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No	TIME	FROM	TO	11 Dec.	TEXT	REMARKS
540.	110720L	1372	9div.	Sitrep to 110700L @ D Coy 29/46 bn iftd 20 24 26 bde 110030L otherwise NTR	report 2 japs killed by bobby trap	
541	110807	1372 26 bde	1229	If possible please incl 26 bde	on list of addressees for your daily sitreps	
542	110820	20 bde	0742	SECRET @ Sitrep 197 to 110700L @	ref map 1/25000 @ this disperses 2/5 bn @	
542A	110845L	26 bde	1277	BuHQ & Coy 629729 A Coy 630732 Sitrep to 118 to 110700L @ NTR	B and D coys 622723	
542B	110845	26 bde	1230	Sitrep 102 to 110800L. Sitrep		
543	111030	9 div	0705	Sitrep 94 to 10200L.		iftd 22 2937 I3724
544	111040	I372	9 div	request 2 copies each following	obliques @ mmr 1902 serial nos 126 to 129 incl	
545	0735	CO29	AM	Tps sighted at 603765, gating	meal - are they ours?	0745 serial 546 advised
546	0740	CO37		Have no tps north of T6 grid. 11 Dec, 11 japs met and fired now moving HQ moves 0900L	17 coy set ambush on track morning on - no results received as yet. C Coy searching for remainder	0816 A coy killed 2 and
547.	0815	Div	13M	Night 12/11 Dec 10 barges destroyed - types A & B and larger.	on damaged by PT boats in vicinity KAWASA	
548	0900	26 bde	I277	Sitrep 118 to 110700L NTR		
549	0900	IO37		A coy ambushed 7 japs 607757 killed	3 japs moving in SW direction	
550	0910	CO37		Coy moved ^{ing} 0855L at 607754 HQ	now closed down morning 607758	
551	0957	CO29.		Sow R approx 2 ft deep at mouth Track crosses R at 609770 with	banks high but not steep gradient. emur etc dumps along river.	
552	1015	IO37		patrols 11 Dec. A coy 607758 patrol & SW to garden to act as flank pt	ing NW to ch area 6076 & no further north than T6 grid to bn. C moving A coy area B & D coys awaiting relief by 2/17 bn.	bn.

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553	1045	29/46		B Coy standing patrol 607768 ck bend- of SOWI. A Coy party killed ^{wounded} 3 japs 5
554	1115	29/46 29/46		D Coy 29 ambushed and killed attempt to obtain PW
555	1123	29/46		A Coy patrol will move SOUTH from and return along coast. D Coy patrol north to garden 611768 then return
556	1140	BM	G2.	Passed intentions for 12 Dec.
557	1205	G2	AM.	Will arrange supply 6pr & 2pr for
558	1222	29/46		PW shot in throat and trying to attempting to capture PW in good
559	1308	G3	BM	RAT sending sec for beach def
560	1311	29	LO1.	patrol north of river returned on ck 613768. Rice carried out
561	1355	9 div		Ref ^{4 hdt} sec I372 request for ariel immediately and another in 2 days.
562	1400	BM	29	A Coy 22 bn will move across for adv 12 dec. One Coy 29/46 will sp 22 bn and one pl will sp 37/52
563	1420	AM.	OC MG Coy.	Protection has been arranged for MG to obtain place posts on SCARFACE
564	1435	29/46 OC TRS.	BM	Crossing SOWI R good. Beach

TEXT	REMARKS.
A Coy patrolling 200 yds along track North enclosed North along coast.	
7 Japs north of COCONUTS - so will	
KILIGIA thence SE to 612768 thence to coast to South arm of CK ⁶¹²⁷⁶⁸ then to garden 611765 ① 2 grenade dischargers found by 29 bn being returned this HQ	
beach def and challenging sta.	
reach ADS. 1 Jap killed by in enemy pocket. condition	BM arranging interpreter to go fwd
to KILIGIA 12 dec	^{1311.} passed to 29
NMS. Bulldozer not yet started work and half hours work to make crossing	
photos one set can be supplied	Passed info to date for GOC.
SOWI R at 608773 in preparation remain beachhead area to MG will . One sec 29/46 will protect MG post at 607767	
post with 29/46 bn. OC MG Coy will be as soon as possible to harass LARONIA. at river good.	Informed of move A Coy return.

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565	1435L	9 div	0707	Ref BONGA photomap @ ONE @ rd from both ways except vhs necessary for @ TWO @ rd from 188144 to GUSIKA each clock hr for 15 mins and for clock hr for 15 mins @ AAF pers stationed this inster.	188144 to 194146 is closed to all traffic maintenance of arty tp sited on the rd will be open to north bound traffic at south bound traffic at 15 mins past each at each end have full authority to enforce	
566	1435	22	1F307	Setup This HQ closes 619749 re	opens 612768 1700L.	
567	1605	20 bde	L01.	boys of 37/52 bn have been relieved		
568	1645	9 div	BM	20 bde will take over responsibilities	tomorrow	
569	1650	37/52		Bn HQ moved to 608759 @ A Coy 607758	@ C Coy 603756 @ B Coy moving new 606755	
570	1652	20 bde		37/52 bn will be relieved 121500L by 20 area south of TUNOM R. Area 613753 vital D 612744 Cand HQ Coy 617744	bde @ 15 bn moving fwd to take over gud. Dispersus 17 bn 605749 B 604745	
571	1705	L01	29/46	29/46 bn will be relieved of responsibility of gud south of TUNOM R. will then be responsible for beachhead at	afternoon 12 Dec 29/46 bn COCONUTS. ETR is not known	
572	1125	0140.	22 29/46	Warning Order @ 22 bn will be prepared 37/52 bn 2/6 Fd Regt adv at first light 12 Dec @ PIB will 2/7 Fd Coys MC, PIB to TUNOM R until 20 bde assume to retain control of tracks at approach on left flank earliest 12 Dec.	to move through 29/46 bn and continue patrol area north of 75 nothing grid responsibility @ 37/52 bn will be prepared 607753 and 603763 and continue adv	
573	1715.	CO37	BM.	37/52 will occupy SCARFACE Present dispersus A Coy 607758 B 609759 sig line being run down to COCONUTS	tomorrow, 12 dec. C 603756 D 605700 Bn HQ 607758. area.	

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574	1730	G3 Bin		Ref air strike 12 Dec - SANGA River TAC R 11 Dec SANGA R. is Ldc - track from sp 1512 1513 1613 1617. Tracks 156131 162128 to 165127 to 166830 and further 21 to 174110 defo to 500 yds	to be bombline. 170117 along ck to SANGA. Activity to 160135 to 164134 to other edge of timber track activity 170133 across 167134. north also def to WAREO track from pt named.	
575	1740	22	1F305	strip to 1700L @ PW HQ 612768 ADS & 612757 B & C Coys no change	A Coy 608774 D Coy 612763 HQ Coy 602769. pos 608773.	
576	1804	29/46		Ths have crossed SOWIR and are in	area 12 Dec and desire guide	BH arranged & gave dispos
577	1805	20 hde.	BM	20 hde recd party will move to		
578	1830	CO37	BM.	Dispos now PW HQ 607758 A Coy Patrol to 603760 NMS 606754 NMS was fired on by LMG. Patrol withdrew to enemy movement seen 604756. moving fwd to cut track 604764 with 29/46 bn also west to 598760 C Coys at 604755 patrolling west	607757 B Coy 609761 Coy 604755 D 605760 Patrol to 602755 killed 1 Jap and and returned. Estimate small party Japs 8-10. Intentions for 12 Dec. A and B Coys and will patrol fwd and to flank/shinking and NW to 599766 and to north @ to be grid.	Intentions also received from IO 120715Z.
579	1935	22		MG's fired on & killed 2 Japs on spur	above B Coy at 607767	Being reported by 20 hde who were advised 37/52 also reported.
580	1930	1375	9 di	SECRET @ strip to 111900L @ 22 bn @ 609783 then 300 yds west NMS @ D Coy 612763 HQ Coy 602769 B and C enemy stragglers killed @ also 13 dead 37/57 bn @ 18 enemy moving SW killed 602755 @ dispos bn HQ C 604755.	A Coy patrol out 1730L in 1810L to cape dispos bn HQ 612768 A Coy 608774 Coys no change @ 29/46 bn @ 13 further found 613757 @ dispos unchanged @ ambushed at 607757 5 killed @ one enemy 607758 B Coy 609761 D Coy 605760 A 607757	40th CTR SQ 46th Fed Regt 45MG DALS.

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581	2015	9 th div	0711	On 12 Dec 20 bde will relieve 4 bde of general line 762 northing grid possible to hold in depth coast but less than 300 yds and with under command and on relief by 9 div possible of responsibility for def rejoin 20 bde. Task 20 bde will 603747 protect left rear of 4 bde 614762 and encl beachhead def	of responsibility for coastal sector south and will move 2/15 but fwd earliest track north of 614760. On 12 Dec 2/15 MG, comd L0B 26 bde L0B 2/3 Pm but L0B 2/4 Carrier Coy will relieve 2/13 but earliest GUSIKA beachhead 2/13 but on relief will be to hold important grid 605749 and and hold in depth coast sup & beach GUSIKA.	20 > 2 L. BM 4 bde arranged with 20 bde to take over beach 616763. All serial 597.
582	2015	20 bde	0744	Secret 198 to 111900 L 2/15 but no change 2/17 but 2/17. A Coy 606749 pls 604751 and 60474 B Coy 2/15 MG but now 603743.	2000 2/13 but normal barge unloading 2 B Coys relieved two coys 3/15 but 2/15. 9 B Coy 604745 pl 603745 D Coy 612742	
583	2035	142	222937 but	SECRET 20 confirming verbal Orders P113, 2/15 responsible for area north to TUNOM 20 bde. 22 but with in sp one to C sqd 2/15 coast to incl LAKONAO 3/15 but 607758 and 603763 patrol for coys at 30 mins notice 2/15 but beachhead from 610777 to encl patrol to tracks sea 588747	20 tide are R 20 INTENTION NO change 20 METHOD 2 pls 2/15 MG but will adv 12 Dec along will retain control tracks approx crossings over SOWIR and keep two with in sp TRA pl 22 but will defend TUNOM R on relief by 20 bde 20 PIB and report enemy meet.	
584	2200.	24 bde	080	Secret 120 to 111900 L 2/15 but north bank KAL VENG R from 601728 NTR 2/15 but Clay moved to 584727 reported many vacated 4 81mm mortar bombs black 578728 NMSO 2/15 but B Coy moved	normal protective patrols report to 610731 too steep to climb otherwise 582724 from where patrol moved to enemy diggings 20 at approx 58437274 with red bands 20 other patrol to 617721 20 otherwise NTR.	

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585	2200	26 bde	I 235	<p>Sitrep 103 to 112000L @ 248 bn @ contact patrol to 516676 NTR @ 2/4 car 4pm @ contact patrol to 516676 inland patrol moved from FASEO to MASA @ indications are that main jap base is at patrol to track jmc 540733 saw exchanged enemy car & killed 1 strength 20 and at least 3 LMG's @ voices @ patrols from BAZULUO along @ 2/4 bn @ A coy attacked from a number of cars inflicted on enemy moved fwd & attempted to cut and perimeter formed between two @ coy pl Coy less pl 563728 pl drawing from E came under fire</p>	<p>patrol to 516676 NTR @ 2/4 car 4pm @ 2179A SUMI (-ref KULUNGTUFEU 1/63360). 2/23 bn 7/8 japs and approx 15 footholes fire wounded @ our car nil @ estimated enemy patrol to 536729 saw 3 japs and heard SW track for a distance 4000 yds NTR. south and penetrated enemy posn at 566728 and one SUKI LMG captured @ coy ^{then} have track running to NE but insufficient time tracks @ Siopans 17 coy less pl 565728 565728 D coy 563728 @ JAP party with and wiped out.</p>	
586	2200	9 div	O 714	<p>Allotment of fd arty in sp bdes regt in sp 4 bde @ 23 bty in sp 62 bty in sp 26 bde @ in addition in bde sectors @ 4 bde 62 bty (super @ 26 bde 24 bty (super charge only)</p>	<p>12 DEC as from 12 DEC @ 2/6 fd 20 bde @ 24 bde bty in sp 24 bde @ following btys are able to give sp charge only @ 24 bde 23 and 62 btys</p>	
587	0700	BM.		<p>this HQ will be prepared to move be notified later @ bde rece party will provide 2 MP's with rece party</p>	<p>12 DEC NOT before 120600L @ new location will will be at CP 120930L @ Pres Sgt</p>	
588	0720L	9 div	I 376	<p>Sitrep to 120700L @ NTR.</p>		
589	0800	24 bde	1278	<p>Sitrep 120 to 120700L NTR</p>		
590	0800	22 bn		<p>A and D coys across SOWI-R. CP on opposition incl 2 LMG's at 609777 @ D coy moving around right flank @ only on track of ck jmc 605783.</p>	<p>South side of river @ D coy at 609775 @ 0855 Passed div @ D coy moving around right flank @ 0906 Passed 20 bde</p>	<p>0855 Passed div 0906 Passed 20 bde</p>

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591	0810	20 bde	BM	reports no enemy in front of 2/17 bn	but deep patrols not yet returned.	
592	0815	CO 37		C Coy patrolling west to cross 60 grid	line. A and B Coy moving 603763	Advised of LMG post 609775.
593	0817	CO 29		Returning ibde HQ will move 13 Dec	to 613768.	
593A	0820	→		A & D Coy at		
594	0920	20 bde	0745	Sitrep 199 to 120700L ONTR.		
595	0935	A 37/52		A Coy 603760 in contact with enemy 603	to 1 but are pushing on. No report C Coy.	
596	1000	BM	IO 22	C Coy CO can ^{now} move C Coy & MG's when	he desires. From IO - A Coy 607780 with 1020	Phoned div
				patrolling up ch. D Coy clearing up enemy	that A Coy passed D Coy 608778. The held	
				up 607776 by fallen trees. Only light	enemy encountered as yet. B Coy ⁶¹⁰⁷⁷¹	
				C Coy 617753 rejoining bn.		
597	1055	20 bde	BM.	Have contacted div re COCONUTS area.	20 bde will assume of responsibility	Received 112010L.
				for beachhead and dumps south of TUNOM	R. 4 bde will assume responsibility for	
				dumps in COCONUTS area.		
598	1058	22 bn		The engaging slight opposition at 607	775. Adv continuing	Received 120905L.
599	1100	9 div	0720	9 div sitrep 95 to 112000L		
				2 bays Int Report 60.		
				TAC R sortie 1 (9 div) 9 Dec.		
				Ship to shore identification signs		
				Passwords. C 77/52/12 (21 copies)		
600	1105L	26 bde	I 236	Sitrep 104 to 120700L @ 2/24 but at	0550 hrs A Coy heard. most to west	
				flank engaged by fire and some	was thought to be inflicted	
601	1110	Div.	BM	Wish to make seaward recd of	beach at KIRICIA 12 Dec. Is it clear?	BM inform re enemy 609777.

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602	1250	1381	22bn	enlarged three times from FORTIFICATION sketches dated mid Oct. Note owing are only approx. 2bn 79 regt have BONGA and it is NOT known whether 2bn 79 Regt was relieved when they reformed 1bn 80 Regt.	PT 1/25000 Dispersions 2bn 79 regt from to roughness of original sketches dispersions been identified at end of Oct in GUSIKA - these coast def are still manned. If returned BONGA relieving force probably	Att to sketch showing def. funded DRLS
603.	1125	22.	BM	KILIGIA beach is now clear of enemy are moving 608774.	B coy now 608774 C Coy No report but	
604	1138	037.		Patrol out from C Coy to grid existing 60. have had no report from A & B coys		BM 29/46 patrolling route 607768 to 603769 & will report on track.
605	1155	22.	1	A coy now 603780 with pl in contact with pl moving to right at to assist pl A coy at 604782	fact 604782 @ one jap killed. D coy 608779	
606.	1140.	20 bde		patrols 2/17 bn to garden 606753	holding morning and afternoon 12 Dec	3/52 advised
607	1150	37/52.		A coy fired on at 603761 but	going fwd.	
608	1203	37/52		A coy at 604763 moving 602763 with B coy moving behind them. Terrain is not so difficult		
609	1225	BM	93.	Have info to date. Seaward now clear. Bde moving 13 Dec	use of KILIGIA possible as beach 612769.	1237. 22 advised beach safe. Pressed 20 bde 1435.
610	1305	Div	BM.	Arrangements for increasing 20 to be made direct with 20 bde until reference will be made to div	bde northern area of responsibility as it becomes beyond their means when	
611	1311	37/52		patrol to 601755 NMS. to	permission granted to move C Coy to vicinity but 1300 L to 600759. A coy now 603763 B coy 604766	
612	1300.			C Coy patrol to 600759 D Coy out		

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613.	1300	22		A Coy now 605779 with pl 606781	pl 602777. D Coy 607782 with pl 606784	
614	1330	PIB		Patrol to approx 559738 report no local patrols west of LAGOON NMS.	most on track since MAC FORCE left area. Patrols sent 587747 will return 14 Dec.	
615.	1342	BM.		Desires info re tracks to FORTIFICATION PT if any PIB patrols enter that area. Also about beach guns and their date of arrival		
616	1400	CO 22	Comd	A Coy 606782 D Coy 605785. B & HQ	coys 608762	Passed 20 tide 1435L.
617	1420	CO 37	BM.	A Coy 606764 on river but track and are moving to 601763 On 13 Dec moves will commence 130730L. C Coy	on north side of river. B Coy 604763. D Coy will move 609762 B & HQ to 603763 will be in posn 609760 night 12/13 Dec	
618	1515	BM	4 PMG.	Guide required to lead coy 37 to SCARFACE 13 Dec.		OC will arrange.
619	1525	CO 29.		Patrol returned from SCARFACE NMS 50W1 R at 607770 then to 601772	Patrol out 1100L in 1515L route across 29/46 will provide guide for 37/52 13 Dec.	
620	1545	CO 37		A Coy at 604765 on spur covering track C Coy patrols No report	B Coy approx 600763 where 2 pill boxes	Guide to meet C Coy 613767 130830L
621	1610	22		B Coy holding line 606782 south along CK to the track. D Coy moving to 604783 fire coming from CK 605784 estimated 4 LMG's & 15 to 20 rifles. C Coy at 609774 with pl 604		
622	1630	Div	BM	Two 2 pos & one 6 pos now at COCONUT operate from 12000h.	BEACH also challenging sta which will	
623	1703	BM.	37/52	2200 features 566727 captured by 24	side advising retreating japs may move towards 37/52	
624	1705	29/46		disappears at 121600h. 609772 A Coy	607776 B 608768 C 613767 D 608774.	

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624		contd.			1515L patrol A Coy 37 contacted patrol of dump (see serial 620).	B Coy 29/46 NMS @ details contents
625	1705	22			121500L A Coy 605779 moving east with pl 606784. Rocket 609778 clear	against opposition ^{with} pl 606781. D Coy 607782
626	1645	1382	9 div		dump at 609772 vicinity KILIGIA 60 only grenades old type 12 cases charges 8 cases and 500 rds loose and two blocks demolition charge.	contains 31 cases 81mm mortar bombs grenades new type 2 cases demolition 256mm cave 610773 6 magnetic mines
627	1655	37 IO.			A Coy now 604765 on north side of river found faint jap pad leading leading from that track runs up CR located @ Coy commenced move to	river @ rice along north bank of to huts area 599766 @ fresh track from 603765 to 600763 where B Coy now 609760 approx 1655L.
628	1810.	6037.	LO1		B Coy 37 re patrol heard enemy being sent to investigate	voices village 599767 and pl patrol
629	1820.	37/52	1223		Sitep to 121700L @ A Coy moved to 120935L returned fire result unobserved disposals unchanged @ patrols to 601755 to 599766 discovered jap track recently	603765 @ fwd elements fired on from 603761. @ B Coy now 600763 C Coy 607757 other 600759 and 603758 all NMS. patrol used NMS.
630	1900	1383	div.		patrols @ 29/46 bu ^{13 Coy} out 121100L in 2024 2660L 601772 NMS @ 37/52 bu @ C Coy out NMS @ D Coy out 120800L in 121520L 121500L in 121745L 603765 went followed fresh tracks NMS	121575L 607770 along northeast to 120800L in 1216000L 603756 to 599759 605760 to 599759 NMS @ A Coy out along north bank river to 599766 HUTS
631	1945	A.M.G.	G3		Passed infu re 22 bu 29/46 bu cleaned out enemy pocket at 566738	37/52 bu. G3 informed that 24 bu had
632	2000	22	Comd		CO considers enemy stronger than	first thought

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633.	2030.	B.M.	9 div.	Infm received from TACK shows biv area and want harassing	592790 as dump area and 589793 as fire laid down on area	In reply query by GOC.
634	2105	I 354	div 20 24 26 bdes 22 29 37 bms	SECRET SITREP to 121900L 22 6087780 fire exchanged enemy with 603782 D Coy moved along posns estimated one coy with 2 ck from 605784 to 604783 tanks moved to left through 609779 D Coy 606784 A 603782 as per patrol report NMS C 607757 D 605760 29/46 bn disperse bn HQ 609772 A Coy 60776 Reasons given for harassing fire.	bn A Coy continued adv encountered LMG fire drew A Coy moved round left flank to track to 606784 where strong enemy HMG's and LMG's encountered along from 608774 blocked by fallen timber Kunai to 606783 disperse bn HQ B 606783 C 608778 37/52 bn patrols disperse Bn HQ 607758 A 603766 B 600763 B Coy patrol 607770 to 601772 NMS B 608768 C 613767 D 608774.	
635	2030		9 div.	Reasons given for harassing fire.	592790 and 589793 - dump area and biv area.	Infm from TACK.
636	2040	24 bde	I 280.	SITREP 121 to 1900L 2/28 bn normal protective patrol NTR 2/32 bn patrol from 582724 to 586719 NMSO patrol to posns 581720 found 5 boxes JUKI ammo 2 magnetic mines and much eqpt C Coy returned to 577718 Opl at 567727 returned to D Coy to startpoint NMS patrol to 612719	area 2/43 bn patrol from 618684 to 600700 to 623700 recover remains of Aust P.I.B. Sgt missing since 27 NOV	
637	2115	20 bde	O.747	SITREP 200 to 1900L 2/13 bn unloading dispositions B.H.Q. 623754 A Coy 614753 B TR/A pl 615762 2/17 bn patrol at this point attempted to cross attempt at 604752 also failed same from 604745 to 601739 to 604743 601745. abandoned enemy posns in explosive 6 doz 4 mines holding two for use against tanks but being	larger GUSIKH beach 2/18 bn moved into 22 bn area C Coy 621751 C Coy 618753 with pl 617756 D 610752 from 607748 via 604748 to 604750 then 604750 river but unsuccessful due 100 ft cliff further reason dead japs found 604749 but NMS take back to SP. NMS patrol from 604745 to garden garden areas had signs of fighting block of detonators found in posns probably intended forward for examination - patrol NMS.	
638.	2130.	22	IF 308	Sitrep to 1730L D Coy 604785 A Coy 606783 C Coy 608777 Bn HQ HQ Coy 609779	less pl 601779 moving to 602781 to perimeter B Coy plus pl A Coy Opl A Coy patrolling to along ck chasing several stragglers OTK to with B Coy.	

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639	22000	26 bde	I 239	Sitrep to 12 2000L @ 2/4 Cav sqn inland morning 11 dec to get taro @ returned WALANGA - ZAGAHAMI for supplies as patrol from B Coy to 552738 found then north to jap posn at 548732 @ returned our fire with at least 1 LMG flank but approach impossible @ patrol returned to 535722 and one jap killed 2 wounded @ 2/4 bn @ the time after 6 hrs fighting posn 1540 hrs thus opening to BONGA WAREO 2 killed 5 wounded @ A Coy reorganized north along track across razorback Coy digging in close contact @ LOCSTRA 563727 @ remainder unchanged @

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640	130720L	1385	9.00	204 26 bde. Sitrep to 130700L ..
641	0813L	20 bde	0748	Sitrep 201 to 130700L @ NTR.
642	0830	26 bde	I 240	Sitrep 106 to 130700L Sitrep
643A	0850	24 bde	1281	Sitrep to 130700L NTR.
643	0715	I 037		Bn HQ moving to 602763 Cloy 600772
644	0905	I 022	BM	D Coy moved fwd encountered 4 Cloy moving round to left of D Coy
645	0945	C 037	BM	Cloy moving 0730L to 602772 located enemy party in huts Report D Coy 22 min held up HQ closed 619748 reopened
646	0950	A Coy		
646A	1000			

EXT	REMARKS
	patrol @ natives report 10 japs arrived MASA circa TUV also reported japs used track well as track 510-ZAGAHAMI @ 423 bn @ high water fall @ returned to 547725 and one jap killed one wounded @ enemy @ patrol withdrew 300 yds & reced right patrol from D Coy shot 1 jap at 537723 then moved east and north to 54173L where B Coy attacked SW towards enemy posn near captured & contact made with Cloy at track @ estimated 25 enemy killed our cas at 564727 and Cloy passed through moving at 565732 where further jap posn contacted changes @ A Coy 564727 Cloy 565732 D Coy 448 bn @ local patrols NTR.

D Coy 608763

LMG's 30 rifles 602786. NO report D Coy. Passed to arty 0915.

A Coy patrolling to west but have not 599767.

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13 Dec.

647 1005 G1 Div BM. GOC feels that there may be
wants to be certain enemy cannot
Bde to block up as much as
to take over area to SOWI R as

648 1015 20 bde BM ref serial 647. 15 and 17 bns
to LAGOON area. Will try to -
relief of your bns.

649 1200. 22. D Coy at 601786 moving to left flank
A Coy behind ck 601783 investigating
track with tp of tanks at 603783
B Coy 604784 Bn HQ 609779

650 1200 37/52. C Coy moving 600772 reported 603779
C Coy 600772. pl B Coy will move to
602775. NO contact.

651 1200. PATROLS 37/52. B Coy out 0800L in
D Coy out 0800L ETA 1400L from
A Coy out 0800L ETA 1400L from
29/46. bn. D Coy out 0930L in
A Coy out 1300 in 1400 from 607777

652 1300 22 bn This held up 602785 D Coy now
then A Coy to ck 595785. C Coy at
Coy now 601771

653 1300 37/52 A WOTD INTERPRETATION. 592778
posts 589787 & prep work pits
of small clearing

654 1300 9 Div C Coy now 601786 otherwise - NO
opened

counter attack from LAKONA area and
cut track behind fwd tps by infiltration
possible and BM will ask to bde
seen as possible. See Serial 648.

disposed and at moment 13 bn on move
reach CO 2/13 so that he can arrange
BMH bde. In reply query by

against LMG post at 601785.
enemy meet 600781. C Coy moving along
following arty cone in area 599787.

at 1200L. A Coy will move at 1400L to join
603766 to relieve A Coy. pl for M.G. bn

1200L to huts 599767 NMS @ NOT recently occupied
609761 NE to gardens along river & return.
603766 NW along river and 1000 yds to 3 cks.
1145L 608775 to 603773 NMS.
up reluctant to 602776.

600787 A 597783. B Coy to pass through
601771

All all def pos 597785 > possible MIG
587793 4 or 5 LMG pits along track on edge
change.

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656. 1240 9 div 0737 fls of coy PIB now with 4 bde & earliest practicable 4 and 26 bdes will earliest practicable 4 and 26 bdes will

657 1330. I386 9 div. please find as soon as possible 20

658 1450 0740 9 div 24 or 26 bdes will continue to send sectors to prevent surprise and obtain

659. 1500 37/52 Army patrol along river in 1435L Army commenced move to 60772 at

660. 1525. 27bn. D coy 597788 engaging pocket strength of D Coy. F coy at 596785 moving west. pl B coy successfully attacked enemy posn pl attacking at 600785. Tho crossing ck

661 1530 37/52 Coy killed 1 jap on SEARFACE C Coy

662 1530. Div. 0733 9 div litrep 96 to 122000L 2 corps Int Report No 61 9 div sum no 26 NGF Int Summary 151 Tack sortie! (9 div) 11 dec. 2 corps Photo Report 185.

663 1600 22. BM. 0722 Calibration shoot 21x Edgett 0800L-1100L This at 601785 with pl inf. Am HQ 604784 advised that 37bn moving to 605783 then are 37 bn boundaries.

664 1640 37/52 BM. ~~BM~~ ~~BM~~ 37/52 closing HQ. and moving

26 bde will rejoin C Coy PIB at HELDSBACH report rejoin C Coy PIB at HELDSBACH report probable time of rejoining.

copies MASAWENG R west 1/25000.

patrols deep into the areas fwd of their any indication of enemy intentions.

sighted 1 jap 2 small clothing dumps 597767 1435L.

unknown in ck at 596788. C Coy south B coy will outflank pocket opposed to D Coy. 598785 with bayonet killed 8 and another east of 600785.

with pl MG 600772

13-14 dec.

Cond Post 603784 HQ Coy just behind Bn HQ SE to 606781 at ck 4 track fence which

to come area near 22bn,

Received 14 Dec.

Passed to div 1530.

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665 665	1620	Div	BM.	From Lyts note book captured the — details later.	20 Div to retreat to LAKONA by 10 Dec. Further	New locations 37/52 passed.
666	1645.	Div	OA 197	at TACR 12 Dec ① 72 LMG pits still used foot track 158147-156148 ① Trench circle kunai worn down possible ifd of not known in occupied area 156160 ① 13 leads into cave under ledge ① Recent slightly used foot track 575809-577807 ① NOT seen ① fashole 570827 with track	unoccupied as at 11 Dec NIMSON area ① well 141144 for short distance only ① 147147 fire to R MASAWENG, ① numerous diggings dec slightly used ft track 585830-584829 slightly used foot track 583812-578810 ① track reported south bank R MASAWENG, NW-SE 50 yds either side.	
667.	1650	29/46	401	Timing coming from direction SCARFACE	approx 597774 or 597777. Possibly patrol Coy.	
668.	1735	IO22		B coy 599785 moving to perimeter 600 pocket at 601786. Enemy pocket 598785 C D coys out of comm.	786. pl B Coy plus 2 Tks engaging cleared 8 Japs killed. Bn HQ 602784 FT	IO22 advised of Serial 665.
669.	1750	CO22.		DCA to coys thought to be on line of CR of pocket 601786 3 LMG's & several rifles	at coast 596788. Estimated strength	
670	1755	37/52.		HQ opened 606781 at 1530L B coy moving	605781 D 607779	
671	1810	BM	G3.	passed. infan serials 668, 669, 670. and take over responsibility area 605785	intentions for 14 Dec. 20 bde will to 583762. 15 Dec.	
672	1825	CO22.		Pocket 601786 now clear our cas	1 killed & wounded.	
673	1855	CO22		D coy contacted enemy 598787 & enemy D&C coys adv to CR at and forming	withdrew leaving 10 dead our cas 1 killed perimeter.	
674	1900	Div	BM.	20 bde report coy of japs at	585745.	Serial 673 passed

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675	1850L	1388	9div 22	<p>patrols @ 29/46 bus @ D Coy out 130930L 29 37 bus A Coy out 1300L in 131400L from 60777 20 24 26 bdes B Coy out 130800L in 131200L from 600763 NOT recently occupied @ D Coy out 130800L and return NMS @ A Coy out 130800L 597768 sighted one jap 2 small</p>	<p>in 131145L from 608775 to 603773 NMS @ along reentrant to 602776 NMS @ 37/52 bus @ to HUTS 599767 and return NMS @ HUTS in 131400L from 609761 NE to garden 611765 in 131435L from 603766 along river to clothing dumps.</p>	
676	1945.	20 bdes.	BM	Locations 13 bus. Butth 611770 A 604765	B 603762 C 609768 D 603769.	
677	2000.	1389	9div 20	<p>lineup to 131900L @ 22 bus @ D Coy @ 24 26 bdes upsd located enemy pocket with LMG at 601785 22 29 37 bus. unknown along line of CK 597787 @ 10 enemy passed and at 131600L were reported at since then comm cut @ B Coy successfully then attacked enemy pocket 601785 enemy dead counted @ disposals butth 602784 37/52 bus @ patrols as per patrol report 606781 B Coy 606782 D 607779 A & C 600 report @ disposals unchanged.</p>	<p>enemy posns 608784 unoccupied @ Coy adv and by passed @ further opposition strength killed @ A Coy encountered enemy 598783 by 596785 moving to track at 593785 @ attacked enemy 598783 killing 8 @ one pl withdrew leaving 2 dead @ further 3 enemy D Coy 597787 C 596787 A 596785 B 600786 @ @ one jap killed 600772 @ disposals butth 772 @ 29/46 bus @ patrols as per patrol</p>	<p>ATK sqn 26 Fd Regt A Coy 2 LMG DALS</p>
678	2000	24 bdes	OS	<p>lineup 123 to 131900L @ 2/32 bus patrol to patrols NTR @ Quantity own? not</p>	<p>584727 NMS @ all lateral and internal dropped by air recovered South of PARU.</p>	
679	2030	3760.		<p>Coy ^{at 602772} new in comm. Enemy posn arty.</p>	<p>with 1 LMG & 2 LMG's 595772 engaged by</p>	
680	2045	20 bdes	0751	<p>SECRET @ lineup 201 to 131900L @ ref 1/25000 vacated by 37/52 bus @ last light disposals 609768 D 603769 @ 2/15 bus @ disposals A 615754 otherwise NTR @ 2/17 bus @ patrol and buried @ 3 buses and some 2 LMG bus 623782.</p>	<p>@ 2/13 bus @ moved from GUSIKA to area @ butth 611770 A Coy 605766 B 603762 C Coy 617756 B Coy 614760 C 621751 pl 619755 D from 604748 to 602751 NMS @ at 603750 2 and dead found rifles also recovered this area @ B Coy</p>	<p>and dead found</p>

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681	2047	COY 37		Coy estimates 1 HMG 2 LMG's in evening. 2/13 bn reported party of japs	enemy posn - have & been firing during going to spur 300' from them.	Passed CO 37 2115.
682	2120	I 390	9 div.	for G 3 air @ new message dropping	area from 14 dec 6105-7685 @ run east west.	
683	2200	6 bde	1243.	linep no 107 to 132000L @ 1/4 cow sqn MOLOLO apparently hostile @ further to 534727 NTR @ Coy patrol east along to 554728 and found no signs of old all going north @ 1/48 bn @ routine range on left flank unable to find over night @ patrol leaving track knoll on razor back track 567733 @ enemy posn due to terrain @ Dispers	inland patrol reports natives north of infn later @ 1/23 bn @ patrol from D coy WAREO-BONGA track then north to 555724 enemy diggings some footprints 2-3 days patrol NTR @ 1/24 bn @ pl patrol into track up 2200 feature @ patrol remaining found enemy still in occupation of patrol to right flank unable to outflank BUTHQ 5-65727 one one pl Coy 564734.	
684	2359	O 100	2229 37	Secret @ OO No 7 @ INFEM @ on 14 dec 20 KILIGIA beach @ INTENTION @ no change @ two pls 1/2 MG bn will secure for head will become bde res and relieve 37/52 bn @ 37/52 bn @ relief and with in sp one approx 593776 retain control of 400 cow 22 bn TH A pl remains in posn KILIGIA	bde is taking over responsibility for def ops METHODD @ 22 bn with in sp tks and over SANGA R @ 29/46 bde on relief by 20 bde less two cys of task of protecting 22 bn L of C. pl PCoy 1/2 MG bn will secure track at four 600772 and patrol all intervening gnd @ beach at 20 mins notice to move.	Passed to G 1. 2230L
65	685	2400.	9 div	0754 cancel msg 0745 @ Reattachment 1 bnd in sp it bde @ two tps A sqn in div in area GUSIKA @ one tp C sqn in in area SATELBERG @ C sqn less three div res will be sited in an area to be selected by comd 1 and 1/2 bn at 24 fd pt coy and FINSCHHAFEN	TH Bn from 14 dec @ A sqn less two tps res @ one tp C sqn in sp 1/2 MG bn sp 24 bde @ one tp C sqn in sp 26 bde tps in div res @ Whktps and tks in between R SONG and HELDSBACH JETTY in consultation with Lieut BARRETT ATE base sub area.	0745 serial
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686	2145	37/52		Acay in close contact with enemy	using mortar grenades LMG & rifles	phoned div 2215.

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687	0720	IO22		Coy commenced move 140700L @ out of comm otherwise NTR.		Passed to Div by BM 0830L
688	0750	I391	20246 bde	9div 22937 litrep to 140700L @ Clay 37/52 mortar & small mortars from 594772	bn fired on during night by rifles LMG @ otherwise NTR.	
689	0845	20 bde	BM.	2/13 bn will take over K/LI 91A	beach area approx 141200L.	In reply to query 0816. Planned to CO29 0847L
690	0856	20 bde	0752	SECRET @ litrep 203 to 140700L @ 2/28 599737 NW along beach to junc 598751	bn patrolled from 604745 to track junc to 596750 NMIS.	
691	0856	24 bde	I285	litrep 124 to 140800L NTR		
692	0910	26 bde	1246	litrep 108 to 140700L NTR		
693	0915	City	IO.	From P. 22 bn Clay moved fwd to high gnd from vicinity LAKONA 18 (81 mm?) bombs	595785. B Coy 600786 have been mortared	
694	0920	BM	CO 13.	29/46 bn will move from D beach notice to move to LAKONA beach	on relief by 2/13 bn. THA pl on 30 mins as soon as it is secured by 22 bn.	
695	0936	CO 37	BM.	A coy 598722 in contact with 2 594722. Before we move forward will	LMG's. C Coy attempting to get around pen patrol to 596776.	
696	0950	IO22	LD1	D coy in contact with enemy 30 strong mortared at 596787. No contact A Coy. Ap Clay.	on North bank of ck 595787. C Coy City have shelled LAKONA. Tbs moving to	0955 CO 22 reports 30 bombs on Clay.
697	1000	29/46	Bar.	Clay on move when message re now been sent to assembly area had no patrols to west.	protection bde received and have 613767. B Coy moving to 607779. Have	BM advised relief at 141200L & that Clay at 608777
698	1040	37/52 CO		Patrol will move from 608744 to	593776. Will move B Coy up spur adjacent to A Coy	

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699 700	1050	22	BM	Vickers task 593770 to 593776	BM to agreeable but 22 bn to liaise with 37 bn.	
700	1137	CO 29.		Intentions - Will move as soon as will have coy 607776 coy 605779 coy	37/52 bn vacate area approx 1300L and 607780 coy 604783 with buttl 606781	
701	1200	22		D and C Coy 598787 - Down right off road A Coy 594787 opposed by 30 enemy at	by approx 30 Japs. H's moving up to sp Coy. 594785. B Coy 600785 no change.	
702	1210	37/52	BM	A Coy has two pls 598772 with pl and pl 597773. Coy no report. B to track at 593777	moving west to ck area 596777 596770 B Coy moving west up spur to 597778 thence	
703.	1215	TKs.	BM	A sqn TKs now over ck with Coy 598786 directly to LAKONA.	Will move across Kumai to timber thence	
704.	1250	Div.	BM	Have not received infm about Japs at 593773 moving east from 20 bde. Will advise pass any relevant infm.		BM gave latest infm.
705	1300	29/46.		Mortar bombs or 75 mm shells landed prepared moves 37/52 bn @ B Coy to	D Coy KILIGIA beach area 141252L. BM - 593777 HQ HQ Coy D Coy to 598779.	¹³²⁰ 1340 15 bombs in area 1 killed 1 wounded
706.	1315	22 IO	IO.	D Coy 597787 in contact with enemy 30-40 strong at mouth of ck. Coy with H's up at in contact 597786 @ A Coy 595786 and thence to LAKONA. B Coy 600785.	reports ck clear now adv to next ck	
707	1330	IO	G3I.	Ref Jap grenades mortars being sent back		
708	132130	9 div	O748.	A Coy PIB will move under arrangements on arrival one pl will be in sp 4 bde its bivouac site in consultation with	to Q to COCONUT beach 14 dec @ ETHA0900L @ one pl in sp 20 bde @ A Coy PIB will arrange HQ 4 bde & advise 9 div.	
709	1340	LO 1		17 bn have located mortar at 593767	and will attempt to shell	

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710.	1345		29/46.	2/13 bn in posn 1300L and advised serial 709	bn will move as soon as possible.	Buttk moved 1400.
711	1350	CO 37.		Buttk moving to 601773 D Coy moving NW in contact @ B Coy	to 598777 A Coy less pl to 598773 pl moving 593773. (reported 599778 at 1400).	BM advised that 80 Japs moving west + mortar posn 593767.
712	1410	TO 22		No change - 37mm gun found in B Coy area		
713	1425	2/13 bn.		Disperses D Coy 603769 C Coy moving pl 598760 A Coy 605760 Buttk	KILIGIA beach B Coy less pl 605753 611770. MG + FOO at 598760.	
714	1440	LO 1.	Coy 37	80 Japs moving west reported.	at 592773.	
715	1615	O 146	22 29 37 bns	units must ensure that all at the earliest opportunity	enemy dead within their areas are buried	
716.	1515	37/52.		Now 603778 still moving. BM 1600 at 602777. estimated ETH	to order B Coy 37 to use mortars 601773 1645L.	Passed OC A Coy LO I 1521
717	1625	37/52	LO 1.	Buttk moving now 601776 @ South down track on commanding	B Coy at objective 592776 with pl 200 yds knoll.	
718	1645. 1707	IO	G 3 I	PIB report on patrols 13 Dec. to river 587748 well used track track for 4-5 days.	599737 track fine to 597736 report NMS running north NMS - No movement on	
719 1707	1707	CO 37		Buttk 601774. D Coy 598778 B Coy obtain comm with A & C Coys. mouth of MASAWENG R from OP.	across track 592776. Endeavouring to FOO can see considerable movement at	
720	1710	29/46		Disperses ^{Buttk} 606779 A 604782 B 607778 C 609777 D 605779.		
721	1721	13bn.		Japs ^{moving} towards B Coy ³⁷ at 592770	Japs also at 59772 but cannot fire because of proximity 37/52.	

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722	1725	37/52	LO1	At first light 15 Dec D coy will move	to join Bcoy 592776.	LO1 advised serial 721
723	1750	LO1	G3.	Infm to date.		
724	1805	IO22.		22 bn locations A coy 590784 patrolled to cleared pocket at 596787 cleared and moved	590783 NMS @ B coy 597782 C coy 595788. D coy 595789. Bn HQ HQ coy pl 1/2 MG and the 598787.	
725	1940.	1393. 9 div 20 x 26 bde rptd 22 x 29 37 bns.	9 div	Secret @ 22 bn @ D coy @ enemy ^{estimated} encountered 5 dead @ without further contact D coy adv mortar bombs fell in coy area at 596787 enemy withdrew leaving 5 dead @ Bcoy. block at 600785 @ further 2 enemy killed 591787 D coy 595789 C 595788 A 590784 contact during night enemy estimated dead @ coy adv to 598772 where enemy reported enemy posn unknown strength and SW but precipitous country prevented posn with HMG & LMG'S at 594772 @ during day area 593773 @ disposals @ one pl 592775 A 598772 C 600772 @ 29/26 D coy area 597774 from suspected posn 606779 A coy 604782 D 605779 C 609777	30/40 withdrew from posn at 596787 leaving along coast to 595789 @ C coy @ 140915 L 30 @ A coy attacked 30 enemy dug in at 595786 reported abandoned 37mm gun less breach in area @ disposals @ bn HQ and to the B 597782 @ 37/52 bn @ A coy @ after close one pl with 2 LMG'S withdrew leaving 9 again located at 597773 @ patrol north at 595777 @ C coy attempted to patrol west most to flank south of strong enemy reports of enemy most east and north bn HQ 599774 D coy 598778 B less pl 592777 bn @ 141300 L 15 mortar bombs landed 593767 area shelled @ disposals @ bn HQ B 607778.	DRLS to ATK Sqw 2/6 Fd Regt A coy 1/2 MG Bn
726	1930	CO37	BM.	Intentions. C Coy will move to high will move to B Coy area and patrol sp will attack enemy posn 595773	feature approx 590772. pl MG and D coy extensively. A coy with arty and mortar	
727	1915	CO22		Estimated 50 jobs between our FOL'S	and SANGA R.	
728	1945	20 bde	O754	Secret @ lineup 204 to 1419006 @ ref 1/25000 @ pl 598760 C coy 628773 pls 605796 and barges COCONUT Beach disposals unchanged June 587747 had reached approx 595750 604775 pl 612770 with one sec 606775	1/13 bn @ disposals bn HQ 612770 A 607761 B 605764 608776 D 603769 @ 2/15 bn @ unloading @ 1/17 bn @ 2 day ambush patrol to rd by last light NMS @ B coy 1/2 MG bn one pl otherwise NO change.	

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729. 2055 IO17h BM. enemy shelling at approx 2000 hrs fell

730. 2100 IO22. IO. 18 shells of which 3 duds and of opinion

731 2100 24bde 1287 Sitrep 125 to 141900L @ 2/28 bu all lateral & located twenty 70mm shells complete at 50 empty cases & 2 vacated gun ports @ bu @ B Coy 614669 D Coy 619676 pm pl

732. 2253 0150 22 29 37 SECRET @ OO No 80 INFEM @ On 15 Dec East of 605 existing grid @ INTENTION @ no change @ METHOD @ 22 bu with in sp two pls and ~~to~~ set bridgehead over SANGAR. @ will first clear enemy from area approx at present held and exploit westward to for crossing place over SANGAR. @ 29/46 bu L of C. @ On capture LAKONIA beach 22 bu coy PIB will patrol track at approx 567767 enemy movements.

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733. 0200L 26bde I 248 secret @ sitrep to 142200L @ 2/4 cav sqn. patrolled to village ref 418793 reported main state one hut used as store house for and track estimated two days ago @ two day patrol to MAREKEO reached 3200 Patrol to 540733 found enemy still in our patrol fired on by LMG @ fire @ two day patrol moved north towards at 549738 and attack enemy posns at that natives being used by inland patrol natives at village 391788 @ Administrator

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into sea off KILIGIA beach Confined by 29/46 bu.

fell off KILIGIA BEACH. see serial 730.

internal patrols NMS @ 2/32 bu @ patrols 577715 @ 580719 24. 75mm shells complete LOCSTAT changes @ 2/28 bu @ Coy 617721 @ 2/43 624683 @ 2/43 LOB 601655.

20 bde is assuming responsibility for area Phoned to G11945 42 2110. and ~~to~~ set bridgehead over SANGAR. @ will first clear enemy from area approx at present held and exploit westward to for crossing place over SANGAR. @ 29/46 bu L of C. @ On capture LAKONIA beach 22 bu coy PIB will patrol track at approx 567767 enemy movements.

inland patrol @ Patrolled to MOLOLO NMS @ track slightly used @ village in filthy forage parties empty @ last use of village Patrol for ZAGAHENI leaves 150630L @ feature 513714 at 1500 hrs @ TR @ 2/23 bu @ posn at 541733 2 japs gave alarm and exchanged but not known if cas inflicted SOWI R in an attempt to reach but 541733 from rear @ 2/4 cav sqn report were fired on with spears by hostile of SASEA-MASA area reported in to ANGAO Sgt.

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733	contd			<p>29/46 \odot after two unsuccessful attempts to frontal attack after mortar concentration \odot enemy encountered on crest of enemy driven from peak leaving four dead village unoccupied HQ's at 579720 and found impossible owing to terrain \odot approach along blazed track patrol halted \odot Dispersed B Coy 563727 C Coy 567734 D Coy Remainder unchanged.</p>	<p>to outflank enemy peak at 567733 two on joined southern end of feature without feature with MMG after one hrs fighting \odot Patrol to 577719 to 574731 to 569727 found 570728 \odot Approach to 2000 feature 595774 Patrol 569727 to 574733 found possible at 574733 found signs of enemy occupation less one pl 565732 one pl 566733 \odot</p>
734	0720	37/52		D Coy moving to 592777 to join B Coy	\odot moved 0715 L.
735	0740	I 394	9 div	<p>Strip to 150700L \odot 29/46 \odot 142330 L 605781 one killed \odot Was carrying our \odot HQ fired on from 598775 by LMG and</p>	<p>small party japs stragglers encountered FOR and wearing out \odot 142300L 37/52 grenades.</p>
736	0800	151 22937		<p>road at 623778 will be closed to all \odot 6th Fd Regt + 1st Amb Coy 2/149</p>	<p>vehs from 1300 hrs 15 Dec to 1300 hrs 15 Dec rptd 20 bde.</p>
737	0840	24 bde	I 288	Strip 16 to 150700L \odot NTR.	
738	0840	20 bde	O 705	SECRET Strip 205 to 150700L NTR	
739	0845	37 CO.	B.M.	A Coy now moving against enemy in B Coy area 592777	<p>pocket 595773. Leading elements D Coy now</p>
740	0858	B.M.	29 CO.	20 bde will assume responsibility to 29 area now. Plans will be made to	<p>605 grid line - 15 bde recon parties in that 29/46 bde can move by midday</p>
741	0917	C 37.	B.M.	pl A Coy killed 2 japs 595774. 2 patrols out heads of cks. NO report other cogs.	<p>one each to north and west to clean</p>

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42 733	0920	can't do IO 22		D coy 595790. C coy 594789 have adv dug in on northern and eastern flanks
743	0930	29/46.		pl patrol A coy along ck to 605784 reports
744	0955	22 IO		No change - will take 1 1/2 hrs to effect
745	1015	29/46.		patrols 15 Dec @ A coy out 151000L in 1200L 607778 to 600785 and out 151000L in 1300L
746	1017	CO 37	LO1.	A coy attacked 30 japs 595774 killed 5.
747	1125	CO 22.		No change. A coy moving NNE along ck - of river. Estimate Tks will not be
748	1220.	IO 22.		D coy on right holding enemy while @ LAKONA village. A coy now 595788
749	1	IO 15		2/15 bu disposn Bn HQ 777606 A coy
750	1310	29/46		B coy patrol NMS @ HQ now 599786 A
751	1335	CO 37		A coy 599772 B+D Coys no change C coy leaving approx 20 dead. correct count
752	1435	IO 22		D coy no change. Pl C coy on left flank now 593789 to est block along ck to mouth at bank & mouth of river @ B coy no change.

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	200 yds and encountered 60-70 enemy of Cocomb. approx 595789.		
	many deserted Jap posns ^{approx coy} brought to face		
	crossing over SANGA.		
	597783 to 600790 B coy out 151000L in 1300L 607778 to 600781	Passed to 22 37 I 395. 1015L.	
	find elements A coy 597773 @ B coy patrol to 597773.		
	strong enemy posns on coast and ^{near} mouth over ck 596787 until evening 15 Dec		
	pl C coy encircles from rear to west of		
	coast at 605782 to 604780. D 603779 C 602777 B 605775		
	604782 B 602784		
	598772 @ A coy have cleared pocket enemy being made. Our cas 1 killed 2 wounded 1 PW;		1345L 2/13 bu advised of A coy's new location
	in village 593790. A coy at ck and track fence 593791 @ pl MG's 596786 covering tracks on north		

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753	15/1/30.	9 div.	0756 Sitrep	97 to 132000 L.						
			0777	Sitrep 98 to 142000 L. 2nd Corps Int Reports 62 63. Equip Policy No 7 G 95/75/13 code words G/406/Ops Dir Photo Report A89. TACR. Sertie 1(9 div) 12 Dec TACR Sertie 1(9 div) 13 Dec. TACR Sertie 2(9 div) 13 Dec. TACR Sertie 2(9 div) 12 Dec.						upld # 22 29 37 Tho 1396.
754	15/1/30L	9 div.	0749	ref my 00230 one 0 throughout the adv and defending every respective sectors 0 Coast watching & challenging stas on each landings will be based on by local mob res 0 AAA will def coast watching and chd to time by HQ 9 div & such posts will be sited 0 TWOC during the adv on the guard against surprise by their dispositions protecting their western flanks pay likely routes leading in from that flank and NW to discover movement on tracks of any enemy concentrations.						4 bde & 20 bde will be responsible for receding for practicable landing place on the coast in their nging stas will be est in their respective sectors beach being used by own craft def against beach defo under comd of an offr and supplemented est combined 6 pr & 2 pr TRIF gun posts for beach lenging duties at pts to be indicated from time be in sp of the formation in whose sector they coast strip formation comds will at all times and by use 0 THREE 0 4 and 20 bdes will in particular attention to watching all tracks and 0 PIB will be used to patrol deep to the west enemy comms and movements & indications
755	15/1/30L	9 div	0751	ref my 0749 0 pts for consideration and by 4 and 20 bdes follow 0 inf patrols of if a pl is likely to have to act temporarily placed where it can quickly reinforce. thepl application where necessary during adv north less than a pl strength will rarely be warranted 0 defensively the remainder of the coy will be 0 if counter attack in strength is likely to be						

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					15 DEC.				
					met coys should operate in pairs rather than singly. can best be avoided by bus adv echelon narrow no echelon to the right may be the centre line of the formation to be such arrangements will permit the formation to retain a safe degree of concentration. additional depth to the west can be obtained by placing out pl standing patrols on important features and where they can be quickly reinforced.				
756	1830.	9 div	0755		ref of 150000 following area is res for to existing jeep track - end track to		div HQ @ 609783 - coast to 609777-607777 - west track + ck fine about 606781 - coast 607783		
757	1130	9 div	0763		On 15 dec LOB 20 bde & 9 div can coy will where they will come under comd 20 bde BEACH to GUSIKA BEACH when it will for the move 6 leaving SCARLET BEACH be arranged by LOB 20 bde.		move from SCARLET BEACH to COCONUT BEACH @ on 15 dec LOB 24 bde will move from SCARLET BEACH to GUSIKA BEACH when it will come under comd 2/2 MG bnd @ 13 LCV are allotted 1000 hrs + 7 at 1100 hrs @ details of moves will		
758	1420	24 bde	I 289		Patrol 2/28 bn strength one pl @ time out 599722 @ object offensive		160810 in 171700L @ Route 602717 to 601722 to recel.		
759	1515	37/52.			Patrol B coy in contact 587775 @ D coy		observed movement 584786		
760	1600 1553	29/46.			C and D coys in posn 599786.				
761	1640.	22 IO.			D coy have are within 30 yds of on grenades. A coy at mouth of ck on two pls on east side of ck. pl coy in		right flank of enemy posn ^{593790.} 590784 and using coast at 593791 with one pl on west and village LAKONFA. B coy no change.		
762	1650	37 CO.			B coy patrol located enemy movement		584768 and calling for arty.		

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					15 Dec.				
763	1658	BM.	BM 20 bde		Enemy now clear of area from 602784		SW to 593767 incl 400 contour.		
764	1738	BM 20 bde			D coy 2/3 bn will relieve 3/152 bn of responsibility of SCARFACE by 160930L.				
765	1900	26 bde	I 249.		Sitrep to 150700L @ NTR.				
766	1920	A Coy P13			Routine patrols report nothing unusual @ 2 jap bodies in pl area washed out & are being buried				
767	1945	I 398 20 24 26 bdes 22 29 37 bns	gdw rptd		Sitrep to 151900L @ 22 bn @ 150710L estimated 60/70 @ A Coy adv down ck killed @ pressure maintained and of ck 593791 and one pl C Coy had enemy at 594790 completely encircled bn HQ and B Coy no change @ A Co hashon 22 bn HQ @ 3/152 bn @ A Coy estimated pl strength at 595733 @ cleared @ A Coy then moved to 589771 patrol to 593787 NMS @ patrol to 585787 @ B Coy patrol to garden 584 small party enemy 588774 inflicted on enemy ferns 595777 and 594772 151230L relief completed by 2/15 bn @ B Coy 602784 A 604782 @ patrols to point 605784.		D and C Coys with arty sp attacked enemy from 590784 against light opposition 4 enemy by 151700L A Coy had reached coast at mouth moved round enemy flank to coast at 5937910 and several attempted to cross river mouth @ unable to cross ck at 596787 returned to with mortar and MMG sp attacked enemy enemy driven out and by 151000L pocket @ D Coy moved into position astride track 592778 @ 588784 observed 8 enemy moving north at 768 observed. most 5847700 on return encountered cas @ one pl C Coy moved to high ground 600772 vacated found 12 enemy dead @ 29/46 bn @ present disposition @ bn HQ C & D Coys 599786 @ west and north NMS @ vacated enemy pl		DRLS to ATR Sqn 26 Fd Regt A Coy MG.
768	2010 2028	29/46. 22 ID			D Coy area shelled approx 12 rds. bearing of flash 340° from mouth		ck at 593791.		2020 Thoned to Div

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769	2025	24 bde	I 290.		15 Dec. Sitrep 127 to 151900L @ 2/28 bn @ lateral and internal patrols NTR @ 2/32 bn @ patrol to 584727 NMS @ patrol from 578718 South along NONGORA track to 584706 to 588709 to 579718 to 580712 to 578718 NMS @ A Coy moved to base 578725 from where patrol will reconnoiter area for three days @ 2/43 bn NTR				
770	2025	20 bde	O 760		SECRET @ Sitrep no 206 to 151900L @ to 598760 north to huts 599767 just SP NMS @ patrol from 607761 along at 597753 unoccupied jap diggings to area vacated by 29/46 bn @ last 602778 D Coy 603780 @ B Coy relieved unable cross TUNOM R to rejoin bn patrol found 2 dead japs at track junction to 615753 and 610755 respectively @		ref map 1/25000 @ 2/13 bn @ patrol from 696763 along south bank of CR to 595765 back to ridge to 600756 to 596753 to 603754 to 607758 @ estimated coy posn @ 2/15 bn less B Coy moved light disports BUT @ 607777 A Coy 606782 Coy by 20 bde LOR gp at COCONUT Beach but because of cloudland @ 2/17 bn @ 2 day ambush 587747 but NMS today @ C and D Coys moved 2 pl 2/2 MG bn now with C Coy 2/17 bn.		
771	2300	26 bde	I 251		Sitrep no 11 to 151900L @ 2/4 Cav Lgn @ had been destroyed material having huts at 477730 intact and in good order from village to 476740 in good order dry except in flood times @ small expected to arrive 151300L moving base to 556730 to 558734 where old camp site SOWI R at 556738 unable to find crossing @ 2/48 bn @ D Coy moving towards 2000 feature saddle joining two features @ enemy failed to find route to 2000 feature @ area led only to gardens @ further enemy to base of 2000 feature @ D Coy		two day patrol to MERERO found huts at 482730 been used to build a small camp at 490733 @ order @ signs of recent jap occupation track and considered jeepable @ streams in area spring at 480726 @ inland patrol @ sup train to 418793 @ 2/23 bn @ 2 day patrol to 553727 found @ camped night 559738 @ moved to 559741 to 557736 to 558734 @ 2/48 bn contacted enemy at 571736 covering narrow has at least 2 MG's @ patrol from 2000 feature to lake sq 5674 found that tracks in lake patrol found possible route bypassing now at 569735 @ 2/48 bn @ local patrol NTR		

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					15. 16 Dec.				
772	2100 2100	0152	222937 Bus inter bde body all incl 20 bde from 2/6 Edreg 2/7 Edreg MG Amb. 1st div 20 bde				coast at 605784 thence SW along ck to 589758 thence west along SOWI R.		
							16 DEC		
773.	160730	I 390.	9 div 1st div 20 24 26 bdes		Sitrep to 160700L @ NTR.				
774	0725	IO 37			projected moves 160930L @ Coy will B coy will move to 584775 but to present posn.		move to 593777 after relief by D coy 2/13 but 593780 D Coy to 587784 @ A coy will remain		Passed to 22nd 0903L
775	0745	Div.			div strike 0815 by 2 regts BOSTON'S @		Target N. 510.		
776.	0903	24 bde	I 291		Sitrep to 160700L @ NTR.				
777	0903	20 bde	0761		Sitrep 207 to 160700L @ NTR				
778	0915	A Coy PB			Routine patrol NTR				
779	1125	I 100 9 div	9 div.		IO 29/46 bn @ NY 24627 Lieut MCINTYRE		A.L. replaces VK 56518 Lieut PIRGOTT S.L.		
780	1210	26 bde	1253		Sitrep no 112 to 160700L @ Sitrep.				
781.	0805	IO 22.			enemy posn still at 594790 surrounded by B C & A coys.				0807 Passed div
782	0930	37 CO.			AB D coy patrols NMS.				

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					16 Dec.				
783.	PO05	37/52			Patrol D coy NW along ck to 590783 and NE to head of ck 593780. B coy patrol SW to ck 589774. A coy huts at. O on relief by D coy 2/13 but C coy will relieve B coy and B coy will move astride track at 584778.				
784	1010	IO 22.			Patrol A coy west out 0750L in 0900L poen with 2 LMGs our cas 1 killed 3 on north bank of river mouth. What west along river. Located 591790 enemy wounded. pl MG bn at 596786 reports NMS on track				
785	1025	37/52.			No 37/52 bn has moving along south bank of river at 588787.				In reply query BM - arty observed most & will shell
786.	1025	IO 37.			Bn HQ closing down and moving to 593780.				
787	1035	IO 29.			A coy 29/46 bn will relieve B coy 22 bn.				Advised of 37/52 poen.
788	1036	BM.			Advised serial 787. We desire relief of two coy areas at 593776 and 588771				
789.	1055	TK LO.			crossing over ck at 596787 not ready until 1200L at earliest.				
790	1120	37/52			Bn HQ moving now at 596780. Simple D coy are moving to poen astride track at 587784				
791	1150.	G 31.	I.O		Documents taken from LAKONA area amongst them OP Under. 11 Nov Inf Comd (assumed 1 bn) of 80 Regt and defend 13 Nov strength 79 AF Gun bay 20ffns 9 gun KANOMI one LAKONA and one BONG A-WAREO area.	15 Dec	from personnel HQ 79 Regt and QF Gun Coy. 20 Spt Regt would take under comd FUJAKAWA KANOMI - AGO area with main force at KANOMI. NCO's 590RS with three 37-mm guns. with one		
792	1225	IO 22			A boy ^{at mouth of ck} covering to 593789 and in contact with small pocket 592791. D coy plus two pls coy continuing attack on pocket. 594791. Its have not yet crossed ck.				

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793	1320L	9 div	0787		16 Dec. 9 div sitrep 99 to 15200L 9 div G.I. Instr No 15 - control of Malaria 2 Corps Int Report No 65 9 div Distribution List No 7. I 299. herewith translations of a number 0784 ref distribution list No 7 @ add serial		of captured documents recently received by this HQ 30 a dental. -/1/+/1		Translation att. Amendment made
794	1235L	IO 2/13	8		Relief of Coy 37/52 completed by D Coy 2/13. bu				37/52 advised 1236.
795	1250	ACoy PIB.			Patrol out 150600L via track through 579751 where at 151000L 10 enemy were 1058752 and more north to 50W1R at observed moving NW along north bank. with packs & rifles were observed on original party of 12 engaged at 151415L later 2 further japs killed		BCoy 2/13 bu to 588752 then along road west to observed building hut. Patrol then moved 583757 where 12 japs with packs, rifles & LMG's Patrol then moved to 581759 where further 18 japs same track @ Patrol then moved to 577758 where 10 enemy killed & wounded 2 LMG's, 3 rifles captured		uptd div 20227 bes I 402 1415L
796	1450L	0153	SG IO SigO		Side will move to new location at suppl ESSamb TO Pro. move to at # 17 1000L		605584 17 dec @ marching personnel will		
797	1500L	0154	2229374		during adv coastal ^{line} will receive and def local res should be held ready for site their guns for beach def in sp of and challenging has as necessary. Del beach used by own craft.		any practicable landing places @ a small surprise enemy landings @ 22 bu TK A pl will beachhead bu and set coast watching 532 EB 45 Regt are set challenging sta on		
798	1330	37/52			ref patrols (serial 783) ACoy NMS - Signs now est 593780		of recent but not by use on track. Bu H &		
799	1335	29/46			NTR. ACoy in posn 598783.				

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800	1352	IO 22			16 Dec. B coy will move to 587791 at 1500L. C coy in attack on enemy posn 594790.		This will be across ch by 1415L and will sp Bn HQ moving 16 Dec to 586787		
801	1420	CO 37.			Next bound will be to 578788 which		will probably be held by 2 coys.		
802	1440		20 bde		HQ & bde closing down ^{present} their site		and reopening at 605784 171300L		
803	1442	IO 37.			projected patrols (out when coys in posn) 577770 east to 5827770 and return @ B crossing to 581782 and return @ D coy. 584789 thence across River to 589789 thence All patrols morning 15 Dec NMIS except D coy patrol which killed jap straggler at 597774		A coy garden 584768 to garden 580767 thence to coy to 580775 north to ⁵⁸⁷⁸⁰ 581777 to see River west to 581784 see river crossing thence to south to coy posn.		
804	1510	BM	TKApl 22		OC will see track between beach and able to ^{land barges} see LAKONIA beach until gud		LAKONIA for most of guns. Will not be to the is neutralized - probably 2 days.		
805	1515	IO 37			B coy on move to new posn found dead and pages from offrs notebooks		evacated enemy pl posn 589777 - with dust - offr killed at 600750.		Passed to div 1515L.
806	1840	LO 3 from 22 Bn.			1650 L B coy at 593788 at 1800L at unable to adv. 1710L This and two perimeter at 596788 Bn HQ 597987		583789 and held up by 3 LMG's 592791 & pls in plan for attack. 1730 L D coy in		Passed to CO 29 1900.
807	1850	CO 37.			B coy reports after arty fire they		found 2 japs killed + 1 grave.		
808	1910.		20 bde	BM.	Would like inter bde budy to		to LAKONIA - 583770.		
808A 809	1745	I 403.	22 bde 2937 M/246 Ref rptd to 581759 Div 20 246 bde.		3 pl PIB patrol @ the NCO and 11 OR's time thence along SOWIR to approach in area and report on enemy nest.		ent 170600 in 211800L route 610770 SW along track 568752 then north to SANGAR by 5677 @ track		to 591755 WNW to patrol tracks

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809.	2045.	I 404	9 div		16 Dec.				
		20 24 26	20 sides upth						
		22 29 37	bus						
					secret @ Sibup to 161900L @ 22 bn @ A Coy seen with at least 2 LMG's at 591791 @ our cas light @ patrol maintained 161225L @ some gud gained and coy pressure on contained enemy forces NE attack seen with the spo B Coy on relief attempt to outflank enemy seen at by fire and 161900L fighting was still difficulty in crossing ck at 596787 the until 161730h when attack was pressed fighting was in progress and several bn HQ moved to 587787 @ 37/52 bn @ and redistribution of bn commenced 4 to prepare for move northward over and killed 1 enemy straggler at 597774 moved north to cut track at 587774 moved to seen astride track at 589777 9 Dec were received @ 161700L D Coy saw west along bed of SANGA R at 583785 area NOT shelled by arty but patrol and reported at 161730L having found B Coy ^{NOT} reported in pans came out out 160800L in 161000L from 592777 to ck from 589772 north along ck to 589780 thence north to HUTS 583773 and east A Coy relieved B Coy 22 bn at 161500L @ out 150600L in 161045L moved from pad to 579751 where at 151000L observed patrol returned to 582782 moved north at 160750L patrolled west and located enemy seen engaged by patrol with unobserved results contact until coy with MMG sp attacked at still in contact at 161900L @ D Coy maintained of LAKONA during day while Coy prepared to by A Coy 29/46 bn at 161500L moved NW in 591791 @ at 161800L coy came under to very in progress with B Coy at 592790 owing to were unable to move fwd to Coy start line against by enemy fire @ at 161900L very by enemy posts were eliminated @ at 161600L 161235L Coy at 599772 relieved by D Coy 2/13 bn with object of cutting track in sps 5877 5878 SANGA R @ Coy moved to relieve D Coy at 592778 and were in pan by 161330L @ D Coy then and were in pan by 161400L @ B Coy commenced in which papers belonging to offr killed two stretcher parties each of 8 men moving @ believe island there contains medical posts @ investigating @ 37/52 bn HQ moved to 593780 one dead jap on stretcher at 596780 @ 161800L @ following NMS patrols carried out @ B Coy 589774 and return @ A Coy out 160800L in 161115L @ out 160900L in 161330L to GARDEN 584768 to coy seen @ 29/46 bn remained as hde res @ local protective patrols NMSC PIB @ 3 pl 610770 along track to 588752 thence west along 10 enemy building hut at 580750 @ unobserved to SOWI R. at 583757 where 12 enemy		DRLS to 7th Sqn 16 Folkestone A Coy MG bn		

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809	Contd			16 Dec. carrying full marching order rifles & bank @ patrol then moved to 581759 with rifles were observed moving west 581759 where 18 japs in full marching west along same track @ pl then took up were ambushed at 151415h @ 10 enemy 151500h 2 further enemy ambushed & killed		2 LMG's observed moving west along north bank @ patrol then moved back to order armed with rifles were observed moving from at 577758 where original jap party of 12 killed & wounded and 2 LMG's 3 rifles captured in same form.			
810.	1022 IO22.			1500 B Coy moved to clear timber 591791 1730 C Coy commenced attack - D Coy pulled 1800. B Coy at 593790 under LMG fire C Coy are attacking 8 enemy observed moving harassing north bank. Btry DF north East west of track sq 5879. 1600 Lbn		to 4 will move west of C Coy and at 1650 593789 back to 596788 from 591791 unable to adv A Coy at mouth and west 580794. One pl MMG 594788 pls 596786 bank river at mouth HF track north and HQ 587787.			
811.	2300 26 bde	I 257.	SITREP 11340 162000 LO	2/4 Cav Sqr @ of Japs at ZAGAHEMI @ Weather conditions TULU (correct name TINU) 401795 adv MEREMO @ Staying night at WAREO @ by 5473 5574 5474 & 2 day patrol from B & D coys moved fwd to village at withdrawn overnight @ Track from Patrol to lake 568742 to GARDEN at north @ 2/8 Lbn @ Patrol to MORENG village but searching for them 3 hrs engaged in track improvement		Inland patrol @ 15 Dec reported unknown number did not permit good O.P. @ 161700 patrol at party commenced move from HASA KOR to 2/3 Lbn @ 2 day patrol from WAREO north to BAZULO @ to sq 5273 5373 out out contact @ 575740 without opposition the enemy having 570735 to village along extreme of razorback @ 573742 unable to find any tracks leading reported signs of natives having returned to proved fruitless @ Working parties from all lead of at 596788 to garden, 580767 thence south to SOWI R @ INTENTION @ no change @ through 22 Lbn & secure ahead over mouth MASAMENG @ 37/5 Lbn with in and 584777 until relieved second cut track approx 578788 and exploit NW to 2/4 pl 22 Lbn reverts comd 22 Lbn @ 3 pl PIB will recce track area sq 5879 & 5477 and report enemy mvt.			
811A.	SECRET @ 00 No 9 @	INFORM interbde lndy all incl 20 bde from coast		222927 METHOD @ 29/46 Lbn with in sp one sp A Coy Ths two pls A Coy MG will pass 2/6 Lbn 2/7 Coy MG PIB sp one pl A Coy MG will first retain control high gnd approx 593776 58784 area HUTS 571804 @ 22 Lbn will secure LAKONA beach and head.					

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812 2350.	9 dia	OA 205		16 Dec. TAC R contains following items newly developed probably to bypass east from 579807 pilot suspects water went through gardens vicinity 5788090 track activity north of this area NO FORTIFICATION PT and R. MASAWENG evidence of movement east & west along KENANOA shows signs of activity as does NIL sightings
813 2350	9 dia	0802		Confirmation LOB 4 bde will move by GUSIKA and come under command of MG bn on coys of 17 bn on high ground 607+ and approaches to coastal strip south of 75 with 4 bde to relieve 4 bde of the 594785 thence to gardens 580768
814 2350	9 dia	0798		ref msg 0749 (serial 754) Formations to Q on beaches in their respective
815 07404	I 405	9 dia		Secret situp to 170700L C Coy still. 20/46 bdes 594791 with bayonets and grenades commenced attack on enemy pocket 29/46 bn & 37/52 bn NTR.
816 0800.	22 Jan			594791 Coronets pocket now clear.

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	Track from huts 583773 to R SANQA 554785 our pens in the area Tracks North and Pto suspected gun post 58957930 Well used track, 583849 to 570822 with minor sign of by defended areas in KUNAI between Hy recent movement HUBIKA-LARONA track NO MASAWENG For general area NAMIBARIWA - KANONI - WALINGAI area barge sweeps 1700-1800		
	march route earliest 17 Dec from SCARLET BEACH to arrival of MG bn will earliest relieve two become responsible for protecting western working grid 20 bde will mutually arrange responsibility south of line 596788 line of CK to		
	will also be responsible for provision of labour sectors.		
	<u>17 DEC</u>		
	strongly attacking remainder enemy pocket NO estimate enemy cas 170630L B coy 591791 NO details D+A coys NO change		

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817	170800	20 bde	0763		SECRET @ Ltr 208 to 161900L @ ref back to 591755 then NW to SOWI R NMS mags buried at 605758 but gun USD otherwise unchanged @ 2/15 Bn @ Bloy unchanged @ 2/17 bn @ Standing patrol	1/25000 @ 2/13 bn @ patrols from 598760 to 581751 @ Patrol from A Coy found 20 Men AA Gun & 6 Sigpans @ D Coy relieved C Coy 27/52 bn at 600771 moved from COCONUT BEACH to 608777 otherwise at 587747 NMS			
818	170800	24 bde	I 293		Ltr 129 to 161900L @ 2/28 bn @ lateral from 602717 to 597746 @ 2/32 bn @ 81mm bombs @ patrol to 576728 found		and internal patrols NTR @ 2 Day patrol patrol to 578728 found 2 KNEE mortar & 30 4/5 fresh footprints otherwise NTR @ 2/43 bn NTR.		
819	0800	9 div	0792		RMA under comd 9 div will form 9 and allm @ one gp will be directly comd Lt Col HOUSTON 2/12 Id Regt who be known as 2/12 Id Regt gp and att 2 Aust Mtn Bty M and by bty 2/1 1 Id section 3 Aus bty HQ 2/3 TR Regt.		172400L be organized in two gps for comd under comd CR 7 9 div @ Other will be under will be responsible to CRA @ The latter gp will comprised following units @ 2/12 Id Regt incl camp AA Regt incl att 2/4 Lt AA Regt incl att		
820	0800	A Coy P13			Routine patrol NTR.				
821	0825	20 bde	0765		Ltr no 209 to 170700L @ NTR				
822	0825	A bde	I 294		Ltr 130 to 170700L @ NTR.				
823	0855	26 bde	1259		Ltr no 114 to 170700L NTR				
824	0825	I 029			Fund Comd post 594791 - A Coy 590792 effecture - no report enemy contact		D 587791 BAC 596787 report arty fire to be very		

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825	0845 37			17 Dec A Coy moving to cone area 585780. garden 581778 and have patrol moving river crossing at that pt. C Coy on being area at 589783. D Coy patrol NE to		B Coy have est standing patrol overlooking round west side of garden to try and find relieved by coy of 2/17 but will move to cone reach river 586789 then up river. HQ moving 590781		
826	0900	29/46		Found elements A Coy over river into Kunia		- arty to fire opportunity task.		
827	0925	IO 29		A Coy over river at 589793 on edge of finding crossing difficult because of		timber and moving to cut track. D Coy		To Div 0955.
828	1000	29		A Coy have killed one Jap & wounded D Coy across river at 597792 @ Balleys		one when they are attempting to bring in on Southern bank 597791		Phoned Div 1015
829	1005	FO div	IO.	Paybooks captured 13 Dec by 37/52bn at		608759 give identifications 647 coys 26 Ed Liby Regt.		
830	1030	IO 37		Patrol returned from garden 580780 NMS. move along river to 576778 to examine South remnants there. NMS from		standing patrol est on southern end. Patrol to crossing + possible gap 2 of C along North + island 587785.		
831	1035	IO 22.		B Coy attacked & cleared pocket 595791 cleared and are now consolidating. D to 589796. A&C Coys no change @ TKs SANGA @ No engr estimate of task.		and moved to pocket 589791 which they have coy on 20 mins notice to move across river have crossed ck 593790 but have not crossed		
832	1050	CO 37	BM	Intentions. Moving MG pl to D Coy area afternoon 17 Dec. C A B coys will complete to crossing 18 Dec		+ D Coy ^{MG} will move across river by 5778 the cone on Southern side of river preparatory		
833	1115	22 bn.		Count of enemy dead - C Coy 28 A Coy 5		B Coy 1. Probably some bodies washed out to sea		

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					17 Dec				
834	1130.	OC MG.			at 0930L 3 pl Acoy 4 MG bn cleared bn 588796 D 587795 B 588792 Clay &		CAPE SIBIDIA pocket killing 14 Japs. Acoy 29/46 MG pl to moving to cross River		
835.	1150	CO 22.			D coy moving to relieve Acoy 29 bn South bank of river at 587788 Clay		at 508793 Bcoy moving along timber on consolidating in LAKONA.		
836	1240.	LO2 (from 29 bn)	LO1.		29/46 bn disposals at 171230L. D coy 589795 B Coy 589794. Have captured 20 yds.		586797 Acoy on track 589797 Ccoy + Pm Hlx 1 MAG 4 LMG's. No estimate of enemy dead		
837	1240	Duty OP.			Japs in MASAWENG R. area are		fleeing northwards		
838	1310	CO 37.			D coy patrol still out & coy will same route first light 18 Dec. Bcoy with packs moving north.		move 1400L to 588792. 6 boy will move observed 6 Japs moving south & 2 Japs		
839	1330	29/46			contact made between A & D coys				
840	1350	22 bn.			disposals Acoy 580792 Bcoy 586788 Clay		LAKONA Dcoy 588795.		
841	1350	29/46.			disposals A Coy 587800 B 587796 C 588798		D 586798.		
842	1450	9 div	OA 207		TAC R. 17 Dec © tracks and posns 583808 otherwise NMS.		South of gully 584798 © Jap crossing river		
843.	1500	LO2 (from 29/46).			Duty concentration 505802 after which dead incl SATELBERG 1/55000 first edition &		A & D coys will adv. Papers taken from Jap & BONGA PHOTOMAP marked by 4 bde.		Maps returned div 18 Dec.
844	1515	29/46			Bn shelled by 75 mm gun.				

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			TO		17 Dec.				
845.	1715	9 Dec			TAC/R - Lorkie NO 1 (9 Dec) 14 Dec				
					" 2 "				
					" 1 16 Dec				
			I 30v		Translations of captured documents				
			SM 27379		By proxy - Reorganized Cao units				
					2 Aust Corp Int Report No 64				
					9 Aust Div Int Summary No 27				
			0805		Sketch No 100 to 162000 L.				I 3106. replied 22/12/46
846.	1520	CO 37.	B.M.		D coy moved at 1405L to river crossing. Coy relieved by 5/17bn and are moving to D coy area. A 587779.				Infantry 22/12/46 passed.
847	1527	29.			75 mm gun reported at 57806 and arty are shelling area.				
848	1535	29/46			A & D coys now moving into attack.	505802			
849	1540	22bn			D coy 589796. B coy 597787 C coy LARKOAH				
									Per HQ + HQ coy 587792
850	1555	37 IO.			A coy moved to join B coy via 579 770 north to 579780 thence west along bed of river NW up tributary to 577779 along by used track 4-5 ft wide but NMS.				
					D coy crossing river to 588793. B coy have observed 4 japs without arms moving south and also movement in timbered areas north of SANGA River. Area being watched.				
851	1616	29/46 CO.			A & D coys attacking and adv 505802				Will not move further fwd because of slow progress of 37bn.
852	1605	37/52			A coy in posn 160L. A & D coys will be in area 580795 by last light 18 Dec				
853	1705	29/46.			A coy on coast have been forced to withdraw because of sniper fire. No report D coy.				

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				17 Dec.				
854	1720.	29/46.		A Coy have withdrawn 250 yds to 588800 and will make perimeter. Will move with arty up first light 18 Dec. B Coy at 588796 mortars and grenades.		D Coy 585801 held up by 2 LMG's using		
855	1800	CO 22.	B.M.	A Coy 22 bn and D Coy 37 bn in contact also pocket at 579784 on track.		with strong enemy pocket at 583794		
856	1840	CO 37.		A Coy 22 bn and D Coy 37 bn will form perimeter and adv first light 18 Dec. A Coy 37 bn now at 587780.				
857	2000	B.M.	G.I.	Passed info re intentions 18 Dec. Command will decide earliest when he requires relief by 20 hde.		This should be across the ck by 181200L ©		
858	2025	29 CO.		Will shell enemy pos for one hour morning 18 Dec and use MMG for last 1/4 hr.				
859				Disperses last light 17 Dec.				
				22 bn. D Coy 588797	29/46 bn A Coy	588800	37/52 bn D Coy 583793	
				A Coy 583793	D Coy	586799	C Coy 588784	
				594791	C Coy	588798	A Coy 587778	
				C Coy 587789	B Coy	588797	B Coy 584778	
				B Coy 587789	B.M.	599796	B.M. 593780	
				B.M. 588792				
860	2040	I 407	9 div rptd	Secret litup to 171900L © by 29/46 bn		© by 170800L bn was in pos for river		DRLS to A sqn Tks
			20 24 26 bdes	crossing with A Coy at 590792 D Coy at		587791 B and C Coys 5967870 following very		# 26th Regt MG.
			22 29 37 bns	by arty concentration for one hr on North bank 58N47 River mouth which neutralized		enemy fire at 170900L A Coy launched attack over river © crossing was unopposed as		
				enemy resistance had been completely		disorganized by arty © having gained north		
				bank A Coy closed with remnants of		enemy who offered some resistance © with		
				grenade and bayonet. The company ^{Coy} neutralized MMG pos and captured gun © after				

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860 contd				19 17 Dec.				
				<p>further it LMG's captured japs fled difficult terrain were unable to effect left flank A Coy @ by 171200L bn was 171330L A & D coys contacted each other and fell among coys at 588800 @ arty then when arty lifted A & D coys attacked & 171630L @ A Coy came under ^{by} fire from pocket to be dealt with and by mortar with grenade and mortar until 171700L comd gnd at 586799 @ estimated enemy rear of A Coy to take up def posns for enemy dead found during day 17 but B Coy moved west along south bank SANGA R to clear start line for 29/46 bn @ cleared area to 587788 meeting only light MMG sp cleared vital gnd of enemy at into sea over cliff @ preliminary count mortar 6 small mortars and many at 587793 to cover flank of 29/46 bn @ progress @ 171830 L movement heard & to be patrol were ambushed and killed several LMG's at 587792 @ D Coy 37/52 by fighting still in progress 171900L @ along track to relieve C Coy 29 bn and to protect beach @ Bn HQ now located overlooking garden est @ further patrol located by and recently used track running during day NMS reported vicinity island garden 580779 unequipped and further packs @ engaged by mortar believed</p>		<p>northward in disorder @ D Coy owing to very crossing at 597792 until 170955L when they adv quickly to across river and adv elements had reached 589797 @ at 1 continued steady adv until 171515L when enemy 75 mm fire laid concentrations on believed gun posn and ck at 585804 @ penetrated enemy posns at 586803 and 585801 respectively by enemy posns on ck and withdrew slightly to 587801 to enable fire @ D Coy contacted enemy with 2 LMG's and engaged them when Coy was ordered to withdraw to form perimeter on strength in ck pocket 150 @ at 171700L C Coy moved fwd in at 588799 @ B Coy remained at 588795 with Bn HQ & HQ Coy @ by cas believed to have been inflicted @ 22 bn @ at 170700L to clear start line for 29/46 bn @ by 170900L Coy had opposition and killing one jap @ C Coy at 170800L with LAKONIA @ 34 enemy dead were counted and others seen to fall of enemy weapons captured LAKONIA is one HMG, one 81 mm rifles @ A Coy moved at 1725L up spur with objective difficult terrain encountered any and Coy made slow leading pl took up position at 584793 where 7 japs believed @ Coy adv and contacted strong enemy posn with one HMG & bn joined Coy at 171700L and both coys by engaged enemy @ with both coys in perimeter at 583794 @ at 171130L D Coy adv north took up def posn at 588797 @ C Coy remained in LAKONIA area 586792 @ 37/52 bn @ 170730L B Coy standing patrol 581778 sent out west garden along river to rec crossing @ at 587777 north to R thence upstream to 577778 thence NW up reentrant @ NMS @ 581784 @ 171310L B Coy observed small party japs moving into small parties moving north out of garden into ck bed carrying some cas inflicted @ D Coy moved at 171400L to take up posn</p>		

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860	contd.			17 Dec. on high ground 583793 and contacted A Coy 171500L moved to 588784 over difficult country A Coy 2 MG bn 3 pl when sp 29/46 after completing sp task pl moved dash killed further 13 japs in caves		as previously reported C Coy on relief by 2/17 bn at A Coy moved to conc area 587779 HQ remains at 593780 bn attack at 170900L killed jap behind gun posn at LAKONAO down cliff face armed with pistols + SMG's and in a sharp without loss to themselves.		
861.	2100	24 bde	I 297	Sitrep to 171900L 2/28 bn 2 day patrol evidence of large HQ with large number but no documents Signs being fuelled		returned NMS details later 2/28 bn patrol to 570728 found huts also signs of use of horses or mules in area Few signs A Coy returned to 580719 2/43 bn NTR.		
862	2315	20 bde	O 767	Secret Sitrep no 210 to 171900L ref to SP. NMS 2/15 bn B Coy moved to patrol at track June 587747 moved to A & B coys bivouacking night approx 607		1/25000 2/13 bn patrols from 600771 to 593777 to 593767 599787 otherwise unchanged 2/17 bn bn less standing new area last Lt posns B & D coys 599787 C Coy 592778 776 and 610772 respectively.		
				<u>18</u>	<u>DEC</u>			
863.	180100x	26 bde	I 261	Sitrep no 115 to 171900L 2/4 car sqn 17/18 ULVO Small recce party NW from 47? 739 inland patrol est on OP on due enemy jamming which has been BAZULVO to 535726 thence to 530728 526730 to 523737 to track at 528737 track 526732 to 535722 further 2 day patrol diggings sufficient for one coy unaccessed reported jap shelters and foot tracks indicating recent movt difficult time taken being 2 hrs along track 2/24 bn B Coy occupied 2000 feature without opposition Coy now at 578744 patrol to 575741 to 573743 where abandoned HQ found 2 day patrol moving to recce sp 5874 5875 5876 2/48 bn NTR.		adv party now at 478730 remainder sqn staging night MEREKEO saw party of 7/8 japs foraging in garden at ridge 500 yds south ZAGAHEMI evening reception difficult consistent for past 3/4 days 2/23 bn 2 day patrol from where vacated MDS found patrol then moved to little used going very difficult all the way 4 1/2 hrs from north to 546727 to 549728 to former jap posn at 548729 patrol continued to 553736 recce party to 549738 from 548736 to 547728 going very B Coy occupied 2000 feature without where abandoned HQ found 2 day 2/48 bn NTR.		

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864	0750	24 bde	I 298	Sitrep 132 to 180700L @ 180415L one damage or cas reported.		EA dropped 6 bombs in sea off SCARLET beach @ no		
865	0750	I 408	div 20 4 26 bdes.	Sitrep to 180700L.				
866	0750	26 bde	I 262	Sitrep 116 to 180700L Sitrep				
867.	0900	0158	2229 37 bns	ref my OO no 90 inter bde bndy		from 18 Dec incl 20 bde SANGA River.		
				76 bde 277 Coy HQ PIB rptd 20 bde.				
868	1000	20 bde	0768	Sitrep to 180700L @ NTR.				
869	0810	CO 37	BM	C Coy 37 bn over SANGA and A Coy		crossing. Bn HQ moving LAKONA		
870	0858	22 bn (403)		22 bn & 37 bn tps have passed 581793		without contact		
871	0903	29/46		B Coy passed through A Coy. D Coy		have reached CK 585803 without contact.		
872	0925	CO 37.		D Coy with A Coy 22 bn at 581793 with		out contact japs having withdrawn		
873	1000	CO 37.		C Coy and PIB across river and head		ding 579795 to 571804. A Coy following		
				Coy. B Coy at 588784 Bn HQ 583793.				
874	1015	CO 37	BM	D Coy at 580792 C Coy 587774 with A		Coy in rear B Coy 588785 HQ closing 1020.		
875	1030	EO 22		A Coy at 580792 active track found		small enemy posn 1 grave + LMG barrel.		
				and are searching posn where HQ		located.		
876	1035	TR 40.		TRs have crossed SANGA R.				

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				18 Dec				
877	1210.	9 div		TACR. Serbie 2 9 div 16 Dec 43. Proposed increase in WET Inf Bn in Photo Report Agx. 0816 9 div sitrep 101 to 172000L. Double Mags - Owen G 109/75/12		Tropical Seal. G 108/65/6.		
878			0809.	In order to avoid delays in receipt all adv 9 div HQ or rear HQ 9 div which		despatches for 9 div will be addressed either ever applies.		
879	1114	CO 37.		HQ 593796 C 577795 A 583795 D 578793		B awaiting relief by 2/17 bn.		Passed 29 1116.
880	1130	Comd	CO 29.	29/46 bn will adv to MASAWENG R 22 bn will move in rear & 37/52 huts 571804.		and form firm bridge head if possible. bn will move round left flank to		
881 480	1150.	29/46 (L03).		Bn HQ 37 bn moved through 29 bn & FORTIFICATION PT. and strafed by		on way to 579794. Jap movement on 4 P39's + 2 Beamer ang.		Checked with Acty.
882	1230.	IO 22	IO.	patrol B Coy out 0945L in 1145L along bank to 586789 NMS. reported abandoned 584786. LMG found 585786 track at thence north along ck. River fordable		South bank SANGA to 571784 then along north bank area 583785 to 586789 - documents captured 586788 mms east along river to 588792 about 12/18 ins deep		
883 474	1240.	Div.		div strike 181600L on NUZEN. captured strength of 2 bn less 546 coys 283.		document from LAKONA - 238 Regt left 28 Nov		
884	1245	29/46 (L03).	BM.	B & C coys on move from ck 585804. Bn HQ moving 585804 track & ck		B Coy patrol to 582803. Acty D Coy at 584801 June.		

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885	1320	29/46.			B and C coys moving fwd - at 1305		fwd to 585805.		
886	1330	TKLO.	BM		Tks at 587799. One coy 29/46		has reached MASAWENGI		Div informed 1335
887	1345.	BM(L)	CO 22		2/17 bn have taken over responsibility		south of river and so lde advises that 22 bn		
					may now move fwd.				
888	1402	29/46	LD 1		29 bn report capture 3 75 mm guns		and parts of mortars. one 37 mm gun 1 portable		Passed div 1425.
					wireless 2 flame throwers one 81 mm		mortar one small mortar one HMG & amm.		
889	1430	37/52			C coy 581797 A coy 580796 and B coy		moving to SANGA.		
890	1530	BM	CO 37.		boy of 37/52 bn will move to 577798		for flank protection of 29/46 bn O.		
891	1610	IO 29.			Bn HQ 584805 C coy 582809. B coy moving		to huts 577809. A coy 578806 with Tks at		
					586802. D coy fwd Bn HQ north of		river }		
891A	1700	24 lde	I 300		2/28 bn patrol @ line out 180830L in 191700L		route 616722 602722 595723 595750 return.		
892	1700	29/46 (LO)	BM		C coy 29 at 584812 B coy not yet in		pos.		
893	1735	29/46.	BM(L)		C Coy 583810 B coy 578809 A coy 579805		D coy 585806 bn HQ 583805.		
894	1800	37/52	BM		Dispersed 1800L. C coy 579798 A coy		578797 D coy NO report moving 578806 B coy		
					583795 Bn HQ 584795				
895	1830	I 409	9 div		for 93 (air) @ message dropping		area 60407805		
896	1930	BM	93.		Arranging most tank A pls. 29/46		will secure MASAWENGI beach and clear to		
					825 grid. 37/52 bn will provide west		flank protection and exploit.		

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897.	1915	I 410.	9 div		18 Dec		following arty concentration on enemy position attacked at 180900L main jap resistance approx 40 enemy resisted stubbornly until Bley from position japs fled in disorder northwards followed by Band C coys D coy remained at in position at 180801 to protect flank bank MASAWENGI river at mouth and B coy at 580806 then moved to position on river at 580807 preliminary of enemy equip captured at 181330L three 75 mm guns one 37 mm gun 2 flamethrowers one 81 mm mortar one HMG one portable wireless two small mortars and amm dumps crossing river at 181500L and by also crossed unopposed to objective area C coy 584810 B coy 575810 D coy 583807 available at 180800L A coy 580793 position estimated held by 40 bank river to 581784 thence along north at 583785 to 586788 one L MG and D coy 585800 B coy 589796 but HQ 588792 over extremely difficult country to gruelling march coys were in following with A coy 22 bn dispersed at 181900L		attacked at 180900L main jap resistance approx 40 enemy resisted stubbornly until Bley from position japs fled in disorder northwards followed by Band C coys D coy remained at in position at 180801 to protect flank bank MASAWENGI river at mouth and B coy at 580806 then moved to position on river at 580807 preliminary of enemy equip captured at 181330L three 75 mm guns one 37 mm mortar one HMG one portable wireless two details of locations later but commenced 181630L C coy were in position astride track 584810 B coy HVT 575810 by 181900L but was disposed for def beach 583807 D coy 584806 A coy 578806 NO estimate enemy cas yet with D coy 37 bn occupied enemy position vacated overnight at enemy one fresh grave found 180945 B coy patrolled south bank to 586789 NMIS but found abandoned biv area small mortar found at 585786 river fordable at 586788 but L of C and at 181900L dispositions were C coy with 8 Hqs 585803 A coy 580792 37/52 bn 180730L but commenced move take up position on left flank 29/46 bn 181530L after following positions A coy 580796 B 589793 C 581797 D coy were still D coy 583800 C 579797 A 576796 B 583797 but HQ 585794.		DRLS to ATK Sqn 2/6 Fd Regt A coy 2/2 MG Bn.
898	2170.	24 bde	I 301		Lineup 133 to 181900L NTR						
899	2300	26 bde	I 264		Lineup no 117 to 181900L 74 cas Sqn to 488733 then NE for 200 yds found island patrol rice patrol reports sighted 2 enemy in village one of whom		HQ now located at 47730 patrol to 476737 NMIS patrol ended in a garden unable locate track June 498728 12 enemy holding rd entering village ZAGAHEMI patrol went north and did not return selected party 30				

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899	cont'd				18 Dec natives left first light 18 Dec expect japs graves and 1 dead jap on track MASAWENG RD 2/23 bn patrol from bn D coy moved 566787 patrol B track north from 589758 3/4 ft wide 18/19 at 589759 patrol to 579743 camp at 587747 otherwise NTR tracks		arrive SA TELBERG tonight patrol to NOMPUA reported & investigated track believed to be AGO track as far as BAZULVO to 540732 to 544731 thence NW to garden NMSO 2/24 coy continued towards SOWI RO PIB patrol contacted at 589750 little used in last few days patrol remaining night to 586746 to 589747 to 584749 to 579743 found jap little used no side tracks.		
900	2200.	20 bde	0770	Secret 0 Sitrep 212 to 181900L 0 ref 1/25000 Dispos 0 Bn HQ 592786 A Coy 593783 B Coy 2/2 MG bn NO change HQ 613767 5 pl PIB 0 patrol from 587747 to another 2 dead at 587752 0 bde HQ		0 2/13 bn NO change 0 2/15 bn no change 0 2/17 bn 0 B Coy 595786 C Coy 592776 D Coy 587783 HQ A pl 588791 0 1 pl 609775 2 pl 592791 3 pl 605774 less one see 612769 0 585755 0 3 dead japs and some 75 mm amm this pt + moved to 613768.			
901	2330	20 bde	0771	ref 1/25000 0 2/13 bn will move earliest before 191300L to general area by 5880 comprising 20 bde LOB and 9 Div Lan posns earliest 19 Dec 0 one coy vicinity take over posn occupied by C Coy 2/17 bn responsible for patrolling general area will be redirected by 2/17 sq 5998 0 area 595780 and 5880 sited to sp possible vicinity DO9 BEACH and be responsible		19 Dec to general area sq 5880 0 2/15 bn will move NOT echeloned behind 2/13 bn 0 a force approx strength 2 inf coys Coy under comd Maj SUTHERS will take up following 606762 one coy less one pl vicinity 600771 0 one pl will at 592775 NOT later than 201200L 0 the force will be between grid east of 59 easting grid 0 C Coy 2/17 bn on relief C Coy 2/2 MG bn will move two pls 19 Dec to posns general adv 20 bde north of MASAWENG RD one pl will remain in for protection of beach.			
901A	2020.	0159.	2229 37	SECRET 0 00 no 10 0 INTENTION no will secure LAKONA beachhead from with in sp one hp A sq Ths and two clear the coastal strip to 825 northing 565807 and exploit north to 800 contour		change 0 METHOD 0 2/2 bn with in sp one pl A Coy 2/2 MG bn encl SANGA to incl ch line from 586804 to 578795 0 2/24 bn pls A Coy 2/2 MG bn will secure MASAWENG Beachhead and grid 0 3/152 bn will secure area HUTS 571804 high grid in 569823 0			

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				19 DEC.				
902	190200L	24 bde	0291.	Warning Order @ ref 1/25000 @ 24 bde incl GUSIKA to hill 2200 by 5672 to fa left flank protection @ Rear budy sqn 2/2MG bn less two coy's plus LOB 2/12 fd coy @ bde rece party already allotment of areas 2/2 MG bn GUSIKA XMAS Hill 5572 all incl @ ? bn incl BAZULVO @ 2/4 cav sqn left flank later @ Tac Bde opens vicinity XMAS		will assume responsibility for area BONGA-WAREO to from BAZULVO @ Occupation (?) of this for depth and maintaining SONG R exel @ additional under cond two hrs 2/4 cav 2/4 and 26 bdes and 2/4 cav sqn in sp 12 fd left less bdy & notified will recieve area commencing 19 Dec @ probable beachhead & coastal approach 2/4 bn area EXCHANGE 507722 Hill 2200 by 5672 WAREO all incl @ 2/4 bn area excl WAREO protection @ time to be in place NOT before 22 Dec details 5 Hill 19 dec Enain remains present area.		
903	0730L	I 411	9div 20	Sitrep to 190700L @ between 190330L and 190400L 2 enemy a/c dropped 6 bombs in area @ we suffered two wounded.				
903A	0800	Dist bde	0293	Request release and return to unit 2/8		bn try pers now with 37/52 bn @ pers particularly requested for recon and try.		
904	0740	24 bde	I 202	Sitrep 134 to 190700L @ NTR.				
905	1405	26 bde	I 274	Sitrep 118 to 190700L @ NTR.				
906	0730	37/52		Coy's commenced move 0700L and to 566795.		butler will move to 566795. FIB will move		
907	0827	29/46		A coy shot 1 jap as they moved off. coy moving to 580808		B coy adv C coy adv towards 586821 and D		
908	0930	29/46.	BM	C coy now 579815 B coy 578816 wait A coy at HUTS 578809 D coy 580808		ing for arty to lift before continuing adv		BM advised 2 bus 20 bde moving across river 19 Dec.
909	1000	37/52	LO 1	A coy 593799 C coy 575799 butler 585794		D coy 583803 moving to 580804		
910	1005	29/46 IV.		13 bn recon party arrived. enemy		marker fire 190930L in area approx 577816		

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911.	1100	9 dii.	0824.	TAC R	Sortie 1 (9 dii) 17 dec Sitrep 102 to 182000L				ref'd 222937 TKS I 412
912	1018	29/46			(ref serial 910). 10 enemy mortar bombs MASAWENG. Mortar believed in area in 1050. Bombs landed 578812. Patrol		landed in kunai in Deoy area north of timber on defile. B coy 29 in area at 579815 bearing to mortar 47°		1020 LO3 reports arty shelling area.
913	1100	PIB.			PIB patrol reports track at 591755 runs WNW from 587749 to SOWI R at Jap shot 580763 where rifles & equip SW along track from 570770 not more equip found in this area - appare		running ^{NNW} with does not exist but in fact 585757 across river NW to track at 573770. abandoned on track. Indications of unrot recent than 3 days. 28 dead less arms & utly died of exhaustion.		
914	1130.	Div.			TAC R. 190930L enemy posn(?) seen one jap seen HUBIKA @ NMS along		576808 and 583809 diggings at latter @ 0940L track MASAWENG - WANDOKA!		
915	1225	29/46			C Coy 584816 B Coy 582816. LO3 reports barrels one 75mm gun one 81mm wireless one AMG 2 flame throwers & 75		to dump at 583804 2,75mm guns less mortar (packed) one small mortar 1 small 75mm amm.		3. 75mm guns. later repaired & found correct
916	1330	29/46			C Coy struck ^{enemy} posn 584817. Coy withd be shelled - 60 rds mortar 5 min		raun slightly & pocket str 30/40 well MMG & 75 rds arty.		
917					TAC R 19 Dec ref 1/25000 @ Foxholes WANDOKA! ref AGU photom ap from used track from coast to hut 169153 coast north to 184114 @ Sam barges (.2 at 183120. Diggings 164143.		553894 545897. Hy tracks to cliffs at 193141 inch by tracks east to 189153 @ well WANDOKA! photomap. Well used track from camp (g) 183118. Track west from coastal track		
918	1400	29/46			Ths have crossed MASAWENG R.				

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919.	1410.	CO 37.			19 Dec. Bn HQ new 574804 D Coy 584808				
920	1515	BM	IO 22.		20 bde have taken over area and		as far as is known no move for 20 Dec.		
921	1530	IO 37.			Bn HQ 571803 D Coy 573809 C Coy 568809				
922	1540.	29/46.			B Coy moving fwd against enemy ahead of A Coy.		pos 5828210. Enemy mortar bombs falling 100 yds		
923	1555	CO 37			C Coy 564809 D Coy 574807 B Coy out of		comm.		
924.	1615	20 bde			dispos 2/13 Bn HQ 588799 A 583805 2/17 Bn HQ 593787 A 594784 B 595786 2/15 Bn HQ 588797 C 589798 A 587798		B 588801 C 584803 D 588798 C 594777 D 589788 B 588796 D 588795.		
925.	1650	CO 29.			C Coy 585889 engaging enemy		packet. B Coy 582818		
926	1655	IO	20 bde		Jeep br over MASAWENG river will		not be completed until 191800L.		
927	1703	2/6 B Coy			This new 585819				
928	1716	37/52			Locations C Coy 563809 D 573807 B		571803 A 570870		
929	1730.	22 Bn			B Coy siting. A Coy patrol out 1500 return NMS. Jap track west at		in 1600 to ck 577788 north to ck 578795 and crossing 578792 and saw fresh blood.		
930	1820	29/46 (CO 37).			Form at 174510. leading hrs with at 586820. B Coy at 582821. A and This will move back to 584816 tonight		Hrs at 586823. This knocked out 75 mm D Coy moving fwd to occupy and gained.		Phoned div 1830.

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931	1950L	I 413	9 div	19 Dec Sitrep to 191900L @ 29/46 bn @ 190730L to focus astride track at 580808 and and encountered strong enemy force timber to secure high gnd 583821 and and with MMG and T.6 Sp at 191500L resistance @ at 586870 coy and T.6s can captured @ by 191800L reported coy had dead counted probably more @ D and relieved now at 581809 @ one 75 mm gun high gnd on left flank at 573808 and A coy to 570800 @ 22 bn @ reports otherwise NO change.		D and A coys moved fwd across river 578809 respectively @ C coy adv along coast along cr at 584818 @ B coy moved through reported in form 191800L @ following arty concentration pressed determined attack against very stubborn e under direct fire from 37 mm gun which was subsequently adv to 586823 with enemy cleared from focus @ 18 enemy A coys moved to 586819 and have gone into perimeter @ C coy also captured at 582815 @ 37/52 bn @ D and C coys moved to 563809 respectively @ Bn HQ + B coy moved to 571804 and further enemy eqpt captured 1 LMG, 1 small mortar 20 rifles			DRLS to ATK Agn 2/6 Ed Regt MG.
932.	2010	29/46		bn not now in close contact but northwards.		have not received reports of enemy moving			
933	2100	20 bde	O 774.	Secret @ Sitrep ²¹⁴ to 191900L @ ref areas south of MASAWENG River @ 583805 B 587801 C 585803 D 588798 @ C coy 588798 D 588795 @ 2/17 bn no C coy 2/13 bn otherwise unchanged @ LOB new dispositions @ 2/13 bn LOB 606760		1/35000 @ 2/13 and 2/15 bns moved to new last lt dispos @ 2/13 bn HQ 588799 A coy 2/15 bn HQ 588797 A coy 587798 B 593790 change @ B coy 2/13 MG bn and 243 pls with 9 div can coy moved to 600772 20 bde 2/15 bn LOB 599760 2/17 bn LOB 604763.			
934	2230.	21 bde	I 206	Sitrep 125 to 191930L @ 2/18 bn @ NMS @ LOCSTAT changes @ Tac bde bn @ D coy 617677		Patrol to 592720 and 599747 to 592734 572718 @ 2/32 bn B coy 609717 @ 2/43 bn			
934A	2045	20 bde		2/13 bn OP reports 60 Japs moving		north along coast engaged by arty.			

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935	200015	9 dw	0834		20 Dec 2/28 bn will move earliest on 20 Dec relief will come under comd 26 bde in 26 bde res about WAREO ready to later. During 21/22 Dec 24 bde will - NORTH HILL.		to relieve 2/23 bn by night 21/22 Dec and on 2/23 bn on relief will move earliest on 22 Dec continue move to destination to be notified retain 2/43 in bde res vicinity SCARLET BEACH		
936	0030	26 bde	I 276		Sitrep no 119 to 191900L 2/4 car sqm @ KANGAREEN 477893 @ Reports having sighted 1000 yds south of village @ little mount unaware of our patrols @. patrol left with covering party left 1200 hrs and guided by police boys left for MASAUWE tracks @ 2/23 bn @ B Coy left BAZU LWO to make contact with our tps in that to 567756 where tracks ended thence to along 50W1 R @ CK followed to 5676759 NO sign of other patrol from LAKE 5674 140° located 569750 @ tracks followed NO sign of recent use @ 2/48 bn NTR.		Inland patrol @ ZAGATHEMI patrol returned to base at 3 enemy posts SW @ also sighted ration container in garden ZAGATHEMI @ Native patrol reports enemy not dug in were MEREKEO for SANPUA at 0930 hrs @ native ration train arrived TUSI7KO 462768 at 1650 hrs @ four day patrol NG R. to contact local natives in that area and check on at 0630 hrs to follow NE track to 553744 towards LAKONA area @ patrols to 557723 to 558730 NTR @ two day patrol 566740 along river to 563746 to 567747 reported no track where track 3/4 ft wide running east west crossed over @ to 569750 to 569754 @ much used track running bearing to 568853 where improvised ladder let down to 50W1 R @		
937	0710L	I 414	dw 20 26 bdes.		Secret @ Sitrep to 200700L @ NO		report from 37/52 bn otherwise Sitner		
938	0800L	26 bde	I 277		Sitrep 120 to 200700L @ Sitner				
939	0800L	26 bde	I 307		Sitrep 134 to 200700L @ NTR				
940	0800L	0159	2229376		Secret @ warning order @ 20 bde 2/6 Jd Regt 2/7 Taloy 4 bde role then becomes protection 2/4 Coy 2/44 4 Edamb		passes through 4 bde NTR before 2600L @ 20 bde L of C.		
941	2045	20 bde			2/7 bn OP reports 60 Japs moving north along				

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941	0945	9 div		20 Dec. Bombing results G 112/20/1. 2 copies Int Report No 68. NGF Weekly Int Summary No 152 RAA Location Statement No 20. Airoops 16/18 Dec. 0840 9 div setup 103 to 192000h. 2 copies in Photo Report A94					See serial 943. I 415 rptd 22 29 37 TRS MG I 416 20 Dec. rptd 22 29 37 MG TRS rptd 22 29 37 TRS L417.
942			0836	Jap LMG return springs are inter changeable with BESA MG return springs. The latter are in short sup in Aust at present. Where practicable these springs should be extracted from Jap LMG's and fwded to nearest ADOS dump.					rptd 22 29 37 TRS MG O160.
943.	1045.	I 415. 222937 TRS MG.		SAF desire results of own bombings under following headings (a) accuracy (b) estimated damage caused (c) suggestions for type of bomb and effectiveness against various targets. Units in areas that have been bombed should fwd reports containing map refs of targets and any of the above info available.					
944	0925 0945	29/46		D coy 29 killed 2 japs during night.					
945	0935	37/52.		Butta 571802 A coy 573102 B 572803 C 563809 D 573808. Patrols D coy to South and west NMS. PT Patrol from coy reaches 565823 - report 200 hrs west of 56 grid moving north along R					
946	1100	29/6		D coy with in sp ths adv. Coy 37 bn reported at 559816					
947	1125	37/52		Patrol 37/52 bn to 550815 thence NW. Coy A and C coys moving.					
948	1225	CO 37		Enemy strength unknown reported at 540810.					

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949	1045			TAC. R. 20 Dec.				
				0910 HUBIKA - by track most at		159139 along east side of *CK about 5 tracks.		
				0917. 9 MITCHELLS 5 MARAUDERS very		accurately bombed HUBIKA, ESTUARY 159139		
				WANDOKAI and WALINGAI where very		large fire started.		
				0925. At 194106 maze of tracks		leading south. This area very swampy looking		
				i.e. high gnd 500' covered with water				
				Coast south BLUCHER 1000 yds dissected		by 5 streamlets - may be th obstacles.		
				0933. Track alongside trees at 160169		(WALINGAI PHOTO) for 1000 yds shows by use		
				0935 Tracks radiate North east and		South from 160167		
				0940 Track as shown 140156 - 136153		by use NMS.		
				0930. NMS tracks BLUCHER PT to		SIALUM to KALASA.		
				1000. Tracks between KALASA - TUNGE		- BLUCHER NMS.		
				0942 14 tracks to wative garden 162164		from coastal track. Track to beach 164164		
				from coastal track.				
				0945 village 163140 - fire by		tracks from village to trees 149129 Both banks		
				of ck track from beach 165140		to village by use. Beach good for barges.		
				0955. by track 175138 - 177136 (ck) -		good for barges. two legs across river at 177136.		
				0957 Trees 181126 track on photomap		from 183120 west accurate shows by use		
				1000. two by tracks from 184119 to		COCONUTS 182122		
				1005 two tracks to possible cave		at 182114.		
950.	1355	37/40		Approx 100 japs moving north		wards shelled by army at 544810.		
				Dispersed pl C Coy 563820 A Coy 573814		B Coy 579814.		
951	1355	29/46	BM	Dispersed D Coy 587822 A Coy 584816		C Coy 579807. B Coy will move 583820 when		
				37/52 low gain high gnd.				
952	1425	37/52		A Coy now 582814				

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				20 Dec				
953.	1525			Line Japs killed 584810 (serial 9 50)	NMS			
954	1605			A coy 572825 on top of feature and		patrolling fwd. B coy reached 584825 and patrolling		
955	1640			D coy patrols will be continued. Red		ZERO (crashed) at 585833		Div informed 1650
956.	1750			B coy 37 bn being mustered from app		new 577844 & into 569847.		Arty informed 1753.
957	1900.	I 418. div		Secret. Ltr to 201900 L @ 201600 L		side captured FORTIFICATION HILL @ 29/46 bn @		DALS to Regt Tks
		202426 bdes		D coy at 586822 patrolled north during		day to swamp at 586830 NMS @ B coy at		1/6 Fd Regt Arty 1/144.
		222937 bns.		582820 combed timber to east and		south NMS @ A coy moved to posn 584816 @		
				Clay forced by kunai fire to move		to 583809 @ reported 5 additional dead JAPS		
				found @ 37/52 bn @ one pl clay moved		round left flank to timber 569821 @ in		
				posn 201400 L NMS @ A coy moved		north from 571804 through very difficult		
				terrain to feature 800 and reported in		posn 572824 at 201600 L @ B coy moved through timber to		
				high ground at 583824 @ NO opposition		encountered @ during day considerable enemy moved northward		
				reported at 544810 @ enemy heavily		laden and carrying stretcher cases @ parties believed		
				successfully engaged by arty mortars		and MMG @ 22 bn @ local protective patrols NMS.		
958	2215.	24 bde	I 308	Ltr 137 to 201900 L @ 1/38 bn		moved to WAREO area @ 1/32 bn @ A coy		
				597716 @ otherwise NTR.				
959.	9 div.	O 158.		OO No 24.				

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				<u>20 Dec.</u>				
959	2245	20 bde	0780	20 bde	LOB 49	div can coy come under command of bde at 201400L.		
				<u>21 DEC</u>				
960	0400	26 bde	I 280	Secret	Sitrep 121 to 201900L	2/4 can sqn patrol to 479754 to 483761 to 487776 to 525745 found one dead Jap at 517734		
					NMSO patrol to 517734 along track			
					Inland patrol NTR 2/23 bn	B Coy reached vicinity of LAKE 59755-9755 night		
					19/20 Dec contacted 2/24 bn patrol at	577758 at approx 201300L 2/24 bn two days		
					patrol to KILIGIA contacted 2/17 bn	1013 at 604764 track jeepable from this pt		
					to KILIGIA patrol based at 569747	moved to SOWI R. 568753 thence along ck		
					to 577758 where B coy 2/23 bn contacted	of further patrol followed continuation		
					of track 2000 feet to SOWI R from	568753 to 564755 suitable for foot traffic		
					only NMSO 2/23 bn moved 2/23 bn	motor came under command 26 bde Dispersed		
					550718 B coy 550719 C coy 555720 D	coy 545717 Bn 551718 2/48 bn NTR		
961	0330	20 bde	0781	Secret	Sitrep 216	2/15 2/17 bn no change B coy 2/2 M9 bn pl		
					2/16 2/17 bn moved from DOG BENCH to 585804	24 3 pls now 581802 and 583803 respectively		
					patrol 9 div can coy captured Jap	PW at approx 597768 5 pl PIB moved from		
					vicinity 587747 to 613766 at 594757	one Jap killed no arms carried but AUST		
					basinets rice and matches in haversack			
962	0725L	I 419	div	Situa	to 210700L			
					20 24 26 bdes			
963	0825	26 bde	I 281	Sitrep	No 122 to 210700L	Situa		
964	0945	20 bde	0783	Sitrep	217 to 210700L	NTR		
965	0945	24 bde	1309	Sitrep	to 210700L	One 75 mm gun of air condition unlearned at 594722 by engine otherwise NTR		

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					21 Dec.				
966	0412	20 bde	O16.		MOST SECRET ref 20 bde 00 270 Admin. 2 emergency plus unmeasured portion days area cas to controlled stores will be detach LAD with this HQ @ night see W MED @ R ADS in sp each. @ MDS 150 to 2/13 bn 80 to 2/15 bn 20 to 20 bde		sup & amn pts MASAWENG R. @ sup on main I FOR ration @ ORDO also Ord Dump MASAWENG BEACH signalled to Q 9 div rptd ADOS & this HQ @ REME shops to be est vicinity MASAWENG BEACH @ vicinity MASAWENG Beach opens 21 Dec @ natives sig see @ ABC located at sup pt.		
967	0740	37 CO			A coy patrolling fwd to gorge. det		pl Coy will rejoin coy.		
968	1225	IO 29.			two coys 2/13 bn have passed through		fwd elements 29/46 bn.		
969	1430.	LO2.			dispers beach def. COCONUT BEACH. Beach at 612768 - one 2pr Beach 611773 - one 6pr and KILIGIA beach. two 2prs 2, 6prs 4, MASAWENG BEACH two 2prs 2 6prs.		one 2pr one 6pr 2 50MG's. challenging post. 50MG's + 30's 2 37mm.		
					Personnel for Beach Def 2/11 Th A 20 bde LOB 612769 LOB 2/13 bn 9 div can coy less pl 600772 pl can		btty (HQ 614767) & HQ coy 532 ESB (HQ KILIGIA beach) 605759 LOB 2/15 bn 598760 LOB 2/17 bn 606763 coy 593776.		
970	1920.	I423.	9div		Secret litrep to 211900L @ 29/46 bn @ NTR 20 24 26 bdes. patrol out 210730L in 211400L to 543810 @ One job killed 547807 @ Small dump buried 5RA 30 rifles and personal eqpt heavily used tracks NW and west protective patrols NMS'		to 211500L @ NO comm line @ 37/52 bn @ C coy out along south bank river in along north bank sig eqpt 5 fresh graves 547810 @ dump hurriedly also 4 fresh graves 543810 @ from this pt fresh well mine land rails @ 22 bn @ local		

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971.	1015.	9 div.	0868.	<p>21 Dec.</p> <p>Passwords G 114/50/12 (4 copies)</p> <p>> copy sent Report. NO 69.</p> <p>9 div sibep¹⁰⁴ to 202000L.</p> <p>Amendment RAA Location Statement No 20.</p> <p>Ship to shore Identification sig. (G 115/50/12) + copies</p>		Ack T 419		<p>LOB 20 bde I 427.</p> <p>22 2937. Army MG I 421.</p> <p>22 2937 I 420.</p> <p>22 2937 to LOB 20 bde I 428</p>
972	2100	9 div	0880	<p>Secret ① ref my 0874 ① 24 bde will by mutual arrangement with 26 bde relieve 26 bde earliest practicable ① on completion relief 2/4 cav sqn and COMPOSITE 2/2 MG pass to comd 24 bde and move to SATELBERG ① one 42 tanks pass from sp 26 bde to sp 24 bde and det 1 and 26 bde KATIKA and MEDANI total 16 this come in sp 24 bde ① on completion relief 24 bde will be responsible for def area GUSIKA-LANGEMAR BAY - WAREO and will hold SATELBERG with one coy and retain one bn in res area NORTH HILL SCARLET BEACH ① 24 bde will receive separate orders amplifying task ① 26 bde will after relief come into div res area south R MASAWENG ① 2/4 bn when and if relieved HQ 26 bde and up to two coys 2/4 bn move to GUSIKA 22 dec then onward by sea 23 dec ① balance 2/4 bn will move to GUSIKA 23 dec then onward by sea 24 dec ① One coy 2/2 bn is already moving to relieve 2/48 bn ① what can be freed of 2/48 bn less one coy will move 22 and 23 dec to SCARLET BEACH then by sea on 24 dec ① I will arrange meet to move remainder 2/48 bn on relief from SATELBERG to SCARLET BEACH to rejoin 2/48 bn by sea ① all sea moves by Q.</p>				See serial 973.
973	2340	9 div	0874.	<p>SECRET ① Warning Order ① 24 bde in addition to present role will take over present 26 bde role ① 26 bde on relief will move to coastal sector between 20 and 4 bdes 2/2 bn moving to vicinity mouth MASA WENG R on relief by 2/28 bn ① 24 bde with under comd present composite 2/2 MG bn and 2/4 cav sqn will be responsible for def GUSIKA-LANGEMAR BAY-WAREO and in its dispositions retain one bn in res gen area NORTH HILL SCARLET BEACH and reduce the garrison at SATELBERG to one coy ① 24 bde will advise times and means by which it can effect reliefs and 26 bde after consultation with 24 bde will advise time at which 2/2 2/24 and 2/48 bns will after relief be ready to move.</p>				

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974	2200	20 bde	0787	21 Dec. Send sitrep to 211900L ref 1/25000 210 leading with less two coys on coast west of being along coastal track found needed bulldozer being most difficult to keep well up with fwd coastal vicinity HUBIKA village unnamed track at this pt 2 dead japs found 2/13 bn entered HUBIKA 1640 hrs only village stated japs had withdrawn to last lt dispoins 2/13 bn HQ 563848 A Coy A Coy 573843 B Coy 579838 C Coy 575846 C Coy 588970 D Coy 583805 B Coy 2/2 Mtn	800L adv commenced north of MASAWENG River ful track and two coys moving along high ground good and jeepable apart from some bad stretches which for flanking coln but excellent progress made elements most of day and by last lt 8 hrs were in village shown as 568947 now existent but 40 ft gorge crossed here and two more killed in vicinity moving north opposition fell top superior One wounded jap captured in WARDOKAI NO water found between MASAWENG R. and HUBIKA 572848 B Coy 560849 C Coy 563842 D Coy 566841 D Coy 574845 2/17 bn HQ 585804 A Coy 586802 B Coy 584805 one pl with coastal coln 2/13 bn two pls with 2/15 bn.	2/13 bn	2/13 bn	2/13 bn HQ 563848 A Coy 573843 B Coy 579838 C Coy 575846 C Coy 588970 D Coy 583805 B Coy 2/2 Mtn	2/13 bn	
975	2130	26 bde	I 287	Send sitrep 105 to 211900L 2/28 Native ration train with covering patrol police boys moved to 531734 along track 200 natives collected from by 5178 and japs left SANGA River 18 dec Many main party B Coy still in lake area patrol to 568752 followed narrow track NTR	2/28 bn D Coy moved to GAZALLO 2/4 car sq inland patrol contacted inland patrol at 474818 Recc patrol with three trucks to 527752 to 527665 along track to 529776 to approx 543781 5478 and brought back to WAREO area natives report last of helmets and packs between SANGA River and 543781 5575 recc party fwd along LAKONA track to lake at 5575 where it joined LAKONA track	2/28 bn	2/28 bn	2/28 bn	2/28 bn	
976	2215	24 bde	I 312	Sitrep 139 to 211900L 2/32 one pl 616721	A Coy moved to SATELBERG area B Coy less one pl 610718	2/32 bn	2/32 bn			

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				22 Dec.				
977	0930.	9 div	0889	9 div Sitrep 105 to 212000L. > Aust corps Int Report No 70. 0884 please expedite reply my G 108/65/6 TAC R Sitre 2 9 div 21 Dec. TACR Sitre 1 9 div 21 Dec.			of 17 dec	I 426 rptd 22 937 hrs Pray 2/1/4
978	0730	I 425	29 37 hrs.	Report your posn.				
979	0815	I 425 ^{24 hrs} I 313		Sitrep 150 to 220700L @ NTR.				
980.	0955	20 bde	0788.	Secret @ Sitrep 19 to 220700L @ additional nearly all wounded by arty bombing or and exhaustion @ Preliminary report on one craft but some danger from cord without considerable work @ Gorge at		40/50 japs dead found in gorge approx 569846 @ strafing and subsequently dead from starvation beaches at 569848 and 561849 indicated take 6th West of HUBIKIT impassable to japs and the 569846 will be jeepable by 221000L		
981	0955	26 bde	I 288	Secret @ Sitrep NO 106 to 220700L @ Situa				
982	1130.			TAC R. 1015 from track in region Senace caves. 1030 Area to SE of pt 138138 for 200 yds 1100 Own tps observed 146147 1115 NMS tracks to AGU.		147153 many feeder tracks lead up to contains gps of foxholes.		
983	1655	29/46 hrs	F104	HQ close present location reopen 582		806 at 230830L.		
984	1440	26 bde	0300.	Relief 26 bde completed by 221200L @ Comd by 9 div @ Area of responsibility now LANGEMAK BAY		assumed of additional units allotted all incl GUSINA BAZULUO 5371		

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985	1910	I 429	229div	Secret	Sitrep to 221900L @ 29/46 2024 26 bdes Coy NW to 565832 Home South along CK 2229 27 bns along CK NMS out 220815L in 221500L Acoy of HQ bn. Tracks in area NMS in HQ 571807 541793 534807 523813 546807 541793 one pl D Coy 582804	22 Dec	bn @ local protective patrols NMS @ 37/5 2 bn @ patrols @ A to 561820 Home NE to Coy posn @ found well used track PIB out 220815L in 221400L 572804 553786 551782 537587 A1MOLAO 527804 NMS @ 22 bn @ local patrols NMS @		
986	2030	24 bde	I 34?	Sitrep 141 to 221900L @ LOCSTAT changed 567733 C less two pls 552720 pl 555722 @ 2/2 bn @ Acoy HQ 543660 pl 536666 @ remainder unchanged @ 2/4 cav		2/2 bn @ bn HQ 553718 Acoy 548717 B less pl 564727 pl pl 556701 D Coy HQ BAZULVO pl 535726 pl 522719 pl 532718 pl 538666 pl 544661 @ 2/43 bn @ Acoy 618681 Bcoy 621675 sqn NTR.			
987	2300	20 bde	O 791	Secret @ Sitrep 220 to 221900L @ ref enemy plans between HUBIKA and shaped @ some enemy AA fire seen 221000h 2/13 bn continued adv @ inland country but NDS @ coastal coln report for jeep and ^{TKS} @ one jap killed on landing craft but hinterland impassable to veh @ jeep head still HUBIKA stake major track to extend further @ water plentiful in 551862 with one pl 554862 B 549866 with pls 548868 and 546866 C and D Coys area from 543850 to 546856 @ 2/15 bn moved behind 2/13 557860 @ 2/17 bn no change.		1/25000 @ observers of air strike on suspected WANDOKAI report area thoroughly bombed and probably 20 mm @ many kumai fires started @ coln still moving over extremely difficult going fair but numerous gorges make route impassable track otherwise NMS @ Beach at 557855 suitable for area reached to day @ last lt drops out but HQ 550865 A bn @ Pt HQ 557854 A Coy 556857 B 555851 C 563844 D Coy		22 29 37 bns Acoy of HQ	
988	2400	26 bde	I 289	Secret @ Sitrep 106 to 221900L @ coys concentrated GUSIKAR (?) @ 2/48 bn bis coys 2/4 bn 2200 feature 564727 @ Bcoy jap killed.		main bde HQ 2/22 bn less B Coy 2/24 bn less A and B south KATIKAT village D Coy 2/23 bn WAREC area @ A and B 2/23 bn four day patrol returned WAREC 22105L one			

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					23 Dec.				
989	230830	16 bde	I 290	Secret Sitrep	107 to 230700L @ NTR.				
990	0830	20 bde	O 792	Sitrep	221 to 230700L @ NTR.				
991	0845	24 bde	I 315	Sitrep	142 to 230700L @ NTR.				
992	0725	I 420	9 div 20 24 26 bdes	Sitner	to 230700L				
993.	1015			TAC R.					
				0900	Dropped message				Phoned 20 bde 1025
				0925	Hy footprints on sand at fall	owing refs 111169 106168 193199 171161 166167.			Div 1040L
				0940	Two parallel thin continuous tracks at	166167 - 166169 approx 4 ft apart			
					Similar to wheel tracks				
				0955	Track well worn recently used	183130 and westward up ridge.			
				0910 - 1010	NMS WANDOKAI - WALINGAI				
994	1150	9 div	O 910	In fwd bde sitreps infan positive	or negative of enemy shelling or by mortar				spld 222937 I 435.
				fire will be given					
995	1430	9 div	Q 1510	beach at 557854 will be known	as NORTH HUIBIKA.				M/L 22, 27/12/52 A MG - 2440.
996	1830.	P 13.		patrol 23 dec @ out 0800 in 1430L from	571803 - AMALAU 553782 545783 541777 542807				
				and return @ 3 bursts automatic fire	heard towards NW but NMS @ pl D coy out 0800				
				in 1505 along south bank river to 549808	546809 540809 and return along north bank				
				of river NMS @ shows steel helmets &	respirators along track which is well worn on				
				north bank.					
997	1900.	I 436	9 div 22	Secret Sitrep to 231900L @ 29/26	protective patrol NMS @ 37/52 km @ dispano @ Alay 563809 B 573807				
		2937	lens	C less pl 56583 one pl 568823 D 569804 @ patrol	@ D coy @ out 230800L in 23155L west along MASAWENG R. to 540809				
		20 24 26	bdes	and return NMS @ P 13 @ out 230800L in 2314	30L 571803 AMOLAO 553782 545773 521777 542807 571803 NMS @				
		Acay	1/2 MG.	22 km @ One pl D coy moved from 542	804 to 584 802 @ local patrols NMS @				

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998	0930	9 dis.		23 dec. 9 div 00 No 25 RAA Location Statement NO 20.				ACK I 432 ACK I 433
		0909		9 div Sitrep No 106 to 22000L 2 Aust Corps Int Report no 71. 2 Corps Air Photo Report A91 FAE				Appl 22 29 37 MG I 434.
999.		0899.		Reports indicate detonator sets grenades to assist future reports advise compared with grenades Reports should reach this HQ by 26 Dec.		des M being used at rate exceeding that for recommended usage rates on detonators		Appl 22 29 37 O 161
1000		I 311		funding copies SAMANTIKI 1/5000 sheet FAE Serie 2.9 Div 22 Dec. ARTY R.		to be taken into use 25000L		Copies received
2.	1000.	20-bde	0793	Secret Sitrep 222 to 231900L ref 1/5000 540876 no sign of enemy of def pos in to coast area one coy pushed fwd to area vicinity 535862 @ 1500L 8 japs with MMG with arty. MMG no results observed @ 19 5387 WMS subsequently gud in vicinity mortar bombs and evidence of approach air strike 22 dec @ No bombs found but afternoon had withdrawn from this pos enemy mortar pos not pinpointed but shelling during day @ going good over gud country deep on left flank and track leading suitable for one LCM if some rock blown this can be landed and cleared from beach Clay 549866 with pls 548868 and 546866 D coy 2/15bn and 2/17bn no change.		@ patrols from 2/13 bn moved during morning to ck area @ during afternoon inland coln moved 541874 @ coastal coln moved SW along spur to or mortar observed moving at 525879 @ engaged patrols late afternoon penetrated to COCONUTS occupied by our troops who found 94 jap 81-mm pl pos @ one dead jap found thought killed in old blanket wrapped around feet @ considered 8 men seen in @ 1800 hrs 8 81-mm mortar bombs fell in COCONUTS area by 5387 in vicinity WANDOKAI @ No damage or cas on troops @ no enemy covered @ P13 pl left this morning on two day patrol to reach to WANDOKAI from south @ amphib beach considers beach at 552865 @ engs state if stores available on beach early AM tomorrow during afternoon @ last M dispo 2/13 bn Hq 550865 A+B Coy 535861 541874 with pls 530874 534877 and 538875 AAA pl + Sec MG 553876		Appl 22 29 37 Accypl MG LOB 20 bde I 438.

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				23 Dec.				
3.	2315	24 bde I319	litrep 143 to 231900L	litrep 143 to 231900L @ 2/4 cav sqn @ det IO cav sqn @ 2/8 bn @ see patrol to 555730		oil's activity cav sqn incl topo info supplied by NMS @ otherwise NOR.		
				24 DEC				
4.	240720	IO 37.		Projected patrol @ I coy out 240800L thence NW as far as 553818 and return.		in approx 241500L from 569804 to 562807		
5	0725	I437	div 20246	litrep to 240700L @ one info afc bde.		ended over area 240430L @ one plane dropped over sea.		
6.	0802	24 bde	I304	Secret litrep 149 to 240600L @ litner				
7	0853	24 bde	I320	litrep 144 to 240700L @ NTR				
8	0915	20 bde	0799	Secret @ litrep 223 to 240700L @ ref 1/5000 300 yds west of COCONUTS by 5387 moving MMG results not seen @ PIB patrol on top on plateau below @ Later report will take two days to prepare.		Delayed report 231730L 30 japs seen approx quickly towards WANDOKAI @ engges engaged with Saw one jap 231600L in DP 528854 watching moat on beach 552866 States landward approach		
9	1000	9 div	0925	9 div litrep 107 to 232000L 9 div Int Summary No. 2 Corp int Report. Ref of HQ G 130/40/6.				
9A.	0900.	O1	222937	SECRET @ OO 130 ref MASAWENG RIVER INTENTION @ 4 bde will control northern See PIB based at NOMPUA 484825 @ one coy 29/46 based at ring contain 544440 @ MALPANA all free to coy from 22/8 @ 2/8 bn scale A on island		3636 (amended) @ INFMI @ enemy hold WANDOKAI and ZAGRAHEMI @ western approaches to bde area @ METHOD one coy 22bn with under comd with under comd pl PIB less see based at ZAGRAHEMI 471866 @ one coy 27/5 actions enforced 7 days attention on man @ ADM if Fed unit mail attach one MIO 3 days FOR one emergency ration to be carried @ One FOR to be consumed D1 then normal copy		

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				24 Dec					
10	1025.			TACR. 24 dec. 0925 3 gaps in Kunai 157128 0950 Wheel tracks on beach 161569 1015 Signs much activity WANDORAI road. NO def pos seen NMS.		Tracks leading up all cks + gullies from coast		Flashed 20 bde 24/1035L	
11	1330	29/46 37/52		Patrol departed 1455 Patrol departed 1330 - reported 2578	08	at 1500			
12		9 div		Ref nominations required for sep cols -				Repeats Units 0/64	
13.	1900.	T 4 ¹ div 20 24 26 bdes 22 29 37 bdes A Coy MG HQ 20 bde		Secret 0 Sitrep to 241900LO 29/46 bde Sec departed west along MASAWENG River. west staging night 24/25 dec at 544815 240720L in 241200L SW through AMOLAO 543807 thence east along river NMS 0 one sec PIB departed 241400L west along	0 241445L	D Coy with in sep one pl PIB less one 0 local patrols NMS 0 37/52 bde 0 Accy moving 0 B Coy moved to 563809 0 PIB patrol to village to 523777 thence to MASAWENG R at local patrols NMS 0 22 bde 0 B Coy with in sep MASAWENG R 0 local patrols NMS.			
A.	2000	9 div	0932	Secret 0 confirmation 0 ONE 0 4 bde will south to incl COCONUT BEACH 0 in addition patrolling as follows 0 A 0 patrol will gen area ring contours of MASAWENG located & patrolled 0 B 0 patrol base will tracks in gen area of MASAWENG River to gain early warning of and prevent area will also locate & control tracks 0 Cover coastal approaches of mouth R. addition to prevent tracks will be responsible ZAGAHEMI HOMIPUA and ONDEO along which could be made 0 4 24 bdes will make		continue to hold FORTIFICATION HILL and east be est and from it the tracks in vicinity R WEST 1/2000 522839 524829 506835 will be be est for inf and PIB to locate & control such ZAGAHEMI 473864 HOMIPUA 487824 ONDEO 427838 0 object any enemy adv from north and or west 0 patrols from this ring from that area towards the west and NW of WANDORAI 0 MASAWENG from the gen direction of AMOLAO 0 TWEE 0 24 bde in south of R MASAWENG for locating & controlling tracks south & SW of enemy adv from the north directed on WANDORAI or along R MASAWENG arrangements to coordinate these activities in R MASAWENG area.			Act 0163. 28045L.

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				24 Dec.				
15.	2000.	ERMES.		ref one in D coy in posn 583824 2417	15L	with 2 secs PIB under com d @ Situar		
16	2000	20 bde	I 297	Secret Sitrep 110 to 241900L @ 2/23 bn Bcoy	599786	2/24 bn Acoy 58158085 B 578808 otherwise no change		
17	2250.	24 bde	I 321	Sitrep 145 to 241900L @ 2/4 cav sqn @ NW to MASAWENG R returned NMSO runs to ZAFILIO @ above refs 1/25000 @ ZAFILIO and rice area HOMPUI 4578 in ambush posn half hour west patrolling track from ZAGAHEDU (2) incl internal and lateral patrols		four day patrol from MEREKEO north and vicinity 489785 NMSO track west from 487784 patrol left MEREKEO 240930L to ed base @ patrol based TIKU 4282 remaining out near ONDEO 4483 NMS to 241700L @ same patrol reports Japs 4786 to 1000 yds SW @ refs one inch @ other units trig NTR.		
18	2200	20 bde	D 802	Secret @ Sitrep 224 to 241900L @ ref fwd to WANDOKAI early today and opposition @ subsequently Coy moved high ground west of river in ty 5087 @ 15 killed in MG shoot report yesterday's not yet checked @ large dump amm & spiked 75 mm gun one 81 mm mortar also found @ 2/13 bn dispos @ flank 2/13 bn HQ 520880 A coy 524863 Bcoy 520 and 512880 th & pl 514882 one pl Bcoy B coy 142143 Coy moved to 137157 with area @ dispos Pnth 152140 17 coy 151838 160136 D coy 150141 MG pl 156134 @ PIB footprints 20 Japs who had moved made however one th landed on WANDOKAI WANDOKAI area late PM but no hostile		photo map and 1/25000 @ D coy 2/13 bn patrolled by 100 hrs had occupied village without through village and occupied dominating Jap dead found in one gp apparently sitrep @ dead found in village numbers explosives in area @ weapons captured one two 20 mm guns @ 4 new and unused ^{marine} engines ing coln moved to spur 5286 @ dispos 869 C Coy 502884 with pl 49882 D coy 508878 with pls 514879 MG bn def WANDOKAI beach @ 2/15 bn PQR 146146 A Coy 144150 pls 136154 and 133158 D Coy 147152 @ 2/17 bn moved to HOBIRAF Bcoy 149137 with pl 151131 C Coy 157133 with pls 159134 and two day patrol killed Jap at 528805 and found fresh north along track to WANDOKAI from 520842 @ no contact seen today @ unconfirmed report enemy mortar fire on shelling today		Rptd 22 29 37 bns Acoy 2/2 HQ 10B 20 bde I 443 250800L

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				25 Dec.				
19	0940	gdiw		WE Amendments. TAC R Partic 1 gdiw 24 Dec.				
				0944 Sitrep 108 to 24 2000L				updt units I 245.
20	0940			I 313. Landing copies MAP R 1/25000 sheet		to be taken into use from 260001L.		Copies received 24 Dec
21	0720	I 442		9 dip 20 24 26 bdes. Sitmor to 250700L.				
22	0915	I 24 bde	I 222	Sitrep 141 to 250800L @ NTR.				
23	0915	26 bde	I 298	Send @ Sitrep no 111 to 250800L Sitmor				
24	0920	37 bde		250915L Acy reached 543822 where 2		Jap bodies 4-5 days old and one Owen SMG found.		
25	0930	I 444		Acy 22 ref 1/25000 @ BALDWIN NO report @ GREEN Decy 29 at 241700L @ from 2/4 co. equat 241900L Acy 37 north and NW to MASAWENG R returned NO from 487784 mms to ZAFILIO @ of one ZAFILIO and recce area HOMPUR @ half hour west ONDEO 4483 NMIS @ same ZAGAHEMI 4786 to 1000 yds SW.		at 543822 at 250915L @ ref one in @ EAMES at 543824 @ ref 1/25000 @ four day patrol from MEIREKED japs seen @ vicinity 489785 NMIS @ track west in @ patrol departed 240930L to est base patrol based TIKU now in ambush from patrol reports japs patrolling track from		
26	1115			TAC R. 1000. One jap seen 162167 (WAGINGAI). 1015 2 japs seen 2 campfy huts 1030 New tracks + well used old 1035 2 japs seen in caves at AGO. 1040 Many new tracks + possible def		digging scattered stores fresh tracks at 176138 tracks from 182119 to 1740 NMIS poor along ridge at 172158 (AGO)		
27	1135	EAMES	I 2	Decy on move 250730L Acy on move		250730L SITMOR		

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28	1045	20 bde	0703.	SECRET <i>vs Dec.</i> <i>Sitrep 225 to 250700</i> <i>between WANDOKAI area and among fwd coys of 13 from WALINGAI area</i> <i>no damage or cas</i>		<i>241945L and 242020 83 shells fell round bn</i> <i>two 75 mm guns appeared to be firing</i>		<i>Rptd units I445.</i>
29	1520	9 bis	0.947.	<i>9 Aust bis 0.0.26</i>				<i>ack 0.164</i>
30	1553	A Coy 37.	I224.	<i>Present for. 539831. NMS</i> <i>good track comm to bn</i> <i>unable to contact</i>		<i>from MAS. Riv. 549809 to 539831</i> <i>DLT</i> <i>Other coys by W/T.</i> <i>moving to area 532839.</i>		
31.	1650.	A Coy 37		<i>A Coy 534838 patrolling to 540840 NMS.</i>		<i>1st Jap dump located - report later.</i>		
32	1925	I466	f div	<i>Secret</i> <i>Sitrep to 251900L</i> <i>A Coy 37/52 with one Owen SMG</i> <i>reports good foot report B Coy 22 bn or D Coy 29/46 bn</i>		<i>bn found 543822 two japs dead 4/5 days track to 539831</i> <i>Coy at 251800L 534838</i> <i>NO local patrols only NMS.</i>		
33.	23.2115.	26 bde	I292	<i>Sitrep 108 to 231900L</i> <i>bde moved in 598788 A Coy 59757885 B Coy moving from 2/48 bn</i> <i>to HQ 596788 A Coy 592786 B Coy A Coy D Coy GUSIKA area Coy 579809</i>		<i>to div. res in MASAWENG R area</i> <i>2/23 bn</i> <i>to HQ WAREO to GUSIKA C Coy 597788 D Coy 599288 594786 Coy 593787 D Coy 595787</i> <i>of 24 bn HQ 581805 B Coy 588809</i> <i>26 bde HQ 578813.</i>		
34	2200	24 bde	I324	<i>Sitrep 147 to 251900L</i> <i>2/4 car 1/4 bn sent having been despatched 10 dec from</i> <i>11 dec reached ONDEAN where captured</i> <i>proceeding to WAREO from ZAGAHEMI</i> <i>returned ZAGAHEMI and was reinforced by</i> <i>This force dug in within 300 yds ZAGAHEMI</i> <i>until escape on 20 dec</i> <i>retreating enemy KANOMI thence by sea to SIO</i> <i>1/4 COHAN</i>		<i>following report from natives returned today</i> <i>MASA for food and to enlist native porters</i> <i>and bound by approx 100 enemy who were</i> <i>on realizing our traps were in area this party</i> <i>two parties 40 and 50 strong between 12+20 dec</i> <i>M1 village on 20 dec</i> <i>natives remained bound</i> <i>forces from WAREO incl cas moved ZAGAHEMI</i> <i>Angau rep considers native report reliable</i>		

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				25 Dec				
35.	Contd.			ONDEAU patrol 251600L NMSO HOMPUA		patrol no contact 4 bde patrols NTR.		
36.	2000.	26 bde	I300.	Litrep 131 to 251900L Litner O ref our by spears, and natives fired on by arrows.		I 448 Litrep 109 to 242000L for natives fired on		
37	2120.	20 bde	0706	Secret O Litrep 226 to 251900L ref maps/pls some fwd elements pushed west to higher beach head O patrols move fwd along jeepable to that pt O at 517904 one jaf unloading barges during morning O 2/13 pls 531796 529898 Bcoy 5247897 pls and 526902 D coy 537896 with pls 536898 one sec 540898 O 2/15 b O braced jaf found at 545567 O no change in landed WANDOKAI disposed in timber hull down spears on eastern and western sides found in shallow water along 2/2 MG b pl 547897 pl 530899 4 one		2000 O 2/13 b no general adv today although 2nd AB coys redispensed to better protect coastal track to 519905 and reported that seen from our FDLO other sps engaged but disposed O Bu Hb 537198 Acoy 53896 with 547896 and 548897 Ccoy 529899 with pls 525900 and 532192 THA pl 530198 MG pl 543892 stratosphere plane with 3 bladed propeller disposed O 2/17 b no change O 6 tanks now near beach head during day & moved to ends of beach at last light O numerous HK beach but no damage sustained O Bcoy pl with C coy 2/17 b.		pltd 22 27 29 bus Acoy 2/2 MG b LOB 20 bde I 449 26 Dec.
				26 DEC.				
38	260730	I 447		gdi 20 x 26 bdes.				
39.	0745	I 448		Patrols. Report from pass.				
40	0800	20 bde	I 323	Litrep 148 to 260700L O NTR				

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41	0800 1210	26 bde	I 301	Secret @ Sitrep 132 to 260700L @ SITNOR.				
42	0950	20 bde	0807	Secret @ Sitrep 227 to 260700L @ ref 1/25 000 @ 251915L 5 Jap stragglers seen 29 5089 but disappeared before they were engaged @ one UXB approx 250 pr found 2/13 bu area				
43.	0915	I 450.	9 div	request please 12 copies MASAWENG R one with series				
44	0930L	I 451	Patrol.	reliable native report states approx 200 @ on 20 dec were digging in within 300 yds ZAGAHEMI village @ car ONDEAU patrol to 251600NMS @ NO contact car HOMPVA patrol.				
45	1145	Acoy 37		Coy at 534838 @ patrol left 0730 returned in 1100 from 534838 to 529840 to 523839 @ track fellows spur to last ref @ returned same route NMS @ dump reported 25 dec contents buried in several small dumps containing 8 rifles 4 recls sig wire w/s w/s clothing respirators helmets medical gear & documents.				
46	1300	9 div.	0956	Sitrep 109 to 252000L.				upld 22 2937 I 451
47	1300	9 div	0948	ref my 00 no 26 @ 26 bde will relieve west spur in sq 5486 in sufficient time to prevent 20 bde being delayed in its adv @ relief will be made by mutual arrangements.				
48	1300.	9 div	0949	cancel my 0749 @ ref my 0023 & 0026 @ ONE @ during the adv 20 & 26 bdes will be responsible for receiving for and def every practicable landing place on the coast in their respective sectors @ CW and challenging that ^{will be est in} on each beach their respective sectors and challenging stars on each beach being used by own craft @ def against landings will be based on beach defs under comd of an offr and supplemented by local res @ RAA will est combined 6 pr & 2 pr th A gun posts for beach def coast watching & challenging duties at ptokts indicated from time to time by HQ 9 div & such posts will be in sp of the formation in whose sector they are sited @ TWO @ during the adv on the coast strip formation				

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				26 Dec				
49	1010	Acay 37	I 228	ref 1/25000 present posn 534838		patrolling to 518838 @ sup dump approx 542824.		
48	Contd.			comds will at all times gd against surprise by their dispositions + recce. protecting their western flanks will pay particular attention to watching all tracks leading in from that flank @ PIB will be used to patrol deep to West + NW to discover most on tracks enemy comms + masts + indications of any enemy concentrations				
49	1300	9 div	O 951	allotment RAAF T&A posts for beach defo COCONUTS @ in sp 24 bde one sec GUSIKA two sec entrance FINSCHE HAR one sec south end NUGIDU RAAF challenging for sta MASAWENG KILIGIA		in sp 4 bde two sec MASAWENG two sec KILIGIA one sec SCARLET BEACH one sec ARNDT PT one sec LAUNCH JETTY one sec CAPE BREDOW.		
50	1340	I O 29		ref 1/25000 @ Coy patrol in posn 5278100 river crossings & going becoming increasingly difficult. Track now existent although native pads & jap tracks found at times on either bank. Recent signs jap movt 2/3 days old only @ Necessary to patrol ahead @ 2519 30L estimated hold 100. Offer moving food which goes for considerable distance on north bank of river.		PIB reported large JAP Camp vacated & he at 522809 to confirm & patrolling along jap track, used 3 days ago,		
51	1340	I O 29		22 bn Coy patrol lineup to 260700 @ ^{ref one} Coy in posn 548827 with one coy 29/26 bn.				
52	1430	GR H		present posn 534838 @ Vow moving to 524840.				
53	1745	9 Div	O 966	Ref msg O 932 (serial 14) @ COCONUT beach Sta and all deta 532 532 regt 2ESB at 532 Regt 2ESB at KILIGIA beach cease to one 6 pr + one 2 pr at COCONUT beach + beach @ 4 bde will continue to defend		ceases to be used by @ from 27 dec @ On 27 dec RAAF challenging COCONUT beach + one 6 pr + one 2 pr manned by RAAF and all deta be in sp 4 bde @ RAAF will continue to maintain in sp 4 bde two 6 pr + two 2 pr posts and a challenging Sta at KILIGIA both these beaches and will readjust dispositions accordingly		

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					26 Dec.				
54	1145	Alcy 31/52	phone		at 534838. patrol out 0730 - in 1130 patrol followed spur for test reported. contents buried in nothing respirators & documents		from 534838 to 529840 to 523839 and ret. same route whole distance. NMS. Ref dump previously small dump contg. 8 rifles & rts in wils.		Documents being fwd. by runner.
55	1340	29/46 patrol.	"		patrol report @ posn 527810. No track non-existent but native on other bank. Signs of Jap mot. large Jap camp at 522809 - capacity 100. bank. Remaining present posn until		progers - gnd and many rwa crossings @ had and Jap tracks occasionally found 2/3 days. small parties only. P.I.B pl. reported patrolling along track along north lagoon above - 1 imp. well.		
56	1340	22 Bn patrol.	"		patrol in posn 548827 with		22 Bn patrol.		
57	1430	Alcy 37.	"		present posn 534838 - moving		to 524840		
58	1645	29/46 patrol.	"		1 more Jap killed. amend posn Jap camp along north of river shows signs		523813 - signs 55 files in camp. track recent mot		
59	1720	22 Bn.	"		litur to 1700				
60	1800	B Coy 22	"		Wood at 526813. No progers - no		definite tracks. with 29/46 patrol & P.I.B pl.		
61	1900	Alcy 31/52	"		patrol report. out 0730 - in 1800 @ posn Jap camp from astric track. and 12 rts 70m found. then to 548786 return		563808 to 562788 (Jap biv area) to 538788/alt then to AIMOLOA where 20 J. Hubs worked by Japs same route @ 2 fresh graves 548787 and 543786.		
62	1915			I452	litur to 1900 @ B. Coy 22 Bn and B. Coy 29 difficult terrain @ signs of jap mot along unoccupied jap biv area at 522809		Hb on moving west along MASHNERA river through very other bank 2/3 days old @ small parties only. estimated accommodable 100 - evidence 55 files		

of 210, 2924, 26
1st 22, 29/46
31/52, 20, 6/1/50
B. Coy 2/2 M.G.

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				29 Dec					
				P.I.B. Killed 2 stragglers 555827 and one at 523813. both coys and P.I.B. pl. staying night 26/27 5268130 Coy 37/51 bn 0 Jap dump to 543836 contents buried in several small dumps 0 contained 8 rifles 4 recs sig documents, latter being sent back. 523939 0 dead jpn 2/3 days old remaining night 528840 0 37/51 bn 558788 where extensive footprints uncovered through HIMDL09 to 5487 260730 in 1830. 2 fresh graves NTR.			both coys and P.I.B. pl. staying night 26/27 543836 contents buried in several small dumps, up to. resp. Steel helmets, med gear, 2 wild animal tracks up spur 534838, 529840 found 5308390 footprints to 522840 NMS 0 Coy 0 C Coy patrol from 563808 to 562788 to camp from actual track also 12 rd 70mm. 86 0 returned same route NMS 0 out at 548787 and 543786 0 27 and 37/51 bn		
63	2045	26 Dec	I303	Return to 1900					
64	2100	24 Dec	I325	Sitrep - 2/4 Cav patrols 0 from H8 eastern grid and river NMS but NO contact 4 base patrols 0 but tracks of 10 enemy moving proper patrol HOMPUA to HOMPUA along ONDEAN to approx intersection 0 L/S comm est to patrol base HOMPUA TIKKA based patrols rec'd to ONDEAN NMS north and east. grave interfered with 0 ONDEAN 27 Dec otherwise NTR 0					
65	2220	FAMES.	I4.	present from MASAWENG West travel any considerable distance 3 days ration can be carried 0 killed 1 jpn at 525813					
66	2335	26 Dec.	0811	Sitrep to 261900L 0 2/13bn 0 patrolled to 520904 fired on by 2 MGs from 519904 0 arty shelled area and towards H8 on track at 5179060 0 footprints to that pt. no further in garden 549898 incl 1 flame thrower, 3 small mortars & engr stores 0					

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				27 Dec					
				Physical check revealed 30 enemy dead or freshly buried in WANDOKAI area. Today village area cleaned up and huts burned to ground. 0 B Coy 2/13 bn moved to 530 899. 0 2/15 bn 2/17 bn no change. 0 two 3 gun the duty now in action vicinity WANDOKAI also 11 hrs in area. P.I.B. 2 day patrol along ZAGAHEMI track. NO report yet.					Reported.
67.	0025	9div	0977	fac. HQ. 9div will open 271700h		vic. WANDOKAI 515 878. After this time operational rep will be added to fac HQ.			
68	0730	9div, 2024 26 bde.	I453	Sitrep - 0700 - NO reports detached coys. Otherwise NTR					
69	0910	20 bde	0.813	Sitrep to 0700. Yesterday's patrol on AGO NMS. Enemy dead		2/13 bn along Coastal track had observation four WANDOKAI area now total 68			
70.	0845	24 bde	I326	Sitrep to 0700 - NTR					
71	0845	26 bde	I304	Sitrep to 0700					
72	0915	BALDWIN, EAMES GREEN, N/A 22/29/46, 27/57	I	Repeat 24 bde sitrep		leg 64. ref patrols.			
73.	231545	9div.	0916.	Secur 0 ref 1 unit. 4 bde in control with inf and P.I.B. ZAGAHEMI. And patrol from WANDOKAI. 0 desire to ordinate HOMPVA OLD HOMPVA ZAGAHEMI interference to role given		in addition to immediate role to patrol the area HOMPVA, OLD HOMPVA, that area tracks to coast north of WANDOKAI. 24 and 4 bde responsibilities in area. 0 what can 4 bde undertake without in my 0024. 0 reply earliest.			

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I have received no letter from you.

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74.	1000	9div		<p>27 Dec.</p> <p>passwords. C, 146/50/12.</p> <p>Ship to shore Lt. Signal Sub Lt Capt. 147/50/12</p> <p>9div Sitemap 110 to 262000k.</p> <p>9div tactics - Bulletin 5 and 2 Corp. Int Report 73. '75</p> <p>P.W. Exam. Report.</p> <p>Attachment But. Offs.</p> <p>NGF Summary 153.</p>		<p>22, 29/46, 37/52</p> <p>46, MG. 3/22 - 2462.</p> <p>G 86/50/17 - G 144/50/7.</p>	<p>205 20/2</p> <p>MG 44</p> <p>2461</p> <p>208</p> <p>2460</p>	<p>4 copies</p> <p>4 copies</p>	<p>ack I 458, 459.</p>
75	1315	37/52.		<p>Ref A Coy patrol - time out 0800 - in 1200. patrol from 528840 - along track to 522940 then a fur as 519840. defined recently been used by native travelling east. King contour in sp 5083 visible from 522840. Reported track fine approx 519840 (??) At this pt. is a Jap Camp. good ambush and for low side. Coy moving to pt 522840. at 1215 hrs. Ret. same route.</p>					
76	1805	9div	0970	<p>Confirmation @ on capture 496 strong patrols as follows @ one toward ZAGATHEMI from WANDOK controlling tracks 496942 HUT</p>	942, 475 937	<p>20 bde will employ deck to vicinity HUTWA 457932 and one AI for purpose of searching and EWA ZAGATHEMI WANDOK AI</p>			
77	1805	9div	0979	<p>Secret @ ref my O.O. 23 NOT to 1 report their patrol close inshore in the south saw no enemy and drew withdrawal or purposely remained</p> <p>para 2, 3, 4, of my O.O. 23 apply of GUSIKA, LANGEMAK BAY, WAR KILIGIA FORTIFICATION HINH, and hand 2+ bde will continue made with capture spur 496942</p>		<p>the bn and A Coy P.I.B. @ info @ PT tracks daylight today from inl NAMBARLWO to no fire @ the enemy may possibly have consuls without opening fire @ METHOD @</p> <p>@ phase * @ phase * will comprise holding ED, the holding of MASANENG beach, an adv to line NANDA 4303 spur 430020 @ present tasks @ the adv will be 4759370 20 bde will comment see</p>			

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77	could.			27 Dec. as far as SIAKUM \odot this recce landward det. being not ESB craft in constant comm the landward det \odot the recce include beach recce in its will be held \odot 20 bde will to SIAKUM by sea immediately of this recce 20 bde will \odot 26 bde will as 20 bde and its own left flank \odot one LCV 27 dec. and one		will be by a joint landward and seaward recce party less than two pls in strength and seaward det. being with and carrying res. down up and water for party will be in comm with 20 bde and will tasks \odot ground gained by the landward party be prepared to despatch one bn and 2 pl SIAKUM is is reported clear \odot independently commence adv 25 dec to line MANDIT spur 430050 advance continue to protect the rear of 20 bde allotment ESB craft to 20 bde for recce party is LCV one navigating craft 28 dec.			
78.	1810	Aly 37/52	G6.	present from 517 838 \odot		details from bn			
79.	1730.	IO 37		Patrol reports ref 1/250000 present from north and south along track for 500 moving to jeephead 559807 and thence blankover D and C coy complete 271145L	517839 \odot	standing patrol at track from 519839. patrols W/T comm out. \odot Cablehead at 523840. Pl Bcoy west to eat food ration dump. otherwise NTR.			
80	1920.	I 463	Too diw	Senet \odot Situp to 271900L \odot 29/26 bnd NO report D coy moving west along \odot trucks north and south patrolled for 517838 at 271730L. \odot one pl B coy at \odot C and D coys interchanged positions C Coy report B coy moving west along MASA WENG	B and C coy interchanged positions B Coy 583809 C Coy 582800 \odot	MASAWENG RD 37/52 bnd \odot Bcoy reports track from at 519839 500 yds NMS \odot track west patrolled to 51837 NMS \odot Coy at jeephead 559807 moving further west to eat food ration dump 569803 D coy less pl 565820 one pl 568823 \odot 22 bnd \odot NO from otherwise NTR.			
81	2000	22 bnd		D Coy patrol out 0800 in 1710 to Acoy 569786 one enemy dead 566795 one fresh		west to AMMALAO ⁴ return via MASA WENG \odot sighted jip shaggle grave 564793.			

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82	2015.	X bde I 308	Secret	27 dec. Ltr 135 to 271900L @ 2/23 bu to ltr 578813 @ 2/28 bu		Acay moving ^{to} north WANDOKAI beach area @ bu less Acay would change.		
83.	2000	X bde I 328	Ltr 151 to 271900L @ 2/4 car patrol	NMS @ Supo reached TIKU @ patrol from footprints moving north estimated at 498830 then NW along ridge to huts of tracks leading off at 498839 @ Above 524725 518732 BAZULUO due return 28 dec 598715 pl 602717		from HOMPVA contacted TIKU patrol at ONDEHU @ track clear HOMPVA along ZAGAHEMI track to hut 485846 NMS but some dec @ track leaves HOMPVA in direction of PONDOKA 485846 thence appears to go north to ZAGAHEMI @ NO sign refs one inch 2/28 bu two day patrol from BAZULUO to 540734 @ all local patrols NTR @ Recstat Clay 2/28 bu less pl		
84	20 bde	O 815.	Secret @ Ltr 230 to 271900L @ ref map	apparently successful air strike on WALINGATI 2/13 bu main body 2/15 & 2/17 bu in lide objectives taken by 271600L @ enemy dead along routes suggestive hurried retreat @ 502923 gun emplacement found which possibly some tps had been evacuated in sea @ 4 wrecked barges on beach at 493 or shelling today @ at 271720L our tp @ 8 tks still in WANDOKAI area @ drift 489938 Clay 493942 D coy 489941 th A B coy 501918 Clay 505921 D coy 500922 @ 2/17 530898 D coy 522903 @ B coy 2/18 bu spl	1/25000 @ to the accompaniment of the sea the lide adv commenced 270900L adv gp res @ NO opposition met during day all and abandoned eqpt found at numerous places neither AGO or WALINGATI villages recently occupied @ at 75 mm had fired on WONDOKI71 @ Indications that gun and by barge @ at 493939 one 37mm gun with ammo dumped 939 @ 2 mail on west beach at 491946 @ no hostile mortar tks in AGO village and pressing on to towards WALINGATI @ bde HQ 507912 @ 2/13 bu HQ 493939 Acay 494935 B coy pl 494936 plus see bu MG @ 2/15 bu HQ 502922 Acay 502924 bu @ but HQ 527903 Acay 523899 B coy 526898 with pl 525896 Clay 489942 1 and 3 pls WANDOKAI area			pld 22 2937 bui 20 bde LOR Acay HQ I 464
85.	20 bde	O 816	OO no 29.					ACK I 466.
86	20 bde	O 810	OO no 28					ACK I 455
87	20 bde	A 19.	ref OO no 28 @ ADM.					ACK I 456.

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				28 dec.				
88.	260730	I465.	9 div.	request please 20 copies		SIALUM 1/25000 sheet.		
89	0740	I467	9 div	Secret Litrep to 280700L @ 22 bn @ 20 24 26 bdes. return via MASAWENG RO signed one 564793 @ 272045L reported B coy 22 bn strongly occupy village 492817		D coy patrol out 270800L in 271710L to Acay wed to AMOLAO + Jap straggler 569786 one enemy dead 566795 one fresh grave & D coy 29/46 bn 500812 ref 1/25000 @ P1B report enemy unknown		
90	0915.	I 26 bde	I309	Secret Litrep 136 to 280700L @ Sitner				
91	0910	I468	Patrols	Secret @ on capture 496942 475931 ref rptd 22 29 37 as follows @ one to vicinity HUTEWA 457932 for purpose of searching tracks 496492		1/25000 20 bde is to employ deep strong patrols and one towards ZAGAHENI from WANDOKAI HUTEWA ZAGAHENI WANDOKAI		
92	0915	I469	Patrols	to 271900L @ 1/4 car patrol from HOMPVA rptd 22 29 37. from HOMPVA along direct ZAGAHENI track 498830 then NW along ridge to huts 48584		contacted TIKU patrol at ONDEFU @ track clear NMS @ patrol to hut 485846 NMS @ track leaves HOMPVA in direction PONDOKOE Mene appears to go north to ZAGAHENI @ ref one with		
93	0905	24 bde	I329	Litrep 152 to 280700L @ 272030L enemy		afe dropped some bombs in area but no damage on cas @ NTR otherwise		
94	0930	20 bde	0817	Secret Litrep 231 to 280700L @ ref 1/25000 continued adv by 271900L reached TEWAH stream but at present river only 8 ins		1/13 bn on attainment objective for day one coy less one pl RO approx 150 yds from mouth wooden foot bridge crossed deep and fordable		
95	1030	37/53		patrols @ Acay est temporary base 517888 to 504836 (coy ultimate objective) for well other tracks - final linking of course.		@ Will patrol tracks present area @ patrols out 0800 (1) west (2) south along track from junc for 2 hrs (3) north to 518162 @		
96	1120	22 24 Patrols	I6.	ref 1/25000 in poor village 2 huts tracks to HOMPVA morning 28 dec		473817 271800L @ patrolling fwd in search of		

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97.	1830	KAMES.	I7.	ref 1/25000 connection location set tracks to HOMPVA away 5 hrs without returned tracks in area N16 country patrols raining heavily in hills		at 498819 at huts patrol in search of success further patrol left 1300L NOT yet tracked & heavily timbered EP 13 accompanying		2 Bde 0317 of 28 dec Car patrol operating 29 Dec on track HOMPVA-ZAGAHEMIO Please advise your Aps in area.
98	1915.	I470	gdiv	Secret sitrep to 281900L B Coy 22 bn		D Coy 29/46 bn patrols set huts 498819		IN REPLY 4 bde I471
		20 24 26	bdes	patrol out 280730L in 281230L unsuccessful		fully searched for tracks to HOMPVA further difficult tracks in area N14 A Coy 37/52 bn		Infum supplied
		22 2937	bn	patrol out 281300L NO report remain		out 280800L ONE west to 504836 TWO		on I470.
		Acay 119	208 20 bde	temporary base set 517838 patrols South along track from track pine 514839 517862 NO further report NO report		for two hrs THREE north along track to 37/52 bn patrol to HIMOLAO otherwise NTR		
98A.	2700.	2 bde	I331	Secret 153 to 281900L 1/4 cav sqn TIMU patrol 1/28 bn 2 day patrol route as given sitrep		being withdrawn via HOMPVA to ZAFILIO HOMPVA patrol NTR 151 NTR Acay 1/34 bn patrol SATELBERG-PALANKO		MARARUO SATELBERG.
				29 DEC.				
99.	290730.		37/52.	Acay at 517838 all patrols 28 dec HIMOLAO patrol 28 dec NMS.		NMS deserted village at 524817		
100.	0745	I472	gdiv	Secret sitrep to 290700L ref 1/25000		Acay 37/52 bn patrols as per sitrep to 281900L		
		20 24 26	bdes	all NMS unoccupied village located Coy 22 bn otherwise NTR.		524817 NO report D Coy 29/46 bn and B		
101	0900	2 bde	I332	Secret sitrep 154 to 290700L NTR.				
102	0915	2 bde	I311	Secret sitrep 238 to 290700L Sitrep.				
103.	1320	KAMES	I7	ref one in present from 512834 28 Dec to locate tracks results N16 country heavily tracks located further two patrols of 1st str		two patrols 5 hrs duration to 502831 and 500828 timbered & precipitous impossible to carry packs & bens unless out 0730 to locate track as shown at 503820 + PONDORAM		28 Dec 28

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104	1245	Main 9 div	01.	Summary of Ops 28 @ 20 bde continued KANOMI BLUCHER PT @ some enemy with cas @ last light fwd tps still in day fwd tps shelled by gun believed pw 4994 @ bde HQ 488957 @ 26 bde		adv 2/13 bn leading @ strong opposition area drew west into jungle @ considerable enemy contact with force estimated one coy @ during at NANDA @ one tp Hqs with 2/13 bn @ 2/17 bn HQ AGO ^{2/18} 2/23 WANDOKAI 2/24 1000 yds West.		
105	1455	37 bn	1234	Range practices will be carried out 574804 ref 1/25000 @ direction of fire NORTH		commencing 30 0800 @ location of range into river bank.		
106	1830	9 div	0988.	as from 271200L 3 Pl PIB is under		cond 4 bde		ACK I473.
107.	1830	-	0987	Sitrep III to 272000L. NGF Mob Trg School 47 G150/25 /37 LHQ Tac School. G149/20/21 2 corps summaries 74 + 77.				
108	1830	20 bde	0820	Secret @ Sitrep 234 to 290700L @ ref 487957 @ One HMG captured in from previous 2/13 bn pos @ route to coast incl B Coy 472993 C Coy 468993 thence along ZAGAHEMI track to 40 killed @ enemy had been in village come from WONDOKAI. Japs had in good physical condition @ ample bundle of documents captured +		map 1/25000 @ 281600L bde HQ opened at yesterday's attack on KANOMI @ slight alterations 474996 with TA pl A Coy 473998 from track D Coy 471995 @ PIB patrol from WONDOKAI hut village at 475856 @ there 3 japs were few days @ tracks suggested that they had new clothes were armed with new rifles + stocks rice + native food in village @ infused.		
109	1835	37/52	1235	Secret @ Sitrep to 291800L @ A Coy		still 517838 @ local patrolling NTR		

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				29 Dec.					
110.	2130	I 474	9 div	Secret @ Litrep to 291900L @ 22 bn @ 20 24 26 hrs D coy 37/52 bn @ ref one inch @ 28 dec 22 29/46 37/52 bn posn unchanged at 512834 @ patrols Ac Coy MG 4082046. 502830 and PONDOKAI 498831 @ No further recd patrol to ultimate objective 508837 504837 506834 @ area NOT observation and water @ local patrols			local patrols to MMOLOA NMS @ B coy 22 bn failed to locate HOMPVA tracks in area @ out 290730L to locate tracks to HOMPVA at report @ Ac Coy 37/52 bn @ ref 1/25000 @ results feature by 5083 @ three distinct features suitable permanent base owing lack of 29 dec NMS @ otherwise NTR.		
111	2200	24 bde	I 333	Litrep 155 to 291900L @ 1/4 car TIKU NTR @ 1/28 bn patrol WAREO 548738 to MIT west of LAKES owing by rain			patrol reached ZAFILIO, NTR @ HOMPVA patrol BAZULUO WAREO NTR @ BONGA WAREO RD closed		
112.				4 Amb Fd Amb Adm Instr No 1 4 Ade Op Instr No 1.					
				30 DEC					
113.	300700L	I 475 EMES GREEN	EMES	1/4 car Lym patrols 29 dec TIKU be patrolling direct route HOMPVA		ZAFILIO NTR HOMPVA patrol NTR @ will ZAGHEMI to today			
114	0730L	I 476	20 24 26 hrs	Litrep to 300700L @ det patrols		NO report @ otherwise NTR.			
115	0850	26 bde	I 317	Secret Litrep 140 to 300700L Litrep.					
116	1010.	24 bde	I 334	Litrep to 200730L NTR.					
117	1010	20 bde	O 827	Secret @ Litrep 236 to 300700L @ ref 1/25000 @ described 4 huts village 467924 to 30 hut village could be taken @ no patrol went through village		1/17 bn patrol 29 Dec from 486943 SW along the stream on map through rd shown 485916 @ one jap bathing but disappeared before action jap seen swimming @ every hut showed signs recent occupation but no def posn			

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				30 Dec.				
118.	1100.	ERMES	M7.	ref map one in Patrol to 520828 break bush @ PIB located native in guide left 1200L to investigate native left 0730L to 500825 located more Jap @ leaving present posn 300800L		returned 1400L All result impossible to present area @ PIB patrol one see PIB with track to HOMPUA track located @ patrol difficult track returned 1700L @ PIB killed one ETA HOMPUA 31 dec.		
119	1235	O171	Acoy37	Advise if you can cut track WANDOKAI		ZAGAHEMI with view to recieve ZAGAHEMI from NE.		
120.	1540.	9div.	O3	Litrep 112 to 282000L O1008 Litrep 113 to 292000L. 2 boys Int Report. No 78.				
120A.	1620	9div	I149	Return of IO's + Bde Sgt.				Replied I477 301700L
121	1930.	I478	9div	Secret @ Litrep to 301900L @ Bcoy 22 bus continued recce tracks to HOMPUA @ 222937 bus 301630L west to 487838 NMS @ unlocated at 496838 @ Coy 37/52 bus NMS B otherwise NTR.		+ D coy 29/46 bus patrol unsuccessfully A coy 37/52 bus @ patrol out 300800L in sed native pad running south to river patrol out 300800L in 301900L to AMIALAO		
122.	2200	9div	O19	Secret @ 0027 @ ref my 00230 intent my @ 23 apply @ phase four @ phase the holding of area WALINGAI anchorage to 371108 @ ONE @ 24 bde will additional sps under comd from 31 dec @ 3 bus on at WALINGAI anchorage & in first retain 40B 20 bde and 9 div can bus hold FORTIFICATION HILL MIASA WANDOKAI beach with at least one coy with two bus hold gud to protect + with inf patrols sp by PIB control		tion @ no change @ METHOD @ paras 2,3,4 of FKK I480. 4 will commence on completion phase 30 will + the capture of R. SANGA from its mouth continue present tasks @ two @ 4 bde @ LOB 26 bde at WANDOKAI from 1 Jan D coy sp from 31 dec one fd bty @ 4 bde will coy on present tasks and second with one WENG beach + third from 31 dec hold initially LOB 26 bde + fourth from 1 Jan area WALINGAI anchorage incl beach def tracks in gen with LOKHOUT HILL 4743		

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122 cond				KARAKO 3888 ref one inch TUNGE to be held will incl FORTIFICATION continue and on approaches considered patrols will be set in depth & backed & capture line R. SANGA from mouth all times be covered by adequate arty @ FOUR @ 20 bde will be in immediate div res will move close in rear of 20 bde protected rear inf patrols sp by PIB to the west & NW of the bde @ further will be behind KANOMI one @ 20 bde will be responsible for beach def an offr will be appointed in command of def watching & challenging stars will be set and adjacent dumps def @ T Coy sps Fun bn will be employed at WAKINGA 1 for @ & may be employed in beach def role @ most of to area anchorage will commence 31 Dec.				
122A. 03/15.	20 bde	0830.	Sitrep 237 to 301900L					
123	2300	9 div	020.	A most powerful weapon the enemy being disregarded by many units whose by several units cramping into a restrict reasonable degree of dispersion at all times beach maintenance areas are res for use work on beach def will NOT be within posted there by Q will NOT have inst				
124	2215	20 bde	I335	Sitrep 157 to 301900L @ 2/4 Cav 4 day detailed report of tracks & going following locate track to ZAGAHEMI & returned				
125	2300	20 bde	I319	Sitrep 141 to 301900L @ 2/4 Cav 2/23 bn Coy patrol reached KARAKO most could be located in area @ no occupation leading NW NE and west exist as shown 451908 not located @ PIB patrol no				
				can, if he chooses use against us in his airfield @ this is his sites by many units whose biv sites are congested or ed area @ all coms will ensure that these units observe a especially in area near beaches used for maintenance @ by Q and by RAA @ other arms except those employed beach 800 yds of a beach used by Q or RAA @ services except those allations within 800 yds of such beaches.				
				patrol north & NW from MEREKEO to R MASAWENG NMS by DRC patrol from HOMPVA to village 485847 failed to via PONDOKA 1 NMS @ otherwise all local patrols NTR. moved along track to 463933 but NTR @ 2/48 bn D Coy now 495933 extremely difficult @ village in good preservation but no water for considerable period @ tracks KARAKO area from KARAKO tracks for map @ two tracks SW could not be found @ track from 455977 to				

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126	0800	9 dis	021		31 Dec. Luc HQ. 9 dis closes present location				
127	0800	24 Dec	F336		NTR to 310700L				
128	0725	I-479	9 dis 20, 21, 22		Letter to 3107000 No report B log 22		coy 29/46 by Sheerwin NTR		
129	1020	ERMES	I7		ref map one inch present posn of 4 Cav Comd Sqdn.		HOMPVA ONE at 492824 @ 14 hubs @ NO contact with		
130	1125	9 dis	O1014		Summary of ops 30 Dec @ no general adv 486006 came under fire from 457008 engaged @ following patrols all NMSO by 507836 to 487838 @ to AMOLAO 5578 @ PONDORAI 522847 @ A coy 2/46 est patrol KARAKO 44970 TAC R 301500L small Jap caves 3709 occupied by evening.		patrol activity only @ 2/13 by patrol at and 454004 estimated 40 in each posn entry KANOMI to 438983 4596-459940 @ 3/152 of 4 Cav Sqdn ref one in HOMPVA 485847 - base 463933 @ C Coy 2/46 by est patrol base party moving north with packs SIALUM @		
131	1245	ERMES	I8		boys leaving present posn on return		journey at 1200 hrs today.		
132	1605	20 Dec	O834		Secret @ Litrep 238 to 310700L @ KANOMI to village 449988 and at patrol did not find track from shown on map @ this area is marshy & from 455988 at intervals approx 100 yds as far west as village bandages tied around Kunai @ 301950L Jap mortared & MG'd.		connecting interim patrol reports @ track going from this pt goes south to village not shown at 447985 @ at 439983 @ from 463989 to 459988 no track as shown Jap had mine land rails to guide through swamp @ area by 4601 which our patrol had visited during day.		
133	1720	9 dis	030		Ref my O.O. 270 cavell all ref area as of 30 Dec		to 4 Dec moving fwd. @ 4 base will remain in same		

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134	311725	T481	31 Dec.	Letter to 311900L @ ref one inch @ B Coy 22 bn and 7 Coy 29/46 bn patrol arrived HOMPVA ONE 492824 30 Dec NO contact 2/4 bn sqn patrol @ A Coy 37/57 bn 3 day patrol WANDOKAI-ZAGAHEMI departed 22 bn 0 patrol to AIMALAO killed one got SW AIMALAO @ otherwise NTR @	517838	copy 1/25000 310800L NO further report		
135	2048	MAINQAN	01011	repeating previous order @ addresses locations of units down to tps of city @ advise units after never take to never reported in reports		will notify this HQ of all changes in or copy incl LOR pps under eyes and place @ this instruction does NOT apply		
136	2130	24 Dec	I 1	Letter 159 to 311900L @ 2/4 bn sqn patrol PONDOKAI made contact with 4 bn NW BAZUKOO due return 1 Jan 44		HOMPVA ONDEAU NMS @ patrol HOMPVA patrol @ 2/38 two day patrol NE and otherwise NTR.		
137	2132	26 Dec	I 320	Letter 142 to 310900L @ return				
138	2525	20 Dec	0887	Letter 230 to 311900L @ self map 1/25000 @ 2/17 bn main body passing through 2/13 bn along coast good firing but this, altho deep obs during afternoon @ The flanking gap most observed during late afternoon 1730 hrs 41 Japs moving south at 4230 all enemy not engaged by city but elements approached NARDA came in high gd observed approx 40 Japs. R. Troopers @ aban down 75m in gun + 2 @ 443027 3 dead Japs found @ 1 of Jap dead KANOMI area 15 m BAHQ 468003 2/15 A Coy 436 026 B Coy +		adv. contin 310900L with 2/15 bn advance which remained KANOMI area in late obs @ going making excellent progress were retarded by Coy found going back and slow @ consistent @ 1600 hrs 15 Japs moving north at 427051 1745 hrs 6 Japs moving south at same pt results not observed @ 1745 hrs one found dev 5A fire from village @ saw this on at area @ enemy engaged with city and dual sight - spare part found in sick PW captured in same area @ count check got RVA area @ despatch BAHQ 440 026 C Coy +38030 D Coy +43027 @		units arrived I 483

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138 contd.				1 Jan				
				2/17 Lt HQ. 452 017 Coy 447 017 B Coy approx 453 017 0 B Coy M4 bn 1st 45	454 013 Coy 447 014 3 Coy 449 022 0 4th Bn 2 018 2 p with 2/13 bn 3 p 438 030			
139	0135	9 dist AC	026.	<p>Send 0 0028 follows and cancel 0027 of my 0023 apply 0 those 4 will comprise the holding of Fortification WAKINGAI anchorage and the capture ONEO 24 bde no change present tasks. 20 bde will continue the coastal adv 20 bde will control its adv that fwd 20 bde will with one Bn hold remainder 26 Bde in immediate Div res will protect rear of 20 Bde and its own left flank, and with inf patrols supported by P.I.B. control that part of the inland tracks between KALASA and ZAKAHEM. which lie to the west and NW of the Bde. 26 Bde will be responsible for beach def in its sector 0 Five 0 L.O.B. 26 Bde will be responsible for beach def and protecting dump area WONDOKAI in accordance with orders already issued separately.</p>	<p>0 Intention 0 no change 0 Method 0 para 2-3 & 4 the holding of area GUSIKA LANGEMAK 0 A7 Kail Masawang Beach the holding of area of R SAMAT from its mouth to 371108 0 0 TWO 0 4 bde no change present tasks 0 THREE 0 capture line R SAMAT from its mouth to 371108 0 0 can at all times be covered by adequate arty of 0 beach maintenance area WAKINGAI ANCHORAGE 0 0 26 Bde will protect rear of 0 20 Bde and with inf patrols supported by P.I.B. control that part of the inland tracks between KALASA and ZAKAHEM. which lie to the west and NW of the Bde. 0 26 Bde will be responsible for beach def in its sector 0 Five 0 L.O.B. 26 Bde will be responsible for beach def and protecting dump area WONDOKAI in accordance with orders already issued separately.</p>			
140.	1221.	26 Bde		<p>Secut 0 Sitrep 143 to 30900L. today 0 2/23 bn C. Coy later track newly defined one native seen and chopping P.I.B. patrol left HUTEWA 08 434 927. patrol KARARA proceeded when bivouaced night 0 reported going easy 0 HTR.</p>	<p>0 bde HQ established 467005 at 1200 hrs. KARAKO patrolled NW to 437984 0 foot pad and terminated this point 0 heard to NW 0 2/24 bn HTR. 0 contacted and killed 3 Japs through difficult country to KARAKO. 0 patrol along ZAKOBEP track 2/48 bn A Coy now 497936 otherwise</p>			

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141. 1484	9. am 100. 3. Baul.	Secret. O	29/46	1 Jan. sitrep to 010700L. O patrol thruout NTR	110	report. B. bay 22 bn and D. bay		
142. 12	R. pta 46.	Sitrep	160	to 010700L. O NTR				
143.	0172. 22 bn 29/46 31/55.	All offes		will wear badges of rank O badges will NOT be removed except when immediate contact with enemy is expected in which case rank will be marked with ink on shoulder straps O with exception of the all offed beach defence tasks no bivouac will be permitted within 800 yds of any beach or O installation O In all cases due regard will be paid to dispersion and confg against air attacks				
144.	0173. 22 bn 29/46 31/55.	On arrival at HQ.	31/55	will be instructed to tasks in accordance with present role. O A. bay 31/55 will continue to maintain present fwd base O and patrols with a view to linking up with 2/4 cav sqn patrols working north from Nompua.		B. bay 22 bn and D. bay 29/46 bn		Shkha bay 1100. 29/46 bn 31/55 1237 22bn IF 31.
145. 0738.	20 bde.	Secret O	230	to 10700L. O ana. O sounds of talking from his morning O City gave away night.	311900L	seen Jap captured on 2/17 bn NANOA last night but NNS so far H.F. on suspected HQ approx 422 062.		
146. 1320.	26 bde.	Secret O	142	to 310700 L. O sitrep				
147. 0116.	9. Div.	Most Secret. O	114	to 312000L.				
148.	2 Corps.	2. Inst Corps	Inst Report	N° 80.				

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149.	9. Div.			Jan 9. Div. Int Summary	No 29			
150.	9. Div.			P.W. Interrogation Report.				
151.	A.T.I.S.			P.W. Interrogation report.				
152. I330.	9. Div.			Att an receipts for swords and scabbards		please pass to		Receipts to 22bn. per D.R.S.
153. 1030.		22bn 29/46 bn 3/54 bn.		Trg Instr. No. 1.				D.R.S.
154 1920	#I 486	See this file under		Sitrep to 1900L @ B Coy 22bn D Coy 29/46 bn patrol NO report @ A Coy 37/52 @ 37/52 bn patrol to ARMORON NMS @ 0730 in 1830h @ otherwise NIK @ reconnaissance.				
155 2230	20bde	0940.		Secret @ Sitrep 241 to 011900L @ ref to NANDA found village unoccupied C Coy then passed through one pl going opposition was met at 422043 where LMG's @ of these 5 killed 4 wounded further enemy met & our tps passed line north of village from coast to one JAP @ Ch reported passable for track to 415035 opened on gap in signs of recent by mount of tr @ in hostile mounting or shelling @ 2/17bn @ p disports @ 2/15bn HQ 435030 A Coy 431031 D Coy less 2 pls 428037 two pls 432034 Coy MG bn 3 pl 426047 otherwise	1/50000 2/15 bn @ early patrols moving fwd @ D Coy followed through to COCONUTS 428037 @ up NW tr and 2 pls along the coast @ only flanking pl found approx 12 JAPS with 2 possibly killed and the remainder fled @ NO track through NUZEN took up a general approx 416048 @ patrol to CK 425058 Killed jumps & the @ Patrol from NUZEN SW down Kintai 200 yds north ^{but} enemy escaped @ addition to enemy killed today 9 old bodies found. NO patrol reached approx 415997 no details yet @ 2/13bn no change @ B Coy 437027 C Coy 426027 with pls 421047 and 415047 @ bn MG pl with B Coy @ 4 hrs north of ck at 426047 @ B unchanged.			Appl 22 29 37. MG 19 div can LOB 20 bde I 488

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156	2400	20 bde	0841	1 Jan. Supt 00 No 310 INFO as per site start to 402072 METHOD 1/5 km objective incl ck 424058 NUZEN 427047 incl to fine def of sector 0 second 0 Protection own 3970330 1/3 km will occupy area NANOA separately 0 INTER COMM 0 BDLTR vicinity		INTENTION 0 20 bde will assume general line KWAM KWAM start time 0830L 0 2/17 km will occupy area 424040 0 start time 0900L 0 Tasks 0 First coast area south of ck 424058 0 third 0 patrol to village 435037 up to line of ck 433034 0 start time NUZEN.		AK I 489 KWAM KWAM ADM
157		20 bde	A 41	Secret ref 20 bde 00 310 ADMO Supo 425058 0 2/17 km to NANOA 0 MED 0 at fuel sup beach B 2 M ADS remain		fuel sup by DUKW 0 2/13 + 2/15 to ck mouth B1 ADS will est earliest beach evac post present location		AI 490
158. 0200		26 bde	I 36.	Secret 245 to 011900L 0 2/23 km despatch D 476960 0 patrol 14L KARAKO to 2/24 moved to RUA area BHQ. 467007A Stations est 473998 0 2/48 km moved B 494934 C 494940 D 496932 0 P/B good tracks 0 killed one Jap and track west from ZAKOBEP 0 considerable Jap mot on this track 3/4 Jap killed en route 0 no signs of GERUP along track heading north		BHQ. 472963 A 471958 B km PL 474965 PL 471965 C KARAKO GERUP latest report patrol reached 426981 after difficult going 471989 B 463005 C 471999 D 465009 0 2/24 to coast challenge to anchorage area 0 dispatches BHQ. 477940 A Coy 489937 patrol departed 0 RORAKA 0800 arrived ZAKOBEP 1000 hrs with LM9 at ZAKOBEP 0 patrol short distance along patrol left ZAKOBEP 1130 on track north to ck days ago 0 from creek through KUNAI to GERUP one sub on patrol from GERUP 0 local patrols from and west NMS 0		
158 A		24 bde	I 4	Sitrep 162 to 020700L 0 NTR.				
158 B.		I 487 20 24 bdes.	gdw	Sitrep to 020700L 0 NTR.				

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158C	0174 29/37 hrs.	22		2. Jan 43. Nominations for schools - NQF LHQ		Junior Readers Cadre No 1 GUSIKA. Tactical School Course No 10.		
158 D.	37/52.			<p>Patrol Report @ 9 pl A Coy duration 3 days @ out 310800L in 021230L @ fighting & recce patrol to ZAGAHEMI @ ref one inch @ Route from 515855 496856 490856 (believed ZAGAHEMI village) 470869 to 465865 & return. ZAGAHEMI (?) consists of 8 huts each 20x10 one school hut & partly erected large hut @ track runs through centre of village @ village has NOT been occupied for some considerable time native gardens 900 yds east of village.</p> <p>TRACKS - track from 497856 left fork to ZAGAHEMI right fork to north @ track from 492855 left fork to south Right fork to ZAGAHEMI @</p> <p>Lines Base 515855 to garden 499856 - 3 1/2 hrs Garden 499856 to village 490856 - 1 1/4 hrs Village 490856 to 466865 - 4 1/2 hrs 466865 to 465865 3/4 hr.</p> <p>NOTE. Route followed and ZAGAHEMI village has been used extensively by enemy but NO signs recent use by enemy or own fgs.</p>				<p>N.B. Report as received from 'I' see 37/52 hrs. However do NOT consider village located 490856 to be ZAGAHEMI.</p>

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1130	EAMES.	IF		2 Jan 44 left post 1/22000 present from of ANGAN and DID. will await and P.I.B. left present from	525813	request status regarding return in the DID @ reply urgent @ BALDWIN 0900 hrs.	0.176.	use your ANGAN pers for return ration No. D.I.D.
1130	9 dis.	01021		Letter 115 to 012000h @				
1130	26 Dec.	0845		Letter @ 2/17 on patrol to	422006	NMS. @ Mawin N.I.R.		
1130	9 dis	1329. IS29.		translation of documents				
0925	26 Dec	I327		Letter 146 - return	to 0700			
164 1900	22 Dec	IF 323		Letter to 1900 @ B Co less re 589794 590785 @ patrol D Co to AIMOKOA	re 585803 A Coy 581800 D Coy + see 2/2 MG 581793 out 0800 in 1755 NMS			
165 1900	IS91	^{see den} see units		Letter to 1900 (see NEXT Page)				
166 1950	I492	24 Dec		request please exact map of	2 AGAHEMI	also description of village		
166 2117	9 dis	0.1023		Expedite reply my 0.899				
167 2104	24 Dec	I7.		Letter 163 to 1900 @ 2/4 Cav @ patrol occupation approx 3 days ago @ Pat now moving from HOMPOT to 2 AGAHEMI	via ONDEAU used 2 AGAHEMI which shows tracks of enemy col remaining 2 AGAHEMI 3 Jan and expect to contact patrol AGAHEMI by direct working route @ all other patrol N.I.R.			
168 2222	24 Dec	0326		corrected map of 2 AGAHEMI one mile south of village @ description of high ground.	453877 @ KIVENINGENG	landside of 4585 is approx 2000' up village not yet available but situated in clearing on		

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169.	2250	24 bde	F339	Ref Mas. 1 st village runs west range runs to sea & gully village leads N.E.		east 800' by 300' approx 30 huts @ west side 100 yds east approach this side open @		Kunai covered track for
170	2325	26 bde	I339	Ltr 147 to 1900L @ 2/23 br c coy patrol and today disps HQ 473992 A 470995 B 474995 C 472991 D 471996 @ 2/24 br A & D Coy moved NUZEM area A Coy 428 040 @ D Coy patrol NUZEM KAKASA SIALUM village 397033 @ 2/48 br NTR @ PIB patrol NO report in last 24 hrs @		returned 1100 hrs @ br moved KANOMI		
165	1900.	I491	div 20	Secret @ Ltr to 021900L @ 22 br @ NMS @ B Coy patrol returned to unit B Coy less pl 589794 pl 585803 Coy 590 ref one unit @ out 310800L in 021330L and return @ at 490856 village uncompleted hut located @ one fap been extensively used by enemy @ NO 29/46 br @ D Coy patrol returned to unit		patrol to AIMOLOA out 020800L in 021800L @ disps @ br HQ 588792 A Coy 581800 785 D Coy 581793 @ 37/52 br @ A Coy patrol @ route 515855 496856 490856 470869 465865 consisting of 8 huts one school hut and large 4-5 days dead found in hut @ village has signs recent use by enemy or own fops @ 021745L now at 578806 @ otherwise NTR.		
				3 JAN.				
170A	0730	I493	div 20 24 bde	Ltr to 030700L.				
171	0845	24 bde	I8	Ltr 164 to 030700L @ NTR				
171A	0900	26 bde	I330	Secret @ Ltr 148 to 030700L @ Secret				
172	0930	20 bde	D847	Secret @ Ltr 214 to 030700L @ NTR.				

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				3 Jan 43.				
173.	1215.	9 div.		<p>Passwords (4 copies) G/159/50/12.</p> <p>Sip to show Identification Signs (4 copies) G 160/50/12</p> <p>9 div Sinep¹¹⁶ to 032000L.</p> <p>JAP tactics Bulletin No 7.</p>		<p>ACK I 494.</p> <p>Funded 22 29 37 rptd MG 9 div can.</p> <p>ACK I 495.</p> <p>Funded 22 29 37 rptd 9 div can</p> <p>rptd 22 29 37 MG can.</p>		<p>I 497.</p> <p>LOB 20 bde</p> <p>I 498.</p> <p>LOB 20 bde</p> <p>I 496.</p> <p>LOB</p>
				<p>0986. ref 1/25000 0 from 271500L dec near HQ</p> <p>Moonice etc tables I 259/39/9.</p> <p>2 boys Int Reports. 76 79 80 82.</p> <p>PW. Reports (2).</p>		9 div with main HQ 608780.		
174	1440	2/SMG bn	I 107	<p>ref 1/25000 0 rene patrol 0 strengthened</p> <p>to tr 599750 to tr fine 587747 along tr</p> <p>same patrol.</p>		<p>pl 0 out 040900L in 041700L 0 route 617737</p> <p>to KILIGIA 0 return by coast road 0 5 Dec</p>		
175	1750	64 Bty	R.R.I.	Location 583813				
176	1750	26 Bde.	O-153.	<p>Ref reconstitution 26 Bde L.O.B.</p> <p>Do you concur to change L.O.B</p> <p>providing relief carried out to you</p> <p>on 4 Jan 0 please reply earliest</p>		<p>2/24 to change while under comd 22 bde</p> <p>of 2/48 and 2/23 as opportunity periods</p> <p>satisfaction 0 if so decided change L.O.B 2/48</p>		
177	1900	I 499	div	<p>Sinep to 031900L 0 22 bn NTR 0 29/46</p> <p>A Coy moved 031500L to 512850 0</p> <p>reinforce A Coy 0 one pl A Coy commenced</p> <p>497856 thence following track north</p>		<p>one pl B Coy moved 031000L moved to</p> <p>3 day patrol 030815L to track fine</p> <p>0 PIMOLOA patrol out 030745L NO report 0 if one inltr.</p>		
178	2000	O 26.	9 div	Tact HQ 9 div closes present location				
179	2040	I 11	int bde	Sinep 106 to 031900L 0 NTR				

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180.	2350	gdiv	I14	3 Jan 44. CAPTURED DOCUMENTS @ one @ note book containing orders & bu 79 regt @ extract dated 30 Dec @ Div will adv to SIO @ for this purpose Orders of march regt HQ 2 bu @ 2 bu will be third ech & will head force SABOU R line tonight and give cover for BUTAI main force @ Comment @ SABOU R maybe SANBOR 4413 @ two @ rough notes apparently dated 29 Dec @ extract @ div main force has not arrived KALASA yet.					
181	2350	26 bde	I33+	Letter @ Sitrep 149 to 031900L @ 2/23 bu D 421059 @ 2/24 bu D coy patrol based observed signs of enemy about five days of SANGUA 347044 river flooded and @ patrol to 374049 thence to BAKOA 633472 C 426046 @ 2/48 bu moved to 571999 then by W/T returning KANEMI 4 Jan Supp		dispos HQ 543058 Coy 533059 B coy 424057 C 523061 KALASA patrolled south to village 363031 & to 355027 old observed @ patrols west along track to head waters impassable signs of enemy approx 30 observed moving west NMS @ 2/24 bu dispos BuHQ 426047 A 407041 B 435047 will NO change @ PIB patrol in KARIKO area in contact dropped successfully by air.			
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182	0715	I500	div 2046 bde.	Sitrep to 040700L.					
183.	2335	26. bde		SECRET @ Sitrep 150 to 040700L @		Sitrep.			
184.	122	24. bde		Sitrep 166 to 040700L. N.T.R.					
185.	047	G. Div (1st)		Tac HQ. G. div closes present location and reports vicinity R SANGA 041630L.					
186.	0151	Tac 9 Div		64 7a Bty 2/4 fa regt. & A Jp 10 AA Bty 2/4 Lt regt. come under command & bar.					

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187	9 div	2 Aust Corps Int Report 83		A Jan 039 0.0.29. Translation Captured document Jach, Auly/K 2 Jan NGF Int Summary 154 01039 Inter 17 to 032000h					
188 - 1905	I 501	Dis Bas		E NTR. Inter to 041900h.					
189 - 2243	24 bal	I 15		Inter 167 to 1900h @ 2/28 bn @ D Coy		moved to 551720 @ 2/4 Co by NTR.			
190 - 1930	0 178	all units		Warning order @ 4 bal will relieve Pacific to move 050000 @ 22 bn to relieve 2/32 bn on QUSIKA 2/43 bn at SCARLET BEACH @ 20 bal command in present form @ N & move act @ all informed.		24 bal in present dispositions @ bn receive to relieve 2/28 bn at WAREO @ 29/46 WAREO track @ 37/52 bn to relieve 203 and 9 div cany coy remain under main body before 060800h @	22, 29/46 37/52 24 AD 20 bal 203 9 div cany	act AD, MG ✓	
191 2255	20 bal	0855		Inter 247 to 1900h @ 0900 2/17 bn and by 1140 bn on objective - killing beyond MANGU R to COCONUTS 297 294154 @ patrol killed 2 japs at patrol from bal HQ observed 11 japs both SANBORO and SAZOMU riv and needs little work @ dispositions 359118 D 360119 @ 2/15 bn HQ 326134 A with pls 306143 and 304141 B 312142 C 360119 2 pt 310144 3 pt 321131.		continued adv from FDLs of 2/15 bn @ no opposition met two japs straggles in area @ a patrol pushed on @ here patrol was fired on by IJMG and IJMG from area MANGU R crossing @ 3 sub Ptd captured during day @ knowing inland 322122 but terrain prevented approach @ will need bridging before japs able but MANGU R day @ Bal HQ 324126 @ 2/13 bn HQ 362120 A 361121 B 346126 C 322135 B 319137 C 322137 D 322132 @ 2/17 bn HQ 307147 A 306139 309143 D 309147 @ 4 lps lks at 349123 @ B Coy 2/2 MG bn 1st			
192 05076	I 501	div 20 bal		Inter to 0700					

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				4 Jan 44.				
193	26 bde	I 336.	Sitrep 151 to 041900L	bde HQ coys unchanged @ 2/24 to 2/48 hrs total cas inflicted 5 japs killed one native attacked leading scout patrol base KAWASA @ local patrols		opened 040900L 3810 380104 @ D coy 2/23 hr 388091 remainder No change @ PIB patrol returned KANOMI today @ @ patrol shot at with arrows vicinity ORANAKO @ @ with knife but no injury @ 2/24 hr @ D coy NMS @		
				5 JAN 44.				
194	0855 24 bde	I 16	Sitrep 168 to 050700L	NTR				
195	0950 26 bde	I 337	Sitrep 154 to 050700L	Sitrep				
196	1130 2 Corps 9 div			Adm Order No 13. - Copy 4 2 Corps Int Report 8+ Interrogation reports. Jap PW.				
197	1820 2 Corps	O 1894	9 div agrees this HQ deal direct with sitreps direct to corps rptd 9 div @ 24 on coast complete.			from 4 bde 24 bde @ please submit daily bde continue sitreps until concentration		
198	1900 9 div 222937 Bus MG	I 505.	2 Corps rpt Secret @ Sitrep to 051900L @ 29/46 hr D coy moved to 574806			@ B coy moved to 5550 578809 @ 27/52 hr @		

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199.	2230.	2 Corps	01896	ref amended appa A to 2 corps OO no 4 mob 32 by Workshop Sec.					
200.	2200	24 bde	0338	Sitrep 169 to 051900h @ 28 bn relieved WAREO HQ 553718 MAIN body WAREO patrols find concentration in area 626685 by 1630L @ 24 parent unit by 1700 hrs @ TAC HQ 24 bde		area by 2/4 cav sqn 1200L @ Disposals 2/4 cav @ based ZAFILIO and HOMPUR @ 2/28 bn completed bde LOB gp previously under comd 2/2 MG returned rejoined main by 0930L @ Otherwise NO change			
201	2330	20 bde	0860	Reuel @ Sitrep to 051900L @ NO gen adv & est standing patrols vicinity 293164 @ JAP camp 286167 to 284168 to track jap camp 288163 back to start point @ 296167 @ 10 hut village 288163 @ Signs rivers @ RUTO dry with some bull deying good approaches @ DALLOAIN 100 yds sloping banks 25 yds wide 3 ft deep CHISSI PT and mouth DALLOAIN both to 320115 killed 2 japs @ one 323122 had FOR & wore Aust boots @ in addition in bde area @ Disposals @ 5 pl PIB 324130		today @ 2/17 bn @ B coy moved to CHISSI PT patrol from this pt NW along track to possible June 280160 thence 428016 (B) thence possible one jap dead found in 20 hut village recent enemy occupation both places but NMS @ needed @ CHISSI 20 ft wide 4 ft deep with wide 3 ft deep in mouth with gradually with rocky banks at 284168 @ Beaches @ Sandy & suitable LCV'S @ patrol from bde good stock Aust tinned food incl packet japs reported killed yesterday 17 dead found otherwise NO change.			
202		9 div	056	WARNING ORDER @ following units will beach and probable date of remove availability of craft as shown @ 9 div can less 3 coys from MASAWENG NOT before 8 Jan before 8 Jan @ LOB 20 bde from COCONUTS NOT before 8 Jan @ pl Accoy PIB from to be in sp 4 bde and will rejoin A for moves later.		prepare to move to SIALUM @ embarkation which is subject to weather conditions and coy from KILIGIA NOT before 7 Jan @ 2/3 pur bn @ A & B coys 2/3 Pur bn from GUSIKTA NOT NOT before 8 Jan @ LOB 26 bde from WANDOKTA MASAWENG NOT before 7 Jan @ pl will cease coy @ Q will confirm detailed instns			

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				6 JAN.				
203.	060730L	I 507 corps	sent	Sitrep to 060700L @ 29/46 hrs uptd dis 20 24 bde 060645L for 2/43 hrs area @ otherwise NTR.		@ B coy portion C & D coys departed by area		
204.	0900	24 bde	I 29	Sitrep 170 to 060700L @ NTR.				
205	0925	20 bde	0866	Sitrep 249 to 060700L @ NTR.				
206	0930	26 bde	I 340	Sitrep to 060700L.				
207	1145 1035	26 bde	?	Sitrep 153 to 051900L @ 2/23 hrs HQ change @ 2/24 hrs patrol KALASA @ HQ today reported JAP passed through his night at 32804 & track good some dispos @ HQ 379103 C 379104 D		367115 A 369114 B 366164 C 368111 D 365116 @ 2/24 hrs @ HQ mixed natives found KALASA area brought into this HQ 5 days ago killed some natives @ 1700L patrol at 333040 Jap killed 346044 wireless set found 345044 @ 2/28 hrs 389509 (?) remainder by in transit.		
208	1515	37/52		Accy less pl patrol ZAGIHEMI returned HQ 061500L @ pl patrol returned base 061500L				
209.				2 corps Int Report. 2 corps Translation CD 9 div Sitrep 118 to 042000L				
210	1700	2 Corps	01898	sent @ following units at present in sp purpose except trig @ under command 2 4 bde @ 2/14 Ed regt + sig sec 2/83 (less two tp) @ RHQ 2/4 Lt AA Regt with B tp 12 and Lt AA bty 2/4 Lt AA regt regt workshop less one sec.		4 bde pass to command 4 bde forthwith for all corps for trig but available for trig with det @ 2 units bty less (one sec) 11th AA bty under command 10 Lt AA bty (less A tp) and sig sec (less det) and 2/4 and Lt AA		A @ 179

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211	1980	I 508 Corps. rpla div ldr unit		6 Jan Secret 0 letter to 1900L 0 22 and portion C Coy moved to to 584806 Cpl B Coy returned to to Coy area 569802 from patrol 030815k in 061500L upon 2 AGVHEMI and return same		bn 0 A+C Coy moved to WAREO area 0 29/46 bn 0 B-D GUSIKH WAREO area 0 A and remainder C Coy moved Coy area 563808 from 512835 0 the pl A Coy returned base 512835 0 one pl A Coy returned 512835 and unit from 512835 to 496857 hence NW to route NMS		
212	2105	246ae 0339		Select 171 to 061900L 0 2/28 bn and adv parties 2 bae 0 patrol now Coy 621721 adv parties 4 bae N.R. all informed		2/43 bn no change 0 2/4 Cao syn WAREO area will at 2 AFILIO and SATELBERG 0 2/23 bn HQ. CID in vacated area from 2/31 bn 0 otherwise		
213A	2000	22 bn. 1F330.		Letter to 061700L 0 ref 1/25000 0 otherwise no change.		come post 550717 A Coy 548717 C Coy 548720.		
213	07020	I 509 <small>adv coho in an 3 bae</small>		7 Jan Letter to 0700 0 return				
214	0925	I 20 fun 24 bae		Letter 172 to 00700L 0 NTR				
215	1520	22 bn 1F331		Letter to 0700L 0 WAREO elements		Letter		
216	1835	9 div 0A10		would appreciate report from you on coastal adv 0 desire incorporate into		effective detailed air sp received during your div report to be completed 9 Jan.		

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217	1830	adv 37/52	I300	ref 1/50000 @ 24 bde complete likely to days @ 37/52 pers now come 617676 @ will 618677 from 08100L		be concentrated in area north of SONG R for several weeks further coy areas 8 Jan @ Guides at cemetery		
218	1900L	I510	2000/1/46	Letter to 071900L @ 22 bnd @ 9div 24 bde 22/19/46 A 548717 C Coy 548720 B coy moving new 27/52 Army MG move to new area completed @ locations @ 37/52 bnd C and D coys moved new area to coy area.		less near HQ + D coy in pos @ bnd HQ 550717 area @ D coy + near HQ came 588792 @ 29/46 bnd bnd HQ 581717 A 602721 B 611720 C 601716 D 579718 new come 617676 @ pl Army returned from 512835		
219	1900	29/46	I119	Letter to 1700 hrs @ bnd HQ moved to 577716 D 577715 HQ coy 579716.		today @ coy pos @ A 612715 B 612715 C 596716		
220	1910	22	1F332	Letter to 1700 @ ref 1/50000 @ B coy keep		track fine 564727 pl 575739 otherwise similar WAREO		
221	1915	I511	2000/1/46	ref 1/25000 @ Bal HQ. close present		from reports 623699 at 081030L @		
222	1600	22	1F333	Letter to 0700L @ WAREO		elements 1st Coy		
223	1640	adv 20/1915	0.1915	Letter 19 @ 20 bde resumed		adv 0900L otherwise NTR.		
224	1500	24 bnd	I22	Letter 174 to 0700 @ NTR				
225	1725	21 bnd	1F334	Letter to 1700L @ 1st Coy				
226	1735	0.191	22.29/46 37/52	Units will create unit salvage dump in notified later @ units will locate and report should a threat develop on any flank @ units will maintain following lines for SCARLET BEACH @ positions @ units will be held until 22 Jan 9 Jan 29/46 @ bnd 18 Jan 37/52 @		own areas @ details ref further reports always to be suitable embussing area to facilitate rapid work by MT embussing areas must have cover and then come for work @ 21 bnd WAREO to 579717 @ 29/46 579717 to GOSIA @ 37/52 GOSIA work from SCARLET BEACH to MASANAG @ the 1st Coy 2nd IDA 1st Coy 2nd IDA until further notice @ details will be continued		ack @ 22, 2/10, 3/10 on previous lines as for as present tasks summary. ack

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227	0800	24 bde	I 22	NTR to 080700L.				
228	0800	2 corps	O 1909	Letter to 071800L.				
229	1030.	2 corps	O 1910	Letter 18.				
230.	0700	I 511	2 corps	Letter to 080700L.				
231		24 bde	O 241	24 bde handed over to 4 bde 081200L.				
232	1900	I 512	2 corps	Secret @ Letter to 081900L. Bery new area @ 24/46 bn NTR @ 27/52 bn 617676 D 618678 @ 24 car Agn 560726 24 car		less pl 564727 one pl 575739 @ D copy missing disforms @ HQ 617677 A 616679 B 616678 C @ bde HQ 623 697 @ ref 1/25000.		
				9 JAN.				
233		24 bde	O 342	Letter 175 to 081900L @ 4 bde received HQ 243 bn 619680.		24 bde 081200L @ HQ 24 bde new 626 684		
233A.	0730 193	I 512	2 corps	Letter to 090700L @ NTR.				
234		24 bde	O 343	Letter 176 to 090700L @ NTR.				
235		22 bn	I F 336	Letter to 090700L.				
236		2 corps	O 1921	Letter 2 to 082200L.				
237	1345	2 corps	O 1923	Letter 21 to 090900L.				

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238.	16/10	2 corps 2 corps 2 corps.	C/439/46. 0.1911.	9 Jan. Crew of Battle following maps will be in use as from KARASA CAPE KING WILLIAM SCHARNHORST KELANDA 0371 SCHARNHORST PT. Int. Report NO. 89 Int Summary NO. 30 Patrol Report 2 ACIAHEMI. 3/6 Jan 44	100001 L O PT 510 O	1/25000 new series WAKINGAI photomaps 0370		1/4th units I 516.
239.	18/45	2 corps	01956.	Sitrep No 2 x O 9 div to 082100L.				I 517. 1/4th units I 516. 11 TRKs by 3/4th MG Co 1/4th 22 29 37 TRKs Can Sqdn 2/4th TRK Coy
240	18/10	27/52	I 245	Sitrep				
241	19/00	29/46	I 111	Sitrep				
242	19/00	I 514	2 corps	1/4th Secret O Sitrep to 091900L O amend location C Coy 29/46 to read 601717 O NO report 22 but on 2/4th MG Co. TKs 2/4th TRK Coy 2/4th TRK Coy				
243	19/35	29/46	I 112	Suitable embussing pt located as follows 602715 Bw Hq 593717 O possible jeep pt		A Coy 609719 B 610719 C 603715 D 593717 HQ Coy Bw Hq 580717 D Coy 579717.		
244	21/00	24 bde	1 44	Sitrep 117 to 091900L.				
245	21/30	22	IF 328	Ref 1/25000 Sitrep to 1700. C Coy 548	721	D Coy 546719 otherwise NTR.		

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246.	0725	I 515.	2 Corps	Sitrep to 100700L @ D Coy 22 bn now		located 546719 ref 1/25000 otherwise NTR.		
247	0730	37/52	I 246	Sitrep to 100700L NTR.				
248	0730	22	1F339	Sitrep to 100700L Situar				
249	0730	24 bde	O 245	Sitrep to 100700L @ NTR.				
250.	1040	2 Corps	O 1929	Sitrep No 23. 9 div to 092100L.				
251	1215	9 div	I 347	ref new series 1/25000.				
252				2 Corps Int Report No 90. 24 bde OD NO 63.				Maps received 9 Jan 43. Ack I 519.
253	1710	9 div	1354	adv 2 Corps advise pers of 4 bde may participated in ops HUONG GULF coast. be mentioned		mention in correspondence that they have line @ NO place names other than LAF may		refd 22 2937 I 520.
254	1730	2 Corps	O 1931	Sitrep NO 2409 div to 100900L				
255.	1845	22 bn	1F341	Situar to 1745L.				
256	1845	29/46	1113	recd C Coy posn revealed ref re rang @ ref		new 601717 @ otherwise NTR		
257	1845	37/52	1248	NTR to 101800L				
258	1900	1521	2 Corps/plants	Situar to 101900L.				
259	1905	24 bde	O 246.	Sitrep 179 to 101900L @ A+C Coy 2/28 bn		bin MANEBIA pt for unloading duties otherwise NTR.		

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260	0735	I522	2 Corps	11 Jan. Sitrep to 110700L.				
261	0815	37/52	I 249	Sitrep to 110700L NTR.				
262	0815	22bn	1F341	Sitrep to 0700L.				
263	0815	22bn	0247	NTR to 110700L.				
264	0840	2 Corps	01932	Sitrep 25. BO Coy PIB.				
265	0900	2/24/46		Bombing Report.				Phoned Corps 111000L.
266	1010	2 Corps	01933	Sitrep 26 9 div to 102100L.				Rptd units I522.
267		DR.		2 Corps Int Report No 91. ATIS Publications G51/83. 9 div - Reports on Operation G 117/60/24.				
268	1A00	2 Corps	01935	Sitrep 270 9 div to 110900L.				
269	1640	2/14/46	0.185	Location of ment @ R4d. 606 656 @ R4d. 606 656 64 Rly @ HQ. 579807 E4L 580 808 F4L 578811				
270	1845	29/46	1115	Sitrep to 1700 @ HQ Coy moved 598716				
271	1845	22	1F343	Sitrep to 1700.				
272	1845	37/52	1251	patrol coastal track SCARLET BEACH to MASAWENG NMS @ Coy with MMG pl 4 det Mortars moved to area 620673.				

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				<u>11 Jan.</u>				
273	1900	I 526	2 Corps	with 4 det mortars + MMG pl moved to 620673.				
274	1900	2 Corps		Recognition signs for small craft	G/442/Ops.		Hqtd I 525	to 2/11 TR A Bty. ACK by 2/11 TR Bty 6/19/44
				<u>12 Jan.</u>				
275	120740L	I 527	24 Bde	HQ completed move from KLIGIA to 620669 - 11 Jan.				
276	120810L	24 Bde	0347	Sitrep #180 to 120700L @ NTR.				
277	120810L	2 Corps		2 Aust Corps Intelligence Report No 92 Supplement to RAI COAST Super NGF Chemical Warfare Summary NOS.				
278	120820	2 Corps	0.1936.	Second and last part of Sitrep @ D 511409 @ 2/15 bn moved fwd to R. B. 561404 C 247394 D 550402 @ area with arty regt @ 23 rd bty in				
279	1000	22 bn	1F344	Sitrep to 0700				
280	1710	Tac 9 div	0106	when may your report on ops be expected @ please expedite				
281	1710	2 Corps	5D1324	Secret @ 6 and ^{lt} fd amb redesignated				
282	1710	2 Corps	01936	Sitrep 28 part ①. 9 Aust div to				
283	1710	2 Corps	01942	Sitrep 29. 9 div to 120900L				
								rptd units I 530

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				12 Jan.				
284	1720	22 bw	IF345	Sitrep to 1700L @ patrol serial 3 out 0900 L in 1345L otherwise sitrep.	0845 L in	1620 L NMS patrol serial 4 out		
285	1835	37/52	1252	NTR to 121800h.				
286	1801	29/46		Sitrep to 121800h.				
287	22 Bu.	*		22 bw patrol policy I/4/1.				
288	01/2	II		4 bde OO no 14 Issued to 22 2/14	29/46(2)	37/52 2/4 cav sqn 2/2 MG bn 1 TK Bn		CCoy PIR
289	1900	22 bw	IF346	coast patrol SCARLET beach MASAWENG		river out 1000L in 1800h NTR.		
290	1900	1TK bw		Location statement (I/7)				
291	1900	I528		carp rptd sitrep to 121900h. 24 bde units				
				13 Jan.				
292	0745	I529		carp rptd 24 bde sitrep to 130700L				
293	0810	I 37/52	I253	NTR to 130700h.				
294	0810	22 bw	IF345	Sitrep to 0700h				
295	1010	0194	2229 37	HGF school view mortar range at approx 620723 GUSIKA area will be in use periodically				

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				13 Jan.				
296	1045	2 corps	D1947.	Sitrep No 300 9 div to 122100L.				repld units I 531.
297	1345	2 corps	D1952	Sitrep 31 9 div to 130900L.				
298	1700	9 Div		Captured Egypt I 263/39/1				
299	1700	rear 2 corps	CV90.	ref adv 2 corps I 57 not to all addresses by rear 2 corps for future map		⊙ + bde and 24 bde will requisition to supplies		
300	1750	22	1F350.	Sitrep to 1700L ⊙ patrols serial one out NMS otherwise Sitrep		0830L in 1400L NMS Serial 2 out 0900L in 1215L		
301	1830	37/52	1255	Sitrep to 131800L ⊙ NTR				
302	1900	1532		Corps repld 24 bde units Sitrep to 131900L.				
303				14 Jan 44.				
303	0750	37/52 bde	1256	NTR to 140700L				
304	0750	22	1F351	Sitrep to 0700L.				
305	0750	Clay PIB	C240	12 Jan patrol MASA area killed 4 PIW ENGU NO report ⊙ remainder coy		japs YAMANZAKO one escaped ⊙ patrol in strip		
306	0755	1532	2 corps	Sitrep to 140700L ⊙ c coy PIB ⊙ repld 24 bde escaped at YAMANZAKO ⊙ NO report		patrol to MASA area killed 4 japs one PIW ENGU patrol ⊙ otherwise NTR.		

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307	0815	slrps	01960.	14 Jan. Ltr 32 9 div to 132100L				upd units I 534.
308	1015	C Sqn Tks	C 31	Ltr report to 131700 L C Sqn @ 11 hrs at the HORACE EARS 296715 in vicinity to Six A Sqn the same area 2 in vicinity		Syn HQ all mobile @ 3 hrs 6051KA all mobile @ 293 141200 L @ 2 BH @ Tks at Sqn HQ. area mobile @ for possible 5 days.		
309	1425	2 bofs	01951.	Ltr 33 09 Div to 140900L No change				
310	1455	2 bofs	01963	Secret @ current authentication substituted @ confidential transmission		word period 14/15 Jan cancelled @ following ostensibly unacceptable unpurged		
311	1705	2 bofs	SD1352	MOST SECRET @ warning order @ LOBgh rejoin parent unit under arrangements MANESA PT 1600 hrs 16 Jan @ H move to rejoin parent unit		2/2 MG bn (144 342 R) will move from TAM 15 to this HQ @ move at 1200 hrs 16 Jan @ ETA last inf bde will arrange reception and move		
312	1745	22	IF351.	Ltr to 1700L @ patrole sent out otherwise return		0930 in 1330 NMS @ Serial 4 out 0900 in 1130 NMS		
313	1825	37/52	I 257	Ltr to 800L @ MT patrol SCARLET		BEACH to MASAWENG R. out 0830 in 1700 NMS.		
314	1900	I 535	bofs subas units	Ltr to 1900L @				
				15 Jan 44.				
315	0730	37/52	I 258	Ltr to 150700L @ NTR				
316	0730	27	IF353	Ltr to 150700L @ return				
317	0730	2 Aust bofs	0.1967.	Ltr 34 9 Aust div to 142100				

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				15 Jan				
318	0900	C Coy P.B.	0245	Patrol MASA returned @ ZAGAHEMI now clear of enemy @ patrol PIWENGAN Remainder coy at air strip		and all village ZAGAHEMI visited @ all NO report @ standing patrol at GAERING @		Letter to Comd 24 Dec '45 I 537
319	1145	2 Coy.	Q57. 444/21	Recd of the concentration area authentication Hords. 19/31 Jan 2 Aust bobs. Ind Report 95				02/5 55/33. NKJ524
320.	1350	Finance BSA G 129		KULUNGTUW air strip will be completed 15 Jan				
321	1400	2/11/20.	-	Location Statement 14 Jan.				I/7
322.	1625	How 2 Aust. Coops.		Set up no 35. @ 9. Aust Div to P.I.B. patrol reports ZAGAH		150900L. @ No change @ 4 Bde @ ENN now clear of enemy.		
323	151600.	I 538	29/46 bn.	Location Statement done 151800L.		to boy required this HQ. by		
324	1755.	22 bn	1F358.	Report to 1700L @ patrols serial 1 out 1215L NMS serial 3 out 0830 L in 1145L		0830L in 1404 L NMS serial 2 out 0900L in NMS otherwise situer		
325	1800	22 bn	1F355	Coastal patrol out 0830 in 1630 NMS		coast track GUSIKA SCARLET BEACH impassable jeeps		
326	1810	37/51	1259	to NTR to 1800L				
327	1815	29/46	I 118	Report to 151800L @ bn 577716 A		612715 B 612715 C 596716 D 577715 HQ 579716 Bde 623722		
328	1900	1539	Coops uphd units	Report to 151900L.				

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329 0700	37/52	I 260		16 Jan Situation to 0700				
330	0700	2 Corps	O. 1975	Sitrep 36 9 div to 152100 L.				
331.	0700	I	2 corps 2400	Sitrep to 0700				
332	0900	C Sqn ITR km	C 42	this HQ closes present location				
333	1215	1 TR km		ref census of cameras - ref GRD O.	170930 L reopens Fortification Point 1/25000 620723. 171230 L			
334	1217	Adv. HQ	2 Aust Corps	GSI/103	825/43			
335	1218	Adv HQ & Aust Corps	GSI/107	ATIS publications		(second division) appendix to.		
336	I/17	2 Corps.		Location of Mend to 2400 hrs 16				ack. O. 1976
337	at bde	at bde	SA	ranges 615 690 on bearing 356°				
338	Adv & Aust Corps	SD1378	32 US	div exercise @ JETTY 0930 hrs 17 Jan and SONG RIVER.		approx 100 all ranks arrive LAUNCH move to JIVEVANANG then SATELOBERG		Sept 22 in 29/46 in 37/52 in 2/4 Eav 2/4 9th Regt 2/11 TRK 2/4 LTAP. 2 Aust MTN BTY 1 TR km ON GP.
339	2 Corps	O 1982	Sitrep 37	9 div to 100900 L				
340	22	IF 356	Sitrep	to 1700 L @ patrol serial 4 out				
341	2 Corps	O. 1984	H Aust	sub depot for Coy 1 & 2 sub 130 Aust had ord for plk under				
						0930 L in 1330 L NMS otherwise Sitrep		
						depot for 130 Aust had of shop and advise location.		Reply see ISAS. Ser 343

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				16 Jan				
342.	1905	I544	2 Corps 24 Nov all units	Situa to 1900 hrs. Situa				
343.	1930	I545	2 Corps.	Reply to 2 Corps 01984 - sev	341			
				17 Jan.				
344	0730	22	IF357	Situa to 0700L.				
345.	Clay PIB	Cntg	pl PIWENGGU	standing patrol GAENG		remainder copy air strip		
346	0800	2 Corps	01985	Situa 380 g dis to 162100 @ 5 dis to	162000L.			repld units I546.
347	1035	37/52	I261	Situa to 161800				
348	1035	37/52	I262	Situa to 170700				
349.	1100	2 Aust Corps.		Corps Dnt Report NO 97. Appx to Dnt Reconn NO 6. NCF Summary NO 154				1 Itm.
350	1820	22.	IF358	Situa to 1700L @ NO patrolling carried		out otherwise situa		
351	1830	27/52	I263	Situa to 1800L @ road patrol SCARLET 1645L NMS.		BEACH to MASAWENG R. out 0830L in		
352	1845	Clay PIB KULUNATUE	-	Patrol report on enemy 5 Jan 44.				
353	1900	I547	corps repld repld units	Situa to 171900L				

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354.	1910.	0196	2 Corps	Schools.				
355		0253	C Coy PIB	10 pl. PIWENGUN Standing patrol IN DAGEN RD O	4 pl. GAENG. 1 man. Coy KJHONGTUPU			
356.	0735	11359.	22	Return to 0700				
357	0735	I264	27/52.	WTR. to 0700				
358.	0.1996		2 Corps.	Letter No 29.				
359.	0168.		2 Corps.	Adm Instr. No 16. Mot. of Hqs to inland				
360.	5D400		2 Corps.	Most recent Warning order. 2/14 Feb 42				Passed 2/14 Feb Regt. 0198 Ack. ACK 0214.
361	1530.	TKS.	C47 C Coy now located C48 TK Report C50. Bu RR + A Coy moving GUSIKA 18 Jan.	630729.				
362	1205	2 Corps	01997	Letter 40 9 div to 180900L.				
363	1520.	2/11TKA.		ref guns under command 9 div 4 x spr withdrawn to biv area SCARLET cover guns total guns now held 16 x 6 pr 12 x spr		handed over to 2/3 Pm by authority 9 div 4 x 6 pr from biv area GUSIKA now at SCARLET COVE in biv area 7 x 6 pr 3 x spr remainder still in action		
364	1715	2 Corps.	HO 433	Request bomb + strafing native village area treacherous supplying Japs stragglers NMT within five miles of village before 14 Jan request pamphlets		IN DAGEN ref one in 015929 PIB report natives this in area and sending food to Japs on coast 10 men Hqs before 14 Jan desirable strike earliest possible be dropped.		

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35 365.	1825. 37/52	1266		Sitner to 191900L				
35 366	1800 29/26			Sitner to 191500L.				
35 367.	1800 22	1F360		Sitner to 1700L @ patrols serial 3 out 0830L in 1130L NMS serial 4 out 0930L in 1215L NMS jeep patrol out 0845L in 1600L NMS otherwise sitner				
35 368	1900 1548	Stamps etc		Sitner to 181900L.				
		1/11/24/25/26 units						
				19 Jan				
369.	0820 37/52.	I 247		NTR to 0700				
370	0820 22	1036		Sitner to 0700				
371	0820	Coops OA 324		Ref our AO 323 g 18 Jan. Japs		accepted. TOT 191200L.		Rpta P.I.B. O.199/190945L
372	0820	Coops Q.2009		Sitner No 41.				
373.	0820	Thunbush 4129.		KUNWINGTUFU air ship will be cons...			18 Jan 44 (Message received 1st.)	
374	0820.	C. Spiller C 34, 39		Lt. REPORT 14/15 Jan				

