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46-117 A46-106 DATE 3 MAY '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R AREA 15 MILES INLAND FROM CAPT. CROISILLES TO MADANG.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
MADANG MATUKA 1" SERIES	P/O PATON	0945	GOOD	FINE
	OBSERVER F/O McKENZIE	TIME DOWN 1215		
		TOTAL 2 hrs 30 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
	1000		Throughout the whole area no sign of enemy movement was observed. Most villages are occupied by natives, who appear friendly. Native women and children also were observed and showed no fear of TAC/R aircraft.
	1120		New native huts were in process of construction in many villages.
NABONOB HALAR	1040 1030		Patrol of own troops observed at NABONOB MISSION 673300 and also at HALAR 690400.

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

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

801—N.G. Press Unit.—11/43/10m.

DIST:-NGF(2), 2 AUST CORPS,12 DIV,18,15,8,5 DIV,A2,5AF,312 BOMB GP,85n FIGHTER WING,387 BOMBSQN, 1 BOMBER COMMAND,1 AUST AL GP,4 TAC/R SQN, WAR DIARY, FILE

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LOCATION GUSAP | UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN | SORTIE No. 1. (11DIV) | A/C No. - TY~~A46-174~~ A46-138 | DATE ~~2~~ MAY 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R ODROBEG - MEIGAR

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP 0900	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
MATUKA MADANG 1-250000	P/O CLIVER OBSERVER F/O BEECK	TIME DOWN 1240 TOTAL 3 hrs 40 mins	GOOD	CLEAR

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
REMPI (MURNASO) RIV			Bridges across REMPI RIV are still out. It is considered unlikely for M.T to be able to ford river at mouth or up to one mile inland. Bridge is still out across DAREN CREEK, 724457, but it is considered possible to be forded by Jeep, provided only light rain has fallen. No alternate crossings observed for one mile inland from BANAP or is it possible for M.T to ford river at BANAP. Deep gorge was observed where bridge is shown on map at 713500. Not possible for M.T to cross without bridge.
ODROBEG. MEIGAR			Recent rain has fallen along road ODROBEG - MEIGAR but no signs of any wheel or foot traffic were observed. 1 unserviceable barge still located at 712563.

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

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

MII—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

DISTR- HQP(2), 2 AUST CORPS,11 DIV,18,15,22, 5 DIV,A2,5AF,312 BOMB GP,85 FIGHTER WING,387 BOMB SQN, BOMBER COMMAND, 1 AUST AL GP, 4 TAG/R SQN, WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION GUSAP UNIT 4 TAG/R SQN SORTIE No. (11 DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46-137 A46-117 DATE 1 MAY '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
MATUKA MADANG 1" SERIES	PILOT F/O LILLIE OBSERVER F/O McKENZIE	0905 TIME DOWN 1155 TOTAL 2 hrs 50 mins	GOOD	GOOD

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
MERHASS (REMPI) RIV			No bridges intact across the mouth of MURHASS (REMPI) RIV. It would be possible for foot traffic to get across but unlikely for M.T. Barges could possibly off load near road crossing at 713342. No bridge at mouth of river at B.NAP, 710573, and it is not considered fordable for M.T. Bridge across BAREM CREEK 724467 needs repairing, difficult for Jeeps to cross without some repairs. 11 other bridges except those mentioned above are serviceable between ODROBEG (731441) and MUGAR H RBOUR.
ROAD ODROBEG- MUGAR HARBOUR			No signs of any use along road between ODROBEG and MUGAR HARBOUR, no foot or wheel tracks noticed, many of the tracks have been overgrown and it is considered unlikely that any movement has taken place recently over this area.
UDSIS			Village in vicinity of UDSIS give no signs of occupation.

Time and Signature [signature] HAJ.

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S61—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

DIST:- NGF(3). 8.DIV,85 FIGHTER WING,A.I.H,BOMB COMD,12.SAF,1 AUST A.I.Cp,ALC.COMAF,4 TAC/R WAR DIARY,FILE.

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LOCATION	UNIT	SORTIE No.	A/C No. - TYPE	DATE
TADJI.	4 TAC/R [illegible].			29 MAY '44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: RECCE YAMU - OCTOBER Riv. 141° 10'E. 4° 5'S.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
I:1,000,000 Series 37.	F/Lt KING. OBSERVER F/O [illegible].	0900 TIME DOWN 1200 TOTAL 3 Hrs	Broken Cloud 8000' Fair	Fine.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
YAMU.			YAMU huts are scattered only native activity seen. Natives in canoes of size 20/30ft, similar to canoes observed in YESCHAM area as reported by Tac/R 28 May, canoes were scattered along the river and on approach of a/c natives waved lap laps. Gardens were in poor condition.
POURAMI			Huts scattered, several canoes in area, but no signs of activity. Small gardens in poor condition.
YELLOW RIVER POLICE POST			Many natives observed. One native with elaborate headdress took violent evasive action in seek-cover among trees.
MACU			Several small huts, one very large under construction (approx 40' x 50'). Several canoes in area.
YIRISI			Only small village. Again scattered huts.
OCTOBER RIV AREA			Generally unhospitable country, with very occasional small huts in area. No gardens observed. Fast flowing river with many snags and sand bars.
CRASHED SKY BLUE A/C.			Approx midway between OCTOBER RIVER & HAUSER RIVER on edge of jungle wreckage of a crashed twin engined a/c was seen. The plane was too badly burnt to identify type but was observed to have been painted sky blue. No tracks were seen leading from plane, small native lean to and very small garden in poor condition was seen 200ft SOUTH on bank of river.
MACUA			From MACUA up stream very little native occupation of area is considered.
MIRIYAMI			In swamps EAST of MIRIYAMI an old small deserted village. From huts at SOUTH end of village smoke was seen at 11chrs - cause could not be ascertained.
GENERAL			8.7. 1,000,000 series map is considered inaccurate WEST of YAMU along SEPIK RIVER. Lack of gardens in good condition and general nature of area would make it difficult for troops to live off land WEST of YAMU. No signs of enemy activity observed along SEPIK RIVER from TAIMAMUR - OCTOBER RIV. except possibly between MARUI BURUI. Any extensive movement would be made by canoes which eliminates possibility of movement. No barges seen along river or banks although many suitable barge hideouts were observed. Many canoes were observed on MAY 25 between YESCHAM - YAMBON and others under construction. Similar canoes were observed on MAY 29 around MAIN with natives. 2000 propaganda leaflets dropped on natives in village along SEPIK RIVER. R.O'LOAN MAJOR.

DIST;- NGF(3),5 DIV, 85 FIGHTER WING, A.I.B., BOMBER COMMAND, A2.5AF, 1 AUST AI CP, ALO CUSAP, 4 T/R Sqn, [illegible] FILE

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LOCATION	UNIT	SORTIE No.	A C No. - TYPE	DATE
TADJI	4 TAG/R SQN		BOOMERANG	28 May '44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: TAC/R SEPIK RIVER, YESCHAM, to TAMBANUM.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
AMBUNTI STRAT.	F/L King	0930	GOOD	FINE
	OBSERVER ~~XXXXXX~~ F/o Paton.	TIME DOWN 1215		
		TOTAL 2 hrs 45min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
YESCHAM			Iron roofed buildingwith out-houses, building of slab construction NOT usual native type. YESCHAM village situated on spur. Tracks movement moderate, gardens in reasonable state. Several canoes on shore and several more under construction. On NORTH side of river and 400x EAST of YESCHAM four huts and a small garden in fair condition. Several more canoes and canoes under construction sighted.
~~ORUGHOWI~~ YAMBON MISSION			Many canoes and canoes under construction, also two huts under construction. Many footprints in soft mud and several canoes and canoes under construction. All canoes are approx 30' long and a total of approx 60 observed between YESCHAM and YAMBON.
~~AMBUNTI~~ MARUI VILL.			NAD. Track shows no sign recent usage and appears deserted. Good condition - garden area NOT in very good condition. Couple of small, now well tended gardens 500x NORTH EAST of village on banks of river. Track activity fairly heavy and recent. Road MARUI to BURUI may have once carried MT - two small log bridges with cuttings on either side in the vicinity of BURUI. No recent MT traffic but heavy foot movement along pad in center of track branching off through kunai on both sides of track into heavily wooded area.
BURUI			No signs of heavy recent activity but tracks show recent usage. Old defence works consisting of a few fox holes and weapon pits in area apparently abandoned. Two bomb craters in center of strip buildings in area badly damaged. Grass strip in reasonable condition with good approaches and approx 800x long. In general BURUI and MARUI area considerable recent movement. Numerous tracks running into jungle. 20/30 canoes at MARUI on NORTH side of river.
YENTCHEMANGUA			In fair condition - shows recent movement - 20/30 canoes. Between YENTCHAN and KANCANAMAN on WEST side of river are many apparent waterways cut(Approx 6' wide) through river grass to trees.
TIMBUNKE			Has been fairly well bombed. Village still in fair condition. Gardens in reasonable condition and fair amount of recent movement.
TAMBANUM			Large village in fair condition - village has been bombed. Gardens in reasonable condition. Signs of recent movement in village. 4 canoes at end of track running NORTH from river opposite TAMBANUM. Track followed for 500x inland to trees and showed reasonable usage. Just at edge of trees a hut, unlike native type, in good condition with small garden nearby. Several huts and [illegible]

Time and Signature

Time and Signature

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DIST:- HGF(3), A.I.B., 308B COMD, 1 AUST A.I.Coy, AHQ SAF, 4 TAC/R, ALG CUSAF, WAR DIARY, FILE.

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn SORTIE No. A/C No. - TYPE DATE 27 May '46

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R HAMKAP RIV to LUAIN and COASTAL AREA TO CHERIAU.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
HOT 1 - LUAIN 2 1/63360	F/L.KING. OBSERVER F/O.PATON. F/O.RAN.	0745 TIME DOWN 0945. TOTAL 2 hours.	FAIR	GOOD.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			A/C approached from the South and struck coastal area vicinity 646273. Track 646273, well defined foot pad not jeepable. 1 Hut NORTH bank of river 653249. Followed HAMKAP Riv to coast- NO activity seen. Recent foot prints obs along coast MATAPAU - LUAIN. MT road MATAPAU - LUAIN good condition, NO bridges obs but all rivers fordable. Foot pad leading from 582302 to timbered area inland vicinity 582294. Several small lean-to type shelters in timber, 2/3 sleeping mats observed. Considered good bivouac area with adequate cover. Track 584302 to 585296 well defined. Several huts in foothills vicinity 553293. MT tracks on shore running along beach and under trees from LUAIN for approx half mile WEST where they turn under trees. 10/12 probable weapon pits under trees behind beach, just WEST of 466328.
			Numerous clusters of lean-to type shelters in foothills between HAMKAIK and HANDRIHAD - some have defined tracks in vicinity. Considered much movement in vicinity HADRING. South of HANDRIHAD fordable. MT tracks on both sides of river mouth on beach, approx 1 day old - wide tyre, wide track, similar to those made by "DUCKS". Solidly built hut (native type) partially concealed in edge of clearing vicinity 391348. MT tracks running from inland beach to water, vicinity CHERIAU - DRINBOL. 2 large ocean going canoes beached between CHERIAU and DRINBOL. ONE troops sighted YAKAMUL.
	NOTE.		The recce was carried out as the a/c were returning from another mission, the pilots NOT having appropriate maps of the area, nor having been fully ~~arming~~ briefed.

Time and Signature E.Harper Maj.,
Time Passed Area Dist. A.I.Coy.

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DIST:- HQ(3), AID, BOMBER COMMAND, 1 AUST AL GROUP, A2.3AF, 4 T/R SQN, ALO GUSAF, WAR DIARY, FILE.

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LOCATION: TADJI	UNIT: 4 TAC/R SQN	SORTIE No.	A/C No. - TYPE: DATE: 27 MAY '44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: (a) TAC/R ROCKY POINT & DANDRINAD RIVER MOUTH. (b) DANDRINAD RIVER MOUTH TO NYAPARAKE.

REF. MAPS: SUAIN EAST & WEST 1" - 1m	(c) TRACK APUA TO SHARCY PILOT: F/L Ring F/O Rae OBSERVER: F/O Patton.	TIME UP: 1200 TIME DOWN: 1330 TOTAL: 1 hr 30 mins	VISIBILITY: FAIR	WEATHER: GOOD

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			Coastal track ROCKY POINT - LUAIN shows signs of fairly heavy foot traffic (recent). NO MT tracks were observed between ROCKY POINT and LARNAP RIVER. There are two small plantations, quite a few small poles in each having been cut down. The trees are still lying in the area, the leaves of some suggesting there being felled during the past week. Native gardens in the area are in poor condition. There is a small unamed village at 572302, huts are in a dilapidated condition. At 562304 a probably F/C Jap barge approx 45' long 12' beam pulled up above the water mark on the beach. The mouth of the LARNAP is easily fordable. Many recent footprints were seen in the vicinity of LUAIN. SUAIN village is dilapidated condition, signs of movement through village. Possible bivouac on both sides of track 588330. Possible old bivouac vicinity 585315. Several huts in fairly good condition with small garden in reasonable condition nearby at 518321. Possible bivouac area 505323. Signs of movement along beach and coastal road to DANDRINAD RIVER. Several small lean to constructions, NOT considered new on beach at 472328. Unamed village 468326 in dilapidated condition. Mouth of DELTA Creek about 80' wide. Approx 300x upstream in DELTA CREEK a single log bridge spans the creek, tracks leading to and from the bridge show signs of recent movement. Approx 400x SW of the log bridge two huts in fairly good condition with small garden nearby were observed. Possible bivouac area at 461320 and 459312, the latter appears to have been recently used, tracks towards saddle were observed but were lost in the jungle. The saddle at head waters of DELTA CREEK approx 400' high at lowest point and pilots consider a suitable access to unamed creek grid 56 along which movement to DANDRINAD would present NO DIFFICULTIES. Approx 6 huts reasonable condition 456303. At approx 456301 on SOUTH side of slope is a newly cleared garden with partly completed fence. A track from junction of DANDRINAD RIVER AND BAGINA POINT NW to 585307. Approx ½ mile EAST of MARUBIAN a few small fox holed TRENCHES defences on beach and on fringe of trees, at least two of which are revetted but NOT covered. MARUBIAN and BABIANG villages are in a dilapidated condition. 2/3 huts are in wrecked condition near beach but approx 9 huts fair condition are located in trees at rear of village. Mouth of DANDRINAD is easily fordable.

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

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

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE.....

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

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			Several sets of fresh footprints, all heading WEST were observed on beach between MAAUBIAN and BABIANG. MT tracks along beach from 413351 to 409338 with footprints heading WEST on either side of BABIANG. MT tracks with tyre marks lead through BABIANG village into trees on rear, where a wheel tracks. MT tracks with tyre marks lead through BABIANG village into trees on rear, where a track is visible to 408351. Track was lost in scrub and could not be located further SOUTH. Foot- prints left MT track at BABIANG and continued WEST along beach to DANDRIMAD. Track again picked up on WEST bank of DANDRIMAD RIVER. Track down spur from 402320 to possible bivouac area in timber at foothills SQUARE 4033. Area shown in kunai in Sq 4033 i. a swamp grass and many tracks are vis- ible - pilot considers each track made by approx 12 men. The DANDRIMAD and DANIER are both fordable from south practically to source. well defined track leaves DANDRIMAD RIVER at 393338, leads SW to 382350. Portion of track concealed by timber. 3 coconut palms 3 huts partly concealed in trees at 382350. Portion of track concealed by timber. 3 coconut palms cut down near huts, leaves still green and tree trunks still in area. Track shown on map 370360 to 360302 to DALUP, not visible from air. well defined track leads down the creek from 360302 to 356 313 where there are two huts in excellent condition. Fresh palm leaves have been thrown on roofs of huts. Track NORTH of huts lost in jungle to 369336 after which it is visible following creek to 372338 where there are two huts in good condition, one on either side of a small backwater. A single log bridge approx 2 ' and 15' long spans the backwater connecting the huts. Tracks between huts leading to either end of bridge are well defined and show much use. From 372340 to approx 100yr.from the coast the creek has rocky bottom and the tracks would not be visible. Track, although not visibl apparently leads from huts 372338 WEST to DANDRIMAD at 360339 where it is visible. After track cro sos DANDRIMAD it turns NORTH 360343 to 3 huts. One hut 363342. At 383358 possible bivouac area with several small huts in good condition in timber at rear of village 388361. Tracks in area NOT well defined but discernable between village and bivouac area. Two small huts in good condition 374357 . NO tracks visible. Large ocean going canoe with sail and super structure, possible attempt at camouflage with palm fronds CERRATO. Footprints from mouth of DANDRIMAD to tipped drum at BRIBBAL drum has been tipped over and black stain on beach suggests oil.

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

S01—N.G. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

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

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE.....

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

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			TAFA and ANAPALUK villages not observed. Heavy recent foot traffic from 320376 to NYAPARAKE. MT tracks (possibly duck) turn into NYAPARAKE from EAST. Numerous defence positions at NYAPARAKE and vicinity. Two strand wire observed 316376 to 304366 passed through timber in places then along beach to WEST. MT tracks on beach at PARAKOBIA. At 307373 in coconut grove a bivouac area of capacity for 40/50 troops. Theves were spread on ground beneath the trees. Jungle in vicinity of CHAPOV is very thick and village could not be located aprox 5 recently erected huts and track activity at 398342, palms in area chopped down. The track from 298342 to 266343 is a footpad and only visible in parts. At 266345 signs of crossing straight across river EAST to WEST. Approx 20/30 footprints considered made since morning. Jungle very thick in area HAREGH RIVER to AFUA track only visible in parts, pilot considers track leads to foothills, not as far NORTH as shown on map. All creeks observed are fordable. Only two or three fallen trees observed - considered to have been felled one or two weeks. Track show on map as leading WEST from 853354 not visible. Two huts at 240350. No tracks in vicinity. Three natives at AFUA waved to a/c.
			GENERAL. Pilots could not discern any evidence of large troop concentrations, but consider activity confined to large patrols.

Time and Signature....W. HARPER....MAJOR.....

Time....to....POST....COMMAND AL SECTION.....

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6/5/1944 4 AUST A.L.C.P. (Unit) 103.

W.E. 111/351. 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.S. 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		5		1				[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
3	1 AUST A.L.C.P.		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

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

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

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday / /194 1. 10:

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 Asstn.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Sanitakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Stly. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Installn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanisers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Matchman				Butchers				SERGEANTS	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				CORPORALS	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				BATMAN			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concreters				DRIVERS	3	2	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks	2						
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 Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photorotter				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

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 desiring above 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.

6 May 1944
Date of Despatch

R. O'Connor Maj for T. Morse
Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

...../...../.....(Serial No.) 103

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6/5/1944 4 Echelon (Unit)

W.E. 11/5/44. OFFRS. 1 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.				
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					
				Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
			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.P.	G.M.P.	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. 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 6/5/1944. (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 Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
	NX						
Lieut	400122	O'LEARY	R.J.C.	O.C.	YES	O.C. HOSPITALITY	
Capt	403255	BLAIKIE	T.C.	M.E.O.	NO	SCHOOL OF ARMY CO-OPERATION	
	NX						
Lieut	116302	WEBSTER	L.W.	M.E.O.		M.E.O. COURSE	

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.
Lieut	NX	WILSON	DRIVE C.O.		
			[illegible]		
Capt	NX	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	

6/5/44
Date of Despatch

R. O'Loan Maj for C.M. Weeden Lt.
Signature of Commander

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War Diary

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13/5/1944 15 Aust A L Sec (AC) (Unit)

W.E. 111/3E/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.				
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.F.			A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
		A.I.F.	Under 18 Years.	18 Years and over.							
A		5		1				[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
3	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 ____ (Unit) is Particularly Requested. ___/___/194___

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

15 Aust A L 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 13/5/1944.

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			
Computers			
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			

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13/5/1944. 4 Aust Inf Sec (HQ) (Unit)

W.E. 11/3E/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					
			2	Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
			3						

	DETAIL.		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by 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).

4 Aust AL Sec (HQ) AIF

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13/5/1944. (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/MAJOR	NX104720	O'LOAN	R.J.C.	O.C.	YES	O.C. HQ HADRAB	
T/CAPT	VX111268	KEATING	T.C.	H.Q.	NO	SACO-CANBERRA	
T/CAPT	NX134322	WEBSTER	L.W.	H.Q.	YES	H.Q. CMSAP	

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.
T/CAPT	VX104811	SHAVE C.D.	4 Aust Inf Bde		ATTACHED FOR DUTY HQ
T/CAPT	QX150129	CUNNINGHAM J.A.	" "	15.3.44	" " " "
					CAPE GLOUCESTER.

13 May 1944.
Date of Despatch

R.O'Loan Maj for J Maher Jor.
Signature of Commander

4 AUST. A.L. SEC—HQ

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20/5/1944 4 AUST AL SEC (AC) (Unit) 41F 105 (Serial No.)

W.E. 11/13E/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					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
			3						

	DETAIL.		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by 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.
X 26230	CAPT.	HUSLEY L.W.	1 AUST AL GP	14-5-44	ATTACHED FOR DUTY

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
QX 50129	CAPT	CHASELING S.H.	1 AUST AL GP	14-5-44	DETACHED TO 5202 RECCE WING.
1134322	CAPT	WEBSTER L.W.	1 AUST AL GP	15-5-44	- MALARIA - EVACUATED 102 US STATION HOSPITAL, C-USAF.

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).

5 AUST. AL SEC (AC) AIF Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH 105.

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20/5/1944 (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 Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T/MAJOR	NX10072	O'LOAN	R.J.C	O.C	YES	O.C. HQ NADZAB	
T/CAPT	VX111288	KARTING	T.C	A.I.C	NO	SHQ CANBERRA	
T/CAPT	NX134322	WEBSTER	L.W.	A.L.O	NO	HOSPITAL C-USAF	

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.
T/CAPT	VX10801	SHAVE C.O.	1 AUST AL GP		
T/CAPT	NX26230	HUSLEY W.J.	1 AUST AL GP	14-5-44	HQ 5 AUST AL SEC (AC) AIF

20-5-44
Date of Despatch

R. O'Loan Maj for W. Hepburn Sq
Signature of Commander

Trans—1/m.

45 AUST. AL SEC—AC

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

_____/_____(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27/5/1944 4 Base Sec (Unit) AIF 106

W.E. III/361/1 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.					
				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		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A		5		1				[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
3	18th Fd Coy		

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).

_____ 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 27/5/1944

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Ammunition Examiners			
Armament Artificer Fitter			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.T.)			
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.T.)			
Electricians (Signals)			
Fitters			
Fitters (Cycle)			
Fitters (Electrical)			
Fitters (Gun)			
Fitters (Instrument)			
Fitters (M.T.)			
Fitters, Railway Signal			
Fitters, Signals			
Grinder, Precision			
Mechanics, Instrument			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			
Mechanics, Radio			
Mechanics, Typewriter			
Mechanics, Wireless			
Millwrights			
Operators, Examiner			
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'rs. Asst.			
Well Borers			
Boilermakers			
Carpenters			
Carpenters and Joiners			
Cooks			
Dental Mechanics			
Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)			
Driver-Operator			
Drainers			
Electricians			
Electricians (Engineers)			
Fire Control Operators			
Gun Operator			
Hatchman			
Height Taker			
Helio Operator			
Instrument Operator			
Intelligence Duties			
Joiners			
Lineman			
Lineman, Signals			
Lithographers			
Machinists, Metal			
Machinists, Wood			
Masons			
Masseurs			
Mechanics, M.T.			
Miners			
Moulders			
Nurses, Trained			
Observation Post 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 Identfn. Numbers			
Well Borers			
Wheelers			
Winchman			
Wiremen			
Woodturners			
GROUP III.			
Battery Surveyors			
Butchers			
Clerks	2	2	-
Clerks, Supply			
Clerks, Technical			
Cook 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 Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Hammermen			
Leather Stitchers			
Orderlies, Nursing			
Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Plate Layers			
Ropemakers			
Riveters			
Roughriders			
Saddlers			
Saddlerey makers			
Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Stevedores			
Stokers, Stat'y. Engine			
Storemen, Technical			
Tailors			
Textile Radiffers			
Tinsmiths			
Vulcanisers			
Wagon Erecters			
Whitesmiths			
DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
SERGEANTS	1	1	
Q.M.S.I.S.	1	1	
BATMAN DRIVERS	3	2	
ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	7	6	-

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.

27.5.44
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
OC, HQ Aust HL Sec (AC) AIF

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20/5/1944 45 Aust A.L. Sec (ac) (Unit) A.I.F. 105

W.E. 111/3E/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.				
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).

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Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A		3		1				[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
3	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 ____(Unit) is Particularly Requested. ____/____/194____

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

45 Aust A.L. Sec (ac) A.I.F. 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 20/5/1944.

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			
Computers			
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			
Photorrifter			
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			

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

...../...../(Serial No.) 106

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27/ 5 /194 4 (Unit)

W.E. 1 / 5 / 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.				
Reinf'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	Detail.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinf'ts Required.
				*					
				*					
			1	Lieut.-Colonels					
			2	Majors					
				Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
			3						

	DETAIL.		A.I.F.	G.M.P.	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.
NX354	Capt	WEBSTER L.W.	107 [illegible]	22/5	DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

Date of Despatch

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[illegible] Unit

...../...../(Serial No.) 106

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27/ 5 /194 4 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
[illegible]	NX[illegible]	O'[illegible]	K.J.C.	O.C.	Yes	O.C. HQ NAZAB	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	No.	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	WEBSTER	L.W.	HQ	[illegible]	[illegible]	
					Yes	[illegible]	

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.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

O.C. [illegible]

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DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A. O. B. USAF DATE....16 MAY '44.

A. L. O. .....J.H.W. LEECH CAPT.....

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-137	F/O MCKENZIE		0915	1200	2 hrs 45 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-138	F/O LILLIE		0915	1200	2 hrs 45 mins	ESCORT	

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

A.C.R. CBAP DATE....7.MAY.44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS A.L.O. ...SEATER...SQDN.....

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	OBSERVER.	UP.	DOWN.	OVER AREA.	TASK & AREA.	REMARKS & RESULTS.
1.	A46-117	F/O AHERN		0910	1215	3 hrs	TAC/R	
	A46-106	F/O MCKENZIE		0910	1210	3 hrs	ESCORT	SUCCESS FUL

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Sortie No	A/C No	Pilot's	Sig's	Up.	Down.	Over Area	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	46-137	F/O LILLIE		0905	1155	2 hrs 50 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-117	F/O McKENZIE		0905	1155	2 hrs 50 mins	ESCORT	
2.	A46-137	F/O FIRTH		1330	1445	1 hr 15 mins	ARTY/R	SUCCESSFUL
3.	A46-117	F/O OLIVER		1345	1515	1 hr 30 mins	ARTY/R	UNSUCCESSFUL DUE TO WIRELESS FAILURE
4.	A46-138	F/O BROMHEAD		1525	1700	1 hr 35 mins	ARTY/R	SUCCESSFUL
5.	A46-174	F/O PATON		1500	1700	2 hrs	ARTY/R	SUCCESSFUL

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

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DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS

A. O. R. DATE A. L. O. ... R. of O. ... MAP .....

Sortie No	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observer.	Up.	Down.	Over Area	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-174 A46-138	P/O OLIVER F/O BEECK		0900 0900	1240 1240	3 hrs 40 mins 3 hrs 40 mins	TAC/R ESCORT	SUCCESSFUL
2.	A46-116	F/O PAXTON		0900			TAC/R	MISSION INCOMPLETE (DUE TO FORCED LANDING)

DIST:- WGF(3),2 AUST CORPS,11 DIV,ERR DIARY,FILE.

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

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A. C. B. DATE 3 MAY DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLYING

A. L. O. 2 ARMY CAPT

Sortie No	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-117	F/O PATON		0945	1215			
	A46-106	F/O McKENZIE		0945	1215	2 hrs 30 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
						2 hrs 30 mins	ESCORT	
2.	A46-117	F/O BROMHEAD		1345	1525			
						2 hr 40 mins	ARTY/R	SUCCESSFUL
3.	A46-106	P/O OLIVER		1345	1445			
						1 hr	ARTY/R	SUCCESSFUL

DIST:-NOF(2),2 AUST CORPS,11 DIV,WAR DIARY,FILE

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

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A.L. 2 GUSAP DATE 6 MAY 44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C RAIDS. A.L.C. WESTER CAT

Serial No.	A/C No.	Pilot	Depart.	Ret.	Duration	Task & Area	Remarks & Enemy Action
1.	A46-106	P/O OLLIVER	0900	1210	3 hrs 10 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-117	P/O BROMHEAD	0900	1210	3 hrs 10 mins	ESCORT	

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A.O.D. GUSAP DATE, 5 MAY '44.. DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS A.L.O. L. WEBSTER CAPT

Serial No.	A/C No.	Pilots.	Observer.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-106 A46-156	F/O MCKENZIE F/O FIRTH		0900 0900	1240 1240	3 hrs 40mins 3 hrs 40mins	SEARCH FOR MISSING BOOMERANG A46-116	

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A.C.T. CUSAP DATE. 4 MAY '44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLYING. L. WEBSTER CAPT
A.T.C.

Serial No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Depart.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Type & Class.	Remarks & Signature.
1.	A46-106	F/O BROMHEAD		0920	1300	3 hrs 40 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-117	F/O AHERN		0920	1300	3 hrs 40 mins	TAC/R	

DIST:-NGF(2),2 AUST CORPS,11 DIV,WAR DIARY,FILE

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

A.C.S.R. CUSAP DATE 9 MAY '44. DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS L. WEBSTER CAPT.
A.L.O.

Serial No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Crew.	U/T.	Down.	Over All A.A.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-137	F/O PATON		0830	1110	2 hrs 40 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-156	F/O AHERN		0830	1110	2 hrs 40 mins	ESCORT	

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DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLOWN

A. O. B. CMSAF DATE 10 MAY '44. A. L. C. L. WEBSTER CAPT.

Sortie No	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-106	F/O FIRTH		0930	1245	3 hrs 15 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-137	F/O LILLIE		0930	1245	3 hrs 15 mins	ESCORT	

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DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A. O. B. GUSAP DATE. 11.MAY.44 ....

A. L. O. L. WEBSTER CAPT.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-137	F/O OLIVER		0915	1230	3 hrs 15 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-106	F/O McKENZIE		0915	1230	3 hrs 15 mins	ESCORT	

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Availability- OP A/C. S. U/S. Communication A/C. S. U/S.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLOWN

A. O. F. GUSAF DATE 12 MAY '44 A. F. C. L. WEBSTER CAPT

Sortie No	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-106	F/O BEECK		0845	0945	1 hr	TAC/R	UNSUCCESSFUL
	A46-137	F/O LILLIE		0845	0945	1 hr	ESCORT	(DUE TO WEATHER)

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DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A. O.-B. GUSAP DATE..18.MAY.:44...

A. L. O. ....J.R.W. LERCH..CAPT.....

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-115	F/O BECK		1015	1345	3 hrs 30 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-138	F/O RAY		1015	1345	3 hrs 30 mins	ESCORT	

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A. O. B. GUSAP DATE... 16.MAY.'44.. A. L. O. ...L. WEBSTER CAPT.....

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-106	F/O OLIVER		0900	1230	3 hrs 30 mins	TAG/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-156	F/O FIRTH		0900	1230	3 hrs 30 mins	ESCORT	

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A. O. B. _____ DATE 13 MAY '44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLYING

A. L. C. L. WEBSTER CAPT.

Sortie No	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-138	F/O LILLIE		0845	1230	3 hrs 45 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-106	F/O BERCK		0845	1230	3 hrs 45 mins	ESCORT	

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A. O. B. GUSAP DATE 18 MAY '44. DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLIGHTS

T. MERTON CAPT
A. L. C.

Sortie No	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-115	F/O McKENZIE		1110	1425	3 hrs 15 mins	TAC/R	
	A46-106	F/O SIMPSON		1110	1425	3 hrs 15 mins	ESCORT	SUCCESSFUL

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

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

A. C. B. GUSAF DATE 24 MAY '44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A. L. C. L. WEBSTER CAPT

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-137	F/O AHERN		0905	1205	3 hrs	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-161	F/O OLIVER		0905	1205	3 hrs	ESCORT	

DIST:- MGF(2),5 DIV,WAR DIARY,FILE

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

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A. O. B. GUSAP DATE..22 MAY.'44.... A. L. O. ....L. WEBSTER. CAPT.....

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-137	F/O OLIVER		0925	1255	3 hrs 30 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL.
	A46-106	F/O AHERN		0925	1255	3 hrs 30 mins	ESCORT	

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DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLOWN

A. C. : GUSAP - D.T.G. 21 MAY '44 — A. E. C. L. WEBSTER CAPT

Sortie No	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observ.	Up.	Down.	Dur. Proc.	Mission	Remarks.
1.	A46-137	F/O LILLIE		0915	1225	3 hrs 10 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-106	F/O BENCK		0915	1225	3 hrs 10 mins	ESCORT	

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A. O. B. GUSAP DATE. 20 MAY '44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A. L. O. L. WEBSTER CAPT

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-115	F/O BAE		0920	1220	3 hrs	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-106	F/Lt. FIRTH		0920	1220	3 hrs	RECCE	

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CUSAP 29 MAY '44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLIGHT

A. C. P. _____ DATE _____ A. L. O. L. WEBSTER CAPT

Sortie No	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-137	F/O OLIVER		0900	1235	3 hrs 35 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-181	F/O BEECK		0900	1235	3 hrs 35 mins	ESCORT	

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

A. O. B. GUSAP DATE 28 MAY '44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A. L. O. L. WEBSTER CAPT

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-137	F/O COLLIS		1230	1530	3 hrs	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-138	F/Lt FIRTH		1230	1530	3 hrs	ESCORT	

DIST:- NGF(A), 5 DIV, WAR DIARY, FILE

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DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A. O. B. GUSAP DATE..27.MAY.'44... A. L. O. ..L. WEBSTER CAPT.....

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-137	F/O COLLIS		0915	1030	1 hr 15 mins	TAC/R	UNSUCCESSFUL
	A46-151	F/O FIRTH		0915	1030	1 hr 15 mins	ESCORT	(DUE TO WEATHER)

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

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

A. O. F. GUSAP DATE 26 MAY '44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLYING A. L. C. L. WEBSTER CAPT

Sortie No	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-138	F/O BEECK		1000	1315	3 hrs 15 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-106	F/O LILLIE		1000	1315	3 hrs 15 mins	ESCORT	

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A. O. B. GUSAP DATE 25 MAY '44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A. L. O. L. WEBSTER CAPT

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-181	F/Lt. FIRTH		0945	1315	3 hrs 30 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-137	F/O COLLIS		0945	1315	3 hrs 30 mins	ESCORT	

DIST:- HGF(2), 5 DIV, WAR DIARY, FILE

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

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A. O. B.GUSAP DATE. 30.MAY.'44....

A. L. O. L. WEBSTER CAPT.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-138	F/O LILLIE		0845	1235	3hrs 50 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-106	F/O McKENZIE		0845	1235	3 hrs 50 mins	ESCORT	

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

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

L. WEBSTER CAPT

GUSAF 31 MAY '44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

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

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-137	F/Lt FIRTH		0945	1315	3 hrs 30 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-181	F/O COLLIS		0945	1315	3 hrs 30 mins	ESCORT	

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

I.C. Cape Gloucester DATE 5/5/44 A.I.O. J.A.Chaseling Capt

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observer.	Up.	Down	Over Area.	Remarks and Result.
1	A46-174 A46-138 A46-85	F/O Rae F/O LILLIE F/O Linklater		0855	1155	55mins.	Successful

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A.O.B CAPE GLOUCESTER DATE. 6 May 44.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.L.O. J.A. CHASELING. Capt.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task and Area.	Remarks and Result.
1	A46-152 A46-138	P/O Murrie F/O Beeck		1015hrs	1300hrs	45mins.	Contact/R (CAPE HOSKINS AREA)	successful.

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

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.C.B. CAPE GLOUCESTER/ATE 12. 12-5-44 A.L.O. XXXXXXXX R. O'LOAN Major

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observer.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Remarks and Result.
1.	A46-174	F/O Bromhead		0800	1100	3hrs	Tac/R SUCCESSFUL.
	A46-152	F/O Rae	Escort	0800	1100	3hrs	

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A.O.B. DATE A.I.C. J.A. CHADBURN Capt.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observer.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Remarks and Result.
	CAPE GLOUSTER		8 May 44				
1	A46-174 A46-138 A46-152	P/O Murrie F/O Lillie F/O Sinclair		1255	1540	35mins	Tac/R CAPE HOSKINS successful.

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DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

A.C.B. CAPE GLOUCESTER DATE 13 May'44 — A.L.C. R. O'LOAN Major.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observer.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Remarks and Result.	
1.	A46-152	P/O. Simpson		0800	1100	3 Hrs	Tac R	
	A46-115	F/L. King		0800	1100	3 Hrs	ESCORT.	SUCCESSFUL

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CAPE GLOUCESTER DATE 19 May '44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLYING. A. B. C. W. Huxley Capt.

Serial No.	A/C No.	Pilot	Object	Up.	Down	Hours	Target & Area	Remarks re Weather etc.
1.	A46-137 A46-152	F/O. Oliver F/O. Murrie	-	-	-		TAC/R	PASUSU TO KIAMU.	Mission cancelled a/c unable to take off due to strong gusty wind.

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

CAPE GLOUCESTER — DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLYING.

A. G. R. — DATE. 18 May.'44 — A. L. C. W. Huxley Capt.

Serial No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	Up.	Down.	Over.	Task & Area	Remarks & Results
1.	A46-174	F/O. Bromhead		0800	0920	1Hr 20m.	TAC/R	Unsuccessful.
	A46-137	F/O. Oliver		0800	0920	1Hr 20m.	ESCORT	

Serviceability: — CP A/C — S. — U. S. — Communication A/C. — S. — U. S.

A. C. B. CAPE GLOUCESTER DATE. 17. May.'44. DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLYING. L. L. O....W. Huxley. Capt.

Sortie A/C No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observ.	Up.	Down.	Total Hrs.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Reasons
1.	A46-152	F/O. Paton		0755	1055	3Hrs	TAC/R.	
	A46-137	F/O. Ahern		0755	1055	3Hrs	ESCORT.	SUCCESSFUL.

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CAPE GLOUCESTER — DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLYING — ... L. C. ... W. Huxley ... Capt.

A. C. E. — D.T.D. 15 May.'44.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observr.	U/D.	Down.	Over. Hrs	Task & Area	Remarks & Results
1.	A46-152	F/O. Ray		0755	1110	3 Hrs 15m.	TAC/R.	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-174	P/O. Murrie		0755	1110	3 Hrs 15m.	ESCORT.	

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Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observ.	Up.	Down.	Dvtn.	Want & Loca	Remarks & Reasons
1.	A46-174	F/O. Paton		0830	1000	1½ Hrs	TAC/R.	Successful
	A46-152	F/O. Murray		0830	1000	1½ Hrs	Escort.	

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CAPE GLOUCESTER A. O. B. DATE..22.May.44.... DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A. L. O. ...W.Hurley..Capt.....

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-152	F/O. Murrie		0750	1120	2Hrs 30m.	TAC/R.	
	A46-115	F/O. Simpson		0750	1120	3Hrs 30m.	ESCORT.	SUCCESSFUL.

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A. O. B. CAPE GLOUCESTER DATE...21.May'44.. DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A. L. O. ...W. Huxley..Capt.....

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-152	F/L. King		1300	1515	2Hrs 15m.	TAC/R.	
	A46-115	F/O. Paton		1300	1515	2Hrs 15m.	ESCORT.	Successful.

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DATE 23 May'44

A. L. O. W. Huxley. Capt.

Sortie No	A/C No.	Pilot.	Obsvr.	Up.	Down.	Over Area	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1.	A46-152	F/O. Simpson		0800	1100	3 Hrs	TAC/R.	SUCCESSFUL.
	A46-115	F/O. Rae		0800	1100	3 Hrs	ESCORT.	
	A46-117	F/O. Murrie		0800	1100	3 Hrs		

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