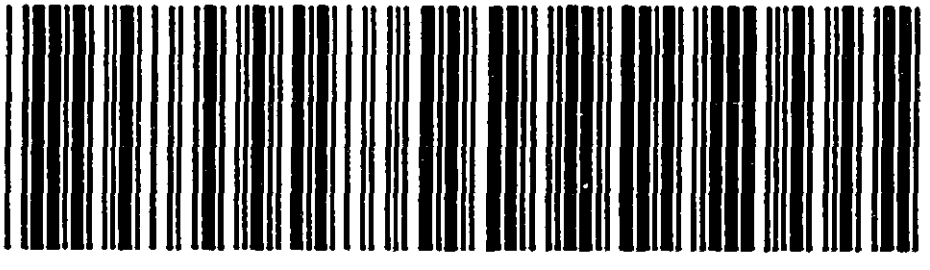
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December 1944



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Unit 45 Aust A.L.Sec(Tac/R).AIF. *Date and Time.—From* 1 Dec 44. *To* 16 Dec 44.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NADZAB NEW GUINEA.	1/12/44		Operations for day TADJI. 1 Sortie.	See Appx "A".
			Special courses for ground defence training arranged for all Units excluding 4 Sqn, at Training School First Aust Army.	
NADZAB NEW GUINEA	2/12/44		4 Sqn arranged own training thru their defence instructor. Operations for day TADJI 2 Sorties.	See Appx "A".
" " "	3/12/44		" " " " " Nil "	
" " "	4/12/44		" " " " " 2 Sorties.	" " "A".
" " "	5/12/44		" " " " " 1 "	" " "A".
" " "	6/12/44		" " " " " 2 "	" " "A".
" " "	7/12/44		" " " " " 1 "	" " "A".
			" " " " NADZAB 2 "	" " "B".
" " "	8/12/44		Capt H.I.P.McIntosh admitted 2/7 AGH. Lae -- Dengue. Operations for day Nil Sorties.	
" " "	9/12/44		" " " " TADJI 2 "	" " "A".
" " "	10/12/44		" " " " " 1 "	" " "A".
" " "	11/12/44		" " " " " 2 "	" " "A".
			" " " " NADZAB 1 "	" " "B".
" " "	12/12/44		" " " " TADJI Nil "	
			" " " " NADZAB 2 "	" " "B".
" " "	13/12/44		" " " " TADJI 1 "	" " "A".
" " "	14/12/44		" " " " " 2 "	" " "A".
			" " " " NADZAB 1 "	" " "B".
" " "	15/12/44		" " " " TADJI 1 "	" " "A".
			62 and 63 Sqn A.L.Secs attached. Capt Puttman,Cpl Coomber and Pte Aldous belong 62 - Lt McNeill,Cpl Ritchie,Pte Cook belong 63.	
" " "	16/12/44		Operations for day TADJI 1 Sortie.	See appx "A".
			" " " " NADZAB 1 "	" " "B".

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Unit 45 Aust A.L.Sec(Tac/R)AIF *Date and Time.—From* 17 Dec 44 *To* 28. 12. 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NADZAB NEW GUINEA	17/12/44		Operations for day TADJI Nil Sorties.	
" " "	18/12/44		" " " " NADZAB 1 "	See appx "B".
			" " " " TADJI 3 "	" " "A".
" " "	19/12/44		" " " " " 2 "	" " "A".
" " "	20/12/44		" " " " " 2 "	" " "A".
			" " " " NADZAB 2 "	" " "B".
			Maj O'Loan, Capt Puttman & Pte Aldous to TADJI.	
" " "	21/12/44		Operations for day TADJI 2 Sorties.	" " "A".
			" " " " NADZAB 2 "	" " "B".
" " "	22/12/44		" " " " TADJI 1 "	" " "A".
			" " " " NADZAB 3 "	" " "B".
			Maj O'Loan returned ex TADJI.	
" " "	23/12/44		Operations for day TADJI 2 Sorties	" " "A".
			" " " " NADZAB 1 "	" " "B".
			Cpl Coomber to TADJI.	
" " "	24/12/44		Operations for day TADJI 1 "	" " "A".
" " "	25/12/44		" " " " " 2 "	" " "A".
" " "	26/12/44		" " " " " 1 "	" " "A".
" " "	27/12/44		" " " " " 3 "	" " "A".
			" " " " NADZAB 2 "	" " "B".
			Maj O'Loan to MADANG and return.	
" " "	28/12/44		Operations for day TADJI 2 Sorties.	" " "A".
			Three pilots from 17 AOP posted to 16 AOP - now 12 pilots excl C.O. with 16 AOP. 6 A/c on hand - 6 more expected arrive Jan 45.	

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Unit 45 Aust A.L.Sec(Tac/R)AIF. Date and Time.—From 29 Dec 44 To 31 Dec 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NADZAB NEW GUINEA	29/12/44		Operations for day TADJI 2 Sorties.	See appx "A".
			" " " " NADZAB 3 "	" " "B".
" " "	30/12/44		" " " " TADJI 2 "	" " "A".
			Lt/Col Fleming(FORLAND) and W/Cdr Munro(RAAF COMD) conference with O.C and W/Cdr Cook re state of readiness and reserve	
			stocks for all Units in 83 Wing. -- W/Cdr Munro requested 6 months reserve be kept by all Units.	
" " "	31/12/44		Operations for day TADJI 1 Sortie.	See appx "A".
			Major.	
			O.C 45 Aust A.L.Sec(Tac/R)AIF.	

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"A" FLIGHT 4 TAC/R SQN.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS

Appx "A"

A.C.B. TADJT DATE 31 DEC 44 A.I.C. Capt R.M. PUTTMAN.

SORTIE NO	A/C NO	PILOT	OBSVR.	UP	DOWN	Total	TASK & REMARKS
1	A46-213	F/O MURRELL		0700	1100	4.00	Tac/R DANNAP RIVER - Coastal and Inland.
1	A46-211	F/O WARBROOKE		0700	1100	4.00	Top Cover.

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R.M. Puttman Capt.,
ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R).

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN Mission No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-213 A46-211 DATE 31 DEC 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R FOR 6 AUST DIV.

REF. MAPS SUAIN 5 PILOT F/O HURRELL TIME UP 0700 VISIBILITY WEATHER

SUT W 1 inch Top Cover F/O WARBROOKE TIME DOWN 1300 Good 10 miles Clouds low in valleys 0900. 3000' on hilltops 4/10 1000 h

TOTAL 4.00

Place or Ref.	Time I	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
ARIUAI CREEK (6126)	0740	100'	1 JAP wearing white shirt washing in creek 619259 and seen again approx one hour later crouched near hut at 620259.
ILAP (6321)	0750	200'	7-8 packs or bundles with sak sak cut in area at 631213. 2 shelters previously reported, 1 now appears to cover a foxhole. From entrance a commanding view can be obtained of MALIN and junction DANMAP RIVER - MIMA CREEK. Position of shelters in relation to ILAP is approx 300 yds SOUTH on WESTERN tip of EAST-WEST ridge. Shelters appear to be probably used.
MALIN (6324)	0800		NMS in squares 6324, 6325, 6424, 6425. Tracks through MALIN appear well used. 2 sak sak shelters, good condition, possibly occupied on WEST bank of DANMAP RIVER on SOUTH side of small CREEK at 636239. 1 old shelter at 634237. 2 small old huts, fair condition, and cut sak sak at 630230. NMS SOLITA. Small amount of cut sak sak in area.
MIMA CREEK (6324)	0820	100'	NMS along CREEK.
ABAU (6628)	0830	100'	1 canvas and 1 sak sak shelter seen on WEST bank NIMBUM CREEK at 656284. NMS ABAU or NIMBUM CREEK.
MATAPAU (6289)	0840	[illegible]	NMS ABAU to NIAP and along UTAGAMAGIM CREEK.
SUAIN (5[illegible]51)	0859		Preliminary message dropped 19 BDE.

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Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op (Continued)

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN Mission No. A C No. TYPE A46-213 A46-211 DATE 31 DEC 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

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

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
6024	0900		1 hut previously reported at 605246 (Operation No T 55) now has small wooden box outside entrance, ground still well trodden.
ABAS (6020)	0905		YMS 525205 to ABAS. At 604197 2 JAPS, 1 wearing dark coloured trousers and no shirt. 1 canvas shelter, cut sak sak also a slight wisp of smoke from camp fire which was extinguished on arrival. 3 huts in good condition (reported in Operation No T 65) at 602208. Tracks around huts and freshly cut sak sak approx 300 yds down AMIGIL CREEK. No change at 588194. 1 canvas shelter and ashes alongside track on EAST bank ATOB RIVER at 585189.
WALUK (5729)	0940	200'	1 sak sak shelter good condition 586180. 1 similar shelter at 590180. 3 small huts, fair condition, tracks and sak sak at 592185 YMS. 1 sak sak shelter with several pieces of clothing laid over it and several tins in area at 578194. 1 sak sak shelter, good condition, with white enamel plate outside and ashes nearby at 592185, ground well worn. 1 similar shelter with clothes at 579193.
SEVER CREEK (5626)	1000		Only signs of occupation were a few grass mats and 2-3 stick frameworks at 570167 and 570165 YMS.
AMGAGA GROUP (5616)			Villages in fair condition, with worn ground and tracks YMS.

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AIR LIAISON "A" (Operation No T 80)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op (Continued)

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN Mission SORTIE No. 1 A C No.– TYPE A46-213 A46-211 DATE 31 DEC 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

REF. MAPS PILOT TIME UP VISIBILITY WEATHER

OBSERVER TIME DOWN

TOTAL

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT– INTERROGATION
ATIAPA (5665)	1015	200'	Village of 6-7 fair conditioned huts. Tracks in area and lumps of freshly cut sak sak. 1 hut with very fresh heap of sak sak at 583160.
5417	1020	200'	2-3 small huts and tracks at 546174. 1 sak sak shelter at 549173 and 1 at 552175. Apparent CP at 567174 shows signs of tracks in grass.
WALUM	1030	100'	Preliminary report dropped tp 2/7 Cdo Sqn.
427192	1035	100'	Preliminary message dropped on 2/7 Cdo Sqn.

Time and Signature [signature] Capt.
ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R).
Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

"A" FLIGHT, 4 TAC/R SQN. DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS

A.O.B. TADJI DATE 30 DEC 44 A.I.O. Capt R.M.PUTTMAN.

SORTIE NO	A/C NO	PILOT	OBSVR	UP	DOWN	Total	TASK & AREA
1	A46-211	F/O HUMPHREY		0730	1030	3.00	Tac/R DANMAP RIVER - Coastal Area.
1	A46-198	F/O TAYLOR		0730	1030	3.00	Top Cover.
2	A46-198	F/O POLKINGHORNE		1245	1600	3.15	Tac/R DANMAP RIVER - Inland Area.
2	A46-213	F/O KENDALL		1245	1600	3.15	Top Cover.

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Total hours for day. 12.30

Capt
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AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No 7 79)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION [illegible] UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. 2 A C No. TYPE A46-139 A46-713 DATE 29 Dec 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible] Recce.

REF. MAPS CHART 3 HAGU E BIT [illegible] PARPIX 1 inch

PILOT F/O [illegible] Top Cover

OBSERVER F/O [illegible]

TIME UP 1245 TIME DOWN 1600 TOTAL 3.15

VISIBILITY Good 15 miles

WEATHER Showery. Clouds inland 6/10 on hills at 2000'

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT- INTERROGATION
ILIAD (6321)	1300	200'	[illegible] also up [illegible] River from [illegible] to [illegible]. Shelters previously reported at 630602 now gone.
[illegible] (6020)			[illegible] but observation almost impossible.
[illegible] (5729)	1310	50'	2 small tent-like shelters, with some utensil like objects inside, concealed in trees on SOUTH bank of [illegible] River at 588134. Sekak cut nearby. Kuroshio an Island is situated in the middle of the River with tracks leading across [illegible] from the camp, also on Island which has a [illegible] view up the [illegible].
	1315		Small clearing with one small new oak sak shelter with definite signs of occupation at 583195.
			Old village of approx 3 huts with freshly cut oak sak in area 581191.
			1 newly made shelter and square yellow object at 580190.
	1320	50	Area 5078 shows much activity, excluding high ground around 1760' features.
			[illegible] ground [illegible] at [illegible].
			Track appears to follow [illegible] bank of [illegible] RIVER 585186.
			2 light shelter frameworks with leaves laid out beneath frameworks at 585183. Creek very shallow at that point.
			1 [illegible] sighted, 3 shelters and beds, with cut sak sak around, at point 573171.
CLIMB (5307)	1340	50'	3 [illegible] seen facing [illegible], one appeared to be wearing camouflaged clothing, in probable OP on high ground (approx 1700') 570184.
			Definite signs of OP 567174. One old hut 12'x10', some apparent fresh patching on roof and tall tree approx 70' high. Creeper growing on tree and bark knocked of trunk of tree to nearly 60'.

Time and Signature

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AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No T 79)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op (Continued)

LOCATION ~~NADZAB~~ UNIT ~~4 PRS/2 NEI~~ Mission ~~SORTIE~~ No. 2 A C No. TYPE A46-198 A46-213 DATE 30 DEC 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

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

Place or Ref.	Time / I	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
~~CENTER CREEK~~	~~1350~~	~~100'~~	~~Entire length of Creek shows definite occupation. Pilot did not count shelters, frameworks, washing and many other objects, the number being too numerous.~~
	1355		Track appears well used and sighted intermittently at 573167, 568166, 564167, 550166 and between 567168 and 539155.
~~JUNCTION~~ (5515)	~~1400~~	~~80~~	~~Villages and tracks in this area all look well used.~~
~~JAPS IN VILLAGE~~ (5716)			3 JAPS seen in village at 578167.
~~MISA CREEK (6813)~~	1410	50'	1 long canvas shelter, which appeared to contain stores, on ~~EAST BANK~~ at 525131. 3 JAPS ran from shelter on approach. 8 shelters, probably more, on ~~WEST~~ bank from 522126 to 524135. Scattered gardens apparent good condition in this area. Whole area shows signs of much activity. Three strafing runs made, NIL results observed.
~~UNNAMED VILLAGE (6514)~~		100'	8 natives seen in village at approx 577143.
~~ATOS RIVER (5422)~~	1420		NMS 580170 to 619157. NMS 610156 to ~~FALBICA~~ 6212.
~~BIVUAC VILLAGES (5913)~~	~~1425~~	~~30'~~	A number of coconut trees chopped down and apparently used for repairing huts in SOUTH ~~KIN~~ Villages. Generally huts appear old but in good condition.
			On A/c appearing over a village 2 fires on very high feature giving ~~[illegible]~~ heavy white smoke in gardens. Approx 5 minutes later similar fires were started 2/3 miles ~~NE~~ from this area.

Time of Signature

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A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No ~~X~~ 79)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op (Continued)

LOCATION TADJI UNIT. 4 TAC/R SQN Mission SORTIE No. 2 A C No.–TYPE A46-198 A46-213 DATE 30 DEC 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

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

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT–INTERROGATION
UNMAPPED VILLAGE (5401)	1450	20'	A well made table approx 6'x8' with apparent seats fixed right around it under trees in front of a hut on ~~xxxxxx~~ NORTH end of Village at 548017. 1 J2P seen running out of hut on approach ~~of 2nd strafing run. 10 strafing runs on village~~ – smoke from canon fire seen throughout length of village.
UNMAPPED VILLAGE (5401)	1455	20	Well kept village with good huts 544016. 2 strafing runs, strikes observed on the huts.
~~AMBT CHA~~ (5502)			~~Village and huts in good condition – 1 strafing run made.~~
~~AMBK RIVER~~ (5602)			One J2P on ~~N.W~~ bank of ~~AMBK~~ strafed and seen to fall at 565026.
			Villages are particularly numerous in this area and difficult to definitely pinpoint, so all ~~references should be taken as approx only. This covers villages 5401, 5502,~~ 5516.
427193	1540	100	Preliminary message covering ~~WALUM~~ area only dropped on 2/7 Cdo Sqn.
~~WALUM~~ (5720)	~~1545~~	~~50'~~	~~Message dropped on own troops in "WALUM" giving information of shelters and island 588194 and~~ J2P in suspected CP 570174.

Time and Signature [signature] Capt.
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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN Mission ~~Sortie~~ No. 1 A C No. TYPE ~~A46-211~~ A46-198 DATE 30 DEC 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R FOR 6 AUST DIV.

REF. MAPS SHAEF E BUT W 1 inch PILOT F/O HUMPHREY Top Cover ~~Observer~~ F/O TAYLOR

TIME UP 0730 TIME DOWN 1030 TOTAL 3.00

VISIBILITY Good 15 miles

WEATHER Fine. High clouds. Scattered cu. on coastal range 2500' base.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
KAUK (7829)	0800	200'	KAUK MISSION, CHEMBLIPERI, BAI 8128, URBAN 8428 all appear completely destroyed RMD. Garden at 843283 appears to be in quite good condition, I small hut good condition in S corner.
SELAGANIM (8127)	0815		SELAGANIM, SALCANAN, BUNONA, ILIP, LOANIM, unnamed village (837262). Villages of approx 3-4 huts all old majority collapsed.
BALAM (8228)			All huts destroyed except 2 huts in NE corner which appear to be in fair condition. Distinct tracks seen around these huts.
COASTAL ROAD			BUT DROME to SOUTH VI[illegible] 7529 in fair condition. Shows no sign of use since last rain.
SALAMINARA CK (7128)	0840		RMS in square 7128.
ANUMB RIVER (7329)	0845		Garden previously reported as productive at 740280 now has covering of cut kunai grass overplants
	0850	500'	Orange coloured square possibly oak sak in clearing at 730291.
ABAU (6528)	0910	100'	RMS DUMBUN CREEK to 555280, NIAP 2 and NIAP.

Time and Signature

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AIR LIAISON "A"

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN Mission ~~XXXXXX~~ No. 1 A C No. - TYPE A46-211 A46-198 DATE 30 DEC 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

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

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
~~MALIN~~ (6425)			No change.
~~SOLITA~~ (6323)			~~No change.~~
~~ARIUA CK~~ (6126)	0930	500'	~~Canvas shelters previously reported at 520260 not observed.~~
~~GUAIN~~ (5431)	1000	100'	~~Preliminary~~ report dropped on 19 BDE.

Time and Signature AIO 25 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R) Capt.

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"A" FLIGHT, 4 TAC/R SQN.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASK

A.O.B. TADJI DATE 29 DEC 44 O.I.C. Capt R.M.PUTTMAN.

SORTIE NO	A/C NO	PILOT	OBSVR.	UP	DOWN	Total [illegible]	[illegible]
1	A46-194	S/Ldr SNOOK		1300	1600	3.00	Tac/R BUT Area.
1	A46-211	F/O FORSTER		1300	1600	3.00	Top Cover.
2	A46-213	F/O EASTON		1400	1715	3.15	Tac/R DANMAP RIVER Area.
2	A46-197	F/O McWHIRTER		1400	1715	3.15	Top Cover.
			Total hours for day.			12.30.	

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN Mission No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-194 A46-211 DATE 29 DEC 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R FOR 6 AUST DIV.

REF. MAPS SUAIN E BUT W 1 inch PILOT S/Ldr SNOOK Top Cover F/O FORSTER TIME UP 1300 TIME DOWN 1600 TOTAL 3.00 VISIBILITY Fair 15 miles

WEATHER Over sea enroute 3/10 2500'. Inland cu.nim 7/10 2000' base, 3000' top.

Place or Ref.	Time /T	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
BUT (8825)	1335	50'	2 huts 20'x10' good order at 844274, undergrowth appears cleared around these huts.
	1345	50'	3 large huts approx 40'x20' good condition, appeared new, concealed under trees at 844276.
	1400	50/2000'	Area around 886248 well searched for MT PARK, only sightings being 2 to 3 unserviceable trucks. Footracks seen radiating in all directions from Track June at 895255.
	1405		Garden at 857250 appears to be in good condition. Road bridge at 875265 completely unserviceable. Detour immediately SOUTH.
	1410		Road bridge at 857276 completely unserviceable. Road from 857276 to 827281 shows no sign of recent use.
	1420	50'	3 large huts approx 40'x20' well concealed in trees at 850274. Appear in good condition with secondary growth cleared around huts.
	1422		30/50 MT including tankers, 30 cwt and staff cars apparently unserviceable in square 8527.
	1425		Bridge across unmapped creek at 855279 appears serviceable.
SOWAM VILLAGES (7529)	1445		Bundles of cloth in clearing at 764293. A lot of freshly cut sak sak in area. Many stick frameworks at 736295. 1 truck with shiny radiator and creeper over bonnet at 735295 appears unserviceable.
ROCK CLIFF (6928)	1500	10'	3 new looking 44 gall drums with stones on top at 697283.
ABAU (6425)	1510	1000'	No change. NMS.
MALIN (6426)	1510	1000'	No change. NMS.
SOLITA (6324)	1510	1000'	No change. NMS.
NIAP (6330)	1515	500'	NMS NIAP and NIAP 2.
SUAIN	1555	50'	Preliminary report dropped on 19 BDE.

Time and Signature [signature] Capt.
ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R).
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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 TAC/R SCN Mission No. 2 A C No. TYPE A46-213 A46-197 DATE 29 DEC 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R FOR 6 AUST DIV.

REF. MAPS SUAIN E
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WAU E 1 inch.

PILOT F/O EASTON
Top Cover F/O McWHIRTER

TIME UP 1400
TIME DOWN 1715
TOTAL 3.15

VISIBILITY: Fair 10 miles Generally hazy.

WEATHER: Cu.Nim 7/10 2000'

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
ABAS (6020)	1430	500'	Track from ABAS to CREEK JUNC 585188 appears well used. Track proceeds SOUTH but could not be observed. 4-5 new huts in timber on SOUTH bank of ALAGIL CREEK at 588187.
WALUM (5719)		100'	1 canvas shelter partly camouflaged with green paint and gree sak sak over top, at 579193. One newly constructed shelter at 580193. Freshly cut sak sak in area. One shelter at 578194. A lot of freshly cut sak sak on SOUTH of DANMAP RIVER in clearing at 587285.
AMOAGA OP (5626)	1450	500'	Pin-points of villages MARAS 569165, ARIMIGAMA 558168. Remainder as shown on map SUAIN EAST S315-K14246/15. Only village that shows signs of occupation is AMUB 557159, a village of approx 6 huts in fair condition. Many of the huts in other villages burnt.
ATOB RIVER (5817)	1505		Many fresh tracks, cut sak sak and one sago washing machine at 583172.
GETER CREEK (5626)	1520	50'	Approx 6 shelters and fresh ashes on NORTH edge of CREEK at 570167.
5416	1530	100'	Column of smoke which ceased abruptly on arrival was investigated but NIL at 542161.

Time and Signature

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AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No T 77)

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN Mission No. 8 A C No. TYPE A46-215 A46-197 DATE 29 DEC 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

REF. MAPS | PILOT | TIME UP | VISIBILITY | WEATHER

OBSERVER | TIME DOWN

TOTAL

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT--INTERROGATION
5416	1530	100'	1 hut 30'x15' and 2-3 smaller huts in good condition with well worn tracks in unmapped VILLAGE at 599156. Signs observed of track, possibly well worn along SOUTH bank ATOB RIVER 599156 to 619155.
427192	1615	100'	2 messages dropped on 2/7 Cdo Sqn - no ack to either.
CHEMBLIHERI (7929)	1645	50'	2x30 incendaries dropped on village. 4 huts, several shelters and grass seen burning.
TJAKOMBELI (8528)	1650	50'	2x30 incendaries on village - grass fire started near 2 huts.

Time and Signature [signature] Capt.
ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R).

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A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

"A" FLIGHT, 4 TAC/R SQN.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS

A.C.B. TADLI DATE 26 DEC 44 A.I.C. Capt R.M. PUTTMAN.

SORTIE NO	A/C NO	PILOT	OBSVR	UP	DOWN	Total HOURS	TASK & AREA
1	A46-198	F/O HURRELL		0700	1000	3.00	Tac/R DANMAP RIVER AREA.
1	A46-211	F/O WARBROOKE		0700	1000	3.00	Top Cover
2	A46-213	F/O McWHIRTER		[illegible]	1345	.15	Tac/R BUT and UPPER DANMAP RIVER AREA. (Mission unsuccessful owing to weather).
2	A46-198	F/O EASTON		[illegible]	1330	.15	Top Cover.
			Total hours this page			6.30	

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AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No T 74)

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN Mission No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-198 A46-211 DATE 28 DEC 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R FOR 6 AUST DIV.

REF. MAPS SUAIN E BUT W 1 inch

PILOT F/O MURRELL Top Cover F/O WARBROOKE

TIME UP 0700 TIME DOWN 1000 TOTAL 3.00

VISIBILITY Good 15 miles

WEATHER Cloud 4/10 3000' over hills. Low cloud out to sea.

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT- INTERROGATION
ABAU (6528)	0720	100'	Several sets of fresh footprints seen along beach from ABAU to NIMABAU RIVER mouth 7923.
KAUK PTN (7729)	0725	100'	Whisp of smoke rising from 780295 - area strafed, results unobserved.
7429	0730	100'	6-8 lean-to frameworks under edge of trees near beach at 740295.
ANUMB RIVER (7329)	0755	200'	NMS along River from 734294 to 775208. Signs of a NORTH - SOUTH track at 782230.
DUNIB CREEK (7426)	0740	200'	Track seen on WEST bank of CREEK from 744256 to 747246. Appears well used. 1 new shelter seen at 745250 - cut sak sak nearby.
	0745		1 new shelter seen at 758226. 1 new shelter seen at 762215.
UNMAPPED VILLAGE (7424)	0750	200'	No change. Ref T 66 of 23 DEC 44. NMS.
UNMAPPED VILLAGE (7324)	0755	200'	Village previously reported bombed at 733253 should read 737248. Only 2 fair conditioned huts remaining.
SALAMINARA CREEK (7128)	0800	100'	NMS throughout length of CREEK. Cut sak sak seen at 713285.
ABAU (6528)	0810	100'	1 new sak sak shelter well concealed under trees at 656280.

Time and Signature

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AIR LIAISON "A" (Operation No T 74).

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op (Continued)

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN Mission No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-198 A46-211 DATE 28 DEC 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

REF. MAPS PILOT TIME UP VISIBILITY WEATHER

OBSERVER TIME DOWN

TOTAL

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
DUMBUN CREEK (6527)	0813	100'	NMS.
NIAP (6329)	0815	200'	1 hut previously reported at 636290 still good condition. Signs of tracks in area. NMS.
MALIN (6425)	0820	100'	Very fresh cut sak sak along UN-NAMED CREEK 646256. 1 JAP in shorts crouching nearby. 3-4 grass mats and sticks seen at 644260.
	0825	100'	6-8 grass mats under horizontal stick, 4' supports and ashes on E side of MOM CREEK at 638247. 1 shelter hut, good condition, 30 yds EAST in trees.
SOLITA (6323)		200'	3 huts fair condition. 5-6 dilapidated huts at 638240. 5 small old shelter huts, good condition, SOUTH bank MIMAI CREEK at 640240. 2 small huts fair condition 640237 on slope of hill. 2 small huts 10'x8' old, fair condition, one freshly chopped tree 645238. Tracks SOLITA area still appear well used.
ABAS (6020)	0850	300'	Remains of few shelters, faint tracks and one JAP wearing dark clothes on SOUTH bank DANMAP RIVER at 604198.
IDARAIBUL (5725)	0900	200'	4 own troops seen on sand bank in RIVER at 572258. 4-5 towel like objects displayed on ground. 0915 hrs native carrier train of approx 30 natives with 4-5 own troops crossing DANMAP RIVER to NORTH at 572258.

Time and Signature

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A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No T 74)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op (Continued)

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN Mission No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-198 A46-211 DATE 28 DEC 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

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

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
5825			NMS in this square.
5823			NMS on 1240' feature. 3 old huts, fair condition, on top of feature at 588240.
ROCKY CLIFF (6928)	0935		Column of white smoke rising 3/400' from trees at approx 700281. NMS.
RUAIN (5431)	0945	100'	Preliminary message dropped on 19 BDE at 5403:7.

Time and Signature Capt. AIO 45 Amst AL Sec (Tac/R).

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(Operation No T 75).

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION T.P.H. UNIT 4 T.C/R SQN ~~SORTIE~~ Mission No. 2 A C No.— TYPE A46-213 A45-199 DATE 28 DEC 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R for 6 AUST DIV. BUT and UPPER DANHAP RIVER.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
SUAIN E NANU E 1 inch	F/O McWHIRTER To cover ~~OBSERVER~~ F/O EASTON	1315 TIME DOWN 1330 TOTAL 15 mins	NIL over area	Cloud 10/10 1000' Raining over area

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			Mission unsuccessful owing to weather.

Time and Signature [signature] Capt
ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R).
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"A" Flight 4 Tac/R Sqn

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS

A.O.B. TADJI DATE 27 DEC 44 A.I.C. Capt R.M. PUTTMAN

SORTIE NO	A/C NO	PILOT	OBSVR.	UP	DOWN	TOTAL	TASK
1	A46-194	S/Ldr SNOCK		0730	1100	3.30	Tac/R DANMAP RIVER AREA
1	A46-198	F/O POLKINGHORNE		0730	1100	3.30	Top Cover
2	A20-619	F/O KENDALL		0940	1200	2.20	Tac/R DANMAP RIVER AREA
2	A20-343	F/O HUMPHREYS		0940	1200	2.20	Top Cover.
3	A46-197	F/O SKUTHORPE		1045	1215	1.30	Strike MT DAGUA AREA.
3	A46-213	F/O MURRELL		1045	1215	1.30	Top Cover.

Total hours for day 14.40.

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(Operation No T 71)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN Mission No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-194 A46-198 DATE 27 DEC 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R 6 AUST DIV.

REF. MAPS SUAIN EAST BUT WEST 1 inch

PILOT S/Ldr SNOOK

Top Cover [redacted] F/O POLKINGHORNE

TIME UP 0730

TIME DOWN 1100

TOTAL 3.30

VISIBILITY Good - 20 miles

WEATHER Fair - cloud 3/10 on hills developing to 6/10 100CI at 2000'.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
ABAU (6528)	0815	200'	3 shelters under trees at 655283.
DUMBUM CK (6527)	0810		No tracks seen.
MALIN (6425)	0817		NMS no change.
MALUM (5719)	0830	200'	NMS
ARIWA CK (6115)	0845	1000'	NMS no track observed.
IDAKAIBUL (5725)	0855	1000'	NMS along DANMAP RIVER to ARIWA CK (6125).
	0900		2 huts fair condition at 588239.
BUT (2726)		100'	BUT along coast to ABAU NMS except 1 Jap wearing shorts seen and strafed at 767295.
NINAHAU RIVER (7929)	0920	100'	Numerous footprints in sand seen between mouth of NINAHAU RIV R 796295 to ANUMB RIVER 733294.
SUAIN (5331)	0940	100'	Message dropped on 19 Aust Inf Bde - NO reply from ground troops that message received.

Time and Signature [signature] Capt
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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN Mission No. 2 A C No.--TYPE A20 - 619 A20 - 343 DATE 27 DEC 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R 6 AUST DIV

REF. MAPS SUAIN E BUT W 1 inch PILOT F/O KENDALL FOR COVER OBSERVER F/O HUMPHREYS TIME UP 0940 TIME DOWN 1200 TOTAL 2.20 VISIBILITY Good 15 miles WEATHER Clouds 3/10 1500'

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT--INTERROGATION
UNMAPPED VILLAGE	1030	2500'	2 huts smouldering on arrival. One hut destroyed by 2x100 AS Bombs in village 733253.
UNMAPPED VILLAGE	1035	250'	2x100 AS bombs 25 yds from edge of village at 747245.
ILIAP (6321)	1040	500'	ILIAP 656211 to ABAS 608202 NMS track not observed.
ATIAPA (5715)	1045	100'	Village appears inhabited, well worn tracks in village at 579158. NMS
UNMAPPED VILLAGE (579167)			NMS
ITITIKA (6017)	1050	100'	Village approx 3-4 huts scattered in area. No tracks seen ITITIKA - CREEK JUNC 585188.
WOMISIS (5717)	1055	100'	NMS.
OKONAMBIL (5616)	1100	50'	NMS in Village this area. OKONAMBIL 561164 and NARAS 569163 appeared to be inhabited. Well used tracks in these villages.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No T 72)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op (Continued)

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN Mission No. 2 A C No. TYPE A20-619 A20-345 DATE 27 DEC 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

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

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT--INTERROGATION
ATOB RIVER (5816)	1110	300'	NMS from CREEK JUNC 580171 to 618154.
WALUM (5719)	1115	50'	NMS appears deserted.
KUMBA CREEK (6118)	1120	100'	NMS. No tracks observed 521188 to 531172.
NUMUALM CREEK (4917)	1125	100'	NES. No tracks observed 501181 - 487163.
427192	1140	50'	Preliminary report dropped on 2/7 Cdo Sqn.

Time and Signature [signature] Capt
ALO 45 Aust A L Sec (Tac/R)

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(Operation No T 73)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN Mission No. 3 A C No. TYPE A46-197 A46-213 DATE 27 DEC 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Strike on reported MT DAGUA Area, ordered by 71 WING, RAAF.

REF. MAPS BUT E 1 inch BUT W "

PILOT F/O SKUTHORPE Top Cover OBSERVER F/O MURRELL

TIME UP 1045 TIME DOWN 1215 TOTAL 1.30

VISIBILITY Good 15 miles

WEATHER Good 3/10 1500'

Place or Ref.	Time/J	Height	REPORT - INTERROGATION
MIAP (6330)	1105		6 orn tps seen on beach at 536302.
DAGUA	1110	100'	2 Petrol tankers MT 2x30 cwt MT all unserviceable at Rd June 937254. 1x301bs incendary.Nil results
	1120	100'	1 Vehicle believed unserviceable near large collapsed hut at 938249. 3x301b incenderies dropped - 1 bomb started small fire vicinity of hut.
	1125	100'	1 new hut 40'x15' and 1 new framework same dimensions,well concealed in trees at 936247.
	1130		3 huts,good condition, approx 30'x15' well concealed at 943238.
	1135		Freshly cut sak sak and trays of sak sak, approx 12 shelters, 4 canvas shelters scattered in area square 9326.
DAGUA DROME	1140		Coast road DAGUA DROME to [illegible]. Bridges in disrepair. Shows no sign of use.
ROAD JUNC (9424)			From Road June 942247 road south seems well used, also inland road to BUT RIVER 889267.
CREEK CROSSING (9324)			Very recent vehicle tracks in damp ground at creek crossing 939249, also fresh vehicle marks in sand at 944235.
BUT (8926)	1145	100'	Vehicle tracks along dry creek bed SOUTH from 891254 to re-entrant at 886248.

Time and Signature

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AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No T 73) ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R) Capt

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op (Continued)

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN Mission No. 3 A C No. TYPE A46-197 A46-213 DATE 27 DEC 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

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

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT–INTERROGATION
ANUMB RIVER (7329)	1150	~ 100'	1 wrecked vehicle, only canopy showing, and two wheels floating at River mouth.
ROCKY CLIFF (6928)			At least six sets of fresh footprints along beach from 693284 to BUT.
UNMAPPED VILLAGE (7424)	1155		Number of well kept gardens in village at 747245. Fresh cut palms at the foot of hills.

Time and Signature [signature] Capt
ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

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A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

"A" Flight 4 Tac/R Sqn

DAILY RECORD OF A/C BASE

A.O.B. TADJI DATE 26 Dec 44 A.I.C. Capt R.M. RUTMAN

SORTIE NO	A/C NO	PILOT	OBSVR	UP	DOWN	TOTAL	TASK & AREA	REMARKS
1	A46-197	F/O FORSTER		1315	1630	3.15	Tac/R DAIKAP RIVER & WEWAK	
1	A46-213	F/O SMITHORP		1315	1630	3.15	Top Cover	

Total hours for day 6.30

Capt
AIC 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

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AIR LIAISON "A"

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op (Operation No T 70).

LOCATION TANJI UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN Mission SORTIE No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-137 A46-213 DATE 26 DEC 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 AUST DIV

REF. MAPS SHAIK E, BUT W, BUT E, KAIRIRU W, WEWAK W 1 inch

PILOT F/O FORSTER Top Cover F/O SKUTHORP

TIME UP 1315 TIME DOWN 1630 TOTAL 3.15

VISIBILITY Fair - 8 miles

WEATHER Fair 9/10 cloud over hills at 1500 ft. 10/10 higher up.

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
~~WALUN~~ (2719)	~~1350~~	~~150'~~	~~Shelters at 578185 previously bombed and strafed damaged but still appear good condition.~~ A lot of freshly cut sak-sak in area.
CREEK JUNC (512190)	1400	200'	No tracks seen 512190 to 507210.
			~~THIS RAINAH RIVER from ABAS (6020) - CREEK JUNC 434193.~~
~~427192~~	~~1430~~	~~200'~~	~~Circled own troops and established R/T communication 5x5 and received message of no specific instructions.~~
CREEK JUNC (585188)	1435	200'	Clearly defined track visible approx 200 yds in general direction of ITITIKA 609175.
~~SWAMPED VILLAGE (579157-579165)~~	~~1440~~	~~200'~~	~~Village of approx 12 huts fair condition on spur. ATAIPA not located at 579158.~~
HOUSES (5717) SUAMAGARI	1445	200'	Both villages overgrown and deserted.
427192	1610	200'	Preliminary message report dropped on 2/7 Cdo Sqn.
BUT (8726)	1455	50'	Apparent dummy medium A/A Gun in emplacement at 878264.
HOPI (0423)	1505	50'	Wooden boat 20' x 4' sharp bow, square stern appeared serviceable.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No T 70)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op (Continued)

LOCATION TALJI UNIT 4 TAC/R CON Mission SORTIE No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-197 A46-213 DATE 26 DEC 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

REF. MAPS PILOT TIME UP VISIBILITY WEATHER

OBSERVER TIME DOWN

TOTAL

Place or Ref.	Time /I	Height	REPORT- INTERROGATION
			~~In lagoon at 049237.~~
~~KALIMBOA~~ (1420)	~~1515~~	~~20'~~	~~Strafed 4 JAPS raggedly dressed disappearing into trees near track at 148205, 1 JAP seen to fall.~~
CAPE HOW (2711)	1520	50'	No change in condition of road as far as WEWAK - NMS.
WEWAK (3108)	1525	20'	Probable ammunition dump of approx 20 cases half concealed with dry grass at 319084.
			Circular sandbagged pit approx 20' inset with deeper pit covered by wooden frame approx 6x6' at 319085.
			Dropped 2 x 30 lbs incendaries on 2 large huts fair condition approx 40'x 15' at 316084 - huts left burning.
			One man wearing grey slacks, orange pullover, light shirt seen coming from one of two large iron ~~roofed gabled sheds approx 40' x 20' at 326046 - str fed area with unobserved results.~~
	1543	20'	Roads ~~inland~~ inland from Map Square 3205 freshly used - more apparently used than coastal roads.
			Gardens in area well kept and freshly dug.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No T 70).

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op (Continued)

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN ~~SORTIE~~ Mission No. 1 A C No.- TYPE A46-197 A46-213 DATE 26 DEC 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

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

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT - INTERROGATION
CAPE BORAM (3506)	1545	20'	Possible dual purpose gun in emplacement at 355066.
			~~1 iron shelter containing 4 beds at 353060.~~
~~BORAM DROME~~ (3604)	1550	20'	All roads inland leading south appear more heavily used than coastal roads.
~~CAPE NORTH~~ (3907)	~~1553~~	~~20'~~	~~NIL this area.~~

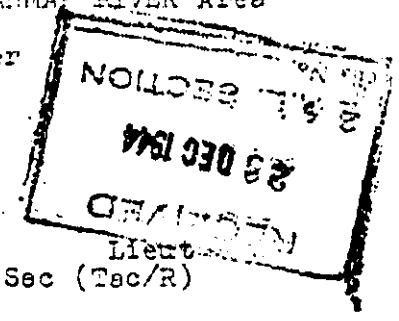
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"A" Flight 4 Tac/R Sqn DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLYING

A.C.B. TADJI DATE 25 Dec 44 A.I.A. Lieut C.A.KET

SORTIE NO.	A/C NO	PILOT	OBSVR	UP	DOWN	TIME	TASK & AREA	REMARKS
1	A46-186	F/O	EASTON	0900	1130	2.00	Tac/R DANMAR RIVER Area	
1	A46-196	F/O	McWHIRTER	0930	1130	2.00	Top Cover	
				Total hours for day		4.00		



Lieut
ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

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AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No T 69)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tec/R Sqn Mission No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-183 A46-198 DATE 25 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

REF. MAPS SUAIN EAST BUT WEST 1 inch PILOT F/O EASTON Top Cover OBSERVER F/O McWHIRTER TIME UP 0930 TIME DOWN 1130 TOTAL 2.00 VISIBILITY Good - 15 miles WEATHER Heavy Cu-Nimb over mountains 500' and upwards.

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
ROCKY PT (5930) MATAPAU (6230)	1015	500'	Own troops seen waving at ROCKY PT and at MATAPAU - dropped several cartons of cigarettes at both points - NMS from MATA AU eastwards to ABAU (6528).
ABAU (6528)	1020	100'	Track southwards along course of DUMBUN CK appears well used as far as junc at 655280 - no sign of track along eastern fork of creek but possible footprints seen in sand in creek bed at 668272 - no sign of suspected Jap track thence SE to 700253 - this area is very hilly and heavily timbered.
			Coastal track through ABAU and eastwards appears well used as far as ROCKY CLIFF (6928) after which it is difficult to see out from approx 670276 many footprints are visible in the sand as far eastwards as ANIMB RIVER (7329) where they appeared very fresh in wet sand - unusual herringbone prints visible in sand at 706285.
SALIMIARA CK (7128)	1030	100'	No sign of track along SALIMIARA CK from mouth to 700255 but creek bed is dry and rocky for most of its course and would be suitable as a track.
MALIN (6425)	1040	100'	Suspected Jap track westwards from 700255 to MALIN (6425) is not visible.
			Considerable amount of old felled sak-sak palms in area - no sign of any fresh cut sak-sak - track along course of unnamed creek Sq 6425 is visible only in parts and does not appear well used.
COLITA (5824)	1045	500'	No change in village - NMS - track running west to river appears well used and is very obvious near bomb crater at 636234 - also clearly visible in river bed at bend 634225.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No ~~2~~ 69)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op (Contd)

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission ~~SORTIE~~ No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-183 A46-198 DATE 26 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

REF. MAPS PILOT TIME UP VISIBILITY WEATHER

OBSERVER TIME DOWN

TOTAL

Place or Ref.	Time / T	Height	REPORT- INTERROGATION
~~AREUA CK~~ (6125)	1050	50'	Several logs previously reported across creek on SO 6125 still visible - one new log seenacross creek amongst thick trees near bend at approx 619259 and track clearly visible further north on western bank - otherwise no change in creek throughout its course - NMS.
~~ALBU CK~~ (5725)			~~NMS in BARRAF RIVER thence to ALBU CK (5725) - thin line of yellow substance approx 10' long seen~~ sand bank in creek at 580250 - NMS along course of creek as far as 23 grid line.
			Preliminary message report dropped on HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde at BUAIN (5331) at 1105 hrs.
			~~R/T communication established with "MARC" (19 Aust Inf Bde) at 1107 hrs and preliminary message~~ also passed to Bde HQ by R/T - a/c received no message to search for any barges but although specific search was not made at a bearing of 50deg six miles from MATAPAU no barges were noticed in this area by either a/c even though making sweeps seawards sometimes at a height of 200'.

Time and Signature ~~FLO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)~~ Lieut

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

"A" Flight 4 Tac/R Sqn DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS (Supplementary)

A.A.B. TADJI DATE 24 Dec 44 A.L.O. Lieut T.A. KEY

SORTIE NO	A/C NO	PILOT	OBSVR.	UP	NGHT TOTAL xxxx	xxxx	
2	A20-619	F/O TAYLOR	Lieut CHIDERWOOD		2.50	Tac/R SEPIK RIVER	Ordered by NORCON. Staged out of MADANG. RON MADANG night 24/25 Dec. Returned TADJI 25 Dec.

Total hours for day 7.00

Lieut
ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

Dist: OC 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)
File

Dist: FAA (2), 6 AUST DIV (2), AIO 71 WING, ALO NORCOM, ALO CRTC, 45 AUST AL SEC, HQ 4 SQN, FILE (2).

AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No T 68)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission No. 2 A/C No.—TYPE A20-619 DATE 24 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R flight with observer from 8 Aust Inf Bde

REF. MAPS SEPIK 4 miles - 1 inch

PILOT F/O TAYLOR

OBSERVER Lieut CALDERWOOD

TIME UP

TIME DOWN

TOTAL 2/30

VISIBILITY

WEATHER

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
SEPIK RIVER ((W)C57)			Under orders from Northern Command RAAF the a/c proceeded to MADANG and conducted Lieut CALDERWOOD on a recce flight in the SEPIK RIVER - HANSA BAY area - apart from sightings by the observer supplementary interrogation of the pilot was attended to at MADANG by 8 Aust AL Sp.

Time and Signature Lieut
AIO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

A294—N.C. Press Unit—9/43—10m

"A" Flight 4 Tac/R Sqd DAILY RECORD OF A/C [illegible]

A.C.B. FIGHT DATE 24 Dec 44 A.I.O. 1Lieut [illegible] ASST

SORTIE NO	A/C NO	PILOT	OBSVR.	UP	DOWN	TOTAL HOURS	BASE & REMARKS
1	44-194	S/Sgt [illegible]		0715	0930	2.15	Tac/R DENDLE RIVER Area
1	44-183	T/O [illegible]		0715	0930	2.15	Top Cover
				Total hours for day		4.30	

Dist: CO 45 Must AL Sec (Tac/R)
File

AIO 45 Must AL Sec (Tac/R)
Lieut

Dist: FAA (2), 6 AUST DIV (2), ALO 71 WING, ALO NORCOM, ALO CRTC, 45 AUST AL SEC, No 4 SQN, FILE (2).

AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No T 67)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission ~~SORTIE~~ No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-194 A46-183 DATE 24 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS SUAIN EAST BUT ~~WEST~~ 1 inch PILOT S/Ldr SNOOK Top Cover ~~Escort~~ F/O HARBROOKS TIME UP 0715 TIME DOWN 0930 TOTAL 2.15 VISIBILITY Good - 15 miles WEATHER Haze 1/10 misty cloud on hills. 8/10 high cloud with base at 15000'.

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT- INTERROGATION
ARIUA CK (6125)	0740	200'	NMS throughout course of creek.
~~MALIN~~ (6425)			
~~SOLITA~~ (6324)	0800		~~No change - NMS.~~
~~ILAIP~~ (6321)	0810		~~No change NMS.~~
			2 Japs with packs on back seen crossing DARMAP RIVER from north to south at 626218.
			NMS near 3 huts at 623204 - no sign of tents previously reported at 620204 (Operation No T 66).
FEATURE 1240 (5823)			1 hut 20'x10' fair condition with garden nearby in small clearing near unnamed creek ~~in small clearing~~ at 583233.
WALUM (5719)	0827		No change - NMS.
MATAPAU (6230)	0840		~~5 own troops moving on track at MATAPAU (623304).~~
			NMS vicinity hill feature 6329.
~~DUMBUM CK~~ (6658)			~~NMS in DUMBUM CK throughout its course.~~
	0915		On completing drop of preliminary message report on HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde at ~~SUAIN~~ (6331) a large black cloud of smoke was seen to rise approx 6-7 miles to the east - on inspection of area a round oily slick approx 20' diameter was seen about 300 yds offshore at 660287 with black smoke rising to a height of 100'.

Time and Signature

Lieut
ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

"A" Flight 4 Tac/R Sqn DAILY RECORD OF A/C BASE

A.O.B. TADJI DATE 23 Dec 44 A.I.O. Lieut S.A. KER

SORTIE NO	A/C NO	PILOT	OBSVR	UP	DOWN	TOTAL	MASK & AREA	REMARKS
1	A46-213	F/O POLKINGHORNE		0745	1115	3.30	Tac/R DANMAP RIVER Area	
1	A46-183	F/O MURRELL		0745	1115	3.30	Top Cover	
2	A46-194	S/Ldr STOCK		1220	1530	1.10	Search for barges	
2	A46-198	F/O FORSTER		1220	1530	1.10	Top Cover	
				Total hours for day		9.20		

Lieut
A/C 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

Dist: OC 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)
File

Dist: FAA (2), 6 AUST DIV (2), AAC 71 WING, AHQ HORCOM, AHQ ORTC, 45 AUST AUSEC, HQ 4 SCN, FILE (2).

AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No T 65)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION [illegible] UNIT 4 Rec/R Sqn Wing SORTIE No. 1 A C No. TYPE A43-215 A46-133 DATE 25 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS SALIM EAST BUT 1ST 1 inch

PILOT F/O POLKINGHORNE

Tac Cover OBSERVER F/O HURRELL

TIME UP 0745

TIME DOWN 1135

TOTAL 3.30

VISIBILITY Good - 10 miles

WEATHER 3/10 Cu lowering over hills at 3-4000'.

Place or Ref.	Time/T	Height	REPORT - INTERROGATION
ARTU [illegible] (61[illegible])	0800	50'	[illegible]
			1 hut 12'x10' fair condition at 638853 on western bank unnamed creek which flows into DAWAP RIVER - 1 similar hut amongst cut sak-sak at 638856.
MALIN (6425)			Fresh ashes on west bank of unnamed creek at 643251 - track along course of creek visible in arts in this square also cut sak-sak.
			5-3 grass huts on gravel on edge of river at 637247 - NMS.
COLITA (63[illegible]4)	0825	50'	Yellow lumps of sak-sak at 639241 - otherwise no change in village area - NMS.
			6 old shelters and cut sak-sak at 639230.
ILLI[illegible] (6321)			7 old dilapidated huts amongst trees at map spot shown - fresh cut sak-sak in vicinity - 2 old dilapidated huts approx 200 yds to the east - 3 old shelters in good condition in small clearing at 639211 - no tracks visible.
			3 old huts 12'x8' good condition on higher slopes of feature at 639208 - track connecting ILIAP to these huts can be seen passing further up the feature - 2 old shelters fair condition at 636207 with track running east along top of ridge.
			Unnamed village of 10 huts good condition in saddle at 646197 green grass around huts - no tracks visible in village - no

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

AIR LIAISON "A" (Operation No T 65)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op (Contd)

LOCATION RADIT UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 1 A C No.--TYPE A46-[illegible] A42-[illegible] DATE 23 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

REF. MAPS | PILOT | TIME UP | VISIBILITY | WEATHER

OBSERVER | TIME DOWN

TOTAL

Place or Ref.	Time/-	Height	REPORT--INTERROGATION
			connecting tracks visible - VGS.
~~DAMAP RIVER~~ (6220)			~~Tracks in vicinity of huts previously reported at 622203 appear well used (Operation No T 64).~~
	0845	5[illegible]	4 Japs in light khaki shirts and trousers seen near 5 tents under trees on north bank of river at 620204 - indistinguishable objects seen under tents and amongst trees at rear - track running along north bank to west visible for approx 200 yds.
			2 huts fair condition amongst trees on north bank of SILITA CK at 626203.
			2 shelters and cut sak-sak amongst trees at 636199.
~~AMBOIL CK~~ (5920)			~~5-4 huts fair condition amongst trees sak-sak pal s in re-entrant at 599208.~~
FEATURE 1240 (5683)			1 small old shelter amongst trees at 582238 - no tracks visible in vicinity.
ALSU CK (5884)			1 hut good condition at 567245 - track seen running E along ridge top in Sq 6023 - 1 hut near ~~unnamed creek at 611244 - 1 hut on unnamed creek at 617244.~~
DUMBUN CK (6526)	0925		2 Japs in light coloured khaki clothes near shelter frameworks previously reported at 655280 - yellow substance and indistinguishable objects under trees into which Japs disappeared - approx 30mins later 4 Japs with large packs on back dressed in green clothes moving east at 657257 - disappeared into trees on a/c coming round again - bundles visible under tall trees nearby - cut sak-sak along unnamed creek at 647285.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

AIR LIAISON "A" (Operation No T 65)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op (Contd)

LOCATION MADII UNIT 4 Dac/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 1 A C No.- TYPE '43-813 '44-183 DATE 23 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

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

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT-INTERROGATION
NIAP (S) (6429)			~~nat~~ appeared like blue piece of clothing seen in single hut at 645232.
			~~ox footprints along track between NIAP (S) and ABAL (6426).~~
NIAP (6330)			wooden bridge made of ~3 poles laid across creek about 5' apart so as to form two tracks at 636296 - dirt covered bridge over small depression approx 200 yds NW - track clearly defined betwn these bridges and several indistinguishable objects seen under tall trees on west of track.
			Nearby another track leads off main track and disappears under trees on high feature to west - portion of track can be seen curving around NW foot of feature at 631297.
			Fresh cut sak-sak and 1 hut good condition near creek at 636290.
			Felled sak-sak palms across creek at 627292 and yellow lumps of sak-sak nearby.
MATAPAU (6230)	0945	200'	6-7 own troops waved and displayed 2 towels on sand at 622304.
			~~Nil on feature 618300 nor in deep re-entrant 6199.~~
[illegible] (7465)	1015	5[illegible]	3 Japs sitting on gravel spit in creek June at 746295 with 3-4 bundles nearby.
			Unmapped village of 2-3 good huts amongst trees and 6-7 dilapidated huts in clearing on slope of hill at 747245 - good tracks visible in area - approx 6 well tended productive gardens and 2 fresh

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

A294—N.C. Press Unit—9/43—10m

AIR LIAISON "A" (Operation No T 55)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op (Contd)

LOCATION [illegible] UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-133 DATE 23 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

REF. MAPS PILOT TIME UP VISIBILITY WEATHER

OBSERVER TIME DOWN

TOTAL

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
			Dispersed bundles in vicinity - 8-9 old grey huts fair condition scattered around lower NW, north and SE slopes of hill feature in Sq 7424 - numerous felled boxgum palms and squares of yellow oak-bark in patch at 742248 - similar patch at 746246 - strafed village and single huts - plume of smoke seen rising from 1 hut in village - otherwise unobserved results.
WINAMAU RIVER (7929)	1025	50'	6-8 bundles approx 2-3' high standing against trees at 812294.- double twisted sig wire seen for approx 100 yds passing through trees alongside track at this point.
			1 open tray truck with tail-board down partly concealed between trees on south of track nearby - strafed truck and bundles with cannon bursts observed on truck and smoke seen to rise from trees near bundles.
			1 hut 15'x10' surrounded by foliage with roof only visible at 811255.
			Preliminary message report dropped on own troops at 561308 at 1100 hrs.

Time and Signature
ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)
Lieut

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

Dist: FA: Q2), 6 AUST DIV (2), ALO 71 WING, ALO NORCOM, ALC ORTC, 45 AUST AL SEC, H^ 4 SQN, FILE (2).

AIR LIAISON "A"

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

(Operation No T 66)

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 2 A C No.- TYPE A46-134 A46-198 DATE 23 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for reported bargesfor 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS WEWAK 4 miles - 1 inch

PILOT S/Ldr STOCK

OBSERVER F/O SOMERAR

TIME UP 1320

TIME DOWN 1330

TOTAL 1.10

VISIBILITY Good - 20 miles

WEATHER Fine - High over-cast 1/10 Strato-Cu at 15^0'.

Place or Ref.	Time /I	Height	REPORT– INTERROGATION
MATAFAU (R) V6330)	1340	50^'	No sign of barges 6 miles from MATAFAU on bearing 86deg or as far east as TARAWAI and WALIS INLETS Sq 1^94.

Time and Signature Lieut
ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

"A" Flight
4 Tac/R Sqn

DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLYING

A.O.B. TADIT DATE 28 Dec 44 A.F.C. Lieut S.A. KER

SORTIE NO	A/C NO	PILOT	(DUTY)	UP	DOWN	TOTAL	REMARKS
1	A46-197	P/O TAYLOR		0730	1030	3.00	Tac/R DAINAP RIVER Aree
1	A46-196	P/O SKUTHORP		0730	1030	3.00	Top Cover

Total hours for day 6.00

Stanley A. Ker
Lieut
ATO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

Dist: OC 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)
File

at: FAA (2), 6 AUST DIV (2), ALO 71 TNG, ALO HQRCON, ALO CRTC, 45 AUST AL SEC, HQ 4 SQN, FILE (2).

AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No T 64)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-197 A46-198 DATE 22 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS SAIK EAST SHT WEST 1 inch PILOT F/O TAYLOR Top Cover OBSERVER F/O SOUTHORP TIME UP 0730 TIME DOWN 1030 TOTAL 3.00 VISIBILITY Good - 15 miles WEATHER Fine - scattered rain over hills. 6/10 Cu at 3000'.

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
ANTER RIVER (7525)	0830	500'	1 Jap in light coloured shirt and trousers and cloth cap in river bed at 737285 - on a/c coming round again Jap had disappeared with footprints leading into trees on east bank - strafed trees in vicinity with unobserved results.
			~~Garden previously reported at 744286 is productive and well tended - 2 squares of white sak-sak~~ near hut under trees at northern end of garden - strafed hut and garden area with unobserved results
			Considerable amount of cut sak-sak palms in general area particularly in Sc 7528.
			~~Footprints in sand at mouth of ANTER RIVER and along beach in vicinity.~~
BAGAU RIVER (5673)	0830	100'	Bomb craters and bomb damaged trees visible over area of approx 300 ydsx150 yds at 567300.
			1 small sak-sak shelter with square white cloth spread on roof approx 50 yds north of cleared area ~~reported same to Fn HQ at TAJIT (563309) by dropping message at 0835 hrs.~~
ROCKY PT (5930)	0845		Fn troops in green shirts and trousers seen at ROCKY PT - track along beach from there to BAGAU (6830).
			Tracks through large clearing at 623303 are well used - tracks visible in vicinity of creek at 527308 appear well used particularly where leading up over small rise on east bank ove looking creek.
			No signs of activity near hut previously reported at 589795

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

(Operation No T 66)

A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

AIR LIAISON "A" (Operation No T 64)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op (Contd)

LOCATION MADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Con Mission SORTIE No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-197 A46-198 DATE 22 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

REF. MAPS PILOT TIME UP VISIBILITY WEATHER

OBSERVER TIME DOWN

TOTAL

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
DUMLUN CK (6526)	0900	50'	Track running south along DUMLUN CK can be seen at the mouth in the rocky bed of the creek - thence leading up onto the west bank following creek as far as 655751 where it disappears amongst trees - no track can be seen along the eastern fork of the creek from its junc 654280 to its source - small clearing approx 20 yds square at 658279 overlooking creek but no track can be seen - uprights of small shelter and ank-sak leaves nearby in creek at 655280.
MALIN (6425)	0916	100'	No signs of activity in area or along KUN CK - NMS.
SOLITA (6324)			No change - NMS.
			Bomb crater visible amongst trees on east bank of river at 636234 with track seen passing through soft earth nearby.
DANMAP RIVER (6325)			NMS along river bed from SOLITA to MALUM (5719).
			2 old huts fair condition and 1 old hut with new cut ank-sak leaves on ground nearby on west bank of river at 622305.
MALUM (5719)			No change - NMS.
			Hut previously reported at 656206 appears good condition (Operation No T 34) - indistinguishable object seen under hut.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No T 64)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op (Contd)

LOCATION TARU UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn SORTIE Mission No. 1 A C No. TYPE A35-197 A36-198 DATE 28 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

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

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
ALEU OK (5005)			Small patch of cut oak-seek palms on west bank of river at 505071 - 2 squares of yellowish substance in bed of river nearby - on r/c passing apprx 5 minutes later 4-5 small pieces of cloth or clothing which had not been there previously were seen next to the yellowish substance.
			? hut in poor fair condition in scrub in small clearing on edge at 507043.
ARIWA OK (6126)			No change - TMS throughout sq 6125.
			Preliminary message report dropped on Tm HQ at LIATI (567309) at 1205 hrs.

Time and Signature
AIO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R) Lieut

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

"A" Flight
4 Tec/R Sqn

DAILY RECORD OF A/C [illegible]

A.A.F. — RADJI — LAST 21 Dec 44 — A.L.O. Lieut S.A. KET

SORTIE NO	A/C NO	PILOT	OBSVR.	UP	DOWN	TOTAL XXXX XXXX	REMARKS
1	A46-198	F/O McWHIRTER		0840	1140	3.00	Tac/R DARWIN RIVER & TONG Area
1	A46-213	F/O HUMPHREYS		0840	1140	3.00	Top Cover
2	A20-619	F/O KENDALL	F/O TAYLOR	1030	1230	2.00	Tac/R DARWIN RIVER Area
2	A20-507	F/O WARBROOKE	Maj O'LOAN	1030	1100	.30	Top Cover

Total hours for day 8.30

Dist: OC 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)
File

Lieut
ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

Dist: FAA (2), 6 AUST DIV (2), AIR 7B [illegible], A/C [illegible], 45 [illegible], 4 [illegible], RTLF (2).

AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No 7 62)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-108 A46-213 DATE 21 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS SUAIN EAST BUT WEST MANI EAST MANI WEST 1 inch

PILOT F/O [illegible] FISHER

Top Cover OBSERVER F/O HUMPHREYS

TIME UP 0840

TIME DOWN 1140

TOTAL 3.00

VISIBILITY Good - 15 miles

WEATHER Fine - 3/10 Cu on hills at 2000'. 7/10 Cu inland over TONG area at 20[illegible]'.

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT- INTERROGATION
DARWAP RIVER (6026)	09[illegible]	10[illegible]'	3 of own troops in green shirts and trousers and felt hats seen walking east along sandbank on north side of river at 505251.
ARTUA CK (5125)	0915	100'	2 huts still visible at 520159 - cut sak-sak leaves visible amongst trees approx 50 yds north - tracks along west bank of creek for distance of approx 300 yds in this area appear well used - 4 logs across creek nearby - no clothes or other objects visible throughout course of creek in 50 6125 - NAD.
			Considerable amount of cut sak-sak palms in patch of sak-sak approx 515257 and also at 525255.
	0945	1500'	Indicated WMS to ground patrol by prearranged signal of flying west to east and circling anti-clockwise three times.
MAIN R [illegible] (5916)	1000	50'	Dropped despatches on 2/5 Aust Inf Bn (RIVER FORCE) at [illegible] STATION.
SAHTK (375111)	1005	100'	Village badly burnt out and damaged - 1 native seen running towards a hut in north part of village - otherwise NAD.
			2-3 scattered single huts at bottom of side of feature on which village is set - no tracks visible - NAD.
			Group of 4 huts good condition previously reported under trees approx 500 yds south of village - appear in good condition and undamaged by bombing - NAD.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No T 62)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op (Contd)

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 1 A C No. – TYPE A46-198 A46-213 DATE 21 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

REF. MAPS PILOT TIME UP VISIBILITY WEATHER

OBSERVER TIME DOWN

TOTAL

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT- INTERROGATION
UNMAPPED VILLAGE (3708)	1080	200'	Unmapped village set amongst coconut palms on south western slope of main ridge running alongside MAMU RIVER – at approx 377087 3 own troops dressed green trousers and felt hats and 7-8 natives waving in village – ground sign "L-IN" and a cross "╤" were displayed in village.
NANUNUK (3808)			No change – NMS – no sign of any activity in small grassy clearing approx 150 yds to NE.
MASUBA (3807)			No change – NMS.
MUSIMBE (3405)			Bomb scarred and burnt – no signs of activity – NMS.
MUSIMBILIN (3404)			Bomb scarred – no signs of activity – NMS.
			3 new and 3 old huts 15'x10' amongst trees on eastern slope of ridge at 344038.
			Preliminary message report dropped on 2/5 Aust Inf Bn at YASUAR MISSION 291134 at 1115 hrs.

Time and Signature

Lieut

ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

A294—N.C. Press Unit—9/43—10m

Dist: FAA (2), 6 AUST DIV (2), ALO 71 WING, ALO NORCOM, ALC CRTC, 45 AUST AL SEC, HQ 4 S/N, FILE (2).

AIR LIAISON "A"

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op (Operation No T 63)

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission No. 2 A C No. TYPE A20-519 A20-507 DATE 21 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS SUAIN EAST BUT WEST 1 inch

PILOT F/O KENDALL

OBSERVER F/O TAYLOR
PILOT F/O WARBROOKE
OBSERVER Maj O'LOAN

TIME UP 1030

TIME DOWN 1230

TOTAL 2.00

VISIBILITY Good - 15 miles

WEATHER Fine on coast - scattered light rain in hills.

Place or Ref.	Time T/I	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
ATOB RIVER (6115)	1100		Dropped 4x100lb anti-sub and 6x30lb incendiary bombs in area containing huts at 619169 - 1 anti-sub bomb observed to burst in area with unobserved results - no fires started.
SOLITA (6324)	1125	1000'	Track northwards from 635221 to SOLITA cannot be seen for trees until approx 100 yds south of village.
			NMS in village - small rectangular enclosure approx 10'x8'x2' made of logs - grass growing within enclosure was longer than that on surrounding ground and enclosure appeared old - NMS inshelter previously reported 200 yds east of village (Operation No T 60).
			1 hut 20 x10' fair condition in small clearing on east of river at 640845 - track can be seen for approx 20 yds leading from hut NE across spur - NMS.
			NMS in DANMAP RIVER from SOLITA to junc ARIUA CK 612260 nor in HON CK from 637247 as far as 67 grid line.
MALIN (6426)			NMS throughout Sq 6425 - NMS in clearing at 647250.
	1200	1800'	Indicated no movement seen to ground patrol by prearranged signal of flying west to east and making an anti-clockwise turn three times.
ABAU	1210	50'	NMS along beach from ABAU to MATADAU (S- 6520)

Time and Signature Lieut
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"A" Flight 4 Tac/R Sqn — DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS

A.C.B. — TADJI — DATE 20 Dec 44 — A.I.C. Lieut S.A. KET

SORTIE NO	A/C NO	PILOT	OBSVR	UP	DOWN	OPP AREA	BASE & AREA	REMARKS (FILM ETC)
1	A46-211	F/O WARBROOKE	2.45	0815	1100	Tac/R RAMU RIVER Area		
1	A46-198	F/O EASTON	2.45	0815	1100	Top Cover		
2	A46-194	S/Ldr SNOOK	2.30	1310	1540	Tac/R "B"AK Area		
2	A46-183	F/O FORSTER	2.30	1310	1540	Top Cover		
	A46-194	S/Ldr SNOOK		1.00 in air		Test Flight		

Dist: OC 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)
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Dist: [illegible] (5), 6 Aust Div (2), 450 71 [illegible], [illegible] HQRCC, HQ RAAF, 45 Aust AI Sec, HQ 4 Svc, FI E (2).

AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No T 58)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION [illegible] UNIT 4 Rec/T Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-198 A46-211 DATE 19 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Rec/T for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS [illegible] MAP WEST 1 inch PILOT F/O [illegible] Top Cover OBSERVER F/O [illegible] TIME UP 0815 TIME DOWN 1000 TOTAL 8.5 VISIBILITY Good - 30 miles WEATHER Fine - ceiling unlimited

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
[illegible] (3458)	0900	200'	Own troops and natives visible in middle village waving - ground sign "T" pointing approx south was displayed with 5 bars and indecipherable figures beneath it - [illegible] in eastern village.
MASUBA (3557)	0910	200'	French with 3 sided shelter still visible between 2 huts in NW portion of village - open side of shelter faces southern hut - 2 men one in trousers without shirt pl[illegible] standing still together near hut on slope on eastern side of village - had disappeared on a/c coming round again.
[illegible] (3558)	0920		[illegible] in village - small clearing approx 150 yds NE bearings approx 5' high throughout and track leading from main track along ridge top can be seen pushing through grass into clearing - no sign of any digging - [illegible].
[illegible] (3557)	0930		Tracks leading eastwards up slopes into village is marked with bomb craters and appears to have been well used since the bombing.
			Feature commencing approx 500 yds NW from [illegible] runs [illegible] parallel to and falling sharply away towards the MARU RIVER - a track clearly visible from [illegible], to this ridge and continues NW along the ridge top to approx 1000 yds east of old [illegible] after which it can be seen in places through the trees - 2-3 small groups of huts can be seen along this ridge.
			Preliminary message report dropped on forward elements at middle [illegible] village at 0940 hrs and on 2/7 Cdo Sqn at YARUAP [illegible] 291184 at 0945 hrs.

Time and Signature [illegible] Lieut
HQ 45 Aust AI Sec (Rec/T)

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

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Dist: FAA (2), 6 AUST DIV (2), ALO 71 WING, ALO NORCOM, ALO CRTC, 45 AUST AL SEC, HQ 4 SCN, FILE (2).

AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No T 59)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission No.2 A C No.- TYPE A20-507 A20-619 DATE 19 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div with Brig MARTIN passenger

REF. MAPS BUT EAST, BUT WEST, SHAIN EAST 1 inch

PILOT F/O SKUTHORP

OBSERVER Brig MARTIN
PILOT F/O McWHIRTER

TIME UP 1315

TIME DOWN 1550

TOTAL 2.35

VISIBILITY: Good - 15 miles

WEATHER: Fine - 1C/1C Cu at 8000'.

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT- INTERROGATION
DAGUA (9622)	1345		Dropped 8x100lb anti-sub bombs on road at approx 961224 with 5 bursts observed on target causing landslides and craters for a distance of approx 150 yds along road.
UNMAPPED VILLAGES (9719)	1353		3 unmapped small villages with huts fair condition and tracks well used between 973195 and 978195 - 1 large mission hut with cross on roof in eastern village.
			Dropped 3x30lb incendiary bombs on eastern village starting fires in mission hut and also in grass in village - dropped 4x30lb incendiary bombs on other 2 villages starting fires in grass in both villages and 1 hut in middle village left burning.
ROCKY PT (6930)	1410	100'	Approx 20 own troops in green shirts and trousers and felt hats seen erecting tents on flat ground at ROCKY PT - approx another 15 own troops similarly dressed seen at east end of large clearing and coming ~~out~~ from trees onto beach nearby at 624303 - NWS thence to CAPE DJERUAN (6330) - 1 square of white sak-sak in patch of sak-sak palms at 628299 - NWS along beach from CAPE DJERUAN to ABAU (6528).
ABAU (6528)			Track running along both banks of ~~DUMBUM~~ CK from mouth as far as 29 grid line appears well used.
ARIUA CK (6125)	1430	100'	~~XXX~~ No sign of clothing or other objects reported in creek bed in Operation No T 55.
			~~NWS along course of DARKAP RIVER from junc ARIUA CK to WALUM (5719).~~
~~ATOS RIVER~~ (6115)	~~1450~~	~~100'~~	2 huts still visible under trees area 619159 - ground in vicinity

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

PART 3

AIR LIAISON "A" (Operation No T 52)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op (Contd)

LOCATION PAPUA UNIT 4 Rec/I Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 2 A C No.– TYPE A20-607 (A20-613) DATE 10 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

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

Place or Ref.	Time/T	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			well worn and footprints visible in creek bed – dropped 5x20lb incendiary bombs on large hut scoring 2 near misses and causing grass fires.
ALBI CK (5724)	15[illegible]	100'	White object 8' high seen in doorway of old hut previously reported at 574247 (Operation No T53) – ground in area appears well worn.
			Preliminary message report dropped on 2/4 Aust Inf Bn at MAIN (5731) at 1535 hrs.

Time and Signature [illegible] Unit
1140 45 Aust Inf Bde (Rec/I)
Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

"A" Flight
4 Tac/R Sqn

TADJI 19 Dec 44 Lieut S.A. KET

1	A46-196	F/O	KENDALL	2.20	0800	1020	Tac/R TONG Area
1	A46-211	F/O	TAYLOR	2.30	0800	1020	Top Cover
2	A20-507	F/O	SKUTHORP	2.30	1315	1550	Tac/R DANMAP RIVER Area
2	A20-619	F/O	McWHIRTER	2.35	1315	1550	Top Cover

Dist: OC 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)
File

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AIC 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

Dist: FAA (2), 6 AUST DIV (2), ALO 71 WING, ALO NORCOM, ALO CRTC, 45 AUST AL SEC, HQ 4 SCN, FILE (2).

AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation "o T6o)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Scn Mission No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-211 A46-198 DATE 20 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS SUAIN EAST SUT WEST 1 inch (Preliminery sheet) PILOT Top Cover P/O FAIRBROOKE P/O EASTON

TIME UP 0815 TIME DOWN 1110 TOTAL 2.45

VISIBILITY Fair - slight haze

WEATHER Fine - 1/10 low Cu in volleys - high overcast.

Place or Ref.	Time / I	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
DANMAP RIVER (6124)	0915	30'	NMS in river bed from 61 grid line to junc MON CK (637247).
			1 hut 15'x10' fair condition in small clearing near unmapped creek at 631261 - 1 similar hut in small clearing at 637248 - no tracks visible near either hut - NMS.
			No track visible near creek junc at 638247 - area heavily timbered - foot track visible across small clearing on south bank of MON CK at 647250 - NMS in MON CK from junc with DANMAP RIVER to 65 grid line.
SULIN (6425)	0925	200'	No sign of any huts or clearing where village might have been at map spot 648253. and bomb craters filled
SOLITA (6324)	0930		Village consists of 9 dilapidated huts and 1 old framework with water visible in area - track through village appears well used in contrast to green grass in village area.-
			Track northwards to creek junc appears well used - track southwards is visible for approx 100 yds and appears well used - track westwards to DANMAP RIVER appears well used and can be seen commencing again for 5-6 yds on west bank of river (NOTE: This village is named SALIN on Revised Sheet of Oct 44).
			5 small ask-ask shelters and 1 hut 15'x10' all in fair condition seen approx 200 yds to the east of the village on west bank of MON CK.
			1 old hut in small clearing at 634236 - ground in ar a of hut overgrown and no tracks visible.

Time and Signature

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A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No T 50)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op (Contd)

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission ~~SORTIE~~ No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-211 A46-193 DATE 20 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

REF. MAPS PILOT TIME UP VISIBILITY WEATHER

OBSERVER TIME DOWN

TOTAL

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
UNNAMED VILLAGE (629230)	0935	200'	No sign of any huts or clearing where village might have been at 629230 (NOTE: This village is shown at same place in Revised sheet of Oct 44 and named COLITA)
ARIUA CK (6125)	0945	100'	EMS throughout Sq 6125).
ALBU CK (5824)	0955		1 old hut 20'x10' amongst trees at 588244.
			~~3 huts 30'x15' fair condition one covered with vines in small clearing on spur at 598239 (mistakenly given as 578269 in preliminary report)~~ - ground in area covered with green grass with tracks connecting huts.
			1 old hut 20'x10' in clearing at 579229.
R/T COMMUNICATION			ON several occasions during Tac/R when in vicinity of C Coy 2/4 Aust Inf Bn at 567299 called "RETC 2" but could receive them intermittently 3x2 only when in area of Sq 5526.
			Preliminary message report dropped at LUAIN 554310 at 1030 hrs.

Time and Signature
Lieut
ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tec/R)

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

Dist: FAF (2), 6 AUST DIV (2), ALO 71 WING, ALO MORCOM, ALO CRTC, 45 AUST AL SEC, HQ 4 SQN, FILE (2).

AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No T 61)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tec/R Sqn Mission No. 2 A C No. TYPE A46-194 A46-183 DATE 20 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tec/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS BUT EAST BUT WEST KAIRIRU WEST WEWAK WEST 1 inch

PILOT S/Ldr SNOCK Top Cover ~~OBSERVER~~ F/O FORSTER

TIME UP 1310 TIME DOWN 1540 TOTAL 2.30

VISIBILITY Good - 20 miles

WEATHER Fine - 3/10 Cu at 3000' over hills.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT- INTERROGATION
Coastal track between BUT (8736) DAGUA (9624) WEWAK (3107) BORAM (3505)	1345	50'	Coastal road and inland road from BUT DROME to DAGUA DROME clearly defined but shows no obvious signs of recent use.
			From approx 01 grid line coastal track becomes a foot pad and continues as such as far as CAPE KOLANG (2019) - from there no track is visible through the marshy portion until approx 245140 where it appears as a foot pad.
			Road again commences approx where shown on map at 262119 but no obvious signs of recent use.
			Caterpillar tracks visible on portion of road between CAPE WOM and WEWAK.
WEWAK DROME (3107)		50'	Many made roads in WEWAK DROME area - appear well used - drome completely unserviceable - many cultivated gardens throughout area.
			Approx 4 large sak-sak huts 50' x20' amongst tall heavy timber on slight rise on south of road at approx 335052 - appeared camouflaged with green paint and leaves.
			4 bright copper wires on posts along road in Sq 3304 - appeared to be heavy gauge wire. Made road thence through [illegible] D.O.M. and BOMBI [illegible] appears well used.

Time and Signature Lieut
ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tec/R)

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

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"A" Flight 4 Tac/R Sqn

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1	A46-198	F/O	MURRELL	0715	1015	Tac/R DAMAP RIVER Area
1	A46-163	F/O	FOLKINGHORNE	0715	1015	Top Cover
2	A46-197	F/O	HUMPHREYS	1310	1640	Tac/R TOWG Area
2	A46-213	F/O	WARBROOKE	1310	1640	Top Cover
3	A20-507	F/O	MURRELL	1430	1630	Dive bomb ARIUA CK
3	A20-619	F/O	FOLKINGHORNE	1430	1630	Dive bomb ARIUA CK

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Dist: FAA (2), 6 AUST DIV (2), ALO 71 WING, ALO NORCOM, ALO CRTC, 45 AUST AL SEC, HQ 4 SQN, FILE (2).

AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No T 55)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-198 A46-183 DATE 18 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS NANU EAST, NANU WEST, SUAIN EAST, BUT WEST 1 inch PILOT F/O MURRELL Top Cover F/S POLKINGHORNE OBSERVER TIME UP 0715 TIME DOWN 1015 TOTAL 3.00 VISIBILITY Good - 30 miles WEATHER Fine - ceiling unlimited

Place or Ref.	Time /I	Height	REPORT - INTERROGATION
YASUAR MISSION (2913)	0730	100'	Dropped despatches on 2/7 Cdo Sqn as requested by 6 Aust Div.
MASUBA (3907)	0752	100'	Foxhole with 3 sided screen still visible where previously reported between huts in northern part of village (Operation No T 51).
NANUNUM (3808)			MG flashes again seen in direction of leading a/c by top cover coming from same small clearing as previously reported approx 150 yds NE of village (Operation No T 51).
ALAGIL CK (5828)	0745		1 small canvas shelter on sand bank in tree covered creek at 585188 - smoke seen coming from trees nearby.
ROCKY PT (5930)	0800	50'	15-20 own troops in green shirts and trousers and felt hats seen on grassy portion ROCKY PT - no tracks visible on beach thence to ABAU (6528).
ABAU (6528)			2 old lean-to frameworks under trees and 1 newer partly constructed framework in creek bed at 655280 - ashes and dirty coloured cloth nearby.
CAPE DJERUAN (6330)	0820	50'	No sign of occupation or preparation - MMS.
			1 hut fair condition with ground bare nearby at 629295 - cut sak-sak palms in vicinity.
MATAPAU		50'	1 Osp in light coloured shirt disappeared into what appeared like mound of grass in large clearing at 623304 (shown as MATAPAU in Preliminary sheet BUT WEST) - 6-7 other similar mounds throughout same clearing - grass in clearing is approx 5' high

Time and Signature

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Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op (Contd)

LOCATION TAMI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn ~~XSORTIE~~ Mission No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-198 A46-183 DATE 18 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

REF. MAPS PILOT TIME UP VISIBILITY WEATHER

OBSERVER TIME DOWN

TOTAL

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
			and there are many tracks beaten through the grass - 3-4 similar mounds are visible in smaller clearing at 617306
ROCKY PT (5930)	0835		Several large splashes and bursts of bluish-black smoke in sea and bluish-black puffs of smoke in trees near beach over distance of approx 200 yds continuing approx 300 yds to east of ROCKY PT - splashes in water seen approx 50 yds NE of ROCKY PT - appeared as though sprayed from MG [illegible] - no indication of direction of any MG.
DANMAP RIVER (5956)	0845		Numerous tracks (Possibly own troops) seen across river at 571258 - 1 Jap in light coloured jacket and shorts with light coloured cloth cap seen crouched with rifle in hand on creek bed at 575270 - 3 old huts in good condition in trees on creek bank nearby - 1 small shelter 50 yds down stream.
ARIRA CK (6135) (see previous report on Operation No T16)	09 [illegible]		4 Japs in light coloured clothes in creek bed at 619259 - 7 pieces of cloth or clothing spread out on mound previously reported on northern bank of creek nearby - 1 square shaped object approx 3 yds apparently canvas-covered and standing on legs approx 3' high on sandspit in creek bend at 619259 - 1 Jap standing alongside object appeared hesitant to leave object but then disappeared under trees - on a/c coming over area in later circuit 1 Jap seen to run out from trees and manipulate the object then disappear into trees again - between this point and 619253 approx 50 oblong pieces of cloth or clothing and approx 6 canvas buckets were seen on sandbanks in creek bed - 2 shelters good condition still on east bank of creek at 620259 - lumps of yellow oak-sak and 2 canvas water buckets near 1 shelter 6 yds previously reported. [illegible]
			7-8 pieces of clothing 1 pair bluish trousers spread out on grassy bank at 619250 - telephone wire crossing creek in NE direction at same place.

Time and Signature

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission ~~XXXXXX~~ No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-198 A46-183 DATE 18 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

REF. MAPS PILOT TIME UP VISIBILITY WEATHER

OBSERVER TIME DOWN

TOTAL

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
			previously reported logs across creek and rope overhead are approx 20 yds to the north.
			1 shelter good condition with bare ground around it amongst trees at 638954.
			1 hut good condition amongst trees on creek bank at 605246 - ground in vicinity well trodden - yellow lumps of ank-sack and 1 small tin container approx 50 yds upstream.
MDN CK (6324)	0930	50'	~~TAS~~ in MDN CK from Juno with ~~MARAM~~ RIVER at 637940 as far as 67 grid line.
			Established R/T communication with 2/4 Aust Inf Bn (~~BARBROOK~~) and dropped preliminary mission report/Adv HQ at ~~MAIN~~ (5331) at 0946 hrs. on

Time and Signature Lieut
ALO 46 Aust L Sec (Tac/R)
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AIR LIAISON "A"

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

(Operation No 7 50)

LOCATION WADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No 2 A C No. TYPE A46-197 A46-213 DATE 18 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS WANU EAST WANU WEST 1 inch PILOT F/O BEN JONES Top Cover OBSERVER F/O HARBLOCKEN TIME UP 1310 TIME DOWN 1640 TOTAL 3.50 VISIBILITY Good 15 miles WEATHER Low cloud on hills at 4[illegible]'.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
YA[illegible] (26[illegible])	1415	50'	Most southern village on ridge running NS with very steep eastern face - consists of approx 8 huts poor condition - appears deserted - further north on ridge at junction of track leading [illegible] along spur to W ~~a tent and a shelter with own troops waving nearby~~ - at N end of village ~~own troops~~ were visible and also 3 tents.
WAPIN (3335)	1430	50'	Approx 10 huts fair condition - 2 old burnt out huts in S end of village - several single huts fair condition/within a radius of approx 1000 yds. ~~in separate gardens~~ -
MUSIMILI (3454)	1445	50'	No change - TTS.
[illegible] VILLAGE (3436[illegible])	1500	50'	Approx 15 huts good condition set on top of ridge running NS and curving round to south - 6 low huts approx 8 'x10'x5' with eaves touching the ground at southern end of village.- track running south down spur ~~a per~~ well used until disappearing under trees. Approx 3 old huts set amongst overgrown gardens on lower slope of eastern end of ridge.
WAPIN (3406)	1515	50'	Own troops in green shirts and trousers and waving seen in western and middle villages - on a/c circling troops in middle village ~~displayed ground sign "P" in clearing at east~~ en end of middle village pointing eastwards and with 5 bars beneath it and small figures "35" beneath the last bar. The eastern village and down the eastern slopes of the ridge showed no signs of occupation of activity.
[illegible] (3807)	1530	50'	6 huts burnt to the ground and ~~still~~ burning in southern part of village - 3-6 burnt out huts in the middle part of the village.

Time and Signature [illegible] Lieut ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

Preliminary message report dropped on S/T Sav Sqn at WAPIN [illegible] spotted at 1550 hrs and ~~on~~ for ~~ers~~ troops in middle WAPIN VILLAGE 350388 at 1555 hrs.

A304—N.C. Press Unit—9/43—10m

Dist: PAA (2), 6 AUST DIV (2), ALO 71 WING, ALO NORCOM, ALO CRTC, 45 AUST AL SEC, HQ 4 SQN, FILE (2).

AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No T 57)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission No. 3 A C No. TYPE A20-507 A20-619 DATE 18 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Dive bombing on own sightings

REF. MAPS SHAEN EAST WAPRIK WEST 1 inch

PILOT F/O MURRELL Top Cover F/O POLKINGHORNE

TIME UP 1430 TIME DOWN 1630 TOTAL 2.00

VISIBILITY Good - 30 miles

WEATHER Cu forming in patches over mountains with base at 5-7000'.

Place or Ref.	Time / I	Height	REPORT- INTERROGATION
ARIWA CK (6125)	TARGET		1-5 Japs, possible wireless set, 3 shelters and clothing in area creek bend 619259 (Report on Operation No T 55).
	1545		Objects still visible in vicinity creek bend and along bed of creek in Sq 6125.
	1515		2 KITTYHAWKS dropped 7 x 100lb anti-sub bombs and 6 x 30lb incendiary bombs in target area with bursts observed in both sides of creek for distance of approx 150 yds southwards from 620259 - 1 incendiary started fire under trees near shelters at 620258.
			14 Beaufort from 7 and 100 Sqns PAAFindependently bombed target area and were continuing bombing when KITTYHAWKS left area at 1545 hrs - bursts observed mainly within radius of 200 yds of creek bend and covered area effectively - closer inspection approx 15 mins later discloses many large craters and uprooted trees in area but no obvious damage to objects previously mentioned.
AMUMB CK (7912)	1650		Dropped 7 x 30lb incendiary bombs on unmapped village containing approx 20 huts in good condition at 791123 - bursts observed on huts and 6 large huts left blazing fiercly.
KURUR (4119)	1605	50'	15-20 own troops in green shirts and trousers and several natives seen moving in unmapped village at approx 429191 - natives working on partly cleared area approx 200 yds Sq on opposite side of river at 427198 - this area suitable for supply dropping.

Time and Signature Lieut
ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)
Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

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No	Type	Pilot	Time	Time	Remarks
1	A46-197	F/O EASTON	0945	1215	Tac/R MARRIK Area
1	A46-183	F/O McWHIRTER	0945	1215	Top Cover
	A46-198	S/Ldr SMOCK	0920	0950	Test Flight

Lieut
ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

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Dist: FAA (2), 6 AUST DIV (2), AIO 71 WING, AIO NORCOM, AIO CRTC, 45 AUST AL SEC, HQ 4 SQN, FILE (2).

AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No T 54)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission ~~XXXXXX~~ No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-197 A46-183 DATE 16 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for possible HQ and wireless mast for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS MAPRIK WEST 1 inch PILOT F/O EASTON TIME UP 0945 VISIBILITY WEATHER

Top Cover ~~XXXXXXXX~~ R F/O McWHIRTER TIME DOWN 1215 Good - 15 miles Fine - 10/10 Cu on mountains from 3000' with tops at 7000' 7/10 Cu south of mountains at 3000'

TOTAL 2.30

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
GENERAL			No indications of enemy HQ or sign of wireless mast at any of following suspected places: (i) unmapped village A7286 (ii) ULUPU VILLAGES A7795 (iii) ULUPU MISSION A8098 (iv) SUKINARA VILLAGES A8897 - NMS and nothing inconsistent with native activity throughout area except one unusually fenced garden in ULUPU VILLAGES.
UNMAPPED VILLAGE (7187)	1020	500'	Only sign of village in this vicinity is 1 set amongst low scrub near creek at approx 710870 - approx 25 dilapidated huts - ground, tracks and gardens nearby overgrown - surrounding country flat and water visible in places in large Kunai patch.
ULUPU MISSION (8098)	1045	200'	3 huts burnt to the ground and 1 large wooden hut 80'x30' with large bomb hole through centre of roof - ground in vicinity overgrown.
ILIPEIM VILLAGES (8198)			The 6 villages shown adjacent to track in Sqs 8098, 8198 and 8298 are all set on hill tops - all in good condition with newly dug terraced gardens enclosed by good fences on the lower slopes.
ULUPU VILLAGES (7795)	1100	200'	Villages are positioned approximately as shown on map - set on 4 seperate ridges running northward to join EW feature - ground in villages and tracks joining villages are well trodden - many freshly dug terraced gardens with good fences - village at 787956 had 1 large garden on both east and west sides of ridge at south end of village - each garden was seperately enclosed by a fence at least 10' high (as distinct from the normal 3' fence) with resultant neatly fenced track along ridge top - 4-5 large double gates were ~~XXXX~~ means of entrance to the gardens - the terraces in the gardens are in course of construction - 1 new hut framework and several lean-to shelters in west garden - 1 new partly thatched hut and several lean-to shelters in east garden.

Signature

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

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AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No T 54)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op (Contd)

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-197 A46-183 DATE 16 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

REF. MAPS PILOT TIME UP VISIBILITY WEATHER

OBSERVER TIME DOWN

TOTAL

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT- INTERROGATION
BUKINARA VILLAGES (8897)	1120	200'	All villages in Sqs 8898, 8897, 8997, 8998 are set on hilly features - all in good condition except 2 at 870978 and 876978 which are burnt to the ground - ground in good villages is well trodden with earthenware pots visible near many huts - many large fenced gardens.
			Many tall "House Tambarans" (see Illustration No 91 in Terrain Study No 65 Vol 2) seen in these and other villages in general area.
MAPRIK ELG (6809)	1140	100'	ELG approx 1000 yds long has 2 bomb craters in NW end - suitable only for wheels-up landing - several houses and huts in area wrecked and damaged by bombs.
			Dropped 4 x 30lb incendiary bombs on house at approx 676998 - near misses causing fires in grass nearby.
			Road running southwards from ELG shows old two-wheel tracks but is overgrown as far as 87 grid line and appears no different in the distance further south.

Time and Signature
AIO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R) Lieut

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

"A" Flight 4 Tac/R Sqn

TADJI 15 Dec 44 Lieut R.A. KET.

1	A46-213	F/O	SHUTHORP	0900	1250	Tac/R DARWIN RIVER Area
1	A46-211	F/O	KENDALL	0900	1250	Top Cover
	A46-197	F/O	EASTON	0905	1000	Test Flight

Lieut
AIO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

Dist: CO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)
File

Dist: RAA (2), 6 AUST DIV (2), 2/6 CAV CMD REGT, HQ 71 [illegible], HQ [illegible], HQ [illegible], 45 [illegible] HQ 4 CDT, FEIE (2).

AIR LIAISON "A"

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

(Operation No 7 53)

LOCATION FINIT UNIT 4 Pac/2 Pom "Liaison SORTIE No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-218 A46-211 DATE 15 Dec 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Pac/R for 6 Aust Div and Photo/R for RAA 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS MAIN EAST [illegible] ST 1 inch

PILOT F/O CRUTHERS

Top Cover F/O KENDALL

TIME UP 0930

TIME DOWN 1150

TOTAL 3.50

VISIBILITY Good - 15 miles

WEATHER Scattered C.. at 8 [illegible]'. Tops up to [illegible]'.

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT - INTERROGATION
[illegible] (5719)	0930	60[illegible]'	Took stereo-pair vertical photograph of [illegible] area - shelters and huts still visible approx 3 [illegible] yds north of village - bomb craters visible in village itself and southwards across river.
[illegible] RIVER (5636)	1000	200'	3 new sak-sak shelters under trees with 2 squares of white sak-sak nearby at 565301 - 2 new sak-sak shelters and 2 unroofed framework under trees, with 3 squares of white sak-sak nearby at 563305.
			Footprints visible in sandbank at 561305 leading to island in centre of river - many footprints visible on beach from about 57 grid line almost to MIAP (6330) where they are obliterated by waves
MIAP (6330)		100'	1 hut fair condition under trees at 634300 - coastal track MIAP to ABAU (6528) appears very well used and also track leading south along west bank of DARWIN [illegible].
[illegible] RIVER (5926)			2 piles of earth seen on north bank of DARWIN [illegible] near 2 huts well concealed under trees at 593556.
[illegible] CK (5725)	1048	60'	Shelter at 575253 appears to have been lengthened and lowered with possible dugout beneath it.
			1 new lean-to under trees near unnamed creek at 575248 - well used track leads from this shelter to large old hut at 574247.
			3 squares of pink and white sak-sak and 2 green bundles on east bank of creek at 582248.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

AIR LIAISON "A" (Operation No T 55)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op (Contd)

LOCATION TARDI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 1 A C No. - TYPE A46-113 A46-211 DATE 25 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

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

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT- INTERROGATION
			2 new huts noted in clearing at 570837.
	1200		received T/T message from 4 Sqn ground station requesting to communicate with S/T 66o Sqn at point (2813) and ascertain if suitable for Beauforts to bomb on indications from ground signs of forward troops this afternoon.
TOTO (2813)	1220		1 Beaufort already in area - confused traffic audible on frequency - intercepted R/T message from "ROFA" (2/7 66o Sqn) to "ECOMIX" (Beaufort) "do not bomb [illegible] concentrate on [illegible]".

Time and Signature: Lieut
ALO 46 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)
Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

"A" Flight 4 Tac/R Sqn

TADJI 14 Dec 44 Lieut S.A. KET

1	A46-183	F/O MITCHELL	0700	0915	Tac/R TOWG Area
1	A46-211	F/O TOLKINGHORNE	0700	0915	Top Cover
2	A46-194	S/Ldr CNCOK	1300	1515	Tac/R WEWAK Area
2	A46-183	F/O FORSTER	1300	1515	Top Cover

Lieut
ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

Dist: OC 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)
File

Dist: TAF (2), 6 AUST DIV (2), 2/6 CAV CDO REGT, ALO 71 WING, ALO MORCOM, ALO CRTC, 45 AUST AL SEC, HQ 4 SCU, FIFE (8).

AIR LIAISON "A"

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

(Operation No T 51)

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-183 A46-211 DATE 14 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS NANU EAST NANU WEST 1 inch

PILOT F/O MURRELL

Top Cover OBSERVER F/O OLKINGHORNE

TIME UP 0700

TIME DOWN 0915

TOTAL 2.15

VISIBILITY Good over target - 15 miles

WEATHER 10/10 cloud on mountains at 3000' low broken Cu at x 2000' over target - breaking up.

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
YAMBES VILLAGES (3408)	0730	100'	Own troops still in trenches approx 200 yds east of middle village - ground sign "T" pointing east with 4 bars underneath and letter "S" above it seen approx 50 yds west of slit trenches - no sign of diggings or activity between own troops and eastern village.
			~~1 small shelter 4'x4'x4' on eastern edge of ridge at 338088.~~
			7 huts 12'x8' some new some fair condition in area near junc unmapped creek flowing south into MINGYAI CK at 352083 - ashes and heaps of yellowish white substance seen near several huts.
			Unmapped village of approx 5 huts 15'x10' good condition on ridge at approx 343085 - ground in village well trodden.
			~~3 new huts 10'x6' and 1 new shelter dispersed under trees near south bank of river at 360091 -~~ 5-6 grey kit-bag-like objects approx 2' long 1' diameter seen on rack and on ground near single new hut previously reported at 355092 (Operation No T 50).
			Approx 6-8 scattered small huts and shelters seen in general area approx 1/4 mile radius of ~~unnamed village at 369086 - many long bamboo sak-sak containers seen leaning against trees in this~~ area - nothing inconsistent with native activity.
MUSINAU (3706)	0815		Village consists of several close knit groups of huts totalling approx 130 huts large and small varying condition spread out over distance of 5-600 yds on top of ridge which has commanding view of YAMBES VILLAGES MASUBA and PERENBIL VILLAGES.

Signature

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

A294—N.C. Press Unit—9/43—10m

AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No T 51)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op (contd)

LOCATION SIO DJI UNIT 4 Cac/R San Mission SORTIE No. 1 A C No. TYPE A43-183 A46-211 DATE 14 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

REF. MAPS PILOT TIME UP VISIBILITY WEATHER

OBSERVER TIME DOWN

TOTAL

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
			In NE portion of village on highest point of ridge (Spot Height 1400') the 2 poles previously reported are still standing (Operation No T 43) approx 12 small cross-pieces can be seen on each pole at intervals of approx 2' and 7 strands (possibly wire) approx 40' in length and 1/4-½" diameter from tops of poles to palms near the huts - near one palm one of these strands leads towards the ground but its other end could not be seen - ground throughout village is well trodden and main track leading into and through village in well defined - 2-3 canoe-shaped logs burnt out in centre seen in village.
			Track northwards to MASUBA can be traced through trees and appears well worn.
MASUBA (3807)	0830	50'	Village is hour-glass shape consisting of 56 huts fair to good condition set amongst coconut palms on spur running NS from main EW ridge - 1 Jap seen crouching in 3-sided low screen around foxhole between 2 huts in north-western corner of village - open side of screen has commanding view of MASUBA - what appeared like foxhole covered with sak-sak leaves seen approx 50 yds to SE - 1 canoe shaped log burnt out in centre seen in village - track northwards to MANUMIN well worn.
			Small unmapped village of 8 huts fair condition in small clearing on lower slopes of feature amongst coconut palms at 372078 - numerous old opened coconuts in centre of village - 5 huts good condition amongst trees at 379081 - 3 huts good condition amongst trees at 376078.
MANUMIN (3808) (Spot height) 1500'	0840		Village set on upper southern slope of main EW feature - consists of 50 huts good condition set amongst trees and coconut palms - track leads northwards from village to join well defined track running EW along main feature.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

AIR LIAISON "A" (Operation No T 51)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op (Contd)

LOCATION RADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-183 / A46-211 DATE 14 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

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

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT - INTERROGATION
			Unmapped village of approx 40 huts fair condition on top of seperate ridge at approx 385089.
			Approx 150 yds NE of village in small grassy clearing amongst low scrub on top of ridge 2 sets of 50 flashes were seen by top cover pilot/appeared as though firing at other a/c - on attempting to indicate position to other pilot top cover struck top of tree with port wing tip and both a/c returned to base.

Time and Signature
A.T.O 45 Aust AT Sqn (Tac/R) Lieut

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

Dist: FAA (2), 6 AUST DIV (2). 2/6 CAV CDO REGT, AIC 71 FTG, AIO MORGOM, AIO CRTO. 45 AUST AT REC, HQ 4 SQN, FIELD [illegible]

AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No T 52)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R San Mission SORTIE No. 2 A C No. TYPE A46-194 A46-183 DATE 14 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS BUT WEST BUT EAST KAIRIRU WEST 1 inch Topo Cover GASMATA F/O FORSTER

PILOT S/Ldr SHOCK

TIME UP 1300 TIME DOWN 1515 TOTAL 2.15

VISIBILITY Fair - 10 miles Slight haze.

WEATHER 1/10 Cu at 3500' over foothills increasing to 6/10 over mountains - slight [illegible]

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
COASTAL ROAD BUT (8726) to BORAM (3605)	1330	1000' - 400'	From BUT DROME to DAGUA DROME road appears good condition with bridges over streams in good or[illegible] MNS. From DAGUA DROME as far as [illegible] PT (5723) road is partly obscured by trees but appea[illegible] in good condition where visible. From [illegible] to BARAM (1520) road is difficult to see [illegible] trees but where visible appeared in good condition. From [illegible] no road is visible through mo[illegible] country as far as [illegible] (2711) where it can be seen following line of coconuts - thence to [illegible] it is again not visible in marshy country.
			Native gardens in Sq 2505 are cultivated and in good condition.
			Many roads in [illegible] DROME and BORAM DROME areas appear well used.
TERERU (5356)	1400		Coastal road between TERERU and unnamed village Sq 5594 appears in good condition - strafed vc large hut 15' x 20' in latter village with unobserved results.
DAGUA DROME (3624)	1420	2000'	Road running south into hills from 963724 appears to be in good condition - continues winding course southwards over hills as far as village of [illegible] Sq 0516 - the village appears dilapida and deserted.
ALBIS (7323)	1430	1400'	Strafed 2 huts in fair condition under trees approx 50 yds to SE of village - unobserved resu rest of village approx 1/4 acre situated on west edge of village. appears dilapidated strafed garden.
MATARAU (5730)	1445	50'	Footprints visible in sand from MATARAU westwards to approx 57 grid line where very many seen.

Time and Signature [signature] Title AIO 45 Aust AT Gec (Tac/R)

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

"A" Flight 4 Tac/R Sqn

TADJI 13 Dec 44 Lieut S.A. KET

1	A46-194	F/O	McWHIRTER	1300	1600	Tac/R TONG Area
1	A46-213	F/O	EASTON	1300	1600	Top Cover
	A46-213	F/O	FORSTER	0610	0830	Cannon Test

Lieut
ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

Dist: OC 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)
File

List: FAA (2), 6 Aust Div (2), 2/3 Cav Cdo Regt, AHQ 71 Tng, AHQ [illegible], AHQ TPTC, 45 Aust Lt Sec, HQ 4 Tac, File (2).

AIR LIAISON "A"

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

(Operation "Ro 5c")

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn "Hasler" SORTIE No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-104 A46-213 DATE 13 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS HOLLANDIA EAST HOLLANDIA WEST 1 inch

PILOT F/O McWHIRTER

OBSERVER ~~PILOT~~ F/O BAXTER

TIME UP 1300

TIME DOWN 1600

TOTAL 3.00

VISIBILITY: Good - 15 miles

WEATHER: Fine - S/Lt Cu at 3000'.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT - INTERROGATION
YAMBES VILLAGES (2408' (Spot height 1560'))	1400	500'	Own troops (identified by green shirts and trousers and felt hats) seen moving in eastern and middle villages - also visible in slit trenches approx 100 yds to east of middle village on both sides of track along ridge. On track nearby a ground sign "T" pointing to eastern village with 4 bars underneath indicated position of enemy - word "YAMBES" in large letters also marked on ground nearby.
			Track along ridge runs through grass and then through low scrub near eastern village - 1 large lone tree seen on north side of track and 2 explosions with bursts of black smoke were seen nearby - immediately after explosion 1 man in shirt and trousers appeared from out of possible foxhole on south side of track nearby and disappeared into low scrub towards eastern village.
			4 small new huts and 1 small shelter seen amongst trees on lower slopes of hill at 363085.
	1400		Dropped message on own troops in middle village advising of Jap position and of huts at 363085 and they acknowledged receipt with message bag.
			Several dogs seen disappearing into huts in eastern village and did not reappear.
			1 man in light coloured shirt and trousers seen walking from easternmost hut in eastern village to small latrine-like shelter nearby.
			1 new hut 20'x10' in clearing on south bank of river at 365092.
			Approx 6 thin bamboo poles about 10' long seen lying on track at 350088.

Time and Signature [signature]

Rank, Unit, Div. etc.

A294—N.G.- Press Unit—9/43—10m

AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No T 50)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op (Contd)

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 T&C/R Sqn MISSION No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-194 / 46-213 DATE 13 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

REF. MAPS PILOT TIME UP VISIBILITY WEATHER

OBSERVER TIME DOWN

TOTAL

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
MIST HILL (8404)	1430	100'	Long village of approx 25 huts running approx NS along ridge top - 5-6 collapsed huts seen in south end of village with bomb craters nearby - [illegible].
YASUAR MISSION (2913)	1445		Established R/T communication with 2/7 Cdo Sqn at YASUAR MISSION - they requested strike on [illegible] - informed them of position there and advised no strike allowed - they requested recce of YAPONSTY (267095) and [illegible] (231090).
[illegible] (2609)	150		Village of 4 dilapidated huts - [illegible].
WAPNY (2309)	1520		Village of approx 8 huts in good condition set in palm trees on ridge top - ground well trodden and tracks well defined.
			Smoke seen rising from village - 1 man in green trousers and light coloured gaiters no shirt seen standing under tree with several natives near hut - watched s/c without acknowledgment.
			Preliminary message report dropped on 2/7 Cdo Sqn at YASUAR MISSION 291134 at 1535 hrs.

Time and Signature: A/O 2/c Lust A1 Dec (Tac/R) Lieut

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

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DATE. 12 Dec. 44

NIL SORTIES.

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45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

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"A" Flight 4 Tac/R Sqn

TADJI — 11 Dec 44 — Lieut S.A. KET

1	A46-183	F/O SKUTHORP	0730	1100	Tac/R TONG Area
1	A46-194	F/O MURRELL	0730	1100	Top Cover
2	A46-198	F/O TAYLOR	1045	1335	Lead-in WATAM VILLAGE
	A46-198	S/Ldr SNOOK	0830	1000	Cannon Test
	A46-213	F/O FORSTER	1430	1500	Test Flight
	A20-619	F/O LILJE	0830		Courier to MADANG

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Lieut
AIC 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

Dist: RAA (2), G AUST DIV (2), 2/6 CAV CDO REGT, AIC 71 TNG, ALO HQRCOM, ALO CRTC, 45 AUST AL SEC, HQ 4 SQN, FILE (2).

AIR LIAISON "A"

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op (Operation No T 48)

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-183 A46-194 DATE 11 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div.

REF. MAPS HAWK EAST WAU WEST 1 inch

PILOT F/O SKUTHORP

Top Cover ~~OBSERVER~~ F/O MUSRELL

TIME UP 0730

TIME DOWN 1100

TOTAL 3.30

VISIBILITY Fair - obscured by low cloud in many places.

WEATHER Fine - scattered rain - 9/10 Cu inland and over hills at 1100'

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
T.NG (2813)	0900	50'	Dropped despatches on 2/7 Cdo Sqn at JAGUAR MISSION 291134 as requested by 2/6 Cav Cdo Regt. Ground signal "T" (no target" was displayed.
new SARIK (3711)		50'	Village itself appears battered and burnt - no signs of any recent use - 1 large hut partly constructed approx 40'x20' seen under trees in small valley at 375113.
KOINGIL (3810)			Village of approx 6 small low grey huts good condition on grassy top of hill - ground in village appears overgrown - tracks faintly seen in grass appear more clearly defined at entrances to huts - 2 groups of 7-8 new huts 15'x10' seen amongst palms on slope of hill at 391105 and 393103 - ground in vicinity well trodden - 2-3 thin white poles approx 20' high seen sticking in ground between huts in latter group of huts.
SELAUA (4408)	0920		This village which natives have consistently reported as containing Japs is hard to identify. The country in this area is hilly and heavily timbered. Based on a relationship to TEPEMBER PK (4610) and [illegible] PK (4607 it would seem to be a small village of approx 6 huts fair condition set on upper NE slopes of a hill feature which falls away sharply on the north to TEPEMBER PK. Another village of about the same size is situated approx 600 yds to the west on the same feature and is possibly SELAUA. Supporting this is the fact that except for odd single huts there are no other villages for a radius of at least 1 mile - no obvious large tree, no diggings and no signs of bombing were seen in either village - natives were seen waving in gardens nearby.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

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AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No 48)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op (Contd)

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Sec/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 1 A C No. TYPE A6-183 A6-194 DATE 11 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

REF. MAPS PILOT TIME UP VISIBILITY WEATHER

OBSERVER TIME DOWN

TOTAL

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
ARONG (4729)	1000		Village of 7 large huts 40'x20' good condition - ground in village is well trodden - many large gardens are visible throughout general area which is heavily timbered but not hilly like the country to the north of the MAMU RIVER.
			Preliminary message reports dropped on SIG Gdn Sqn at YAGUAR IS I.2.1134 at 1130 hrs.

Time and Signature 1045 Lieut A. Sec (Tac/R)

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

Distr: FAA (2), 6 AUST DIV (2), 2/6 CAV CDO RRGT, ALO 71 WING, ALO NORCOM, ALO CRTC, 45 AUST AL SEC, HQ 4 SQN, FILE (2).

AIR LIAISON "A"

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op (Operation No T 49)

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission No. 2 A C No. TYPE A46-198 DATE 11 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Lead-in of 8 Sqn RAAF (Beauforts) for 71 Wing RAAF

REF. MAPS WATAM 1ST 1 inch PILOT F/O TAYLOR TIME UP 1045 VISIBILITY WEATHER

OBSERVER TIME DOWN 1335 Good - 20 miles Fine - 1/10 Cu at 4000'.

TOTAL 2.50

Place or Ref.	Time / I	Height	REPORT- INTERROGATION
TAM 3568)	1150	50'	No sign of barges reported at 354687 or in vicinity - reported this to 8 Sqn Beauforts and they proceeded to bomb WATAM and unnamed village at 352663 with bursts observed in both villages - ~~several huts left burning.~~
			Approx 4 huts in fair condition seen under trees on bank of lagoon between 352665 and 356657 - reported this to BEAUFORTS and indicated huts by strafing - 1 BEAUFORT bombed huts with bursts observed 100 yds to the south.
	1240		Strafed/canoes 20-30' long seen under trees on west bank of lagoon at 348674 - 1 canoe containing 1 large white leaf handbag seen to drift away from bank - otherwise results unobserved.
	1245		Approx 12 natives seen waving in unmapped village of approx 4 huts at 350670.

Time and Signature
Lieut
ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

"A" Flight 4 Tac/R Sqn — DAILY RECORD OF A/C BASED

A.C.B. TADJI — DATE 10 Dec 44 — A.I.A. Lieut S.A. KET

MISSION No.	A/C NO	PILOT	ORDVR	UP	DOWN	OVER ENEMY AREA	MADE X AREA	REMARKS
1	A46-197	F/O LILLIE		0700	0950			Lead in strike by BEAUFORTS on MUSIMBILIM.

Lieut
ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

Dist: OC 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)
File

Dist: RAA (2), 6 AUST DIV (2), 2/6 CAV CDO REGT, ALO 71 WING, ALO NORCOM, ALO ORTC, 45 AUST AL SEC, HQ 4 SQN, FILE (2).

AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No T 47)

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Sac/R Sqn Mission No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-197 DATE 10 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Lead in for 7 Sqn RAAF (Beauforts) for 6 Aust Div.

REF. MAPS MANU EAST
MANU WEST 1 inch

PILOT F/S LILLEE

OBSERVER

TIME UP 0700

TIME DOWN 0950

TOTAL 2.50

VISIBILITY Good - 15 miles

WEATHER Overcast at 15000' Scattered Cu on mountains at 4000'.

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
TARGET MUSIMBILIM (3464)	0740	100'	Attempted to indicate target by dropping 4x30lb incendiary bombs on village - none exploded.
			Indicated target by strafing village with cannon and called 7 Sqn to go in and bomb.
			7 Sqn proceeded to bomb the target as indicated and were followed by 100 Mn bombing on their bursts - bombs fell accurately on and around the village and subsequent observation disclosed almost complete devastation.
			(NOTE: The maps of this area do not show the villages accurately and there are quite a number of villages that are not shown on the map. The BOOMERANG pilot on the basis of the village of MUSIMBILIM being the village approx ½ mile SW of MUSIMBE (349054) depended largely on identification of MUSIMBE to establish the position of MUSIMBILIM. This village of MUSIMBE was understood to be on a green grassed hilltop and to consist of approx 6 burnt out huts, and accordingly this village having been satisfactorily identified the village approx ½ mile SW of it was the one indicated to 7 Sqn. On further study of the area however, the BOOMERANG pilot was under the impression that MUSIMBILIM was further west of the place bombed and that the actual place bombed was probably MUSIMBE - the green grassed burnt out village being an unmapped village.
			The BOOMERANG pilot formed this impression after 7 Sqn had commenced bombing and informed 7 Sqn thereof by R/T. The pilots of 7 Sqn however regard the village bombed as being the correct village of MUSIMBILIM.)
			During the bombing of the target the BOOMERANG pilot could hear intermittent snatches of R/T communication between the ground forces at TONG and

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-197 DATE 10 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

REF. MAPS PILOT TIME UP VISIBILITY WEATHER

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Place or Ref.	Time/T	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
			the T Sqn REINFORTS which seemed to indicate the ground forces wanted the target switched from MUSUMBILIM to new SAMIK (376111).
			On proceeding over TONG the BOOMERANG pilot established R/T communication with the ground forces and was asked to recce the village of SAMIK at 376111 in which Japs were reported.
new SAMIK (3711)	0855	100'	Approx half of village burnt to ground - many huts wrecked and badly damaged - no fires burning - nothing to indicate what damage had been done by bombing today as distinct from previous bombing - no signs of any defensive preparations or diggings - NIL.
			Preliminary message report dropped on T/T Cav Sqn at YAGWAR MISSION 291134 at 0815 hrs.

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"A" Flight 4 Tac/R Sqn DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLOWN

S.L.B. TADJI Month 9 Dec 44 Lieut S.A. KET

SORTIE No	A/C No	PILOT	PASSR.	UP	DOWN	OBJECTIVE	REMARKS
1	A20-507	S/Ldr SNOOK	Lieut KET	0700	0900	Bombing strike	
1	A20-619	F/O POLKINGHORNE	Capt MANGARROW	0700	0900		
2	A46-198	F/O TAYLOR		1945	1500	Tac/R ADUR River area.	
2	A46-163	F/O HUMPHREYS		1945	1500		

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(Operation No T 45)

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission No. 1 A C No. TYPE A20-507 A20-619 DATE 9 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Strike on MUSIMBILIM (Sq 3404) for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS HANU WEST BUT EAST 1 inch

PILOT S/Ldr SNOOK

OBSERVER Lieut KET

PILOT F/O POLKINGHORNE

OBSERVER Capt NANCARROW

TIME UP 0700

TIME DOWN 0900

TOTAL 2.00

VISIBILITY: Good over coast - 15 miles. Poor inland over target - obscured by cloud.

WEATHER: 9/10 low cloud inland over hills - second layer 6/10 with base at 4000' and tops at 8000'.

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT--INTERROGATION
TARGET MUSIMBILIM (3404)	0720	200'	Target area obscured by low cloud - mission not carried out - R/T communication unsatisfactory and advice of weather not received by ground station.
MASAWEI VILLAGES (9222)	0800		Dropped 8 x 100lb anti-sub and 10 x 30lb incendiaries on both villages - 1 huts destroyed - 4-5 left burning, others damaged.
			2 x 30lb incendiary bombs dropped on group of approx 6 huts at 928225 - 3 huts left burning.

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Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op (Operation No T 46)

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 2 A C No. TYPE A46-198 A46-183 DATE 9 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div.

REF. MAPS BUT WEST BUT EAST 1 inch PILOT F/O TAYLOR OBSERVER F/O HUMPHRYS TIME UP 1230 TIME DOWN 1500 TOTAL 2.30 VISIBILITY Good - 15 miles. WEATHER High cloud. Low cloud & rain on hills at 2000'.

Place or Ref.	Time / I	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
SALAMIWARA CK (7126)	1300	150'	Strafed 1 green canvas lean-to in small clearing at 713285 - what appeared like clothes seen hanging from uprights of lean-to - results unobserved.
			No sign of reported rifles and clothing at 720289.
AMUB RIVER (7427)		150'	Fresh footprints visible in bed of AMUB RIVER Sq 7427 for 100 yds and also across river at 752272.
			1 J-p carrying large bundle on head seen disappearing into trees on west bank of creek at 746267.
			1 newly furrowed garden approx 20 yds square on east bank of river at 742277.
			1 productive garden approx 40ydsx30yds at 740280.
			Black pole approx 40' high seen near small garden reported at 741286 (Operation No T 42).
			1 white sheet approx 8'x6' seen on ground in clearing at 782288 - 1 small hut and construction under trees nearby.
MINAHAN RIVER (7828)	1400		Several single huts with cut sak-sak palms nearby seen under trees throughout Sq 7828. Searchlight in damaged condition still visible at 834286. Many footprints visible on beach between MINAHAN RIVER and AMUB RIVER.
			Preliminary message report dropped on 2/4 Aust Inf Bn at BABIANG 405355 at 1430 hrs.

Time and Signature: Lieut ALO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

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DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS.

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NIL SORTIES.

Stanley C. Kell
Lieut
AIC 45 Aust AL Sqn (Tec/R) A.I.C.

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DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS

A/C	Pilot	Hours Flown	Task	Remarks
A46-197	F/O POLKINGHORNE	2.15	Tac/R and lead in of Beauforts MUSIMBILIM and SELNAUA.	Lead in abandoned because of cloud - 4 x 30lb incendaries dropped near BUT - none was seen to explode.
A46-211	F/O MURRELL	2.15	Top Cover	

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-197 A46-211 DATE 7 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R and lead in of 7 Sqn RAAF (Beauforts) for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS NANU EAST, NANU WEST, SUAIN EAST, BUT WEST 1 inch

PILOT F/O POLKINGHORNE

Top Cover F/O MURRELL

TIME UP 0815

TIME DOWN 1030

TOTAL 2.15

VISIBILITY: Good along coast - TONG area obscured by low cloud.

WEATHER: 9/10 cloud low on hills - Cu building up at 5000' completely overcast at 12000'.

Place or Ref.	Time /I	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
TARGETS			
MUSIMBILIM (3404)	0835		Both targets obscured by low cloud - mission not carried out.
SELNAUA (4408)			
DANIMUL RIVER (4628)	0845	100'	NMS in bed DANIMUL RIVER from source to 53 grid line.
DANMAP RIVER (5726)			NMS in bed DANMAP RIVER from junc ALBU CREEK Sq 5725 to junc MIMAI CREEK Sq 5324.
MON CREEK (6425)	0850	50'	4 Japs in light green shirts and trousers no headgear seen on north bank of creek at 648252 - canvas shelter 5'x5'x4' 1 yellow and 1 green strip of cloth approx 8' long 4-5 bundles and several metal utensils seen nearby - Japs disappeared into trees - strafed objects and trees in vicinity - wisp of smoke seen rising - otherwise unobserved results.
ANUMB RIVER (7526)	0905	50'	5 armed Japs seen walking north on sand spit in ANUMB RIVER at 757268 - Japs disappeared into kunai on east bank of river - strafed area with unobserved results.
			2 rows of close set stakes partially across bed of river at 767265 - rows approx 15' long and 10' apart projecting to height of 1' above water.
			Fresh footprints in sand bank at 754274.
Sq 6427	0915	50'	Unsuccessfully dropped 4 x 30lb incendiary bombs on and strafed 2 huts x 15'x10' well concealed under trees near well worn two wheel track

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-197 A46-211 DATE 7 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

REF. MAPS PILOT TIME UP VISIBILITY WEATHER

OBSERVER TIME DOWN

TOTAL

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT- INTERROGATION
			at 842275 - 1 damaged truck with no tyres but spearing well preserved with yellow and brown camouflage paint seen amongst scrub in clearing nearby.
			4-5 small bridges all good condition across unmapped and mapped creeks on road between 826280 and 838278.
			1 new hut 15'x10' well concealed under trees near creek at 837264 .
	0920	50'	2 strand twisted signal wire seen for approx 150 yds running NS along course of unnamed creek at approx 838261 - unnamed village at 838262 consists of 4-5 dilapidated grey huts.
			Strafed 1 hut 12'x6' good condition in low scrub at 838282 - unobserved results.
			Cannon holes observed in searchlight previously reported at 834286 (Operation No T 42) - searchlight is approx 4-5' in diameter.
	0950	20'	Footprints visible on beach between TJAKOMBELI (3528) and ANUMB RIVER (7929) - no sign of footprints thence westwards to DANGAP RIVER (562).

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6 Dec 44

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS

A/C		Pilot	Hours Flown	Task	Remarks
A46-163	F/O	FORSTER	2.45	Tac/R DANMAP RIVER & BUT Area	
A46-194	S/Ldr	SNOOK	2.45	Top Cover	
A46-165	F/O	HUMPHREYS	2.50	Tac/R TONG Area	
A46-197	F/O	McWHIRTER	2.50	Top Cover	
A46-211	F/O	SKUTHORP	.30	Cannon Test	

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AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No T 42)

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-183 A46-194 DATE 6 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS SU/EN EAST BUT EAST 1 inch PILOT F/O FORSTER Top Cover OBSERVER S/Ldr SNOOK TIME UP 0810 TIME DOWN 1055 TOTAL 2.45 VISIBILITY Fair - 6 miles WEATHER Overcast at 8000' Low scattered cloud in valleys & mist on coast.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
COASTLINE DANHAU RIVER to NINANAU RIVER	0930	30'	Footprints visible along beach in many places between 57 grid line and 80 grid line.
			Strafed 1 apparently new and serveeable searchlight approx 8' diameter camouflage-painted yellowish-brown seen amongst trees near beach at 834286 - cannon bursts observed on target.
			3 huts fair condition in seperate clearings amongst high trees at 773283, 782280, and 787279 - well worn tracks lead from clearings into jungle - wheel tracks at 798295 running parallel with river and into jungle appear well used.
BUT BROME Area (8627)	1000	50'	Roads in area still appear good but no obvious signs of recent use - crossing over AU CREEK 875265 appears mainly earth - bridge over MANIB RIVER 856276 is partly destroyed with detour across creek on north side.
			Drum-shaped object previously reported at 894263 (Mission 1 of 13 Nov) is now lying on its side in damaged condition.
ANUMB RIVER Area (7228)			1 well kept garden approx 50 yds square seen in clearing amongst tall trees in Sq 7228.
			Strafed 1 small dirty white tent in clearing at 716378 with unobserved results.
ROCKY CLIFF (6929)	1010		Large oil slick approx 50 yds wide and spread out over distance of 300 yds seen about 3/4 mile offshore from ROCKYCLIFF.
			Strafed 1 sak-sak hut 30'x10' fair condition partially covered by vines

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(Operation No T 42)

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 1 A C No.-TYPE A46-185 A46-194 DATE 6 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

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

Place or Ref.	Time /I	Height	REPORT--INTERROGATION
			at 666283 - unobserved results - track leads SE from hut into jungle.
DANMAP RIVER (5630)			No change on east bank as far as 29 grid line.
			Preliminary message report dropped on A Coy 2/4 Aust Inf Bn at SABIANG 405365 at 1040 hrs.

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Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op (Operation No T 45)

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission No. 2 A C No. TYPE A46-183 A46-197 DATE 6 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS NANU EAST NANU WEST 1 inch

PILOT F/O HUMPHREYS

Top Cover F/O McWHIRTER

TIME UP 1400

TIME DOWN 1650

TOTAL 2.50

VISIBILITY: Good over target - 15 miles.

WEATHER: 4/10 scattered Su at 5000'. 10/10 Cu over mountains at 5000'.

Place or Ref.	Time /I	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
TONG (2815)	1430	200'	White asterisk ground sign displayed at YASUAR MISSION (2913) - white cross displayed at TONG and also at "FRINGE (2912) - 15 minutes later ground sign "NT" was displayed at TONG.
PERIMBIL VILLAGES (3907)	1500	50'	Huts still some condition - ground in village bare - tracks leading into and through village are clearly defined and well worn - large garden on slope of hill to SE of village is overgrown - NMS.
MUSINAU (3706)	1515	50'	30-40 huts fair condition set on top of ridge - ground in and tracks leading into village are well worn - two 30' poles standing approx 6' apart seen in centre of north-eastern part of village with several ropes radiating from each post to trees on outskirts of village.
MUSIMBR (3405)	1530		No change in village main EW track passing through village is well worn - track leading SE to SISANGOM SX is narrow but very well worn - 2 fires seen in clearings near huts previously reported at 353051 (Operation No T 35).
MUSIMBILIM (3404)	1545		Approx 20 huts fair condition set on ridge - ground in and tracks leading into village well worn.
YOURANG (310')			Still unidentified.
			Preliminary message report dropped on 2/7 Cav Sqn at YASUAR MISSION 291134 at 1610 hrs.

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5 Dec 44

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS

A/C	Pilot	Hours Flown	Task	Remarks
A46-213	F/O HUMPHREYS	3.00	Tac/R TONG Area	
A46-211	F/O TAYLOR	3.00	Top Cover	

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(Operation No T 41)

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-213 A46-211 DATE 5 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS SUAIN WEST NANU EAST NANU WEST 1 inch PILOT F/O HUMPHREYS Top Cover OBSERVER F/O TAYLOR TIME UP 0900 TIME DOWN 1200 TOTAL 3.00

VISIBILITY: Good - 10 miles over target

WEATHER: Fine over target - 9/10 Cu over mountains at 9000'.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT- INTERROGATION
TONG (2813)	0930	100'	Considerable building activity - many men in green shirts and trousers also natives in area of TONG and YASUAR MISSION - white ground sign " " displayed in mission area.
KUMBUM (8512)	0930		Approx 15 huts in fair condition set on ridge - tracks in and around village well defined and ground in village is very bare and clean - NMS.
YANSIL (old) (2512)	0945		Approx 15 huts in fair condition and 1 new hut set on ridge - tracks and ground in village well trodden.
YASUAR MISSION (2913)	1000		Flashes from mirror or focussing lamp in mission area - on inspection an arrow ground sign was seen pointing towards KUMBUM with figures 3800 below it and the word "strafe" below the figures.
			Made 4 str fing runs in SW direction on huts in KUMBUM with unobserved results.
			On circling mission again ground sign had been altered, figures now changed to 4000 and arrow pointing in direction of YANSIL (old) - strafed huts in that village with unobserved results.
			On circling mission yr mission again ground sign "strafe OK" displayed.
	1015		5 new small huts seen in several small clearings scattered over area of approx 200 yds at 255120 - fallen timber in clearings.
SOAIAP (2413)	1030		4 huts fair condition and 1 new hut on top of spur - ground and tracks in vicinity well worn.

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ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

REF. MAPS PILOT TIME UP VISIBILITY WEATHER

OBSERVER TIME DOWN

TOTAL

Place or Ref.	Time / I Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
		4 small new huts almost obscured by trees on lower slope of hill at 268132.
		3 lengths of rope or vine hung similarly to that referred to in our report on Operation No T 39 were seen at DOGUIN (268143) with 1 native near multiple centre post.
		1 similar centre post but no ropes seen in village of PARNELL (Sq 2612).
YASILK (2711)	1045	15 huts fair condition set on ridge - tracks and ground in area well worn — 1 native seen walking unconcernedly in village.
YOURANG (3108)	1100	2-3 large villages of approx 15-20 huts each set on seperate ridges in area approximately at map reference given - no information availableto distinguish YOURANG - huts in fair condition - NMS.
YASUAR MISSION (2915)	1120	On dropping preliminary message report on 2/7 Cav Sqn at YASUAR MISSION a yellow ground sign "P" was seen apperently prearranged sign for Beaufort also seen circling the area.

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4 Dec 44

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS

A/C	Pilot	Hours Flown	Task	Remarks
A46-197	F/O MURRELL	3.00	Tac/R and Strike TOWG & SAHIK	
A46-183	F/O POLKINGHORNE	3.00	Top Cover	
A46-213	F/O LILLIE	3.00	Tac/R DANMAP RIVER	
A46-211	F/O SKUTHORP	3.00	Top Cover	
A46-194	S/L SNOOK	.20	Cannon Test	

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AIR LIAISON "A"

(Operation No T 40)

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 2 A C No. TYPE A46-213 A46-211 DATE 4 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS SUAIN EAST BUT WEST 1 inch PILOT F/C LILLIE For Cover OBSERVER F/O SKEWCORP TIME UP 0840 TIME DOWN 1140 TOTAL 3.00 VISIBILITY Good - 15 miles WEATHER Fine - 5/10 Cu at 6000'.

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
DANMAP RIVER (5630)	0900	100'	No change in area on east bank of river as far as 29 grid line - small portion of track coming out of trees on east bank of river at 559290 appears well worn.
IKAK CREEK (5527)		200'	Fresh cut sak-sak palms near hut previously reported at 556374.
BALUL (5527)			No village or clearing is visible at the point shown on the map - whole area very heavily timbered
			Tracks leading to and around in vicinity of 3 shelters previously reported at 567272 appear well worn.
AJSU CREEK (5726)		100'	No sign of Japs previously seen near shelter at 575256 - shelter appears dilapidated - no fresh cut sak-sak seen through Sq 5726.
DANMAP RIVER (5896)			Footprints on north side of creek bed at 589267.
			MMS in DANMAP RIVER from mouth to ARIUA CREEK Sq 6126.
ARIUA CREEK (6426)			Footprints in creek bed for distance of approx 300 yds.
HON CREEK (6425)			Single strand of thin rope or wire approx 50' in length seen across creek near track at 642259.
SOWAM VILLAGES (7599)			1 Jap seen standing still under trees on beachfront at 750296 - 2 canvas shelters and several pots containing yellow sak-sak seen nearby - Jap had disappeared when a/c came round again - strafed shelters and general area with unobserved results.

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ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

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Place or Ref.	Time/T	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
			1 other Jap seen running back under trees in same area.
			2 canvas and 1 sak-sak shelters at 733292 with 1 Jap and several squares of white sak-sak nearby - strafed huts and vicinity with unobserved results.
			Patches of sak-sak growing throughout general area with many felled palms and squares of white sak-sak - several tracks lead south into jungle from these areas.
			1 large green tarpaulin spread out on ground across track at 764295.
			1 large hut 60'x20' and new hut framework visible only from south under trees near well kept garden previously reported at 744286 - 4 squares of white sak-sak nearby.
			1 garden area approx 100 yds x 30 yds with small portion only tended seen at 743280. 4 squares of white sak-sak in river bed at 747274 - footprints visible in river bed at 754274.
SALAMINARA CK (7127)			Strafed 1 large green tent at 715278 with unobserved results.
			Beach from MINAHAU RIVER Sq 7929 westwards to approx 500 yds from DARM P RIVER Sq 5630 is well marked by footprints.
			Preliminary message report dropped on A Coy 2/4 Aust Inf Bn at BABIANG 405355 at 1125 hrs.

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AIO 45 Aust AL Sqn (Tac/R)

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BASE SECTION

LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-197 A46-183

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R and lead in of 7 Sqn RAAF (Beauforts) for 6 Aust Div.

REF. MAPS M/NU EAST WANU WEST 1 inch PILOT F/O MU KELL. Top Cover OBSERVER F/O OLKIEWICZ

TIME UP 0730 TIME DOWN 1030 TOTAL 3.00

VISIBILITY: Good - 10 miles but limited in places by cloud on hilltops.

WEATHER: Fine - 4/10 Cu on hilltops at 2400'.

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
TARGET new SATIK (375111)	0820	200'	Indicated target by dropping 2x30lb phosphorus bombs on north end of village - advised Beauforts to aim 100 yds south of smoke.
			7 Beauforts dropped 12500 lbs bombs on target as indicated with bursts observed in north end of village and approx 150 yds to east.
		50'	On closer inspection 2-3 huts were seen to be destroyed and 2-3 others damaged at northx end of village.
	0825	60'	1 Beaufort dropped 1500 lbs incendary bombs with direct hits in northern part of village setting fire to hut area.
		50'	On closer inspection about 1 hour later 12 huts were seen to be newly burnt to the ground and others ~~xxxx~~ still smouldering in the northern part of the village leaving approx 26 huts in fair condition still remaining - approx 10 previously burnt out huts were visible in the southern part of the village - no signs of occupation throughout village.
YASUAR MISSION (2913)			Approx 10 men in green shirts and trousers and approx 20 natives seen in old mission area with arrow ground sign pointing on bearing approx 235 deg and numerals 4500 beneath it.
			Within a radius of 2 miles of TONG there are numerous native villages big and small and numerous tracks which are not in accordance with the map - identification and pinpointing with the present maps is almost impossible and any map references given can be only very roughly approximate.

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-197 A46-183 DATE 4 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

REF. MAPS PILOT TIME UP VISIBILITY WEATHER

OBSERVER TIME DOWN

TOTAL

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
			2 new huts 12'x12' and 2 under construction amongst trees at 314116 - ashes and yellow ssk-ssk nearby - 3 new huts and 3 shelters at 312116 - 1 hut amongst trees at 314112 - 1 native seen waving in village at 324114.
			3 villages with a distance of approx 300 yds between each and consisting of 25, 4 and 12 huts respectively seen on top of ridge running NE to SW at a position approx 4000 yds from TONG on bearing 220 deg mag. - these villages are possible those shown in the area of YASUMIK (Sq 2610) - the largest village contains 2-3 huts apparently repaired with brown patches of ssk-ssk leaves around the sides - well used track runs approx SE to NW - MMS.
			On SE slope of same ridge 6 new and partially built huts approx 12'x6' amongst trees just NE of creek at 296096 - 1 native waving white lap-lap in garden in village at 295096 - 5 good huts on same side of creek at approx 299098 - approx 15 huts 12'x6' amongst trees on SE slope of feature at approx 263096.
			Village of approx 15 huts seen at position approx 2000 yds from TONG on bearing 240 deg mag. - what appeared like quarter inch wire seen at height of approx 25' from ground radiating in 3 legs from post in centre of village to 3 separate trees approx 6-7ft yds away - what appeared like white insulator attached to 1 leg of the wire (spot height 18[illegible]').
			12 new and partly constructed huts 12'x6' seen in hollow at approx 258111 - 3 good huts 15'x5'x5' of greyish colour and partly covered by vine[illegible] at 254111.

Name and Signature

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

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(Operation No 39)

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-197 A46-183 DATE 4 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

REF. MAPS PILOT TIME UP VISIBILITY WEATHER

OBSERVER TIME DOWN

TOTAL

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT - INTERROGATION
NEMAINGIL (3811)	0930	8[illegible]'	30-40 small new huts approx 15'x8' seen scattered amongst trees along south side of creek commencing at 384110 and continuing to 414093.
PERRUBIL VILLAGES (8907)	0945	10[illegible]'	Approx 100 huts in fair condition set on hill - 5 burnt out and 8pl0 damaged huts in NE portion of group at 393078 - bombed area visible approx 1-0 yds towest on slope of hill - 2 new huts 15'x10' amongst trees on slope of hill at 394077 - NIL.
			~~Preliminary message report dropped on A Tp 2/7 Cav Sqn at KAMPAR MISOI 291134 at 1-15 hrs.~~

Time and Signature [signature] Lieut
AIO 46 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)
Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

DAILY NUMBER OF A/C TOURS.

"A"FLIGHT
4 Tac/R Sqn
A.C.F. TADJI .....

DATE 3 Dec 44

NIL SORTIES.

Stanley G. Ker
.....Lieut. A.I.
45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

HQ 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

"A" Flight
4 Tac/R Sqn

TADJI
2 Dec 44

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS

A/C	Pilot	Hours Flown	Task	Remarks
A46-183	F/O TAYLOR	2.30	Tac/R DANMAP RIVER	
A46-213	F/O HUMPHREYS	2.30	Top Cover	
A46-194	S/L SNOOK	3.00	Tac/R and Strike TONG Area	
A46-197	F/O FORSTER	3.00	" " " " "	
A46-183	F/O EASTON	3.00	" " " " "	
A46-213	F/O McWHIRTER	3.00	" " " " "	

Lieut
AIO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

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Dist: RAA (2), 6 AUST DIV (2), 2/6 CAV CDO REGT, ALO 71 WING, ALO NORCOM, ALO CRTC, 45 AUST AL SEC, HQ 4 SQN, FILE (2).

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission SORTIE No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-183 A46-213 DATE 2 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS SHAN EAST 1 inch Top Cover PILOT F/O TAYLOR OBSERVER F/O HUMPHREYS

TIME UP 0735 TIME DOWN 1005 TOTAL 2.30

VISIBILITY: Good for distance but difficult on ground because of sun and shadow.

WEATHER: Fine, high cloud - 2/10 Cu on hills at 1500'.

Place or Ref.	Time/I	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
DANDRIWAD RIVER (3728)	0755	3000'	2 small shelters on west bank of river at 377289.
			Track shown on map as commencing at 374285 is not visible because of trees - small creek in Sq 3824 is visible and would be useable as a track - approx 200 yds of track very well worn and clearly visible on top of ridge in Sq 3823 - creek as shown at 389225 is clearly visible from there to river at 410209 and appears quite useable as a track - 1 low hut approx 20'x8'x6' seen near bank at 390221.
CHEM (4020)	0815	200'	2-3 old huts in clearing on small ridge - approx where shown on map - appears deserted - unnamed village of approx 7 huts good condition with 5 natives in village waving seen on top of hill at approx 395210.
DANMAP RIVER			NIL along DANMAP RIVER from CHEM as far as WALUM (5719).
YELUM CREEK (5017)			Patch of sak-sak approx 100 yds x 50yds near east bank of creek shows considerable amount of cut leaves on ground.
			1 hut good condition in small sak-sak patch at 515182.
MALAKAIBA OK (5620)			Huts and shelters previously reported at 566206 & 576207 and 575215 (Operation No T 34) - no change - NIL.
			Preliminary message report dropped on 2/4 Aust Inf Bn at BABIANG 405356 at 0945 hrs.

Time and Signature
ALO 45 Aust AL Sec
Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

Dist: FA[illegible]3), 5 AUST DIV (3), 2/6 CAV CDO REGT, ALO 71 FIG, ALO NORCOM, ALO NORTH, 45 AUST AL SEC, HQ 4 SQN, FILE (2)

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LOCATION TADUT UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn MISSION SORTIE No. 2 A C No. TYPE A46-194 A46-197 A46-183 A46-213 DATE 2 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R and strike for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS HANU WEST 1 inch PILOT S/Ldr [illegible] F/O FORSTER OBSERVER F/O [illegible] F/O McWHIRTER TIME UP 1546 TIME DOWN 1646 TOTAL 5.40

VISIBILITY Fair - 15 miles

WEATHER Rain and 9/10 low cloud over hills.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
YASUAR MISSION (2913)	1420	2700'	Approx 4 white men and approx 30 natives seen in burnt out mission area - trenches and foxholes under construction NE corner of clearing - ground sign "X" was displayed.
		50'	Dropped message requesting indication of direction and distance of enemy by means of arrow as a result an arrow pointing approx SE with numerals 500 beneath it was displayed.
			Several unmapped villages seen in approximate position indicated - huts in good condition and ground in vicinity of these villages appeared bare and well used - NAD.
			Strafed villages with unobserved results.
			1 hut approx 15'x10' good condition almost concealed by overhanging vines seen at 344114 - open log bigway approx 30' long leading from hut to creek nearby.
			1 hut with new green sak-sak fronds placed against sides and ends seen on commanding ridge near creek at approx 314478 - bed-like framework consisting of shelf approx 5'x5' set about halfway up 4 uprights 10' in length seen close to hut.
			Numerous huts in course of construction throughout general area and much cut sak-sak - not inconsistent with native activity - accurate pin-pointing very difficult in this Reliability "D" area.
			Preliminary message report dropped on A Tp 2/7 Cav Sqn at YASUAR MISSION 291134 at 1615 hrs.

Time and Signature [signature] T/Sgt

ALO 45 AUST AL SEC (T.S.)
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"A" FLIGHT
4 Tac/R Sqn

TADJI
1 Dec 44

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS

A/C		Pilot	Hours Flown	Task	Remarks
A46-194	S/Ldr	SNOOK	3.00	Tac/R DANMAP RIVER	
A46-197	F/O	McWHIRTER	3.00	Top/Cover	

Lieut
AIO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

Dist:- OC 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)
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Dist: PA(2), 6 AUST DIV(2), 2/6 CAV CDO REGT, AIO 71 WING, AIO MORCOM, AIO CRTC, 45 AUST AL SEC, HQ 4 SQN, FILE (2).

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LOCATION TADJI UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn Mission No. 1 A C No.- TYPE A46-194 A46-197 DATE 1 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R for 6 Aust Div

REF. MAPS RUAIN EAST BUT WEST 1 inch

PILOT S/L SHOOK Observer P/O O-HIRTER

TIME UP 0755 TIME DOWN 1035 TOTAL 2.00

VISIBILITY Good - 25 miles

WEATHER Rain on coast between BUT and WEWAK. 4/10 cloud on hills at 1600' north of DANMAP RIVER.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
DANMAP RIVER (5630)	~~0755~~	~~80'~~	~~0 change - nil.~~
	0800	50'	Not appeared like caterpillar tracked vehicle tracks seen at 617306 distinctly commencing approx 10' from trees and leading down beach into sea - no sign of any entrance into trees nor any other evidence of such a vehicle.
ABAU (6528)			Track between ABAU and ANUMB RIVER (7329) appears well used - footprints visible in black sand at 703283.
MIKAI CREEK (6620)			Both 2 huts seen at 656213 on 30 Nov have roof completed - strafed huts with unobserved results.
			3 huts fair condition and approx 5-6/huts poor on west bank of DANMAP RIVER at 695213 - no sign of tracks - appeared deserted.
			Pre liminery messeze report dropped on 2/7 Cav Cdo Sqn at BARLING 405355 at 1015 hrs.

Time and Signature

Lieut AIO 45 Aust AL Sec (Tac/R)

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A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

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A.C.S. NADZAB DATE 29 DEC 44. DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS A.I.C.W.; HOLDSWORTH CAPT.

	Serial No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Off.	Local.	Hrs. Flown.	Nature of Duties.	Remarks & Results.
MISSION 1	1	A46/2-0	F/L PHILLIPS	0640 NAD 0815 MAD 1330 MAD	0730 MAD 1130 MAD 1425 NAD	5 hrs	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
MISSION 1	2	A46/217	F/O Sanders	0650 NAD 0820 MAD 1405 MAD	0740 MAD 1140 MAD 1500 NAD	5 hrs 5 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
MISSION 2	1	A46/199	F/L FLYNN	0645 NAD 0755 MAD 1405 MAD	0740 MAD 1125 MAD 1500 NAD	5 hrs 30 mins	Lead in & TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL

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

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MISSION NO. 1

LOCATION NADZ B UNIT 4 TAC/R S.E. SORTIE No. 1 A C No.- TYPE A45 /210 DATE 29 DEC 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R from SEPIK MOUTH, SOUTH to MARIENBERG, and WEST to GAVIEN VILLAGE.

REF. MAPS SEPIK WEST and SEPIK EAST. 1 inch to 1 mile. PILOT F/L PHILLIPS. OBSERVER

TIME UP 0640 NAD 1330 NAD 0815 NAD NAD 0730 NAD 1425

TIME DOWN NAD 1130

TOTAL 5 Hours.

VISIBILITY POOR

WEATHER FAIR

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT- INTERROGATION
MARIENBERG	0920	MIN ALT.	approx 12 Consists of native huts, 2 with iron roofs. The main mission building, approx 120 x 60 ft, is in centre of village and appears wrecked. Gardens in area are neglected and overgrown. Village appears deserted. No movement seen.
BOANAN 000659			Very small village consisting of one wrecked native hut. Appears deserted. No movement seen.
MARIENBERG 961689			Four apparently deserted native huts in bad condition. One new hut in course of construction at 958687. No movement seen in area.
ATABU 936666			Consists of 8 huts, approx 30 x 10 ft. A garden approx one acre in extent appears in fair condition. Three strafing runs with hits observed. No movement seen in area.
MANSEP 915679			Consists of 4 native huts oneof which is approx 60 x 20 ft. Three strafing runs with hits observed on huts. No movement seen.
GAVIEN 876696			Position as shown on map is correct. Consists of 20 native huts in fair condition. One garment observed hanging out of a window. Well used tracks in area. Vill may be occupied. Three strafing runs with hits observed. No movement seen.
VILLAGE 867678			Consists of 4 huts - 3 in bad condition - one partly built. Village appeared deserted.
MASAN 952706			Eight native huts in bad condition. Appears deserted, but tracks clean and new looking.
			Tracks in general vicinity of those villages are foot tracks with exception of that between MARIENBERG and BOANAN

Time and Signature

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MISSION 1

LOCATION MADANG UNIT 4 TAC/R S.W. SORTIE No. 1 A C No. - TYPE DATE 29 DEC 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

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

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			which is a double track suitable for light vehicles. All tracks are a light brown colour and appear to be in use.
92767 to EPIK.			Recce continued from 892767 SOUTH EAST to MAJOR CANAL, where at 182760 two canoes, overturned and tied together at one endand apart at the other forming a V, were seen. A previous report described these as an overturned flat bottomed boat. From MAJOR CANAL to SEPIK RIVER no movement was seen.
			Messages dropped on 4 BN and 8 BDE seen to be recovered.

W. D. Robertson CAPT.
Time and Signature

AIO 45 AUST A I SEC (4 TAC/R)
Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

DIST: FAA(2), 8 BDE, NGIB, ALO NGRCOM, 4 TAC/R SQN, 45 AUST A L SEC, ALO CRTC, FILE. NAD 26

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MISSION NO. 1

LOCATION NADZAB UNIT 4 TAC /R SQN SORTIE No. 2 A C No. TYPE A 46 - 217 DATE 29 DEC 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC /R VILLAGES VICINITY KAZIMIN, NORTH WEST to KAUP, EAST to SEPIK RIVER.

REF. MAPS SEPIK WEST, SEPIK EAST, 1 inch series. PILOT F/O SANDERS. OBSERVER

TIME UP 0650 NAD 1405 NAD, 0820 NAD, 0740 NAD 1500 NAD

TIME DOWN 1140 NAD

TOTAL 5 HRS 5 MINS

VISIBILITY POOR

WEATHER FAIR

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
KASKURIN 330730	0930	Min Alt.	Consists of 22 native huts approx 20 x 15 ft, 15 in good condition, rest in poor condition. Built on stilts. Tracks in vill. well worn. No movement seen. Strafed 3 good huts with hits observed.
BOIK 819736			Remains of 8 huts in area. No movement seen. Tracks old and overgrown. Appeared unoccupied.
KAZIMIN 799728			Group of villages in area round KAZIMIN are comprised of a total of 12 native huts in poor condition. One well built hut out side of which is a well kept garden approx 20 x 30 ft. This hut was strafed but results unobserved. Tracks in area well worn but overgrown. No movement seen.
ULABUI 791719			Two disused native huts. No movement seen.
ULLAL 779701			In village are 3 broken down huts, and one in fair condition. No movement seen.
KIS 785767			Village consists of 15 huts in fair condition. Tracks well worn. Approx 250 yds North of village a small fire was seen beside a small brown cleared patch. No movement seen.
KAUP 953807			In village are approx 50 huts all sizes. 35 are in good condition, 15 very old. Numerous small native gardens apparently in use, are scattered throughout the village. Tracks in vicinity are well worn. No movement seen though village appeared occupied. Five vertical photos were taken.
			Tracks throughout all this area could only be seen where they entered villages.
			From KAUP, EAST along coast to SEPIK R no movement seen on land [illegible]. Messages dropped on 4 BN and 8 BDE seen to be recovered.

Signature W. L. Holdegoot CAPT
ALO, 45 AUST A L SEC (TAC/R)

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

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DIST:- [illegible](2), 8 BD., HCID, ALO [illegible], 4 TAC/R [illegible], 5 AIASU, [illegible] C, 1 CRTC, File.

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MISSION 2

LOCATION MADZAD UNIT 4 TAC/R S. A. SORTIE No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-199 DATE 29 DEC 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE LEAD-IN AND TAC/R BOSMAN AREA.

REF. MAPS HUBIA WEST 1" Series PILOT F/Lt J Flynn OBSERVER

TIME UP 0645 BAD 1405 BAD / 0755 BAD / 0740 BAD 150 0 BAD

TIME DOWN 1125 BAD

TOTAL 5 hrs 30 mins

VISIBILITY GOOD

WEATHER FAIR

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
BOSEGUN RIVER	0850	Min Alt	During recce of BOSMAN area prior to LEAD-IN strike, 1 dugout canoe, approx 20 ft long, with one native occupant was sighted in the centre of BOSNGUN RIVER at 490411. BOSNGUN RIVER was followed to junction with creek at 479395. At 479395 where one large canoe, approx 30 ft long, (possibly powered launch reported by native), with one smaller canoe (approx 20 ft) alongside were stationary across the creek mouth, which runs 30°Tn. Pilot also observed movement of one person in this area, who ran for protection beneath a large tree on the WESTERN bank of river.
BOSMAN VILLAGE 465397			This village is in 2 groups of approx 20 huts in each group, in good condition. In the EAST section of the village is a well kept garden (diameter approx 30 ft) with low plants growing. No movement or signs of watercraft were seen in village area. Pilot then proceeded to RV.
LEAD-IN STRIKE BOSMAN VILLAGE	0920 to 0950		Pilot of Lead-in a/c met 7 A20's over AZAR STRIP at appointed time, and were led-in as previous arranged with ALO CRTC. Both sections of the village were well covered by bombing and strafing. On completion of strike pilot of BOOMERANG flew low over village and observed approx 6 huts badly damaged; no fires were observed.
	1000		Pilot continued TAC/R EAST along BOSNGUN RIVER to creek junction mentioned previously,(479395). Canoes were now drawn in close to the EAST bank of creek. Closer observation of the tree, (mentioned previously, under which the man took cover), disclosed, in the branches of the tree, a platform, approx 4 ft square, with thatched roofing overhead. The platform was approx 8 ft above the ground. Ground in vicinity of the tree was well worn. Pilot considers an observer on this platform would have a good field of view to EAST, but timber would obscure view to WEST. (CONTINUED).

DISTs. F.M(2); G.S.O. HQ[illegible]; A.D.O. B[illegible], 4 T.C/R S.E, +5 A.I.T. at S.E.C, A.D.O. CRTC, FILE.

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SHEET # 2

LOCATION [illegible] UNIT 4 T.C/R [illegible] SORTIE No. 1 Continued A C No. TYPE DATE 29 Dec ++.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
[illegible] 1" Series	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN		
		TOTAL		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			Foliage of trees gives good concealment of platform from above, but can easily be seen from a/c flying low along creek in [illegible] direction.
			Mat appeared to be a small, new, lightly constructed jetty, approx 2 ft wide, was seen projecting from bank for several feet out into riverground band on the [illegible] from canoes.
			Strafing runs were made with cannon on general area,(platform, canoes and jetty); results were unobserved. On returning north along [illegible], canoe previously reported at +90++ had gone, but a similar type canoe was seen on east bank of [illegible] at +95+00, possibly same canoe. No movement was seen.
			On East bank of [illegible] RIVER, at +09+35, 7 huts,(approx 25 ft x 15 ft), were seen; 5 in good condition; 2 in state of disrepair. No covercut or signs of occupation were seen.
			At the request of G.S.O., a thorough recce was made of square +70++0, in which a track junction and an unnamed village appear on the map. No traces of the village or the track junction were seen in this area.
			At the request of A.D.O. [illegible], sealed envelopes were dropped on [illegible]. Message was seen to be received, this fact was reported to [illegible] on return to [illegible].
			Preliminary report of recce was passed to S.E.C. [illegible] at 291615 I.

W. S. Robertson Capt.

Time and Signature of last Entry (Date).

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

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A.C.B. NADZAB DATE. 27 DEC 44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS A.L.O. W.HOLDSWORTH CAPT.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Operational Base.	T/O.	Local.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1	A46-210	F/O DELLOW	0700 NAD 0830 MAD 1340 MAD	0750 MAD 1145 MAD 1440 NAD	5 hrs 5 mins.	TAC/R		SUCCESSFUL
2	A46-195	F/O PEDERSEN	0700 NAD 0830 MAD 1430 MAD	0750 MAD 1150 MAD 1530 NAD	5 hrs 10 mins	TAC/R		SUCCESSFUL

DIST :- WAR DIARY, FILE.

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

DIST:- FSA(2), 83DE, NGIB, ALC NORCOM, 4 Tac/R Sqn, 45 Arct A.L. Sqn, ALC CNTC, File.

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LOCATION RADJAB UNIT 4 Tac/R Sqn SORTIE No. 1 A C No. TYPE A-46-210 DATE 27 Dec 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE Tac/R SOUTH SEPIK RIVER TO 059644 and MAJOR CANAL.

REF. MAPS WEWAK EAST WEWAK EAST 1 inch series.

PILOT F/O DRILON.

OBSERVER

TIME UP 0700 MAD 0830 MAD 0750 MAD 1340 MAD 1440 MAD

TIME DOWN 1145 MAD

TOTAL 5 hrs 5 mins

VISIBILITY Good

WEATHER Good

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT - INTERROGATION
347756			NO movement was seen. Previous TAC/R of this area on 23 Dec reported 2 Japs.
MABUK 189628			At request of ALC NORCOM both pilots investigated reports of 20 barges at MABUK, but no movement or signs of barges seen.
350768			No barge seen 350768.
			Approx 6 small new huts were observed in fringe of trees approx 10 yds from shore between 347756 - 342751.
			One dugout canoe 15 ft long observed 349767 . No movement seen from SEPIK RIVER mouth to MAJOR CANAL junction.
MAJOR CANAL			CANAL is approx 20 ft wide and navigable to small craft to 209733. From 209733 to 211741 canal is hidden by overhanging trees and is possible cover for small craft. From 211741 North to coast canal is as shown on map and appears navigable. Pilot then flew South along Canal to 223765 thence EAST to 178748 where a flat bottomed overturned boat, approx 30 ft long, with pointed bow and square stern, was seen slightly under water in the centre of Canal. Pilot then followed canal to 186669. then SOUTH EAST to 189648 where waterway ended. Continuing SOUTH EAST to MABUK a small drain approx 8 ft wide entered SEPIK at 185624. From MABUK back to junction 186669 thence EAST to 072656 where canal peters out into swamp. Continuing SOUTH, at 059664 a narrow canal empties into SEPIK. ON the WEST of this canal is a small landing stage approx 6 ft wide and 15 ft long. On the EAST bank are three small huts approx 15 x 10 ft., well hidden in trees. Huts appeared new. From this position EAST along SEPIK to 231659 no movement was seen. At 231659 a 15 ft dugout canoe was seen on NORTH bank, also well hidden in trees was a small hut approx 15 x 10 ft.
			Messages dropped on SEPIK RANGE and 8 SQZ seen to be recovered.

Time and Signature: F/O Drilon, R.A.A.F. A.L.O. 4 TAC/R Sqn.

Time Passed Hdqrs: Maj. A.L. Sec.

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AMENDMENT to TAC/R REPORT WAD 24 of 27 DEC 1944.

(1) Paragraph one - WATAM AREA. Should reads- At 355683 was a half dug garden.

W. L. McCormick CAPT.
ALO 45 Must A.A.SEC.

28 DEC 44

DIST :-FAA(2),8 BDE,NCIB, ALO NORCON, 4 TAC/R Sqn, 45 Aust A L Sec, ALO CRTC, File.

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LOCATION MADZAB UNIT 4 TAC/ R Sqn. SORTIE No. 2 A C No. TYPE A 46 - 195 DATE 27 Dec 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC / R WATAM - Mouth of SEPIK to NEW SINGARIN - WANGAN.

REF. MAPS SEPIK EAST
WATAM WEST
1 inch series.

PILOT P/O PEDERSEN

OBSERVER

TIME UP 0700 MAD 1430 MAD
0830 MAD
0750 MAD 1530 MAD

TIME DOWN 1150 MAD

TOTAL 5 hrs 10 mins.

VISIBILITY GOOD

WEATHER GOOD

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
WATAM			At 354685 at least 4 natives huts approx 30 x 20 ft in good condition. Also drawn up on shore was a native canoe approx 30 ft long. No movement seen but whole area well strafed. At 355683 was a half dug vegetable garden with seedlings planted in rows. Area of garden approx 1000 sq yds. A man was observed working in the garden - may have been a JAP. When A/C turned to reexamine area the man had disappeared into undergrowth. The pilot had been over this area on 17 th Dec., but garden was not observed. Pilot then made recce from mouth of SEPIK to NEW SINGARIN. No movement seen on river.
NEW SINGARIN			Huts in this village were deserted and appeared damaged by bomb blast. Two bomb craters were seen on edge of clearing about 25 yds from huts.
OLD SINGARIN			No movement was seen.
~~WATAM LAGOON~~			~~From OLD SINGARIN pilot flew SOUTH EAST to WATAM LAGOON. At 283643 a new looking 30 ft canoe was seen.~~
WANGAN			AT 335589 two huts 30 x 12 ft in bad condition, and one leanto, new and thatched with palm leaves, approx 10 x 12 ft. WANGAN VILLAGE no movement seen but pilot considers it may be occupied.
KOPRAN 339700			No dumps or movement seen in vicinity.
			Messages dropped on SEPIK FORCE and 8 BDE. seen to be recovered.

W. L. Pedersen CAPT
Time and Signature A.L.O. 4 TAC/R Sqn.

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc. 45 AUST A.L.SEC.

A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

A.C.S. NADZAB DATE. 23.DEC.44. DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A.L.O. W. HOLDSWORTH CAPT.

Serial No.	A/C No.	PILOT.	DEST.	UP.	DOWN.	OVER AREA.	TASK & AREA.	REMARKS & RESULTS.
1	A46-179	F/O Righetti		0515 MAD 0945 MAD	0815 MAD 1035 NAD	3 hrs 50 mins	TAC/R - BARGE HUNT	SUCCESSFUL.

DIST:- WAR DIARY, FILE,.

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

DIST:- [illegible]

AIR LIAISON "A"

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT 4 RAAF/R.S.U. SORTIE No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-179 DATE 22 DEC 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE ARMY RECCE - DEPIK RIVER AREA.

REF. MAPS MAP Sheet 1" = 1 Mile PILOT F/O I.Righetti

EDGIA 1" = 4 Miles OBSERVER

TIME UP 0515 MAD 0945 MAD TIME DOWN 0815 MAD 1035 MAD, TOTAL 5 hrs 50 mins.

VISIBILITY FAIR

WEATHER GOOD

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
			F/O SANDERS of 9 COY PIR sighted one 30' barge with pointed bow, square stern and canvas covering, on bank at C 3068; time 221400 I.
			Briefing for armed recce was carried out at MADANG by [illegible]
DEPIK RIVER C 3068	0600	300'	Pilot made thorough recce of locality, where barge was sighted on previous afternoon; no watercraft or movement was seen. River recce was continued along DEPIK RIVER from mouth to C 2578, but again no movement or watercraft were seen.
			Pilot returned down DEPIK RIVER to approx C 2678, then made coastal recce to MIRDAK, C 1782, and returned EAST along coast to mouth of DEPIK RIVER flying at 50' alt. No movement was seen.
			On following coast CUTS from C 25 CIRCLE into mouth of DEPIK RIVER, 2 men were surprised, washing on SOUTH bank of river at 343752. As aircraft flashed past, pilot saw the men standing straight and motionless on bank. Men were wearing khaki shorts and footwear. On circling for further observation, the men were seen disappearing into swampy scrub, leaving behind a bucket, where the men were first seen, and a tin, approx 18" x 12" x 10", on a log. These men were possibly JAPS, surprised during ablutions. No huts were seen in immediate vicinity; area was covered with low swamp growth NOT more than 6 ft high. With exception of footmarks where men were sighted, no tracks were seen in area. Three strafing runs were made on the area using A/C and Cannon fire, approx three minutes after sighting; hits were seen in area, but results were unobserved.
			During recce of this area 3 new huts (one approx 25' x 15', one approx 15' x 12', and one very small similar to a sentry box) were seen concealed in high growth near waters edge at 343747. No movement or tracks were seen.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc. (Continued)

DIST :- FAA (2), 2 BDE, NCIB, ALC NORCOM, 4 TAC/R SQN, 45 AUST AL SEC, ALC CRTS, FILE.

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LOCATION NADZAB UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 1 (Continued) A C No. TYPE DATE 23 DEC 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

REF. MAPS NADZAB Dist 1" = 1 Mile PILOT F/O I Righetti

SOUTH 1" = 4 Miles OBSERVER

TIME UP

TIME DOWN

TOTAL

VISIBILITY	WEATHER

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			Message was dropped on LIAISON FORCE and 6 BDE; both messages seen to be recovered.
			Brief report was phoned to ADJT 2 AUST AL GROUP at NADZAB at 230SEC I.

W J Robertson Capt.

Time and Signature

ALC 4 TAC/R SQN RAAF.

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

45 AUST AL SEC (TAC/R).

A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

A.C.B. NADZAB DATE. 22 DEC 44. DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS A.L.O. W. HOLDSWORTH CAPT.

Serial No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	Observer.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1	A46-193	F/Lt Flynn		0710 NAD	0810 MAD	4 hrs	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL.
				0855 MAD	1225 NAD	30 mins		
2	A46-179	F/O Righetti		0710 NAD	0810 MAD	1 hr	TAC/R	UNSUCCESSFUL due to unserviceability at MADANG.
3	A20-641	P/O Pedersen	Capt Holdsworth	0800 NAD	0900 DUMPU	3 hrs		
				0915 DUMPU	1115 "	40 mins	SUPPLY DROP	SUCCESSFUL.
				1210 "	1250 NAD			

DIST:- WAR DIARY, FILE .

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

Dist :- [illegible] NGIB

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION RAMU	UNIT [illegible]	SORTIE No. 1	A/C No. - TYPE [illegible]	DATE 22 DEC 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R - RAMU RIVER [illegible] TO GEMENGO.

REF. MAPS 2001A & Files - 1"	PILOT F/LT FISH	TIME UP 0810 1230	VISIBILITY GOOD	WEATHER GOOD WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS.
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN 1245 [illegible]		
		TOTAL 4 hrs 30 mins		

REPORT—INTERROGATION

Place or Refer.	Time	Height	
			From [illegible] to [illegible] no movement of any sign of water craft (except as VAN) were seen.
KANGOT) BOMBAM) VAN			No movement or signs of water craft were seen.
VAN			Approx 30 huts of old construction, but in good condition. Track running NORTH and SOUTH of village along river bank appeared well worn; track disappears into timber on either side of village. Approx 15 dugout canoes (20 ft long) were dispersed 100 yds along river bank in front of village. Canoes appeared old and filled with water, in some cases water appeared stagnant. Canoes did not offer a good target for strafing. Pilot considers VAN village a suitable bombing target; canoes unsuitable. No movement was seen.
MUKAWA C 0205			Pilot confirms sighting of 4 canoes in SUNSPOT area at C 0305 as reported in TAC/R report, 21 DEC 44. [illegible] village no change, and no movement was seen.
RAMU RIVER JUNCTION C 0897			Position of 2 huts confirmed, but no canoes seen as reported in TAC/R 21 DEC 44. Pilot passed RAMU RIVER from junction to C 9597. No water-craft were sighted.
[illegible]) ANKENI) KANGAMIL) [illegible]) BOMBAM) KANGOT)			No movement was seen.

Message dropped on [illegible] seen to be recovered.

Second Beaufighter unable to carry out strafes owing to unserviceability at LAE/ANG.

D. F. Holdsworth F/LT.

Time and Signature [illegible]

Time [illegible] Hdqrs. No. 9 Sec (TAC/R).

Sol - N.G. Press Unit - 11/12/44m.

A.H.Q. B. NADZAB ..... DATE.21.DEC.44.... DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A.L.O....W HOLDSWORTH CAPT.

Serial Nos	A/C Nos.	PILOT.	OBSVR.	UP.	DOWN.	OVER AREA.	TASK & AREA.	REMARKS & RESULTS.
1	A46-199	P/O Heysen		0745	1115	3 hrs 30 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL.
2	A46-193	F/O Dellow		0745	1115	3 hrs 30 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL.

DIST:- WAR DIARY, FILE.

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

DIST- Pac (2), 8 SQ, NGLB, and Bases, + TAC/R A.E, +5 spare to HQ, and Corps FTR. Ref/16.

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LOCATION BAKER + TAC/R S.E UNIT 2 SORTIE No. A/C No. TYPE A6-199 DATE 21 D.C 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R - BEGIN TO BOGIA.

REF. MAPS BOGIA 4 miles - 1" PILOT F/O S Haysen OBSERVER

TIME UP 0745 TIME DOWN 1115 TOTAL 3 hrs 30 mins

VISIBILITY GOOD

WEATHER FINE

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT - INTERROGATION
~~Kaiam~~ C 0292	~~0855~~	~~Min~~ Alt	~~3~~ canoes were seen, (1 large canoe, approx 30 ft, drawn up in front of village, and 2 canoes, approx 20 ft, opposite village on ~~North~~ bank of river). The village gave the appearance of being occupied. tracks were well worn, but no movement was seen.
~~C 0092~~			1 hut and 2 old huts were observed concealed in bushes, but no movement was seen.
~~C 9999~~			At a point, at ~~South~~ junction of ~~Ulu~~ and ~~Kumbi~~ Rivers, were two huts in fair condition, and 12 dugout canoes, approx 20 ft, hidden in bushes. these huts appeared occupied but no movement was seen.
~~Suvaiai~~ C 0205			No change since previous reports, but tracks are well worn. 2 huts in good condition were observed ~~West~~ of ~~Suvaiai~~, on ~~South~~ bank of creek running into ~~Suvaiai~~. No movement was seen.
~~C 0604~~			~~Approx 4 huts~~, in fair condition, concealed in timber, and 4 canoes in swamp in vicinity of huts. No movement was seen.
~~Vak~~ ~~C 9995~~			Approx 20 huts in good condition, and 12 canoes, approx 30 ft, were drawn up in front of huts. A number of huts (scattered) were observed hidden in timber, approx 200 yds behind the village. These huts were in good condition, and appeared to be occupied as well worn pathes were observed around the huts. No movement was seen.
~~Suvaiai~~ ~~C 9713~~			No change since previous report. No movement of small craft was seen from ~~Kaiam~~ to ~~Suvaiai~~.

Message dropped on ~~Kaiam~~.

A.L. Holdsworth CAPT.

Time and Signature ALO + TAC/R S.E.

+5 Time Passed to DAC/R.

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DISTR- Fwd (2), 3 BDE, ~~---~~, ALG HQ(SOM), + TAC/R SQN, +5 ~~ARMY~~ CO SQNS, AND SHQ, FILE.
NGIB,

AIR LIAISON "A"

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LOCATION	UNIT	SORTIE No.	A C No. - TYPE	DATE
MADZAB	4 TAC/R SQN	2	A46-193	21 DEC 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: TAC/R - ANGETJI TO JUTO.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
3GGIA 4 Miles - 1"	F/O C Dellow	0745	GOOD	FINE
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN 1115		
		TOTAL 3 hrs 30 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT - INTERROGATION
ANGETJI	0845	Min Alt	No change since previous report. No movement was seen.
H 0690			3 new huts, (1 approx 60ft x 30ft, other 2 approx 30ft x 15ft), and in good condition, were seen in a new clearing. No movement was seen.
H 0791			Approx 20 old huts in bad condition. No movement was seen.
BANARO VILLAGES H 0594			1 large and 3 small old huts, and 2 patches of cut sac sac within 50 yds of huts were seen. No movement was seen.
H 1391			Approx 3 huts in fair condition. No movement was seen.
MOGIM H 1885			3 huts in fair condition, and a well defined track running from river through village. No movement was seen.
H 2481			At H 2481, a deserted village of 7 old huts in bend on NORTH bank of river. No movement was seen.
BUMBANG H 2477			3 large and 6 small huts observed in fair condition. No movement or fresh tracks were seen.
OTUM H 3377			Approx 15 huts observed in poor condition. No movement was seen.
MAGRUBU H 3282			Not located by pilot.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

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[illegible] Mk 1(C), 6 20s, [illegible] Mk 1(C)s, + T.C/T 12s, 45 [illegible] 1, 1s, [illegible], [illegible].

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LOCATION BALAD UNIT 4 T.C/T SQN 2 (Continued) - SORTIE No. ..... A/C No. - TYPE ..... DATE 21 DEC 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE .....

REF. MAPS BORIA & Milos - 1"	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
.....	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN		
		TOTAL		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
BAGIN R 3776			1 hut and 3 sne sac shelters were observed, but no movement was seen.
GOMBI R 4172			No movement was seen.
~~KARISOKO~~ R 4171			~~12 huts were observed in fair condition, but no movement was seen.~~
R 3779			3 new huts, (1 approx 40ft x 20 ft, other 2 approx 30 ft x 20 ft), were seen in a clearing. No movement was seen.
GLIBA R 5066			14 huts were observed in fair condition, but village appeared deserted.
PAKI R 3864	1043		10 huts were observed in good condition, and 4 natives moving to aircraft, one wearing a red lap-lap.
JUTO R 3964			8 huts were observed in fair condition. no movement was seen.

Message dropped on aerodrome and seen to be recovered.

N. L. Tallentire CAPT.

Time and Signature A/C & T.C/T Sqn.

Base Passed at Div (T.C/T).

80—S.A.A. Press Unit—11/43/10m.

A.C.B. NADZAB DATE. 20 DEC 44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS A.L.O. W HOLDSWORTH CAPT.

Serial No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	OBSERVER.	Up.	Down.	Over Area.	Task & Area.	Remarks & Results.
1 EXE	A46-210	P/O Mason		0610 NAD 0845 NAD 1325 NAD	0710 MAD 1155 MAD 1425 NAD	5 hrs 10 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL.
2	A46-191	F/Lt Flynn		0610 NAD 1610 NAD	0710 MAD 1650 NAD	1 hrs 40 mins	TAC/R	UNSUCCESSFUL. Tail wheel blew out on landing at MADDANG and could not go on mission.

DISR:- WAR DIARY, FILE.

Serviceability State OF A/C S. U/S. Communication A/C S. U/S.

DTI-Pac (2), 6 [illegible], 110, ALO [illegible], + TAC/R [illegible], 45 [illegible] [illegible], 4th CMC, FILE.

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LOCATION MADANG UNIT + TAC/R [illegible] SORTIE No. 1 A C No. TYPE A-20-210 DATE 20 DEC 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R - SEPIK RIVER MOUTH TO MARINGBERG.

REF. MAPS S.PIK) [illegible]) 1" = 4 Miles PILOT P/O L Mason

OBSERVER

TIME UP 0610 MAD 0645 MAD 13.5 0710 MAD

TIME DOWN 1155 MAD 1425 MAD

TOTAL 5 hrs 10 mins

VISIBILITY GOOD

WEATHER GOOD

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			At the request of ALO MADANG a sealed message was dropped on date at PURPUR, C 4856; message was [illegible] to be recovered; a search for a crashed C-47 was also requested. Pilot searched from CONDOR STRIP TO MARINGBERG along coast to a depth of 3 miles. Search was unsuccessful. Pilot then continued to ADPAM to commence Tac/R of SEPIK RIVER TO MARINGBERG.
MORAS C 3474	1000	Min Alt	Approx 10 huts were seen in bad condition; and one sunken boat as previously reported during Tac/R 16 [illegible]. Village appeared deserted
[illegible] C 2073			A search was made of the canal from C 2272,- C 1771 - C 1976 - C 2375 to C 2272. No movement or water craft were seen. Pilot considers the canal would be navigable to powered craft, which could find concealment beneath timber and scrub on either bank. The remains of only one hut were seen at C 2272.
[illegible] C 2365			From the canal to a point approx 200 yds [illegible], on [illegible] bank of SEPIK RIVER, a fringe of scrub was observed along the waters edge, and to the west, behind the fringe, was a cleared area approx 200 yds by 50 yds, in which a considerable number of recently cut palm leaves were lying. This area around [illegible] appeared neat and tidy, and gave signs of occupation. Pilot confirms sighting of an entrance for small craft in front of village as reported in [illegible] report of 16 [illegible]; but considers width of mouth of entrance approx 20 yds, extending for approx 30 yds in from bank. This entrance can only be seen by flying low along the river, as it is covered by overhanging trees. No movement or canoes were seen.
[illegible] C 1963			Approx 8 huts were seen in very bad condition; whole area is overgrown; no tracks were seen and village appears deserted.

Time and Signature

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Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

DIST:- [illegible] (2), [illegible], PIB, ALO MADANG, + TAC/R 3.A, +5 MOB AL. [illegible] C, ALO SAIC, PIB.

AIR LIAISON "A"

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LOCATION MADANG UNIT SORTIE No. 1 (Continued) A C No.- TYPE DATE 20 Dec 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE

REF. MAPS SEPIK) 4 Miles = 1" PILOT TIME UP VISIBILITY WEATHER
SOLOMON)

OBSERVER TIME DOWN

TOTAL

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
OLD BIEM C 1359			Approx 3 huts were seen in very bad condition. No movement or signs of occupation were seen.
NEW BIEM C 1362			Approx 12 huts were seen in bad condition. No movement or signs of occupation were seen.
MARIENBERG C 0364			Buildings in this area are in very bad condition, apparently due to bombing and strafing. Village appears deserted. Tracks to the BOAM AND NORTH - EAST were faintly discernable through scrub and small timber, and appear overgrown. Huts in the [illegible] - SUK - BOAMAN area, to the NORTH of MARIENBERG, appeared in fair condition, but no movement or signs of occupation were seen.
C 0361 and C 0248			At approx C 0361 on EASTERN bank, and approx C 0248 on WESTERN bank of SEPIK RIVER, were very small clearings, in each of which was an unwalled shelter of very recent construction. Small heaps of thatching were seen in the clearings, possibly for completion of roofs or walls. These shelters are difficult to see from the air, but easily seen when flying low along river. Shelter and area on NORTH bank was strafed on three runs; results were unobserved. No movement or canoes were seen.
SEPIK RIVER			No canoes or movement of small craft were seen along SEPIK RIVER to C 0248.
			Messages, dropped on AWAR POINT and S BDE, were both seen to be recovered.
			Brief report of TAC/R was phoned to ALO MADANG, by pilot, from MADANG STRIP.

Time and Signature: A. L. Nolan CAPT.
ALO + TAC/R 3.A.

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.
+5 MOB AL SEC (TAC/R).

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A.C.B. NADZAB DATE. 17 DEC 44 DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS A.L.O. W. HOLDSWORTH. CAPT.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	Pilot.	OBSERVER.	UP.	DOWN.	OVER AREA.	TASK & AREA.	REMARKS & RESULTS.
1	A46-199 A46-195	P/O P Sanders P/O I Pedersen		0615 NAD 0750 MAD 1155 MAD	0705 MAD 1030 MAD 1250NAD	4 hrs 25 mins	Lead-in and TAC/R	Lead-in UNSUCCESSFUL. Beauforts failed to turn up. TAC/R SUCCESSFUL.

DIST:- WAR DIARY, FILE.

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

A.C.B. DATE. DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS. A.L.O.

Sortie No.	A/C No.	PILOT.	OBSVR.	UP.	DOWN.	OVER AREA.	TASK & AREA.	REMARKS & RESULTS.

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

DIST:- FAA (2), 8 BDE, PIB, AAC HQRCOM, 4 TAC/R SQN, 45 AUST AL SEC, AIC CRTC, FILE.

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AIR LIAISON "A"

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LOCATION NADZAB | UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN | SORTIE No. 1 | A C No. | TYPE A46-190 A46-198 | DATE 17 DEC 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE LIAD-IN STRIKE.

REF. MAPS GERIK EAST) WATAM WEST) 1" = 1 MILE | PILOT P/O F. Sanders | OBSERVER P/O I. Pedersen

TIME UP 0315 MAD 0750 MAD 1155 MAD 0705 MAD 1050 MAD

TIME DOWN 1250 MAD

TOTAL 4 hrs 35 mins

VISIBILITY RAIN 3 Miles

WEATHER Extreme. POOR.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
			Lead-In. Boomerange arrived in general area WATAM at 170840 I. Pilot detailed to lead-in, instructed to make a preliminary recce of target area before going to RV, but could NOT see target area for thick low clouds and rain storms. Proceeded to RV flying at 4000 ft, at 170853 I, commenced calling Beauforts on frequency 4350 kc, but received no reply. He then instructed second aircraft to listen out on 7063 kc for 5 minutes; he was NOT successful in establishing communication with Beauforts. Boomerangs arrived at RV (over WATAM) at time laid down (170901 I), and continued circling in area until 170921 I, still calling Beaufort aircraft without success. On leaving RV pilot sighted one beaufort at 2000 ft flying towards TALUI (170922 I); attempted to communicate with Beaufort but received no reply.
GENERAL SIGHTINGS			Pilot tried to locate track from WATAM to track junction at C 3761 without success. In vicinity of track junction pilot saw one native hut, approx 20 ft x 15 ft, and one small hut 12 ft x 8 ft, side by side, concealed in trees. Huts appeared in good condition; no movement or signs of occupation except a well beaten track leading to shore. At C 3663 one large hut, approx 50 ft x 20 ft, seen 200 yds from shore in clearing. Hut was in good condition. In vicinity of hut, approx 30 logs, 20 ft long and about 6 ins diameter, lying crosswise on ground.
			Messages were dropped on GERIK PORON and 8 BDE - seen to be recovered.
			Preliminary report of RECCE was phoned to G III (AIR), FIRST AUST ARMY at 171415 I.

Time and Signature: D. Goldsworthy Capt.
AIC 4 TAC/R SQN.

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.
45 AUST AL SEC (TAC/R).

A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

DAILY RECORD OF A/C [illegible]

B.C.R. NADZAB DATE 16 DEC 44 W HOLDSWORTH CAPT.

SORTIE NO	A/C NO	PILOT	OBSVR.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
1	A46-191	F/Lt Phillips		0705 NAD 0920 MAD 1320 MAD	0800 MAD 1220 MAD 1500 NAD	5 hrs 35 mins	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
2	A46-199	P/O Sanders		0705 NAD 0920 MAD 1320 MAD arrived Nadzab 1545	0800 MAD 1220 MAD landed Finschhafen			SUCCESSFUL
						Total 5 hrs 25 mins		

DIST:- WAR DIARY, FILE.

DIST :- FAE (2), S EDN, plb, AIG M.COR, 4 TAF/R . E, 45 UNIT AT SEC, AIG CAST, FIR.

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LOCATION [redacted] UNIT [redacted] SORTIE No. 1 A C No.- TYPE 46-191 DATE 16 DEC 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [redacted]

REF. MAPS [redacted] 1" series

PILOT [redacted] OBSERVER [redacted]

TIME UP 0920 HRS 1320 HRS
0800 HRS 1500 HRS

TIME DOWN 1220 HRS

TOTAL 5 hrs 35 mins

VISIBILITY: GOOD

WEATHER: GOOD

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
[redacted] 335734	1210	50m Alt	Approx 4 huts on stilts and two on ground in fair condition. One boat, approx 40 ft long, sunk 150 yds south of village, appeared to be a power driven type with engine housing over stern. No movement or tracks were seen, although several huts gave appearance of recent occupation.
[redacted] 175816			Approx 30 huts on stilts in very bad condition; village appears deserted. No movement was seen.
KARAU 130860			Approx 6 huts in bad condition. 2 canoes, approx 20 ft long, side by side were observed on beach; one strafing run was made; strikes were seen on canoes and one hut; results were unobserved. Bomb craters were seen in hut area, but no apparent damage. No movement was seen.
[redacted] 080830			Approx 30 huts in bad condition. Landing stages to SOUTH WEST of village were in disrepair; village appears deserted. No movement or canoes were seen.
			At 050852, pilot saw a crashed, probable BF17 on edge of beach above high water mark. Aircraft appeared in good condition and was possibly belly-landed. No movement was seen in vicinity of aircraft.
MURIK VILLAGE 933823			Approx 35 huts on stilts in bad condition. Village appeared deserted and plantation in vicinity overgrown. Several craters were seen on track in centre of village; no apparent damage to huts from bombs. No movement was seen.
			Only an occasional hut was seen along coast from MURIK to [redacted], all in bad condition. No movement was seen.
[redacted] 755808			Approx 30 huts were seen; 3 with new roofs. Two strafing runs were made; hits were observed on one large hut in centre of village and strikes on several others. Damage was unobserved.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

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DIST:- FAA (2), 8 BDE, FIS, ALO MOROCCO, 4 TAC/R SQN, 43 AGNT AL SEC, ALO CRTC, FILE.

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LOCATION MADRAB UNIT 4 TAC/R C.A.F. SORTIE No. 1 (continued) A C No. TYPE DATE 16 DEC 44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R COASTAL VILLAGES FROM PORA TO KAUP

REF. MAPS [illegible] 1" Series PILOT F/Lt C PHILLIPS

[illegible] 1" Series OBSERVER

TIME UP

TIME DOWN

TOTAL

VISIBILITY

WEATHER

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT- INTERROGATION
KAUP (Continued)			A native cultivation in excellent condition about 40 yds x 20 yds at east end of village - low crops.
730903			At 7 8/3 a new village on Northern bank of creek, is being built. Two huts under construction and two completed; ground in vicinity is cleared. No movement was seen.
[illegible]			At 8/3 4 one canoe manned by six natives was observed - bombs dropped over strikes were observed on target area. On observation run only four natives were seen swimming towards point at 826903.
			No creeks were seen along coast due to high tide; see able creek shown on map may easily be found at low tide.
			Majority of huts in all villages except KAUP are in poor condition.
			Village on [illegible] did not seem to be occupied. Plot circled area but no crops observed.
			[illegible] occupied; hence low strike results [illegible] to 2 in 730903.

W D Holdaway Capt.

Time and Signature

ALO 4 T.A.C./R.C.A.F.

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

43 AGNT AL SEC (TAC.R)A.F.

[illegible] T: [illegible], 6 Pdr, PIB, [illegible], 4 TAC, [illegible], 4 AT [illegible], MIO [illegible], [illegible].

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT [illegible] SORTIE No. 2 A C No. TYPE A46/139 DATE 16 Dec '44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE [illegible]

REF. MAPS [illegible] PILOT [illegible] TIME UP 0925 hrs / 1520 hrs VISIBILITY [illegible] WEATHER [illegible]

[illegible] OBSERVER [illegible] TIME DOWN 0800 hrs / 1220 hrs

TOTAL 1046 hrs 5hrs 20mins.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
[illegible]	1010	2m	No movement was seen.
03702			A small hut or [illegible] object which appeared to be concealed beneath thick foliage. No movement or tracks were seen in vicinity. A movement track was seen along track from [illegible] to [illegible].
[illegible] 03668			Signs of [illegible] already reported. A [illegible] 40 yds south of [illegible] and 50 yds in from shore in a native hut approx 20 ft x 15 ft in good condition and fairly well concealed in trees. No movement or tracks were seen in vicinity.
[illegible] 0378			One of one small canoe vessel approx 30 yds long and [illegible] was seen. Vessel was very [illegible].
[illegible]			At 0347 on north bank of [illegible] eight huts were observed in poor condition. No movement or signs of occupation were seen. One dug-out canoe approx 20 ft long was on beach alongside a landing stage, in vicinity of huts.
			From [illegible] to [illegible]; no movement was seen except at 03972, one canoe making from south to south bank with one native occupant. Two sampans were also seen - canoe appeared and movement disappeared.
[illegible]			Approx four huts in small in bad condition. To East is one new hut well concealed in trees at 03465. No movement was seen around huts, but area gave the impression of activity, as some objects (possibly earthworks) appear concealed by green foliage through which patches of brown are showing. This area is approx 100 yds x 50 yds.

Time and Signature

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. 2 (continued) A C No. TYPE..... DATE 16 Dec '44

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE.....

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

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT- INTERROGATION
			one strafing run was made; results were unobserved.
			A good entrance for small craft was seen in front of village approx 50 yds wide at entrance tapering to 10 yds. about 15 yds in from river. No movement was seen.
OLD KINGAI 2 CX455			Approx four huts - only one was in good condition. No movement seen.
KAPOK 2 of C.N 32984			At 32964 - one 25 ft canoe concealed in swamp growth. No movement seen in area. Unmarked village at CX456 - one hut (8 ft x 10ft) in good condition and four smaller huts in bad condition. No movement or tracks or canoes observed.
KANGAG 03559			Three good huts and one in bad condition. No movement or signs of occupation seen.
			Message dropped 50lb WWG, seen to be recovered. "T" displayed for end of a cross as arranged with S Ldr.
			Message dropped on S 25B. Recovered.
			R/Cock requested LOAP IN by DOOMERANGS for PANTPOT strike on KEN STRANIS on 17 Dec. Details to be advised. Preliminary report of TAC.R phoned to G 11 (AIR) HQ 2 CORPS MAY 162850 I.

W. J. Richardson Capt.
Time and Signature
ALO 45 ARMY AIR AGC (T-C.2)

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLIGHTS

A.H.Q. NADZAB — DATE 14 DEC 44. — A.I.C. W HOLDSWORTH CAPT.

No.	A/C No.	PILOT	OBSVR	UP	DOWN.	TOTAL AIR	DAY & NIGHT	REMARKS & RESULT.
1	A46-191	F/O I Righetti		0800 NAD 0935 MAD 1335 MAD	0900 MAD 1305 MAD 1435 NAD	5 hrs 30 mins		TAC/R SUCCESSFUL.
	A46-195	P/O S Heyden		0800 NAD 0935 MAD 1335 MAD	0900 MAD 1305 MAD 1435 NAD	5 hrs 30 mins		ESCORT "

DIST:- WAR DIARY, FILE.

TOTAL No Hours 11 hrs.

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DIST:- TAF (2), 5 BAG, 7TS, AIG MORCOM, 4 TAC/R C R, 45 JOT AI D C, AIG CATC, FILE.

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT 4 TAC/R C R SORTIE No. 1 A C No. TYPE A46-191 A46-195 DATE 14 DEC 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/12 - [illegible] AND ATAP PENINSULAR.

REF. MAPS [illegible] 1" - 4 Miles PILOT F/O I. [illegible]

[illegible] 1" - 1 Mile OBSERVER F/O H. [illegible]

TIME UP 0800 (ZULU) 0935 (ZULU) 1535 (MAU) VISIBILITY

TIME DOWN 0901 (MAP) 1303 (MAU) 1455 (MAU)

TOTAL 5 hrs 30 mins. GOOD

WEATHER GOOD

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT- INTERROGATION
ARCHEJI	1020	1000' to Min Alt.	One canoe, (30 ft), 20 yds in from NORTHERN river bank, and one canoe beneath one of a row of huts, (approx 6), on stilts at E 0391. No movement was seen.
KAKBOT			Two native huts recently burnt to ground on [illegible] bank of river at E 9384. Approx three other huts, (20 ft by 15 ft), in fair condition still standing. Several 40 gal drums were seen scattered in area. No movement was seen. No movement or water craft were seen along [illegible] from ARCHEJI to [illegible], E 0384.
NEW [illegible] C 2565			One dugout canoe, (approx 20 ft), drawn into NORTHERN bank of SEPIK RIVER at C 2566. One apparently new hut was seen at C 2466. Hut appeared occupied, tracks around hut well worn. No movement was seen.
CAPE FARRAGHER C 3675			At 369727 five new huts, (approx 15 ft x 10 ft), built on stilts, were seen concealed in trees around a small inlet. Approx fifteen 40 gal drums were sighted scattered along beach, between [illegible] and CAPE FARRAGHER, C 3675. No movement was seen in area.
[illegible]TAN	1115		Four badly damaged huts were seen at 355680 caused by recent bombing. Six huts were burnt down and two badly damaged at 353683. At 352694, approx six small huts and one canoe (15 ft) were seen along waters edge. Canoe was pulled up on bank and was full of water, appeared serviceable. Huts were in good condition, were untouched by bombing, appeared inhabited, as tracks in immediate vicinity were well worn. Pilot thought he saw movement under a hut, and made two strafing runs; strikes on huts were seen, but results were unobserved.
	1125		Five huts were seen, either damaged or destroyed by recent bombing, from 350683 to 350686. Fires were still burning when aircraft left area. Gardens in this general area were well kept, but appeared to have very little growing in them. No gardens were observed from tip of [illegible] PENINSULAR to approx 1000 yds SOUTH. (Continued).

Signature

Time Sheet to Bde. Div. etc.

DIST :- RAF (2), 8 BDE, HQ, ALG NARCOM, 4 TAC/R SQN, 45 AD ... NC, AIR OPNS, HQ.

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LOCATION [illegible] UNIT 4 TAC/R [illegible] SORTIE No. 1 (Continued) A/C No. TYPE A48-131 A46-193 DATE 14 DEC 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R - KERAN RIVER AREA, KERAN PENINSULA.

REF. MAPS NUBIA) 1" - 4 Miles PILOT F/O I MORETTI
ALBIA)

OBSERVER W/O [illegible] KERMAN

NUBIA EAST) 1" - 1 Mile
ALBIA EAST)

TIME UP

TIME DOWN

TOTAL

VISIBILITY

WEATHER

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT INTERROGATION
BROKEN WATER BAY AREA			Considerable number of native huts were seen along coast between 352660 and 370606. Huts appeared in good condition, and are fairly well concealed in thin belt of timber running close to shoreline. No movement was seen along coast. At 370605 five huts, in good condition, were seen well concealed in timber close to shore. Recent bombing of these huts was not effective; bomb craters seen 5-/6- yds inland. A bench, on 40 gal drums, was seen at edge of beach in vicinity of huts. A shallow depression in the ground was observed close to huts of dumb-bell shape. Two round sections (approx 8 ft diameter) being connected by a shallow trench, about 12 ft long and 3 ft wide. Laid along the length of the joining trench were several saplings. No movement was seen around huts; although tracks were well worn in area. No footprints seen along beach. Approx 50 yds NORTH of above mentioned huts, is a wrecked barge, about 30/40 ft in length, with pointed bows, and superstructure amidships.
ATAR LAGOON 343586			Seven huts were seen in clearing, five of which were in very poor, and two in fair condition. A well worn track runs through centre of clearing and continues to ATAR LAGOON, where two huts, in fair condition, and one canoe (18 ft), were seen at 344589. The track appears to lead from LAGOON to the hut area at 370605. The track could not be seen shortly after leaving LAGOON, and was NOT seen entering hut area.
			No message was dropped on ARMAMENTS DEPOT; this fact was mentioned in messages dropped on [illegible] FORCE, and HQ 8 BDE on completion of mission. Message to [illegible] FORCE was NOT seen to be picked up, although several natives were running in its direction. Correct ground sign (a cross) was NOT displayed to aircraft. Message to 8 BDE was recovered. Preliminary report of TAC/R given by telephone to CIII (AIR) FIRST AUST ARMY at 141525 I.

Time and Signature: W. L. Nobleson Capt. 4 TAC/R [illegible].

Time Passed to Bde. Div. etc.

A294—N.G. Press Unit—9/43—10m

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS

A.O.B. NADZAB DATE 12 DEC 44. A.J.O. M. HOLDSWORTH CAPT.

SORTIE NO	A/C NO	PILOT	OBSVR.	UP	DOWN	OVER ALL	TASK & AREA	REMARKS & RESULTS
							ARMED RECCE	
1	A46-199	F/O	Kendall	0500	0700	2 hrs	TAC/R	UNSUCCESSFUL.
	A46-210	F/O	Warbrooke	0500	0700	2 hrs	ESCORT	DUE TO BAD
MISSION 1								WEATHER.
							ARMED RECCE	
MISSION 2								
Sortie 1	A46-191	P/O	Mason	1010 NAD	1340 MAD	TOTAL	TAC/R	
				1500 MAD	1600 NAD	4 hrs 30 mins		SUCCESSFUL.
Sortie 2	A46-195	F/O	Dellow	1010 NAD	1310 MAD	TOTAL	ARMED RECCE	
				1500 MAD	1600 NAD	4 hrs	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL.

DIST:- FAA, WAR DIARY, FILE.

DIST:- FAA (2), 8 BD., HQ, ALO NORCOM, +5 [illegible] ALO, 4 TAC/R Sqn, ALO CRTC, FIL.

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LOCATION: NA DUAB | UNIT: 4 TAC/R Sqn. | SORTIE No: [illegible] | A/C No. - TYPE: A46-191 | DATE: 12 DEC 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: TAC/R and ARMED RECCE - DARWIN TO ANGORAM ALONG KARAM RIVER.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
DOILA 4 Miles - 1" Series	F/O Mason	1010 RAD 1500 RAD		LOW CLOUDS AND RAIN.
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN 1340 RAD 1600 RAD		
		TOTAL 4 hrs 30 mins	VERY BAD	

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
BASTAN (W) B 9725	1135	Min Alt.	Approx eight dugout canoes (30 ft) were seen pulled up on WESTERN river bank at B 9620. Three strafing runs were made using cannon and m/g fire; strikes observed; one canoe turned over. No activity was seen around canoes. Approx eight native huts in fair condition were seen. No movement or any signs of occupation were observed. A recce was made along KARAM RIVER to KANDOR (?). What appeared to be an oil slick (iridescent) was observed close to the EASTERN river bank from B 9621 to B 9523. The greatest patch of oil was sighted downstream between B 9424 and B 9523. In this area it would be possible to float and conceal small craft beneath overhanging trees and swamp growth along river banks.
KANDOR (W) B 9326 CHINGILO (W) B 8932			Visibility very bad due to heavy rain; pilot circled area twice, but no movement was seen.
			During recce along river towards ANGORAM, two huts (30 x 20 ft), in good condition were seen at approx B 8836 in trees on WESTERN river bank. No movement or signs of occupation were observed. Two strafing runs were made; strikes were seen, but results were unobserved. Due to very bad weather a detour was made to ANGORAM; the river from B 8636 to ANGORAM was not reconnoitred.
ANGORA E (W) B 8452			Area devastated by recent bombings. No movement or signs of occupation were seen in area. Three canoes(reported during TAC/R on 11 DEC 44) were seen concealed in creek at B 8252. Canoes were strafed during two runs; results were unobserved. Owing to extremely bad weather, the pilot was unable to get through to ANGORAM to drop message. Landed at NADAB at 121340 I; departed NADAB, 121500 I, arrived DARWIN, 121600 I.

Time and Signature: [signature] Capt. ALC 4 TAC/R SQN.

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DISTR:- RAA (2), 3 BDE, PIC, ALO HQRCOL, 45 AUST AL SEC, 4 TAC/R SQN, ALO CRTC, FILE.

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LOCATION NADZAB UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 2 MISSION 2 A/C No. - TYPE A46-195 DATE 12 DEC 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R AND ARMED RECCE - KEREN TO BOGTAIN ALONG KERAN RIVER.

REF. MAPS BOGIA 4 Miles - 1" Series

PILOT F/O Dallow

OBSERVER

TIME UP 1010 MAD 1500 MAD

TIME DOWN 1310 MAD 1600 MAD

TOTAL 4 hrs

VISIBILITY POOR (2 Miles)

WEATHER RAIN AND LOW CLOUD.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
KEREN (W) C 0292	1118	700'	No movement or signs of occupation were seen.
BUMBARUM (W) B 0295	1125	"	Smoke was seen rising through tree tops at approx C 0505; while investigating, smoke disappeared. Two new huts seen through trees within 50 yds radius of smoke; unable to strafe owing to low clouds and foliage. No movement was seen in BUMBARUM.
YAR (W) B 9908			No movement was seen.
BOGTAIN (W) B 9720			No movement was seen.
			No movement was seen along KERAN RIVER between KEREN and BOGTAIN.
			Message dropped on ANAMBERG DEFC. at approx 1225 hrs, was seen to be recovered. Landed at NADZAB 1310 hrs.

Time and Signature: [signature] Capt. ALO 4 TAC/R SQN.

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

A.O.B. NADZAB

DAILY RECORD OF A/C TASKS

DATE 11 DEC 44

A.I.C. W. HOLDSWORTH. CAPT.

SORTIE NO	A/C NO	PILOT	OBSVR	UP	DOWN	OVER AREA	TASK & AREA	REMARKS & RESULT.
1	A46-199	F/O Kendall		1330	1640	3 hrs 10 mins	ARMED RECCE	SUCCESSFUL
	A46-210	F/O Warbrooke		1330	1640	3 hrs 10 mins	ESCORT	

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DIST:- +5 AUST AL SEC, FILE.

DIST 3 Pam (2), 8 BDs, FIB, ALO NORCOM, +5 [illegible] + TAC/R 3 M, also CRIC, File. PAGE 1

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LOCATION HAILAR UNIT 4 TAC/R Sqn SORTIE No. 2 A/C No. - TYPE A46-293 A46-210 DATE 11 DEC 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE ARMED RECCE - KAILI TO ANUGRAM ALONG KERAM RIVER

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
DOGIA + Miles - 1" Series	F/O Kendall	1330 (HAILAR)	GOOD	SCATTERED SHOWERS
	OBSERVER F/O Harbrooke	TIME DOWN 1640 (HAILAR)		
	ESCORT	TOTAL 3 hrs 10 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
KAILI (w) C 0292	1445	Min Alt	No movement seen. Three strafing runs were made by one a/c, strikes were seen on huts but results were unobserved.
BUMARNA (w) C 0305			No movement seen. Two a/c strafed huts at BUMARNA, also a number of good type huts concealed in timber at C 0305. 9 strafing runs were made. Results were unobserved. No movement was seen in any village along KERAM RIVER to BORTAIN.
BORTAIN (w) B 9726			Unnamed village at B 9518 was strafed during two runs. Results were unobserved.
KAIBOK (w) B 9326			No movement was seen in village - approx four strafing runs were made on huts on both sides of river. Results were unobserved.
ANUGRAM (w) B 8452			Approx six strafing attacks were made on huts and buildings at ANUGRAM. No movement was seen. Buildings very badly damaged during recent bombing; whole area appears devastated. Wharves as shown on map were NOT seen. A well beaten track leads around edge of lagoon from B 835 to creek at B 8252 where three canoes (30ft) were drawn up on creek bank. The canoes can only be seen by looking down vertically through timber at edge of creek. One strafing run was made and tracers were seen bouncing off canoes.
			No movement was seen along KERAM RIVER from KAILI to ANUGRAM. Message was dropped on AMAMBERG DERC; seen to be recovered by a native.

Time and Signature

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc (Continued).

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DIST:- FAA (2), 8 BDE, PIB, ALO HQ NORCOM, 45 AUST AL SQN, 4 TAC/R SQN, ALO CMAC, FILE.

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LOCATION MADDA B UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 1 (Continued) A/C No. - TYPE A46-199 A46-210 DATE 11 DEC 44/

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE A FREE RECCE - KEBIN TO ANGORAM ALONG KERAM RIVER.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
3001A 4 Miles - 1"	F/O Kendall	1330	GOOD	SCATTERED SHOWERS.
	OBSERVER ESCORT F/O Warbrooke	TIME DOWN 1540		
		TOTAL 3 hrs 10 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			Aircraft landed at MADANG at 111640I. Preliminary report of recce sent to FIRST AUST ARMY, 8 BDE, PIB, ALO 4TAC/R SQN, at approx 111915I. Aircraft took off from MADANG at 120500I, intending to carry out further recce of above area, but weather prevented mission being carried out, and a/c returned to MADANG.
			Preliminary report passed to G111 (Air) FIRST AUST ARMY by telephone at 120800I.

W. D. Nicholson Capt.
Time and Signature ALO 4 TAC/R SQN.

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLIGHTS

A.D.A.C. NADZAB DATE 7 DEC 44. W HOLDSWORTH CAPT.

SORTIE NO	A/C NO	PILOT	CREW	UP	DOWN	OVER	TASK & RESULTS	REMARKS & RESULTS
1	A46-217	F/Lt J.Flynn		0530	0715	N11	TAC/R	UNSUCCESSFUL DUE TO BAD WEATHER.
2	A46-210	F/O I.Righetti		"	"	"	"	"
3	A46-217	F/Lt J.Flynn		1230	1630	4 hrs	TAC/R	SUCCESSFUL
4	A46-210	F/O I.Righetti		1250	1720	4-30	"	Not yet returned to base.

DIST :- , WAR DIARY , FILE.

Total Hrs of Sorties

DAILY RECORD OF A/C FLIGHTS

A.D.A.C. DATE

SORTIE NO	A/C NO	PILOT	CREW	UP	DOWN	OVER	TASK & RESULTS	REMARKS & RESULTS

DIST:- PAA (2), 8 BDE, RT, HQ NORSOM, AIR CMD, 4 TAC/R SQN, 45 WING W CMD, RTU. PART 1.

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LOCATION NADZAB UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 4 A/C No. - TYPE [illegible] DATE 7 DEC 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R [illegible] - [illegible]

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
BOGIA	P/O T. Richetti	1230	[illegible]	[illegible]
4 Miles - 1" Series	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN 1700		
		TOTAL 4 hrs 30 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
BOGIA (w) F 0330	1405	10000 to 4000 ft	Approx 15/20 scattered huts were seen at BOGIA, except for a line of huts, 5/10 on mountain bank at track strip at (w) F 0831. This line of huts were on stilts in a swamp and were in only fair condition; there were no signs of occupation. The scattered huts, further inland, were in better condition, and tracks around the huts were well worn; 3 natives were seen running for cover in this area. The hut at the EASTERN end of the line was set on fire during three strafing runs, and was quickly burned to the ground. Smokes were observed in vicinity of huts; one hut, further inland, was left smoking.
[illegible] (w) F 1192	1405	"	[illegible] unobserved. Huts seen were well scattered, and appeared in fair condition. Tracks around huts appeared well worn; no definite signs of occupation, and no movement was seen.
[illegible] (w) F 1885	1425	"	Only few huts were seen through misty rain; these appeared in fair condition; no signs of occupation, and no movement was seen. Two strafing runs were made on huts; results were unobserved.
[illegible]	1435 to 1445	"	T/C/R was made of [illegible] River from [illegible] (w) F 0931 to [illegible] (w) F 4172. No movement of water craft was seen along river. River level appeared high; tall timber to water's edge and misty rain made observation from air difficult.
[illegible] (w) F 4469	1450	"	Message dropped on [illegible] detachment, was seen to be picked up by a white man, well built, dressed in shirt and shorts.

Time and Signature [illegible] (Continued)

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DIST :- RAA (2). 8 BDE, PIR, ALO NORCOM, ALO DRC, 4 TAC/R SQN, 45 MUST AL DEC, FILE.

R. A. A. F.

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LOCATION HADIAB UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No 4 (Continued) A/C No. - TYPE A46-210 DATE 7 DEC 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R KERAN RIVER - KAPIM TO GOOBI.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
BOGIA 4 Miles - 1" Series	P/O I. Righetti	1230	POOR	MISTY HAZE OVER RECCE AREA.
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN 1600		
		TOTAL 3 hrs 30 mins		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
			NOTE:- Owing to bad weather No 2 pilot did not arrive at RV on time.
			At 1457 hrs pilot flew down KERAN RIVER to BOUGAINEK area, where cannons (reserved for water craft) were used on huts; many strikes were seen. Again no movement was observed along river. Pilot left area at 1510 hrs, and owing to bad weather, on return route, was compelled to land at MADANG. General results of strike and TAC/R were reported to Air Ops Officer, NORCOM; and signal AOR 365 was despatched to 4 TAC/R SQN. Pilot returned to HADIAB, morning 8 DEC 44.

Time and Signature 29 S. Goldsworthy, CAPT. ALO 4 TAC/R SQN.

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DIST :- PAA (2), 8 BDE, 4 TAC/R SQN, 45 AUST AL SEC, ALC NORCOM, ALC CRTC, WAR DIARY, FILE. PIB,

H/R

R. A. A. F.

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION MADDAG UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 3 A/C No. - TYPE A46-217 DATE 7 DEC 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R - KEBIM - BUENARUM - BOSTAIN.

REF. MAPS	PILOT	TIME UP	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
BOGIA 4 Miles - 1"	F/Lt J. FLYNN	1230		
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN 1630	FAIR	BAD
		TOTAL 4 hrs		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
KEBIM (w)C 0292	1415	1500' to Min Alt.	Three strafing runs were made on KEBIM - results were unobserved. Eighteen native huts, in good condition, were observed; all huts were on stilts. No movement was seen in village. Seven dugout canoes, approx 15 ft in length, were drawn up on mud bank. No actual signs of occupation were seen; although village seems in very good condition. During time over this area, the pilot saw second Boomerang strafing KONGEVIEZ, ((w) B 1192), village.
BUENARUM (w) C 0205			A Tac/R was made of both banks of MORAN RIVER from KEBIM to BOSTAIN, ((w) B 9720), including CLAY RIVER TO (w) C 9796. At BUENARUM, 20 huts on stilts, were seen in water at rivers edge. All huts were in good condition. One native was seen swimming beneath a hut, otherwise no movement was seen. On EASTERN side , within 200 yds of village, is a small creek , on the bank of which were three dugout canoes. In timber,in same vicinity, smoke was observed from a fire; this area was strafed during two runs with unobserved results. During an observation run,over this area, roofs of three huts were seen through foliage. No attempt was made to put out fire and no movement was seen.
BOSTAIN (w) B 9720			A dugout canoe, carrying two natives, was seen in the river moving SOUTH at (w) B 9519. The canoe was swung towards river bank; one strafing run was made; one native jumped into the river , capsizing the canoe,on which strikes were seen. Map spot of BOSTAIN appears to be incorrect, as approx 40 native huts, in a single line along NORTHERN bank of river, in very good condition, were seen at (w) B 9622. No canoes or movement was seen. NIL huts were observed at the position shown as BOSTAIN on map.

Time and Signature .....

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

734—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

DIST :- FAA (2), 8 BDE, PIB, 4 TAC/R SQN, 45 AUST AL SEC, ALO NORCOM, ALO CRTC, WAR DIARY, FILE.

R. A. A. F.

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION MADAE UNIT 4 TAC/R SQN SORTIE No. 3 (Continued) A/C No. - TYPE A46-217 DATE 7 DEC 44.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R - KEBIM - BUENARUM - BOBTAIN.

REF. MAPS Dutch 4 Miles - 1"	PILOT F/Lt J FLYNN	TIME UP 1230	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	OBSERVER	TIME DOWN 1650	FAIR	BAD
		TOTAL 4 hrs		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
BOBTAIN (Continued)			A small bamboo jetty was seen in front of centre of village, approx 6ft long, 4ft wide and 3ft above water.
			Throughout length of KERAM RIVER from KEBIM to BOBTAIN, it is considered that small craft could be easily concealed in water beneath dense overhanging foliage.
			Owing to bad weather in area, the pilot was forced to make a detour, and was unable to drop a message on AMMANBERG, on completion of sortie.
			NOTE :- Report from second pilot NOT yet received. Pilot was forced to land at MADANG owing to bad weather conditions.

Time and Signature ..... Capt.
ALO 4 TAC/R S.E.

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

721—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2/12/194[illegible] [illegible] (Unit) 137

W.E. 11/12/1 OFFRS. 2 O.R's. 7 + OFFRS. — O.R's. — ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
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						

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.	C.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., 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).

[illegible] Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH 137

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2/12/194. (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.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

____/____(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30/12/1944 4 SAALS (HQ Unit) 137

W.E. III / SE / 1. OFFRS. 3 O.R's. 7 + OFFRS. — O.R's. — ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

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

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

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

Detail		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		7						[redacted]	[redacted]		7
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
2	35 AGALS		
2	62 AGALS		
3	63 AGALS		

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

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

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

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

45 Aust AL Sec (INF.R) RIF 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 30/12/1944

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			
Photoengraver			
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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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23/12/1944 45 BASE SUBSEC (Unit)

W.E. 30/12/44. OFFRS. 3 O.R's 7 + OFFRS. — O.R's — ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Retn'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Retn'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						

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	A.		3									3
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

45 BASE SUBSEC (FOR A) HQ Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23/12/194.4 (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.
	NX						
MAJ	100772	OLDEN	A.T.C	O.C	YES		
	NX						
CAPT	34496	McINTOSH	H.I.D	HLO	NO	2/7 AGH	
	NX						
T/CAPT	14355	HOLDSWORTH	W.T.R	HLO	YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT.	SX45013	PITTMAN K.M.	42 ASALS	11/12/44	
LIEUT	NX 77711	KEY S.A.	35 ASALS		
LIEUT.	NX 70706	MCNEILL D.J.	42 ASALS	11/12/44	

23/12/44
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
OC 45 Base Sub Sec (For A)

a.w 2m bks 7/44

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

____/____(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23/12/1944 45 AALS (T.R) (Unit) 136

W.E. 111/3E/1 OFFRS. 9 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	1	Sergeants					
		1	1	Corporals					
		5	5	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
•		7	7 •	Totals of cols. marked • should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		•			•

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

• • Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 29 U.K. Forces, 16 N.Z. Forces.

Detail		C.M.P.								
	A.I.F.	Under 18 Years.	18 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	• •	TOTAL.
A	7						[redacted]	[redacted]		7
B(1)										
B(2)						[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
2	55 AALS		
2	62 AALS		
2	63 AALS		

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

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

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

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

45 Aust AL Sec (TAC R) AIF

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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 23/12/1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room 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				Rangefinders			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Testers				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Carpenters								Riggers				Stokers, Stnry. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Assmen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Dip. Cond'rs. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Wireman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wiremen							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Mot.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Batmen				SERGEANTS	1	1	—
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	2	2	—				
Grinder, Precision				Hoist Operator				Clerks, Supply				CORPORALS	1	1	—
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				BATMEN - DRIVERS	3	3	—
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Conductors							
Mechanics, Radio				Linemen				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Linemen, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Kinematof				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, M.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpte. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairmen							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Sea 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	7	—

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 "Remks" spaces on this page.

23.12.44
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
O.C. 45 Aust AL Sec (Lt R)

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16/12/1944. 4 SAAL'S (T&C R) (Unit) / 135. (Serial No.)

W.E. 111/34/1. OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
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						

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units* notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
	A.		3									3
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 16 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.
SX 4605	CAPT	PUTTMAN R M	12 Aust Gen Hosp	11/12	attached for duty
			2/1 London		as M.O.
NX 70734	LIEUT	McNEILL D J	6 Aust Gen Hosp	11/12	attached for duty
			2/1 London		as M.O.

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 Fd Sec (T&C R) 2/5 Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16/12/194.4 (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.
MAJOR	NX [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		
[illegible]	NX [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	NX [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT	SX 4605	PUTTMAN R.M.	2/1 Aust Gen Hosp (2 Echelon)	11/12/44	Attd for duty as M.O.
LIEUT	VX 71198	ALTSON [illegible]	2/5 Aust Fd Sec (T&C R)	"	"
LIEUT	NX 70734	McNEILL D.J.	2/5 Aust Fd Sec (T&C R)	"	"

16 Dec 1944
Date of Despatch

[illegible]
Signature of Commander
OC 2/5 Aust Fd Sec (T&C R)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

/ (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday, 16/12/1944 4 SALS (T.C.) (Unit) 135

W.E. 111, 361 L. OFFRS. 3 O.R's. 7 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

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

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

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

Detail		C.M.P. A.T.P.	C.M.P. Under 19 Years	C.M.P. 19 Years and over	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	• •	TOTAL.
A		7						[illegible]	[illegible]		7
B(1)		7									
B(2)							[illegible]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
2	3SASALS.		
2	62ASALS.		
2	63ASALS.		

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. /1944

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 .

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 Turrets			
Artificer, Artillery			
Artificer, Engine			
Blacksmiths			
Bricklayers			
Compositor			
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, Examiner			
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			

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

WD

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7/12/1944. 4 SAALS (TA) (Unit) ...../..... (Serial No.) 134

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.
NX 34946	Capt.	Mc/NTOSH-H.	2/7 A.G.H.	7/12	DENGUE.

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 Sqdn AL Sec (TAC:R) Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7/12/1944 (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.
MAJOR	NX 100720	O'DOHERTY	R.J.C.	O.C.	YES		
CAPT	NX 34945	McINTOSH	A.H.P.	M.O.	NO	2/7 AGH - DENGUE	7/12
T/CAPT	QX 7455	HOLDSWORTH	W.I.B.	M.O.	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.
Lieut	VX 37771	KEY S.D.	25 Aust Sqn RL Section		

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

O.C. 4 Sqdn A.L. Section (Tac. R)
A.I.F.

A.W. 28B No. 7/44

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

___/___(Serial No.) 134

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9/12/1944 4 SAALS (Unit)

W.E. HQ/25/1 OFFRS. 2 O.R's. 7 + OFFRS.____ O.R's.____ ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

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

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

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 16 N.Z. Forces.

Detail		A.I.P.	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		7						[redacted]	[redacted]		7
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
2	HQ Base Sub-Area Q.M.G.		

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).

HQ Base Sub Area (Town R) AIF

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in 134 Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 9/12/194 4

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				Hammerman			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree Makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Stnly. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Artisan				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Valeting			
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)				Drillers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				[illegible]	2	2	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	2	2					
Grinder, Precision				Hole Operator				Clerks, Supply				[illegible]	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				[illegible]	2	2	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				[illegible]			
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Examiner				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.							
Photolithho				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Rad 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 8 and 10 of Part A, respectively.	7	7	

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 restrict or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

9 Dec 1944
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
D.C. 45 Base Sub Area (Town R) AIF

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0000 Hrs. Saturday 2/12/1944 [illegible] (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/1 OFFRS. 3 O.R's. 4 + 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						

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
	A.		3									3
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

4 Sqdn RAAF Servicing Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2/12/1944 (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.
	VX						
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		
	VX						
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes		
	VX						
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	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.
	VX				
LIEUT.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]

2/12/44
Date of Despatch

[illegible]
Signature of Commander

O.C. 4 SQDN RAAF SERVICING UNIT

a.w. 2m Bks 7/44

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

_____/_____(Serial No.) 133

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2/12/1944 45 AALS (Unit)

W.E. III, 3E/1 OFFRS. 3 O.R's 7 + OFFRS. _____ O.R's _____ ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

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

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

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

Detail		C.M.P.			A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	• •	TOTAL
		A.I.P.	Under 18 Years.	18 Years and over.							
A		7						[redacted]	[redacted]		7
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
2	35 Aust Sqn AL Section		

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

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

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

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

45 Aust AL Sec (TAC: R) 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 2/12/1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.N.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyor, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental.			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dev Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Proofer Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Compositors								Riggers				Stokers, Stnly. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Assmen				Signwriters				Textile Knitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd'rs. Asst.				Well Borers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Battermakers				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 Mot.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drivers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchmen				Butchers				SERGEANTS	1	1	—
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	2	2					
Grinder, Precision				Hoist Operator				Clerks, Supply				CORPORALS	1	1	—
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				BATMAN - DRIVERS	3	3	—
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Conservers							
Mechanics, Radio				Linemen				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Linemen, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Kinescope				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, M.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Typist, Field							
Photographer, Mot Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Sea Dorlett				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	2	2		Totals of columns marked • to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively.	7	7	—

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 consistently on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reinfts. Required."
(e) Where any segment or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in case of the blank spaces on this page.

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